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COMET Background: Fast Facts

- Founded in 1990 to provide education and training for professional forecasters
- Multi-agency funding including:
NOAA NWS, NESDIS, NPOESS, Air Force, Navy, MSC, BoM, NSF, EPA
BLM, EUMETSAT, private foundations
- Over 165 universities have participated in COMET activities since 1990 (30 % of registered users from .edu)
- Nearly 600 hours of computer-based distance learning created for 85,000 users world-wide (200 countries)





The MetEd Website

□ <http://www.meted.ucar.edu>

Use of Observational Data in COMET Modules

- ❑ Case-based interactive learning modules
- ❑ Interactive Skew-T
- ❑ Video snippets
- ❑ Future application: integration of geophysical data into Google Earth

Interactive Case-Based Learning Modules

- ❑ S-590: Advanced Fire Weather Forecasting Course: [Fire Behavior](#)
- ❑ Barrier Jet Forecasting: [Eastern Foothills and High Plains of Colorado, 17-20 March 2003](#)
- ❑ Blowing Snow: Baker Lake Nunavut Canada 4-10 February 2003
- ❑ Inverted Trough Case Exercise
- ❑ Ocean Effect Snow: New England Snow Storm, 14 January 1999
- ❑ Polar Lows: Ungava Bay, 01 December 2000
- ❑ Precipitation Type forecasting: New Brunswick, 01-03 February 2003



Interactive Thermodynamic Diagram

- ▣ Skew-T Mastery

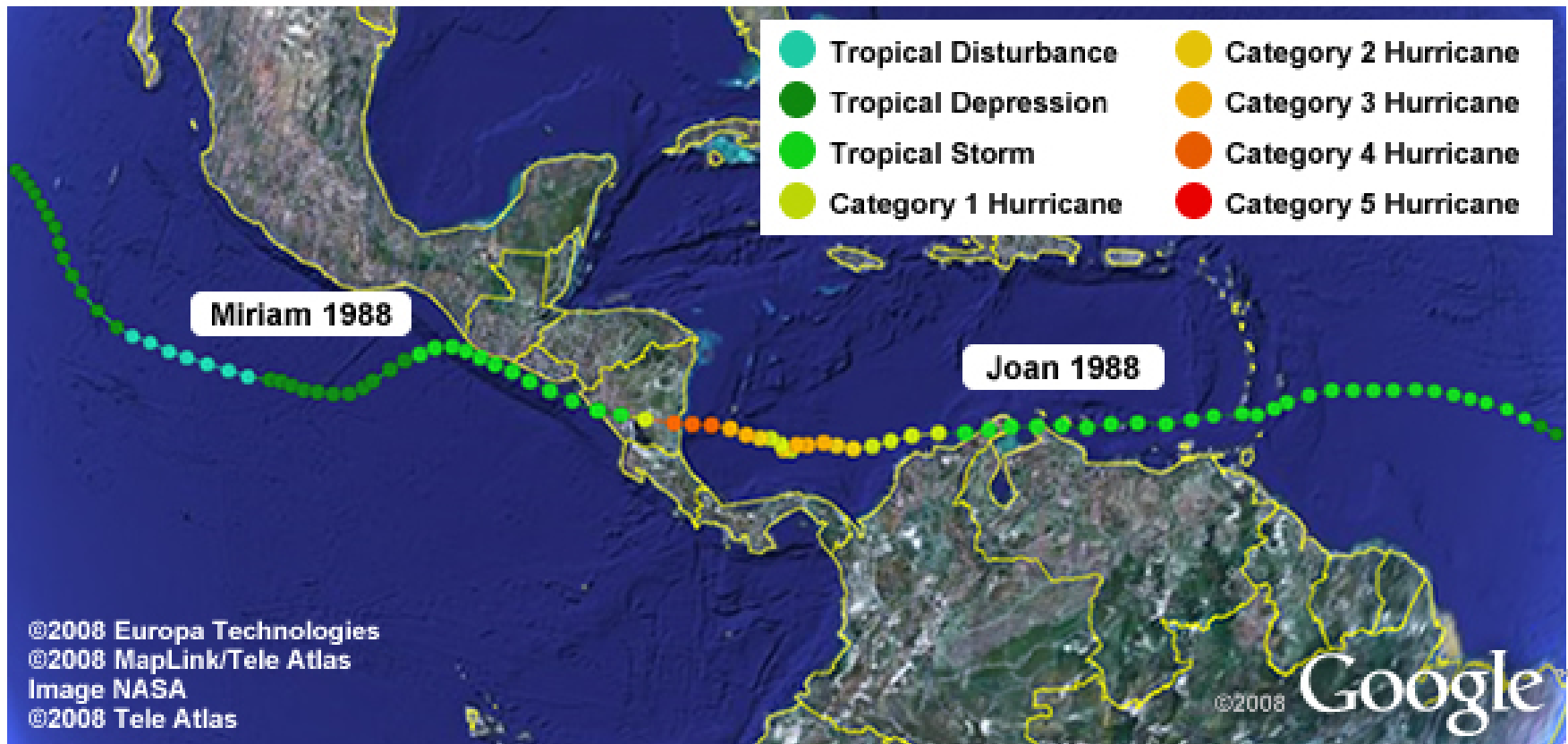


Video Snippets

- S-290 Unit 9: [Observing the Weather](#)

Coming Soon to COMET: integration of geophysical data into Google Earth

1988 Tropical Cyclones Miriam and Joan



Data courtesy of NOAA



In Summary.....

- COMET has a broad range of educational modules that utilize geophysical observations and are freely accessible to the academic community.

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