

Sensitivity of Coastal Urban Areas to Extreme Sea-Level Events

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1 mile to Seagull Street



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Sensitivity of Impacts to Urban Morphology

Climate-Related Drivers of Flood Risk

- Shifting climate •
- Storm intensification •
- **Frequency** increase •

Relative Surge Projections

- Relative sea •
- Astronomica •
- Meteorologi •

	Inundation Area	Direct Impacts
level rise I tides cal surge	 Inundation area distributions Inundation area sensitivities 	 Population Impacts Land Use Categories Infrastructure System Assets



Potential Feedbacks





Climate Drivers of Shifting Flood Risk

Current Trends in Flooding Along Atlantic Coast

Climate-Related Drivers of Flood Risk



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Propagation to Extreme Sea Level Events

Climate-Related Drivers of Flood Risk



Relative Surge Projections



Projected Surge Depths for 15-Year Events



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Feedback on Future Urban Morphology

Climate-Related Drivers of Flood Risk



Relative Surge Projections



Climate-Driven Shifting of Risks



Climate-Driven Storm Track



Probabilistic Distributions of Surge and Sea Level Rise



Spatial Distribution of Flood . Inundation Risk

Future Coastal Development Dynamics







Homebuyer Decision Metrics



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Coastal Storm Surge Risk and Sensitivity Analyses

Simulating impacts of storm surge inundation on Gulf and Atlantic coasts:

- Evaluating 0.5 m to 6.0 m surge in • steps of 0.5 m to populate a library
- Area, population, and building impacts
- **DEM resolutions** of 10, 30, and 90 m
- DEMs of different provenance •



Coastal surge inundation areas of interest



Storm Surge Inundation Near Fort Lauderdale, FL



BERIAW



1-meter surge

RIAM



ESL 95th: 6.08 m (RCP8.5 2100) Includes RSLR, tides, storm surge Large-Scale Integrated Coastal Assessment Tool

6-meter surge



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Surge Depth (m)



Gulf and Atlantic Coast Risks

Population Sensitivity to Surge Depth



ESL surge required to inundate 50% of the population

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Change in surge of 15-year events



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Future Directions

- Further integration of surge inundation library with RAFT outputs
- Utilization of inundation library to seed CHANCE-C spatiotemporal risk pathways
- Integration with precipitation forecasts from RAFT and flood pluvial flood simulations from Torrent to characterize the risks of compound flooding events
- Expansion to include sensitivities of critical infrastructure systems to compound flooding events