

# IN-CORE **Validation** and **Real-time Forecasting** for Building Damage due to Coastal Flood: **Hurricanes Ian (2022)** and **Helene (2024)**

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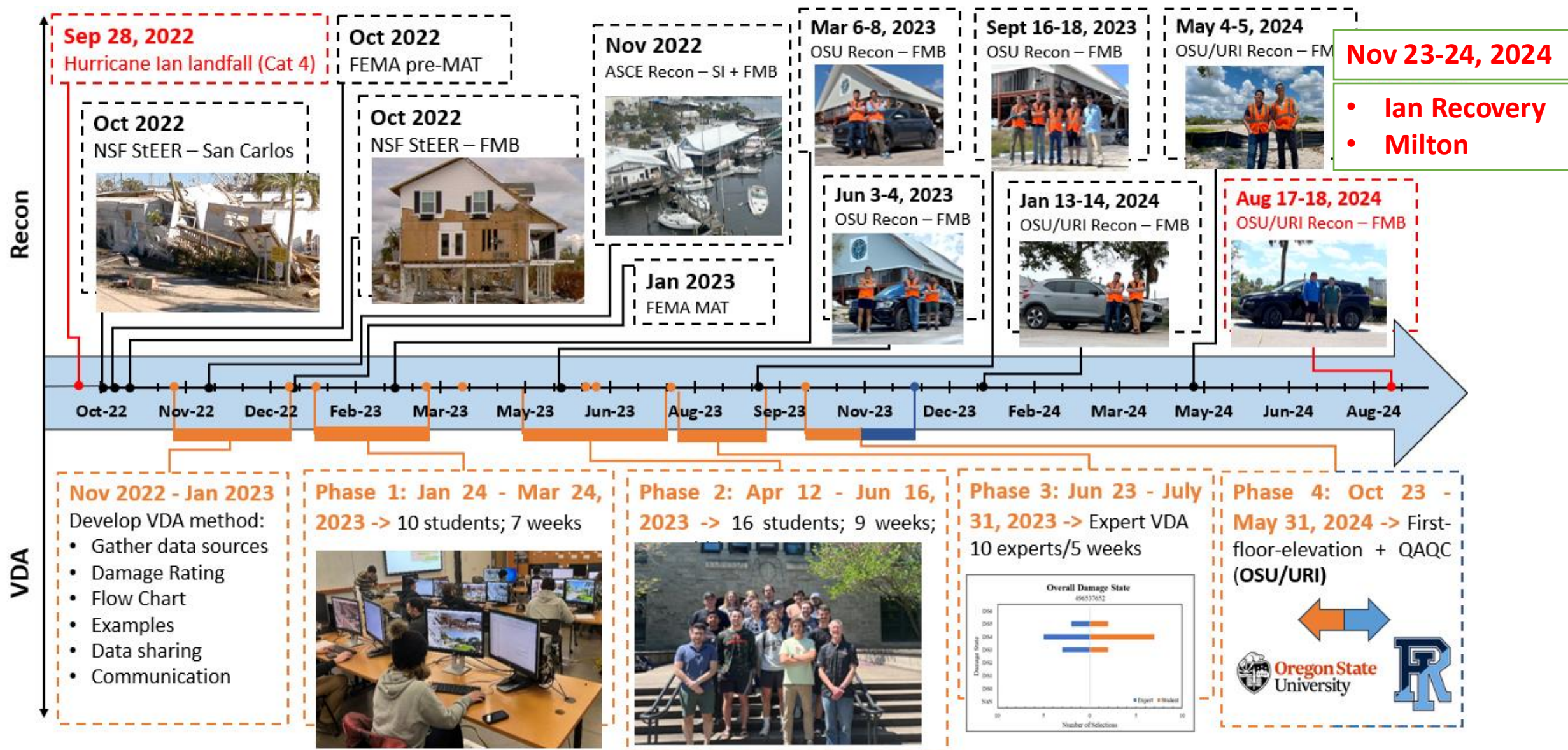
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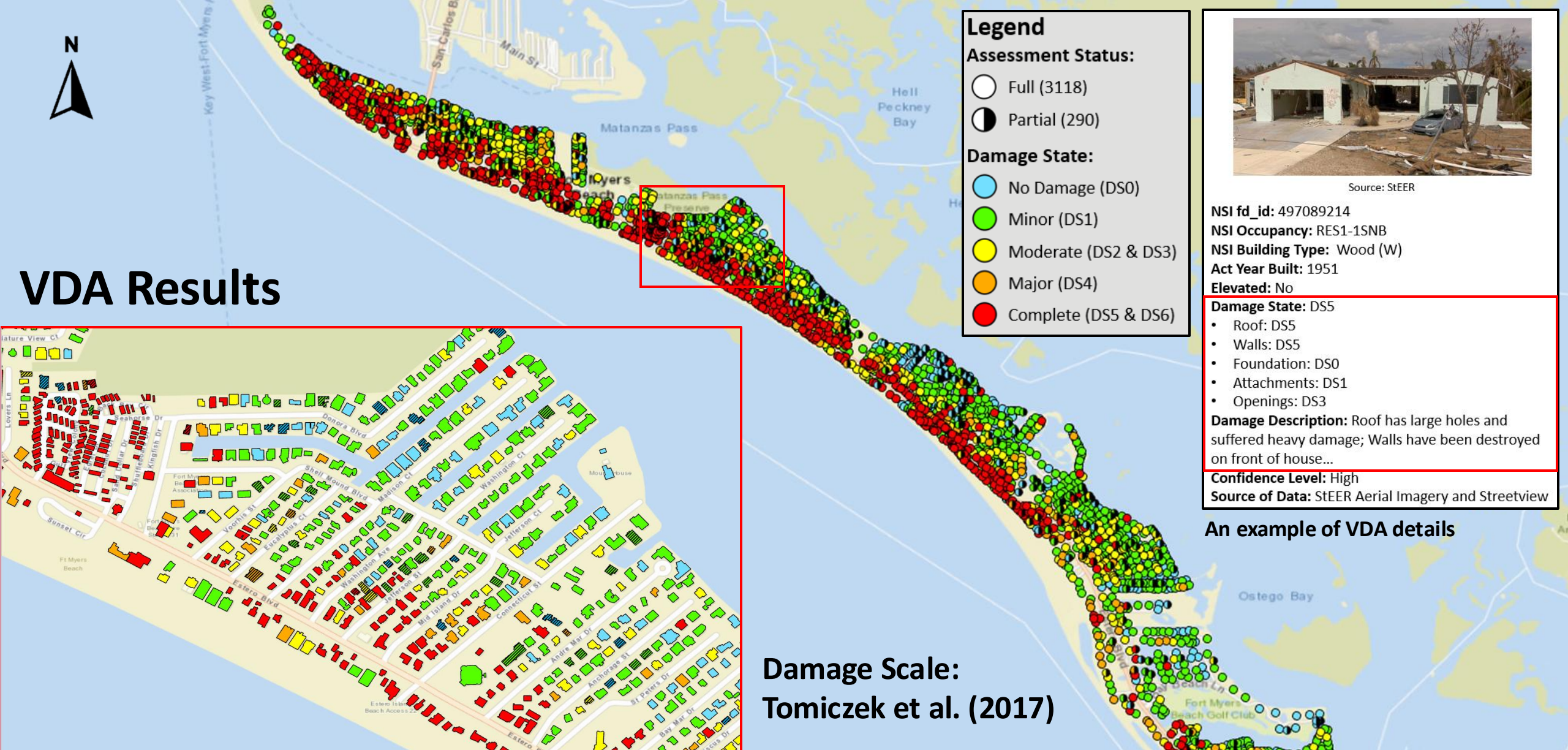








# VDA Results



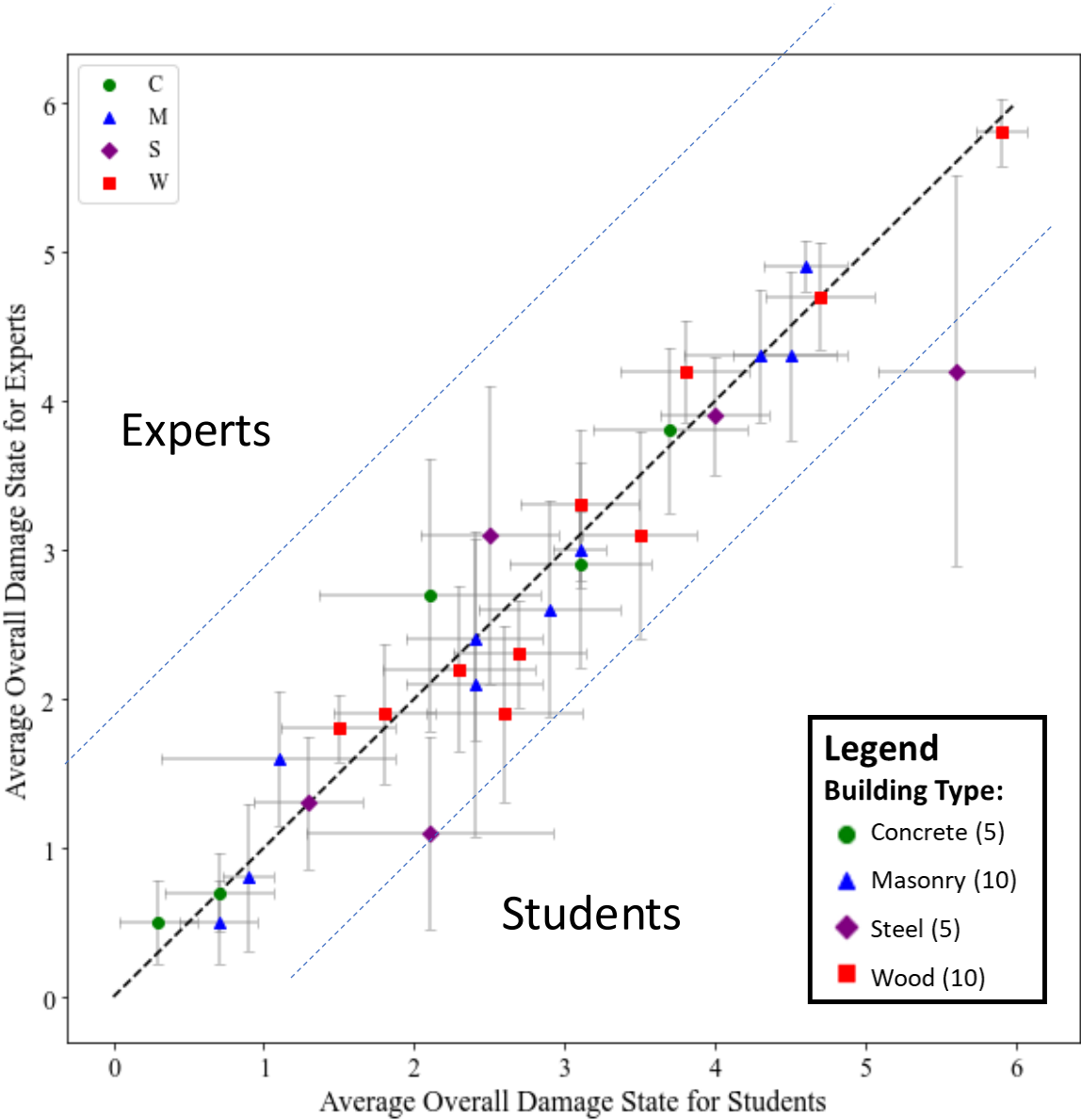
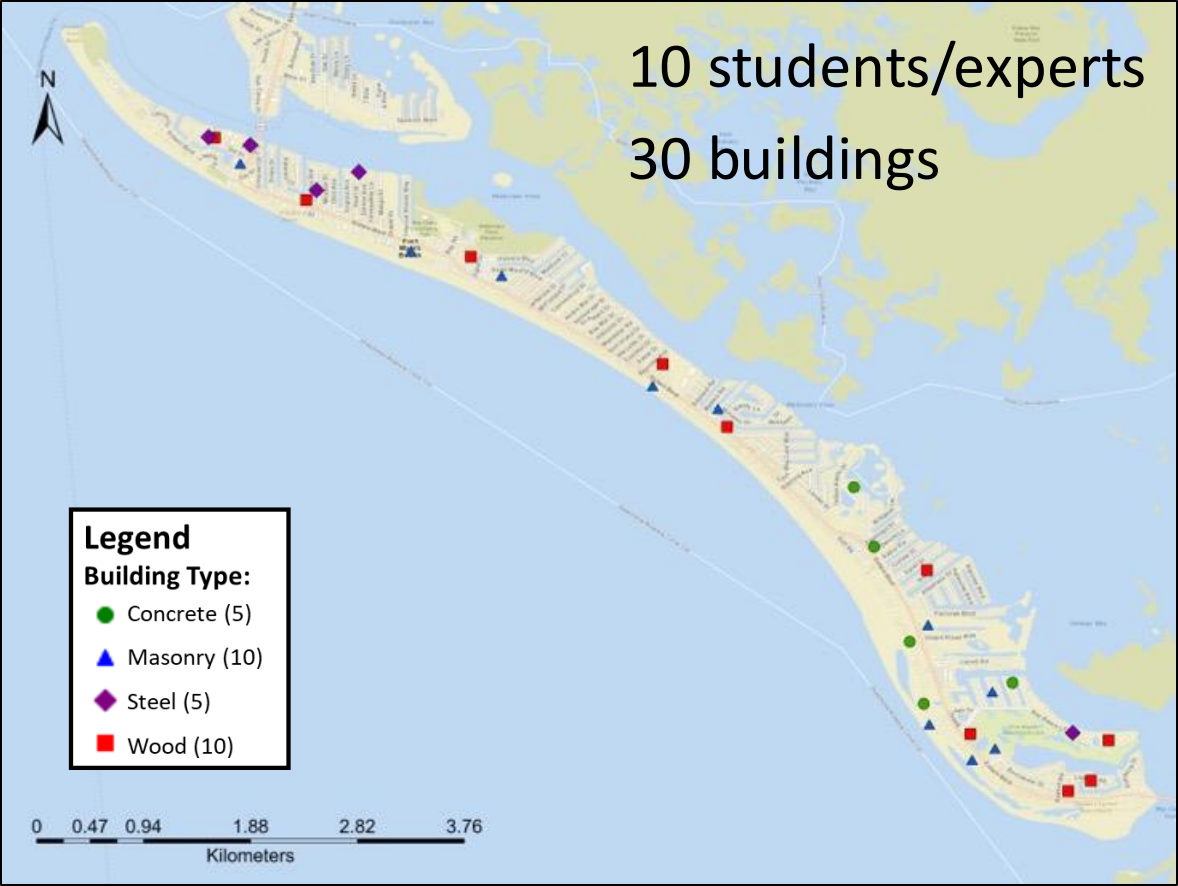
Source: StEER

NSI fd\_id: 497089214  
NSI Occupancy: RES1-1SNB  
NSI Building Type: Wood (W)  
Act Year Built: 1951  
Elevated: No  
**Damage State: DS5**

- Roof: DS5
- Walls: DS5
- Foundation: DS0
- Attachments: DS1
- Openings: DS3

**Damage Description:** Roof has large holes and suffered heavy damage; Walls have been destroyed on front of house...  
**Confidence Level:** High  
**Source of Data:** STEER Aerial Imagery and Streetview

# Data Validation (Damage States)

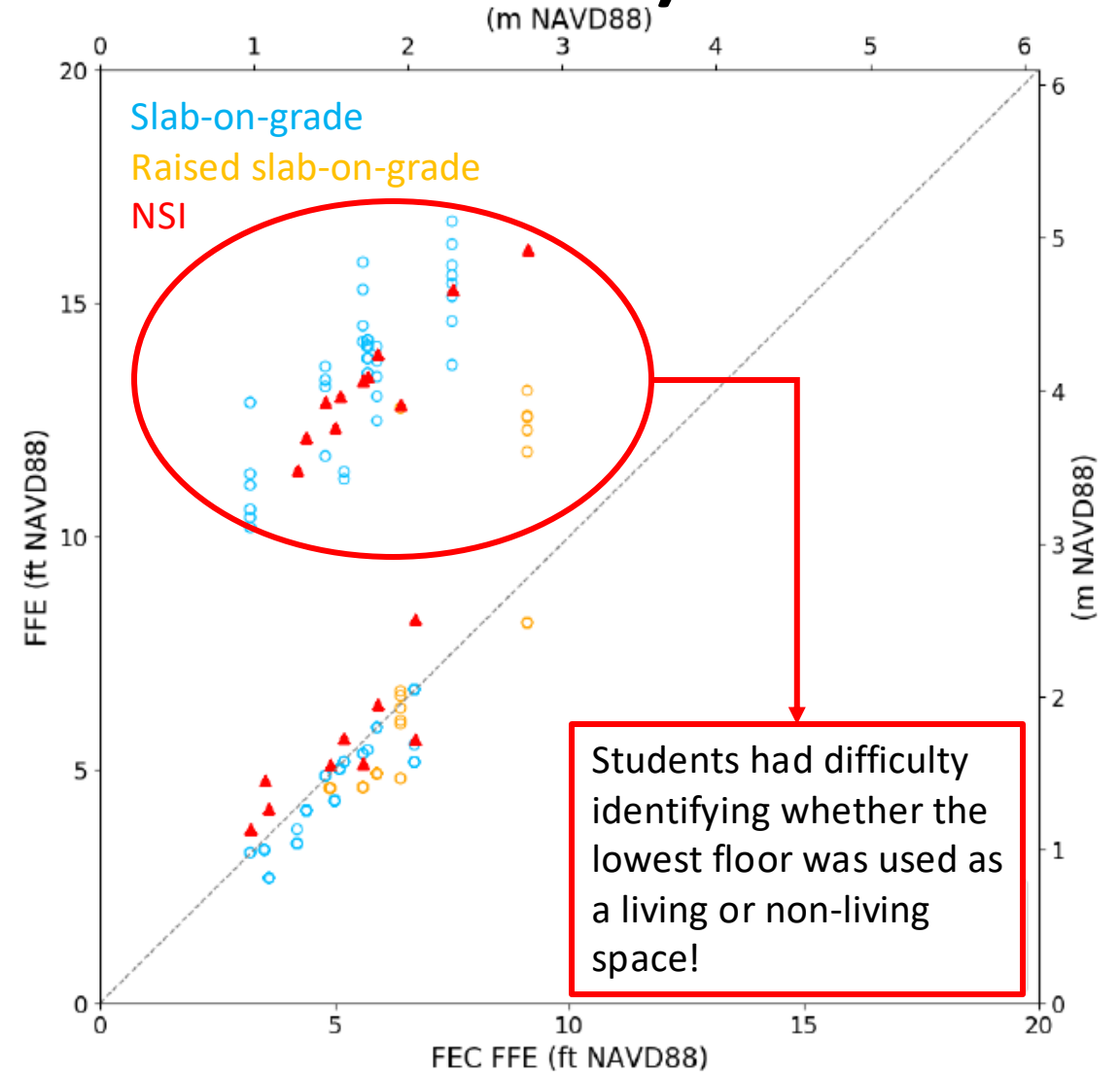
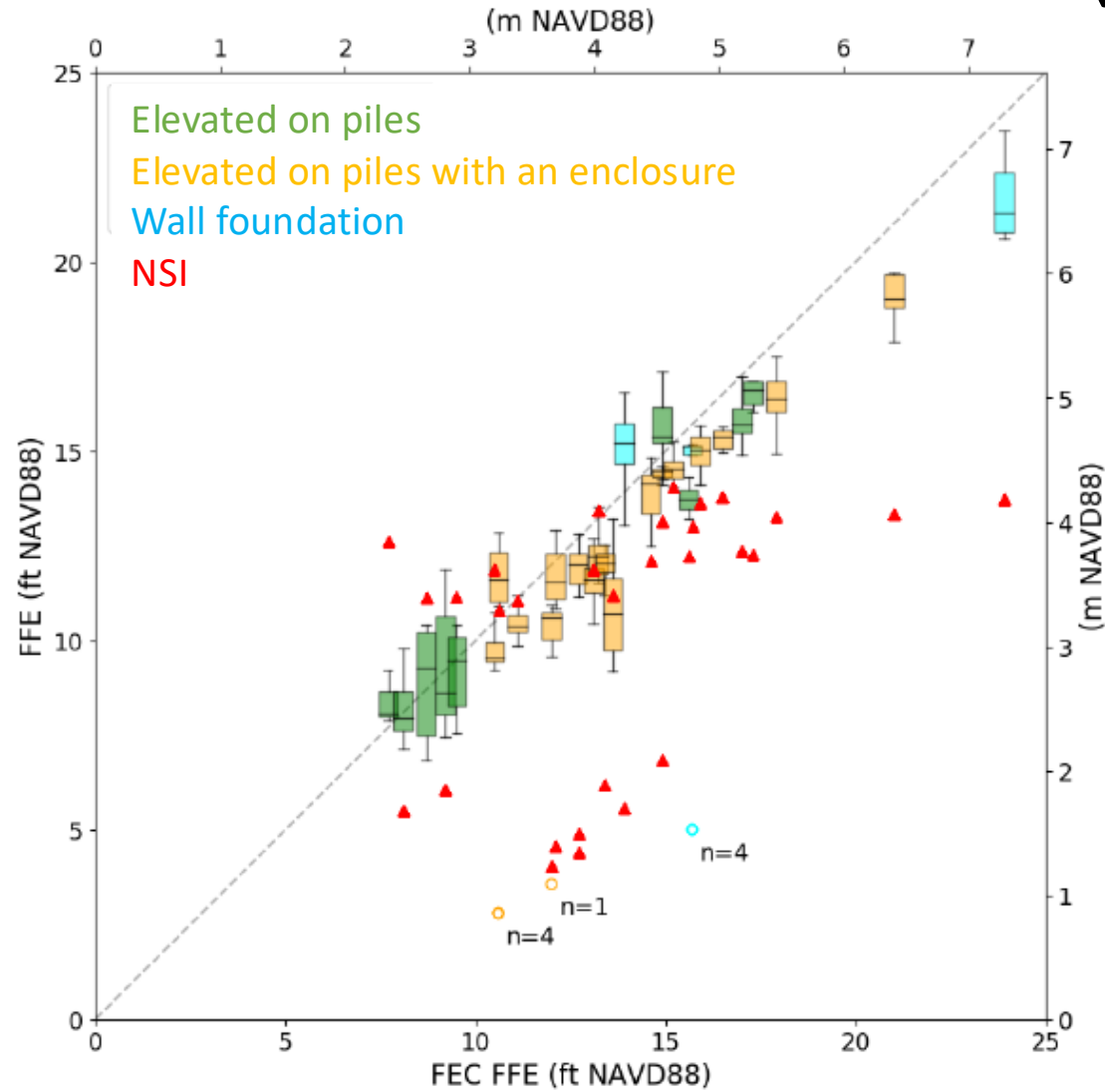


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# VDA vs NSI Data Validations (First Floor Elevation)

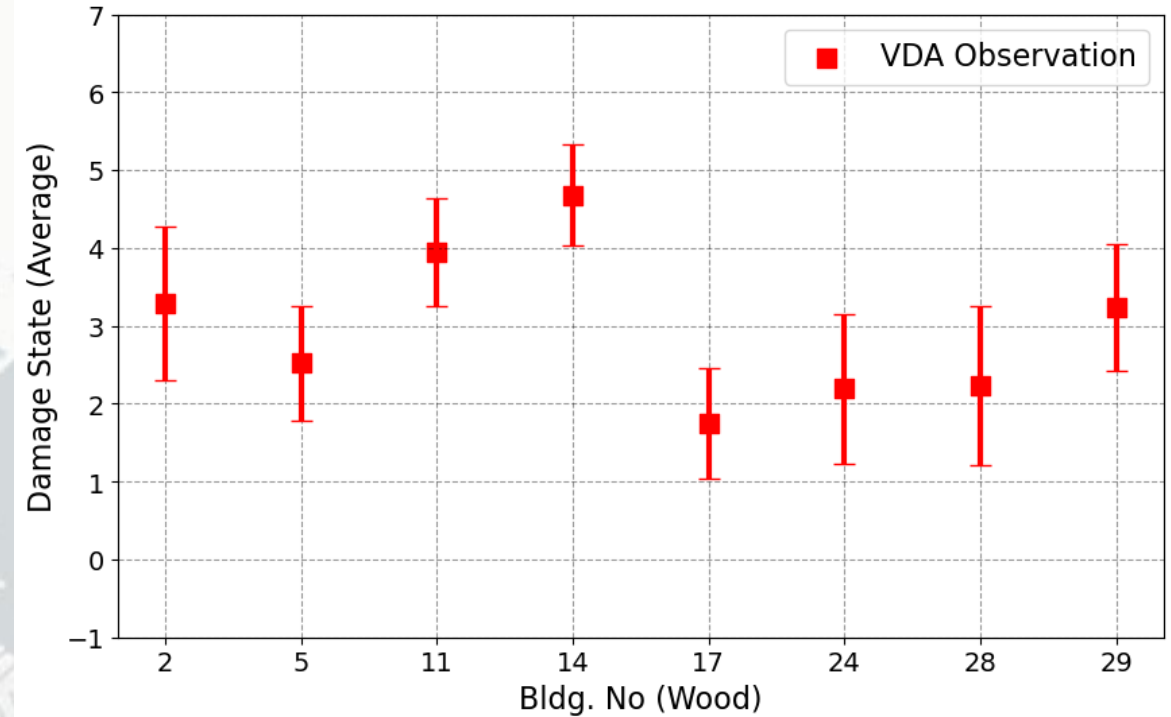


# Model-to-data Validation (**Fragility Functions**)

## Building Type:

■ Wood (10)

Select 8 buildings with measured FFE data!



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Tomiczek et al. (2014): **collapse limit state** -> 2,000 wood-frame buildings; Hurricane Ike (2008)

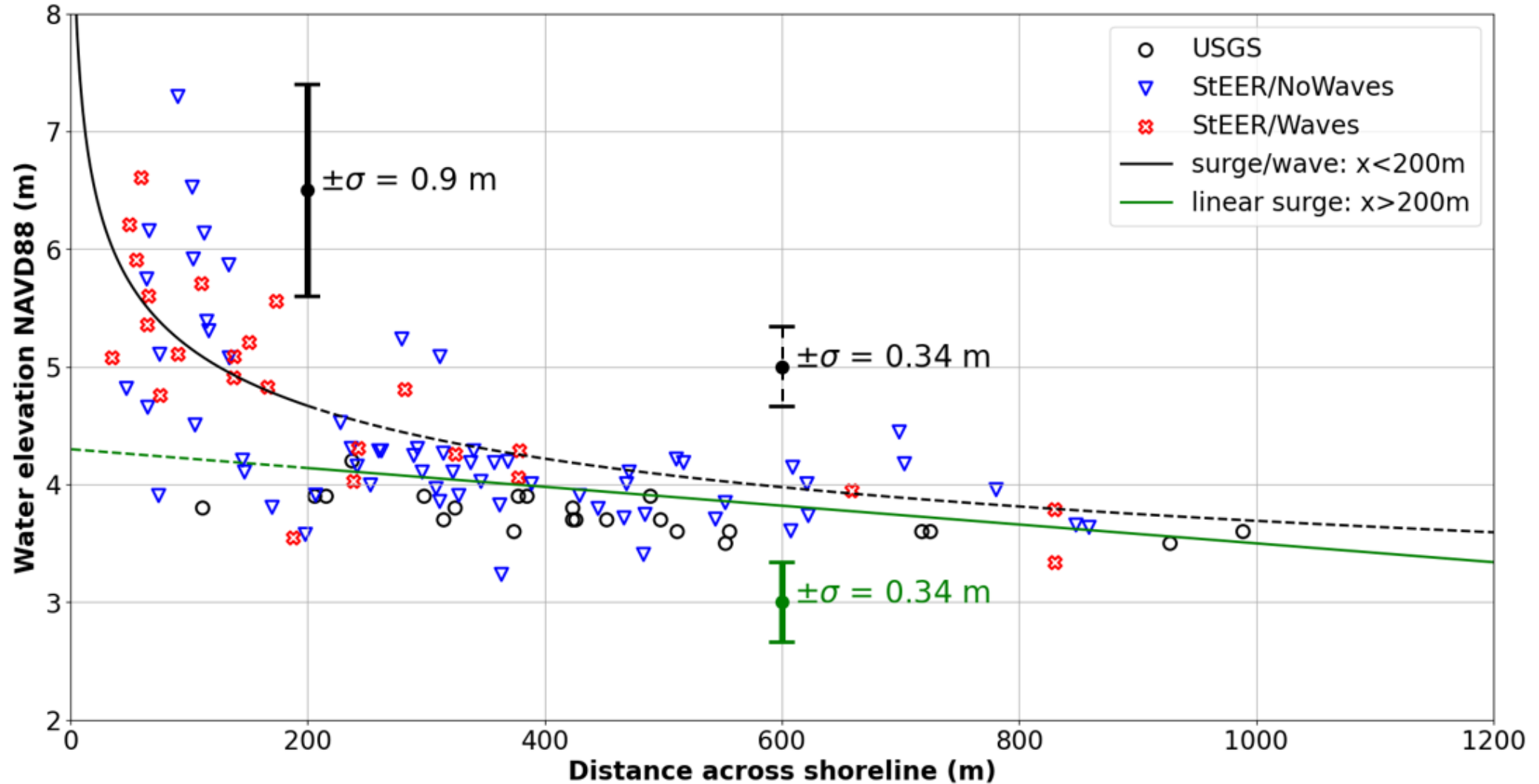
**Table 1.** Residual Variances for Fragility Regressions

Regression variant	$H_S$ (m)	$FB_{H_S}$ (m)	Age group	$V_{H_2O}$ (m/s)	All FEMA/ ASCE loads	Modified slamming load ( $H_{1/250}$ )	Relative residual variance $RY^2$
1			X		X		0.634
2			X	X			0.7612
3		X	X	X			0.5647
4	X	X	X	X			0.3618
5	X	X	X				0.3909
6			X			X	0.3921
Data range	(0.75, 2.23)	(-4.0, 1.8)	(1, 2, 3, 4)	(0.43, 1.61)			
Useful regression limits	(0.8:2)	(-3: 1)	(1, 2, 3, 4)	(0.5:1.5)			

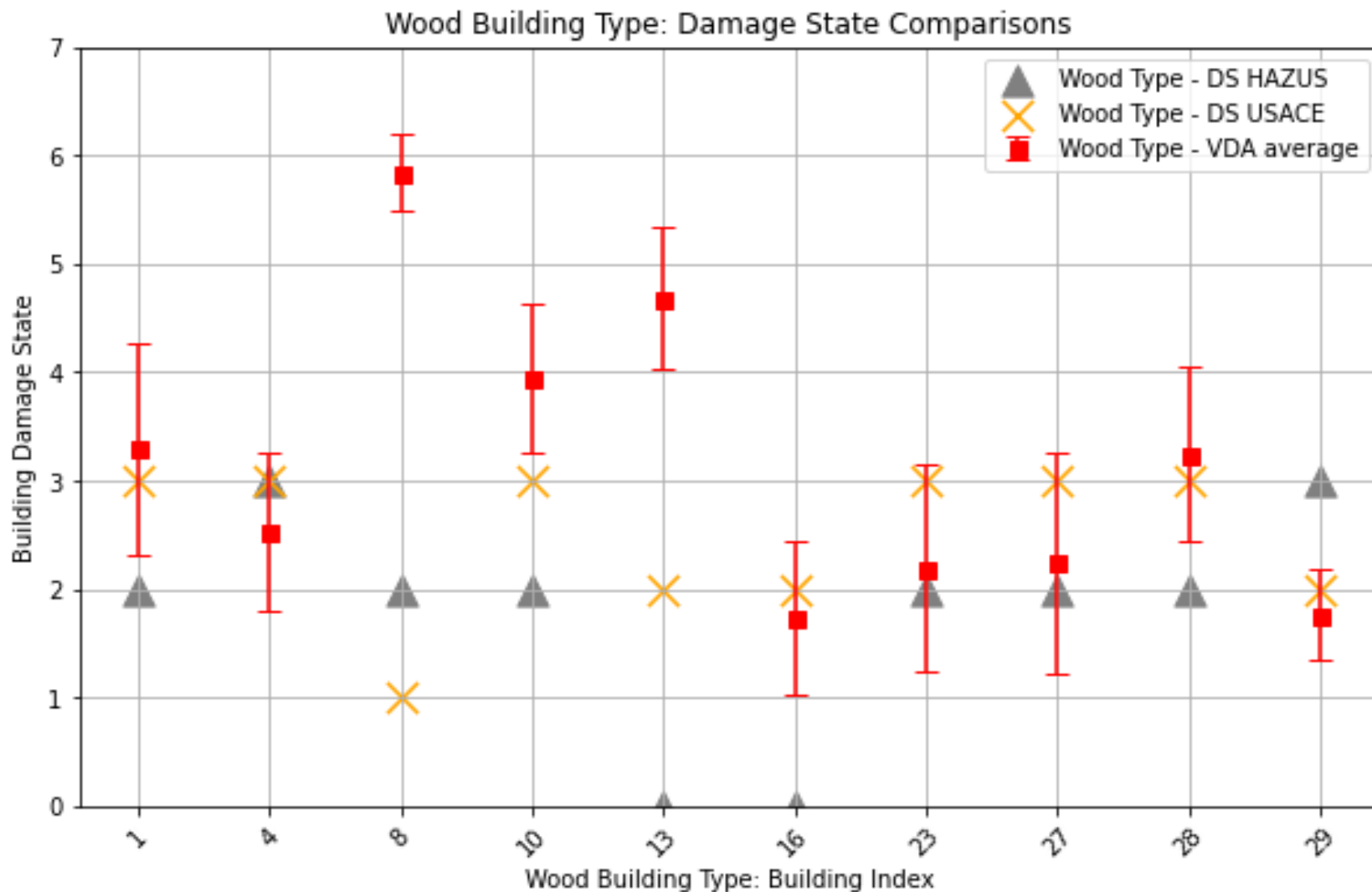
Note: X's denote variables used in each regression variant.

1. Age + ASCE/FEMA equations show some skill, but fairly large residual
2. Age +  $V_{H_2O}$  gives worse agreement (wave height is important)
3. Age +  $V_{H_2O}$  + FB improves skill somewhat
4. Age +  $V_{H_2O}$  + FB +  $H_s$  shows best overall skill
5. **Age + FB +  $H_s$  shows good skill ( $V_{H_2O}$  does not add as much as  $H_s$ )**
6. Mod. Slamming Force shows good skill

# Water Elevation (including wave effects)





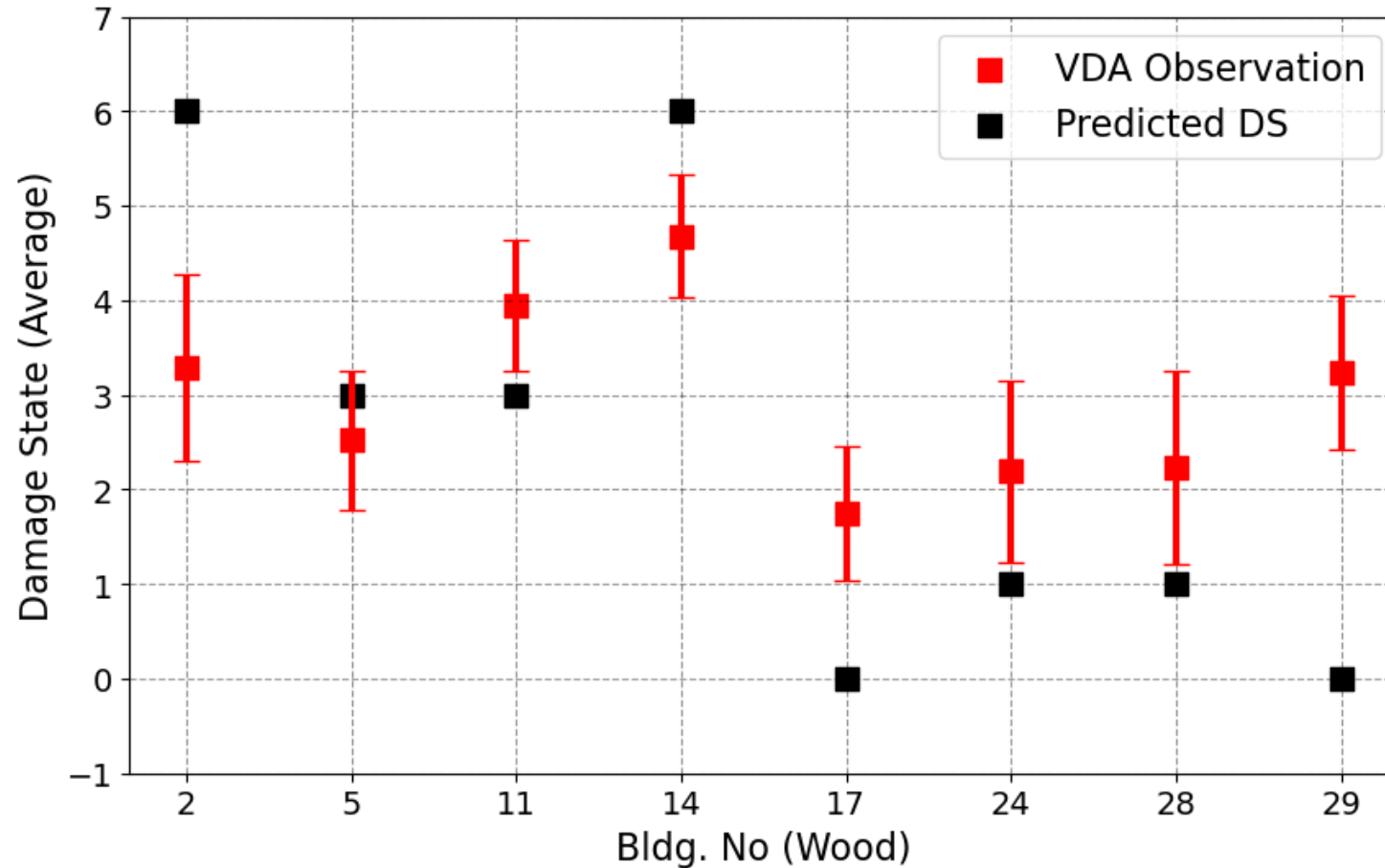


Damage State	Description	Damage as a % of Structure Value
DS0	None	0 %
DS1	Minor	0 to 10 %
DS2 and DS3	Moderate	10 to 30 %
DS4	Major	30 to 60 %
DS5 and DS6	Severe	60 to 100 %

USACE (2015) North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study - Resilient Adaptation to Increasing Risk:  
Physical Depth Damage Function Summary Report <http://flrules.elaws.us/reference/ref-13158>

# Model-to-data Validation (**Fragility Functions**)

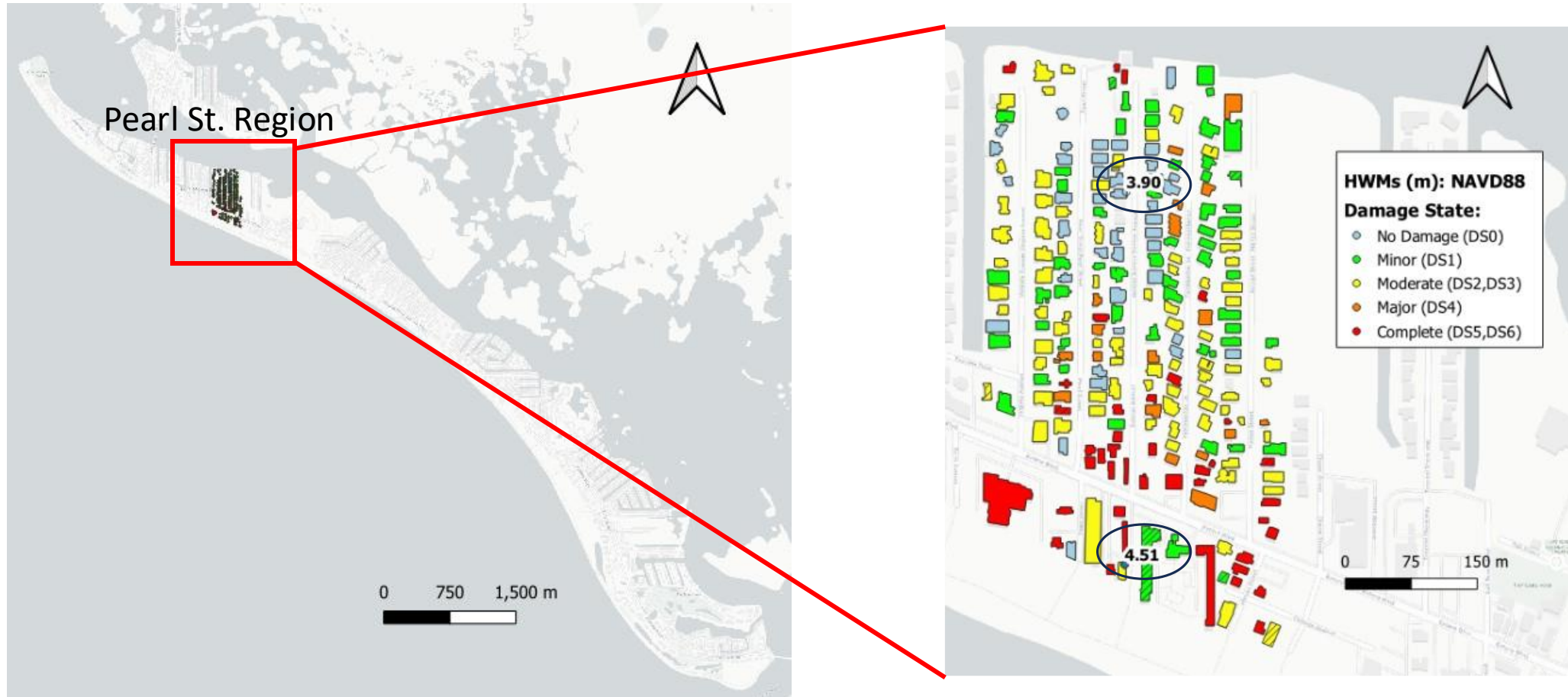
- A set of **new empirical fragility** functions based on multinomial logistic regression:
  - input variables: distance from shoreline, freeboard above water level, and year-built.





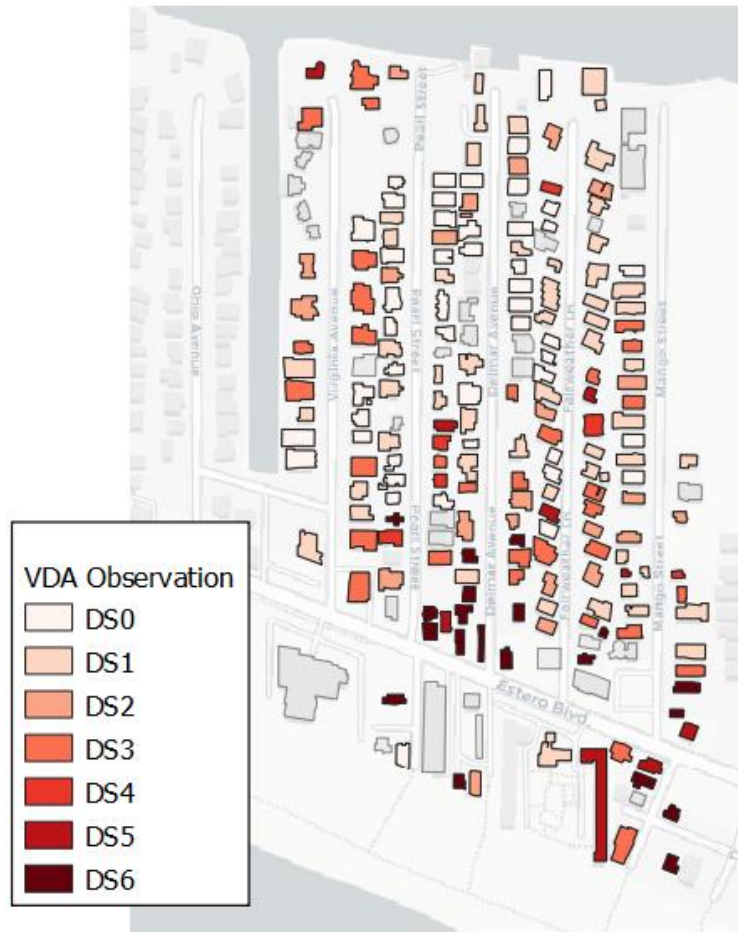
# Model-to-data Validation (**Fragility Functions**) ... **NEXT STEPS**

- There are a total of 247 buildings in the Pearl St. Region.



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## Pearl St. Region



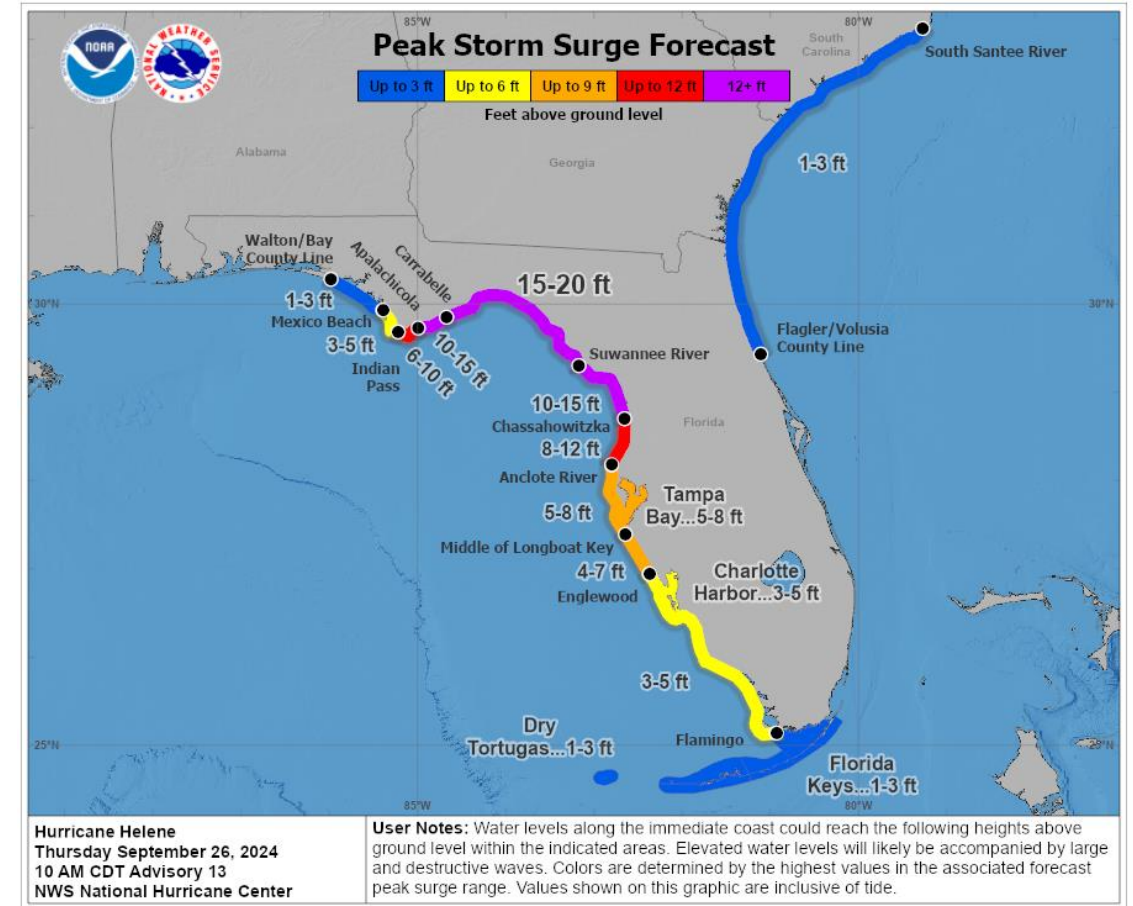
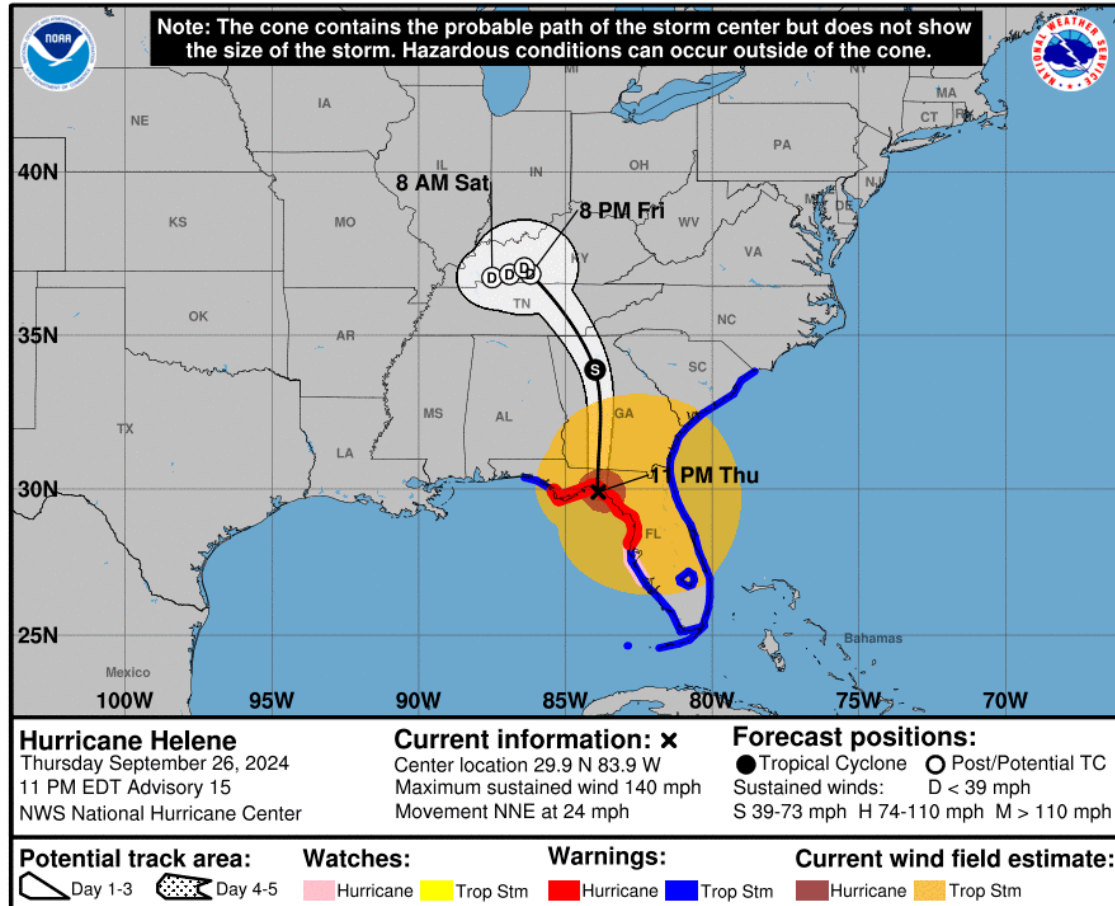
Use of IN-CORE for validation of loss assessments considering uncertainties in:

- Water Elevation/Inundation
- VDA vs NSI characteristics
  - Building type
  - First floor elevation
- Damage state measurements
- Fragility functions
  - New empirical fragility
  - USACE
  - Hazus



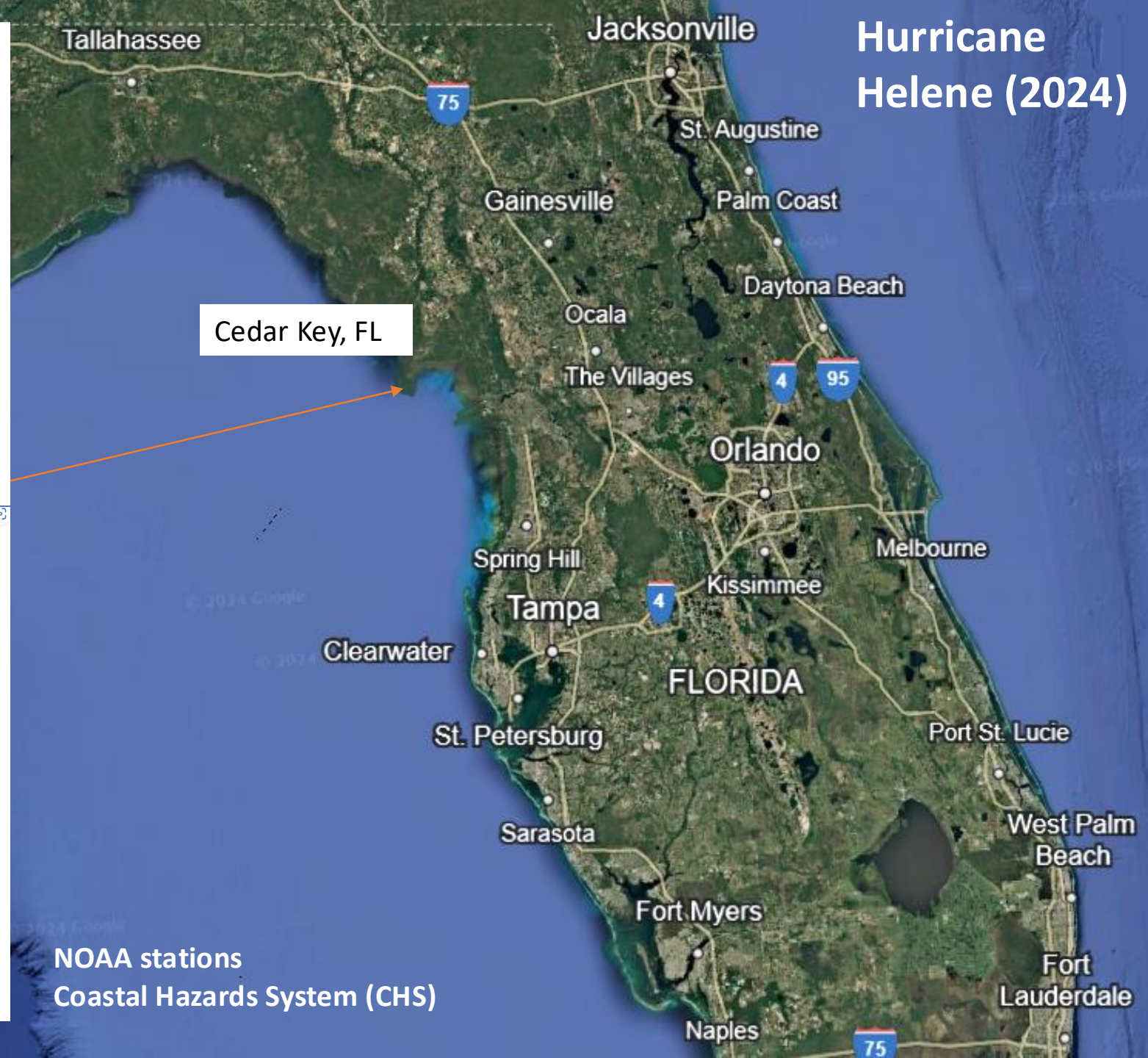
# Hurricane Helene (2024)

- Made landfall as a Category 4 Hurricane on September 26, 2024 (wind speed 130-156 mph)

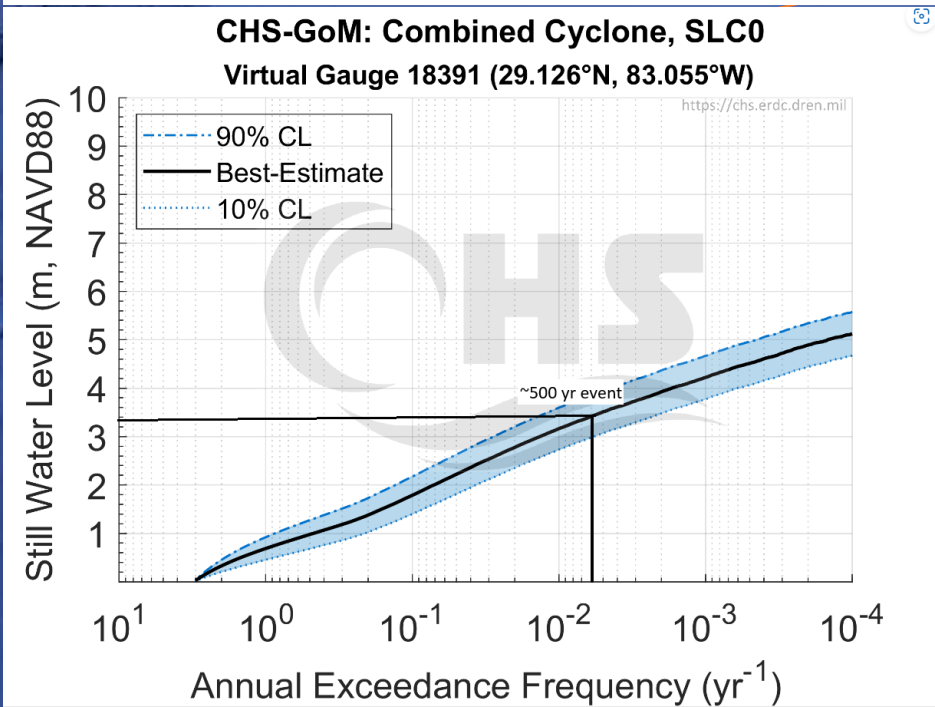
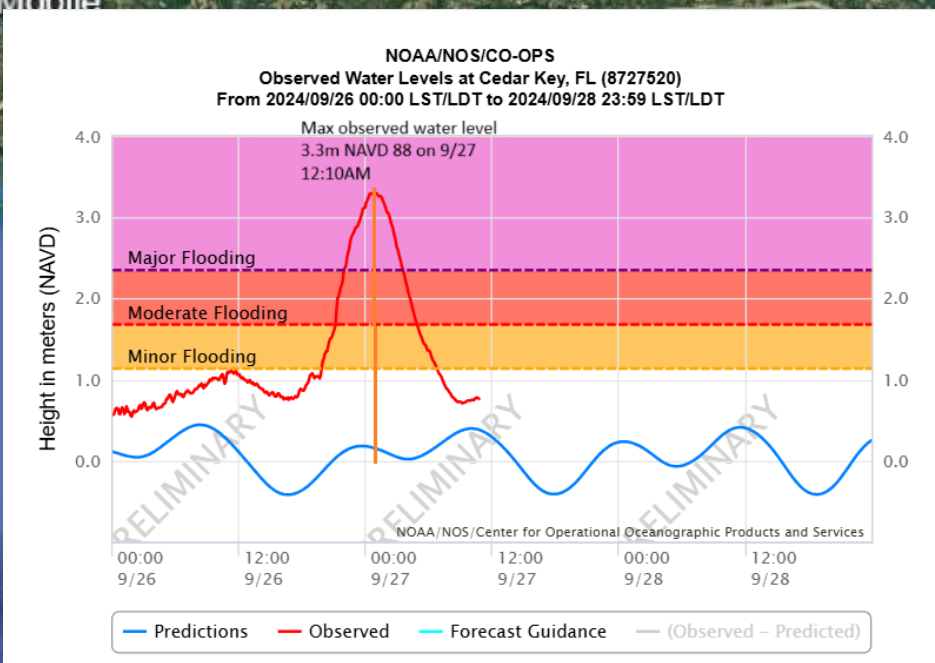


Source: [https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/archive/2024/HELENE\\_graphics.php](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/archive/2024/HELENE_graphics.php)

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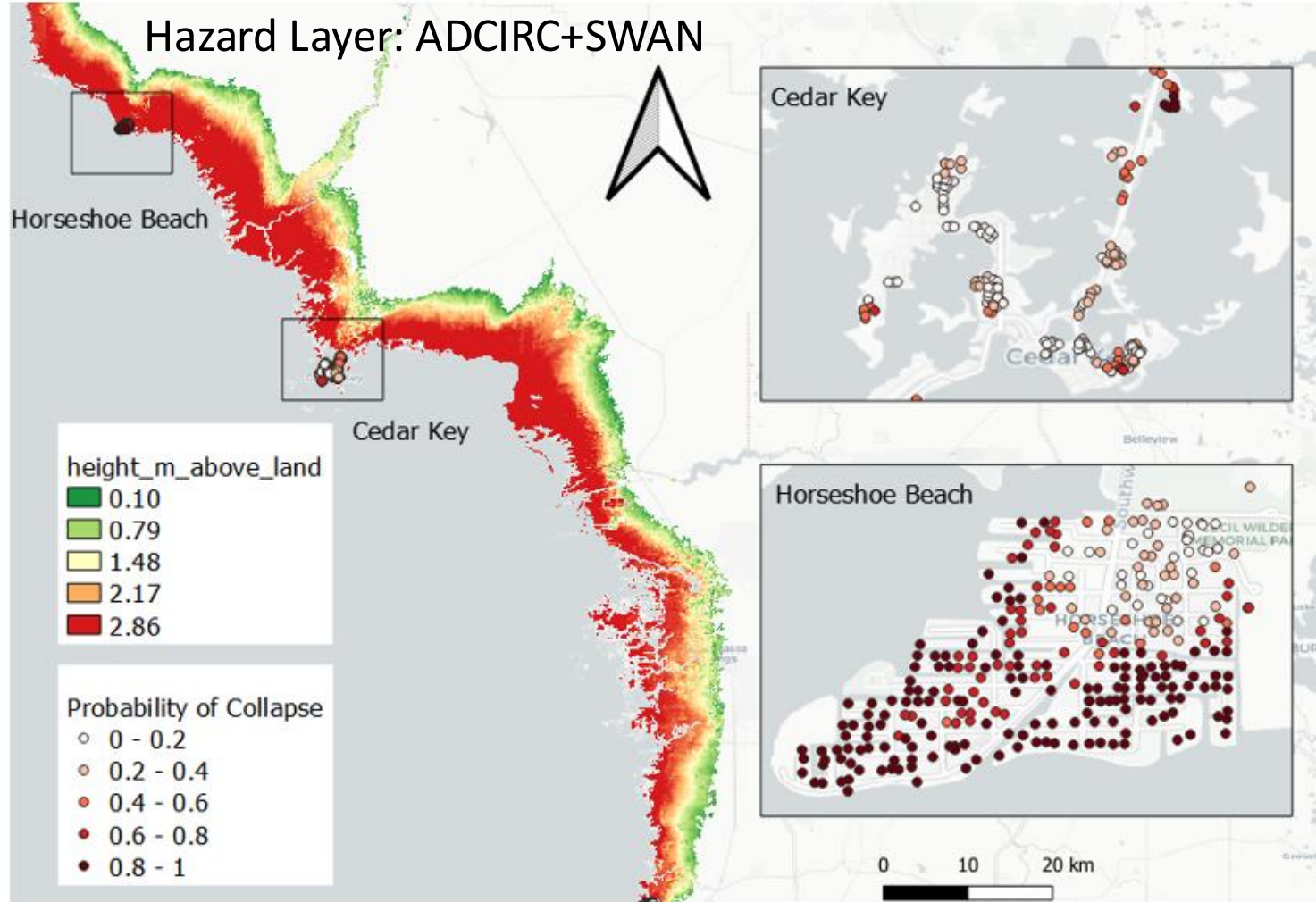
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NOAA stations  
Coastal Hazards System (CHS)



# Hurricane Helene (2024) – Near Real-time Forecast (24 hrs. before landfall)



Open Source Platform  
for Community  
Resilience Modeling

- Hazard layer is provided by Dr. Rick Luettich from the NOPP team.
- Building inventory is based on NSI data (wood-frame buildings).
- Using collapse-limit fragility functions developed after Hurricane Ike, Tomiczek et al. (2014).



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# Hurricane Helene (2024) – Post-event Reconnaissance

- Collaboration: OSU, USNA, URI, NSF StEER, and local partners.



Selected sites for reconnaissance work 30 days after the disaster. The assessment will be repeated every 3 to 4 months to capture the recovery of the community.

- Capture 360° video of all streets for virtual damage assessment.
- Measure LHSM/FFE along with conducting damage assessment.
- Measure high-water marks (HWMs).
- Capture drone footage for regions with high levels of damage.





## Future Work for V&V

- Characterize **uncertainty** in hazards, including flow velocity and overland wave heights (e.g., higher spatial resolution for collecting HWMs)
- Conduct **cross-walking** between different flood damage and loss modeling:
  - Mapping interior damage to the exterior damage states
  - Cross-walk new empirical functions with USACE and Hazus-MH depth-damage and wave crest-loss functions.
  - Convert interior damage to the exterior damage to monetary losses (using claim data – pending on going conversations with FEMA).
- Compare VDA Damage Based Assessments using USACE, Hazus, and new empirical fragility function for the FMB

## Upcoming presentation/workshop

- Model-to-data validation using IN-CORE:
  - a. Preliminary presentation at NOPP meeting (UF, Nov 20).
  - b. Presentation at NHERI computational symposium (UCLA, Feb 6+7).
- **NIST-sponsored Hurricane Ian workshop: Fort Myers, Florida, March 17 + 18, 2025. Please reach out for details!**
  - **Three main efforts: (1) impact of wind, (2) flood impacts, (3) evacuation and response.**

