

Supporting Information for “Increasing hurricane intensification rate near the US Atlantic coast”

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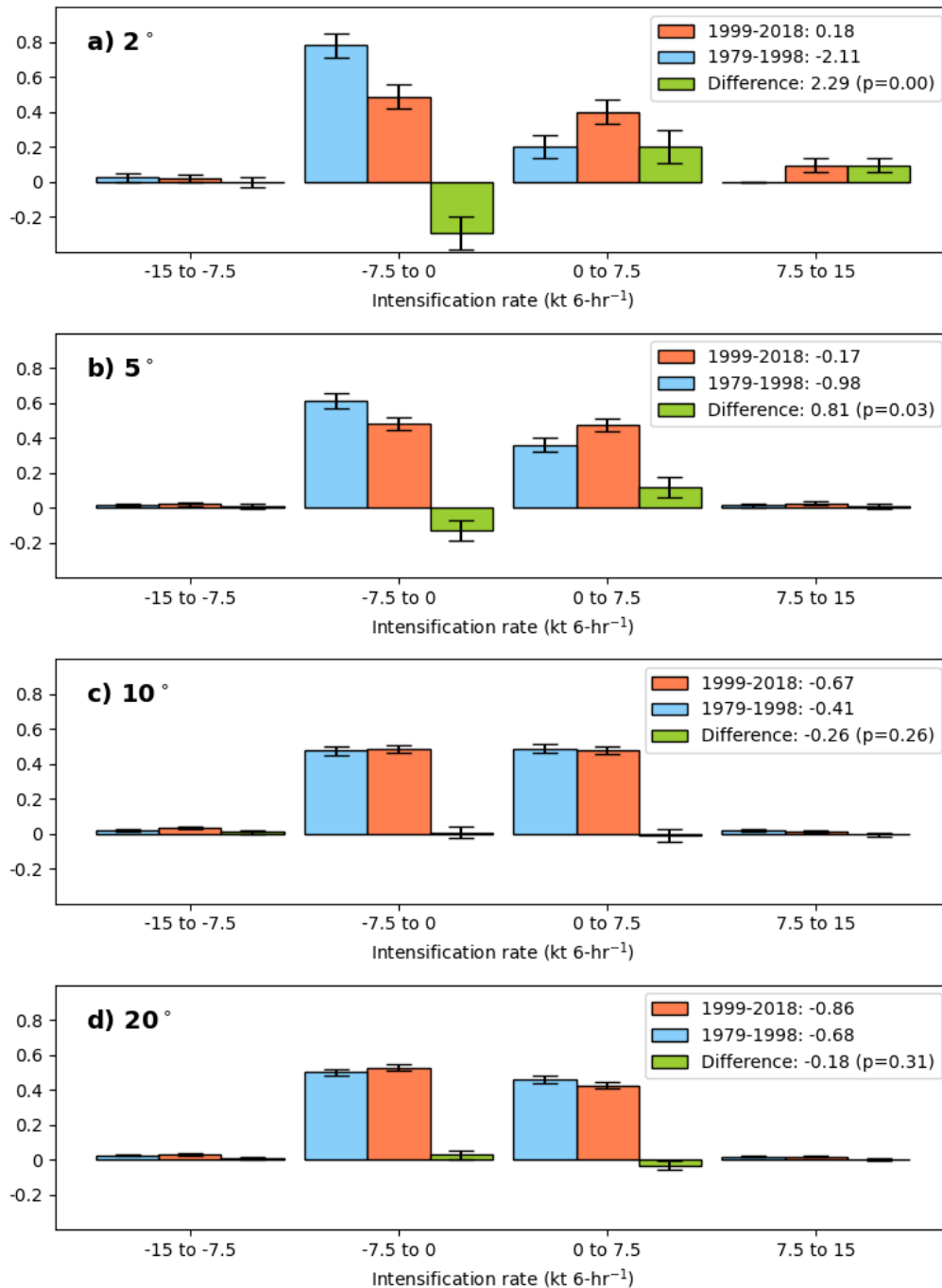
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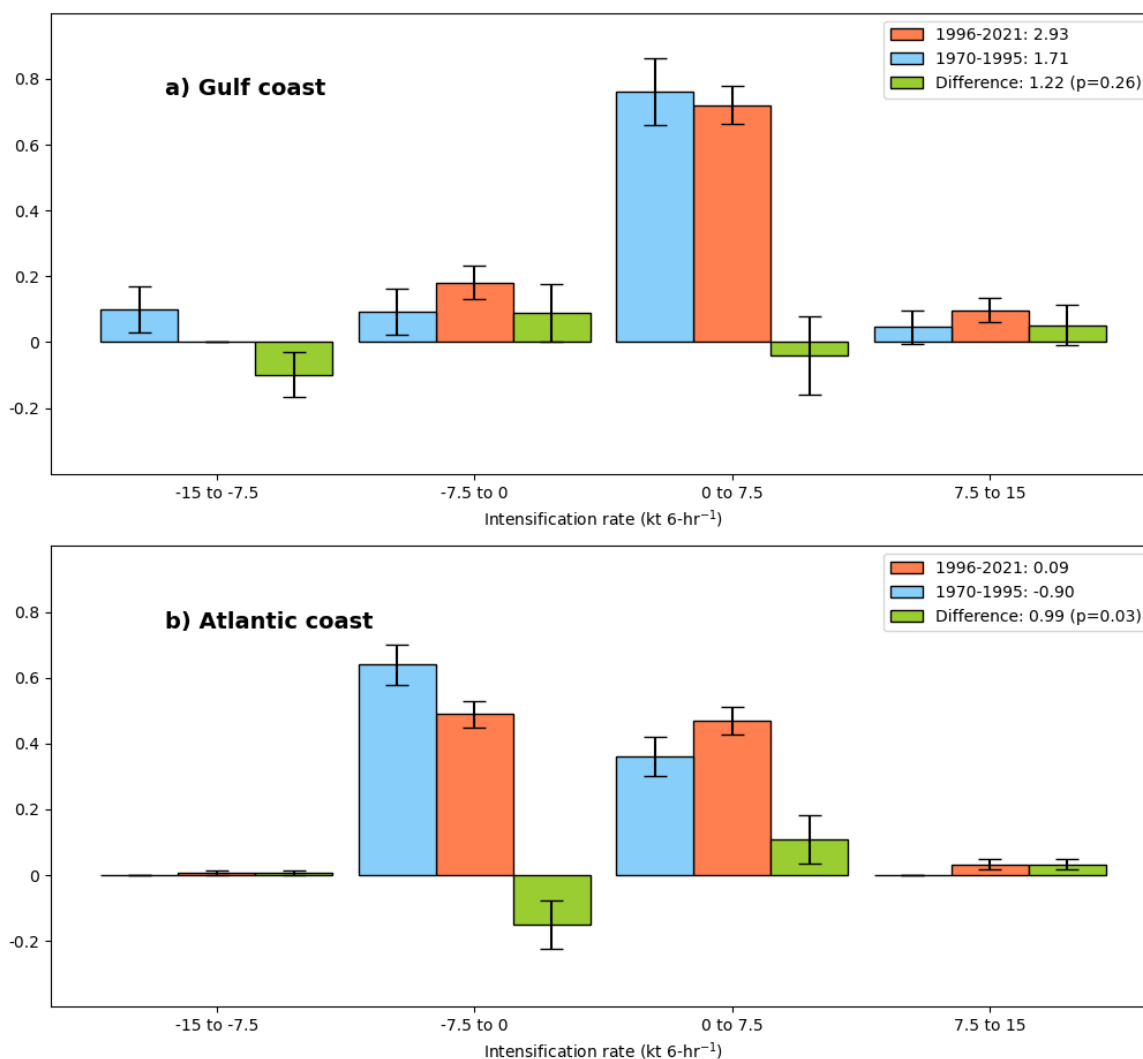
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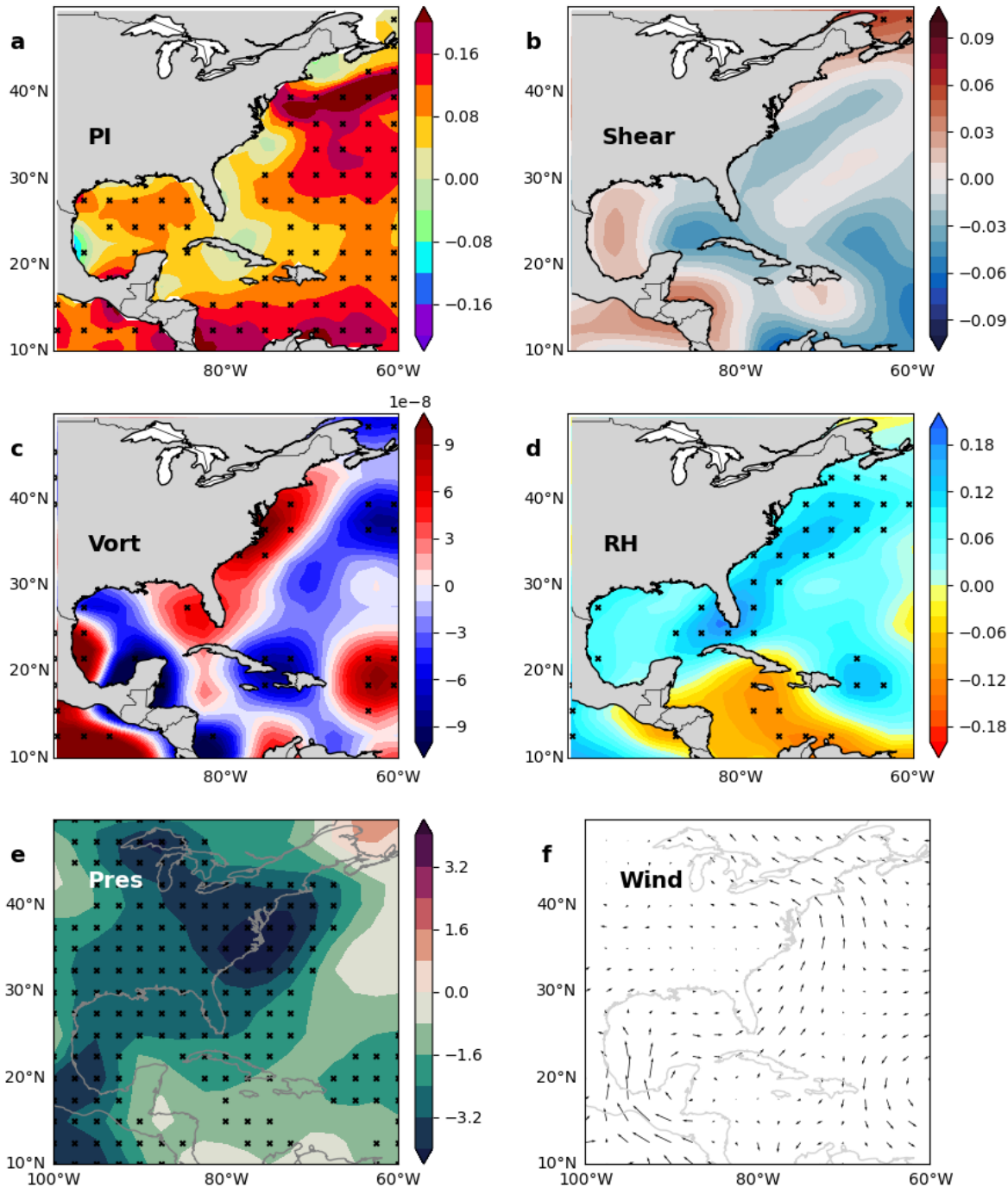


SI Figure 1. Observed changes in nearshore hurricane intensification for various distance thresholds Probability distributions of 24-hr intensification rates for the periods 1979-1998 (blue), 1999-2018 (orange) and their difference (green) based on locations that are within a) 2°, b) 5°, c) 10° and d) 20° of the US Atlantic coast. The error bars representing the standard deviation of the distribution are generated based on the Monte Carlo technique. The mean intensification rates for each period, their difference and the p-value for statistical significance (based on a Student's t-test) are shown in the legend.



SI Figure 2. Observed changes in nearshore hurricane intensification (1970-2021)

Probability distributions of 24-hr intensification rates for the periods 1970-1995 (blue), 1996-2021 (orange) and their difference (green) based on locations that are within $\sim 3^\circ$ of the US a) Gulf and b) Atlantic coasts. The error bars representing the standard deviation of the distribution are generated based on the Monte Carlo technique. The mean intensification rates for each period, their difference and the p-value for statistical significance (based on a Student's t-test) are shown in the legend. In addition to using the translation speed thresholds described in the 'Methods' section to sub-sample data, we also consider only those locations where the initial intensity lies between 35 and 100 kt. This is to ensure that the results are not contaminated by differences in storm state between the two periods. July 26, 2022, 10:45am

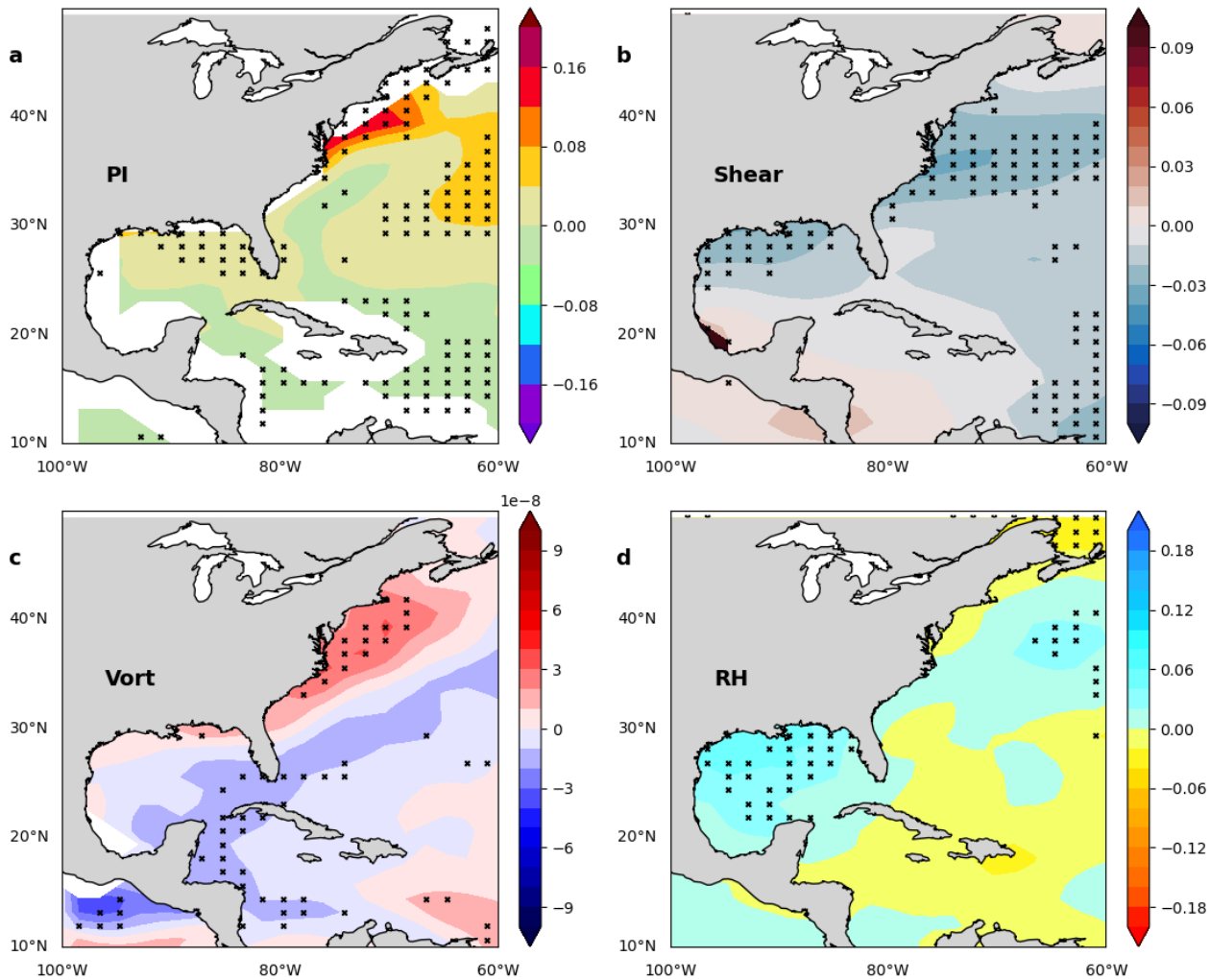


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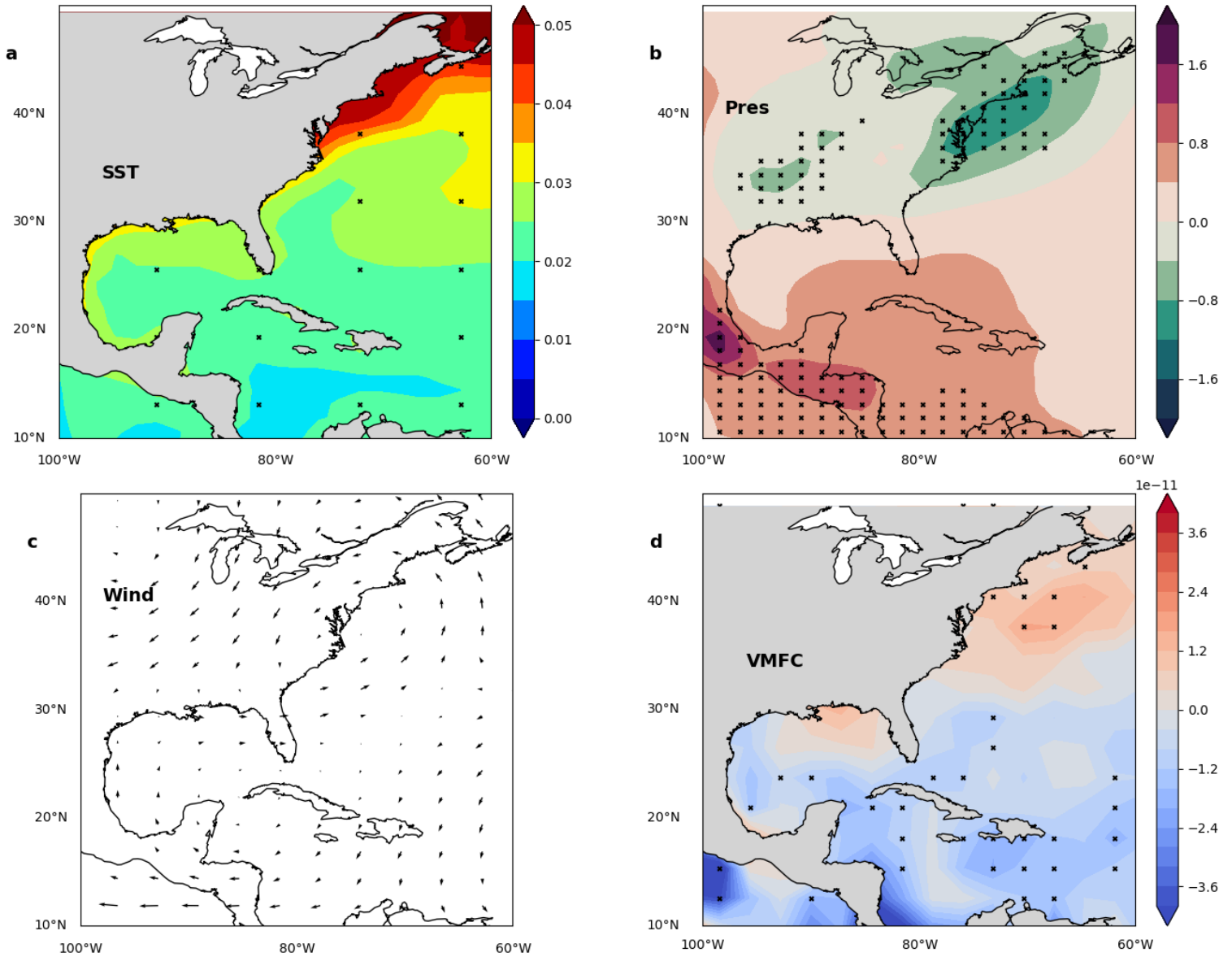
40-year trends in a) potential intensity ($\text{ms}^{-1} \text{year}^{-1}$), b) Vertical wind shear ($\text{ms}^{-1} \text{year}^{-1}$), c) Relative vorticity at 850 hPa ($\text{s}^{-1} \text{year}^{-1}$), d) Relative humidity at 600 hPa ($\% \text{year}^{-1}$), e) surface pressure ($\text{Pa} \text{year}^{-1}$), and f) circulation at 850 hPa ($\text{ms}^{-1} \text{year}^{-1}$) based on NCEP reanalysis and Hadley SST, and averaged over the months of June-October. Black crosses in various panels represent locations where the trends are statistically significant at the 95% level based on a Student's t-test.

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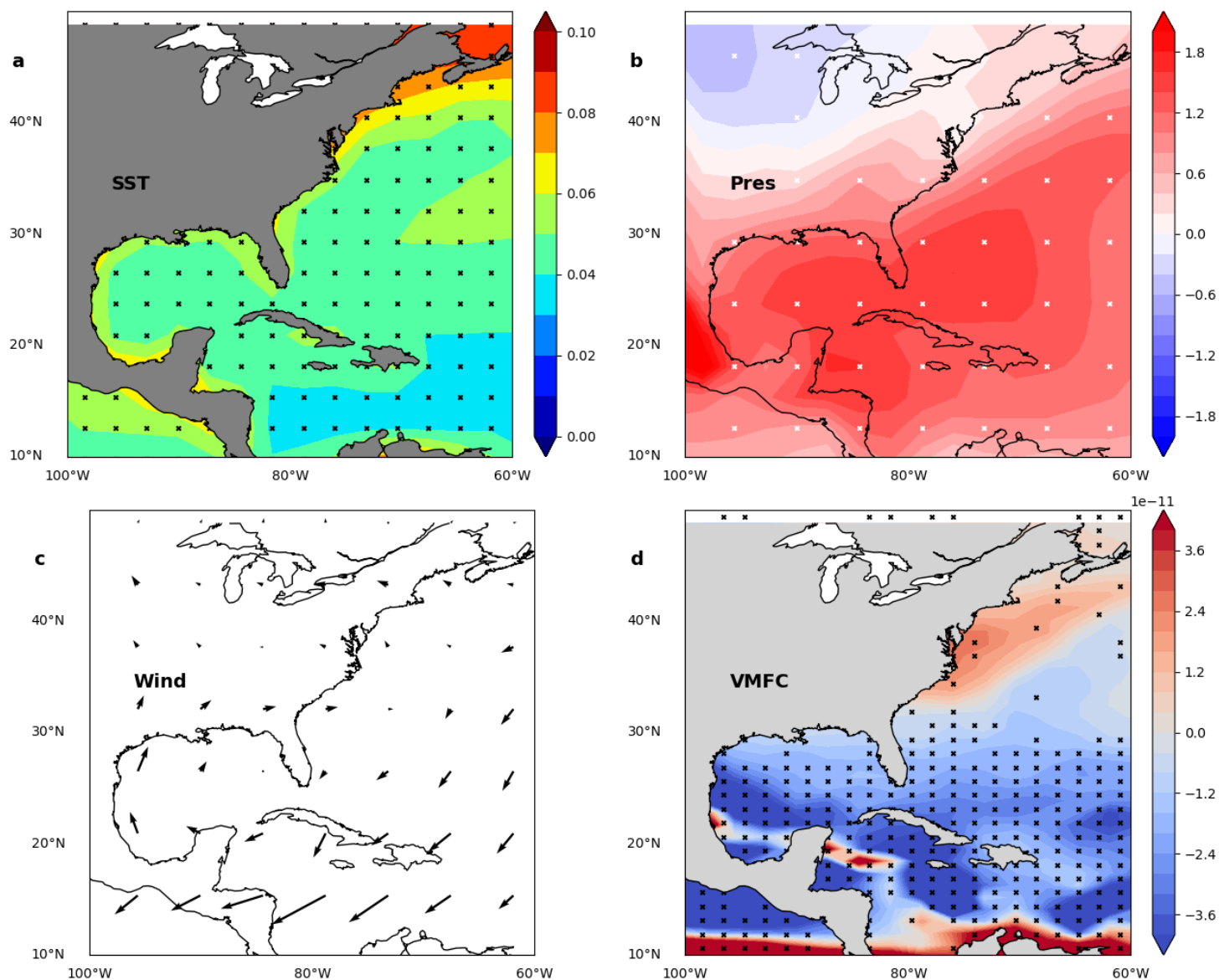
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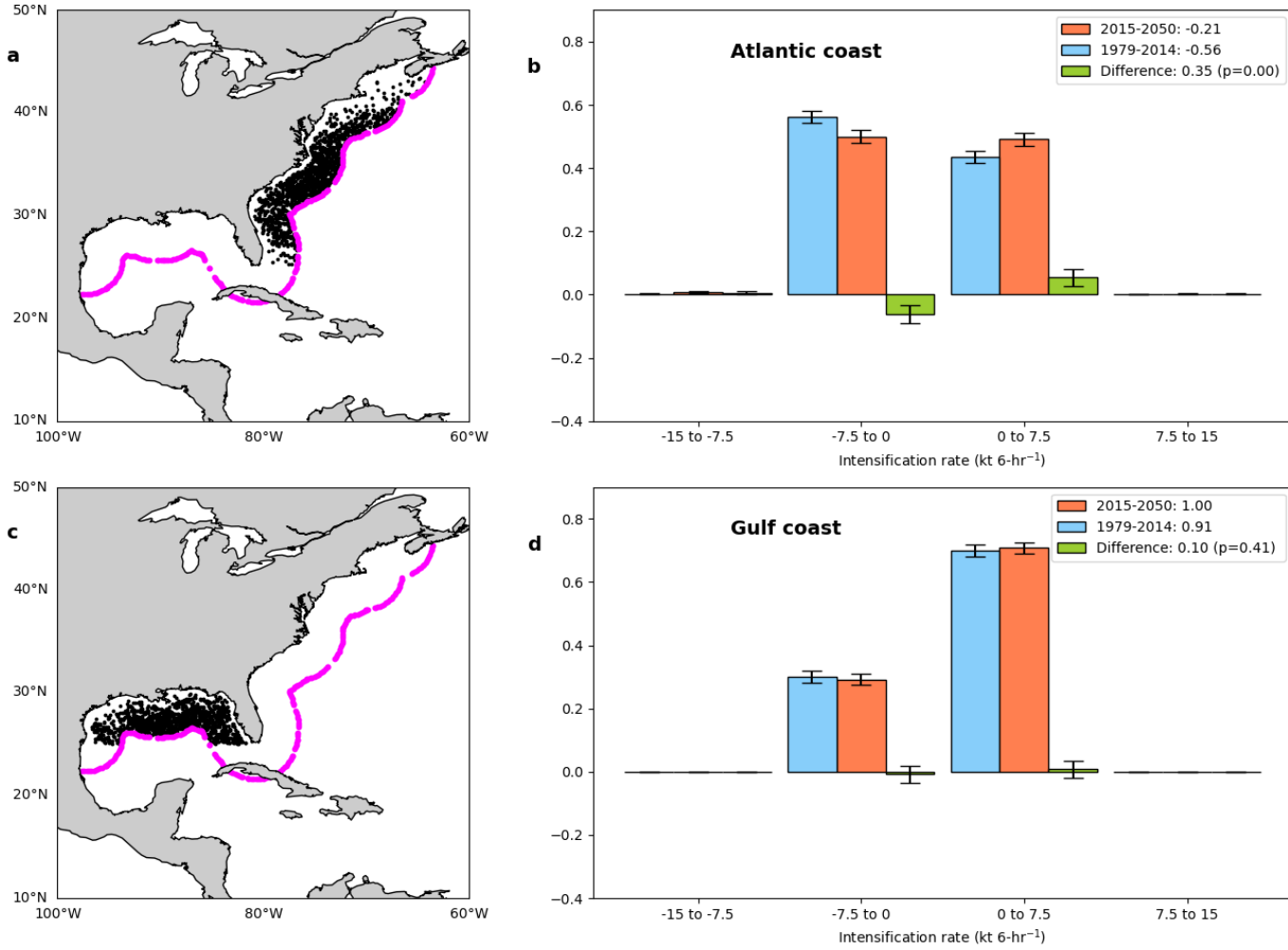
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SI Figure 5. Understanding simulated historical changes in the nearshore hurricane environment (1980-2015) Multi-model ensemble mean trends in a) SST ($^{\circ}\text{C year}^{-1}$), b) surface pressure (Pa year^{-1}), c) circulation at 850 hPa ($\text{ms}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$) and d) vertical moisture flux convergence ($\text{s}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$) at 600 hPa, based on 15 CMIP6 climate models. Trends are computed over the 35-year historical period of 1980-2015. All parameters are averaged during June-October. Crosses represent locations where at least 11 out of the 15 models agree on the sign of the trend.



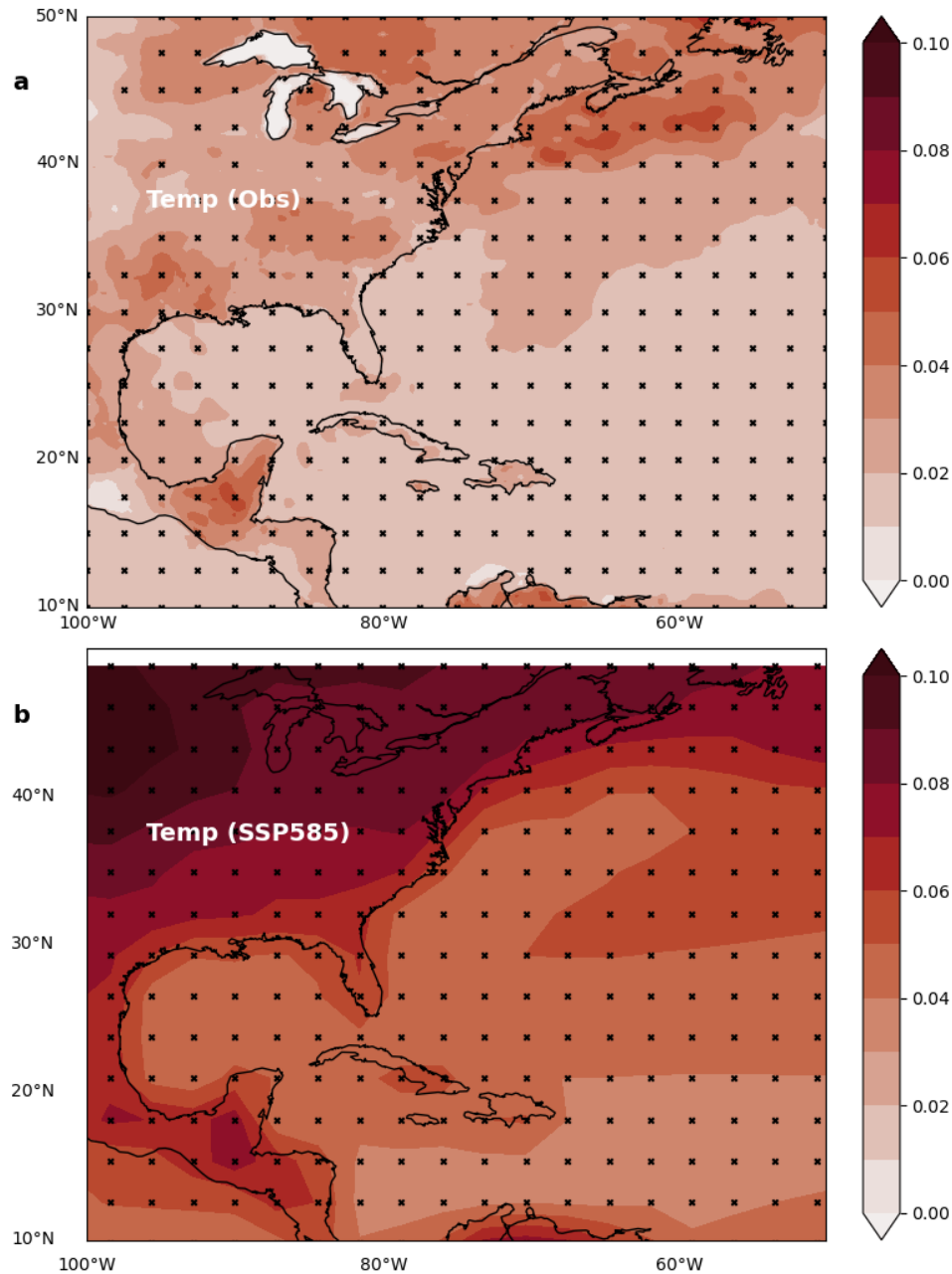
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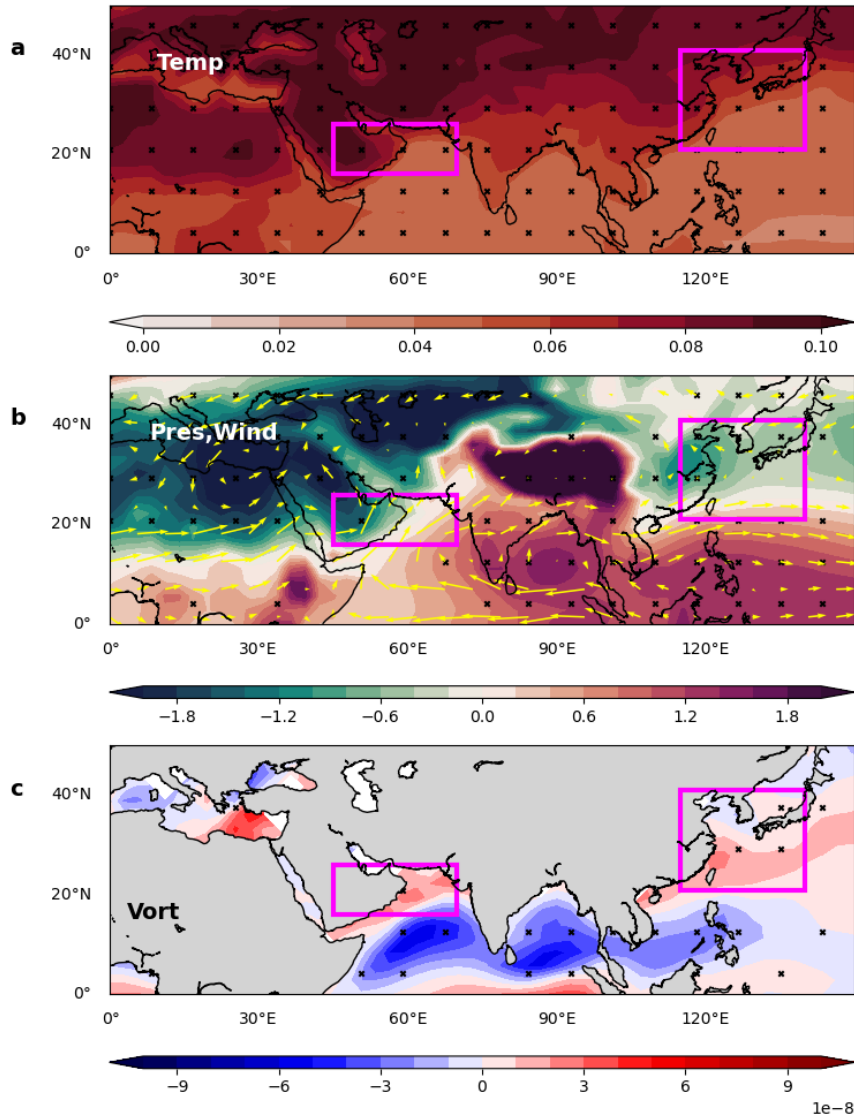
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Nearshore Atlantic hurricane track locations (black dots) within $\sim 3^\circ$ of the US a) Atlantic coast and c) Gulf coast. Probability distributions of 24-hr intensification rates for the periods 1979-2014 (blue), 2015-2050 (orange) and their difference (green) based on locations that are within $\sim 3^\circ$ of the US b) Atlantic coast and d) Gulf coast. The error bars in panels b and d representing the standard deviation of the distribution are generated based on the Monte Carlo technique. Hurricane track data are based on 5 models belonging to HighResMIP. While data from ‘hist-1950’ are used for the earlier period, data from ‘highres-future’ are used for the future period. Track locations where the initial storm intensity is 45 kt or higher are considered for the Atlantic coast. Similarly, track locations where the initial storm intensity is between 35 and 75 kt are considered for the Gulf coast. This sub-sampling is done to ensure that the storm state is statistically similar for the two periods.

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SI Table 1: List of CMIP6 models used for examining trends in the nearshore hurricane environment for the historical period (1980-2014). For each model, a single ensemble member realization from the ‘historical’ simulation is used.

Model (Institution)	~Atmospheric resolution (lat x lon)	Reference
ACCESS-ESM1-5 (CSIRO-ARCCSS)	1.2° x 1.9°	Ziehn et al. (2020)
BCC-ESM1 (BCC)	2.8° x 2.8°	Wu et al. (2020)
CanESM5 (CCCma)	2.8° x 2.8°	Swart et al. (2019)
CESM2 (NCAR)	0.9° x 1.2°	Danabasoglu et al. (2020)
CNRM-ESM2-1 (CNRM-CERFACS)	1.4° x 1.4°	Séférian et al. (2019)
EC-Earth3 (EC-Earth-Consortium)	1.25° x 1.25°	Döscher et al. (2021)
E3SM-1-0 (US Dept. of Energy)	1° x 1°	Golaz et al. (2019)
GFDL-CM4 (NOAA-GFDL)	2° x 2.5°	Held et al. (2019)
GISS-E2-1-H (NASA-GISS)	2° x 2.5°	Kelley et al. (2020)
HadGEM3-GC3.1-LL (MOHC)	1.25° x 1.875°	Andrews et al. (2020)
IPSL-CM6A-LR (IPSL)	1.3° x 2.5°	Boucher et al. (2020)
MIROC6 (MIROC)	1.4° x 1.4°	Tatebe et al. (2019)
MPI-ESM1-2-LR (MPI-M)	1.9° x 1.9°	Müller et al. (2018)
MRI-ESM2.0 (MRI)	1.1° x 1.1°	Yukimoto et al. (2019)
NorESM2-LM (MRI)	1.9° x 2.5°	Seland et al. (2020)

SI Table 2: List of CMIP6 models used for examining trends in the nearshore hurricane environment for the future period (2015-2100). For each model, a single ensemble member realization under the ‘SSP585’ emissions scenario is used.

Model (Institution)	~Atmospheric resolution (lat x lon)	Reference
ACCESS-CM2 (CSIRO-ARCCSS)	1.25° x 1.875°	Bi et al. (2020)
BCC-CSM2-MR (BCC)	1.1° x 1.1°	Wu et al. (2019)
CESM2 (NCAR)	0.9° x 1.2°	Danabasoglu et al. (2020)
CMCC-CM2-SR5 (CMCC)	0.9° x 1.25°	Cherchi et al. (2019)
CNRM-ESM2-1 (CERFACS)	1.4° x 1.4°	S��ferian et al. (2019)
CanESM5 (CCCma)	2.8° x 2.8°	Swart et al. (2019)
E3SM-1-1 (US Dept. of Energy)	1° x 1°	Golaz et al. (2019)
EC-Earth3 (EC-Earth-Consortium)	1.25° x 1.25°	D��scher et al. (2021)
GFDL-CM4 (NOAA-GFDL)	2° x 2.5°	Held et al. (2019)
INM-CM5-0 (INM)	1.5° x 2°	Volodin and Gritsun (2018)
IPSL-CM6A-LR (IPSL)	1.3° x 2.5°	Boucher et al. (2020)
MIROC6 (MIROC)	1.4° x 1.4°	Tatebe et al. (2019)
MPI-ESM1-2-LR (MPI-M)	1.9° x 1.9°	M��ller et al. (2018)
MRI-ESM2.0 (MRI)	1.1° x 1.1°	Yukimoto et al. (2019)
UKESM1-0-LL (MOHC)	1.25° x 1.875°	Sellar et al. (2019)

SI Table 3: List of HighResMIP models used for examining changes in nearshore hurricane intensification for the future period. For each model, tracks are obtained from the ‘hist-1950’ simulation covering the 36-year historical period 1979-2014 and from the ‘highres-future’ simulation covering the period 2015-2050. For the ‘highres-future’ simulations, which are a continuation of the ‘hist-1950’ simulations, the forcing fields are from the ‘SSP585’ scenario.

Model (Institution)	~Atmospheric resolution (lat x lon)	Ensembles	Reference
CNRM-CM6-1-HR (CERFACS)	0.5° x 0.5°	1	Voltaire et al. (2019)
EC-Earth3P-HR (EC-Earth-Consortium)	0.35° x 0.35°	2	Haarsma et al. (2020)
HadGEM3-GC31-HH (MOHC)	0.3° x 0.3°	1	Roberts et al. (2019)
HadGEM3-GC31-HM (MOHC)	0.3° x 0.3°	3	Roberts et al. (2019)
MPI-ESM1-2-XR (MPI-M)	0.5° x 0.5°	1	Gutjahr et al. (2019)

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