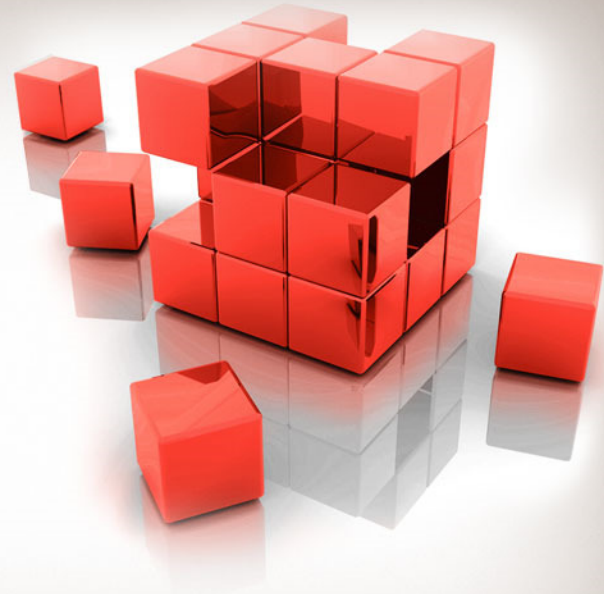


# Setting Natural Catastrophe Reserves Using Weather Forensic Data



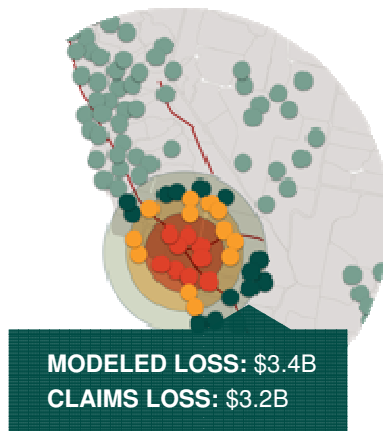
# Weather Verification: Science

CAS Loss Reserve Seminar

September 19, 2016

Curtis McDonald, Product Manager - Meteorologist

# Types of Models



**DETERMINISTIC**  
What could happen?

**PROBABILISTIC**  
What if it happened?

**FORENSIC** ✓  
What did happen?

# Forensic Hail Verification Model



SIZE OF HAIL: 2.8"



EVENT DATE: April 15, 2015



**EVENT HISTORY:**

- April 15, 2015 – 2.8"
- May 26, 2013 – .08"
- May 19, 2007 – 1.1"



# Forensic Wind Verification Model



WIND SPEED: 56mph



EVENT DATE: December 20, 2015

EVENT HISTORY:

Nov. 13, 2014 – 23mph



# Severe Thunderstorm Losses



As at January 2014	Number of Events	Fatalities	Estimated Overall losses (US \$bn)	Estimated Insured losses (US \$bn)	10-year average Insured losses (US \$bn)
<b>Severe thunderstorm (1)</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Winter events (2)</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Flood (3)</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>Earthquake &amp; Geophysical</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Tropical Cyclone (4)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Wildfire, Heat, &amp; Drought</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2.5</b>

Source: © 2015 Munich Re, NatCatSERVICE. As of January 2015.

(1) Includes hail, lightning, and tornado.

(2) Includes winter storm, winter damage, cold wave, and blizzards.

(3) Includes river flood, and flash flood. Exclude flood damage losses caused by tropical cyclone and hurricane.

(4) Includes flooding caused by hurricane, tropical cyclone. Includes loss information from National Flood Insurance Program.

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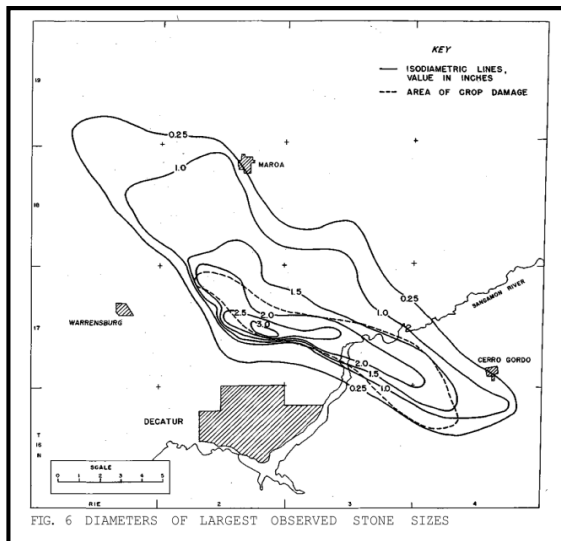
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# Hail Verification Technology

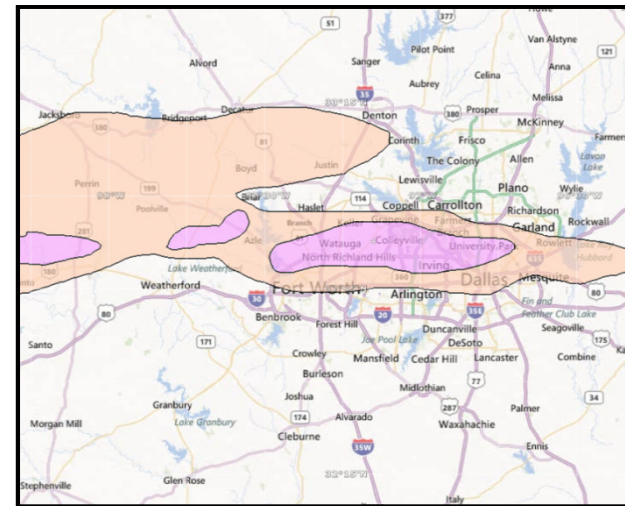


1960



- Hand-drawn maps
- Based on meteorologist's interpretation of radar & human observations
- Took 24+ hours to produce
- Subjective and inconsistent

2009



- Hand-drawn maps
- Based on meteorologist's interpretation of radar & human observations
- Took 24+ hours to produce
- Subjective and inconsistent
- Color!

# Why No Advancement in 50 Years?



Always the same two sources of hail data:



Radar

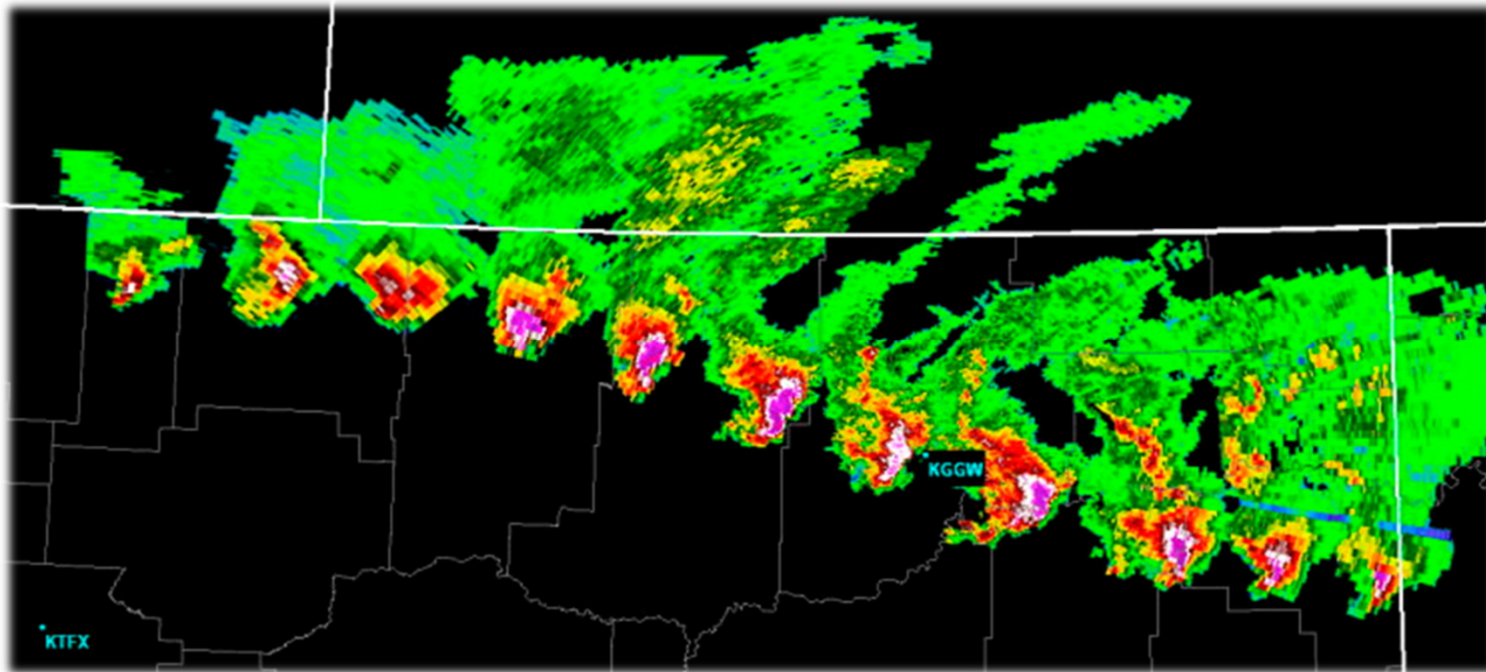


Human  
Observations

# Radar Limitation #1



- Radar only measures storm every 3-5 minutes
- Hail core can move significantly in 5 minutes
- Result is gaps in storm paths (“footprints”)



# Solution to Radar Limitation #1

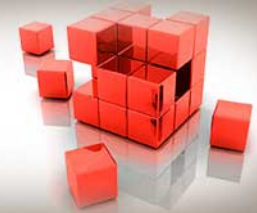


- In 50 years, no meteorological solution
- Phased Array Radar (faster scans), very expensive and many years away
- Recent changes to the radar scans can shorten the gap some, producing data every 2-3 min.

## **Unconventional Approach to Problem:**

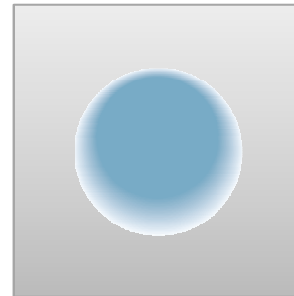
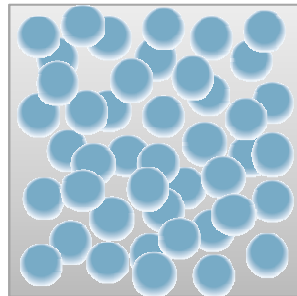
- Used techniques from graphic design
- Developed sophisticated and proprietary morphing algorithm
- Morphs one radar image into next
- Can determine storm location & structure every 3 seconds

## Radar Limitation #2



- Radar now works great for location, but...
- Doesn't measure hail size
- Measures reflectivity
- Cross-sectional area of whatever radar beam hits (hail, rain drops, bugs, etc.)

**Lots of tiny  
hailstones**



**One large  
hailstone**

- On radar, many small hailstones may look the same as a few large ones



# Humans Can Measure Hail Size...



...but it's not easy!



# Problems with Public Storm Reports

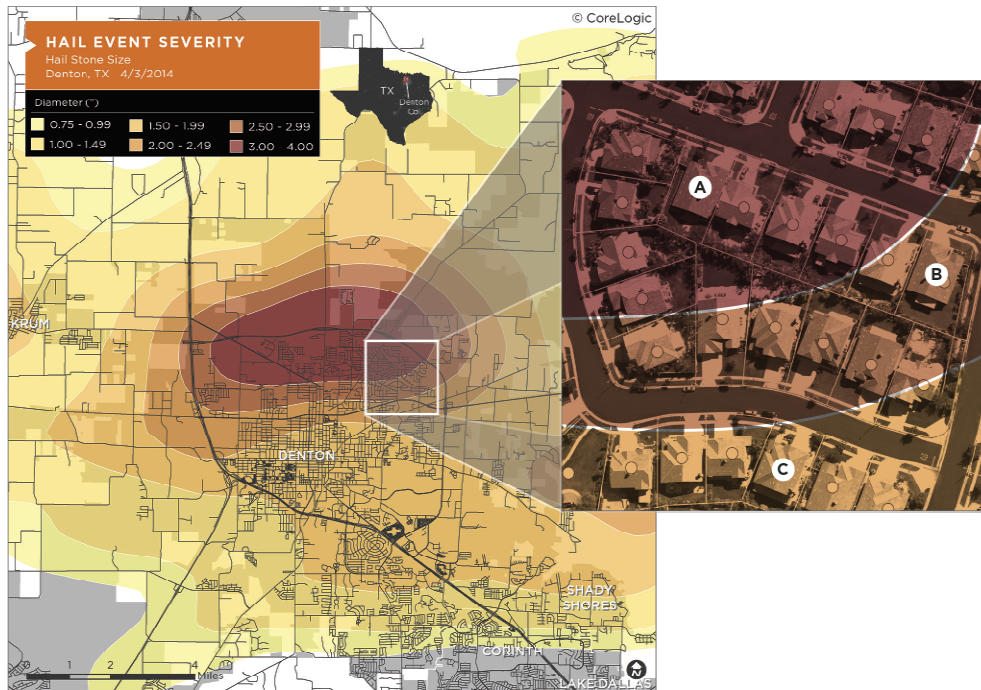


- Anyone can call in a hail report
- People tend to exaggerate weather reports and stories
- Some reports are ambiguous
- False reports

## Examples of Official NWS Hail Reports:

- 4.00" Dallas, TX
- 1.75" Clayton, AL (actually Clanton, AL, 100 miles away)
- 0.75" Cherry size hail, Oakland, IA
- 1.00" Cherry size hail, Ripton, VT

# CoreLogic's Forensic Hail Data



- Artificial intelligence algorithm
- Replicates thinking process of human meteorologists creating hand-drawn maps
- Objectively compares each report with radar data, filters out bad ones
- Faster, more objective, **MORE CONSISTENT** than hand-drawn maps

# Why CoreLogic Developed Forensic Hail Data



- Insurance and construction industries needs accurate weather verification
- Competitors use methods intended for weather forecasting and public safety
  - Example: Hail Detection Algorithm (HDA)
    - Developed by National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) to improve storm warnings
    - Was designed to exceed observed hail sizes 75% of the time (worst-case scenario)
    - Observed hail size error is 1.59”<sup>1</sup>
    - Is not a feasible option for use as a hail verification tool<sup>2</sup>
    - Should not be relied upon for accurate determination of severity or damage<sup>3</sup>
  - Why do competitors use inappropriate tools?
    - It allows them to avoid R&D spend

<sup>1</sup> Ortega et al 2008

<sup>2</sup> Wilson et al 2009

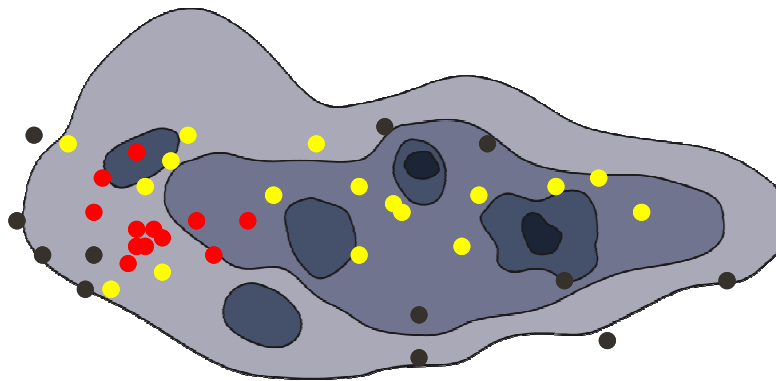
<sup>3</sup> Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) study



# Forensic Hail Data Comparison

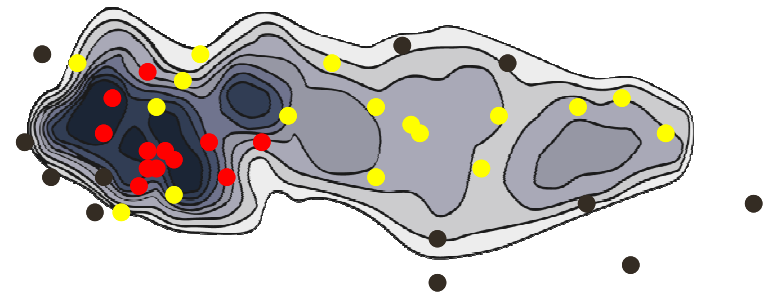


## Competitive HDA-Based Hail Data

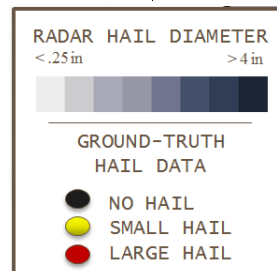


Not Appropriate for Insurance,  
Contractors, Engineers, etc.

## CoreLogic Hail Verification Data



Recommended for Insurance,  
Contractors, Engineers, etc.



# Automated Hail Data / Algorithms



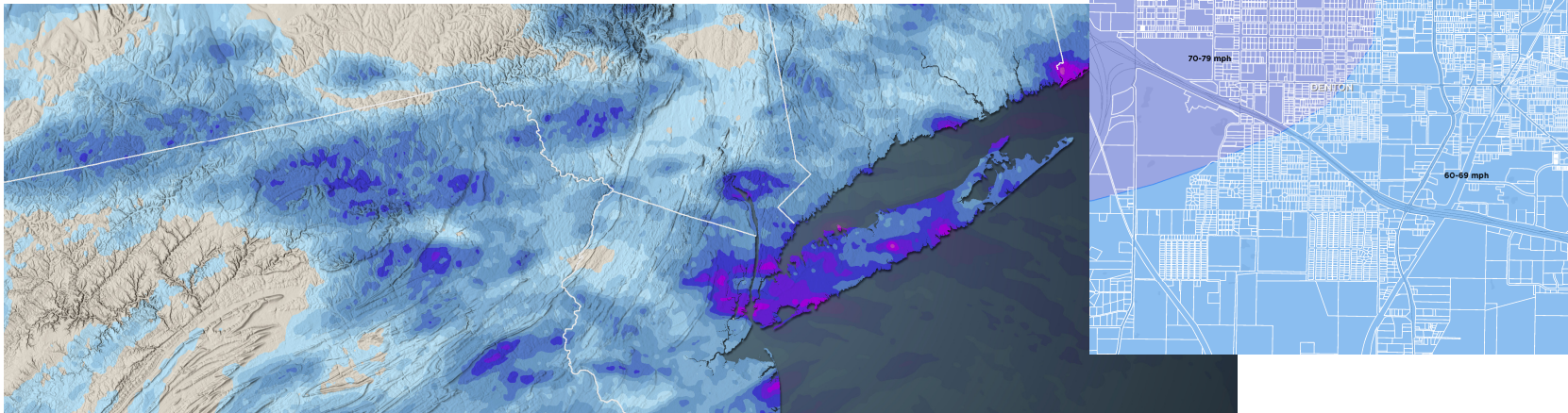
Key Differences	Hail Verification Science from CoreLogic	HDA-based Data
<b>Primary Usage</b>	Created for accurate hail size and location verification	Weather forecasting and public safety warning
<b>Model Inputs</b>	<p>Interprets the best available weather and radar data in conjunction with on-the-ground observations of hail</p> <p>3-dimensional storm models, hail verification algorithms, and artificial intelligence models</p>	Weather radar data
<b>Claim Verification &amp; Accuracy</b>	<p>4x better at indicating areas where hail damage to property is likely<sup>1</sup></p> <p>Consistently compares well to actual claims activity</p>	<p>Has systematic errors of 1.59"<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Does not match well with ground truth data<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Should not be relied upon for accurate determination of severity or damage<sup>4</sup></p> <p>Should not be used as a hail verification tool<sup>5</sup></p>

# Weather Verification Data & Other Perils

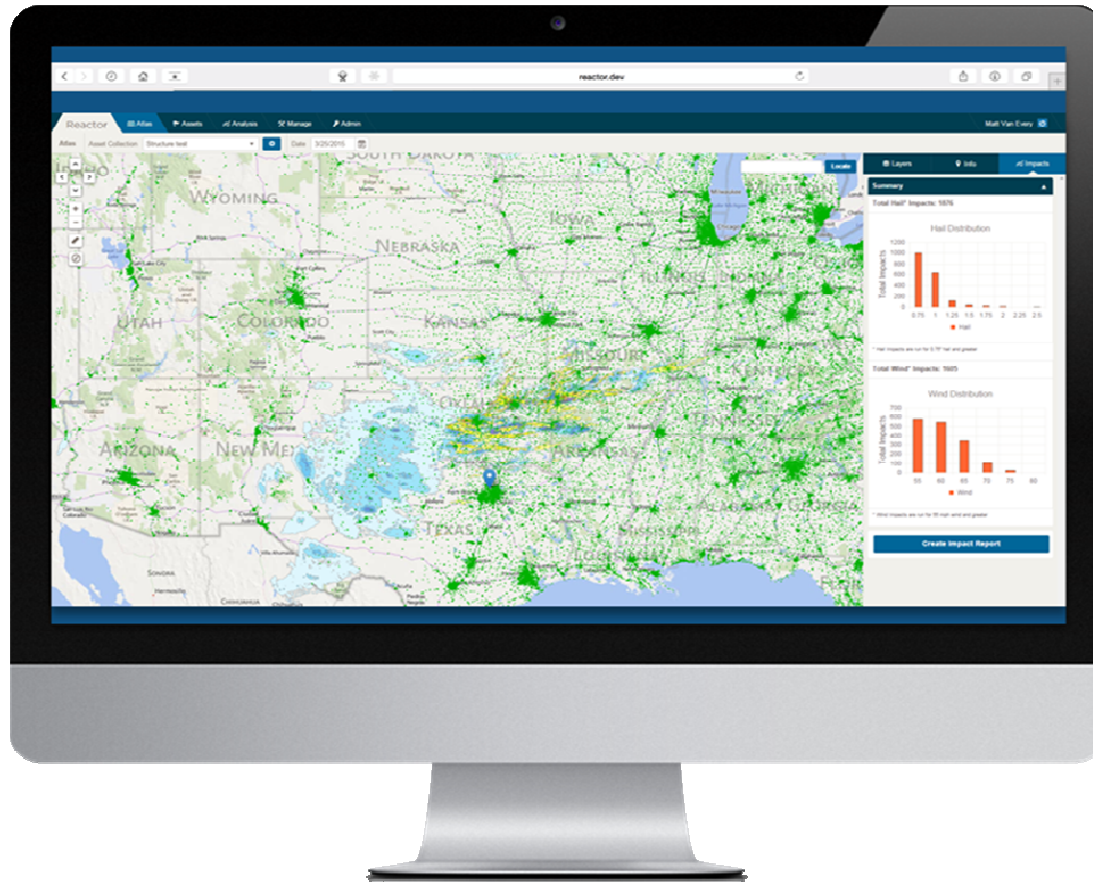


## Forensic Wind Data

- First ever high-resolution verification system for all types of severe wind (including thunderstorms)
- Uses morphing, physics, 3-D storm modeling, and artificial intelligence to overcome radar limitations
- Street-level detail, similar to hail data
- Output includes max wind gust



# Weather Verification Data & Claim Management

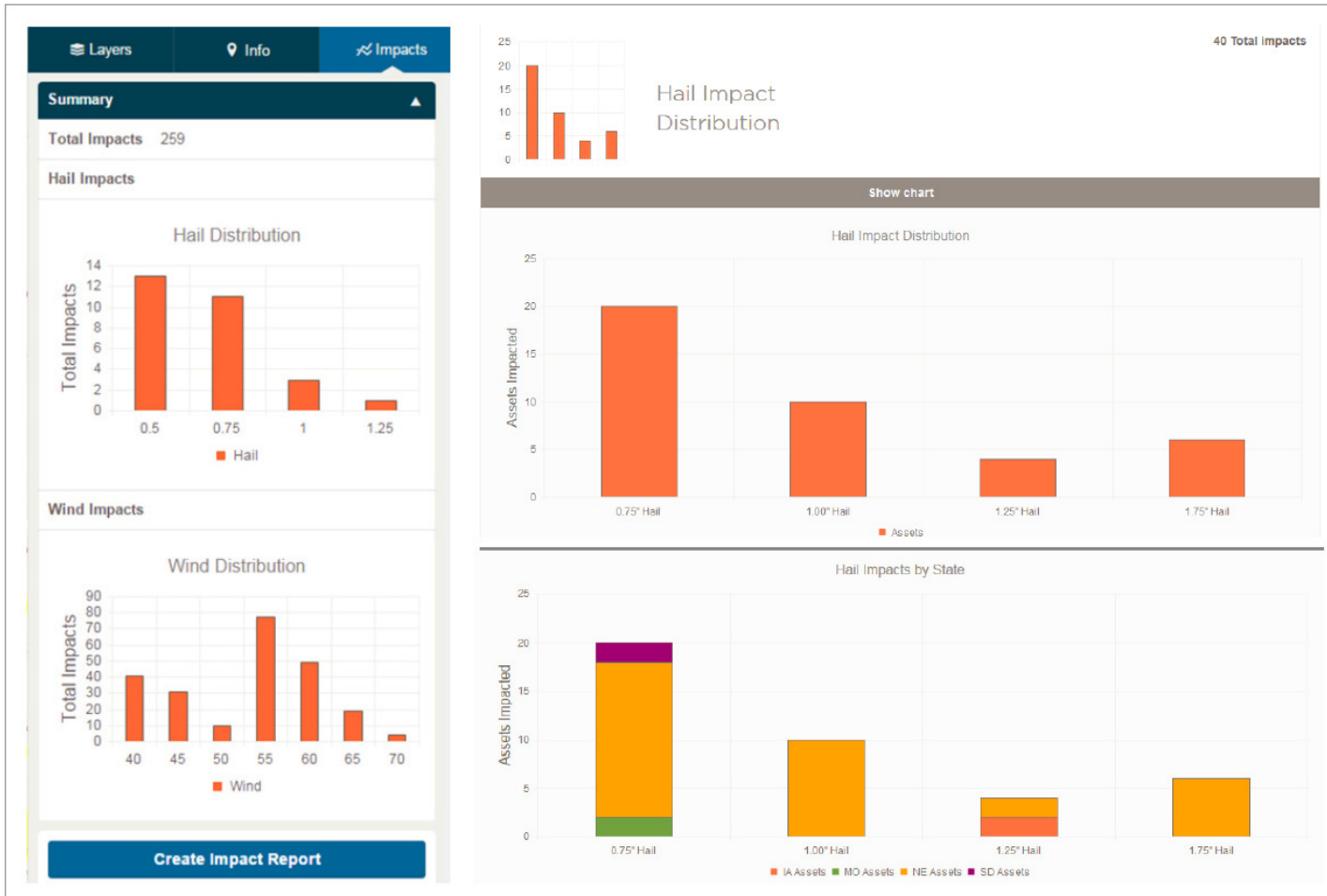


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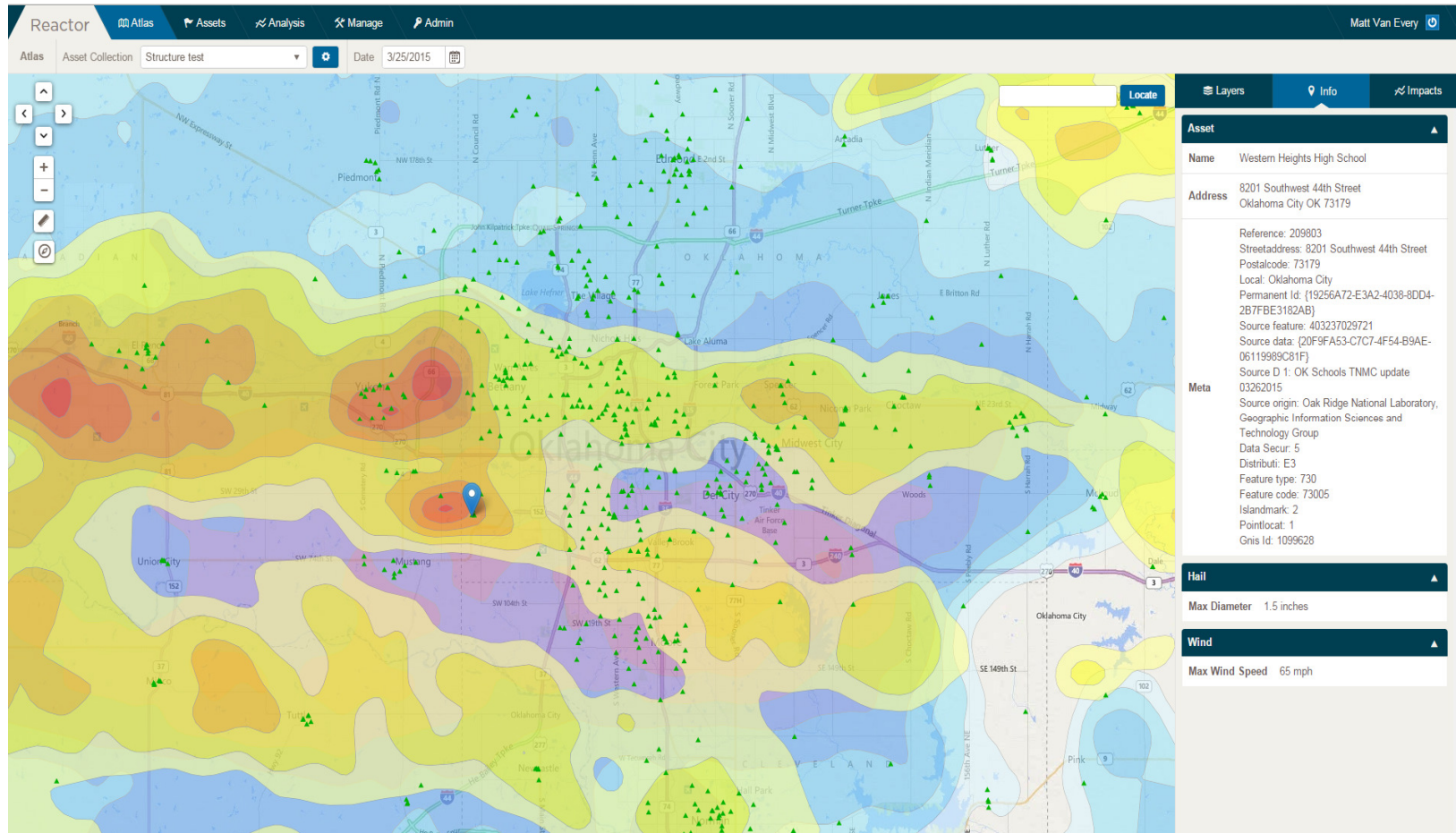
Web-based, easy to use platform that combines weather peril data with client supplied policies and assets to get quick needed answers following hail and wind events nationwide.

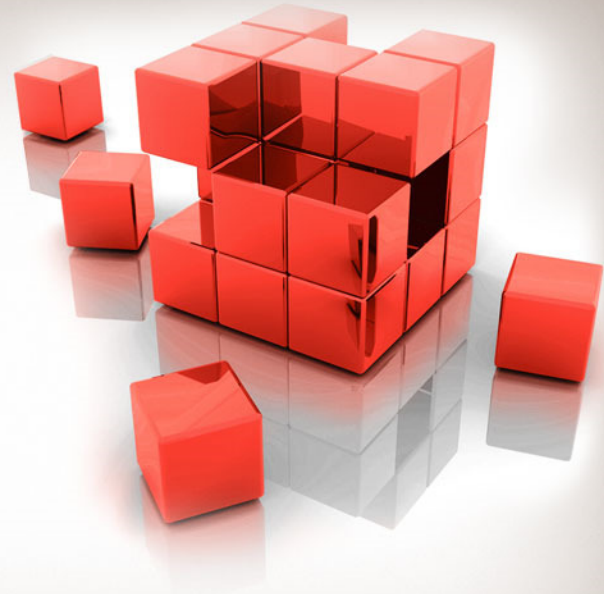


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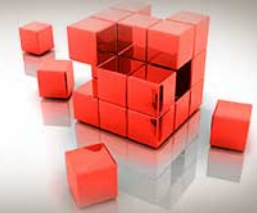
# Estimating Catastrophe Claims

CAS Loss Reserve Seminar

September 19, 2016

Howard A. Kunst, Chief Actuary - FCAS MAAA

# Agenda



- Historical uses of model results in post-event catastrophe reserving
  - ◆ Development over time
  - ◆ Simulation
- How to use “real time” weather forensic data

# Historical methodologies



- Traditional chain ladder methods
  - ◆ Compare claim count / payments / incurred estimates to prior events of similar characteristics
  - ◆ Timing – may need weeks of data before any reasonable estimates can be made

# Claim Count & Paid / Incurred Development



- % incurred / reported at any point (weeks?)

Claim counts	Weeks after the event:												...	Ultimate
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Storm 1	319	405	517	534	689	723	740	749	749	801	801	827		861
Storm 2	241	256	412	440	582	582	625	625	632	682	682	682		710
Storm 3	78	120	170	188	215	230	269	269	269	272	272	290		299
Storm 4	249	325	483	574	581	589	619	664	702	717	717	717		755
Storm 5	198	383	383	451	520	595	595	595	622	629	629	643		684
Storm 6	217	322	377	454	580	601	601	615	615	643	671	671		699
Storm 7	88	185	345	371	407	407	438	438	458	464	479	484		515
Storm 8	150	365	451	458	566	616	623	659	659	659	695	695		716
Storm 9	120	161	244	355	355	364	383	415	415	415	424	443		461
% reported	Weeks after the event:													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...	
Storm 1	0.3705	0.4704	0.6005	0.6202	0.8002	0.8397	0.8595	0.8699	0.8699	0.9303	0.9303	0.9605		
Storm 2	0.3394	0.3606	0.5803	0.6197	0.8197	0.8197	0.8803	0.8803	0.8901	0.9606	0.9606	0.9606		
Storm 3	0.2609	0.4013	0.5686	0.6288	0.7191	0.7692	0.8997	0.8997	0.8997	0.9097	0.9097	0.9699		
Storm 4	0.3298	0.4305	0.6397	0.7603	0.7695	0.7801	0.8199	0.8795	0.9298	0.9497	0.9497	0.9497		
Storm 5	0.2895	0.5599	0.5599	0.6594	0.7602	0.8699	0.8699	0.8699	0.9094	0.9196	0.9196	0.9401		
Storm 6	0.3104	0.4607	0.5393	0.6495	0.8298	0.8598	0.8598	0.8798	0.8798	0.9199	0.9599	0.9599		
Storm 7	0.1709	0.3592	0.6699	0.7204	0.7903	0.7903	0.8505	0.8505	0.8893	0.9010	0.9301	0.9398		
Storm 8	0.2095	0.5098	0.6299	0.6397	0.7905	0.8603	0.8701	0.9204	0.9204	0.9204	0.9707	0.9707		
Storm 9	0.2603	0.3492	0.5293	0.7701	0.7701	0.7896	0.8308	0.9002	0.9002	0.9002	0.9197	0.9610		
avg reported	0.2824	0.4335	0.5908	0.6742	0.7833	0.8199	0.8600	0.8833	0.8987	0.9235	0.9389	0.9569		

# Claim Count & Paid / Incurred Development



- % incurred / reported at any point (weeks?)

<b>Tot \$ reported</b>	Weeks after the event:												Ultimate
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Storm 1	602,680	941,633	1,660,398	1,830,457	2,089,392	2,444,724	2,460,831	2,603,690	2,719,563	2,723,230	2,805,462	2,810,412	2,964,416
Storm 2	2,021,572	2,129,624	2,697,570	3,307,689	4,463,752	4,521,700	4,789,548	5,133,528	5,152,716	5,151,732	5,289,548	5,305,644	5,597,349
Storm 3	1,201,288	1,354,916	1,662,343	2,512,640	2,586,720	2,665,820	3,066,800	3,109,995	3,140,991	3,202,835	3,241,628	3,239,312	3,448,305
Storm 4	719,964	1,817,600	2,652,932	3,574,794	3,793,712	4,700,652	4,984,947	5,055,897	5,063,465	5,444,405	5,432,790	5,448,950	5,700,262
Storm 5	828,368	1,331,535	2,164,140	2,657,750	2,689,250	2,814,626	3,152,590	3,220,070	3,346,635	3,335,424	3,370,269	3,433,608	3,669,995
Storm 6	1,006,622	1,887,347	2,135,163	2,643,840	2,868,167	3,109,810	3,382,995	3,638,253	3,627,390	3,639,105	3,827,946	3,864,000	3,987,291
Storm 7	2,773,221	4,651,581	5,830,332	8,178,720	8,434,272	9,137,670	9,146,220	10,267,472	10,318,032	10,386,288	10,903,200	11,160,766	11,526,575
Storm 8	2,516,395	3,756,626	5,020,525	5,831,259	6,759,032	7,596,240	7,735,120	8,208,552	8,193,625	8,723,475	8,698,815	8,740,600	9,241,057
Storm 9	794,625	1,863,720	2,673,594	3,113,964	3,163,608	3,307,302	3,614,394	3,651,618	4,025,034	4,058,715	4,108,751	4,294,724	4,501,600
<b>% reported \$'s</b>	Weeks after the event:												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Storm 1	20.33%	31.76%	56.01%	61.75%	70.48%	82.47%	83.01%	87.83%	91.74%	91.86%	94.64%	94.80%	
Storm 2	36.12%	38.05%	48.19%	59.09%	79.75%	80.78%	85.57%	91.71%	92.06%	92.04%	94.50%	94.79%	
Storm 3	34.84%	39.29%	48.21%	72.87%	75.01%	77.31%	88.94%	90.19%	91.09%	92.88%	94.01%	93.94%	
Storm 4	12.63%	31.89%	46.54%	62.71%	66.55%	82.46%	87.45%	88.70%	88.83%	95.51%	95.31%	95.59%	
Storm 5	22.57%	36.28%	58.97%	72.42%	73.28%	76.69%	85.90%	87.74%	91.19%	90.88%	91.83%	93.56%	
Storm 6	25.25%	47.33%	53.55%	66.31%	71.93%	77.99%	84.84%	91.25%	90.97%	91.27%	96.00%	96.91%	
Storm 7	24.06%	40.36%	50.58%	70.96%	73.17%	79.27%	79.35%	89.08%	89.52%	90.11%	94.59%	96.83%	
Storm 8	27.23%	40.65%	54.33%	63.10%	73.14%	82.20%	83.70%	88.83%	88.67%	94.40%	94.13%	94.58%	
Storm 9	17.65%	41.40%	59.39%	69.17%	70.28%	73.47%	80.29%	81.12%	89.41%	90.16%	91.27%	95.40%	
Avg % reported	24.5%	38.6%	52.9%	66.5%	72.6%	79.2%	84.3%	88.5%	90.4%	92.1%	94.0%	95.2%	

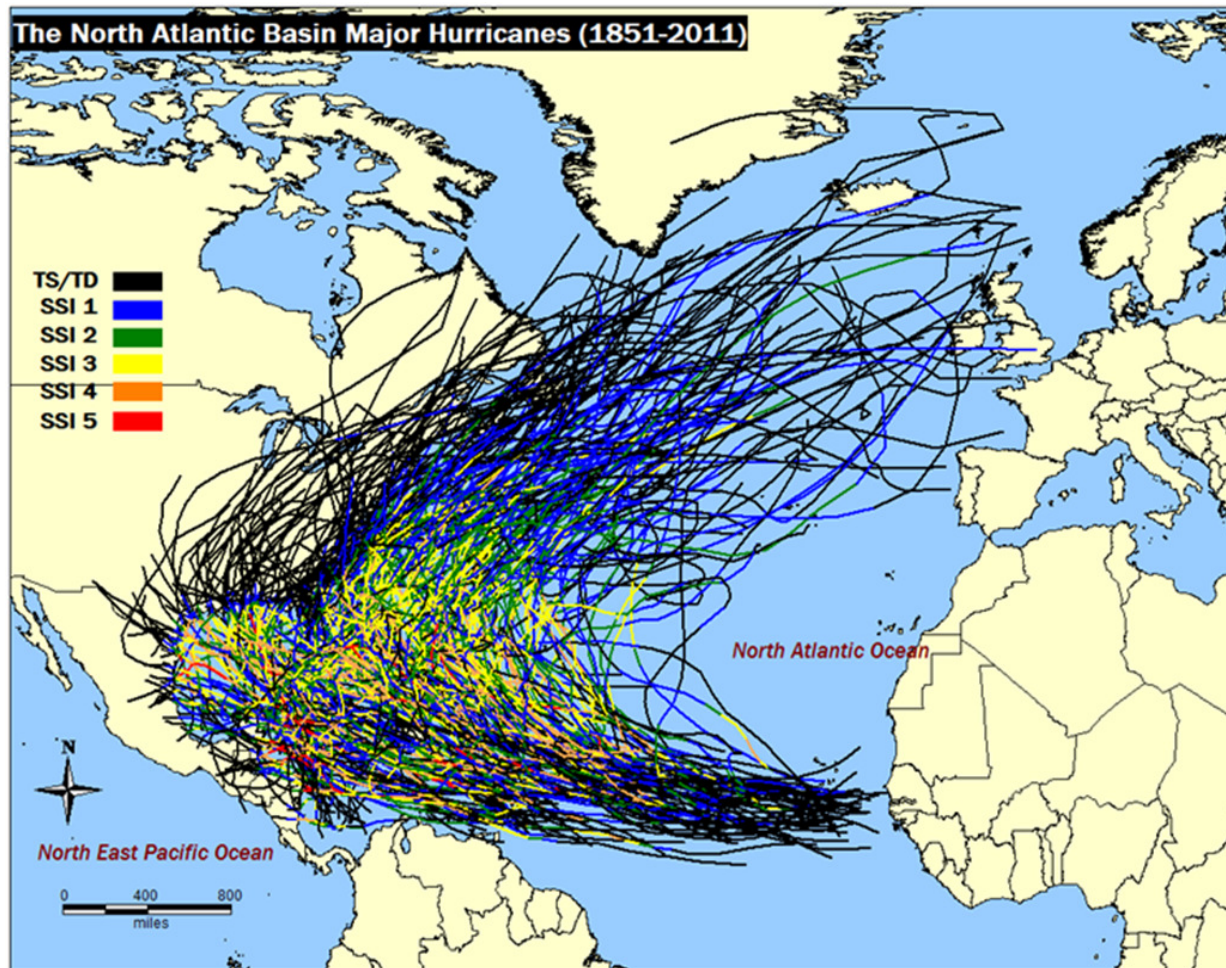
# Historical Methodologies



- High severity events have used simulation
  - ◆ Modeling company will review all of the events within their hazard event sets and determine which one is “closest”
  - ◆ Will then run simulation model with portfolio information
  - ◆ Produces a starting point – actual event will rarely be exactly like simulated event
  - ◆ Previously used for earthquake and hurricane events

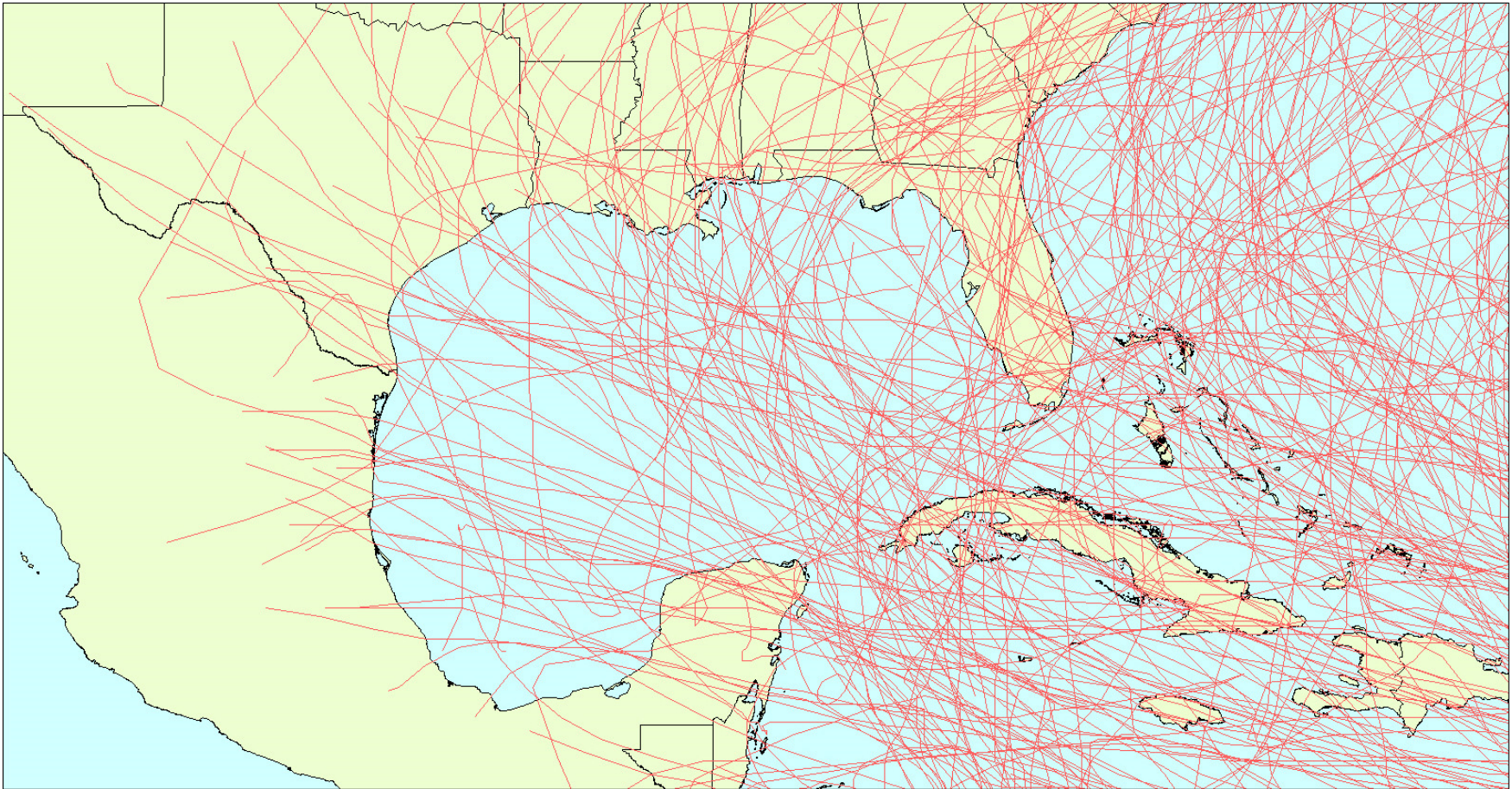


# Spaghetti Map of Hurricane Paths





# Spaghetti Map of Hurricane Paths



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Consider adding a legend to this hurricane path map, as you did on the previous hurricane path map.

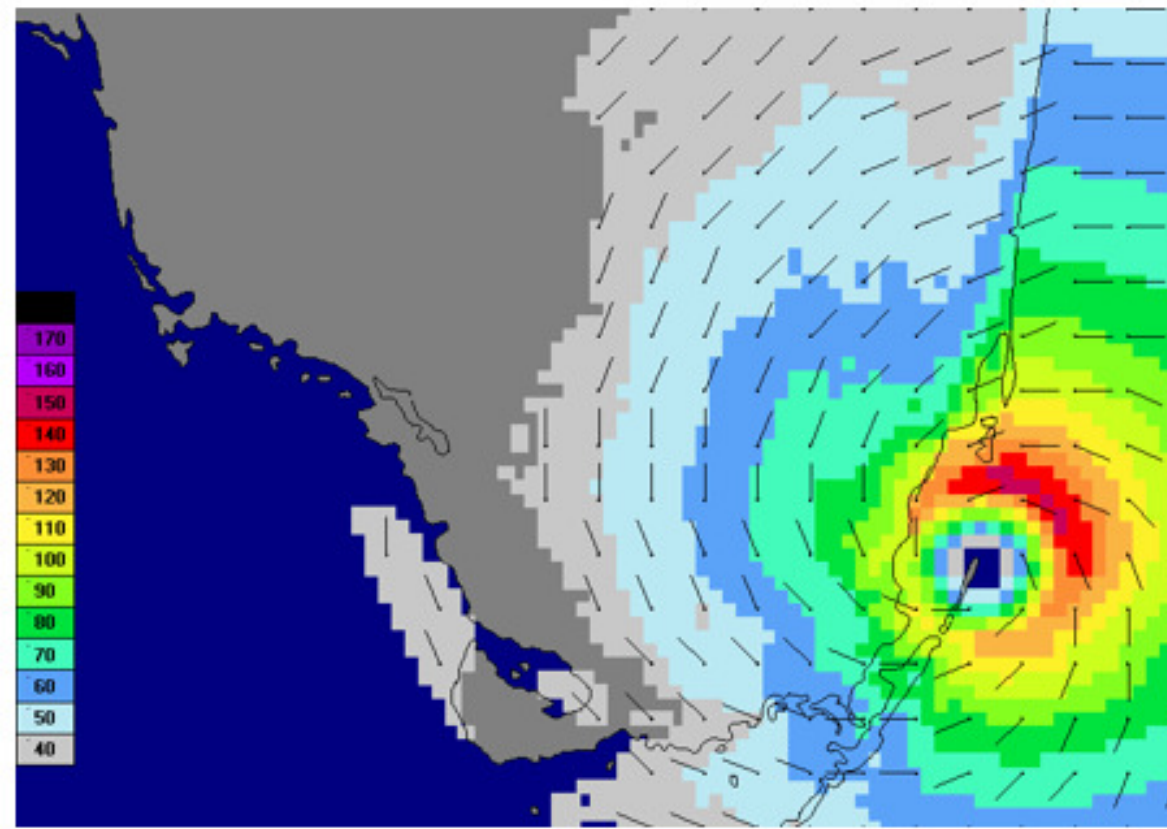
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# Example of Wind Field at Landfall



Andrew (1992)

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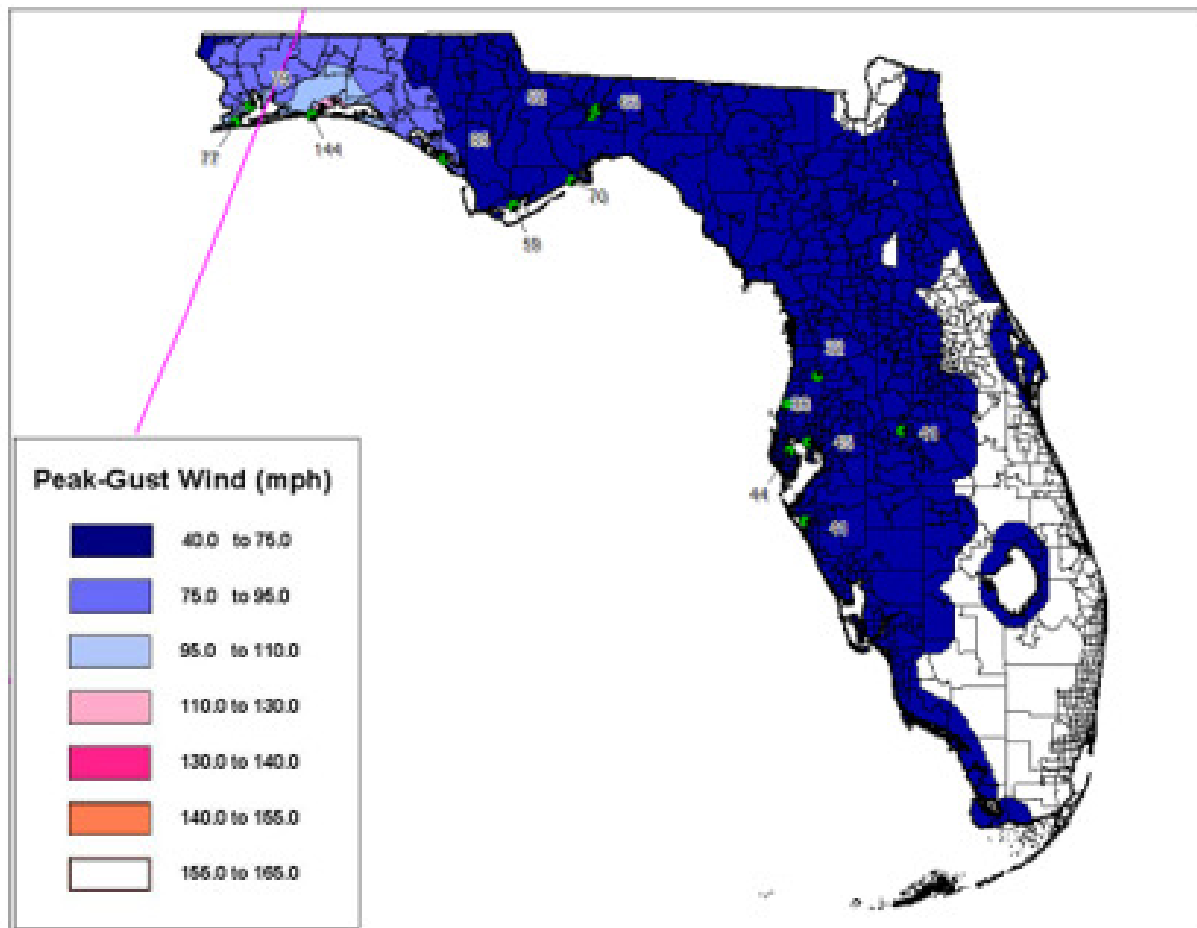
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# Cumulative Wind Field – Peak Gust Map



FIGURE 53: HURRICANE OPAL (1995) PEAK GUST MAP IN THE FLORIDA

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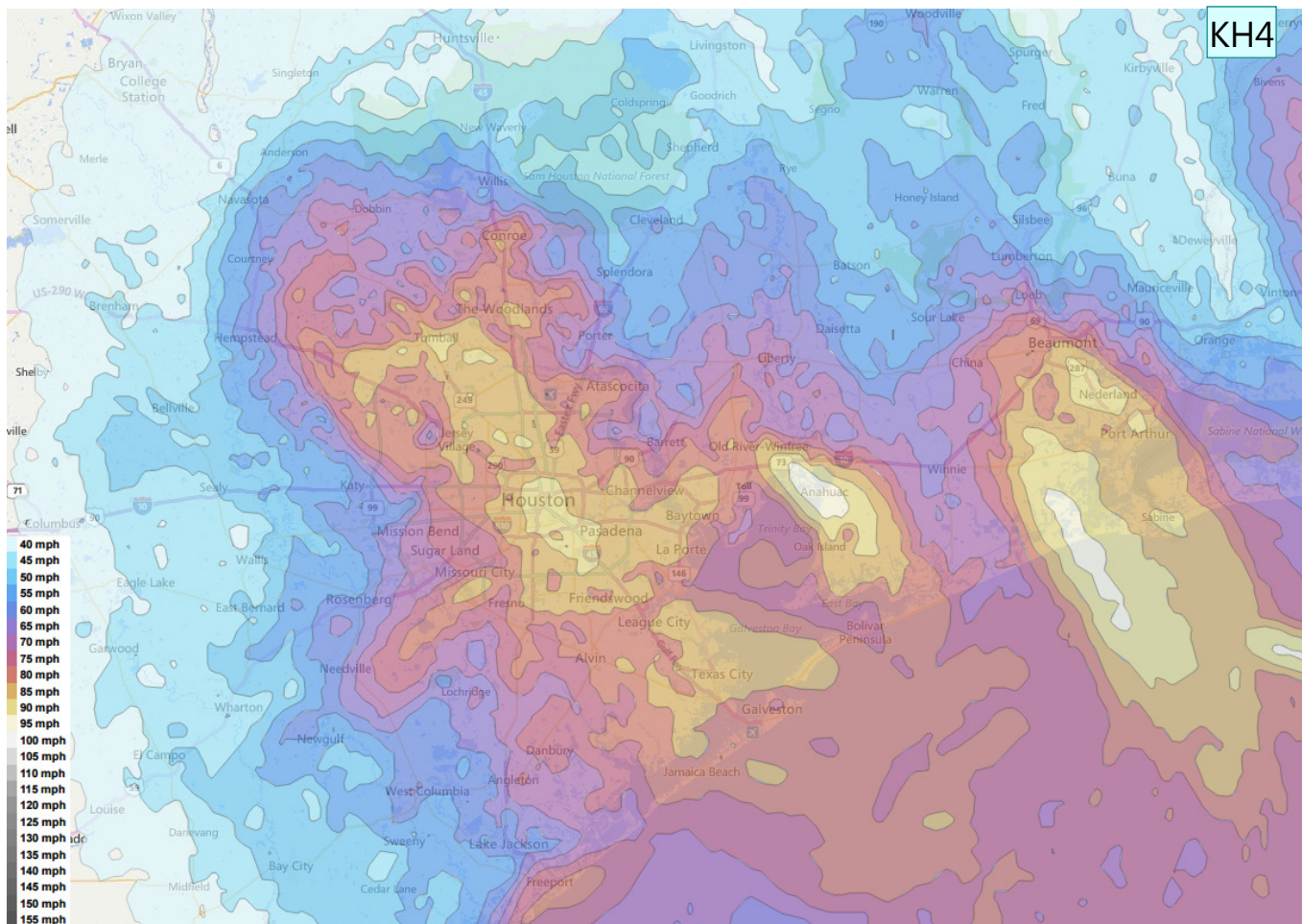
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# Cumulative Wind Field – Peak Gust Map





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# Weaknesses in Using Modeled Events



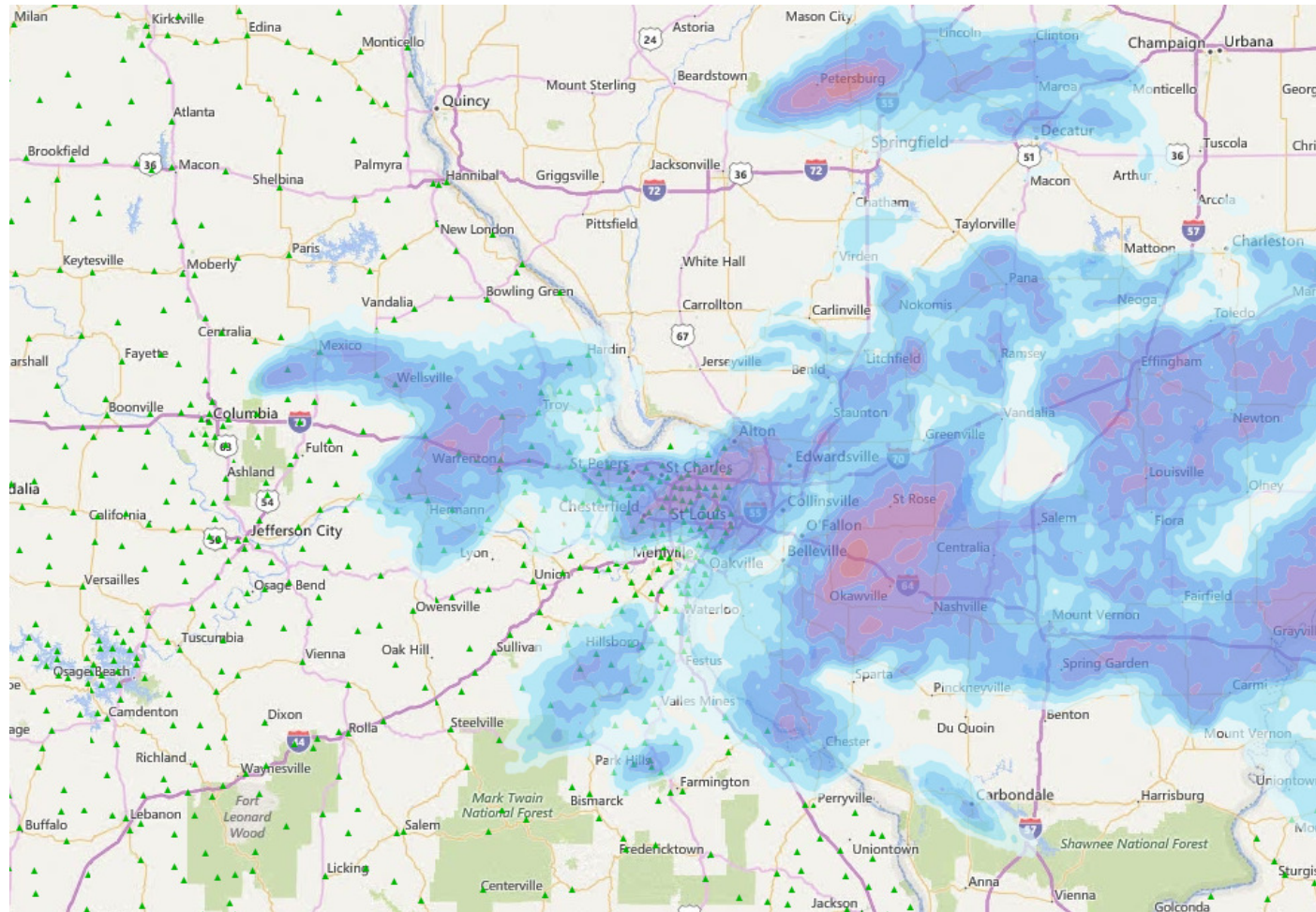
- High severity events have used simulation
  - ◆ Previously mentioned – actual event will rarely be exactly like simulated event
  - ◆ Model vulnerability curves set for industry average / engineering estimated damage
    - Claim payments vary by insurance company (differences in claims adjusting)

# Weather Forensics in Claim estimations



- Use actual event information in a “real time” environment
  - ◆ First estimates are available within an hour
- Loss estimates are calibrated to the individual insurance company’s own claim adjusting
- No need to run full cat model to produce estimate / range
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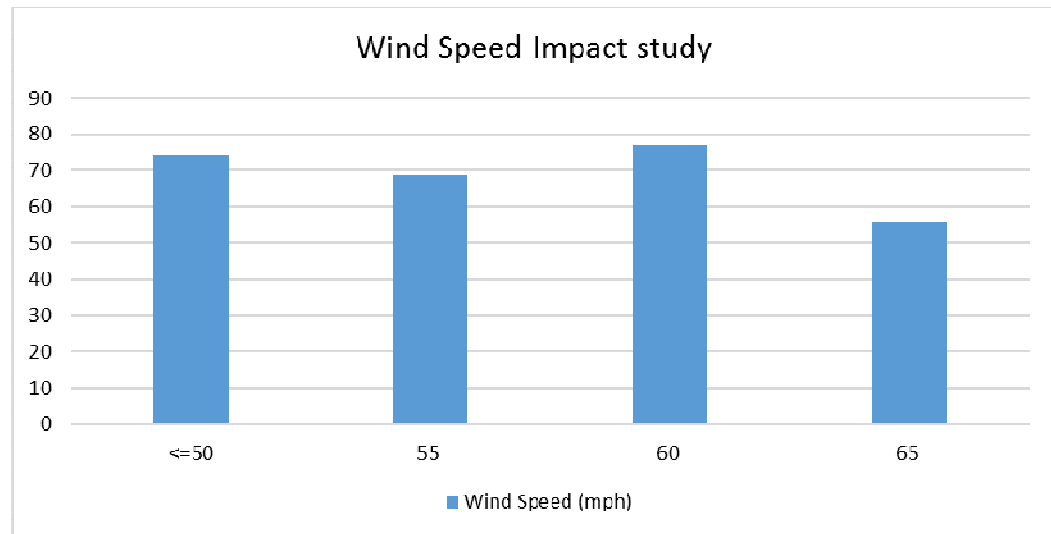
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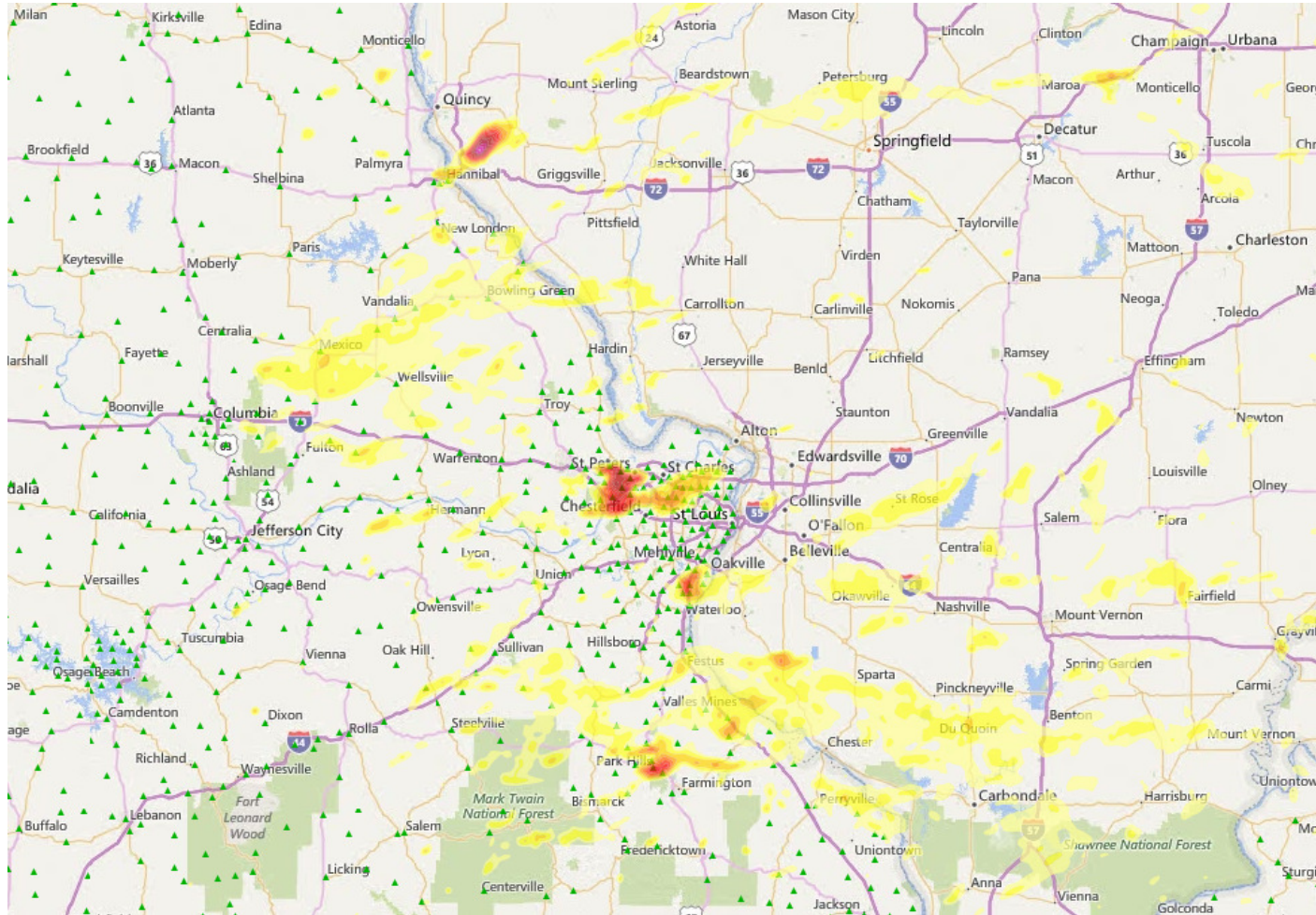


Wind Speed (mph)	# of locations
<=50	74
55	69
60	77
65	56
Grand Total	276





# May 11, 2016 Storms - Hail

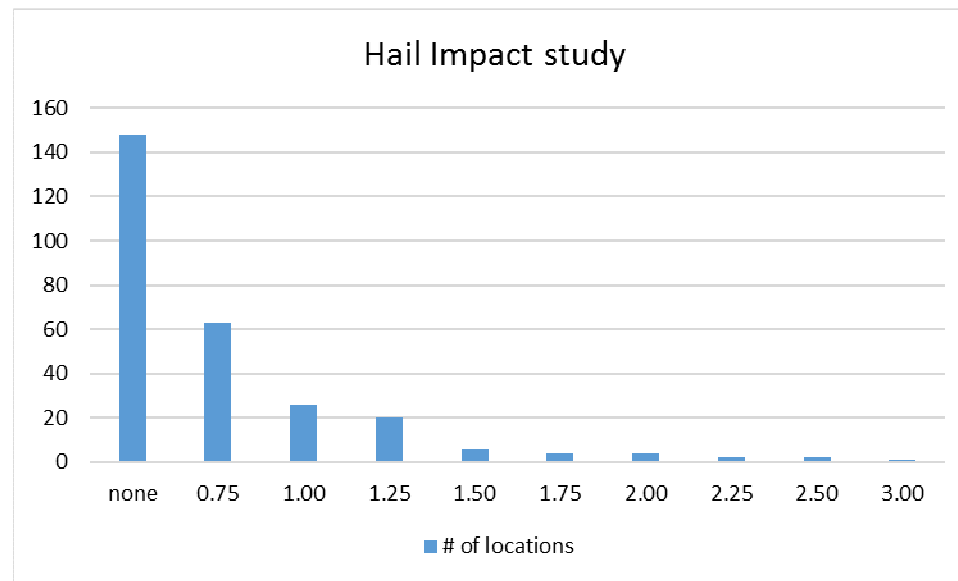




# May 11, 2016 Storms - Hail



<u>Hail Diameter</u>	<u># of locations</u>
none	148
0.75	63
1.00	26
1.25	20
1.50	6
1.75	4
2.00	4
2.25	2
2.50	2
3.00	<u>1</u>
	276



# May 11, 2016 Storms - Hail



<u>Hail Diameter</u>	<u># locs</u>	<u>Total TIV</u>	Est damage range (90th %)		<u>Min \$</u>	<u>Max \$</u>
			<u>Min %</u>	<u>Max %</u>		
none	148	639,260,000	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
0.75	63	293,740,000	1.25%	2.50%	3,671,750	7,343,500
1.00	26	100,450,000	1.50%	3.50%	1,506,750	3,515,750
1.25	20	95,050,000	2.00%	4.50%	1,901,000	4,277,250
1.50	6	22,260,000	2.50%	5.50%	556,500	1,224,300
1.75	4	17,600,000	3.50%	6.00%	616,000	1,056,000
2.00	4	11,760,000	4.50%	7.50%	529,200	882,000
2.25	2	8,980,000	4.50%	8.50%	404,100	763,300
2.50	2	8,620,000	5.00%	10.00%	431,000	862,000
3.00	<u>1</u>	<u>4,680,000</u>	6.00%	11.00%	<u>280,800</u>	<u>514,800</u>
Grand Total	276	1,202,400,000			9,897,100	20,438,900
				midpoint of		
				estimates:	15,168,000	

# May 11, 2016 Storms - Hail



		Total \$	Avg %	Min %	Max %
<u>Hail Diameter</u>	<u>Total TIV</u>	<u>Hail Loss</u>	<u>Hail Loss</u>	<u>Hail Loss</u>	<u>Hail Loss</u>
none	639,260,000	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
0.75	293,740,000	5,764,360	1.96%	0.80%	3.30%
1.00	100,450,000	2,744,680	2.73%	1.20%	4.00%
1.25	95,050,000	2,898,550	3.05%	1.60%	5.10%
1.50	22,260,000	848,680	3.81%	3.00%	5.60%
1.75	17,600,000	797,030	4.53%	3.80%	6.20%
2.00	11,760,000	616,650	5.24%	4.20%	6.60%
2.25	8,980,000	493,960	5.50%	4.90%	7.80%
2.50	8,620,000	785,280	9.11%	8.00%	9.30%
3.00	<u>4,680,000</u>	<u>402,480</u>	<u>8.60%</u>	<u>8.60%</u>	<u>8.60%</u>
Grand Total	1,202,400,000	15,351,670	2.73%	0.80%	9.30%

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