

Assessing hurricane exposure with R

Packages to facilitate environmental epidemiology

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Workshop overview

- Topics: ...
- Packages: ...

Required set-up (1)

- Install R [add link]
- Install RStudio [add link] (Recommended but not required)

Required set-up (2)

- Install hurricaneexposuredata (from our personal repo)

```
install.packages("drat") # Only run if you don't have `drat` installed
library("drat")

addRepo("geanders")
install.packages("hurricaneexposuredata")
```

Required set-up (2)

[Screenshot—R Journal article]

Required set-up (3)

- Install `hurricaneexposure` (from GitHub)

Required set-up (4)

- Install supplementary packages:
 - `tidyverse`
 - `sf`
 - `tigris`
 - `rnaturalearth` and `rnaturalearthdata`
 - `weathermetrics`
 - `noaastormevents`
 - `stormwindmodel`
 - `viridis`

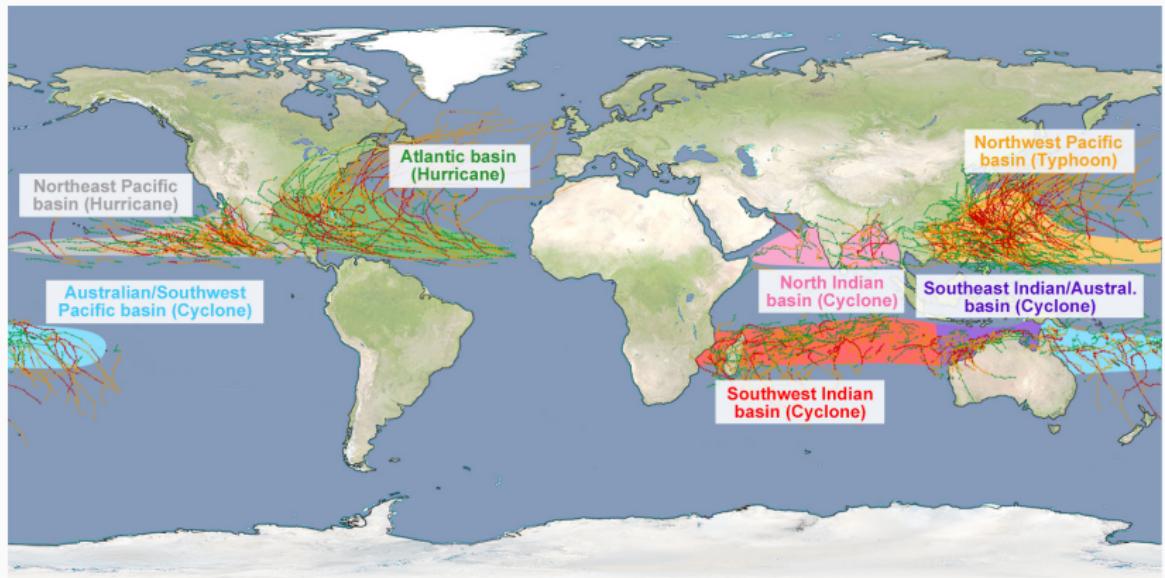
Load packages

To start, load only the two hurricaneexposure packages and the tidyverse package (for standard data science R tools).

```
library("hurricaneexposuredata")
library("hurricaneexposure")
library("tidyverse")
```

Basics on tropical cyclone data

Tropical cyclone basins



Source: Deutsche Wetterdienst

Tropical cyclone names

What's in a hurricane's name?

Atlantic tropical storm name lists, 2016-2021

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alex	Arlene	Alberto	Andrea	Arthur	Ana
Bonnie	Bret	Beryl	Barry	Bertha	Bill
Colin	Cindy	Chris	Chantal	Cristobal	Claudette
Danielle	Don	Debby	Dorian	Dolly	Danny
Earl	Emily	Ernesto	Erin	Edouard	Elsa
Fiona	Franklin	Florence	Fernand	Fay	Fred
Gaston	Gert	Gordon	Gabrielle	Gonzalo	Grace
Hermine	Harvey	Helene	Humberto	Hanna	Henri
Ian	Irma	Isaac	Imelda	Isaias	Ida
Julia	Jose	Joyce	Jerry	Josephine	Julian
Karl	Katia	Kirk	Karen	Kyle	Kate
Lisa	Lee	Leslie	Lorenzo	Laura	Larry
Matthew	Maria	Michael	Melissa	Marco	Mindy
Nicole	Nate	Nadine	Nestor	Nana	Nicholas
Otto	Ophelia	Oscar	Olga	Omar	Odette
Paula	Philippe	Patty	Pablo	Paulette	Peter
Richard	Rina	Rafael	Rebekah	Rene	Rose
Shary	Sean	Sara	Sebastien	Sally	Sam
Tobias	Tammy	Tony	Tanya	Teddy	Teresa
Virginie	Vince	Valerie	Van	Vicky	Victor
Walter	Whitney	William	Wendy	Wilfred	Wanda

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

CNBC

Retiring names



Source: Lex18

“Best tracks” data

Interpolating tracks

[Plot from stormwindmodel vignette]

Mapping storm tracks

You can map a storm's track with the `map_tracks` function from `hurricaneexposure`. For example, map the track of Hurricane Sandy with:

```
map_tracks(storm = "Sandy-2012")
```



Mapping storm tracks

The output is a `ggplot-class` object, so you can add elements as with other `ggplot-class` objects:

```
map_tracks(storm = "Sandy-2012") +  
  labs(title = "Central track of Hurricane Sandy, 2012",  
       caption = "Based on HURDAT2 Best Tracks")
```

Central track of Hurricane Sandy, 2012



Based on HURDAT2 Best Tracks

Mapping storm tracks

You can plot the tracks of multiple storms. For example, you can plot the tracks of all the tracked storms that came near the US in 2018 with:

```
map_tracks(storm = c("Alberto-2018", "Chris-2018", "Florence-2018",
                      "Gordon-2018", "Michael-2018"))
```



Storm track data

This function is using storm track data that we've included in the hurricaneexposuredata package, in a dataset called `hurr_tracks`:

```
data("hurr_tracks")
hurr_tracks %>% sample_n(3)
```

```
##           storm_id       date latitude longitude wind
## 1   Mitch-1998 199810300300    15.500   -85.7925   52
## 2 Michael-2018 201810140000    48.400   -33.1000   65
## 3   Cindy-2017 201706211500    27.535   -92.6802   47
```

Storm track data

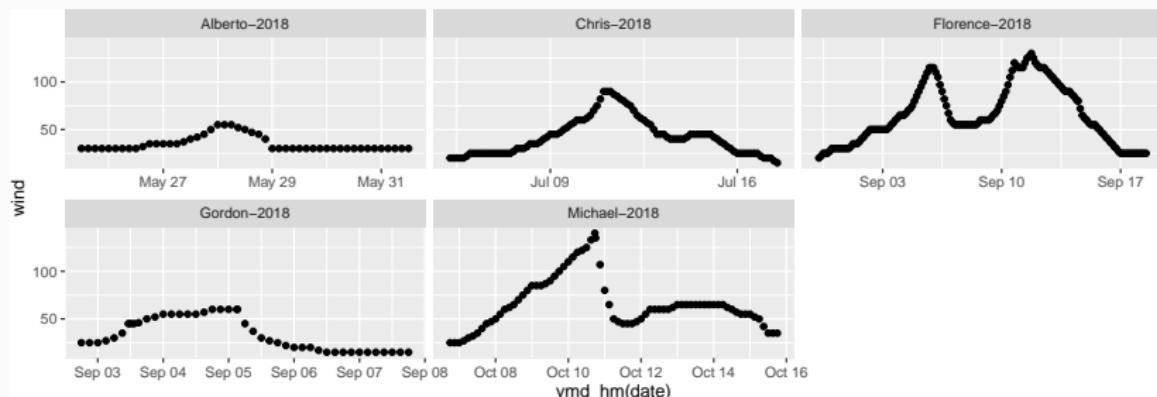
You can work directly with this dataset. For example, you can use regular expressions to identify all the storms in the dataset within a certain year and the number of tracking data points for each in this data:

```
hurr_tracks %>%  
  filter(str_detect(storm_id, "2018")) %>%  
  group_by(storm_id) %>%  
  summarize(n = n(), max_wind = max(wind),  
            start_date = first(date))  
  
## # A tibble: 5 x 4  
##   storm_id      n  max_wind start_date  
##   <chr>     <int>    <dbl> <chr>  
## 1 Alberto-2018     49       55 201805251200  
## 2 Chris-2018      99       90 201807050600  
## 3 Florence-2018   156      130 201808300600  
## 4 Gordon-2018     44       60 201809021800  
## 5 Michael-2018    74      140 201810061800
```

Storm track data

Similarly, you can explore patterns in the storm track measurements, like each storm's pattern of maximum sustained winds over time:

```
library("lubridate")
hurr_tracks %>%
  filter(str_detect(storm_id, "2018")) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = ymd_hm(date), y = wind)) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~ storm_id, scales = "free_x")
```



Other R sources for storm tracks

[IBTrACS?]

Your turn

- Map the tracks of Hurricane Harvey in 2012 using `map_tracks`.
- Map the tracks of Hurricane Harvey in 2012 and Tropical Storm Allison in 2011 using `map_tracks`
- Create these maps using the `sf` package, adding color for the maximum sustained wind of the storm at each time point

R tools for geospatial tools

sf framework for geospatial data

```
library("sf")
storms_2018 <- hurr_tracks %>%
  filter(str_detect(storm_id, "2018")) %>%
  st_as_sf(coords = c("longitude", "latitude"))
```

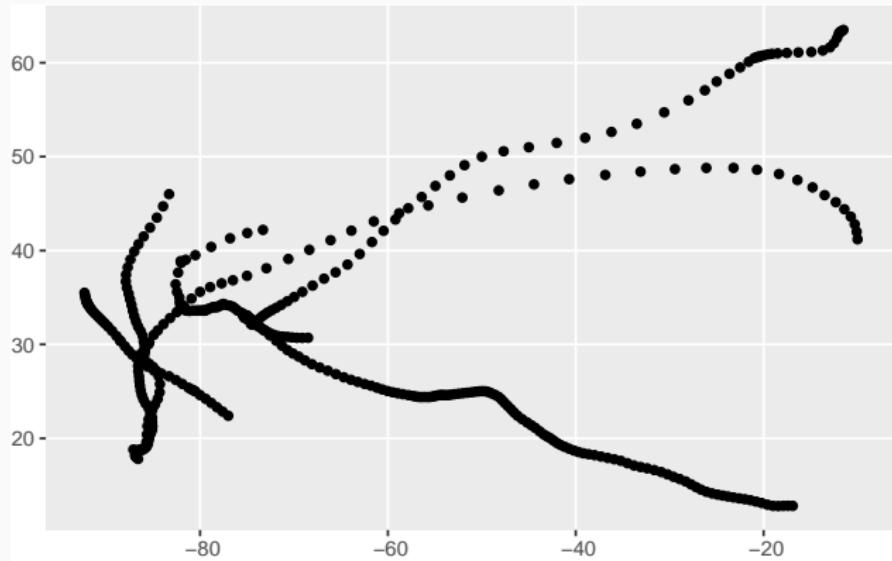
sf framework for geospatial data

storms_2018

```
## Simple feature collection with 422 features and 3 fields
## geometry type: POINT
## dimension: XY
## bbox: xmin: -92.3 ymin: 12.7774 xmax: -10 ymax: 63.5
## epsg (SRID): NA
## proj4string: NA
## First 10 features:
##   storm_id      date wind      geometry
## 1 Alberto-2018 201805251200 30 POINT (-87.1 18.8)
## 2 Alberto-2018 201805251500 30 POINT (-86.8099 18.7325)
## 3 Alberto-2018 201805251800 30 POINT (-86.5 18.7)
## 4 Alberto-2018 201805252100 30 POINT (-86.17 18.7401)
## 5 Alberto-2018 201805260000 30 POINT (-85.9 18.9)
## 6 Alberto-2018 201805260300 30 POINT (-85.7624 19.1374)
## 7 Alberto-2018 201805260600 30 POINT (-85.7 19.6)
## 8 Alberto-2018 201805260900 30 POINT (-85.6572 20.405)
## 9 Alberto-2018 201805261200 30 POINT (-85.6 21.3)
## 10 Alberto-2018 201805261500 30 POINT (-85.4726 22.004)
```

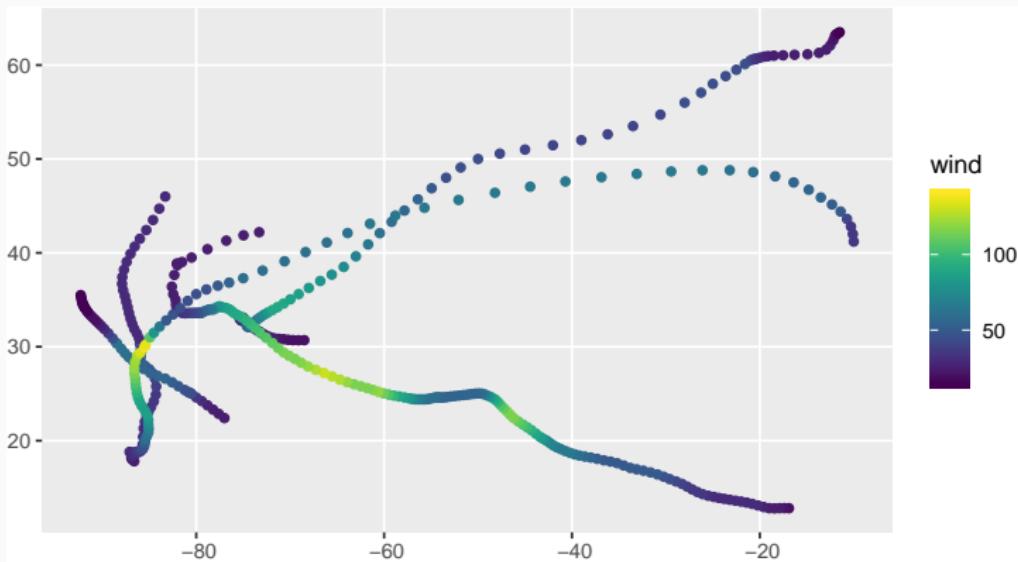
sf framework for geospatial data

```
ggplot() +  
  geom_sf(data = storms_2018)
```



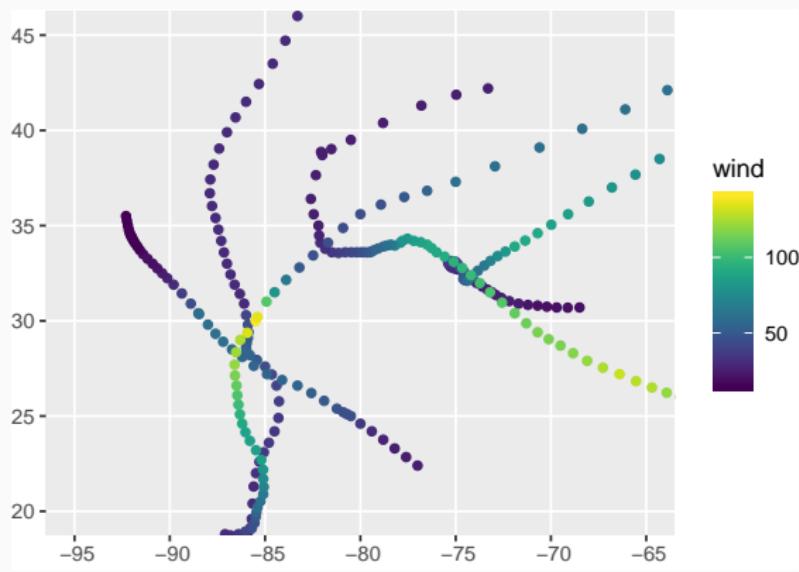
sf framework for geospatial data

```
library("viridis")
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = storms_2018,
          aes(color = wind)) +
  scale_color_viridis()
```



sf framework for geospatial data

```
ggplot() +  
  geom_sf(data = storms_2018,  
          aes(color = wind)) +  
  scale_color_viridis() +  
  xlim(c(-95, -65)) +  
  ylim(c(20, 45))
```



tigris package

```
library("tigris")
fl_counties <- counties(state = "FL",
                         cb = FALSE, resolution = "20m",
                         class = "sf")
```

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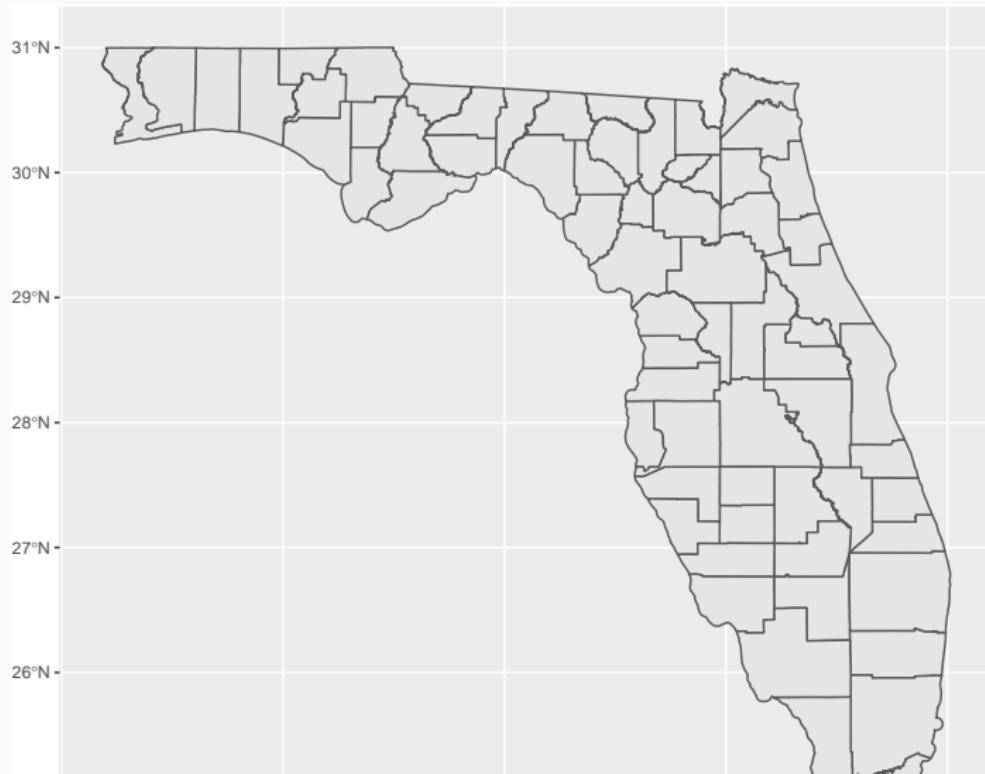
tigris package

```
fl_counties %>% slice(1:3)
```

```
## Simple feature collection with 3 features and 17 fields
## geometry type:  MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:      XY
## bbox:            xmin: -86.3975 ymin: 28.43329 xmax: -82.05447
## epsg (SRID):    4269
## proj4string:    +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0
## STATEFP COUNTYFP COUNTYNS GEOID      NAME      NAMELSAD LS
## 1      12      053 00295751 12053 Hernando Hernando County
## 2      12      129 00306912 12129 Wakulla  Wakulla County
## 3      12      131 00295727 12131 Walton   Walton County
## MTFCC CSAFP CBSAfp METDIVfp FUNCSTAT      ALAND     AWATER
## 1 G4020 <NA> 45300      <NA>          A 1224692722 300863005 +
## 2 G4020 533 45220      <NA>          A 1570625279 334901690 +
## 3 G4020 <NA> 18880      <NA>          A 2687686788 522848570 +
## INTPTLON                                     geometry
## 1 -082.4662272 MULTIPOLYGON (((-82.55258 2...
```

tigris package

```
ggplot() +  
  geom_sf(data = fl_counties)
```



Putting things together

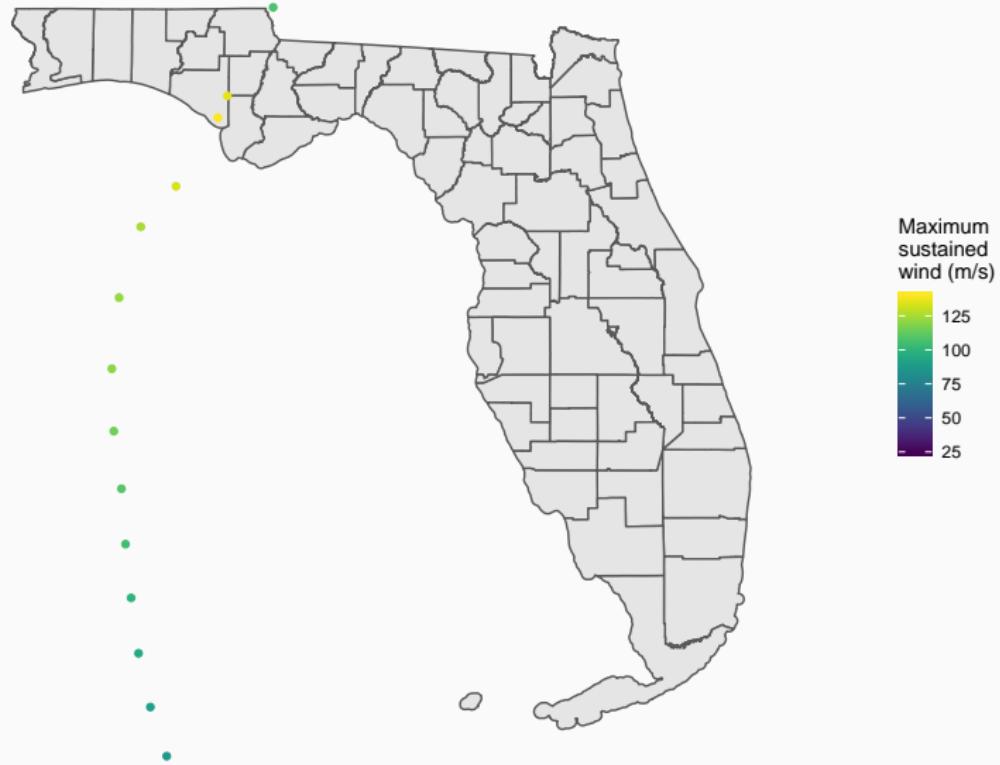
```
michael_2018 <- storms_2018 %>%
  st_set_crs(4269) %>%
  filter(storm_id == "Michael-2018")
michael_2018 %>% slice(1:3)

## Simple feature collection with 3 features and 3 fields
## geometry type: POINT
## dimension: XY
## bbox: xmin: -86.9 ymin: 17.8 xmax: -86.6 ymax: 18.1
## epsg (SRID): 4269
## proj4string: +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0
##       storm_id      date    wind           geometry
## 1 Michael-2018 201810061800     25 POINT (-86.6 17.8)
## 2 Michael-2018 201810062100     25 POINT (-86.7824 17.9526)
## 3 Michael-2018 201810070000     25 POINT (-86.9 18.1)
```

Putting things together

```
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = fl_counties) +
  geom_sf(data = michael_2018,
          aes(color = wind)) +
  scale_color_viridis() +
  xlim(c(-88, -79)) +
  ylim(c(24, 32)) +
  theme_void() +
  labs(color = "Maximum\nsustained\nwind (m/s)")
```

Putting things together



`rnatuearth packages`

Converting to sf object

[Convert hurricane tracks to sf]

Your turn

- Create a map of North America and the track of [storm]
- Create a map of Florida ZIP codes and the track of [storm]

How close have storms come to US counties?

Population mean centers

```
data("county_centers")
head(county_centers)

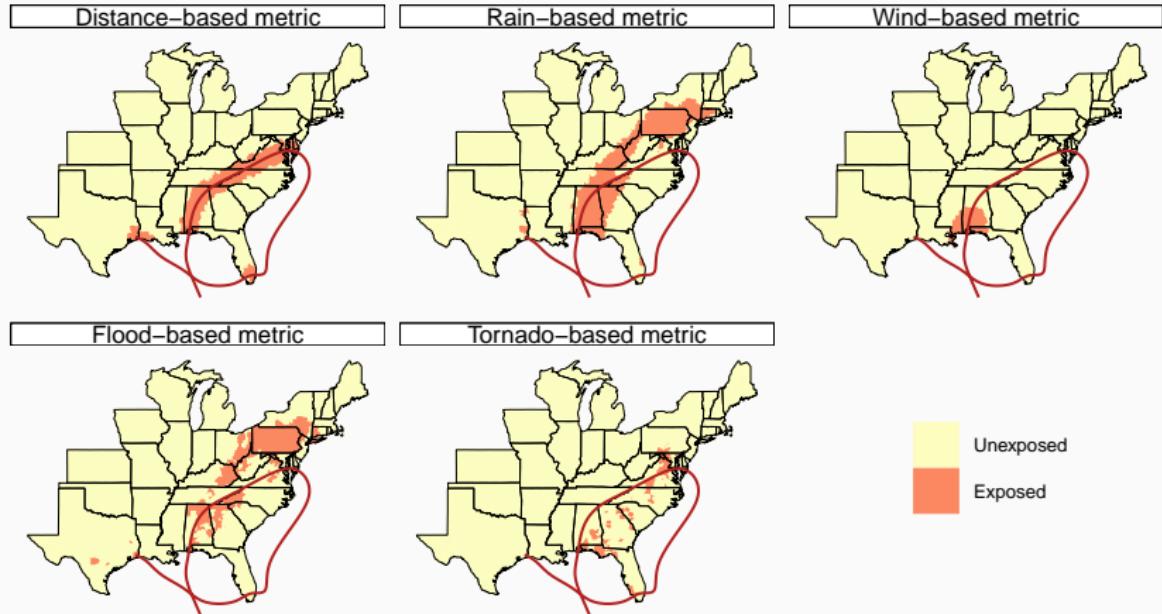
##      fips county_name state_name population latitude longitude
## 1 01001     Autauga    Alabama      54571 32.50039 -86.49416
## 2 01003     Baldwin    Alabama     182265 30.54892 -87.76238
## 3 01005    Barbour    Alabama      27457 31.84404 -85.31004
## 4 01007      Bibb    Alabama      22915 33.03092 -87.12766
## 5 01009    Blount    Alabama      57322 33.95524 -86.59149
## 6 01011   Bullock    Alabama      10914 32.11633 -85.70119
```

FIPs codes

Tropical cyclone hazards

Tropical cyclone hazards

Different patterns in hazards



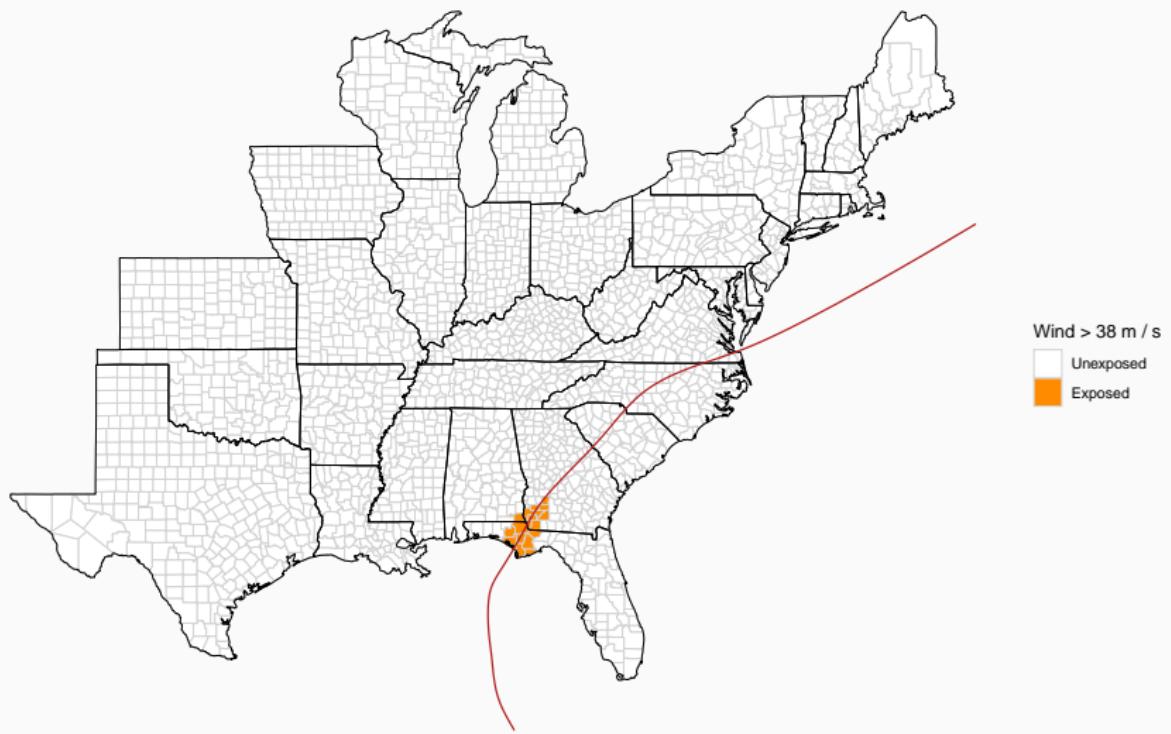
Wind exposures

Modeling storm wind field

Determining county peak sustained wind

All wind exposures for a storm

```
map_wind_exposure(storm = "Michael-2018", wind_limit = 38)
```



All wind exposures for a storm

[Dataframe]

All wind exposures for a county

```
fl_counties <- county_centers %>%
  filter(str_sub(fips, 1, 2) == "12") %>%
  purrr::pluck("fips")
fl_counties

## [1] "12001" "12003" "12005" "12007" "12009" "12011" "12013"
## [9] "12017" "12019" "12021" "12023" "12027" "12029" "12031"
## [17] "12035" "12037" "12039" "12041" "12043" "12045" "12047"
## [25] "12051" "12053" "12055" "12057" "12059" "12061" "12063"
## [33] "12067" "12069" "12071" "12073" "12075" "12077" "12079"
## [41] "12083" "12085" "12086" "12087" "12089" "12091" "12093"
## [49] "12097" "12099" "12101" "12103" "12105" "12107" "12109"
## [57] "12113" "12115" "12117" "12119" "12121" "12123" "12125"
## [65] "12129" "12131" "12133"
```

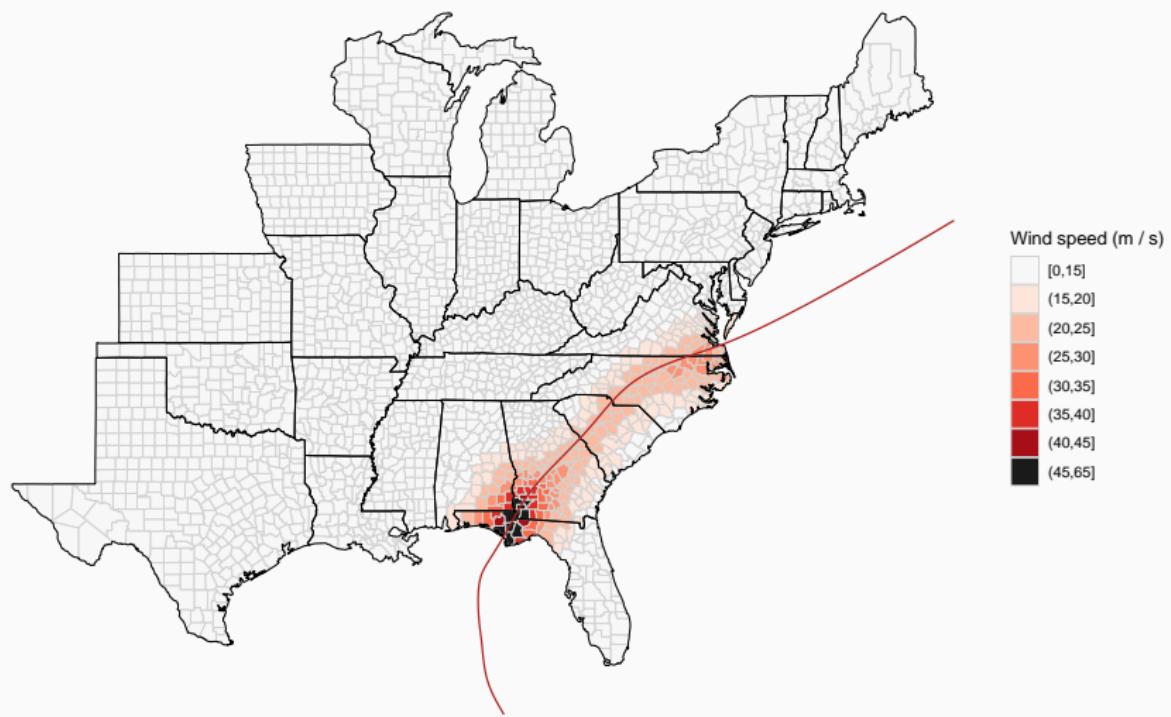
All wind exposures for a county

```
county_wind(counties = fl_counties, wind_limit = 38,  
            start_year = 2016, end_year = 2018)
```

##	storm_id	fips	vmax_sust	vmax_gust	sust_dur	gust_dur
## 1	Irma-2017	12021	42.62840	63.51632	705	1200
## 2	Irma-2017	12071	39.36319	58.65116	735	1200
## 3	Irma-2017	12087	46.83800	69.78862	1230	1935
## 4	Michael-2018	12005	56.99529	84.92299	750	1140
## 5	Michael-2018	12013	59.94077	89.31175	690	1095
## 6	Michael-2018	12037	38.55300	57.44397	690	1140
## 7	Michael-2018	12039	44.17512	65.82092	645	1035
## 8	Michael-2018	12045	65.00964	96.86436	765	1155
## 9	Michael-2018	12063	54.44459	81.12244	645	1050
## 10	Michael-2018	12077	54.66943	81.45745	675	1110
## 11	Michael-2018	12133	43.86118	65.35316	660	1080
##	closest_time_utc	storm_dist	local_time	closest_date		
## 1	2017-09-10 21:00	1.835589	2017-09-10 17:00		2017-09-10	
## 2	2017-09-10 23:00	17.727964	2017-09-10 19:00		2017-09-10	
## 3	2017-09-10 13:15	26.233467	2017-09-10 09:15		2017-09-10	

All wind exposures for a county

```
map_counties(storm = "Michael-2018", metric = "wind")
```



All wind exposures for a county

[Histogram of intensities]

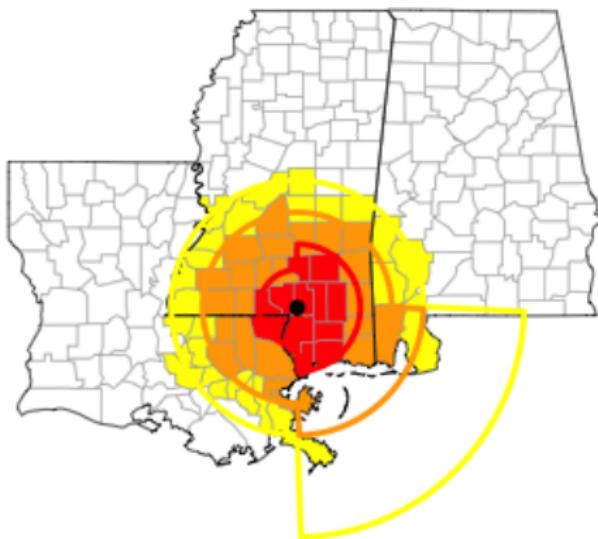
Joining wind exposure and outcomes

[Air delay example]

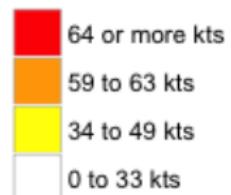
Other sources of wind exposure



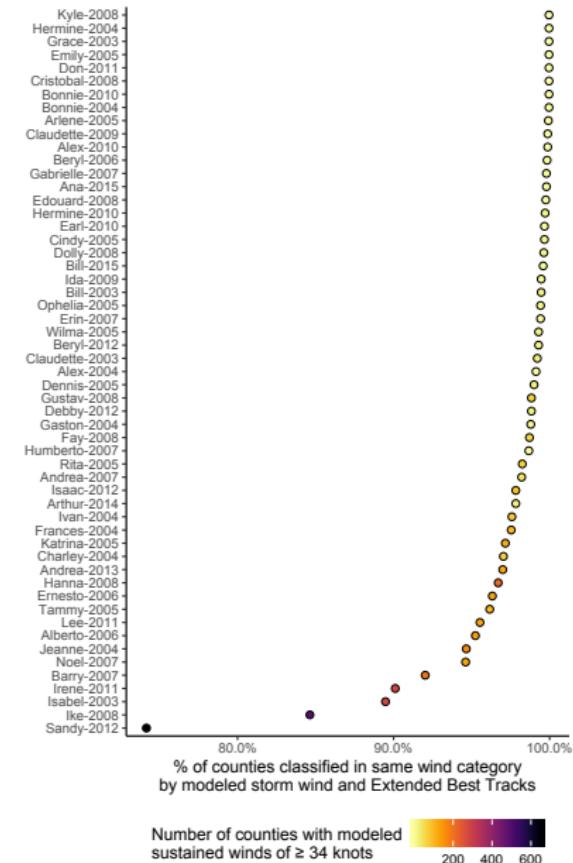
Other sources of wind exposure



Maximum sustained wind speed



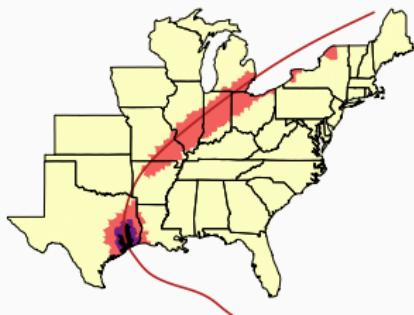
Comparison of wind data



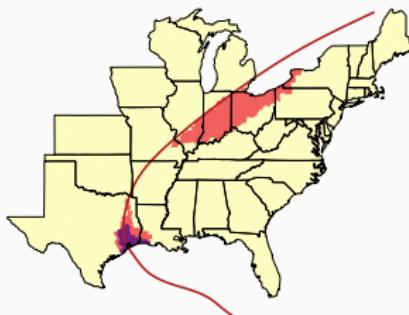
Comparison of wind data

Windspeed 0–33.9 knots 34–49.9 knots 50–63.9 knots 64+ knots

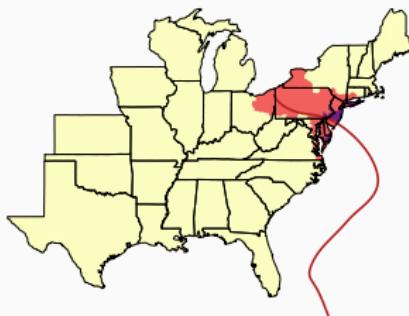
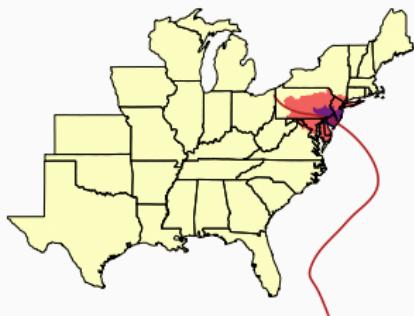
Modeled



Extended Best Tracks



Hurricane Ike
(2008)



Hurricane Sandy
(2012)

Using wind radii-based metrics

[Code for using wind radii]

Other wind metrics

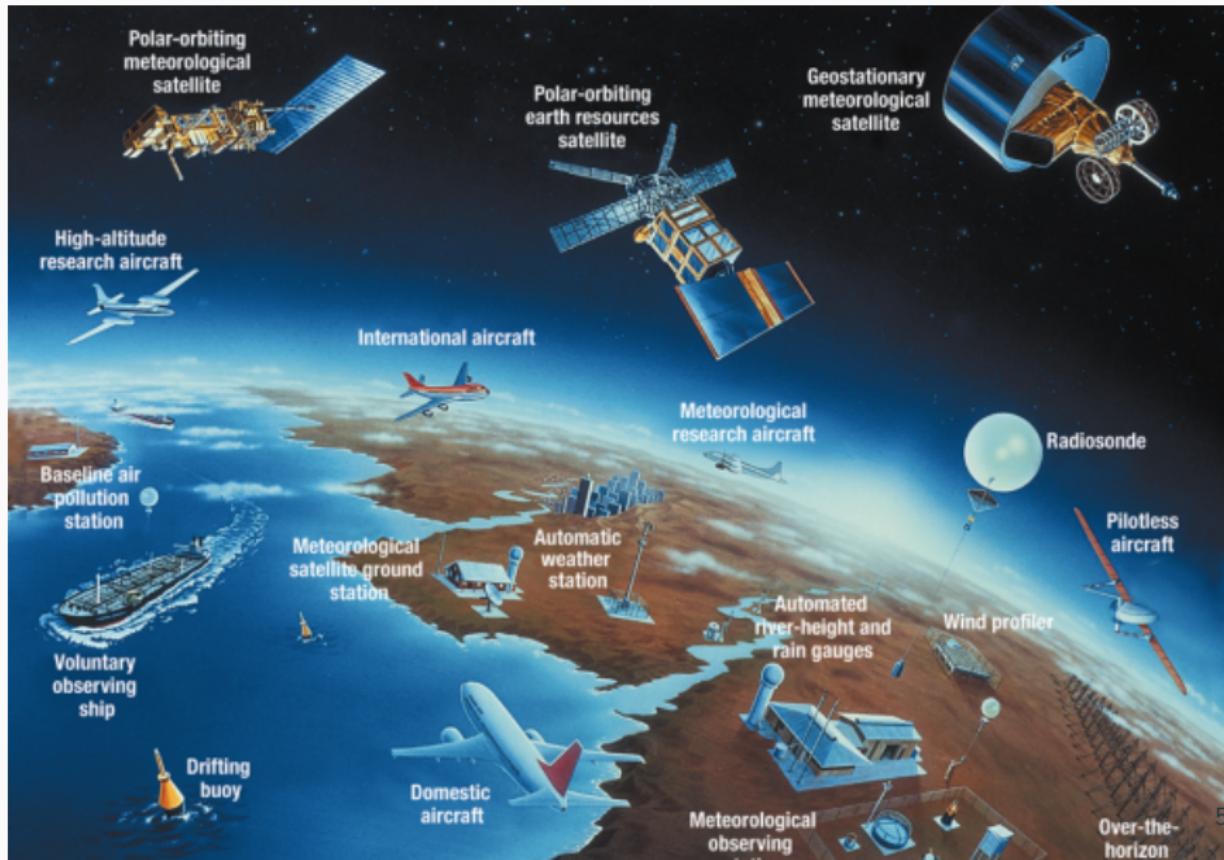
- Gust wind speed
- Duration of high wind

Your turn

- Determine all the storms that brought winds of [x] m / s or higher to the following counties: x, y, z.
- Which brought the most intense wind to county x? Create a map showing the peak sustained wind that storm brought to each eastern US county.
- Create the same map, but use the wind radii-based wind exposure values rather than the modeled wind values.
- Create a scatterplot comparing modeled wind estimates versus wind radii-based estimates for all storms that brought winds of [x] m / s or higher to county x (based on modeled wind estimates).

Rain exposures

Re-analysis weather data



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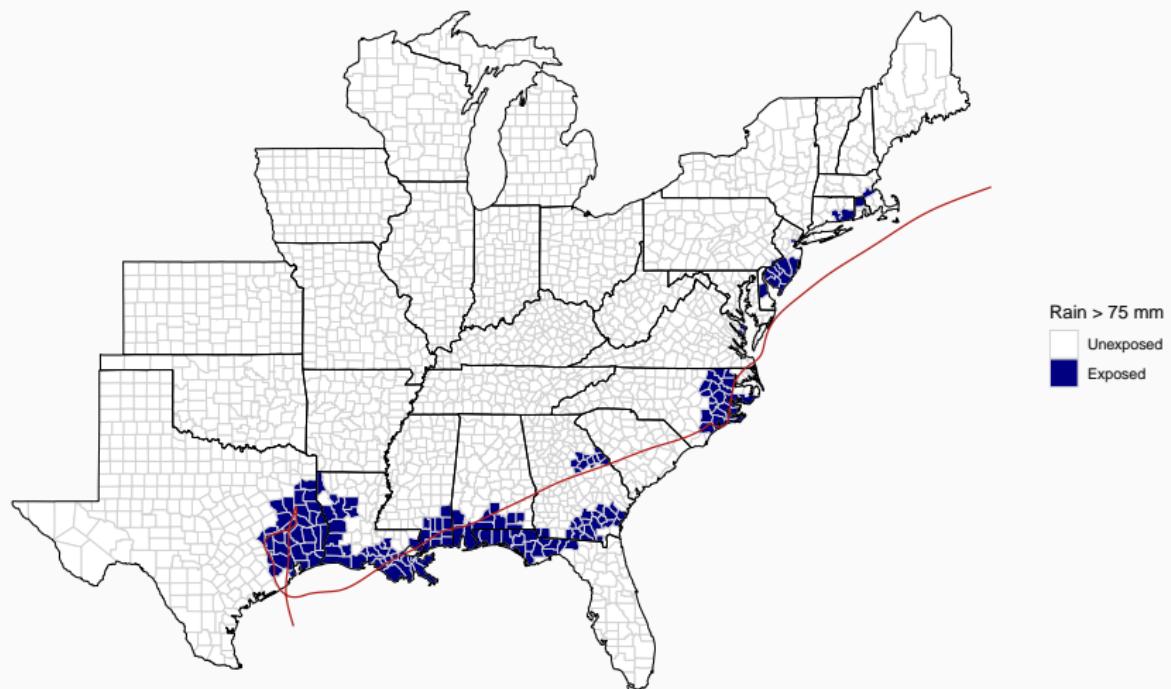
Source: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Matching with storm tracks

Cumulative rainfall

All rain exposures for a storm

```
map_rain_exposure(storm = "Allison-2001", rain_limit = 75,  
                   dist_limit = 250)
```



All rain exposures for a storm

```
all_fips <- county_centers %>% pull("fips")
county_rain(counties = all_fips,
            rain_limit = 150, dist_limit = 250,
            start_year = 2001, end_year = 2001) %>%
  filter(storm_id == "Allison-2001")

##      storm_id fips closest_date  storm_dist tot_precip
## 1 Allison-2001 22057 2001-06-11 34.6818251    152.4 2001
## 2 Allison-2001 48005 2001-06-07 17.0465190    170.4 2001
## 3 Allison-2001 48185 2001-06-08 18.9167371    179.9 2001
## 4 Allison-2001 48241 2001-06-07 101.3829776   171.0 2001
## 5 Allison-2001 48455 2001-06-07  0.2772971   169.8 2001
## 6 Allison-2001 48457 2001-06-07  71.5347264   182.0 2001
## 7 Allison-2001 48471 2001-06-07  19.5921732   154.2 2001
##      closest_time_utc
## 1 2001-06-11 05:00
## 2 2001-06-07 13:30
## 3 2001-06-08 10:45
```

All rain exposures for a county

```
tx_counties <- county_centers %>%
  filter(str_sub(fips, 1, 2) == "48") %>%
  pull("fips")
tx_counties %>% head()

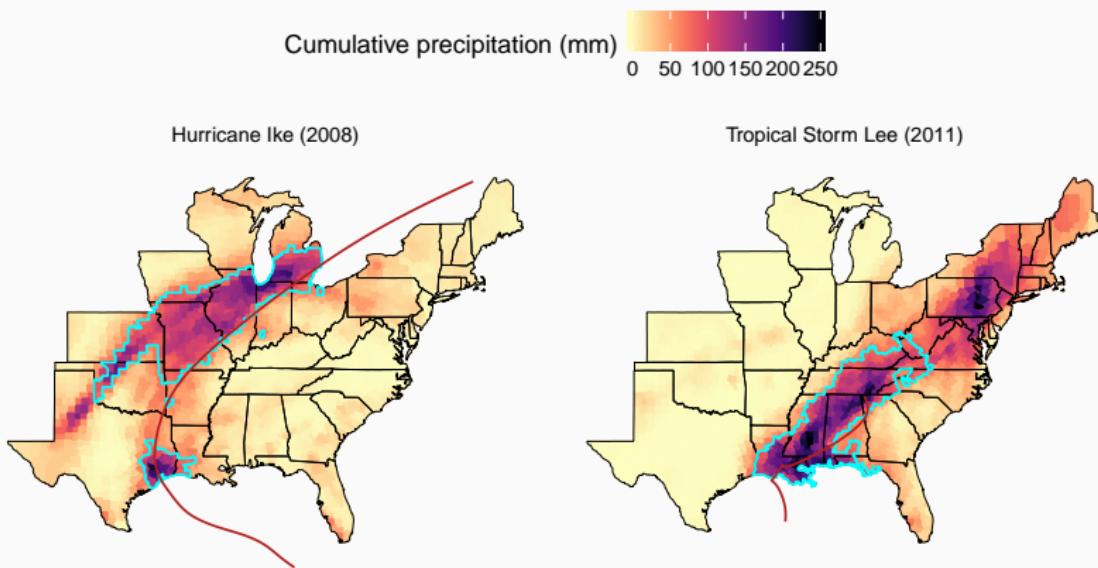
## [1] "48001" "48003" "48005" "48007" "48009" "48011"
```

All rain exposures for a county

```
county_rain(counties = tx_counties, rain_limit = 175,
            dist_limit = 250,
            start_year = 2009, end_year = 2011)

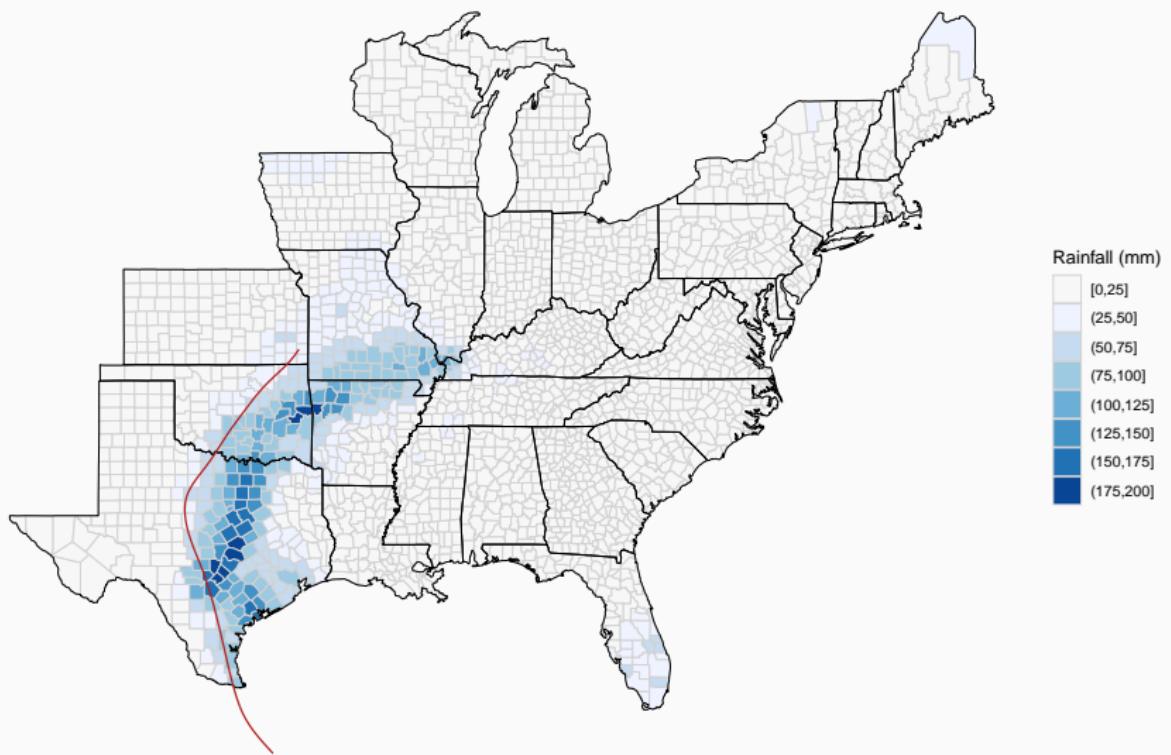
##           storm_id  fips closest_date storm_dist tot_precip      local
## 1:    Alex-2010 48215 2010-06-30  230.15397   183.3 2010-06-30
## 2: Hermine-2010 48027 2010-09-07  154.26915   181.4 2010-09-07
## 3: Hermine-2010 48031 2010-09-07   47.00182   175.5 2010-09-07
## 4: Hermine-2010 48091 2010-09-07   47.27736   187.8 2010-09-07
## 5: Hermine-2010 48209 2010-09-07   81.80723   186.1 2010-09-07
## 6: Hermine-2010 48491 2010-09-07  122.60846   187.4 2010-09-07
##           closest_time_utc
## 1: 2010-07-01 01:00
## 2: 2010-09-07 23:45
## 3: 2010-09-07 21:00
## 4: 2010-09-07 19:00
## 5: 2010-09-07 19:30
## 6: 2010-09-07 21:30
```

Distance constraint



All rain exposures for a county

```
map_counties(storm = "Hermine-2010", metric = "rainfall")
```



Choice of days to include

Use only the storm day for the cumulative precipitation for Tropical Storm Allison.

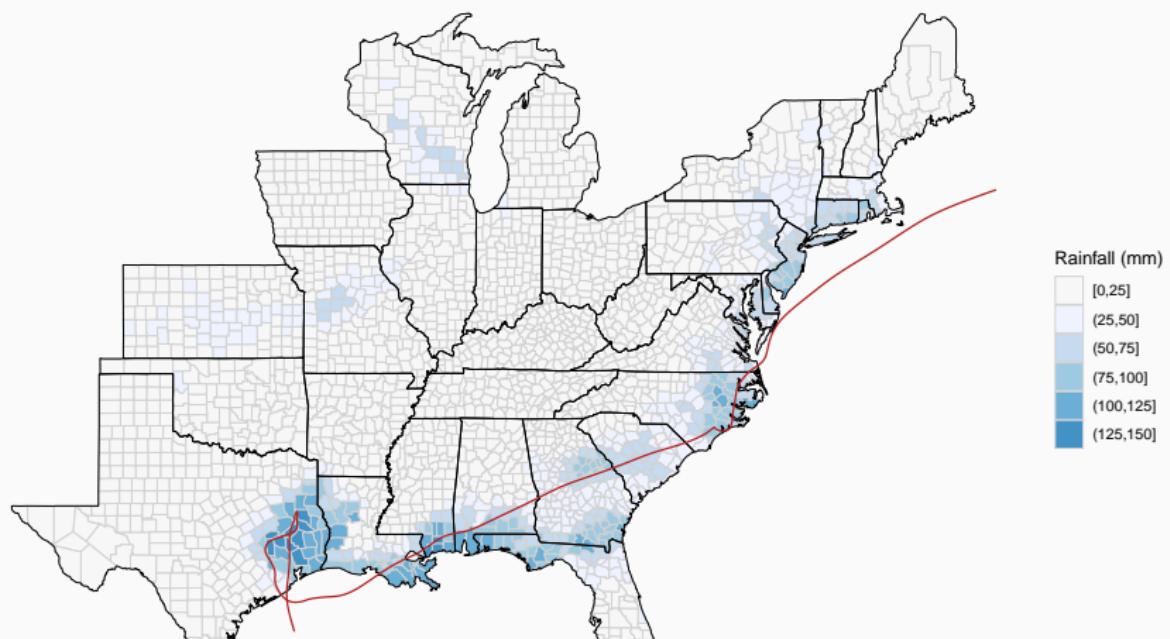
```
map_counties(storm = "Allison-2001", metric = "rainfall",  
             days_included = 0)
```



Choice of days to include

Use a three-day window for the cumulative precipitation for Tropical Storm Allison.

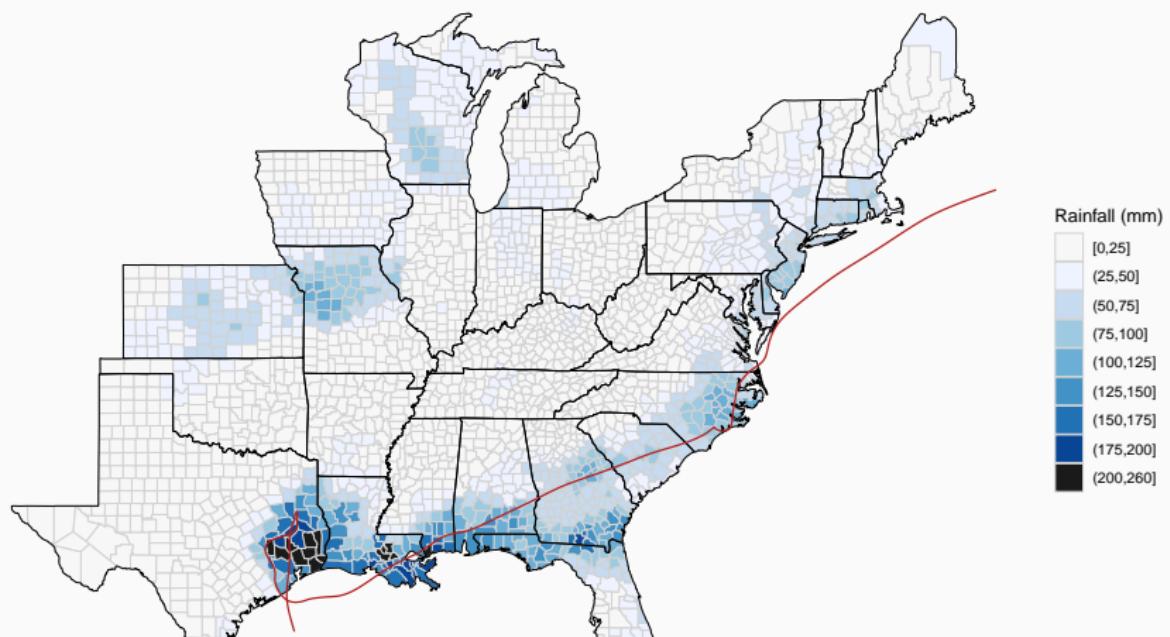
```
map_counties(storm = "Allison-2001", metric = "rainfall",  
             days_included = -1:1)
```



Choice of days to include

Use a six-day window for the cumulative precipitation for Tropical Storm Allison.

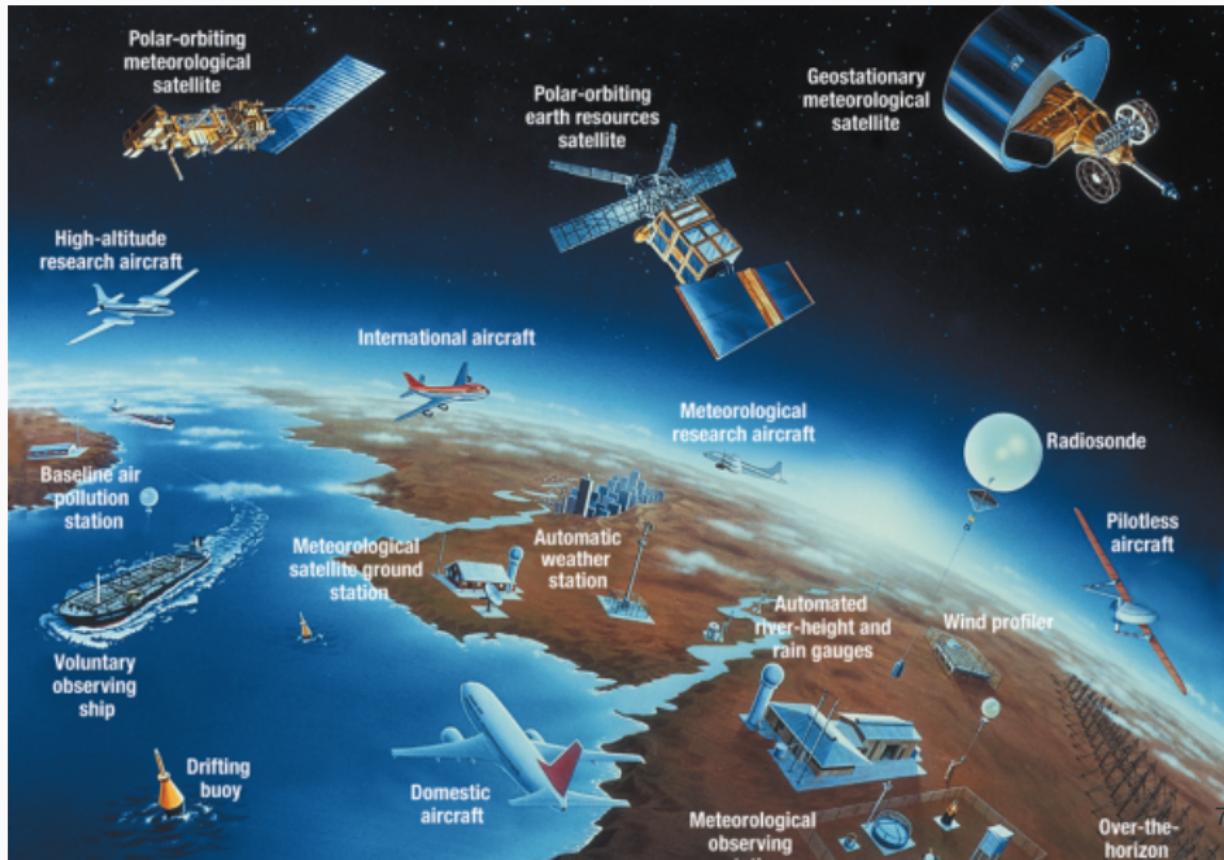
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map_counties(storm = "Allison-2001", metric = "rainfall",  
             days_included = -3:3)
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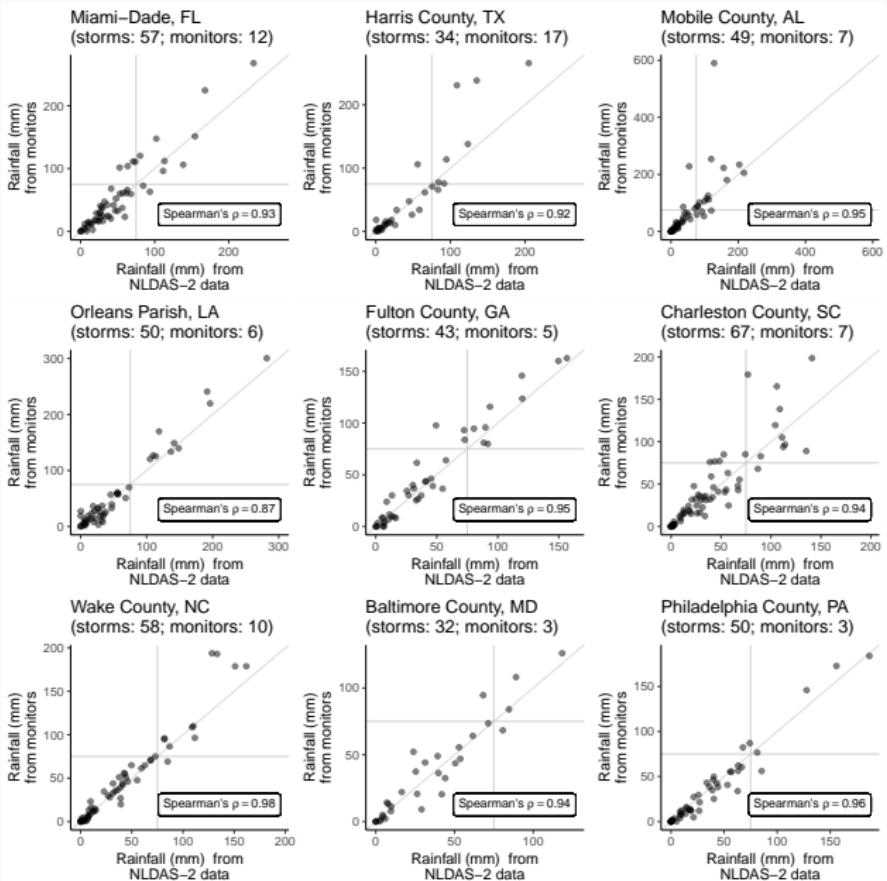
All rain exposures for a county

[Histogram of intensities]

Alternative precipitation data



Comparison with ground-based monitors



Your turn

- Map the precipitation associated with [storm] for the day of the storm.
- Map the cumulative precipitation associated with [storm] from one day before to one day after the storm.
- Map the cumulative precipitation associated with [storm] from three days before to three days after (i.e., a one week window around the storm day).

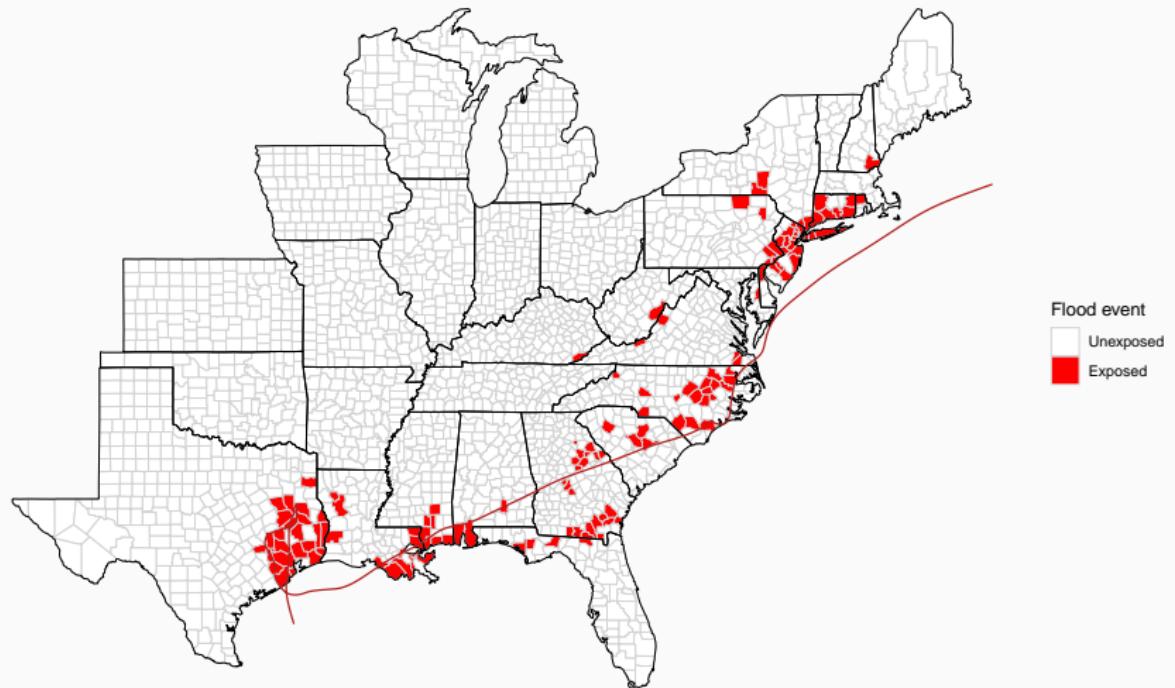
Flood and tornado exposures

NOAA Storm Events database

Matching event listings with storm tracks

Mapping flood events for a storm

```
map_event_exposure(storm_id = "Allison-2001", event_type = "flood")
```

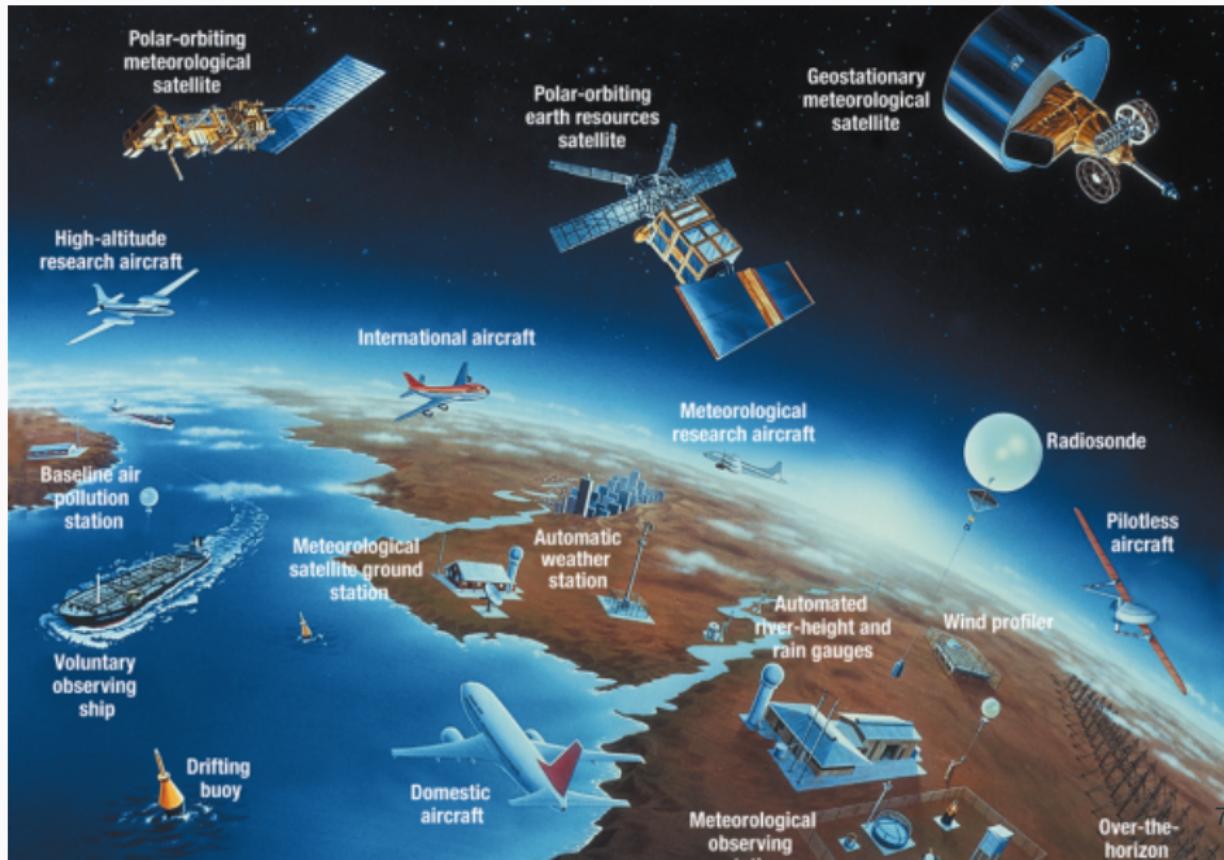


Identifying counties with flood events for a storm

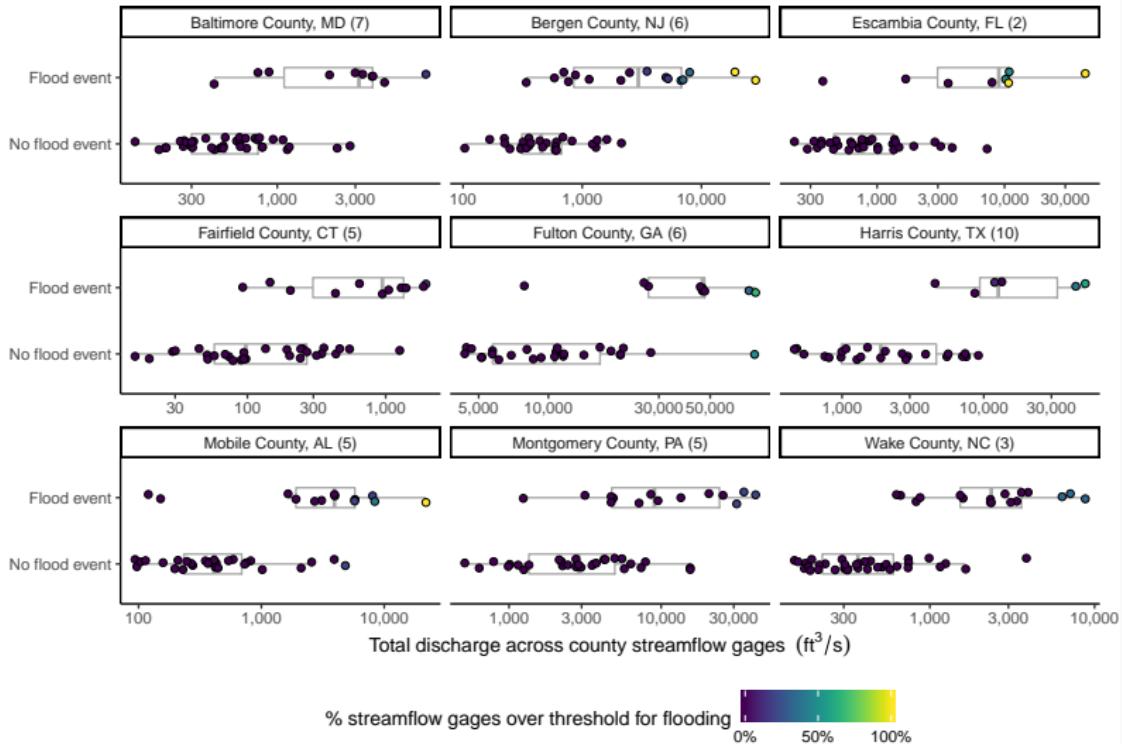
```
county_events(counties = tx_counties, event_type = "flood",
              start_year = 2001, end_year = 2001) %>%
  filter(storm_id == "Allison_2001")

## [1] fips                  storm_id            closest_time_utc storm_
## [5] local_time            closest_date
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

Other sources of flood data



Comparison with streamgage data



Your turn

- Which county had the most tropical cyclone tornado exposures between 1988 and 2015?
- Which state had the most county tropical cyclone tornado exposures between 1988 and 2015?
- Which storm brought the most tornado exposures to this state? Map county tornado exposures during this storm.

Other helpful packages

weathermetrics package

stormwindmodel package

noaastormevents package

futureheatwaves package

[R Journal article on working with climate data]