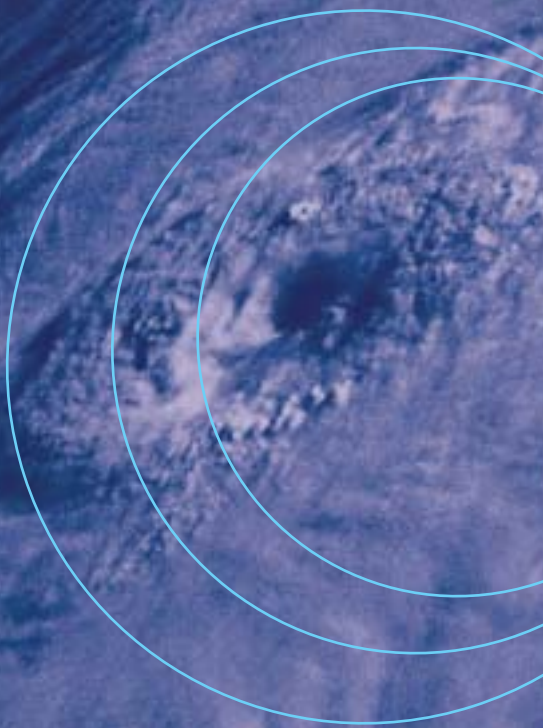


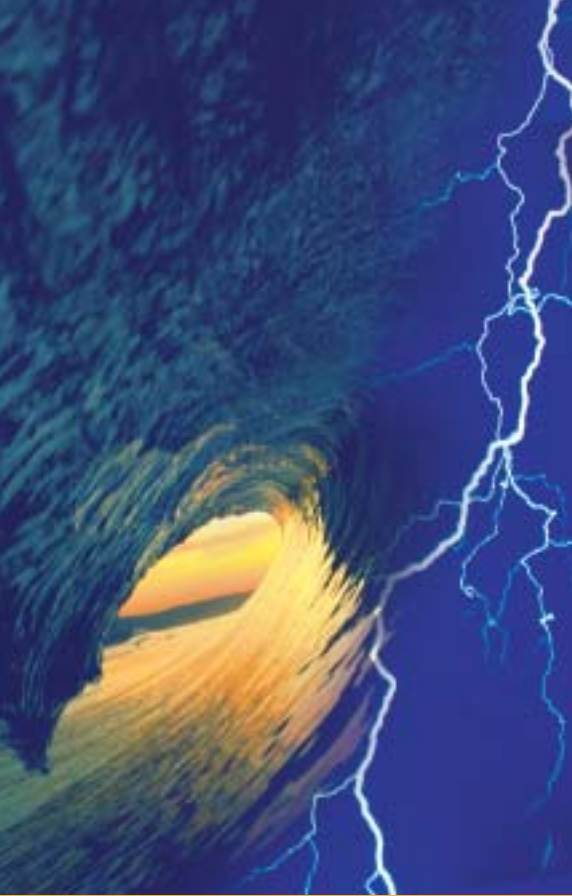
Between October 26 and October 31 of 1991, three weather systems—“three pieces of energy” as a National Weather Service forecaster called them—converged in the North Atlantic. A low-pressure system, a high-pressure system, and a hurricane came together, creating a vortex almost 2000 miles wide.

Meteorologists described the phenomenon as a thing of “*mystical beauty*” and extraordinary energy.

They called it the perfect storm.

We call it a perfect example of the power of *CONVERGENCE*.





Corporate Profile

Advanced Energy today is a company in motion. A company with a quest. A company that is moving beyond its leading position as the global source for sophisticated power conversion and control systems, and process control instruments, to a company that is bringing together people and technologies in ways that provide customers with tools that promise more precision and productivity than ever before.

Today, AE offers a comprehensive suite of key subsystems for vacuum process systems. AE's customers use our products in plasma-based thin-film processing equipment that is essential to the manufacture of semiconductors; compact disks, DVDs, and other digital storage media; flat-panel computer and television screens; coatings for architectural glass and optics; reflective automobile parts and automotive paint preparation; and computer workstations. Increasingly, we're expanding into a variety of non-plasma markets, including industrial and consumer products.

It is our constant challenge to increase the value we bring to our customers. They know us for the technological edge our products offer. And they come to us for the expertise we share. Today, we're pushing ahead—connecting our customers to a vision of process excellence. Converging on the reality of precise control.

Watch us. We're making waves.