Storm Intensity and Sea Surface Temperatures

**Index of Tropical Storm Intensity (PDI)**

**Changes in Sea Surface Temperature (SST)**

Higher

Lower

Year
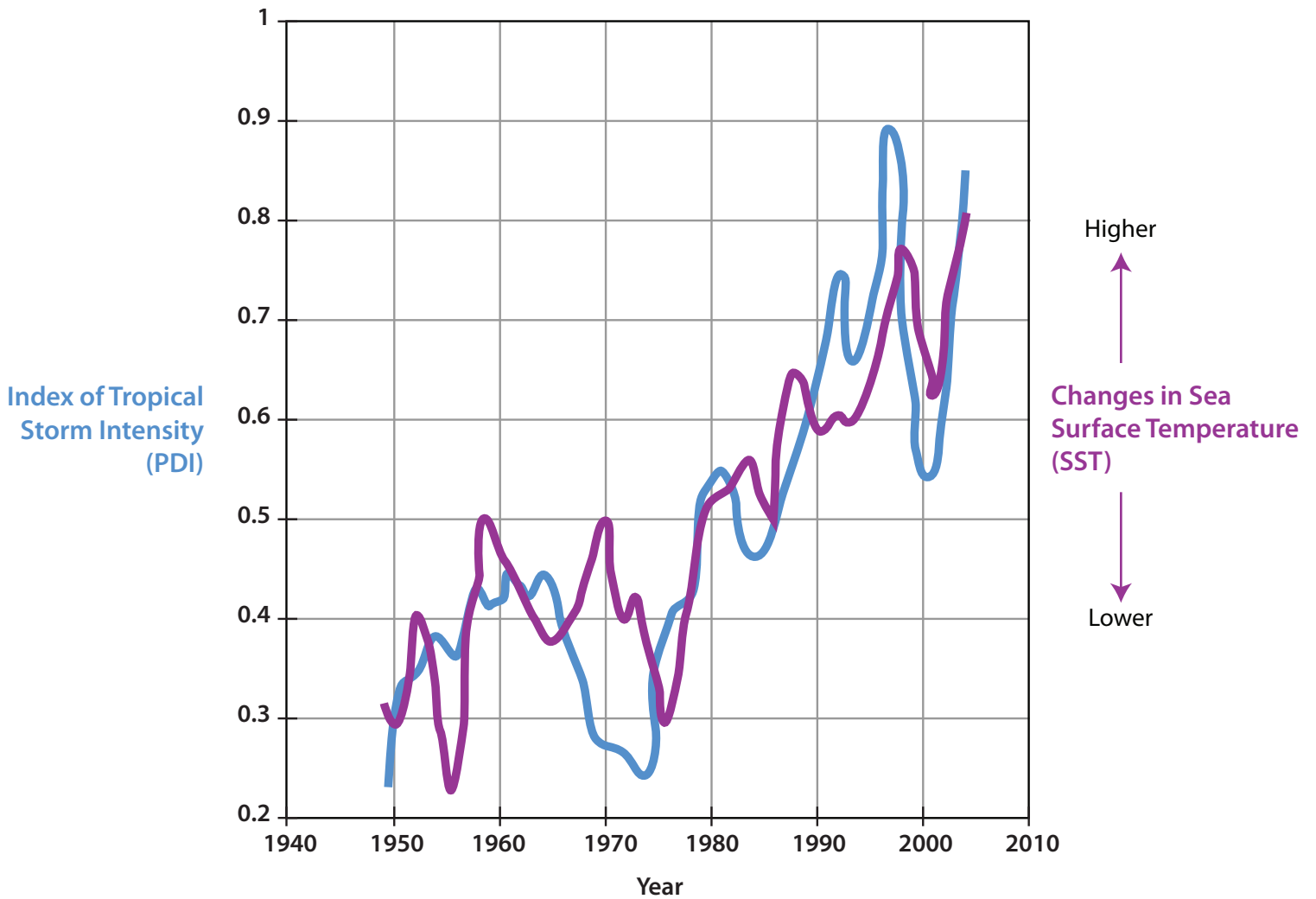
PDI = Power Dissipation index, which is a calculated value based on measurements of wind speed, in order to compare intensity of storms

SST = Sea Surface Temperature, which has been averaged annually and then smoothed and overlaid onto the PDI graph