



# Flood Risk Models

Solutions for Reinsurance/Insurance  
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## Session Agenda

- This presentation reviews how flood models are used within the Private market sector to Underwrite and Price Flood exposure – for both Primary and Reinsurance solutions.
  - CoreLogic/EQECAT history of Flood Solutions
    - Flood solutions since 1995
    - Detailed, granular data
  - Single Site Models
    - Underlying data layers and Scientific Elements
    - Solutions available
    - Example
  - Portfolio Model

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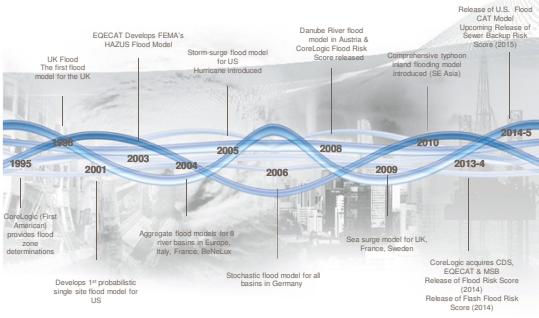
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## CoreLogic/EQECAT Flood Modeling – A History



1995: CoreLogic (First American) provides flood zone determinations

1995: UK Flood - The first flood model for the UK

2001: EQECAT Develops FEMA's HAZUS Flood Model

2003: Storm surge flood model for US Hurricane reinsurance

2004: Aggregate flood models for 8 river basins in Europe, Italy, France, Benelux

2005: Danube River flood model in Austria & CoreLogic Flood Risk Score released

2006: Stochastic flood model for all basins in Germany

2008: Comprehensive typhoon/land flooding model introduced (SE Asia)

2009: Sea surge model for UK, France, Sweden

2010: CoreLogic acquires CDS, EQECAT & MSB

2013-4: Release of Flood Risk Score (2014) / Release of Peak Flood Risk Score (2014)

2014-5: Release of U.S. Flood CAT Model / Upcoming Release of Sewer Backup Risk Score (2015)

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**The CoreLogic Vision**



Make property as easy as Auto

vs

Complete View of Property

From Point to Portfolio

Our mission is to empower our clients to make smarter decisions through data-driven insights.

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**The CoreLogic Advantage: From Point to Portfolio**



Relevant

Urgent

Solutions Available

Flood Risk

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**Delivering a New Flood Solution**

Past Technology Challenges Lead to a New Approach

- Flood modeling requires massive data sets and granular data
  - Elevation is very important
  - High-severity loss events can occur anywhere.
  - Low-severity loss events drive location AAL & PML.
- Run-times are important
  - Performance delivered using grid-computing resources

Lower Flood Frequency  
Lower Flood Risk

Higher Flood Frequency  
Higher Flood Risk  
Higher Repetitive Loss

100-Year Elevation Hydraulic Profile

Elevation Variance

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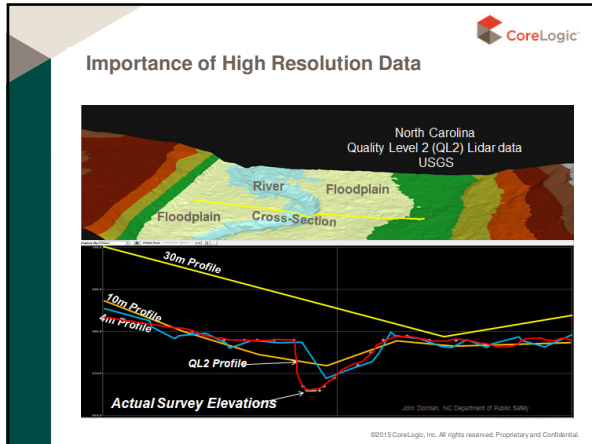
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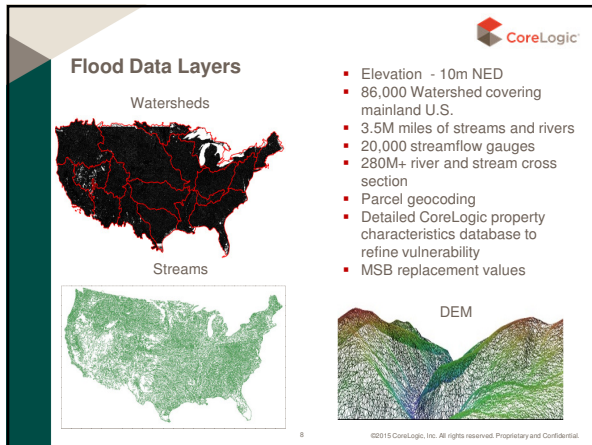
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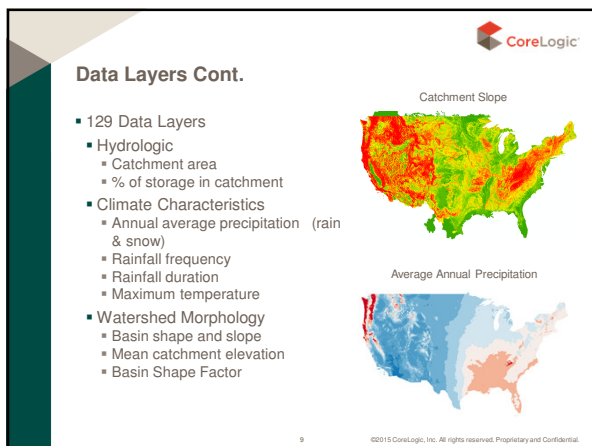
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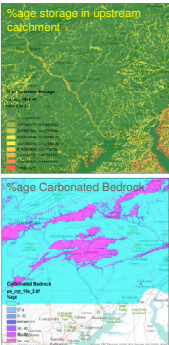
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### Data Layers Cont.

- Geologic
  - % of catchment on carbonated rocks
  - Soil permeability
- Landuse
  - % forestry in catchment
  - % upstream permeability
  - % upstream development
- Population
  - Population density



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### Single Site Models

Risk Selection/Underwriting and Pricing

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### Single Site Models – Underwriting and Risk Selection

- Locational accuracy is the key
  - CoreLogic PxPoint/ParcelPoint - geocode the address to the midpoint of the appropriate parcel.
- CoreLogic Risk Scores measure the relative risk of an event, with scores ranging from 1-100
  - Flood Zone Flooding / Flood Risk Score (Rivers, lakes, coastal)
  - Coast Storm Surge
  - Inland Flash Flood Scores
  - Basement Flooding Scores
  - Sewer Backup Scores

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### Single Site Models – Underwriting and Risk Selection

- CoreLogic EQECAT Flood Model
  - Hybrid involving hydrological, hydraulic and statistical approaches
  - More than 120 data-layers representing different variables/parameters
  - Cross-section analysis at each point based on 10 m DEM and CoreLogic Water Surface Elevation
  - Stochastic event set preserves spatial variability observed from historical data
  - Less uncertainty and computationally efficient

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### Geocode Comparison – Importance of Location Accuracy



Plano Market  
Geocode Comparison

Customer Points  
CoreLogic Points  
CoreLogic Parcels





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### Scientific Elements in FRS Computation


Property-Based Geocoding


National Elevation Data







10m Nat'l Hydraulic Profile






Digital Flood Data





Supplemental Data



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USGS Hydrology ©2015 CoreLogic, Inc. All rights reserved. Proprietary and Confidential.

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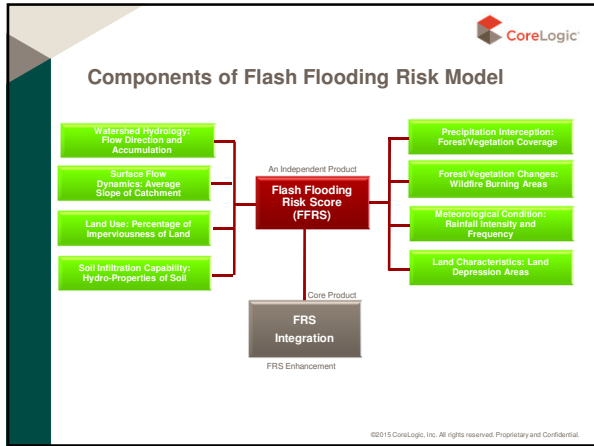
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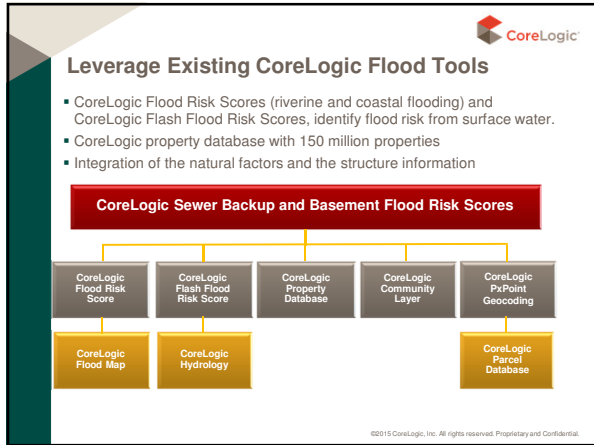
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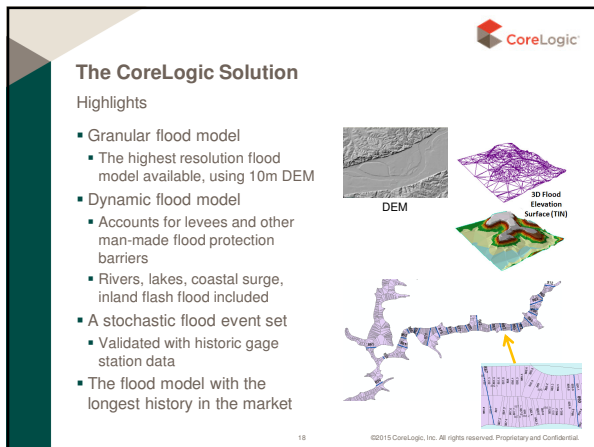
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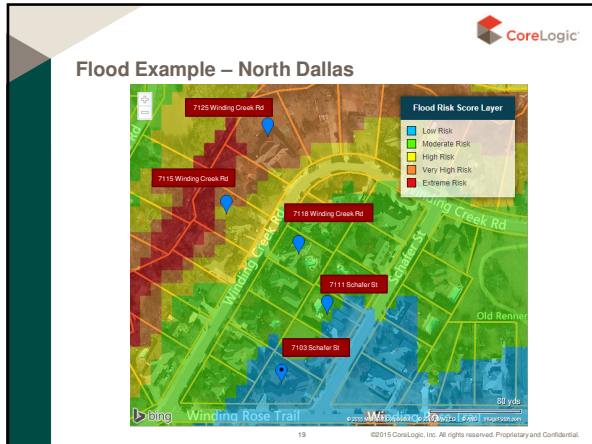
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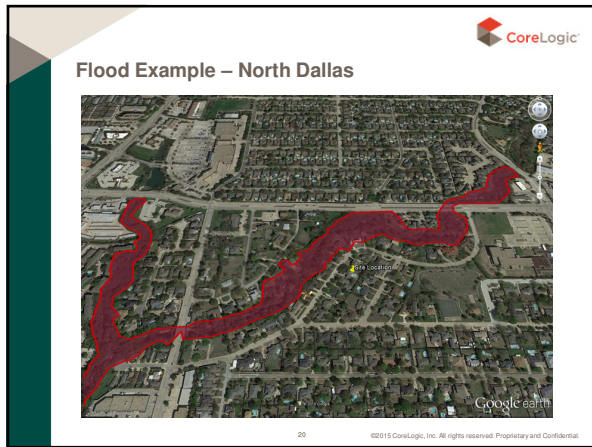
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### Flood Example – North Dallas

site number	address	city	state	zipcode	lon	lat	Flood Risk Score (FRS)	Flash Flood Risk Score (FFRS)
1	7125 Winding Creek Rd	Dallas	TX	75252	-96.790262	32.98794	60	42
2	7115 Winding Creek Rd	Dallas	TX	75252	-96.790621	32.986233	50	53
3	7118 Winding Creek Rd	Dallas	TX	75252	-96.789594	32.985940	40	50
4	7111 Schaffer St	Dallas	TX	75252	-96.789148	32.985006	30	42
5	7103 Schaffer St	Dallas	TX	75252	-96.790345	32.985006	20	34

Site Number	Is Inside FEMA 1% Zone	Distance to Zone	Distance Units	HUC12	Ground Elevation	Water Surface Elevation (WSE)	Elevation Units	WSE Source
1	Yes	-	ft	120301050104	640.420	638.800	ft	TIN
2	No	5.835	ft	120301050104	636.483	637.400	ft	TIN
3	No	232.726	ft	120301050104	645.669	637.400	ft	TIN
4	No	338.516	ft	120301050104	648.950	637.300	ft	TIN
5	No	353.586	ft	120301050104	648.622	634.900	ft	TIN

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### Flood Example – North Dallas

Peril (Flood - Inland)	Loss Metric (ft)	Site Number	Mean Annual (USD)	Standard Deviation (USD)	50 Year		100 Year		250 Year		500 Year	
					AEP (USD)	OEP (USD)	AEP (USD)	OEP (USD)	AEP (USD)	OEP (USD)	AEP (USD)	OEP (USD)
Flood - Inland	D	1	241	5,017	0	0	8,319	31,718	0	0	8,319	31,718
Flood - Inland	D	2	567	7,861	0	5,836	43,172	90,561	0	5,836	43,253	90,561
Flood - Inland	D	3	30	1,772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flood - Inland	D	4	30	1,772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flood - Inland	D	5	4	672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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### EQECAT Flood Model Overview

- Probabilistic Single Site Analysis
- Coverage:
  - Continental United States
  - Riverine and coastal
- Results:
  - Probabilistic loss results at several return periods
    - 50 Year, 100 Year, 250 Year, 500 Year
  - Identifies IN or OUT of FEMA 100 Year flood zone (SFHA)
  - Estimates of water depth at various return periods
  - Expected annual damage and gross loss for the site

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### The CoreLogic Solution

Timelines for Delivery

- RQE® Platform
  - June 2015: Single Site Model
  - December 2015: Portfolio Model
- Additional CoreLogic Platforms
  - Risk Meter Online™  
(<http://www.riskmeter.com>)
  - APIs



**RiskMeter Online™**

*What new technology does is create new opportunities to do a job that customers want done.*

-Tim O'Reilly

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