

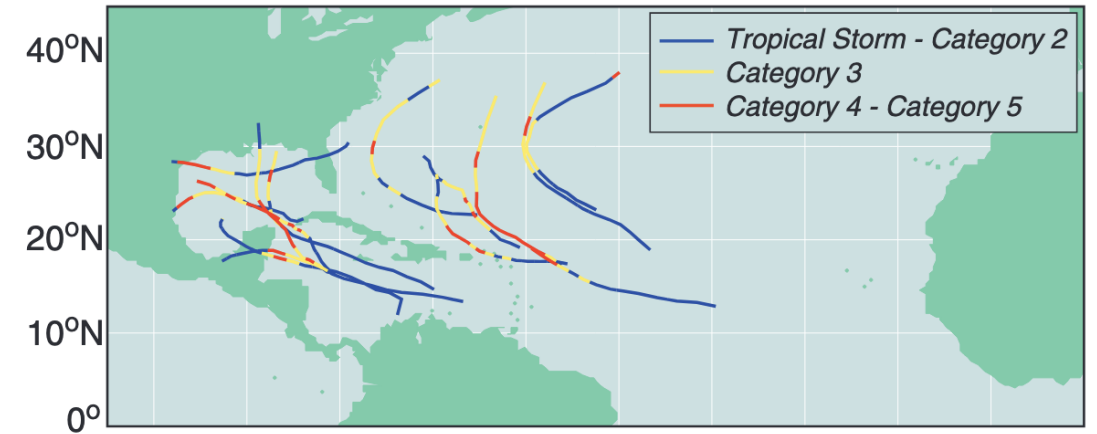
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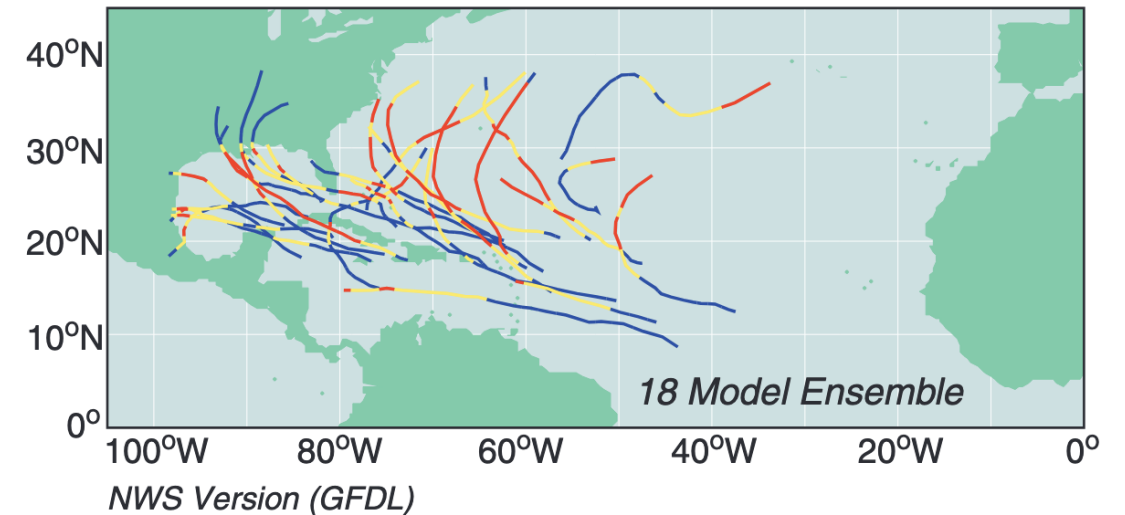
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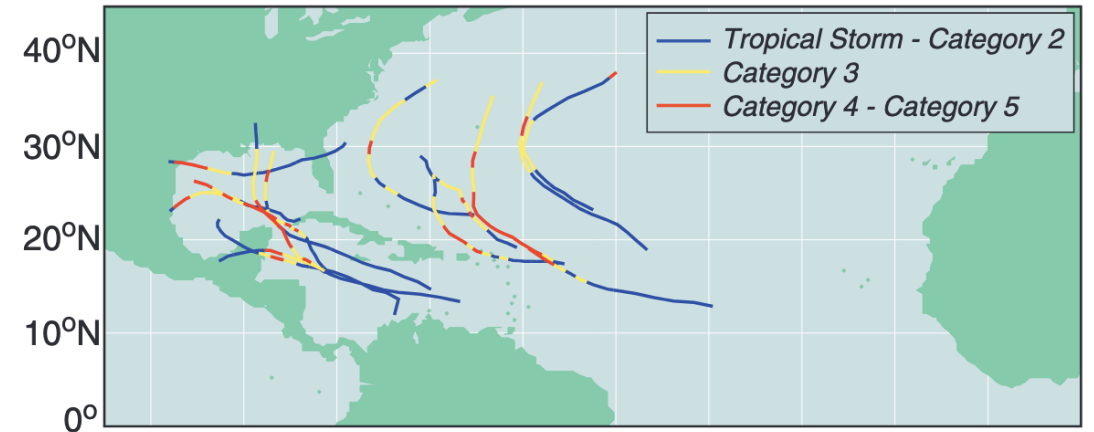


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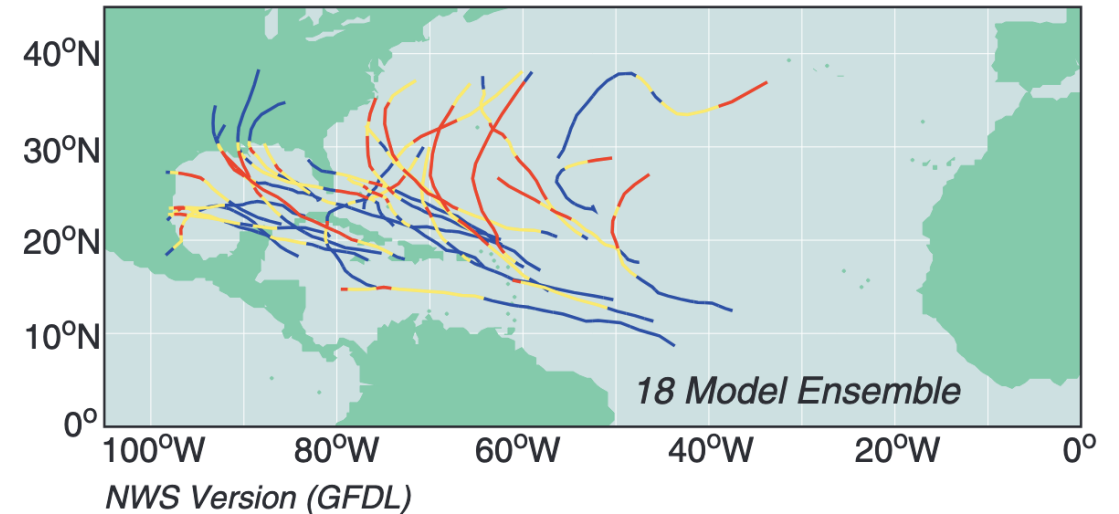
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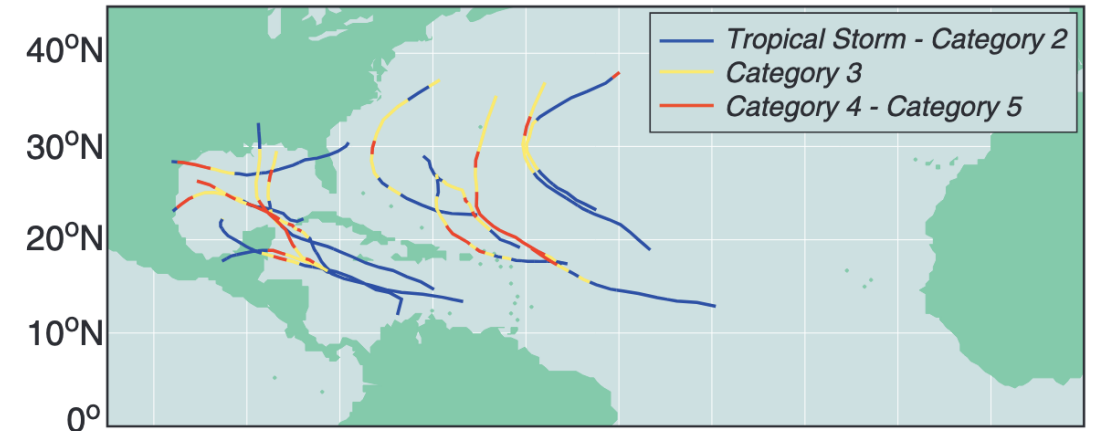
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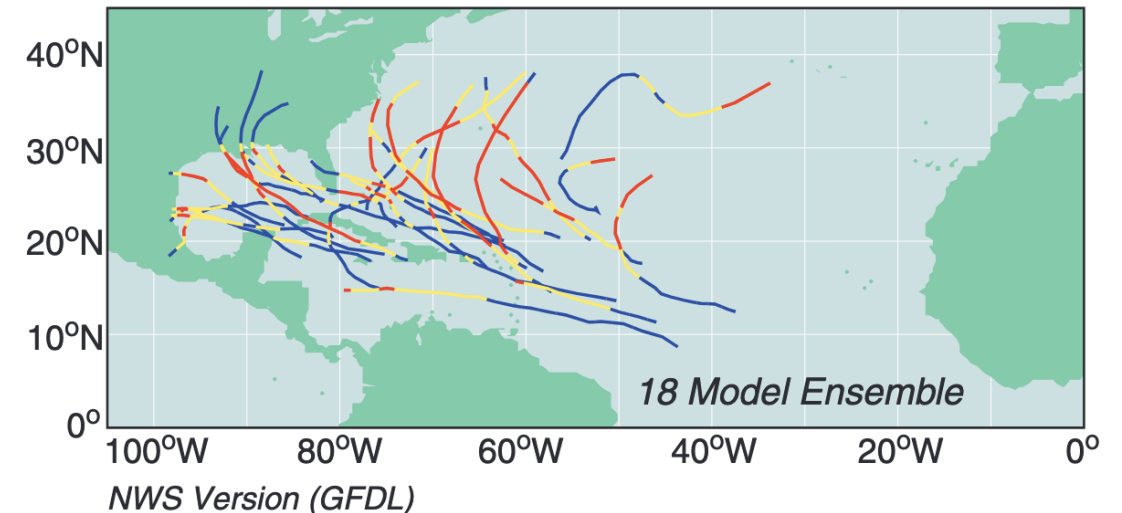
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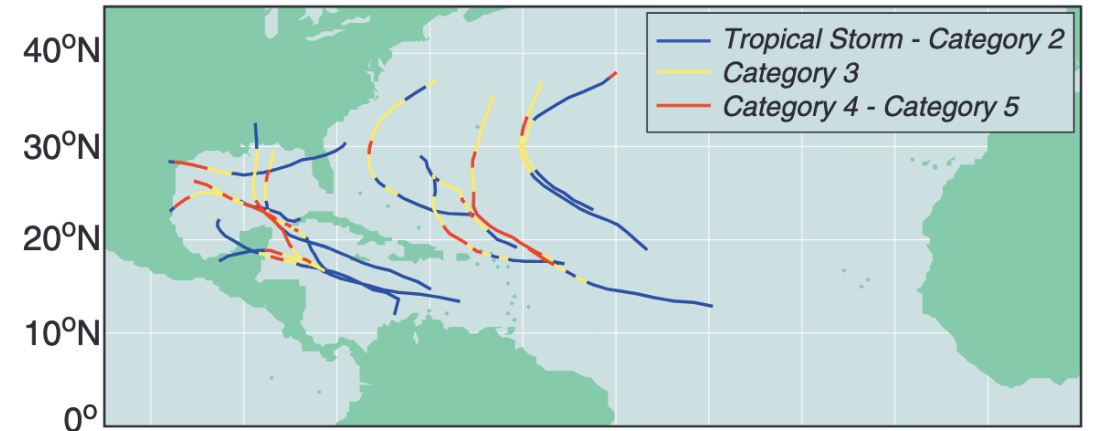
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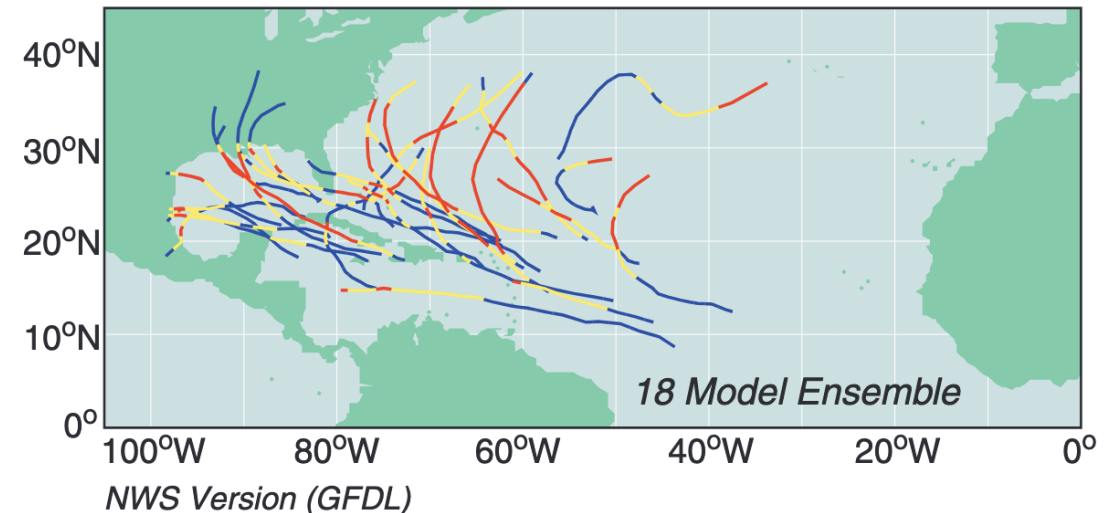
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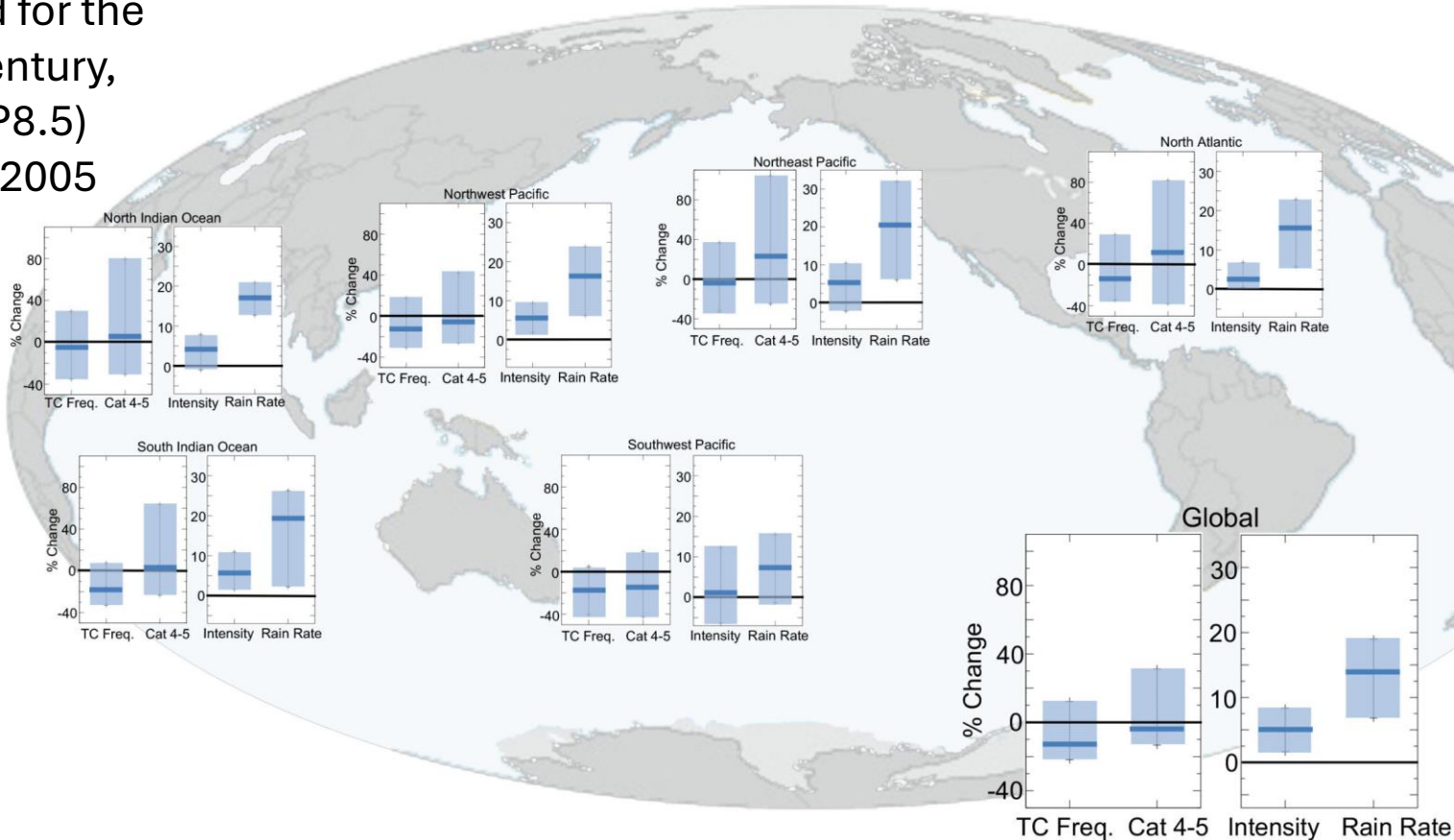


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Tropical Cyclone Projections (2°C Global Warming)

Changes projected for the mid- to end-of-century, 2055-2100 (RCP8.5) relative to 1986-2005

North Atlantic:
~3% in wind intensity
~15% in rainfall rates

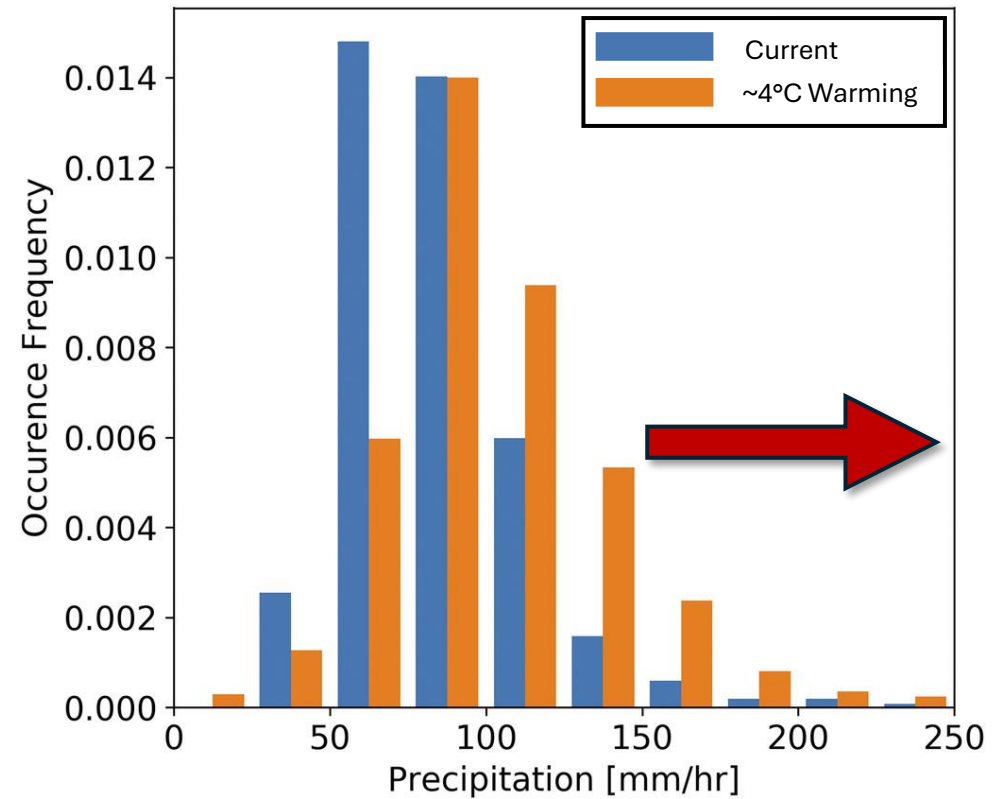
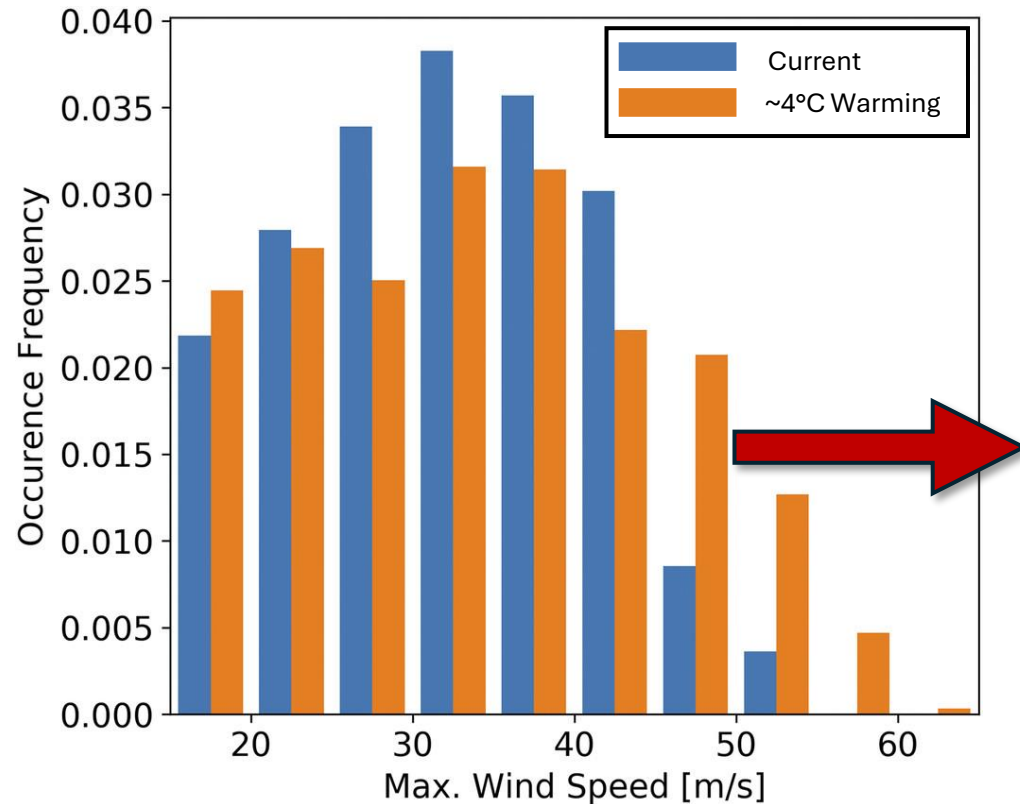


Global increase in the intensity and rainfall rates of storms

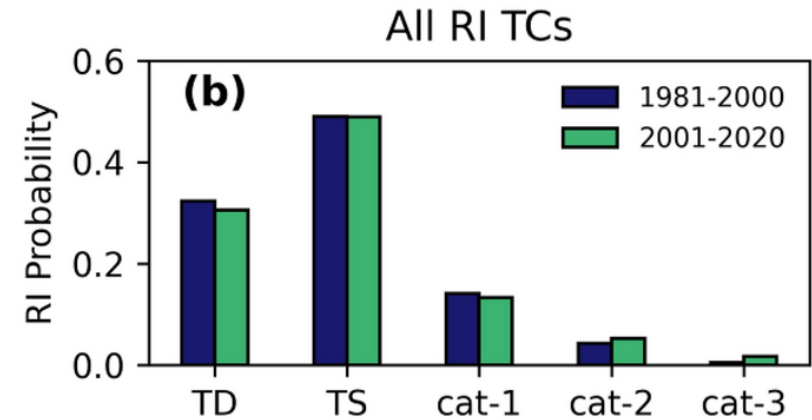
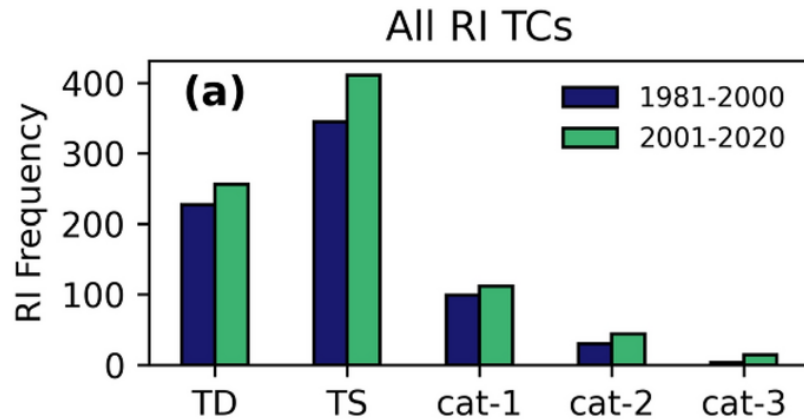
Global:
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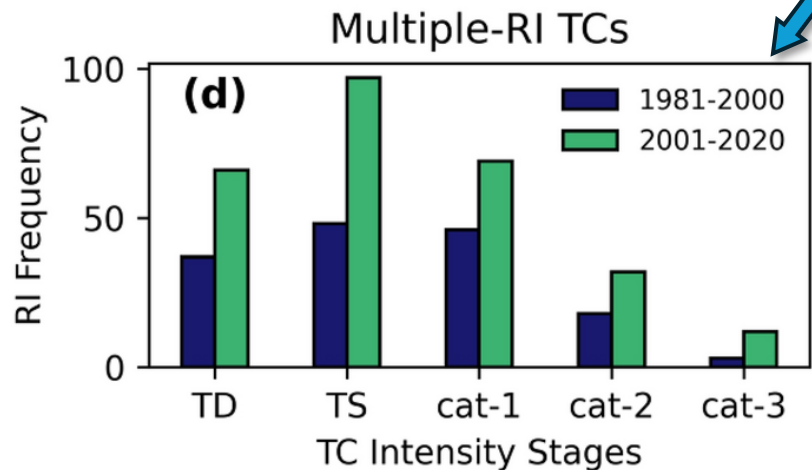
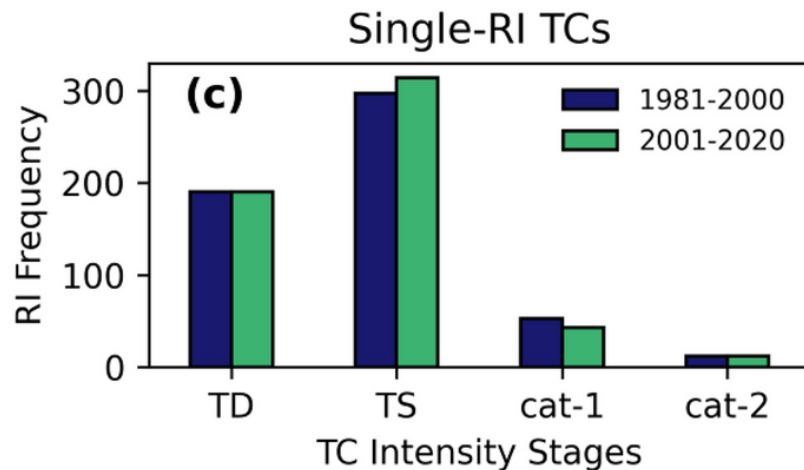
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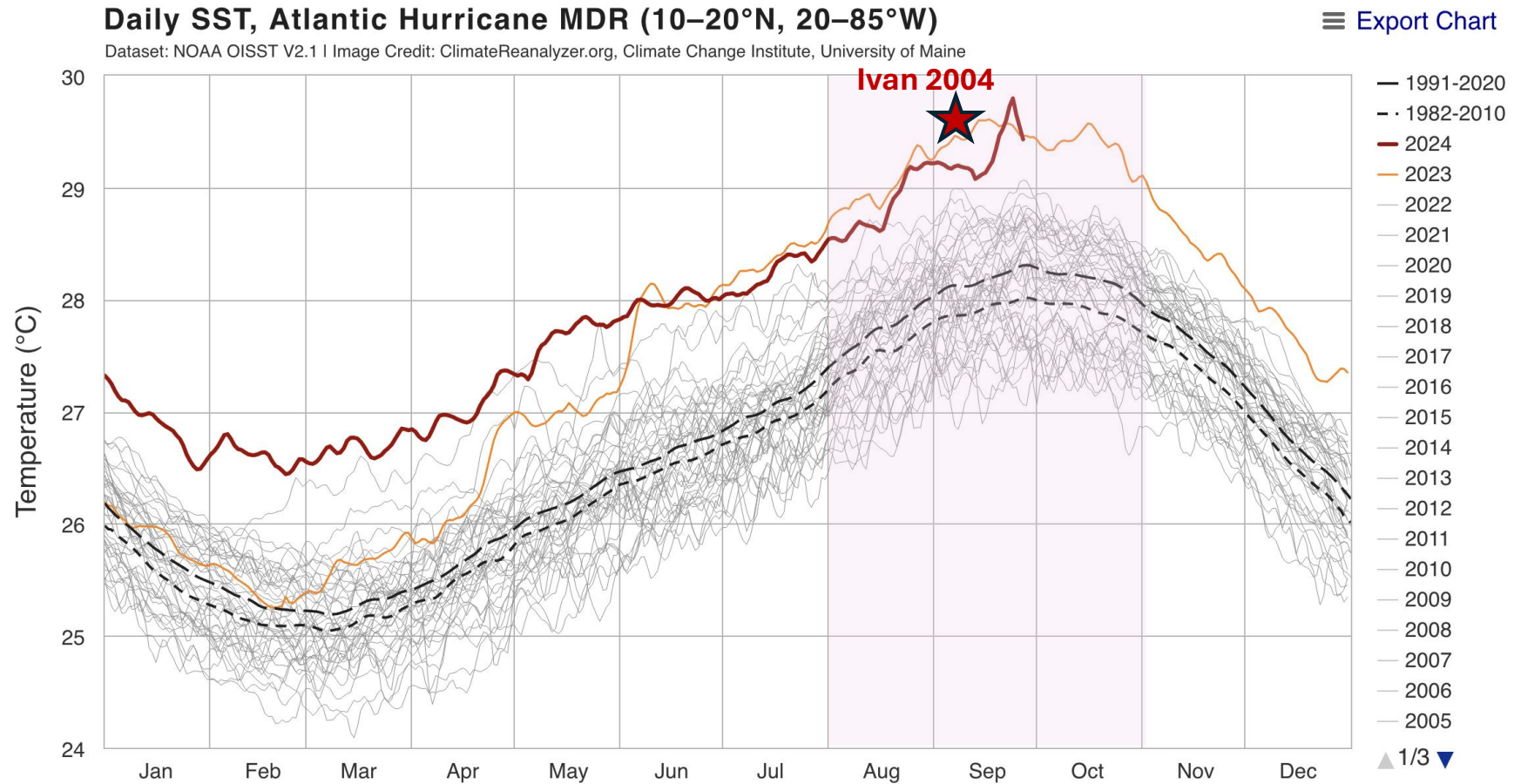
More storms undergoing rapid intensification



Beryl 2024 falls into this category

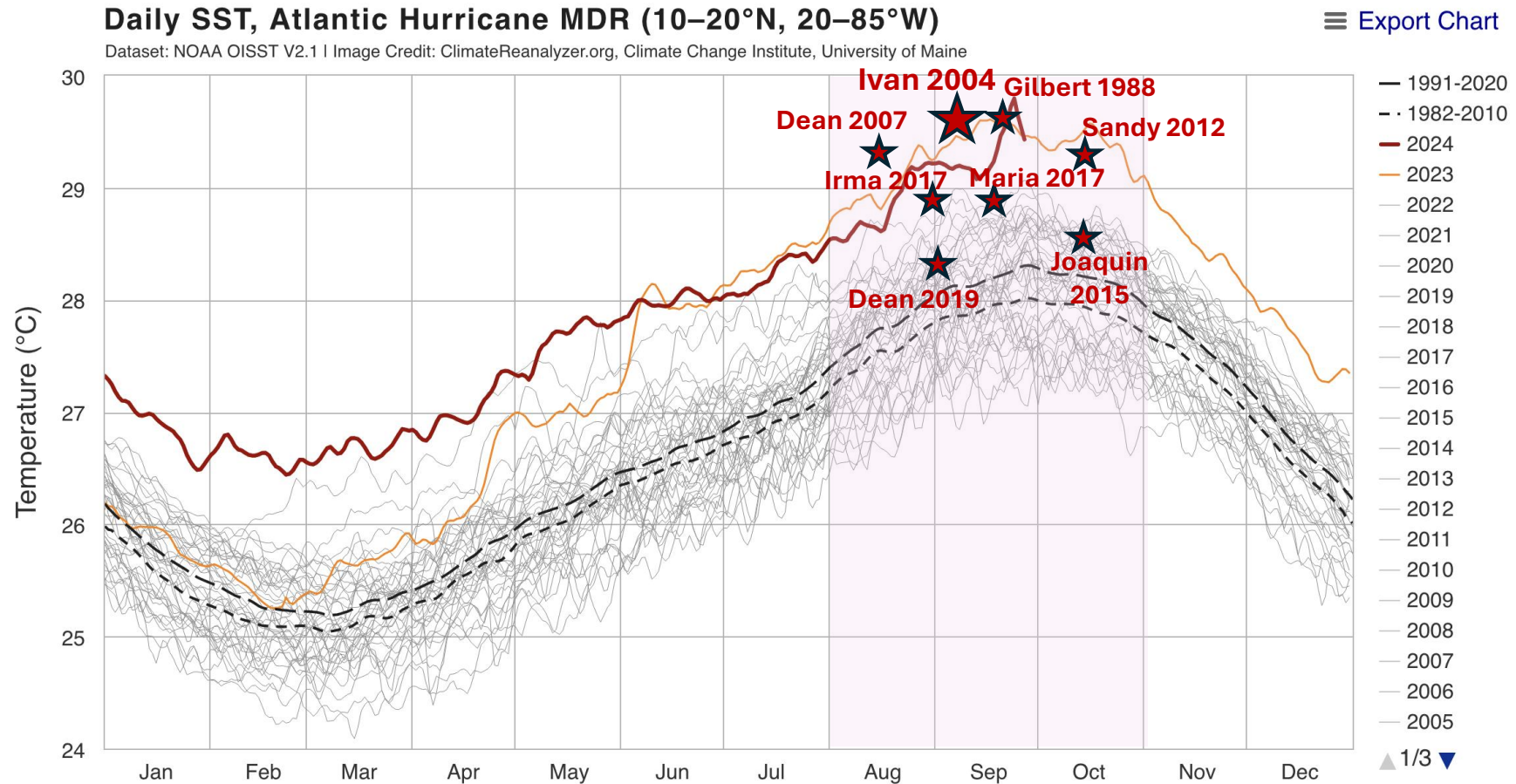


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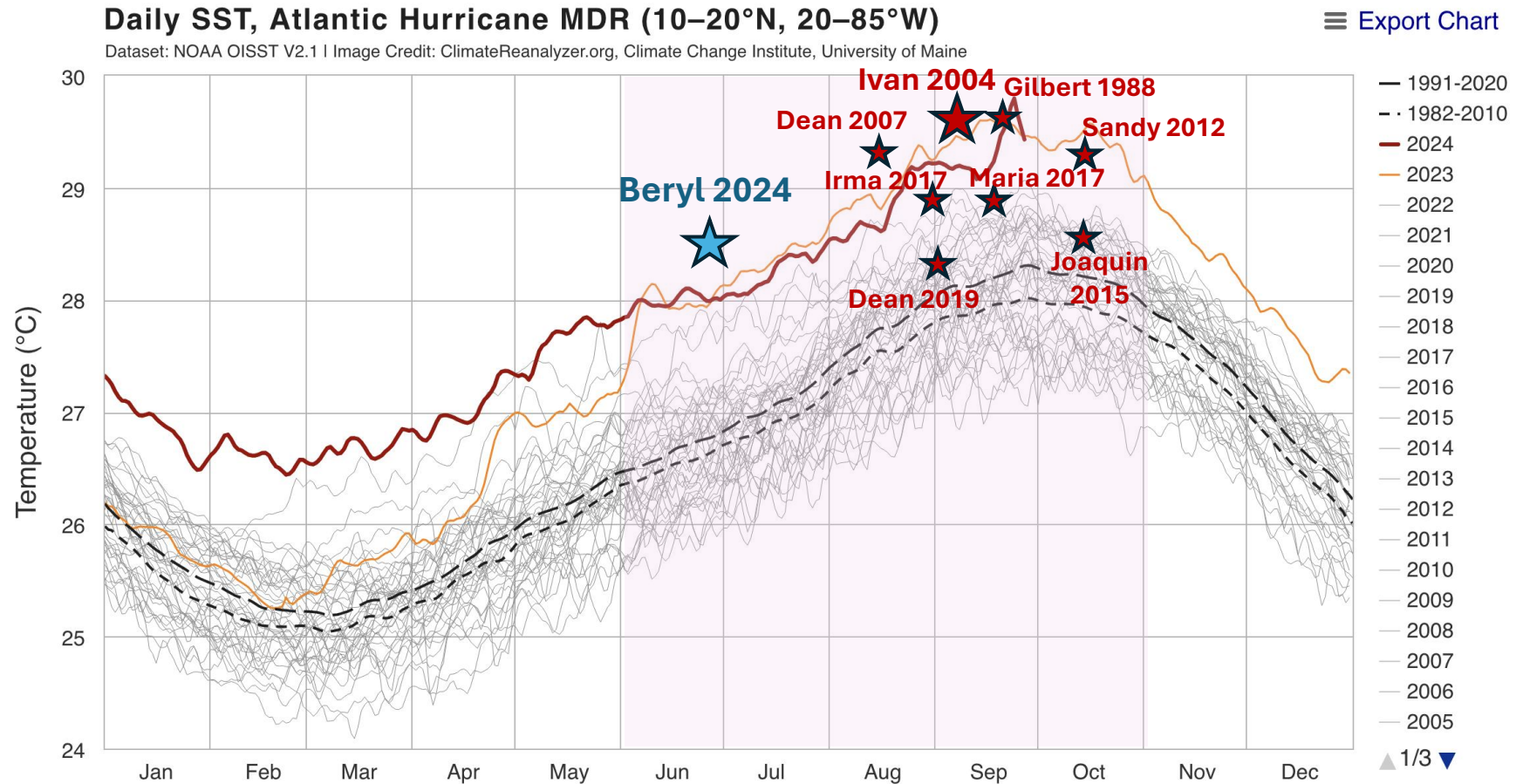


Climate Reanalyzer (as of Sept 2024)

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Trend in the heat content of the global ocean, for 1993–2023

Depth: upper 2000 m • Data: ORAS5 • Credit: C3S/ECMWF

