

Supplementary information

Combining hazard, exposure and vulnerability data to predict historical North Atlantic hurricane damage

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Hurricane Katrina (2005)
Max. Storm Surge Residual +/- 24 hours
within 500km of Storm Centre (29/08/2005 12UTC)

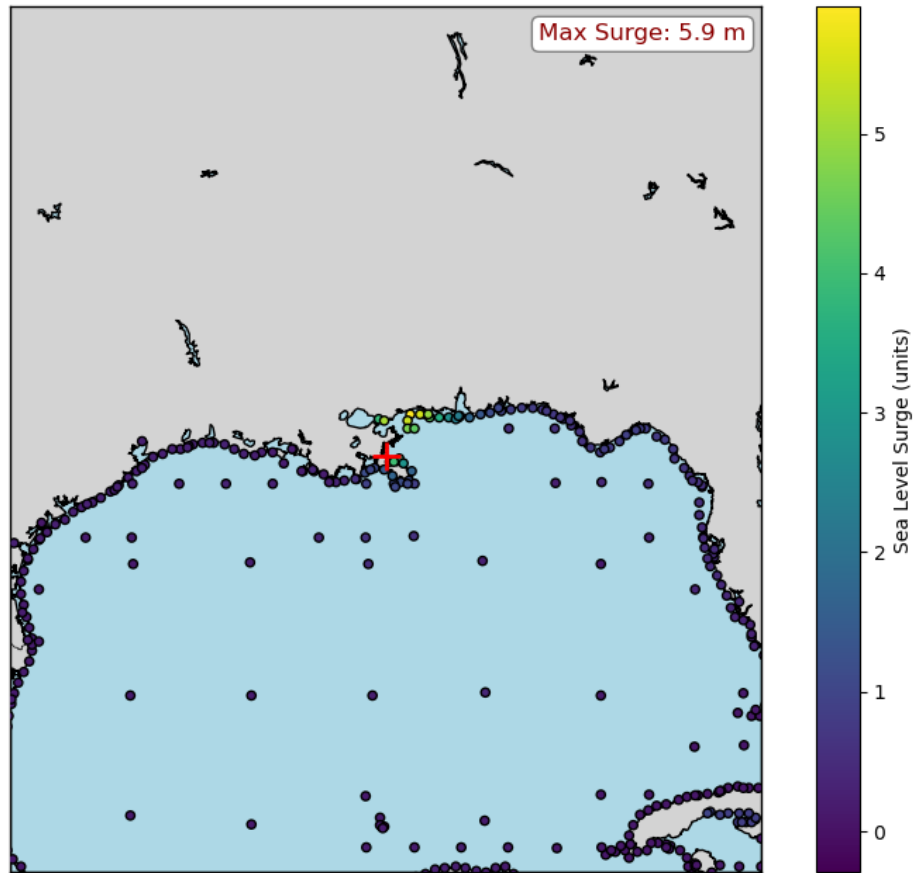


Figure S1. Example ERA5-derived storm surge residual reconstruction for Hurricane Katrina (2005), which made landfall on the 28th of August, 2005, defined as maxima within 500km of the cyclone centre and ± 24 hours of landfall. Unit is metres above reference height.

AL122005 (2005_KATRINA) (MSWEP)

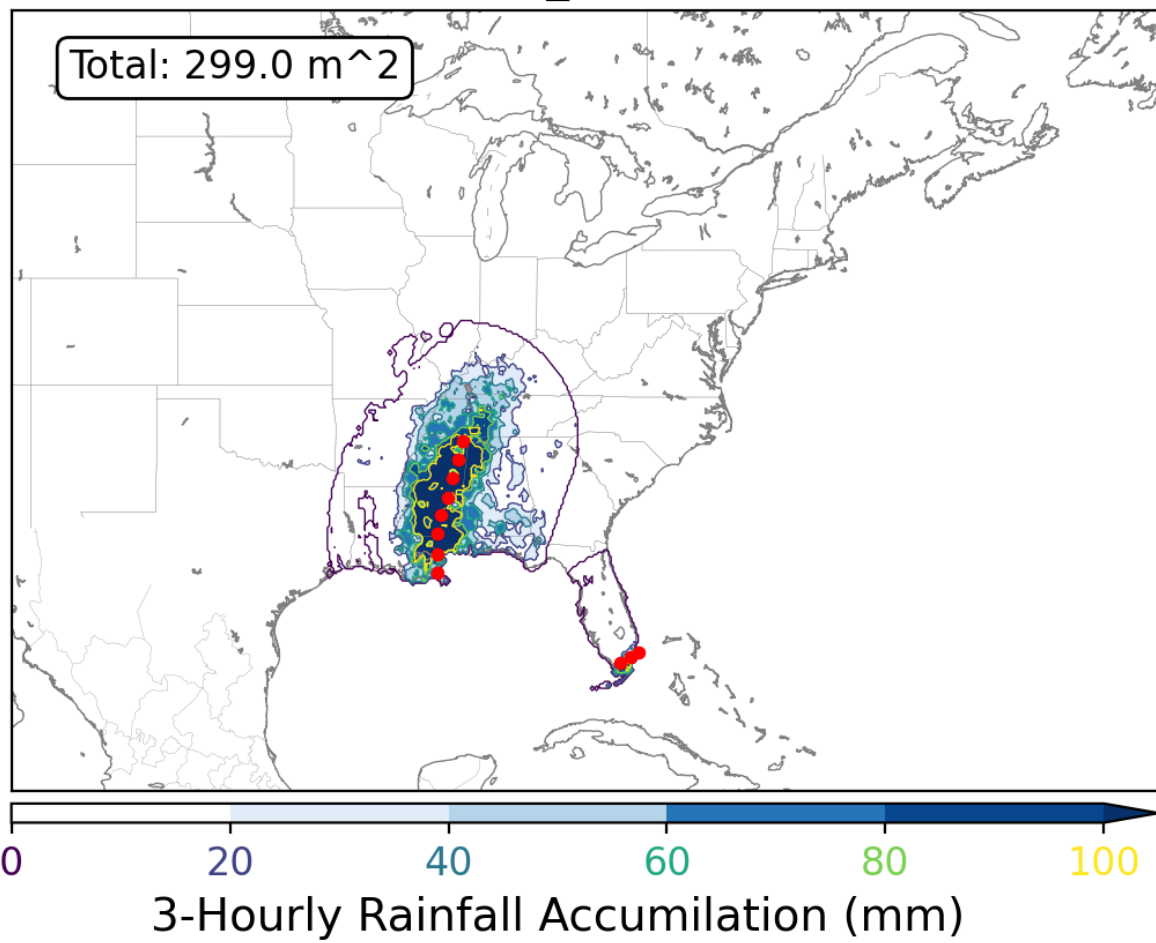


Figure S2. Example rainfall footprint for Hurricane Katrina (2005), determined by accumulating three-hourly MSWEP data along the track following landfall.

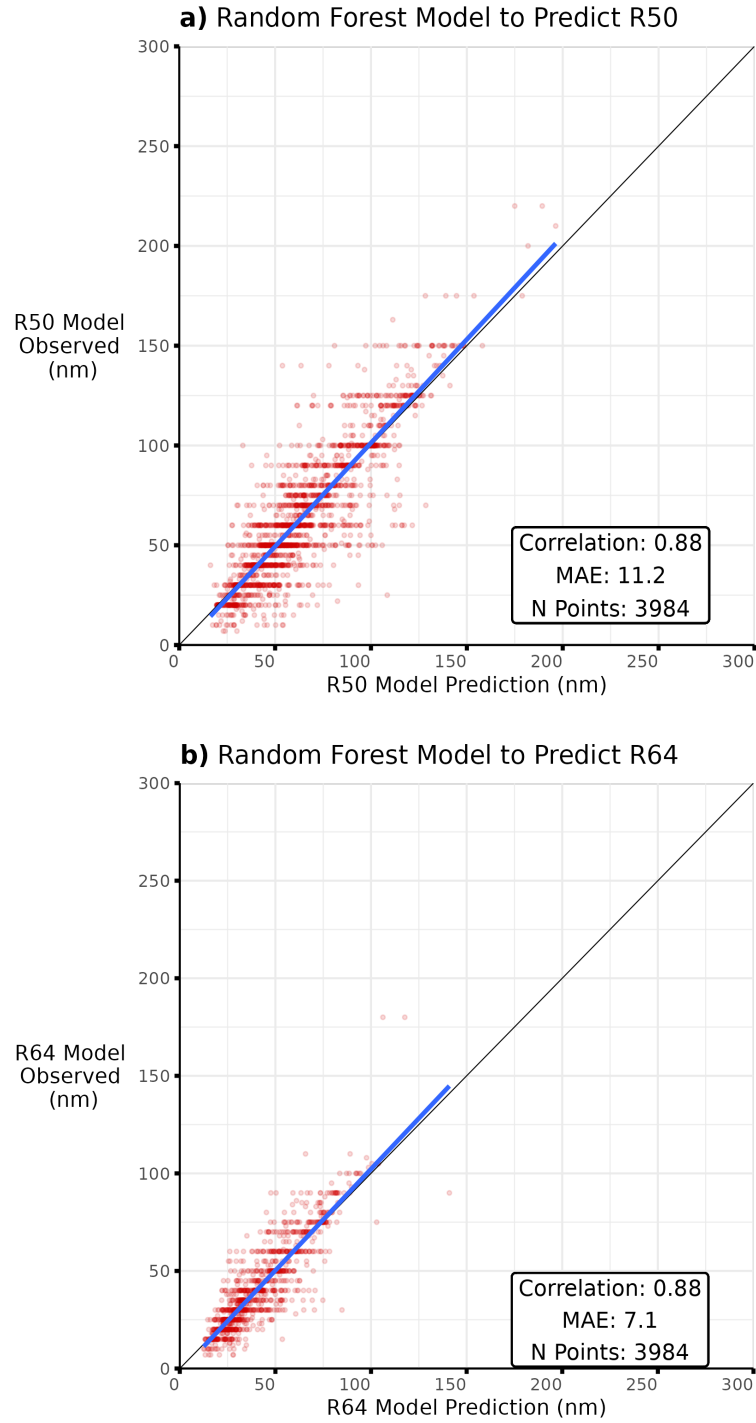


Figure S3. Comparison of estimated and observed hurricane **a) R50** and **b) R64** from 1979–2023, using a random forest statistical model based on v_{max} , RMW , c_p and latitude as predictors.

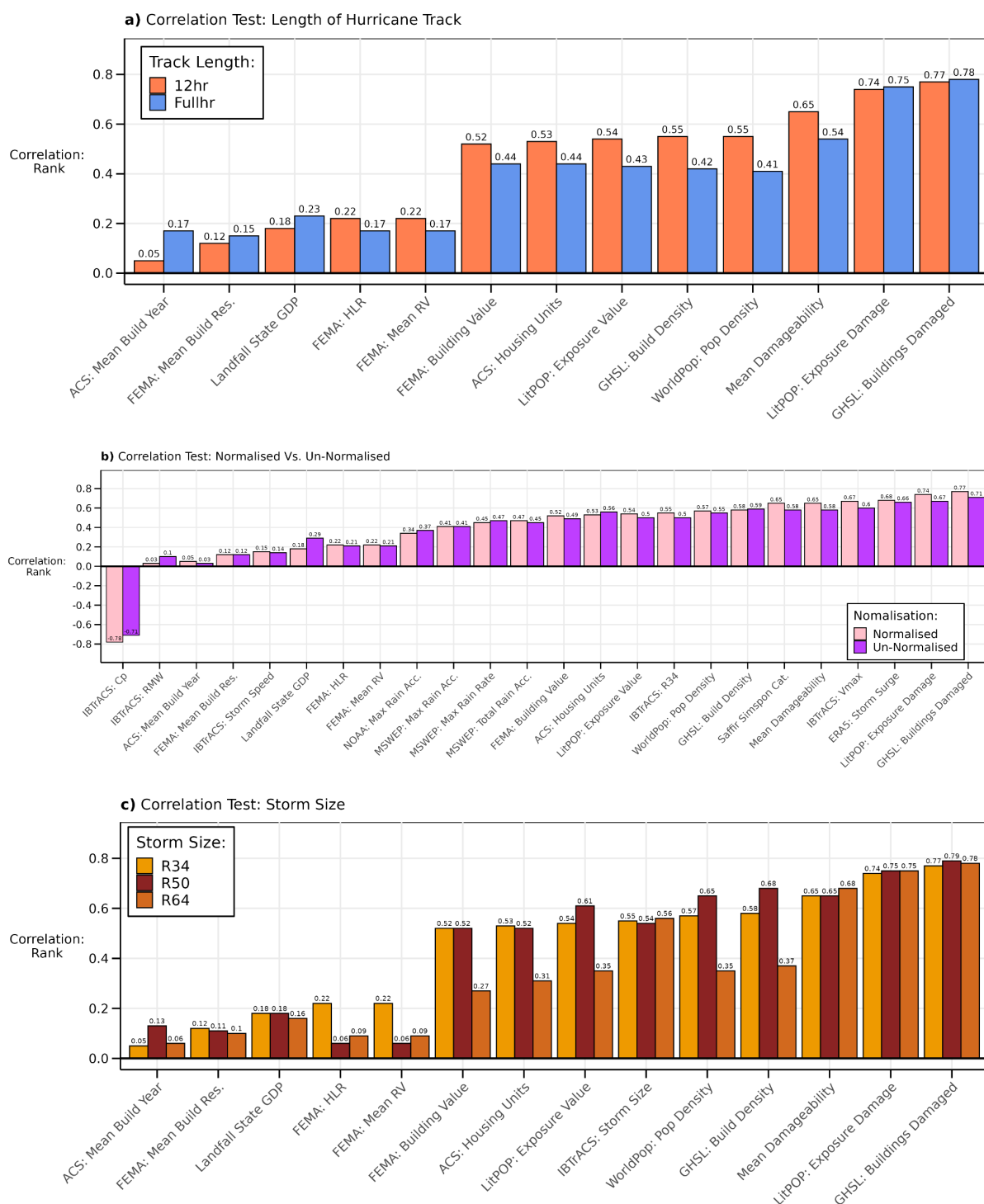


Figure S4. Uncertainty in Spearman coefficient for correlation with economic loss estimates when **a)** different track lengths are used to calculate exposure and vulnerability footprints (using 12 hours post-landfall versus the full track), **b)** using un-normalised and normalised economic loss, and **c)** using R34, R50 and R64 to define the hurricane exposure and vulnerability impact footprint radii. If un-normalised, past building density, population density and housing unit footprint data are used; if normalised, present-day building density, population density and housing unit footprint data are used for all historical storms.

Table S1. Historical U.S. landfalling hurricanes (1979–2023) per Saffir–Simpson category and the thresholds in landfalling c_p and loss rank required to reclassify historical hurricanes in our HDPS scale, maintaining the same proportions of events per category.

Saffir–Simpson category	Percentage of historical U.S. landfalling hurricanes per Saffir–Simpson category	Saffir–Simson scale $v_{\max}$ Threshold (knots)	c_p threshold (hPa)	Loss (U.S.\$ bn)
Cat 1	55.4%	<64	<962.0	<5.3
Cat 2	25.6%	64 - 83	962.0 - 946.4	5.3 - 24.9
Cat 3	9.2%	83 - 96	946.4 - 937.8	24.9 - 48.2
Cat 4	9.2%	96 - 114	937.8 - 923.3	48.2 - 150.7
Cat 5	1.5%	114 - 136	923.3+	150.7+