



Distinguishing between Skill and Value in Hurricane Forecasting

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Identifying skill with small datasets

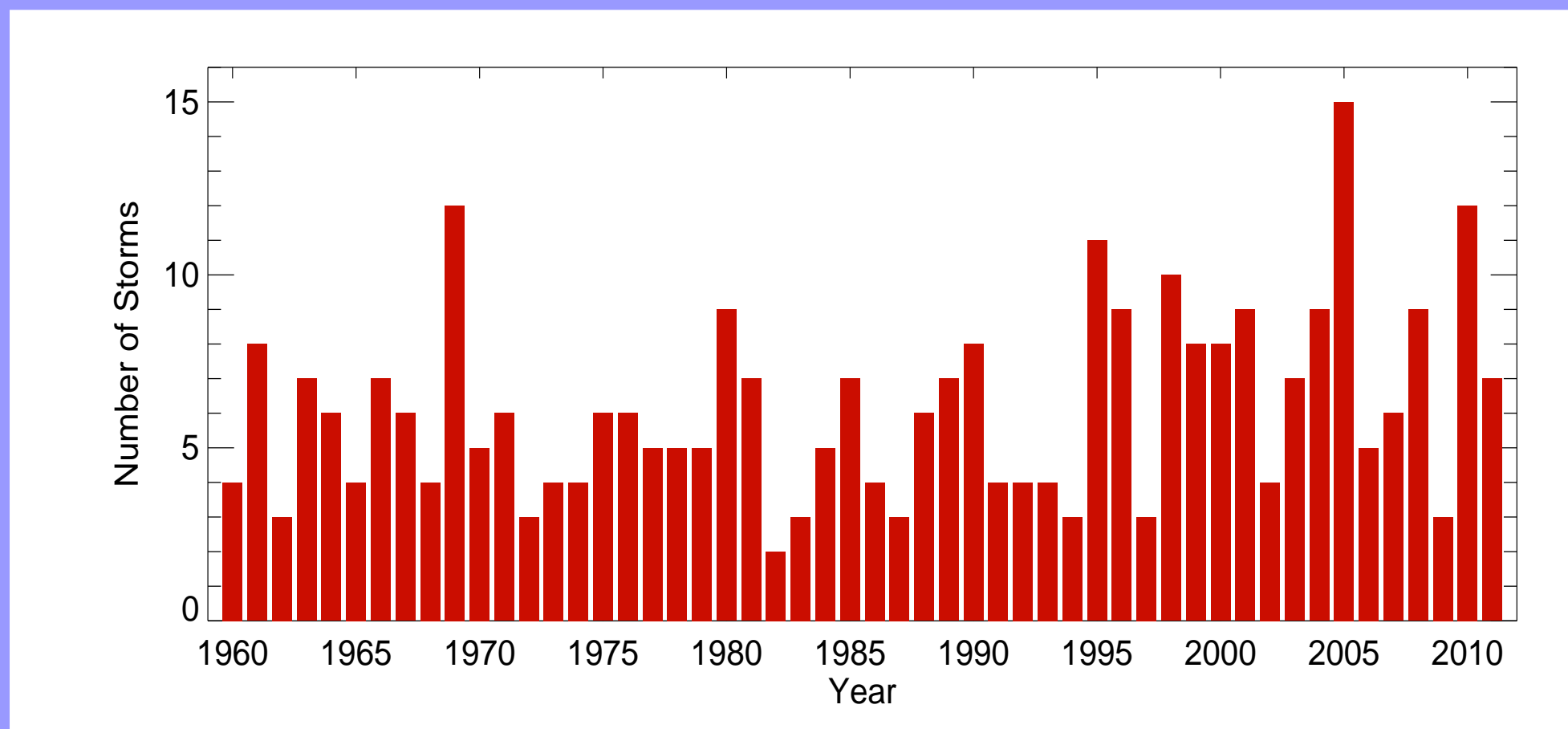


Fig 1: HURDAT data: Number of Atlantic Basin hurricanes from 1960 to 2011 [1]

Establishing out-of-sample skill in an annual hurricane forecasting system is unrealistic on less than decadal timescales because of the slow rate new verification information is gathered