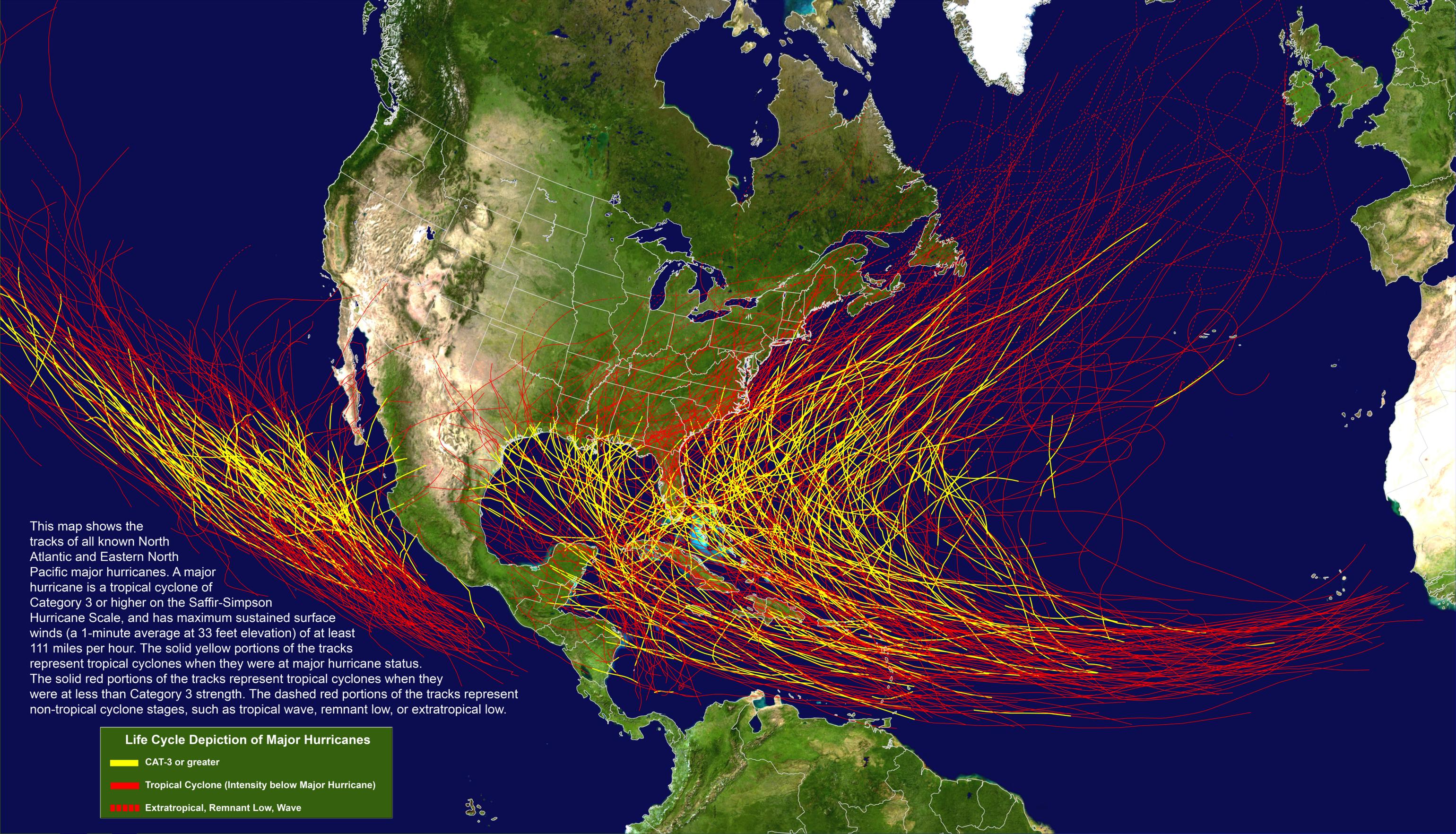




Tracks of Major Hurricanes of the Western Hemisphere



North Atlantic: 1851-2007
Eastern North Pacific: 1949-2007



This map shows the tracks of all known North Atlantic and Eastern North Pacific major hurricanes. 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.

Life Cycle Depiction of Major Hurricanes

-  CAT-3 or greater
-  Tropical Cyclone (Intensity below Major Hurricane)
-  Extratropical, Remnant Low, Wave