



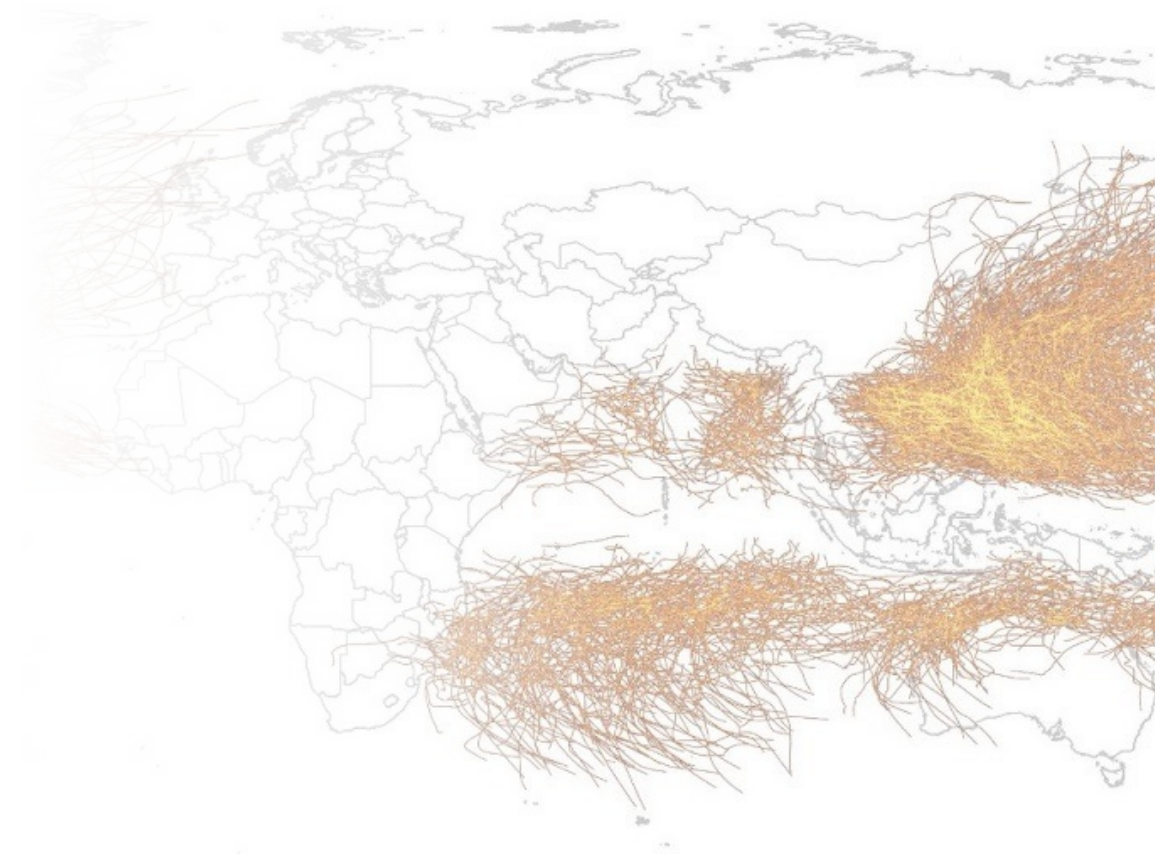
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# A fully-open approach to modeling TC storm surge on a global scale

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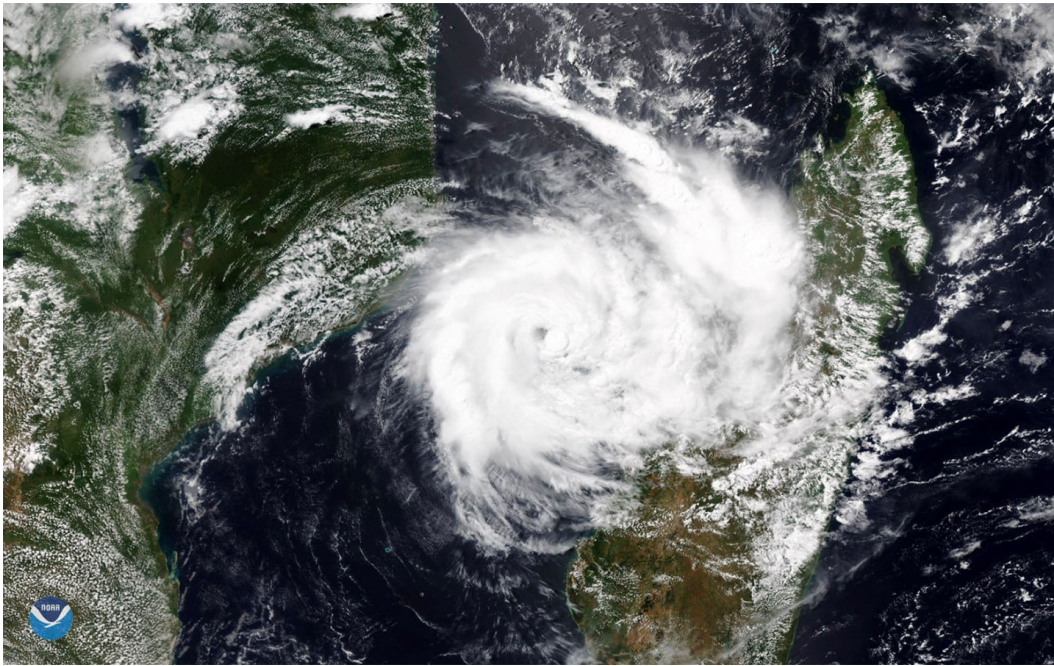


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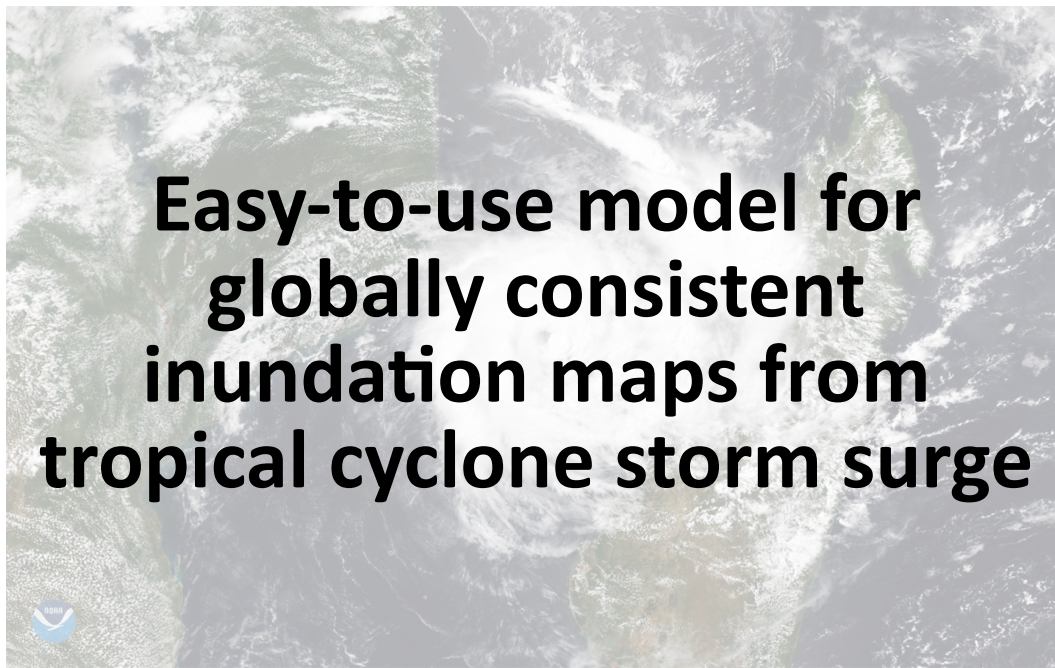
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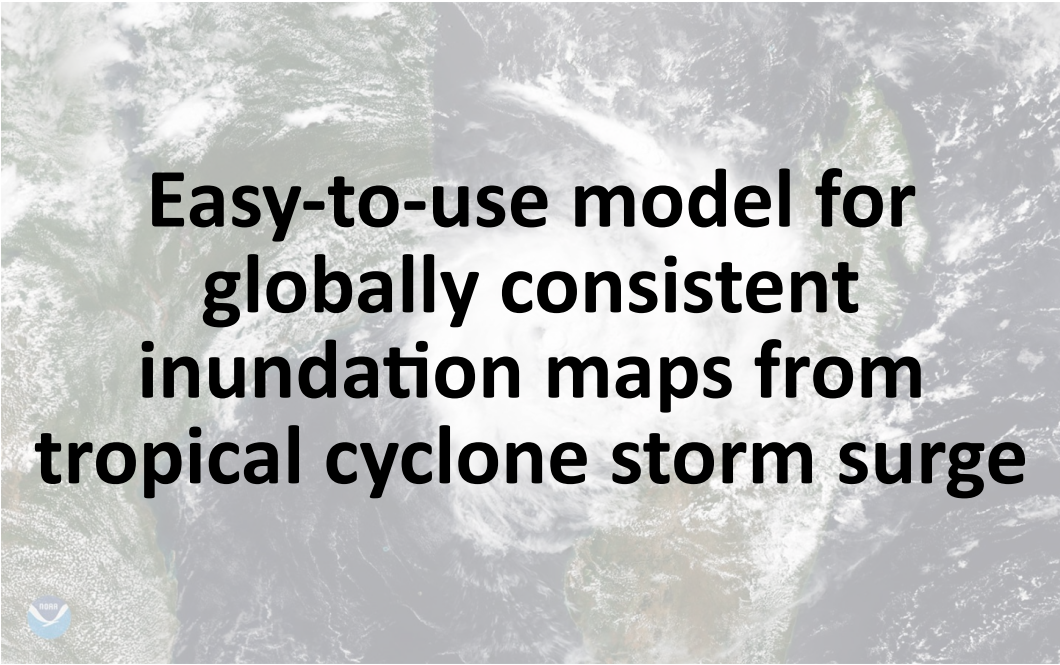


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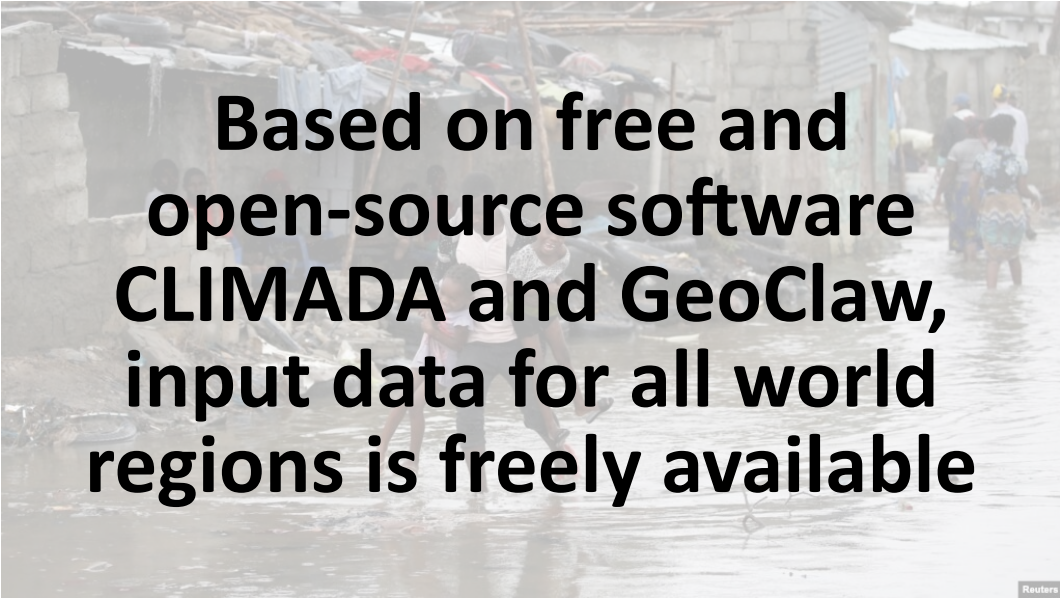


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A satellite image showing a large tropical cyclone with a prominent eye and swirling cloud bands over a body of water. A small blue circular logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the image.



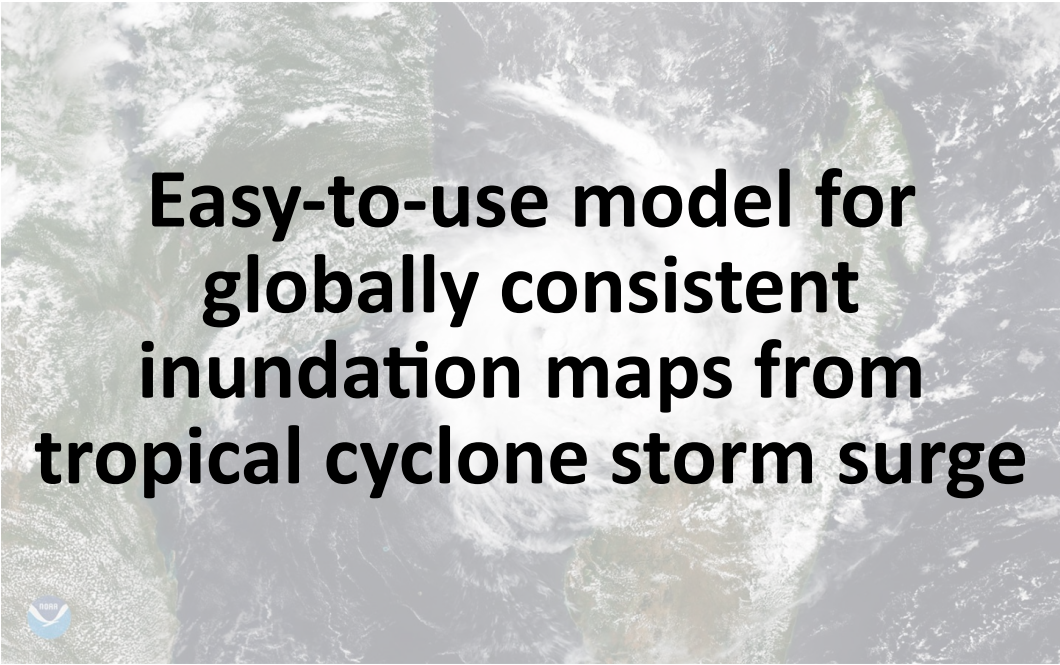
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A photograph showing several people wading through deep floodwaters in a residential area. Some buildings are partially submerged. A small 'Reuters' logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

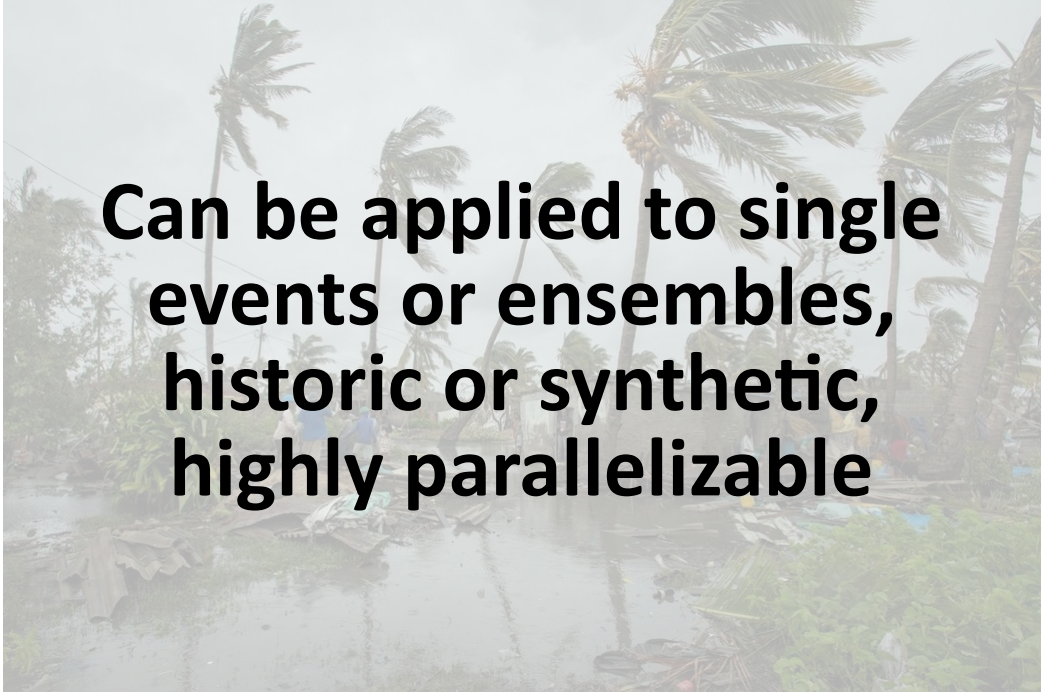




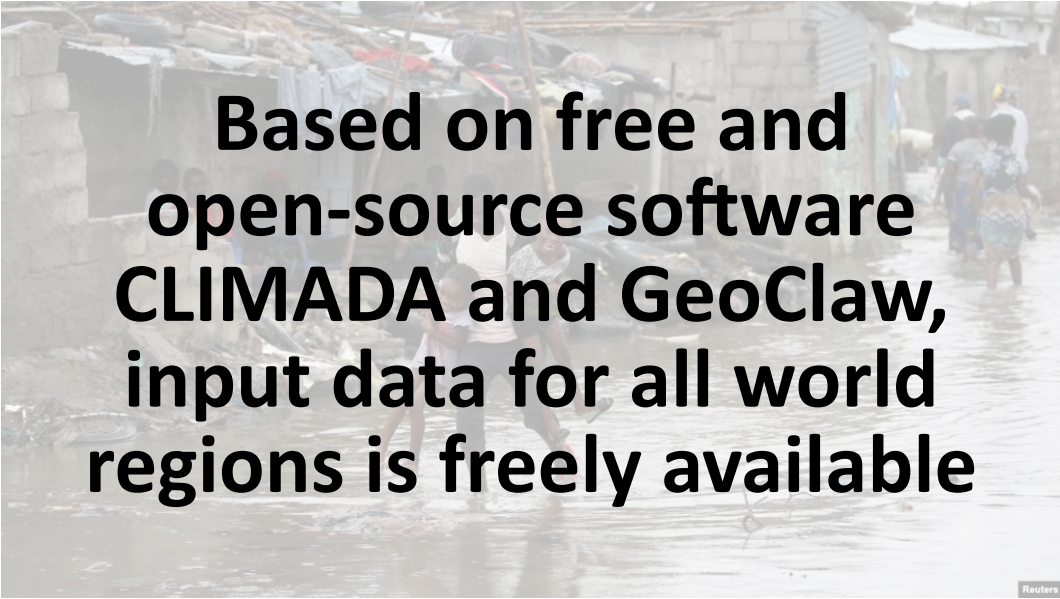
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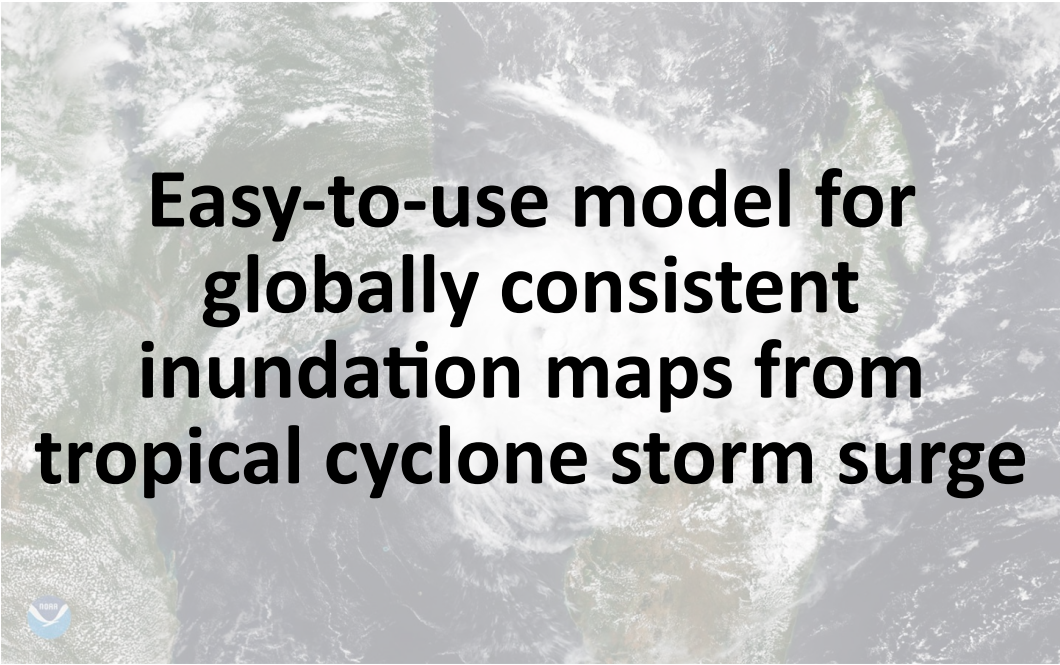


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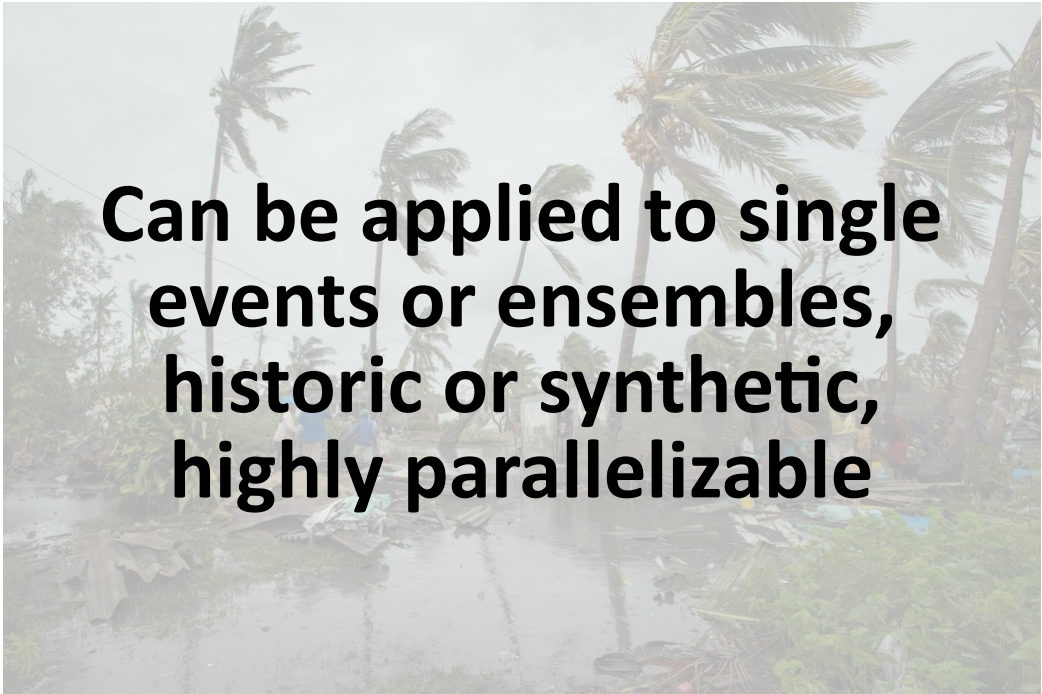




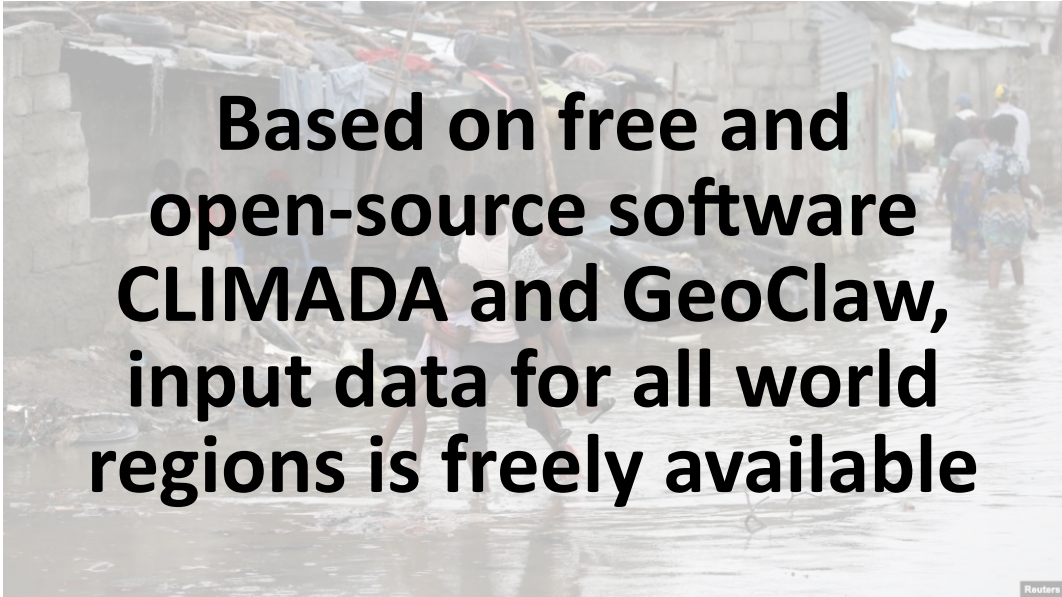
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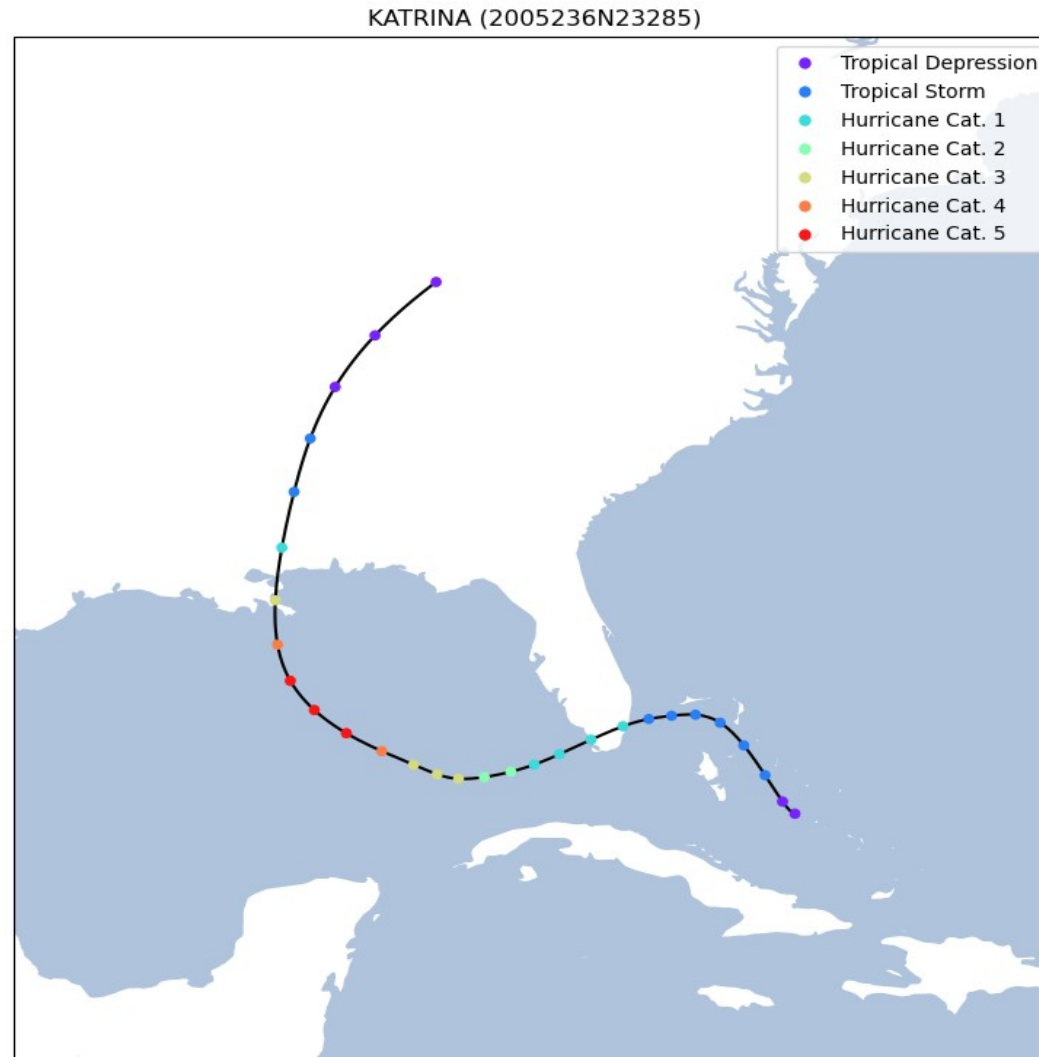


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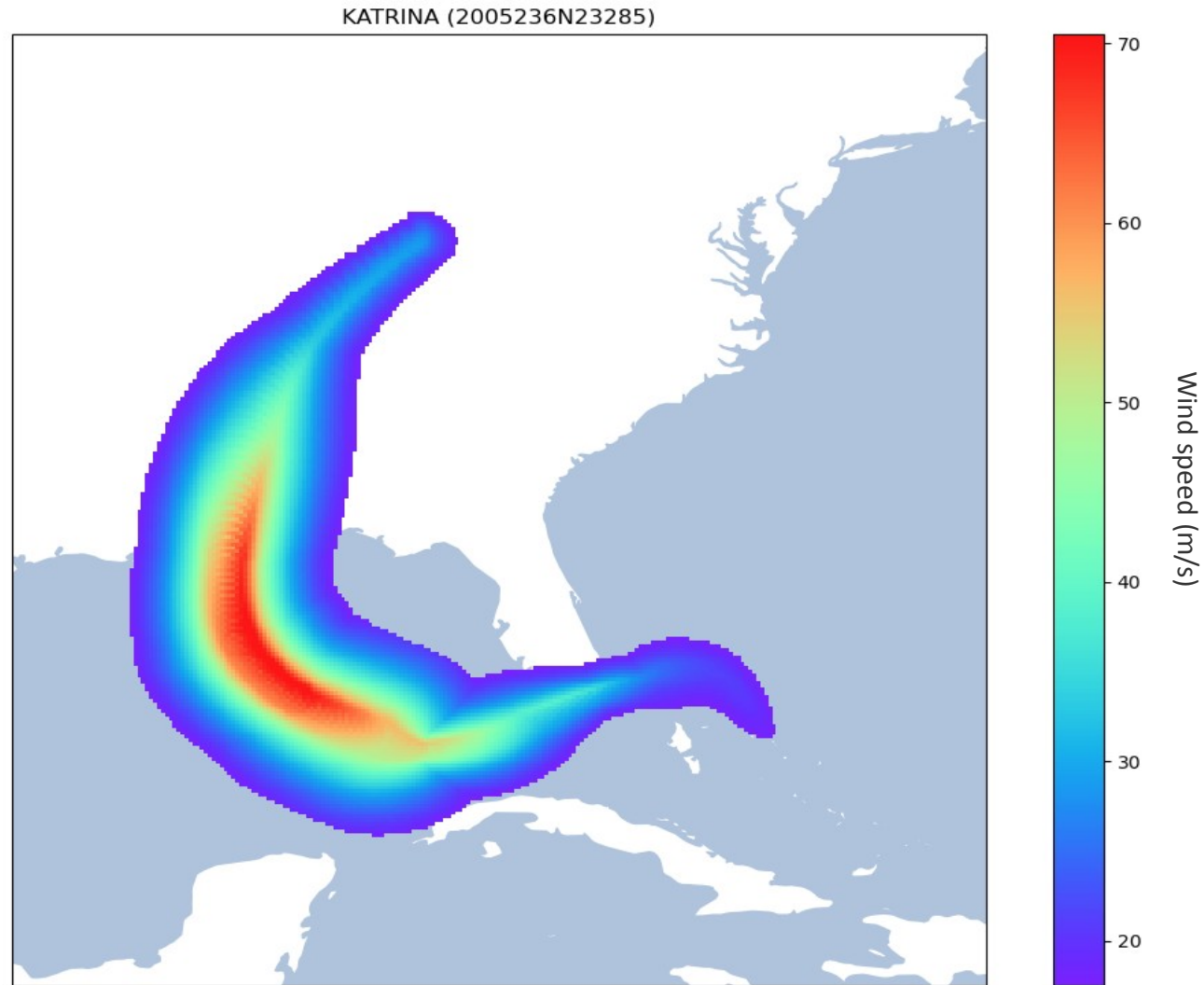


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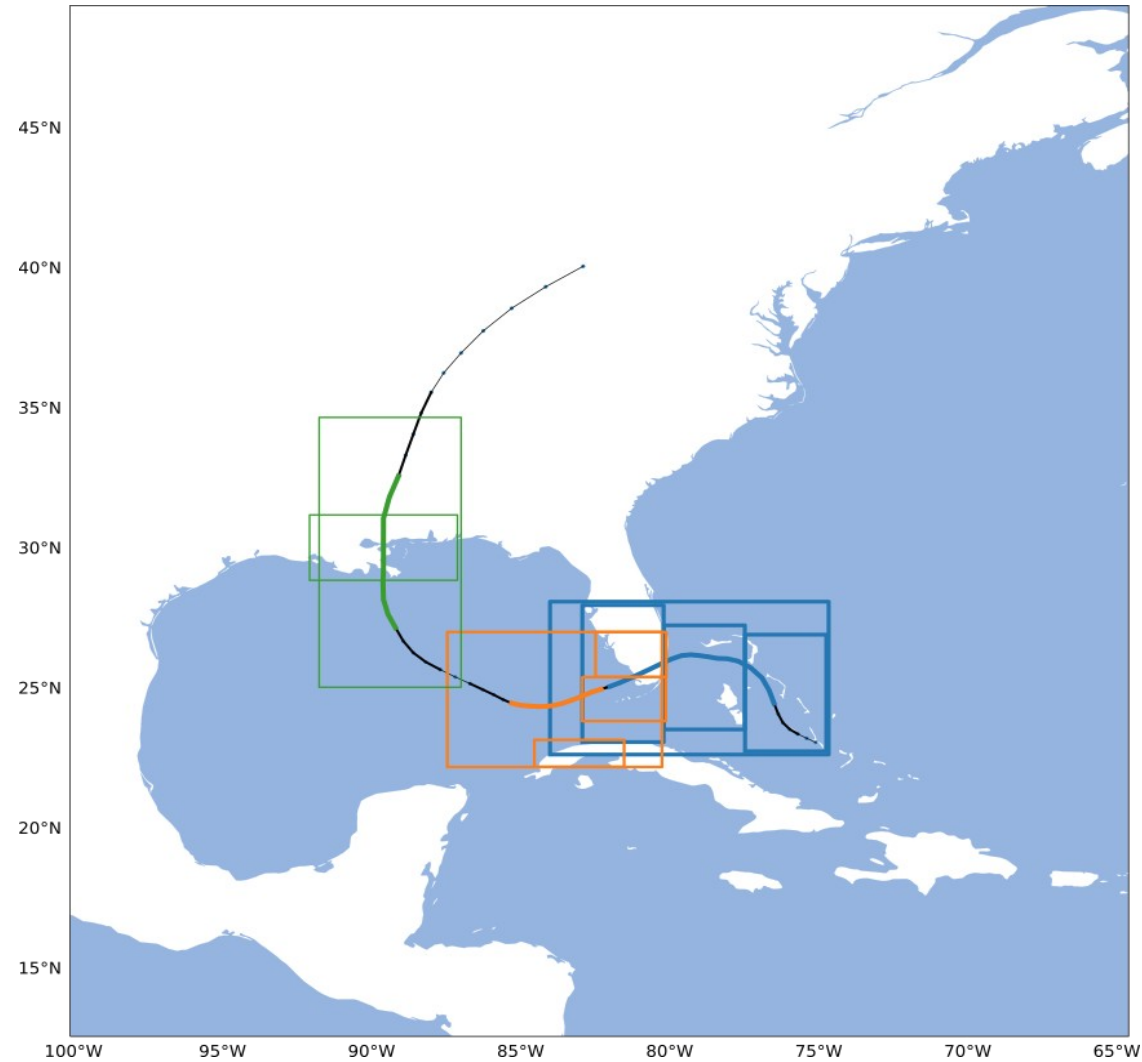


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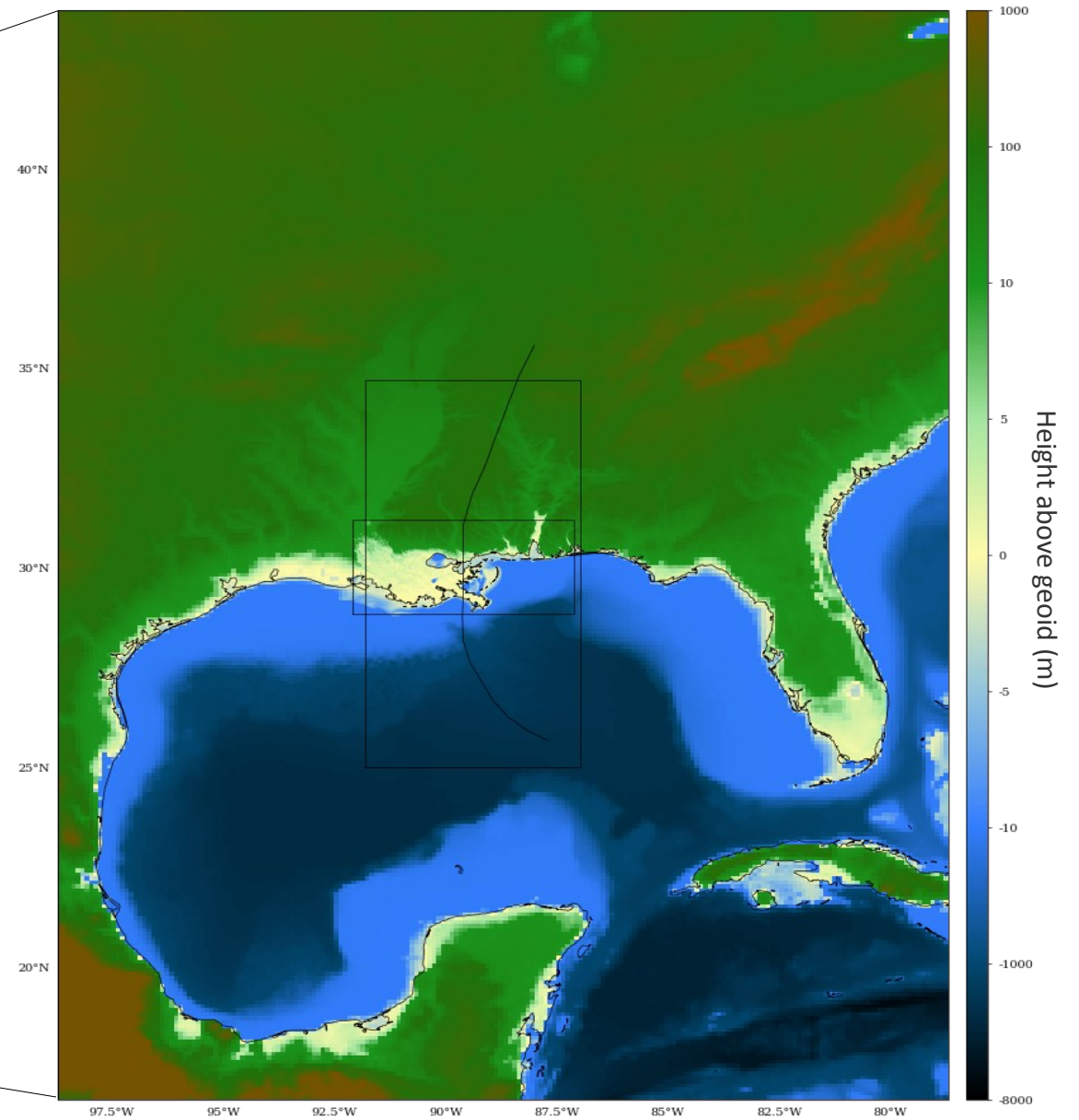
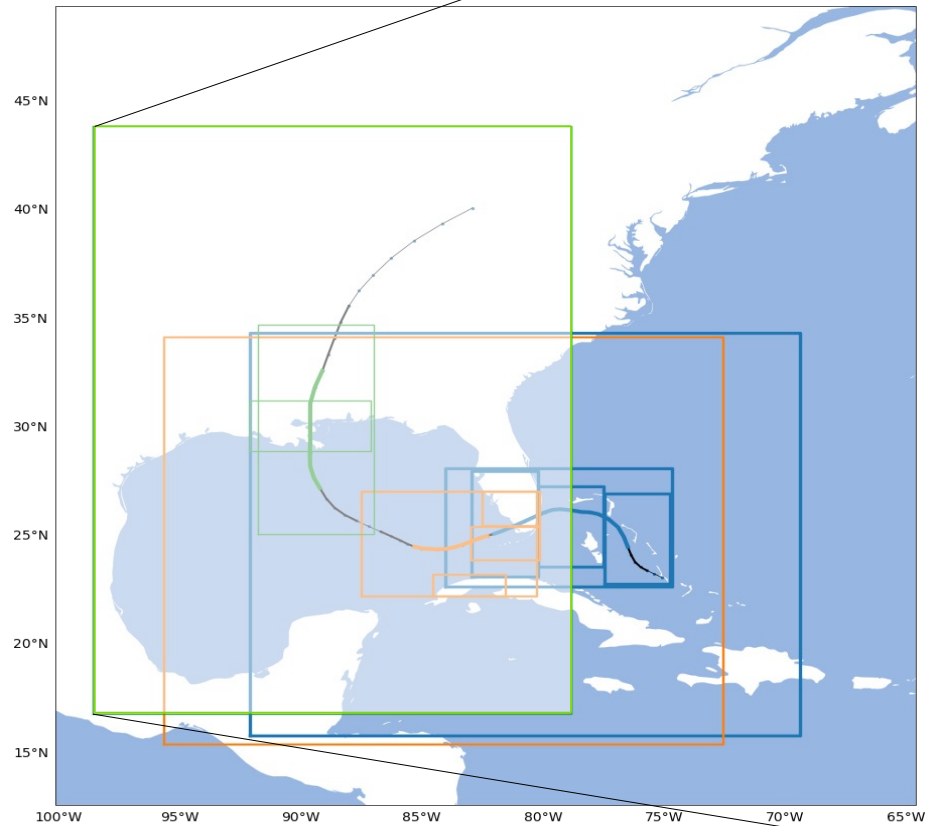


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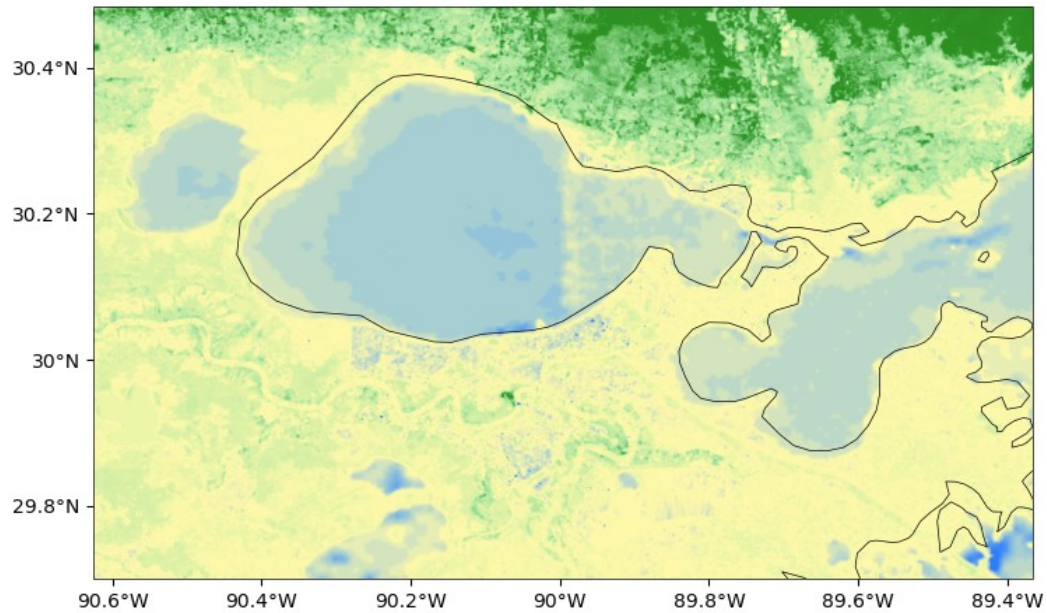
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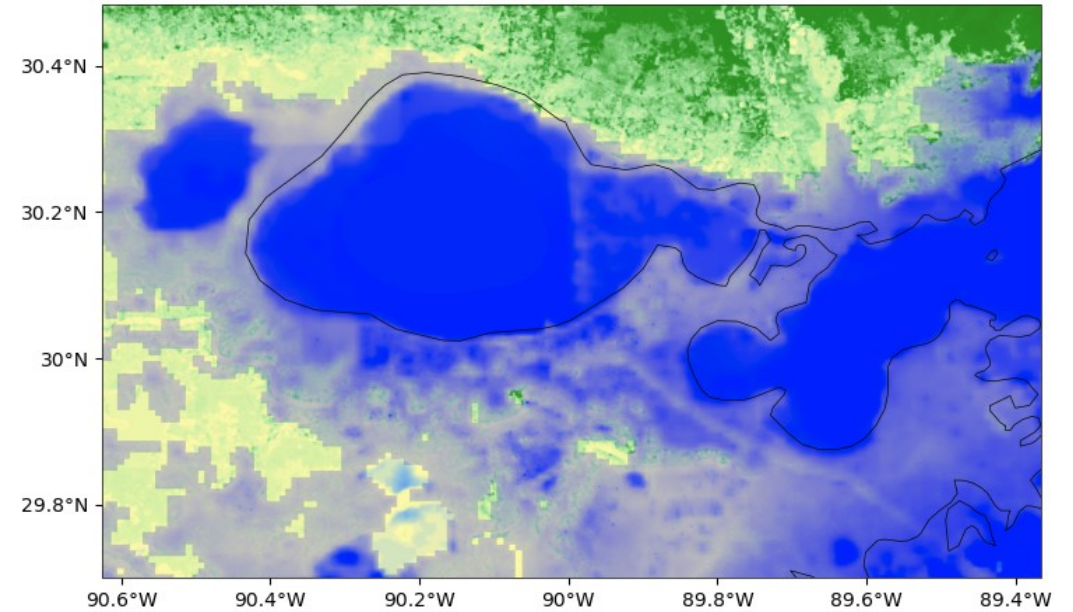


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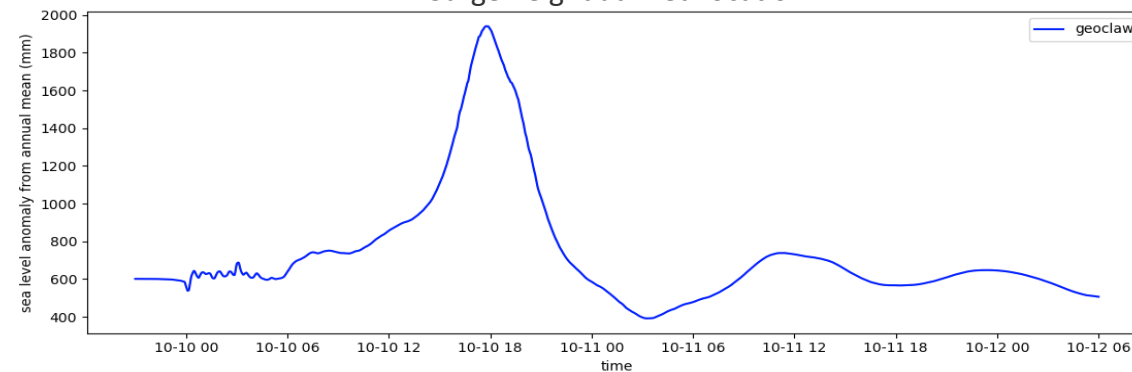
Digital elevation model (DEM)



Inundation map



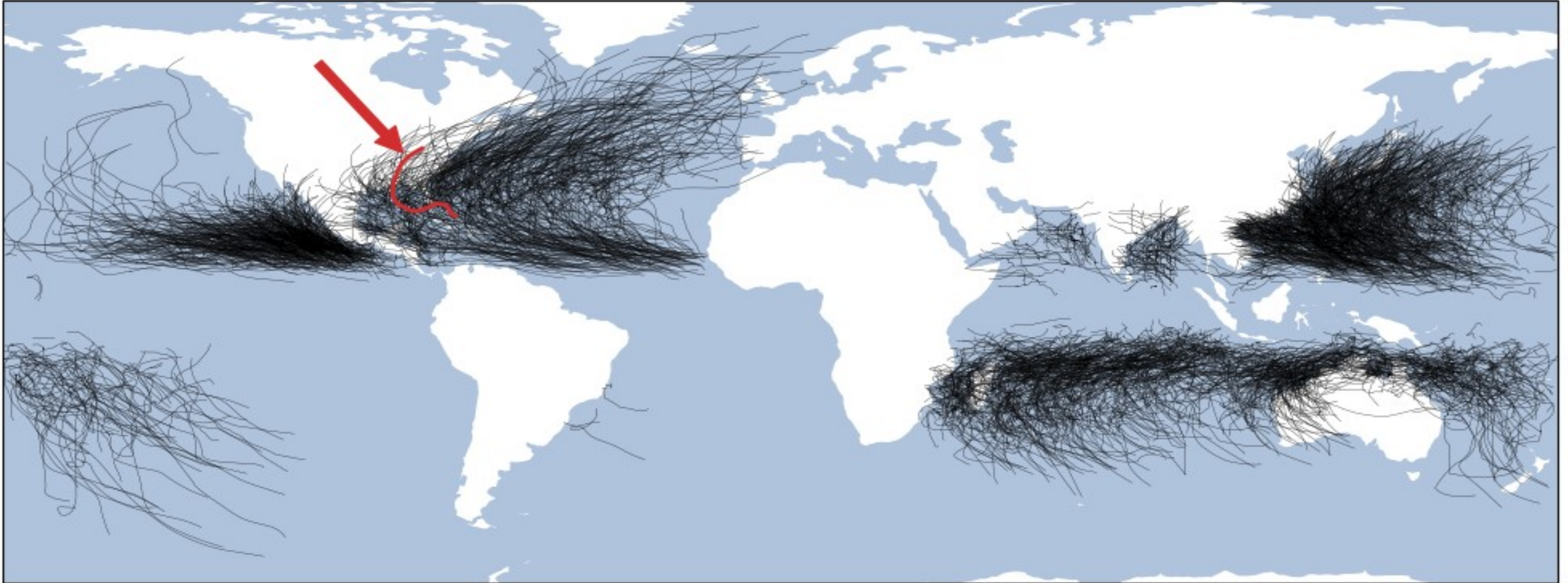
Surge height at fixed location





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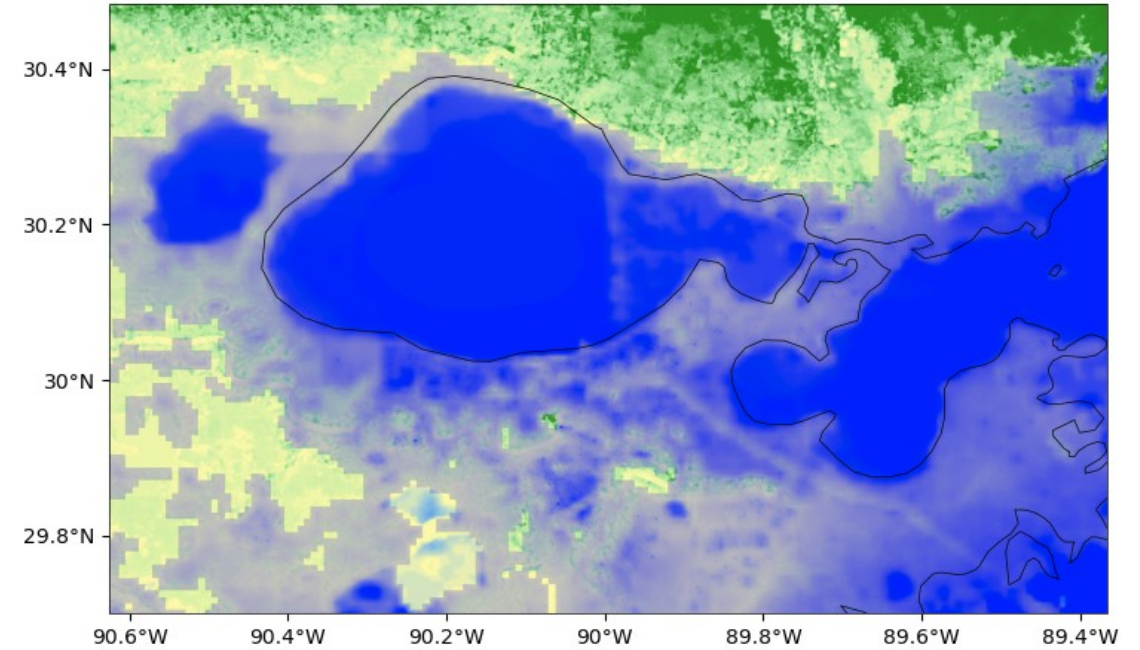
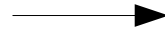
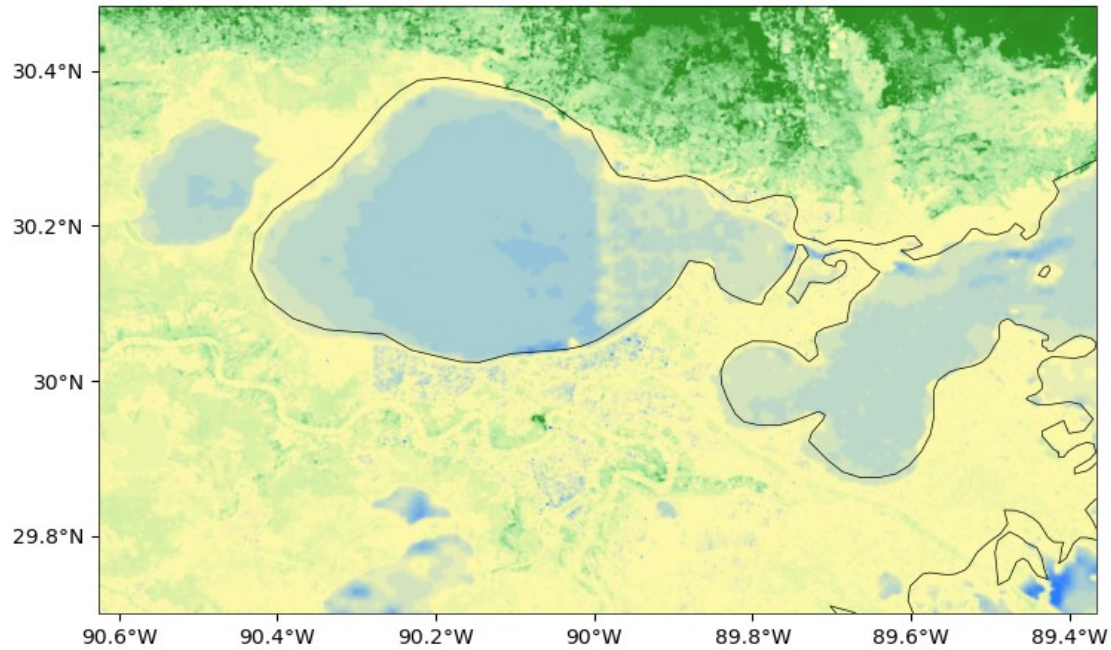
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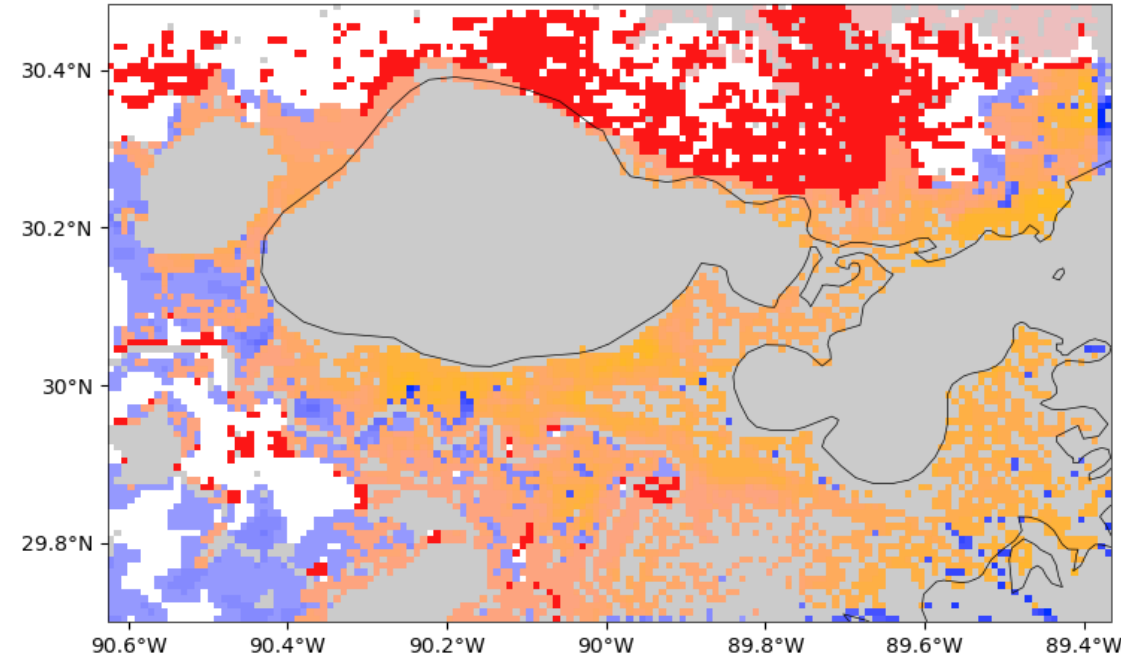
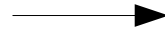
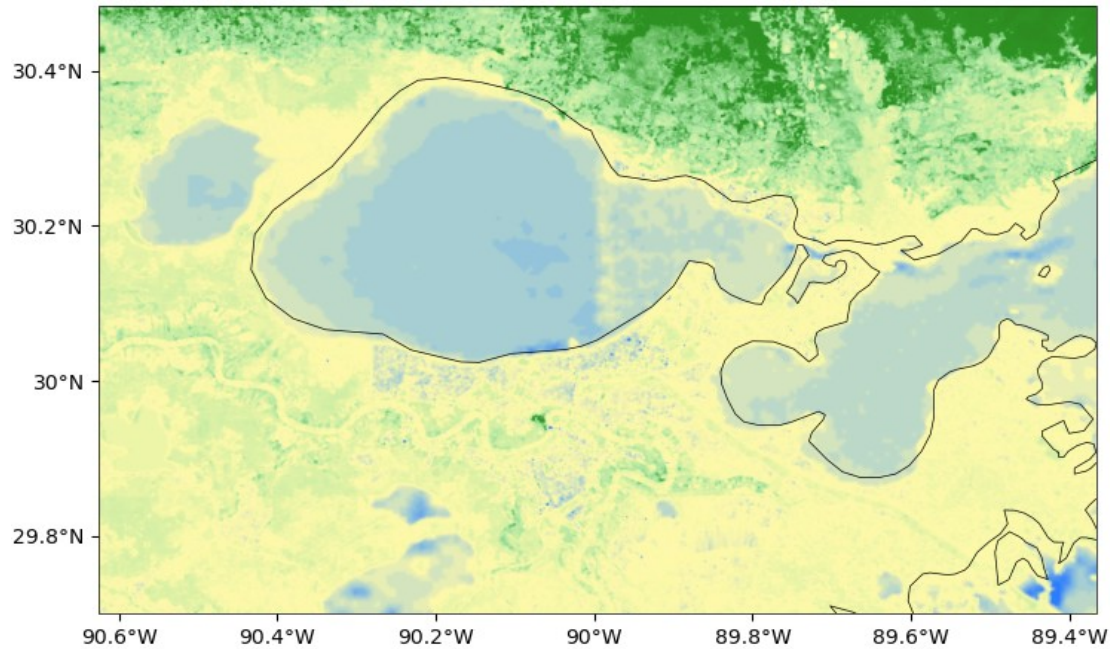


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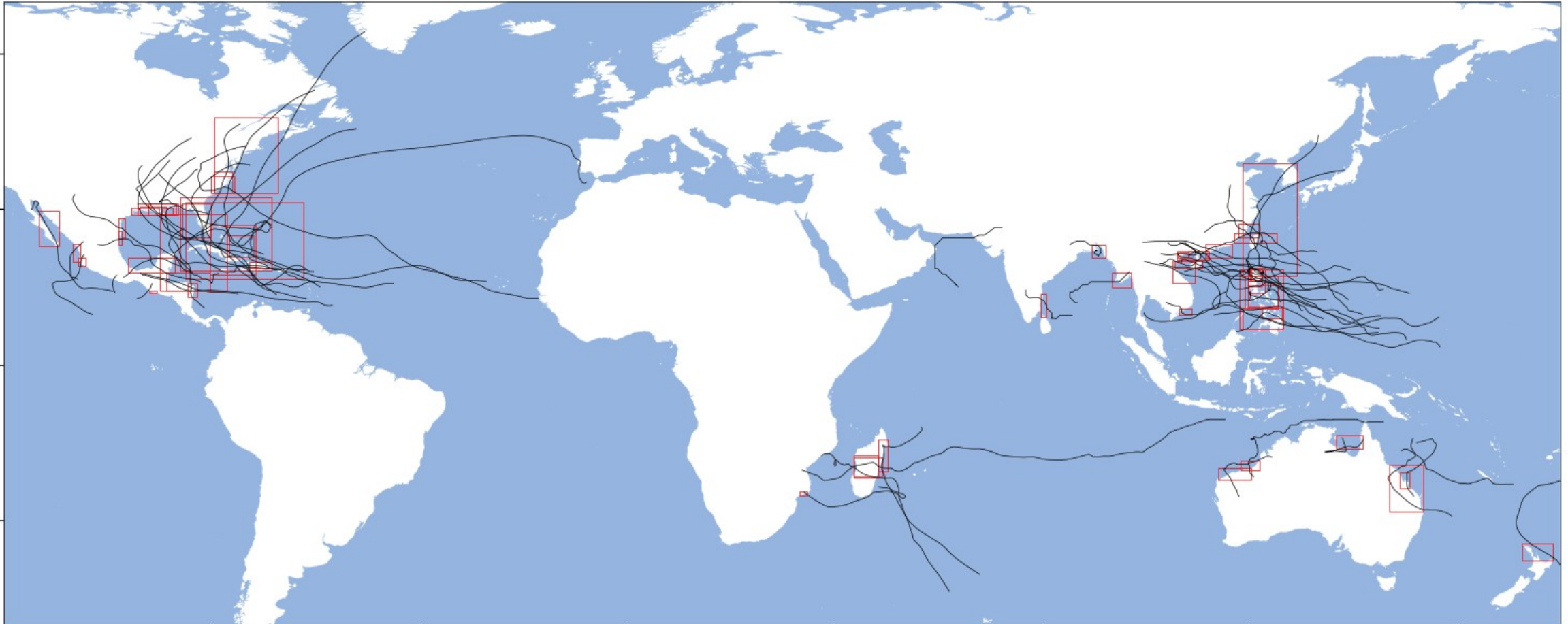
Flooding according to **satellite observations**,  
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**Permanent water and non-coastal areas** in gray.



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Tropical cyclone tracks and landfall areas covered by 61 satellite flood maps



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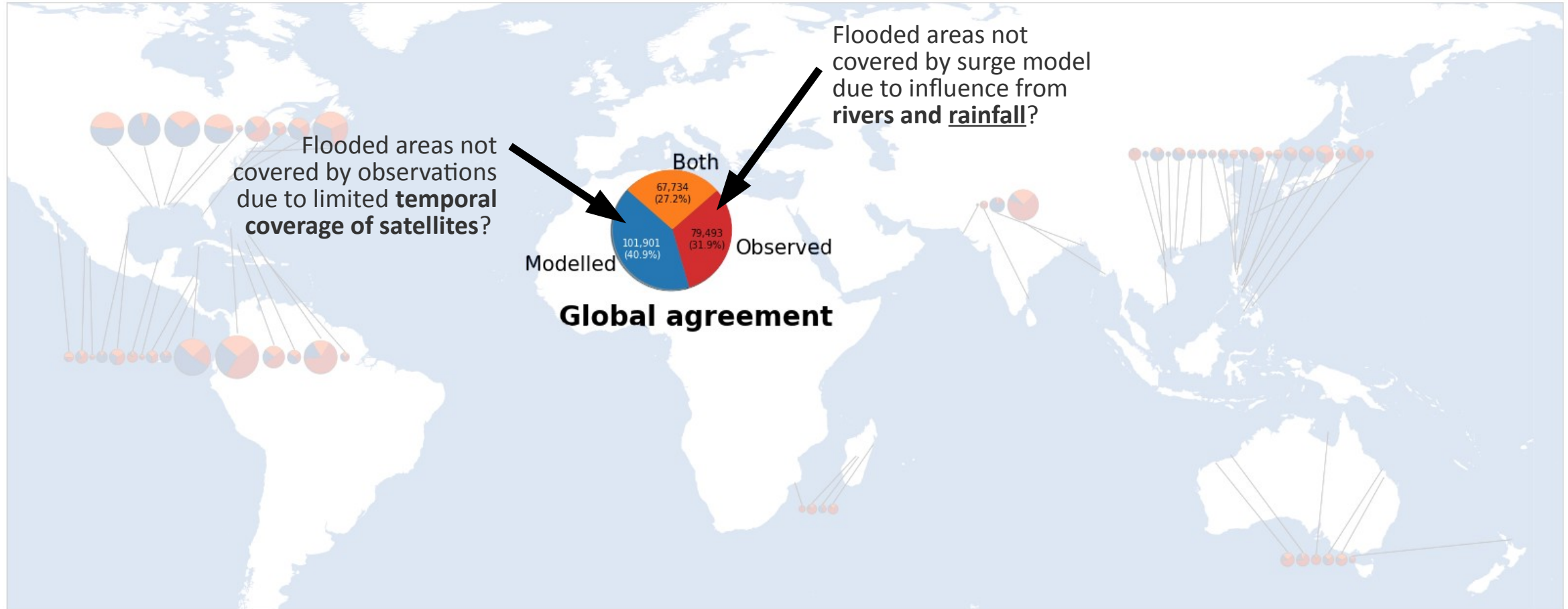


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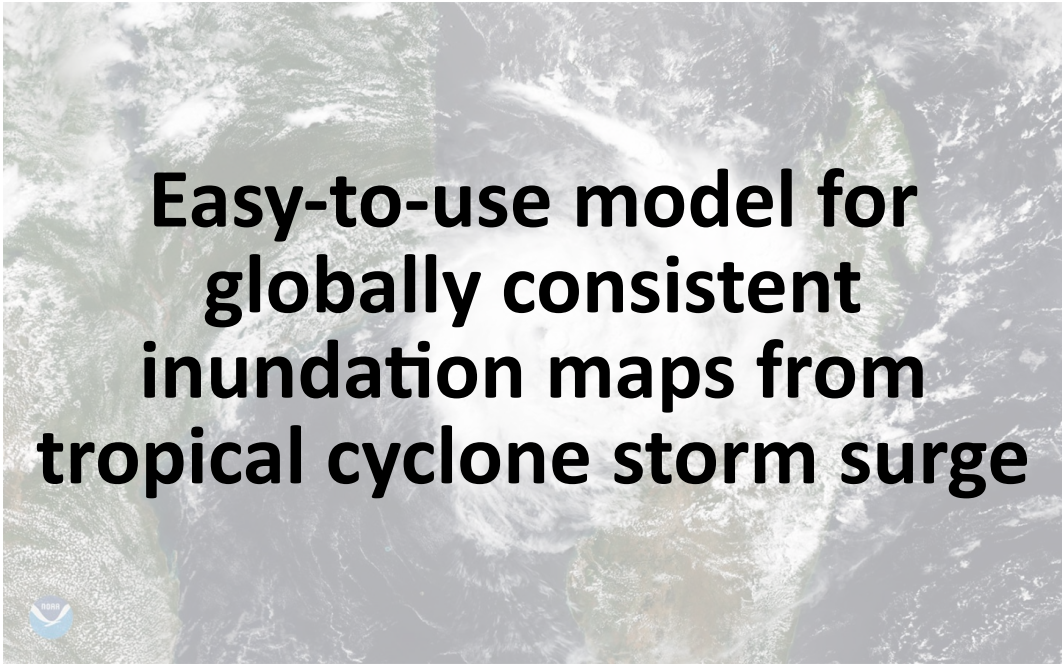
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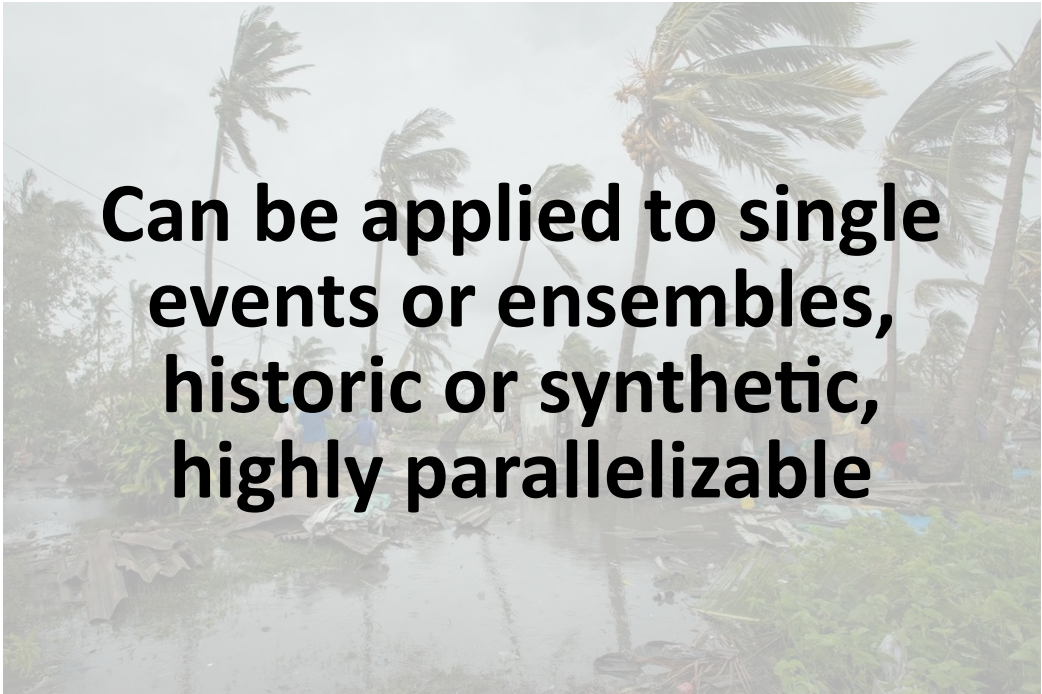


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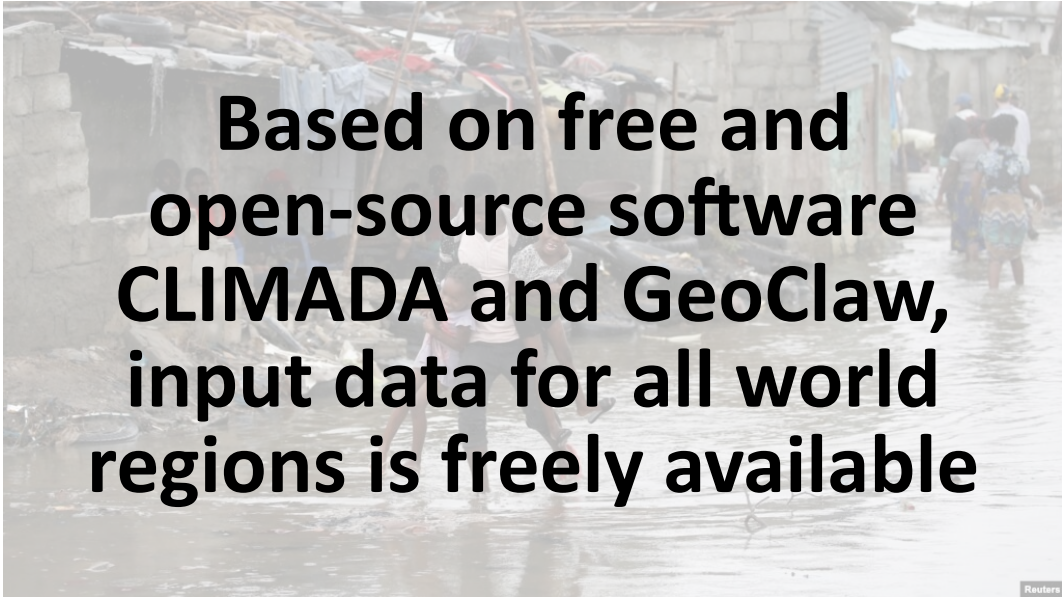
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