

Climate Change & Catastrophes: Turning Science into Impact

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RMS Approach to Climate Change Modelling



Climate Change, Extreme Weather, and Climate Variability

Future climate change?



Scientific consensus is strong on the presence of climate change in some physical parameters...

... but what does this tell us about the impact on extreme weather?

Which Region-Perils are Impacted by Climate Change?



Climate Change Risk to Ports and Storage Facilities



Climate Change Physical Risk & Cat Models

Hazard

Vulnerability

Exposure



Climate- & Humanrelated factors "Whims of humankind"



Cat Models & Today's Climate Risk – an Industry Standard

Country	Earthquake Risk	Windstorm (HU/TY) Risk	Convective Storm Risk
Japan	High	Med	Low
USA – West Coast	High	Low	None
USA – Florida	Low	High	Low
USA - Central	Med	Low	High
USA – NYC	Low	Med	Low

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Tools which fit the Existing Risk Management Framework



Climate Change across the UW & Risk Decision Framework

	Underwriting and Pricing	Pricing climate change uncertainty & pricing resilience (VoR) Risk differentiation in a changing climate	
	Business Planning	Business readiness for near-term climate change	
ζζ _ζ ζζ	Stress & Scenario Testing	Understand climate change uncertainty in capital & liquidity	
8–8 `8´	Stakeholder Communications	Shareholders, cedants, ILS investors, Rating Agencies	
	Regulatory Reporting	Prescriptive climate change scenarios Long-term time horizons	

Climate Change Challenge





Capturing Variations



Change in daily extreme precipitation: 2041-2070 vs present Source: EURO-CORDEX data

Uncertainty





Climate Change Impacts, Regionally and Locally

Differences in climate change signal



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Differences in response to the same signal

Modeled Open Lot Automobile Damage – Superstorm Sandy





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Regional Variation in Climate Change Impacts



Global Mean CO2 Concentration

Source: M. Meinshausen, S. Smith et al. The RCP GHG concentrations and their extension from 1765 to 2500, in prep., Climatic Change

RMS Europe Flood Climate Change Model:

Change in 2050 Average Annual Loss vs Current Climate



Preliminary results from https://www.rms.com/offer/europe-flood-whitepaper

Interconnectedness of Risk in a Changing Climate



Emerging Regulation around Climate Change

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Thank you.

