

Model Output as a Universal Currency For Disaster Risk Financing And Management

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Panel Discussion

- Model use by governments, IFOs, emergency management organizations, and others for DRF, DRM, and DRR activities
- Development of new tools, data sets, and applications that assist DRF, DRM, and DRR activities
- Challenges in development of models and communication of output and limitations of models
- Model output as a universal risk currency

Panelists

- Dr. Milan Simic
Senior Vice President &
Managing Director – International Operations
AIR Worldwide
- Catastrophe Modeling Framework
- Model Output as Currency of Risk
- Challenges in Model Development
 - Data
 - Communication of Risk Metrics
- Opportunities for Growth

Panelists

- Dr. Olivier Mahul
Program Manager
Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Program, GFDRR
World Bank
- Applications of Analytics and Tools in decision making
associated with Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance
- Examples from South Pacific, Indonesia, and Mexico

Panelists

- Ivo Menzinger
Head, Global Partnerships, Asia Pacific
Managing Director
Swiss Reinsurance Company Limited
- Importance of transparency and universally accepted
view of risk in DRF and DRM.

Panelists

- Dr. Simon Young
Lead Advisor – African Risk Capacity
CEO (2006 – 2013) Caribbean Risk Managers Ltd.
- Experience of CCRIF and ARC in using in-house models and transferring the risk to the markets

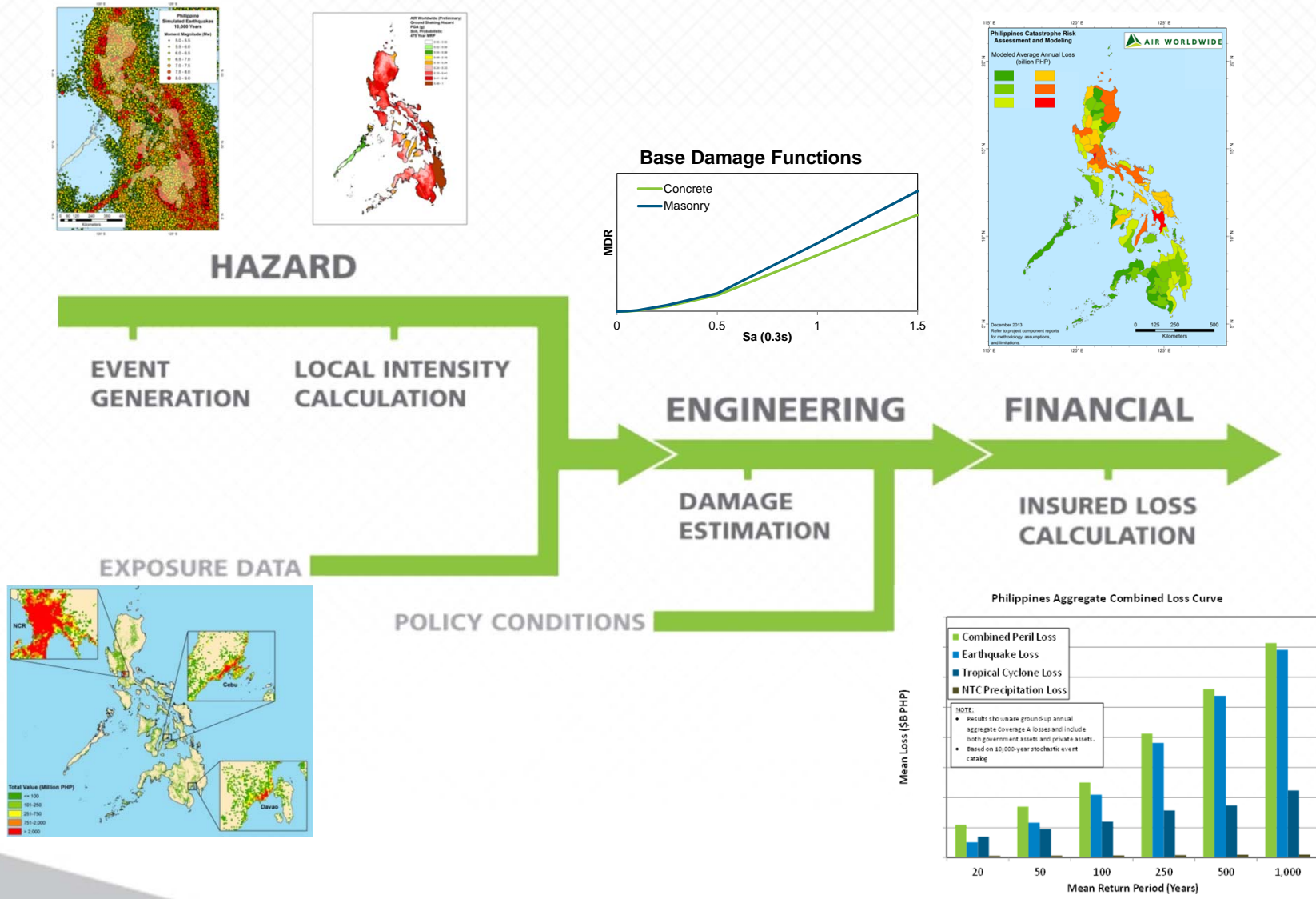
Panelists

- Dr. Eugene Gurenko
Lead Insurance Specialist
World Bank
- Role of catastrophe risk models in developing new insurance markets

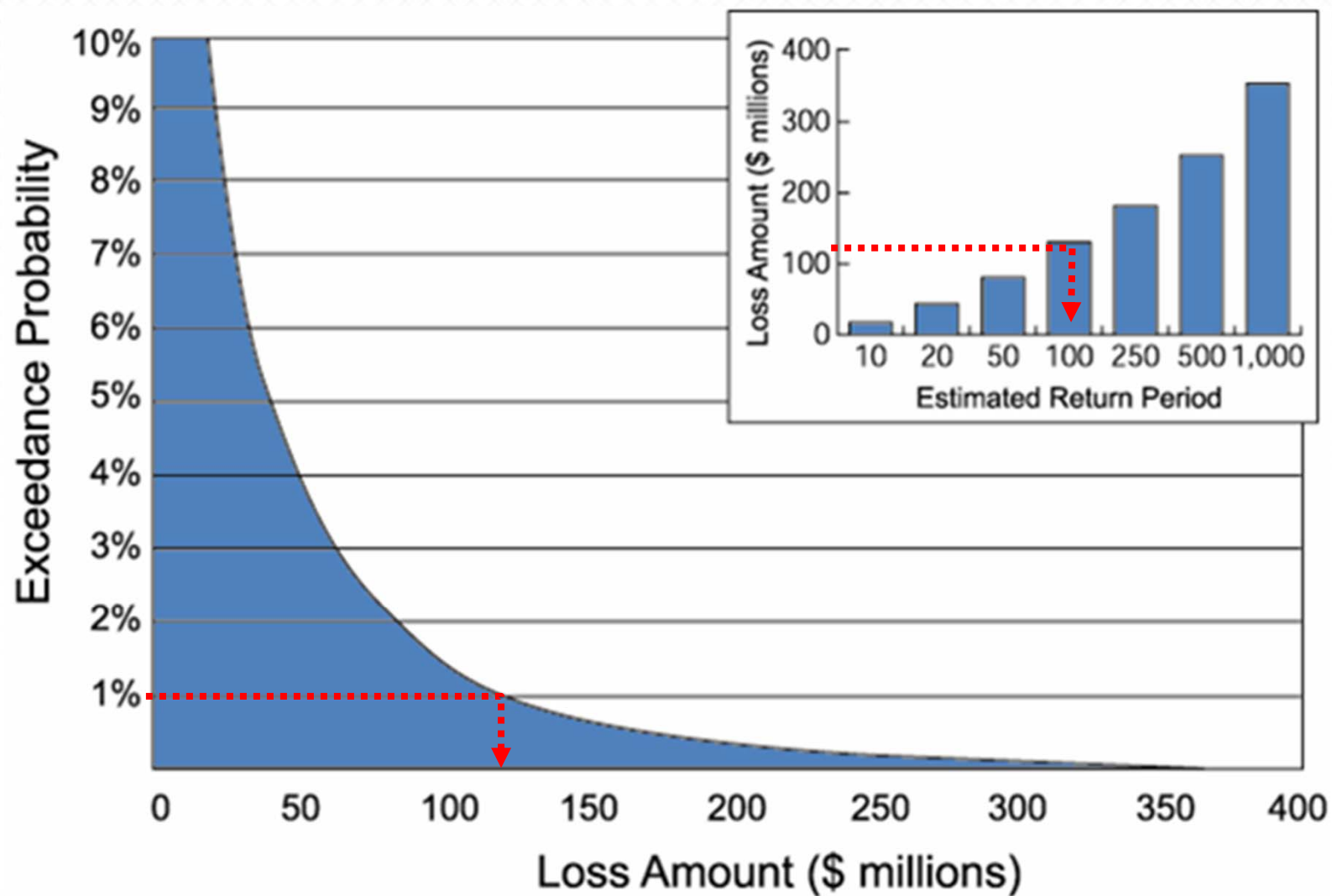
Panelists

- Andrew Eddy
CEO – Athena Global Europe
Program Manager – RASOR FP7
- DRM and new tools with an emphasis on near real time applications and other emerging applications

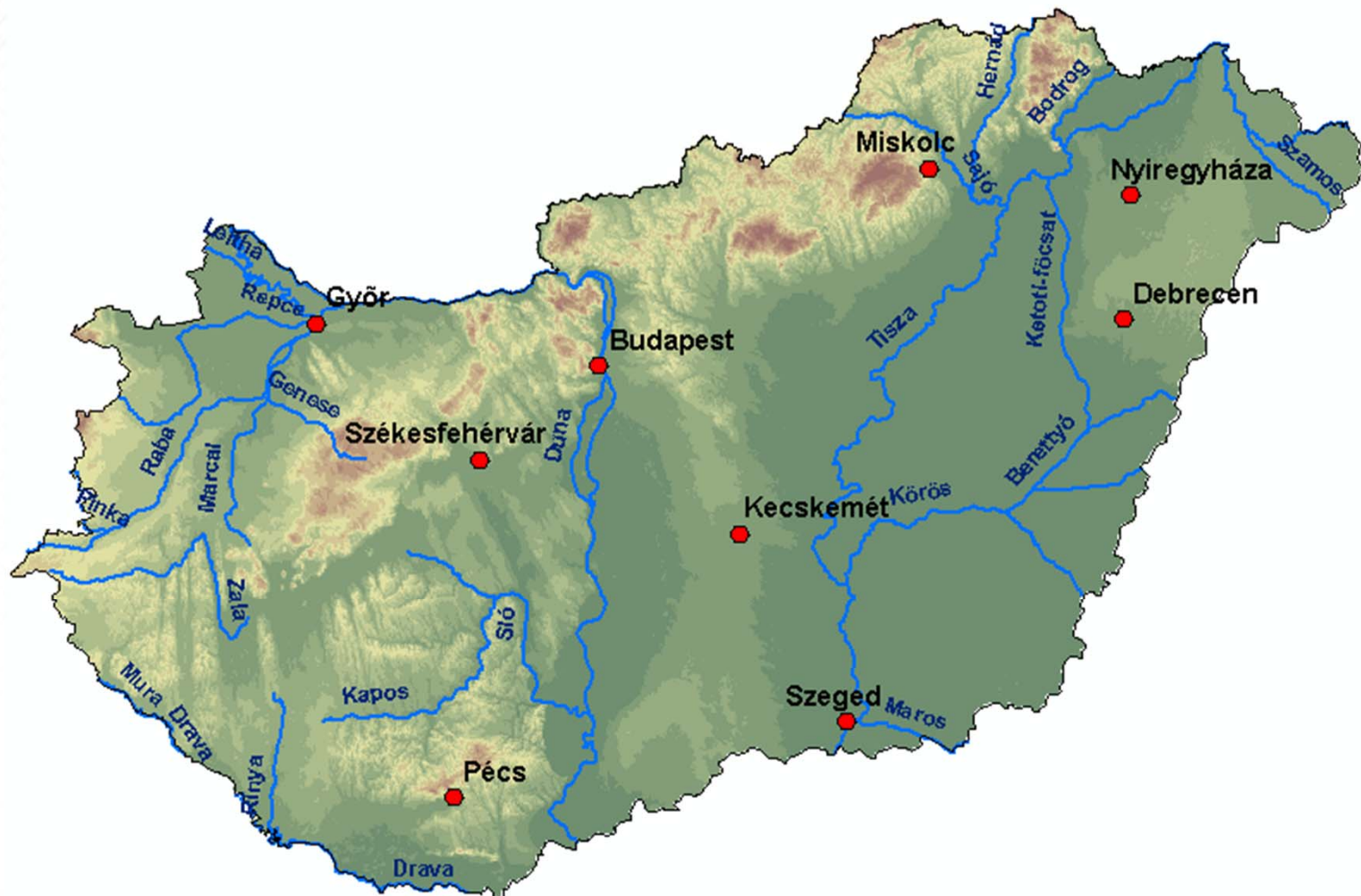
How Do Catastrophe Models Work?



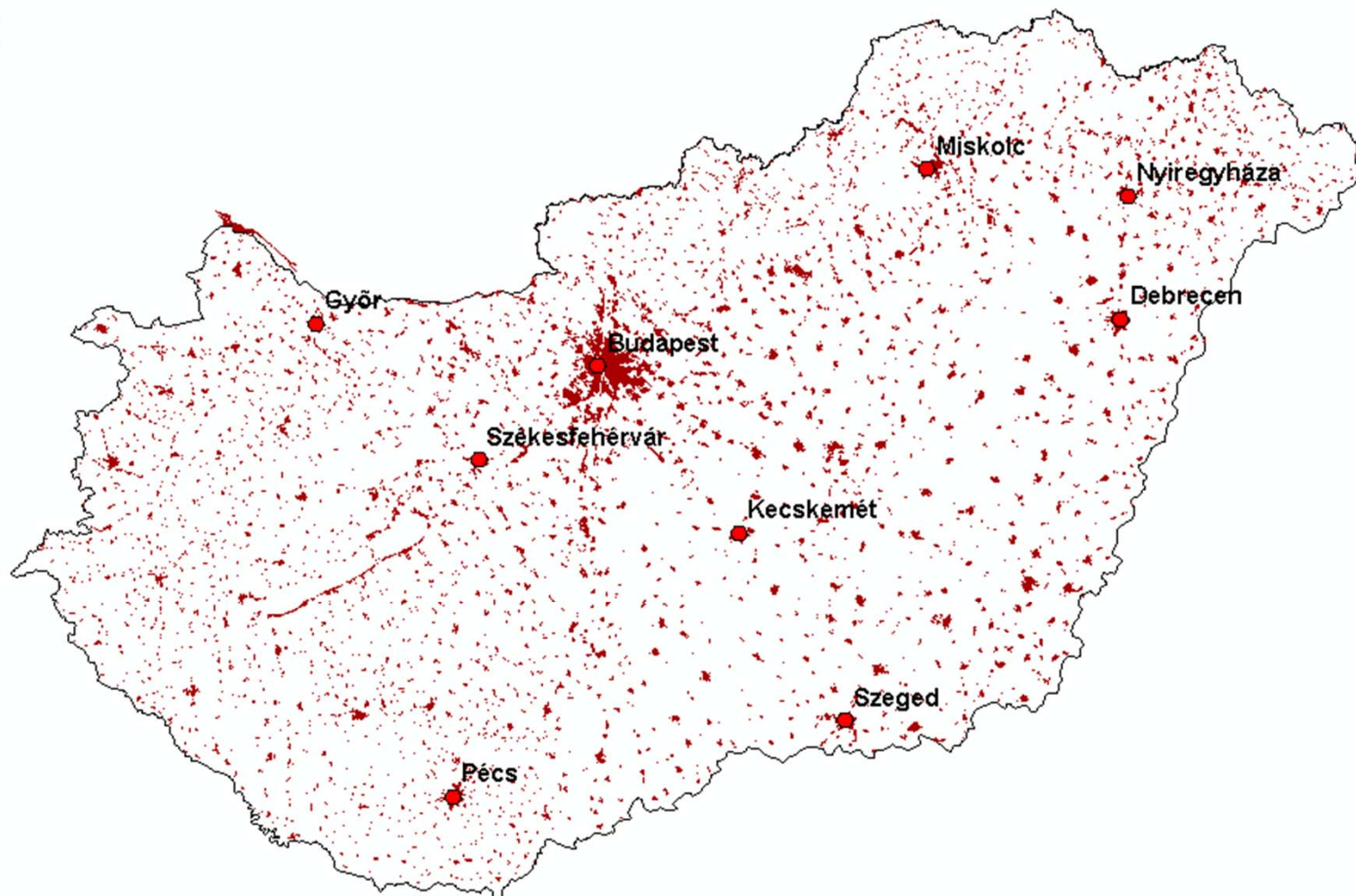
Loss Exceedance Probability Curve is the Key Output of Catastrophe Models



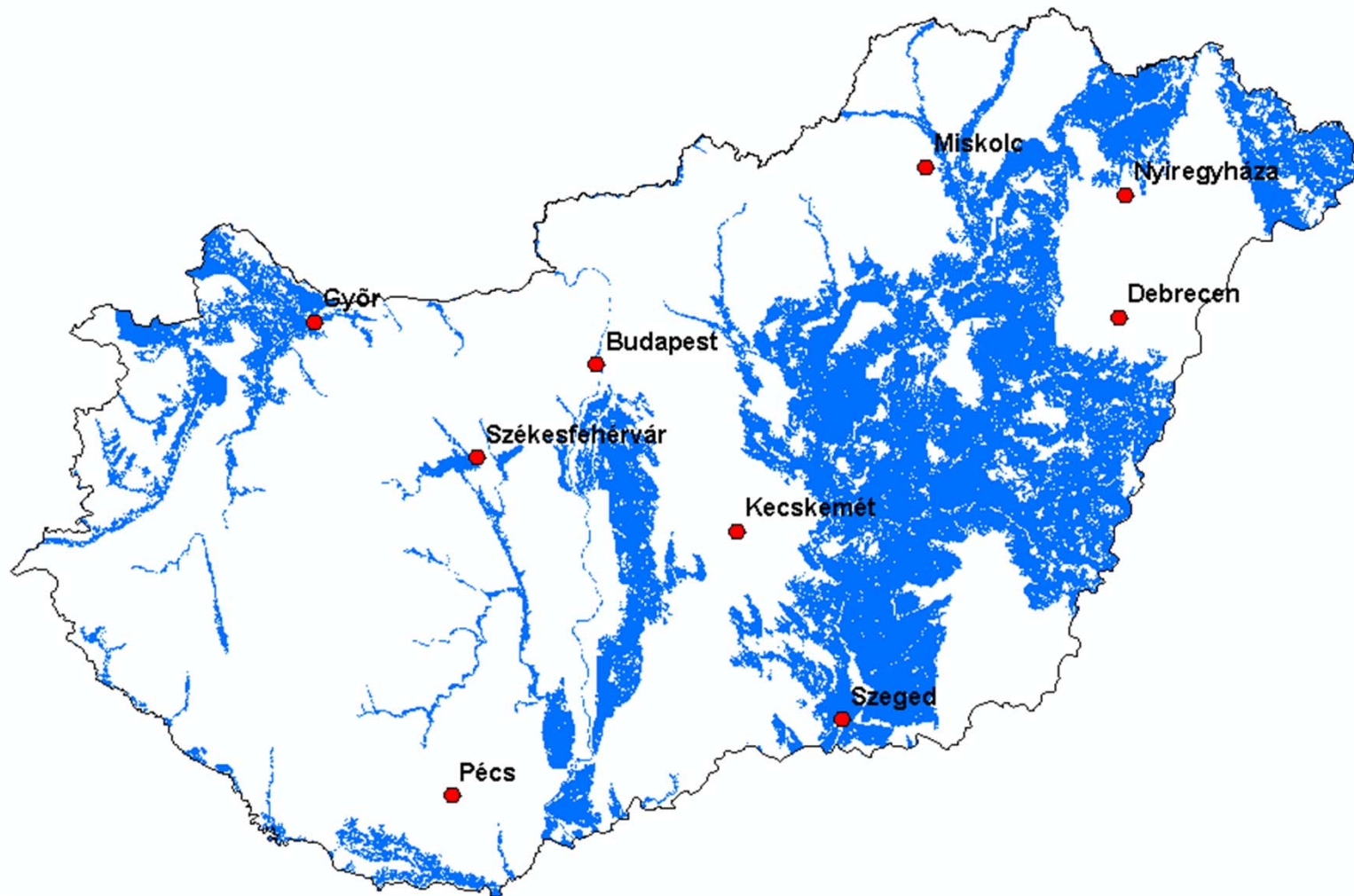
Example – Hungary Flood Risk (DTM using 90m SRTM)



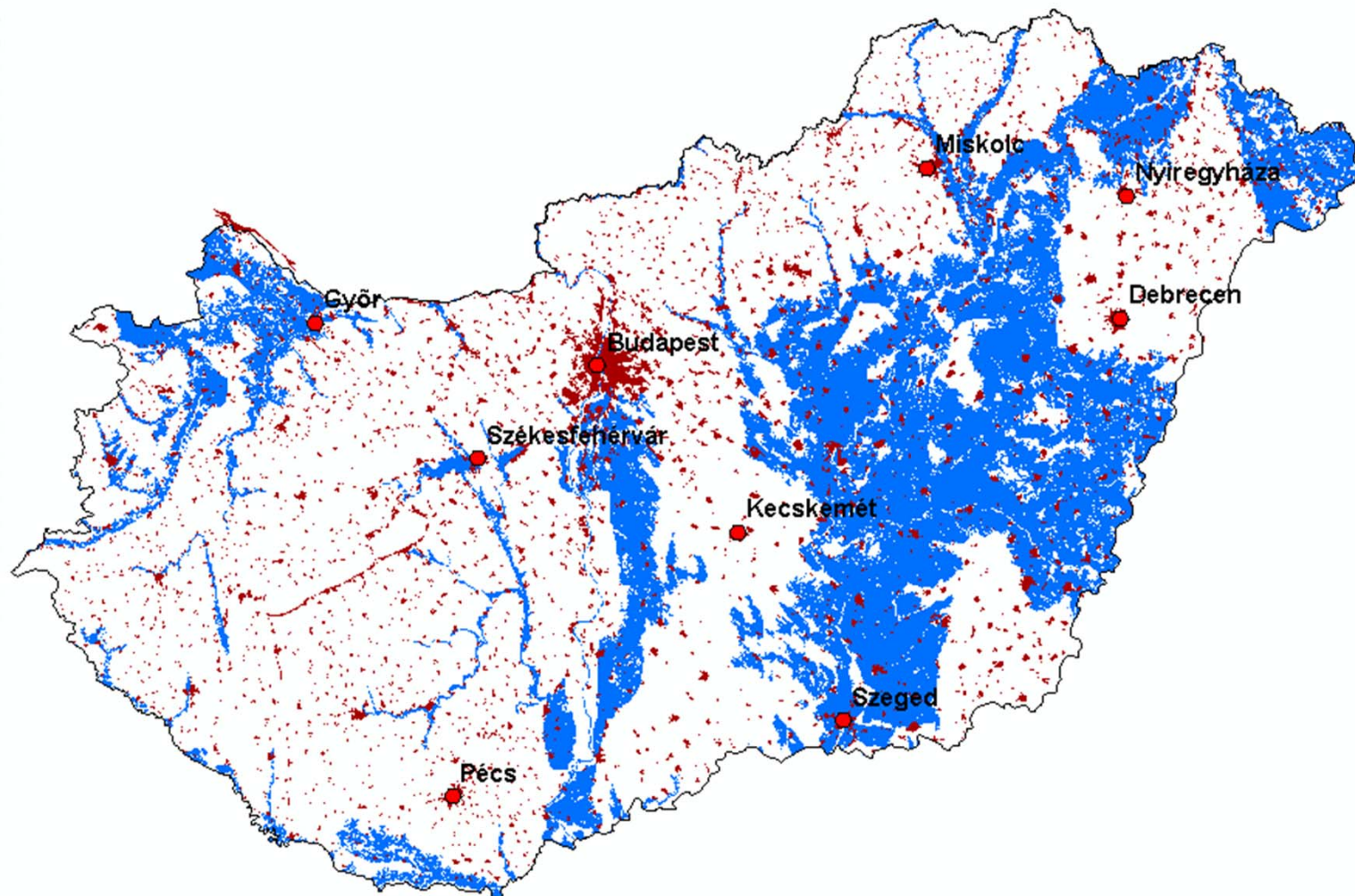
Example – Hungary Flood Risk (built-up areas using 250m satellite land cover)



Example – Hungary Flood Risk (indicative 2m flood extent – Upper Tisza, Koros, Danube)



Example – Hungary Flood Risk (combined indicative floodplain and built-up areas)





Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Analytics

Empowering governments for DRFI decision making

Understanding Risk
Technical Session – Models as the universal currency
July 2, 2014



As a Minister of Finance, how do you develop your financial protection strategy against natural disasters?

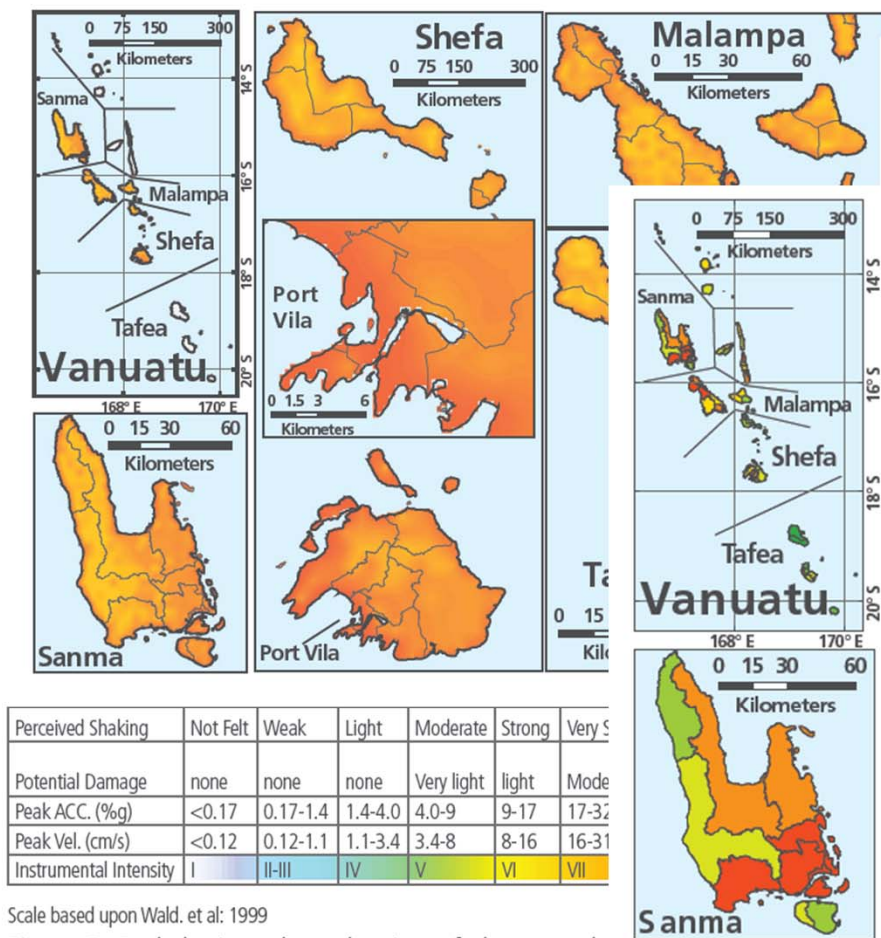
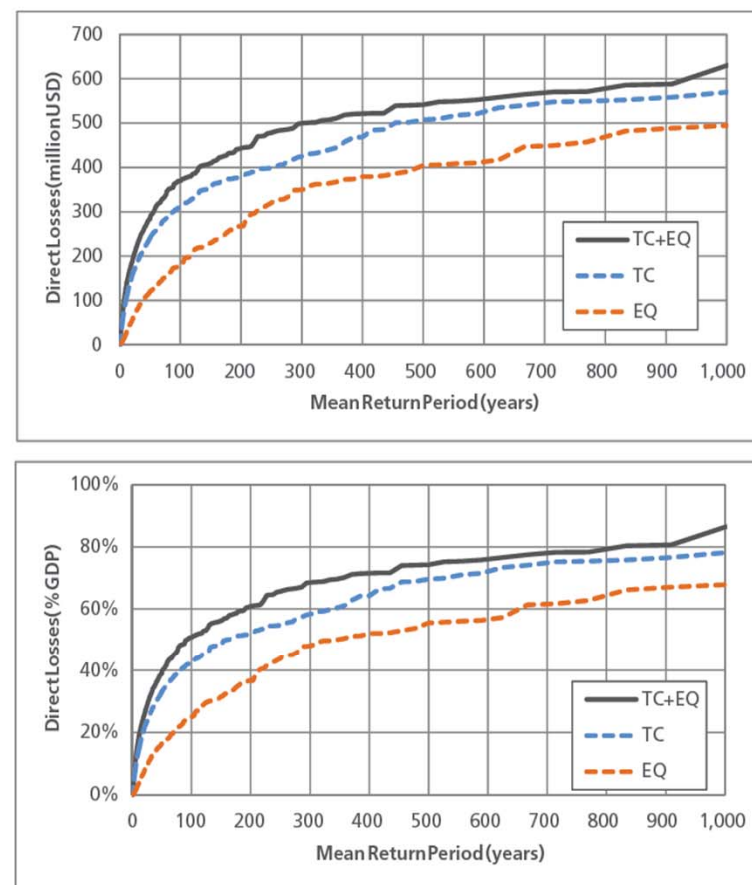


Figure 5: Peak horizontal acceleration of the ground acceleration of gravity) that has about a 40% chance to be exceeded in the next 50 years (100-year mean return period).

Figure 7: Contribution of tropical cyclone and earthquake to total losses



Development challenge

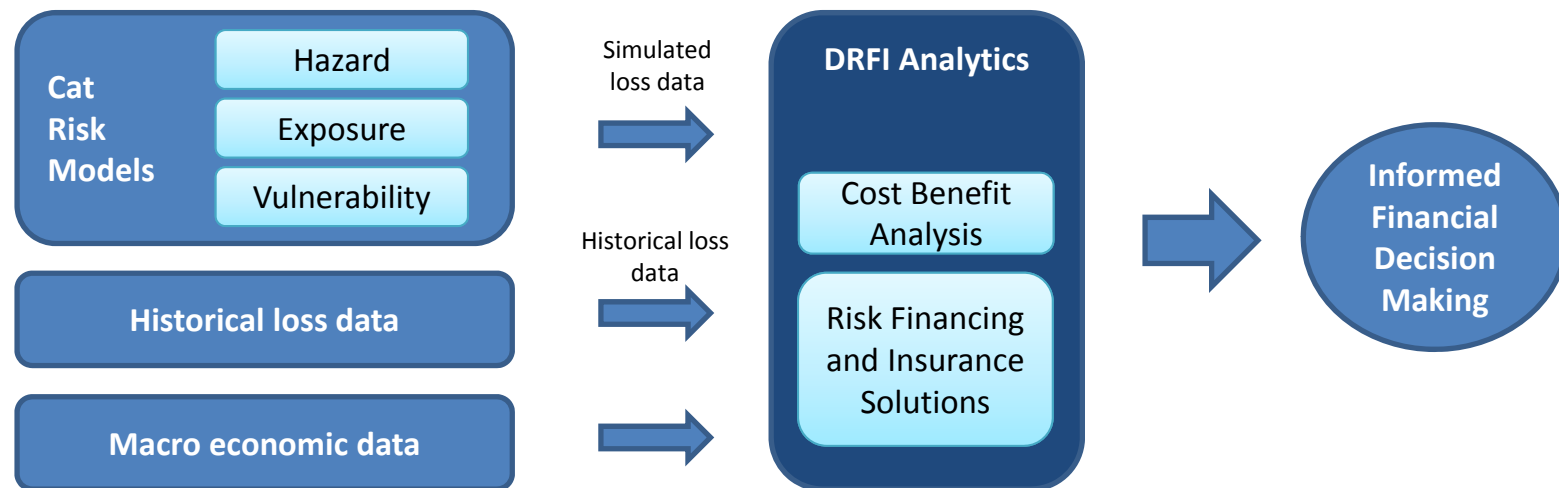
- Governments struggle to make informed decisions on financial protection against natural disasters
 - MoF increasingly include disaster risks in their fiscal risk management strategies
 - Shift from products to strategies: optimal combination of reserves, contingent credit, risk transfer, ex post lending
 - Massive amount of disaster risk data/information is produced through various disaster risk assessment and modeling initiatives
 - “Ready to use” financial products, sometimes complex, have been offered by the private sector

Proposed Solution

- ***Decision making framework*** to help governments focus on key policy decisions about disaster risk financing and insurance solutions
- ***Flexible, interactive financial tools*** to guide the governments in their decision making process
 - Help the government identify and answer key policy questions
 - Development of national DRFI strategy
 - Support discussions with the private (re)insurance sector
 - Support monitoring and evaluation
- ***Capacity building*** on disaster risk transfer solutions
 - Consultations with the private sector
 - International experience

DRFI Analytics – Helping governments make informed decisions on financial protection against disasters

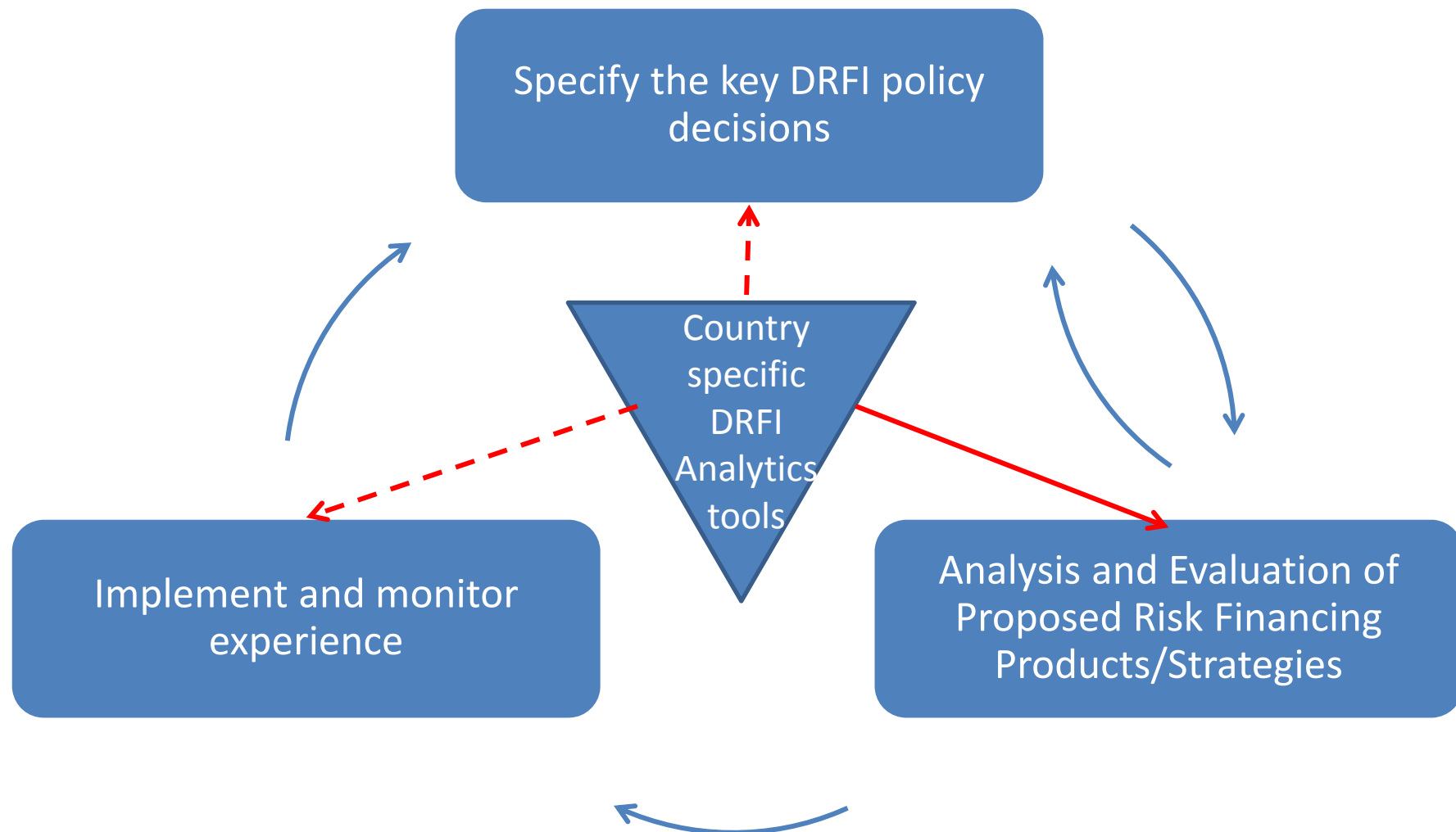
Building on reliable and appropriate data, DRFI Analytics empowers governments to take informed decisions on the financial management of natural disasters



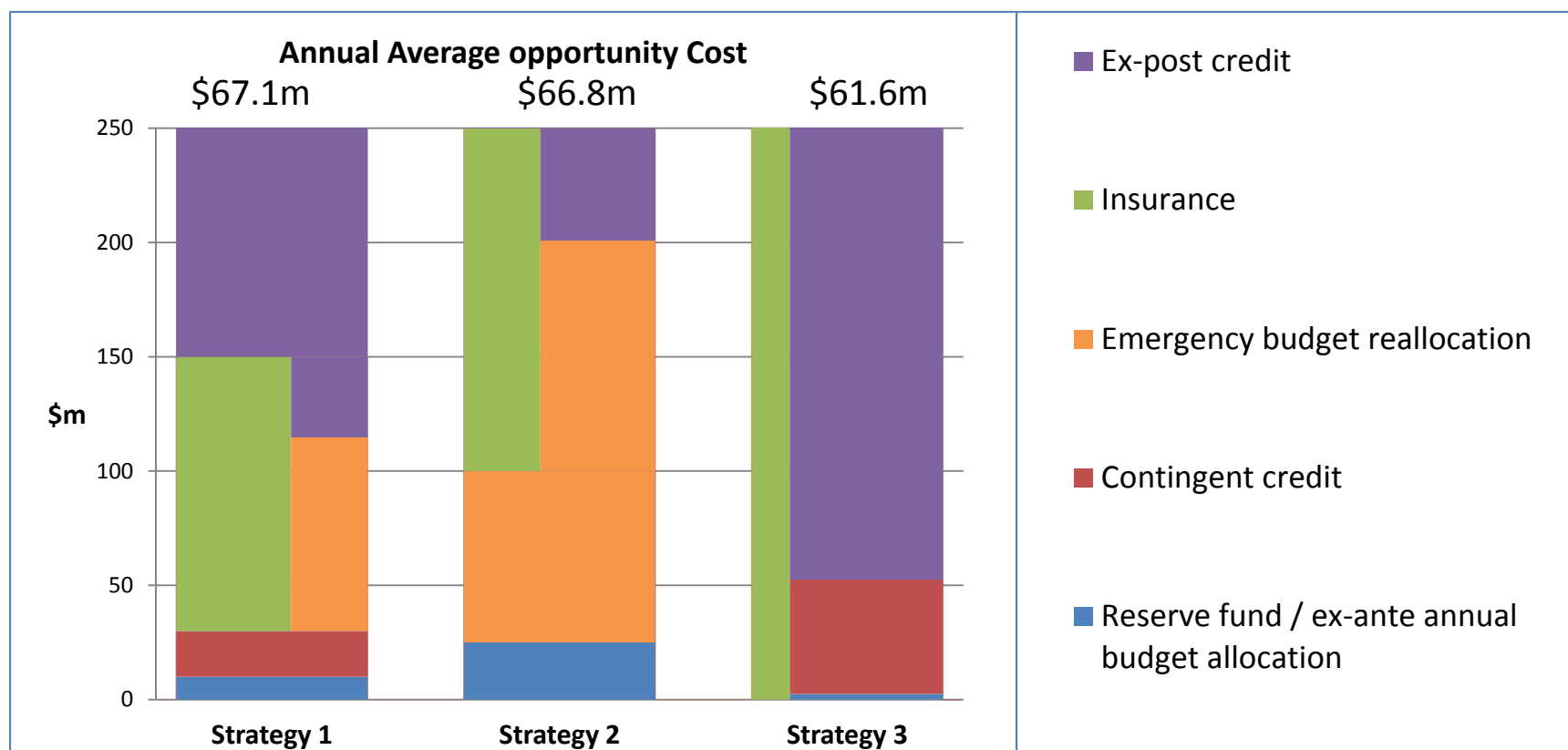
DRFI Analytics Tools:

- ☐ Are an effective interface between the policy maker and underlying technical models.
- ☐ Empower decision makers through technical capacity building

DRFI Analytics naturally fit within a control cycle approach to DRFI decision making



Quantitative cost benefit analysis for different strategies can help strategy selection and instrument prioritization



Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Pilot

Helping Ministries of Finance select catastrophe risk insurance coverage options



Country-specific risk profile

Inputs

Modeled government emergency loss from event in USD
Modeled Peril
Display style: select 'Advanced Display' to show Strategy D, which allows the user to input a custom insurance purchase strategy.

20,000,000

Tropical Cyclone

Normal Display

Calculations

A loss from a tropical cyclone at least this large is expected to occur with annual probability...

1.70%

A loss from a tropical cyclone at least this large is expected to occur on average approximately once every...

59 years

The insurance claim payment under each strategy would be:

2,630,000

The retained loss under each strategy would be:

17,370,000

Details of three different strategies

Attachment point (years)
Attachment point (USD)
Exhaustion point (years)
Exhaustion point (USD)
Annual average loss in layer (USD)
Full loss limit (USD)
Ceding Percentage
Coverage Limit (USD)

Annual probability that a claim payment occurs from at least one element of cover

Strategy A	
Earthquake and Tsunami cover	Tropical Cyclone cover
10	10
1,110,000	2,620,000
150	150
24,640,000	40,400,000
480,000	840,000
23,530,000	37,780,000
15.1%	15.1%
3,560,000	5,720,000
19%	

Strategy B	
Earthquake and Tsunami cover	Tropical Cyclone cover
15	15
1,530,000	4,160,000
150	150
24,640,000	40,400,000
440,000	720,000
23,110,000	36,250,000
17.3%	17.3%
4,000,000	6,270,000
13%	

Strategy C	
Earthquake and Tsunami cover	Tropical Cyclone cover
20	20
2,340,000	5,950,000
150	150
24,640,000	40,400,000
390,000	610,000
22,300,000	34,450,000
19.9%	19.9%
4,450,000	6,870,000
10%	

Note: Figures are highly indicative. Coverage limit may change depending on market conditions. Under all strategies the Ceding Percentage is set so that the total expected claim payment (over both policies) is US\$200,000.

Strategy A: 1-in-10 year per-peril attachment points
2,630,000
17,370,000

Strategy B: 1-in-15 year per-peril attachment points
2,740,000
17,260,000

Strategy C: 1-in-20 year per-peril attachment points
2,800,000
17,200,000

Sovereign cat risk transfer in Indonesia

Helping Ministry of Finance identify catastrophe risk transfer options

Risk Profile (13 Indonesia Regional Hazard Units)

Colour coding
Input - feel free to change
Formula - do not change

Paste Sheet into new Workbook

1. Currency & Exchange Rate

Currency Selection	Currency	USD
Exchange Rate: per 1 USD	ExRate	10,000

2. Financial Protection Strategy

Regional Hazard Units	Include hazard unit?	Insurance coverage (USD)	Payout type	1st trigger point (Magnitude)	Step cover - 2nd trigger point (Magnitude)	Exhaustion point (Magnitude)	Step cover - 1st trigger point %	Step cover - 2nd trigger point %	Smoothed 1st trigger point - return period	Smoothed 2nd trigger point - return period	Smoothed exhaustion point - return period	Return period magnitude calculator
Sumatra Darat	Yes	7,136,287	Linear	6.5		8.0			4		908	100
Sumatra Laut	Yes	3,329,228	Linear	6.5		8.0			1		26	7.7
Java Laut	Yes	9,477,693	Linear	6.5		8.0			3		77	8.5
Java Barat	Yes	9,864,052	Linear	6.5		8.0			45		1,000	8.1
Java Timur	Yes	11,381,637	Linear	6.5		8.0			5		195	7.0
Bali	Yes	868,929	Linear	6.5		8.0			32		1,000	7.8
Nusa Tenggara	Yes	1,328,859	Linear	6.5		8.0			1		30	7.2
Maluku	Yes	401,459	Linear	6.5		8.0			1		21	8.5
Papua	Yes	970,291	Linear	6.5		8.0			1		14	8.5
Maluku Utara	Yes	318,159	Linear	6.5		8.0			1		23	8.4
Sulawesi Utara	Yes	1,962,816	Linear	6.5		8.0			1		46	8.2
Kalimantan	Yes	2,680	Linear	6.5		8.0			11		625	8.1
Sulawesi Selatan	Yes	1,053,512	Linear	6.5		8.0			5		106	7.7
												8.0

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Which regions of Indonesia should be covered by a financial protection scheme?

2

How should financial cover be apportioned across each region?

3

How much annual premium can be spent on a risk transfer product?

4

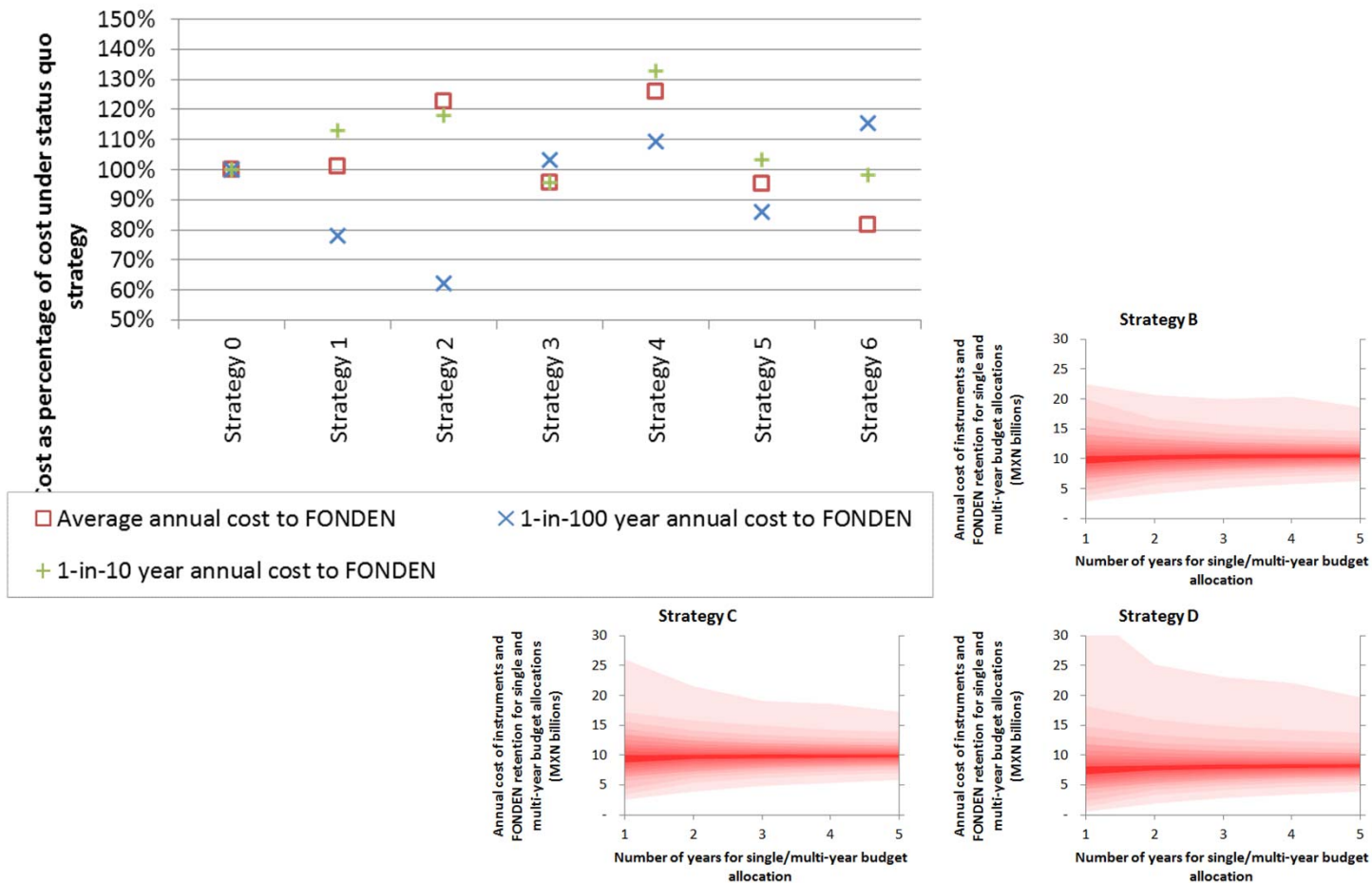
What frequency or severity of events should trigger a payout?

5

How should the payout structure be designed?

Cost-benefit analysis of financial options in Mexico

Helping Ministry of Finance improve their DRFI strategy through an optimal combination of financial instruments



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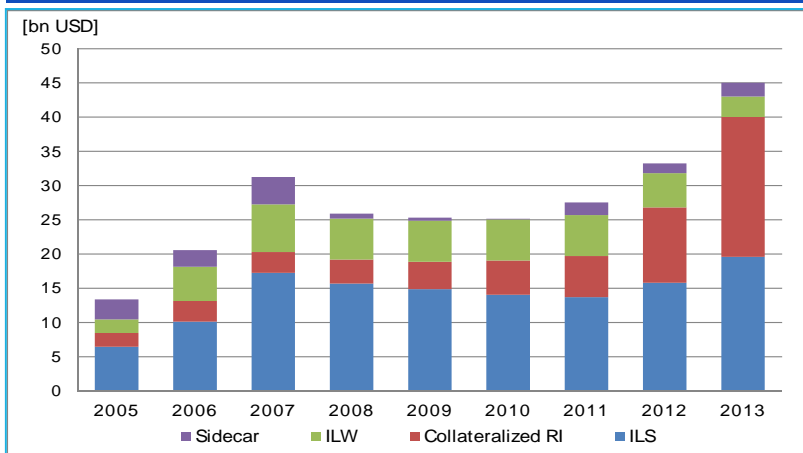
Models as Universal Currency for Disaster Risk Financing & Mgmt

Ivo Menzinger, Managing Director
Swiss Reinsurance Company

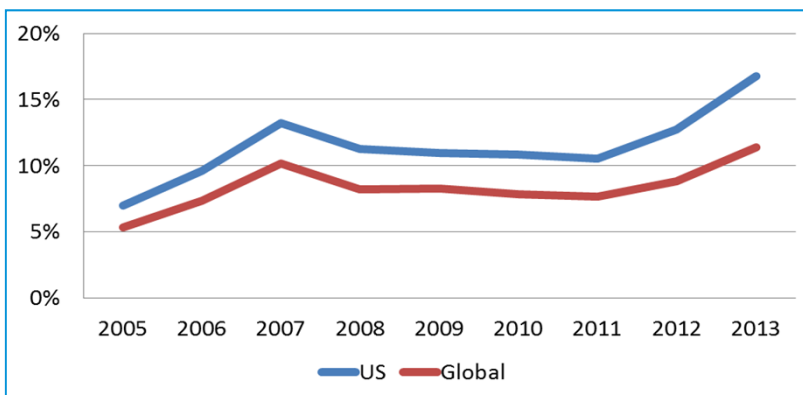
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Disaster Risk Financing: growing alternative capital requires a universal, transparent currency

Estimated size of global market



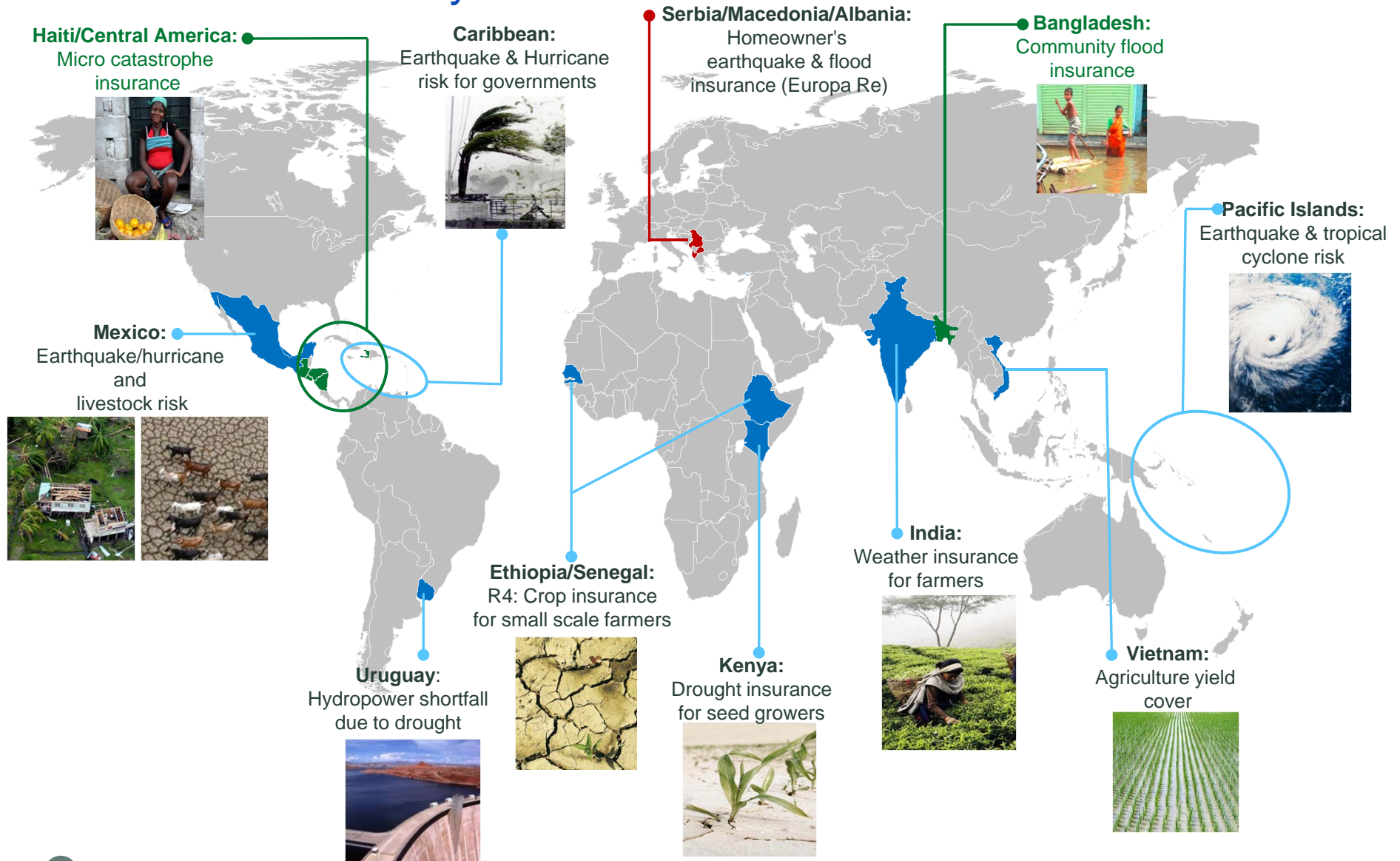
Estimated market share (excl. Retro capacity)



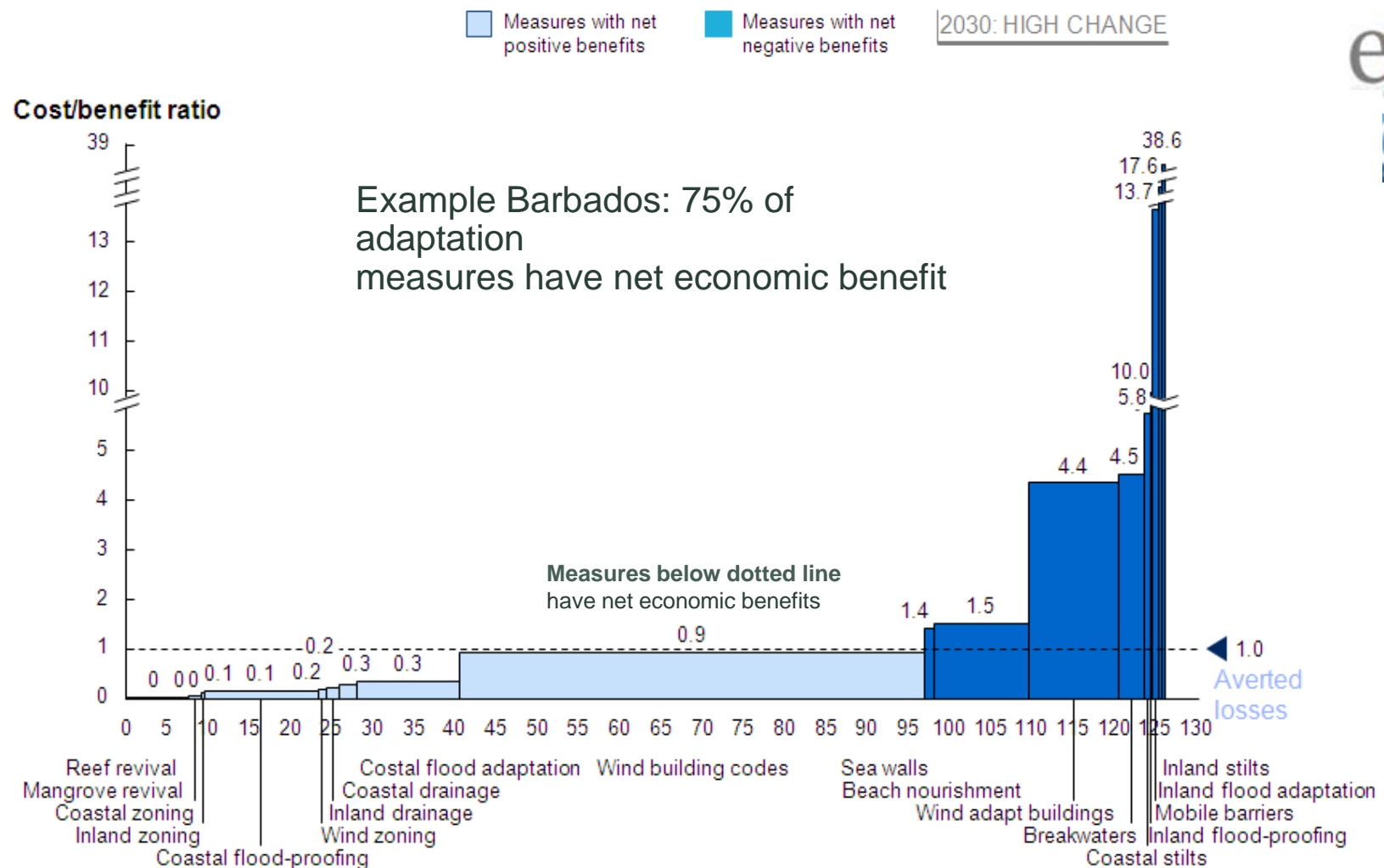
- "Alternative capital" broadly refers to reinsurance/retro capacity provided by capital markets investors rather than via traditional reinsurance
- Alternative capital increased sharply since 2011 to USD 45 bn
- Collateralized reinsurance grows fastest, reaching the volume of cat bond market
- Alternative capital market share accounts for 11% globally and about 17% in the US, exceeding the 2007 level (post-Katrina)



Disaster Risk Financing: Regional risk sharing requires a universal currency



Disaster Risk Management: Cost-benefit assessments require a transparent, universal currency





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Modelling and DRR for Sovereign Risk Management

Dr Simon Young
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Context

- DRR activities in many developing world countries are undertaken with little reference to Ministries of Finance or to the economic benefits of DRM (or the costs of cat risk)
- Cat models provide a bridge, enabling the true cost/benefit relationships for DRR to be identified;
 - This is increasingly important as climate change adaptation and DRR/DRM become more and more integrated

Caribbean – shock and awe

- The first cat risk profiles generated for multiple countries to underpin the CCRIF launch in 2007 were greeted with dropped jaws by MoF officials
 - They had never seen annualised costs of cat risk before, even though they were generally aware of what the big events could do to the economies of their small islands
- CCRIF subsequently commissioned development of an in-house modelling platform by Kinetic Analysis Corp (KAC) to build on this entry point to:
 - Provide a solid, regionally-appropriate basis for CCRIF's parametric policies
 - Provide high resolution, nationally appropriate risk information for multiple hazards
 - Potentially provide a regional public good for use by governments for other DRM/DRR needs

Africa – another paradigm shift

- The African Risk Capacity Agency has taken the Caribbean example further in two particular ways:
 - *Africa RiskView* has been designed to act both as the underpinning model for the drought risk pool (other perils to follow) AND as an early-warning tool for governments
 - Membership of ARC Ltd, the mutual insurance company affiliate of the Agency, and issuance of a policy, is only possible after Contingency Plans have been certified by a technical review panel – which outline how payouts will be used to mitigate food insecurity

Discussion Points

- While progress is definitely being made on quantifying sovereign disaster risk and implementing tools to improve management, we still see significant challenges in building capacity within countries to act on the information
 - The Country Risk Officer concept has been considered by OECD and others, but implementing at the country level is challenging
 - Utilising cat risk models to undertake DRR (and climate change adaptation) cost-benefit analysis remains more of a dream than a reality in most development contexts
- There remains a significant moral hazard element to *ex ante* DRM decision-making
- DRR (and risk transfer) costs are still largely seen for their (negative) short-term budget implications rather than as long term strategic investments to offset ongoing liabilities

Understanding Risk Forum, London
Plenary Session: Models as Universal Currency of DRM



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The Role of Risk Models in Developing New Catastrophe Insurance Markets
Examples from Southeastern Europe Catastrophe Insurance Facility Program

Eugene N. Gurenko, Ph.D., CPCU, ARe

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Catastrophe Risk Models

- “All models are wrong but some are useful...”

George E. P. Box, Statistician

- In August 2013, AIR released Comprehensive Earthquake and Flood Risk Models for Albania, FYR of Macedonia, and Serbia.

SEEC CRIF Risk Model Applications in Insurance



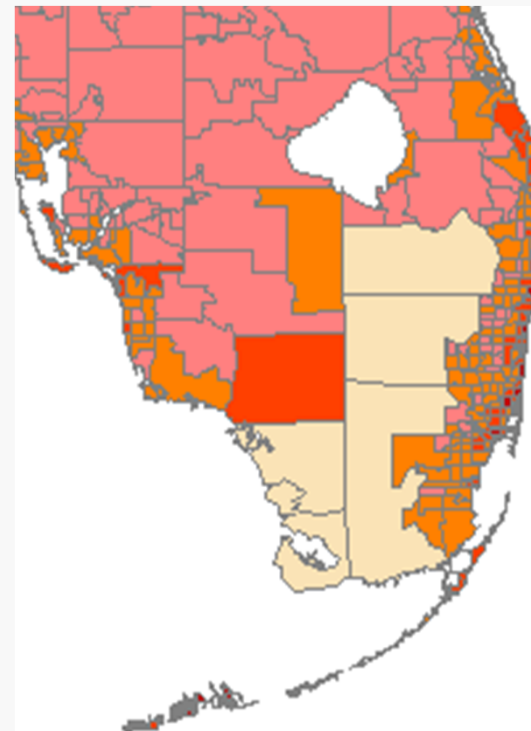
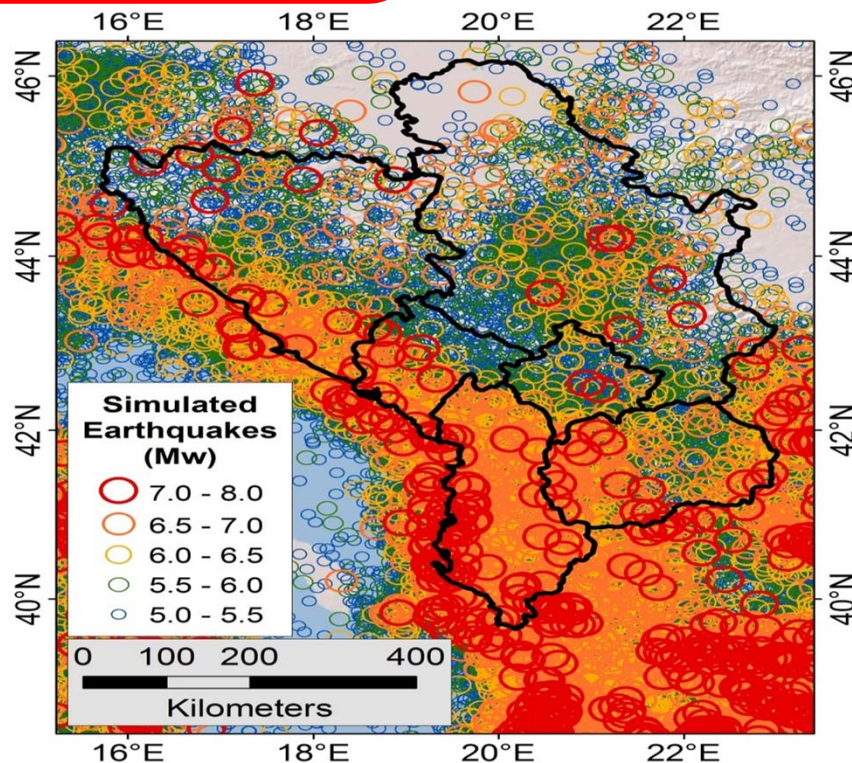
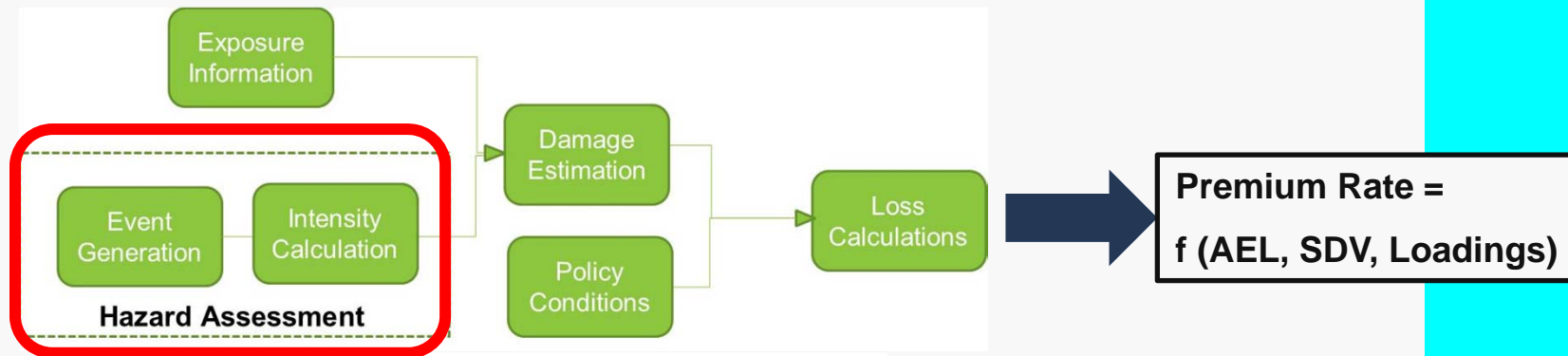
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- Pricing
- Loss assessment
- Reinsurance
- Regulation
- Consumer education

Models and rate making



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Models and Portfolio Loss Assessment: Serbia Floods, 2014



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AIR Model outputs such as:

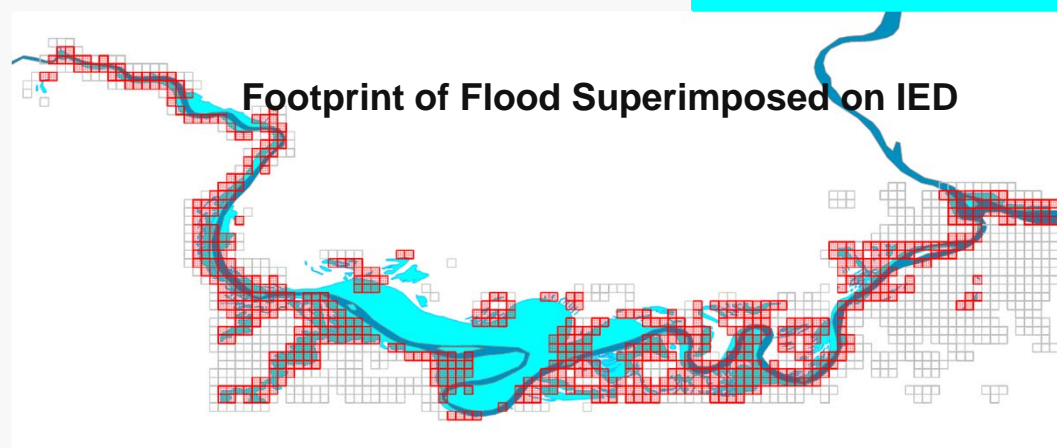
- Industry Exposure Data Base
- Vulnerability Functions for different types of buildings
- Digital Elevation Model



On-the-ground water depth observations



Aerial and Satellite Imagery



Damage to Buildings and Contents

Construction Type	Apartments/ Condominiums	General Commercial	General Industrial	General Residential	Grand Total
Light Metal					
Masonry					
Reinforced Concrete					
Steel					
Wood Frame (Modern)					
Grand Total					



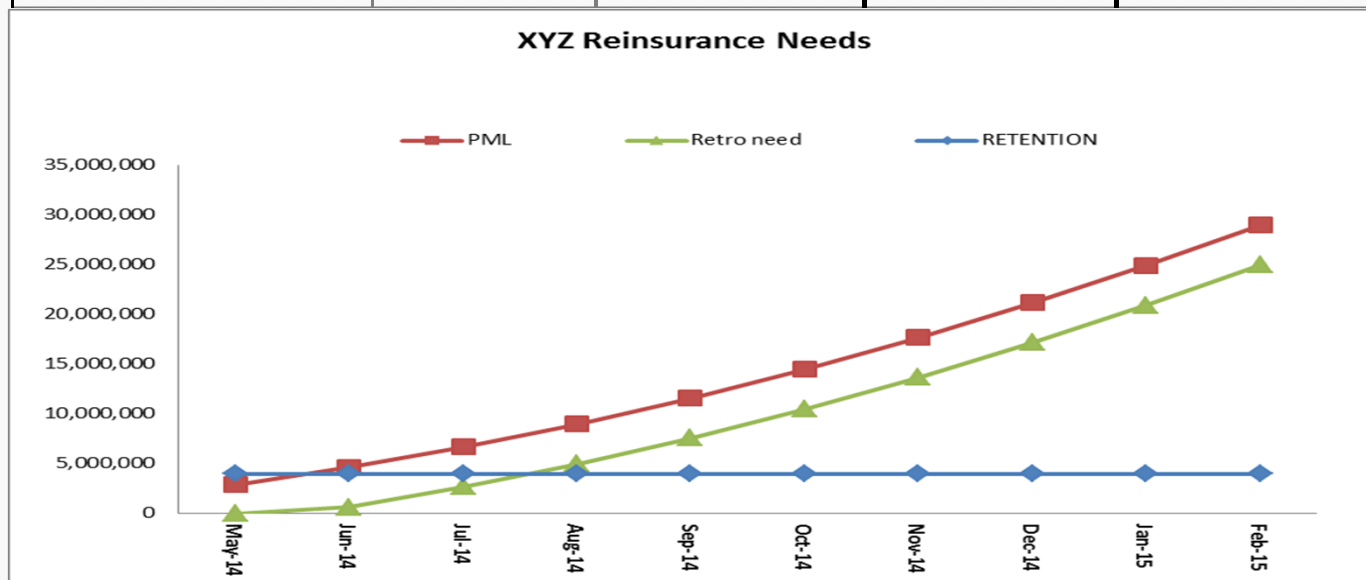
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Risk Models and Reinsurance

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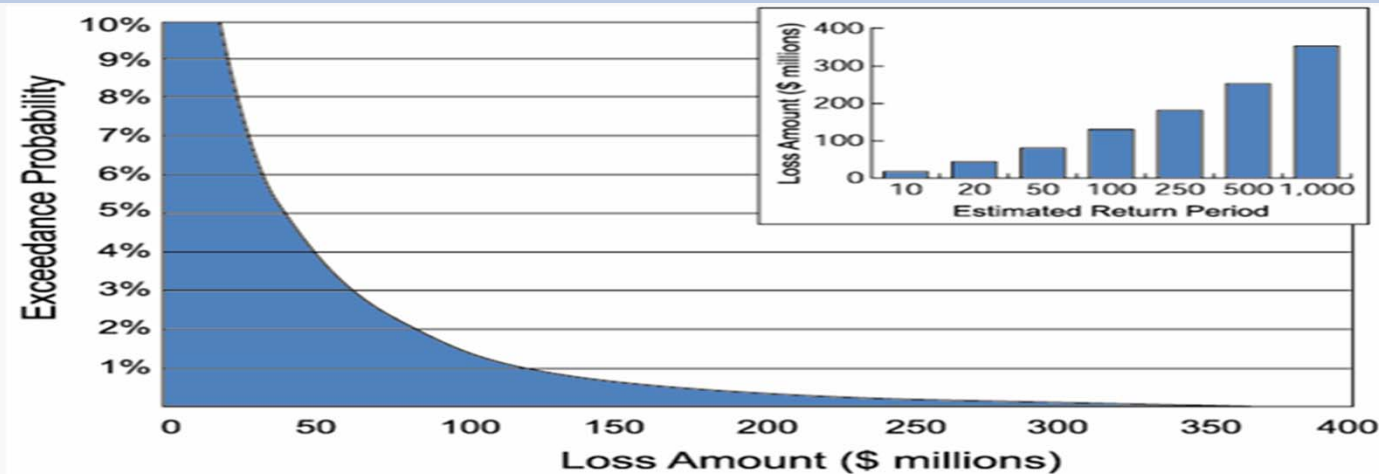
Amounts in EURO

AMS Assessment _ Retro Need				
Month	Exposure	PML 250	RETENTION	Retro need
Jan-14	0	0	4,000,000	0
Feb-14	0	0	4,000,000	0

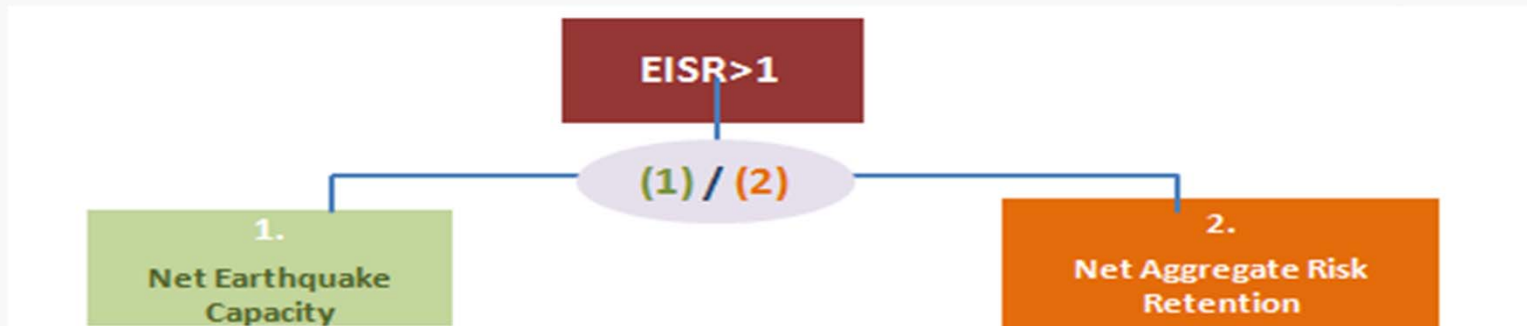


- Risk models are used to determine the amount of reinsurance capacity needed by a risk taking entity based on projected risk aggregates in areas exposed to catastrophe risk.

Application of models to Risk Based Supervision



- Insurer should have enough capacity (funds) to be able to face the probable maximum loss (PML) expected to arise from a large catastrophe event - with a given probability of exceedance - 0.5% (200 year-RP) – Solvency II.
- Insurer's Net Earthquake Insurance Capacity should exceed Net Aggregate Risk Retention of arising from EQ property risks (EISR >1).



Models and Consumer Education: CatMonitor



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CATMonitor is a free, web-based platform for risk monitoring and awareness. Incorporating a user-friendly interface, it aims to engage a widespread audience to visualize, interact, and contribute to the understanding and measurement of risk. It includes several features for effectively visualizing hazard, exposure, and loss information (scenario events and post catastrophe). In addition, it enables users to locate addresses using an open mapping interface.

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Risk Score: Moderate (30)

Your building will likely have some minor to moderate damage in an earthquake, such as cracking of walls, cracking of columns, and extensive architectural damage. Some damage may require you to relocate temporarily while the building is inspected or repaired. Earthquake insurance is recommended to help you pay for repairs and to help pay for living expenses if you have to relocate temporarily.

How can I improve?

How can I improve my Masonry building for earthquakes?

Improving the earthquake safety ("retrofitting") of masonry buildings usually requires significant investment in engineering and construction, so it can be quite expensive. However, retrofitting can be cost-effective for apartment buildings where many homeowners can share the costs and the benefit of increased earthquake safety.

If your Masonry building has concrete slab floors, then adding steel-reinforced concrete "shear walls" to connect the floors will increase the stiffness of the building and improve the performance dramatically. Shear walls are wide concrete walls which connect the different floors of the building to make it stiffer and reduce its movements during an earthquake. Installing these walls requires engineering and construction work, but they will make the building much safer.

Should I buy earthquake insurance?

Because Masonry buildings are very vulnerable to earthquake damage, they should always be insured for earthquakes by a reputable insurance provider. Property owners should purchase as much earthquake insurance as they can afford, up to the replacement value of the building. If you think of the financial and logistic consequences of losing your home, earthquake insurance is an excellent investment for you and your family. Without it, you may not have the resources to rebuild and to live following a disaster.

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DRM – new tools for a changing paradigm (RASOR Overview)

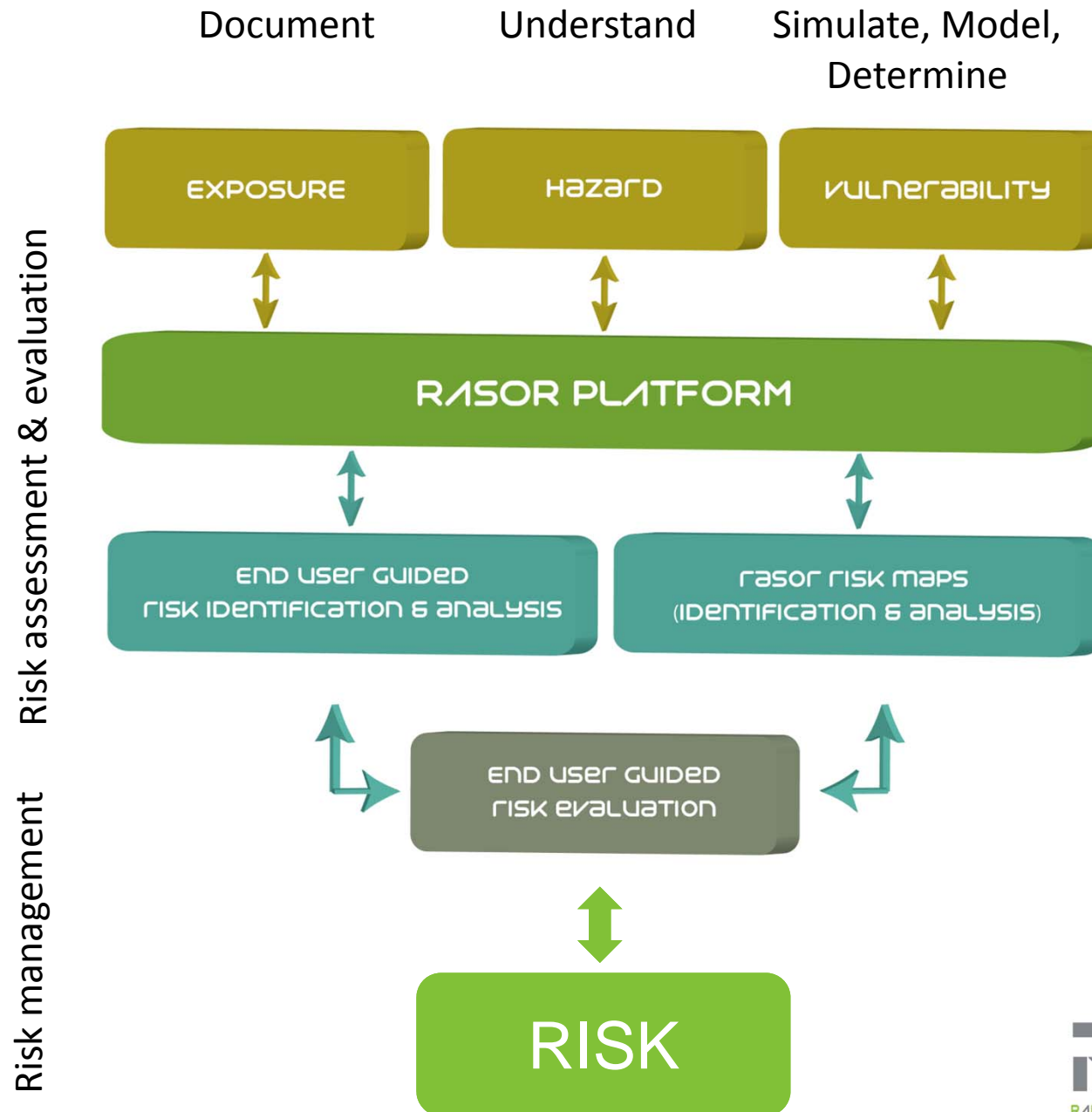


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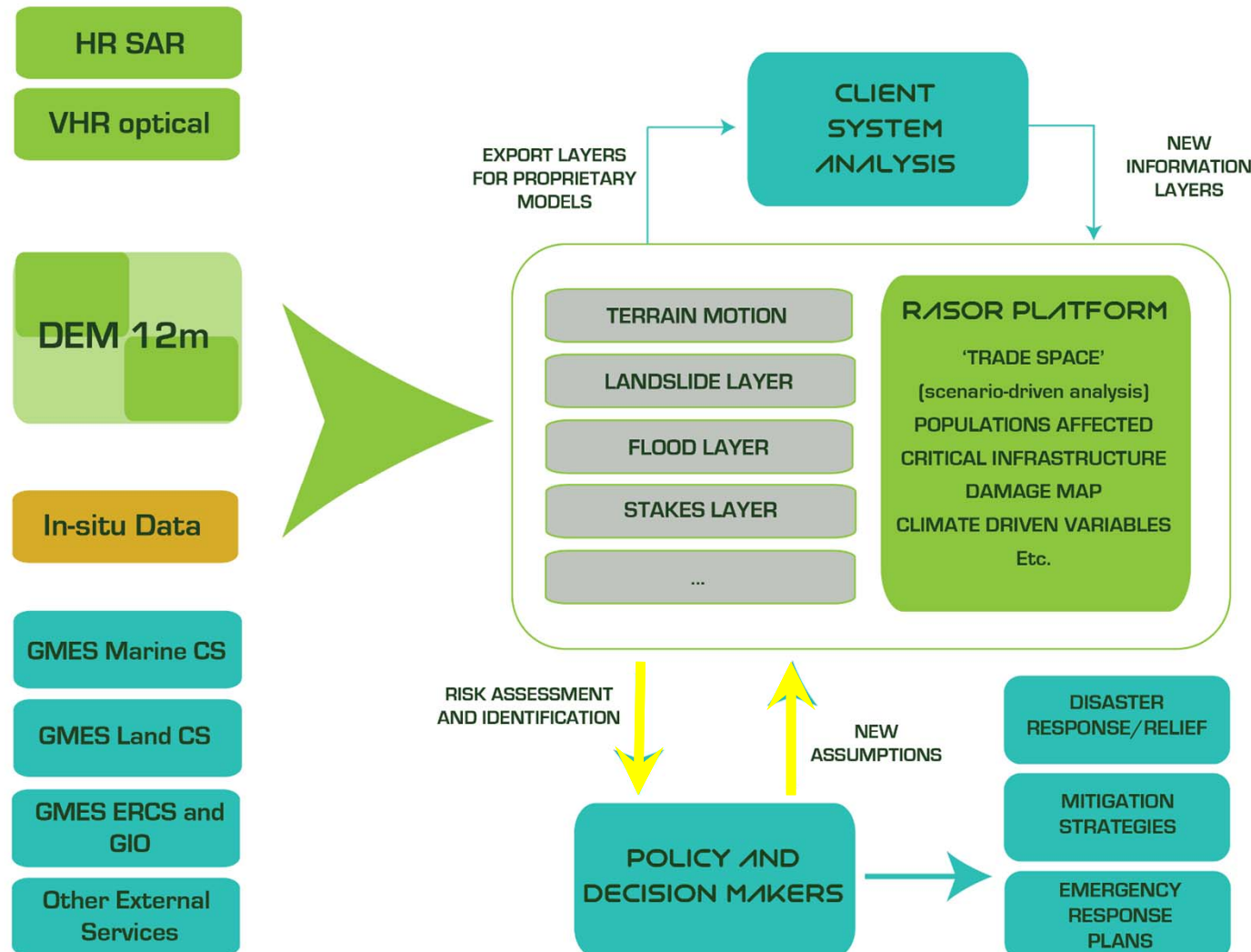


What do DRM Users Need?

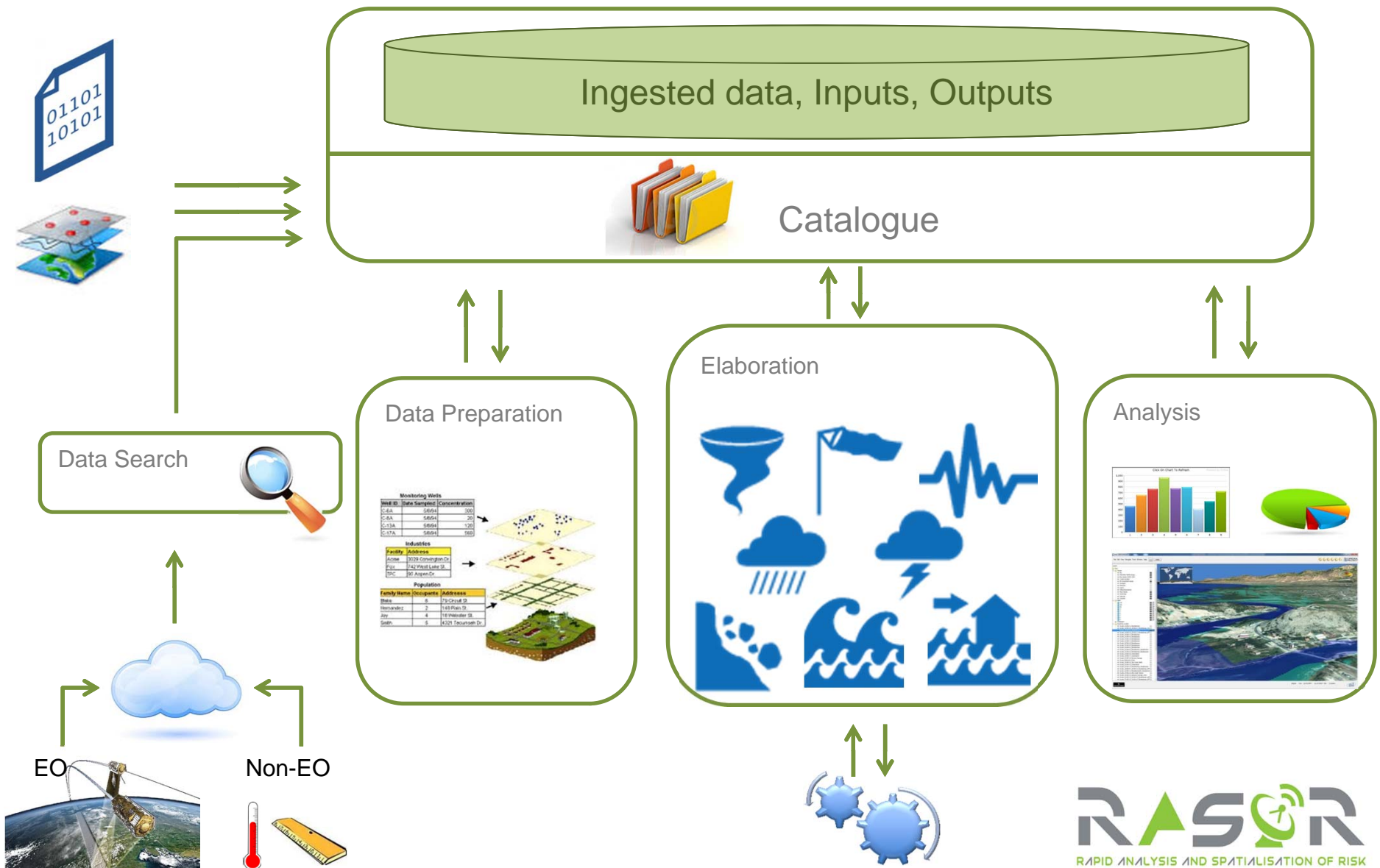
- Up-to-date spatialised view of **hazard** extent (across several hazards)
- Up-to-date information on **exposure** of people and assets (and ability to project change)
- Comprehensive information on past disasters (to assist in **risk identification**)
- Ability to modify key parameters and project impact
- Ability to project cumulative effect of **risk** and correlations
- Ability to **integrate** analysis in a single tool
- Ability to produce information (layers) for **ingestion** in other tools



rasor structure



Logic Architecture



RASOR – what does it do?

- **Rapid:**
 - Mitigation: compile new analysis with or without in-situ data in hours or days instead of weeks and months
 - Warning: update existing risk analysis with NRT data from satellites as risk materializes; projections of future impact
 - Response: mark up data layers and inject new information to refine analysis
 - Recovery: track assets and support logistics of major recovery in NRT
- **Analysis:**
 - Past case studies of events, current situations, future scenarios
 - Multiple variables, sectoral perspectives, inter-related hazards
 - Evolving exposure and hazards
 - Flexible outputs
- **Spatialisation:**
 - VHR DEMs (TanDEM-X and Pleiades)
 - Satellite-based visualization
- **Risk:**
 - Hazard: from known data bases and new EO-based sources
 - Exposure: from global data bases and newly extracted EO-based
 - Vulnerability: from in-situ information when available

Discussion

