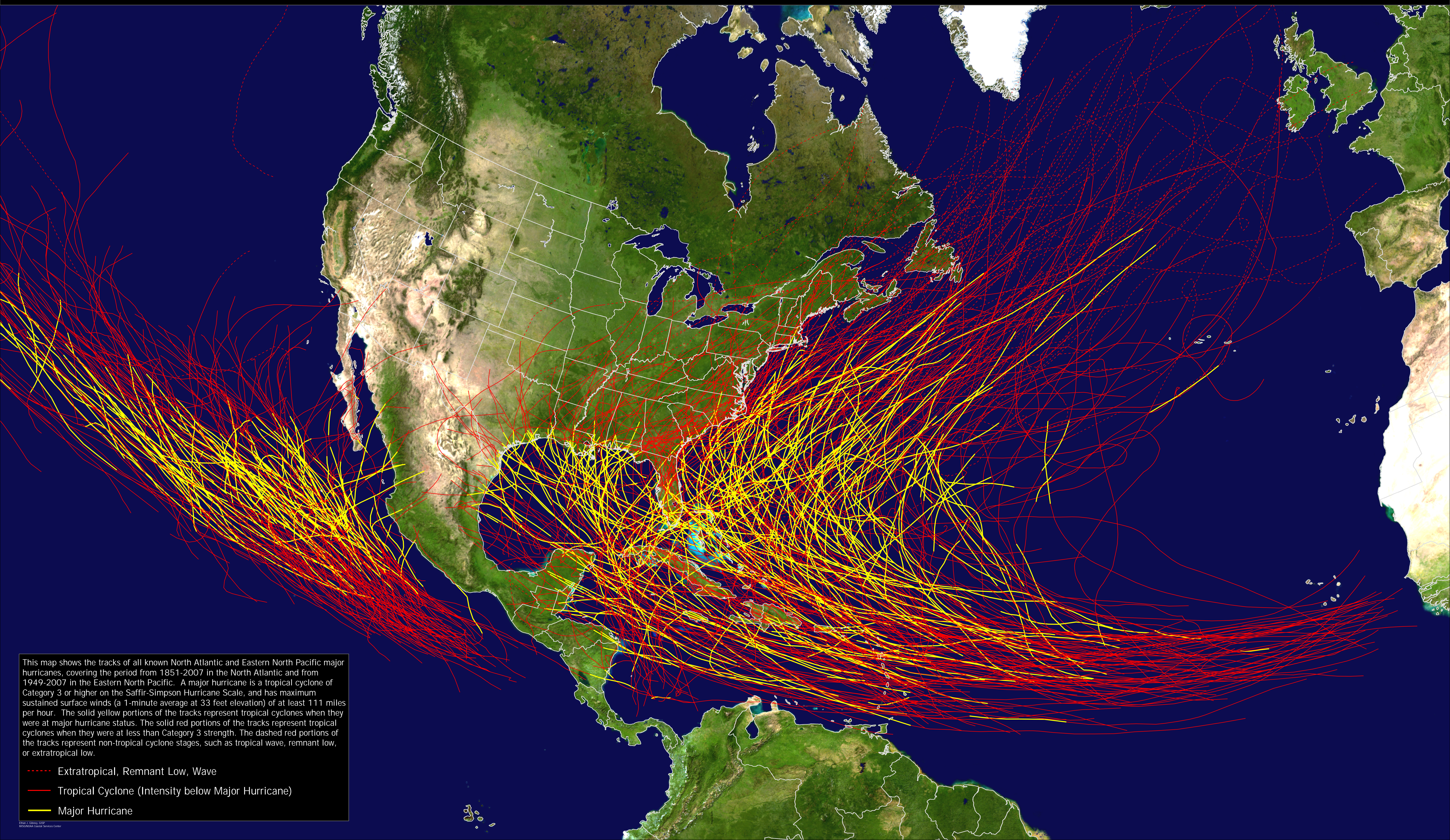


Major Hurricane History

Data from 1949 in the Pacific, from 1851 in the Atlantic



This map shows the tracks of all known North Atlantic and Eastern North Pacific major hurricanes, covering the period from 1851-2007 in the North Atlantic and from 1949-2007 in the Eastern North Pacific. A major hurricane is a tropical cyclone of Category 3 or higher on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, and has maximum sustained surface winds (a 1-minute average at 33 feet elevation) of at least 111 miles per hour. The solid yellow portions of the tracks represent tropical cyclones when they were at major hurricane status. The solid red portions of the tracks represent tropical cyclones when they were at less than Category 3 strength. The dashed red portions of the tracks represent non-tropical cyclone stages, such as tropical wave, remnant low, or extratropical low.

- Extratropical, Remnant Low, Wave
- Tropical Cyclone (Intensity below Major Hurricane)
- Major Hurricane

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