

Modeling Multiple Peril Crop Insurance Worldwide

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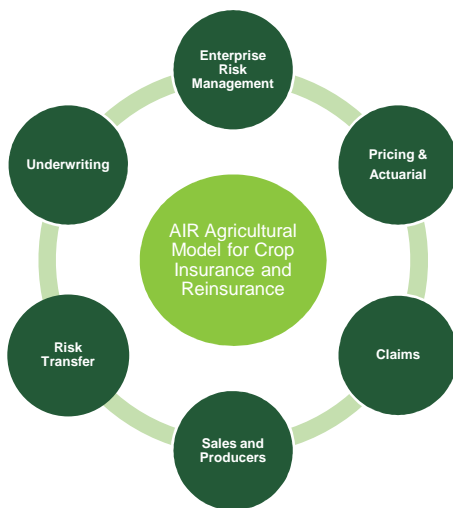
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AIR Agricultural Model Applications



The AIR Agricultural Model for the Multiple Peril Crop Insurance is a state-of-the-art fully probabilistic model, accounting for:

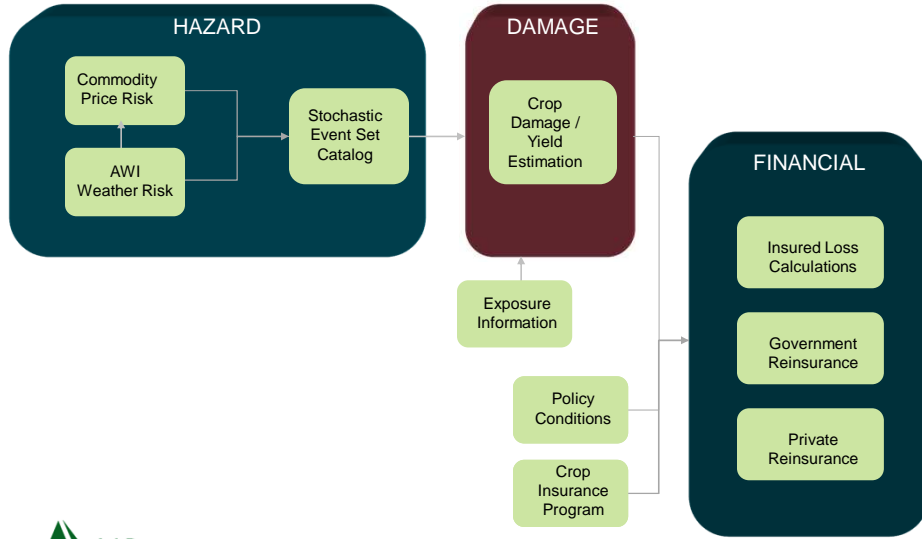
- Changes in technology over time
- The evolution of crop insurance programs
- Commodity price volatility
- Weather impact



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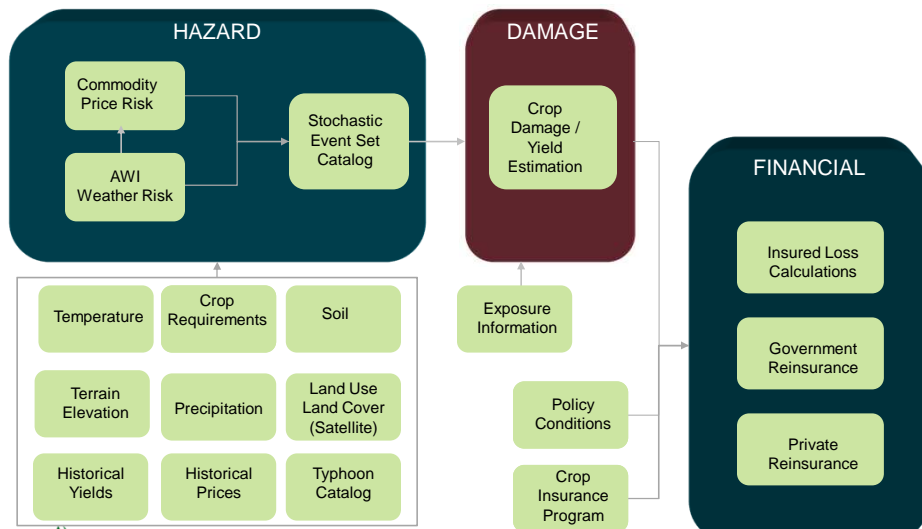
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Probabilistic Agricultural Model Components



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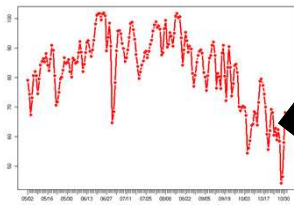
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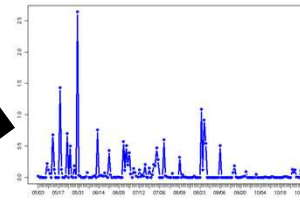
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AWI (Agricultural Weather Index) is a Measure of Yield Variability Due To Weather

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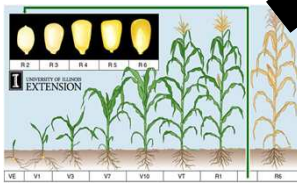


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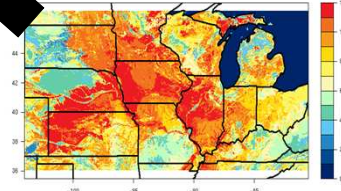


County-Specific AWI Index

Crop Specific Data



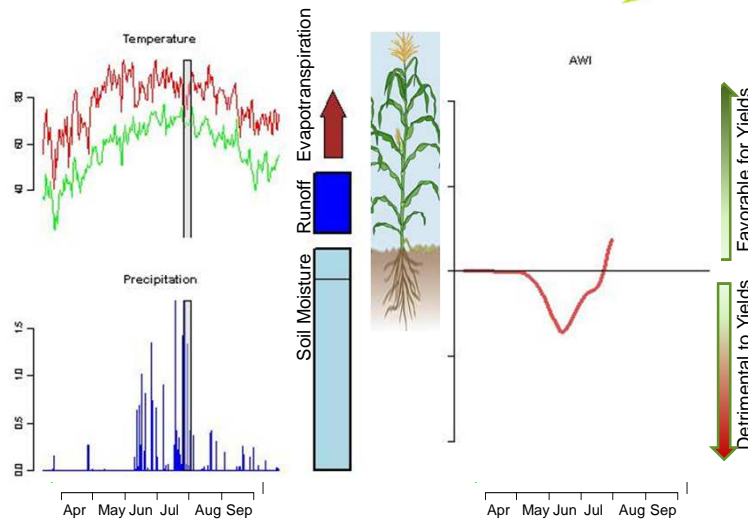
Available Water Capacity (Soil)



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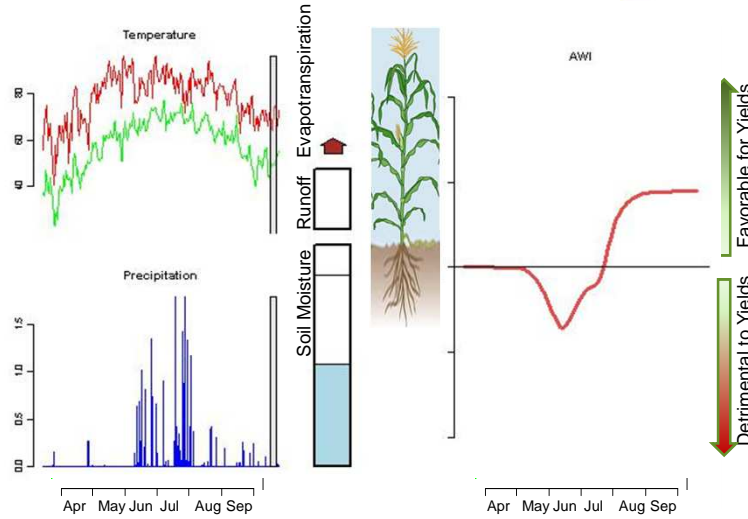
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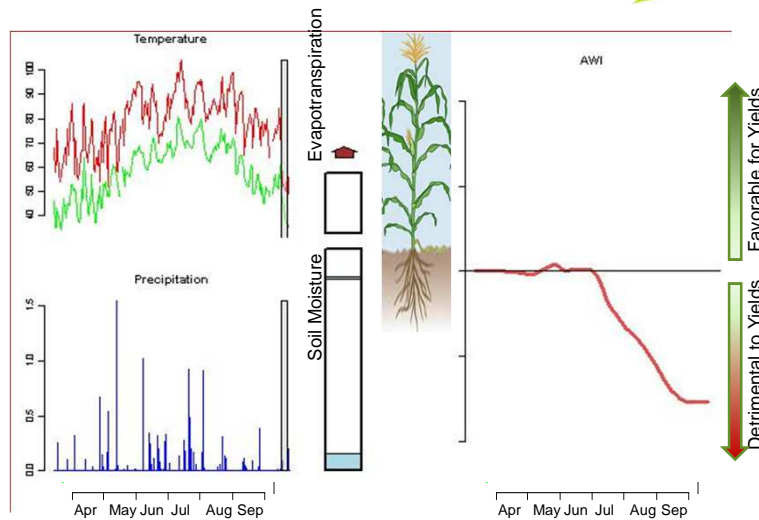
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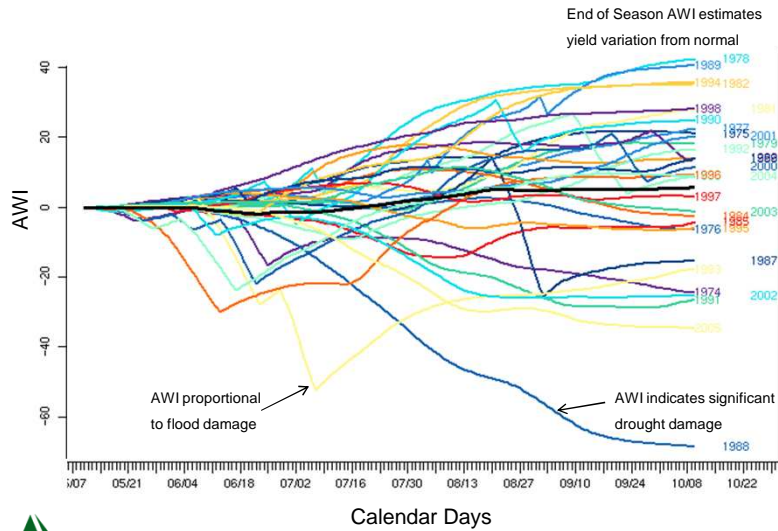
In A Drought Year Water Requirements Exceed the Water Supply and AWI Indicates Plant Damage



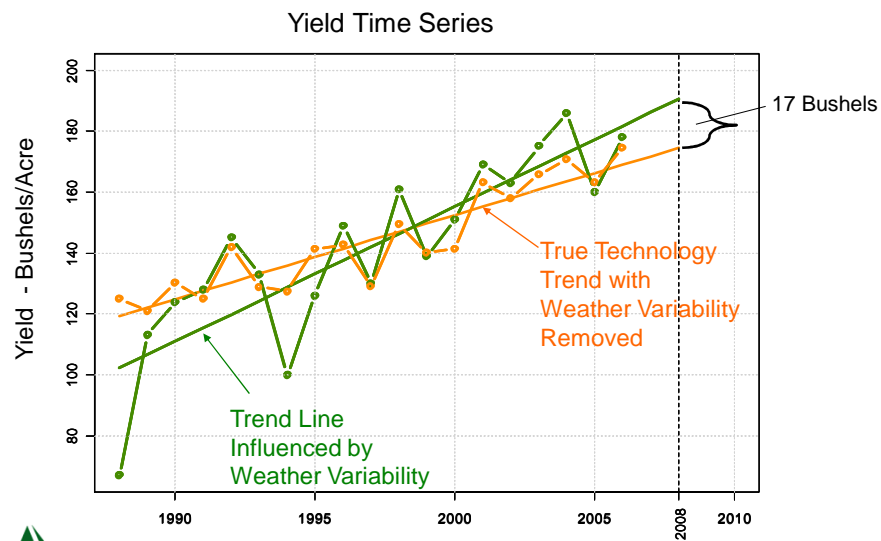
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AWI Measures County-level Crop Performance During the Season

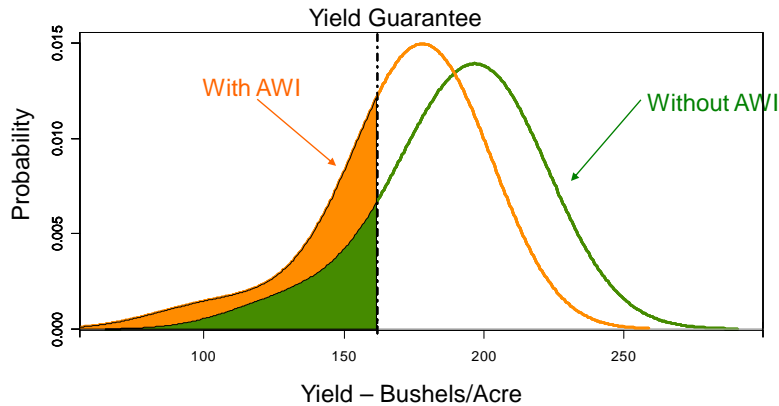


AWI Removes Weather Variability from the Historic Yields to Reveal True Technology Trend



The Choice of Methodology Can Have a Large Impact on Insurance Contracts

Probability Density Function of Detrended Yield Time Series

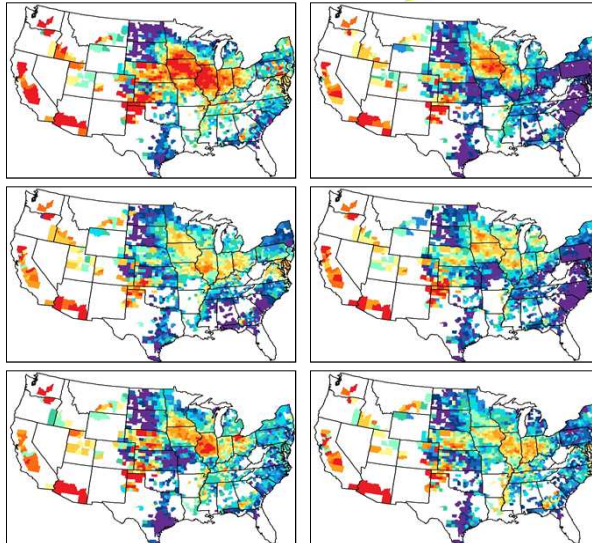


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In The US Model AWI Technology Adjusts Historic Time Series of County Level Yields to Current Production Levels

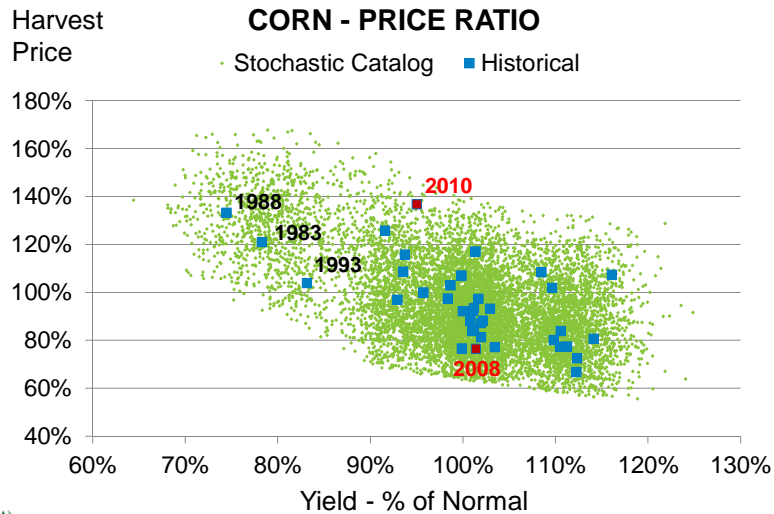
- The catalogue is based on spatially correlated county level yield distributions
- All weather events are summarized by the final modeled harvest yield
- 10,000 outcomes based on variation from historical data
- Current technology level
- Not biased by recent event years



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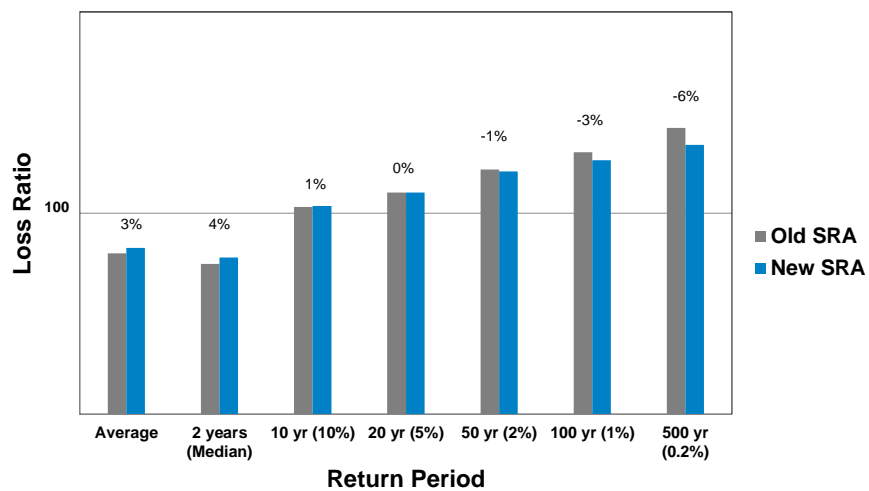
The Price Risk Component Takes Into Account Correlations Between Total US Production and Harvest Price



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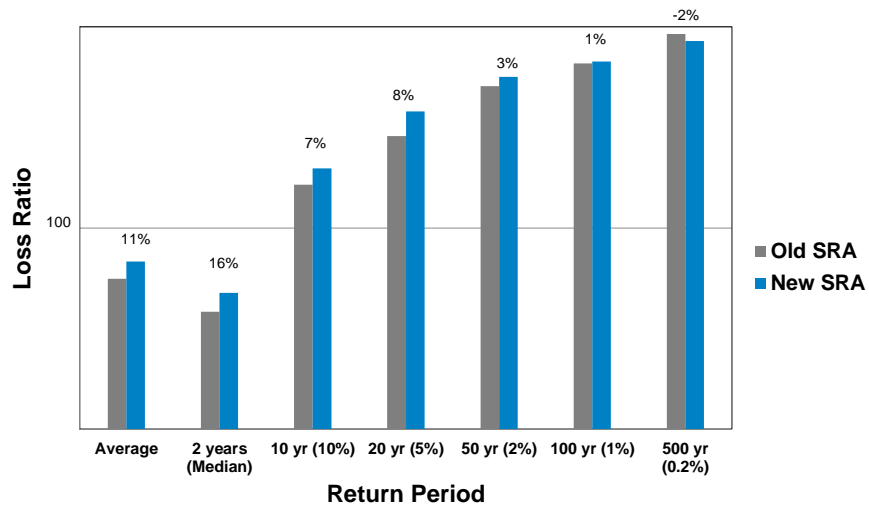
New SRA Reduced the Overall Profitability of the Industry and Increased Protection for Catastrophic Events



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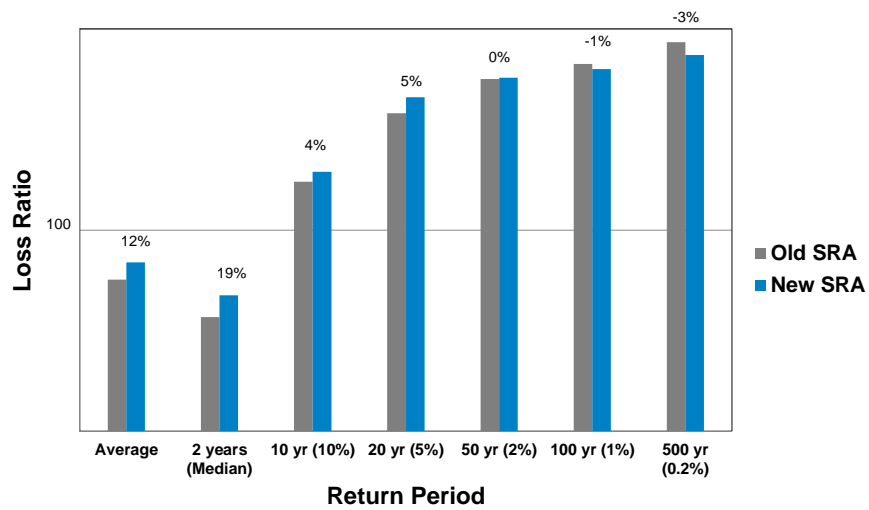
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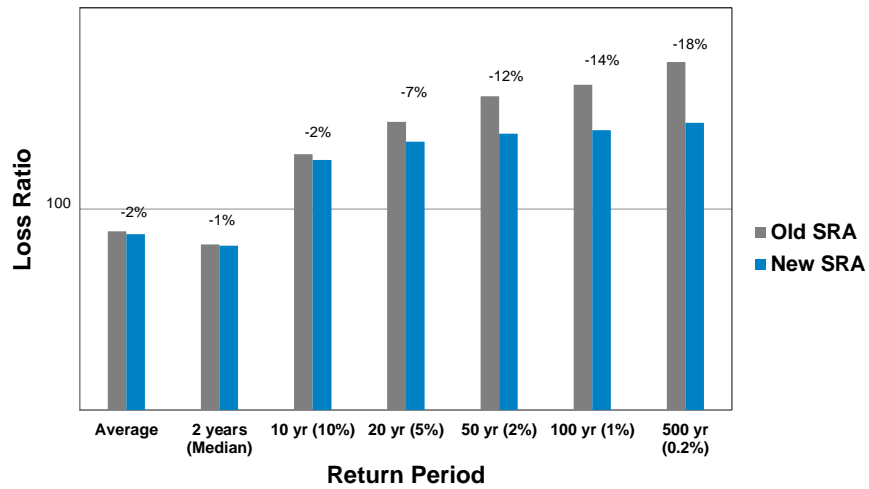
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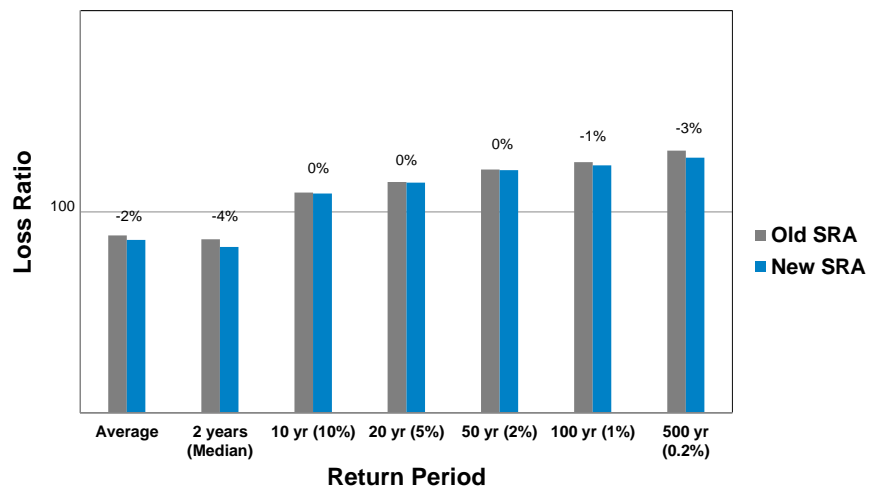
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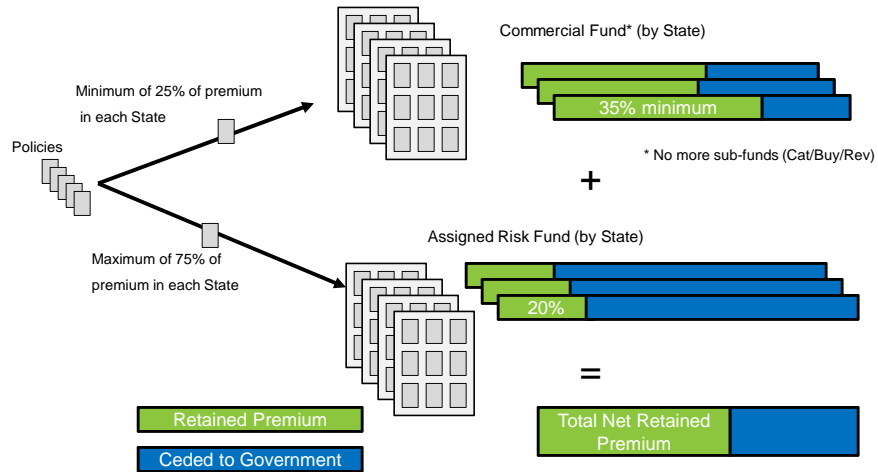
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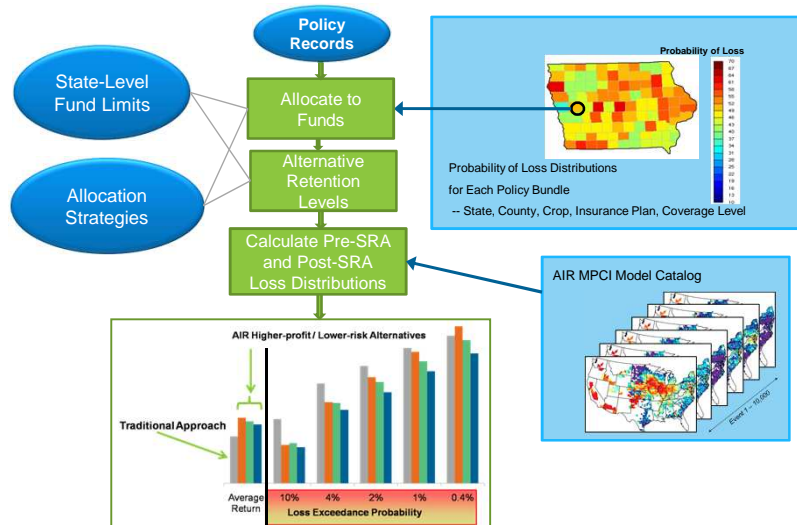
New 2011 SRA Fund Allocation Rules



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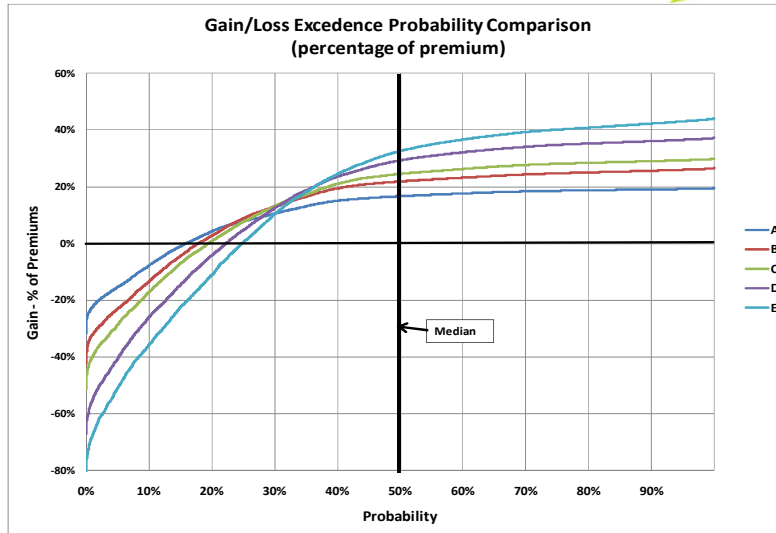
Fund Allocation Process with AIR MPCI Model



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Crop Insurers' SRA Fund Allocation Strategies Greatly Impact Reinsurer Risk



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China Crop Insurance Program Covers Cost of Production Rather than the Value of the Crop

- Separate programs by province
- Perils covered and policy terms vary by crop and province
- Named perils might include
 - Rainstorm, flood, windstorm, hail, waterlog, drought, frost, diseases, insect pests, tornado, mud-rock flow, landslide, low temperature
- Indemnity varies by plant growing stage
- Losses shared and limited by governments

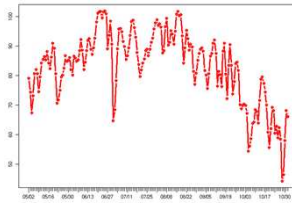


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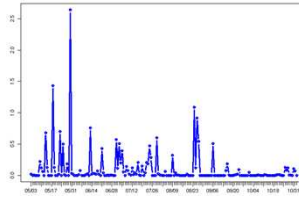
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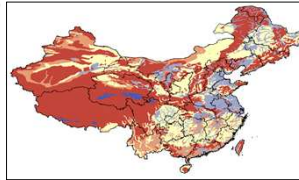
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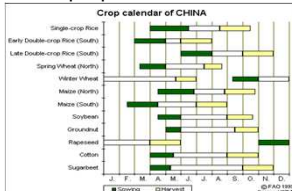


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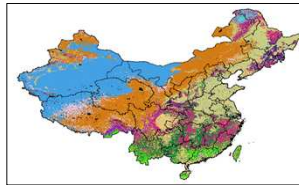


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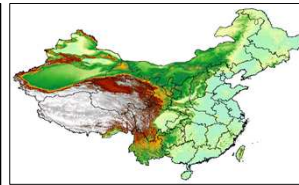
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Land Use Land Cover



Terrain Elevation

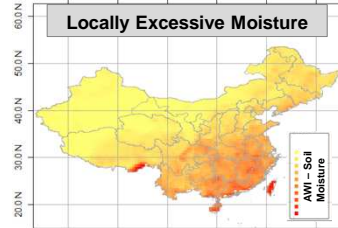
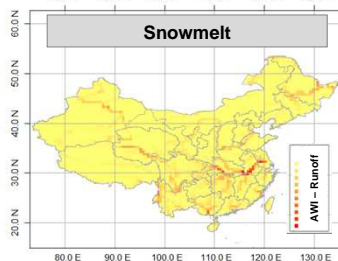


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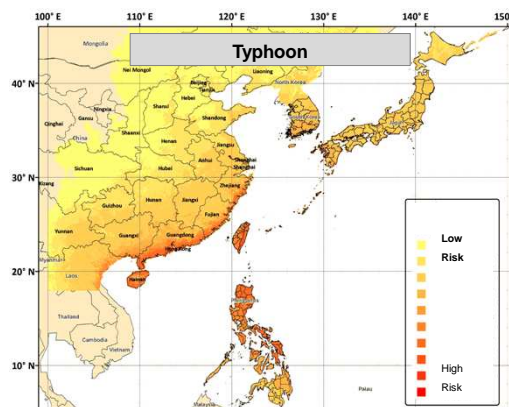
A Comprehensive Approach Captures Flood Losses from Multiple Sources

Derived from historical years 1980-present



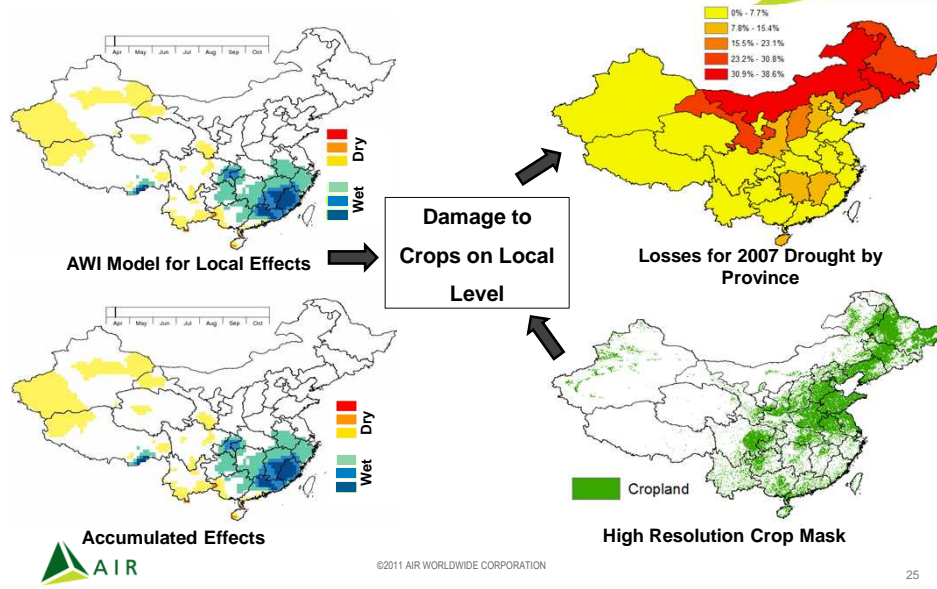
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Derived from Asia-Pacific Typhoon model



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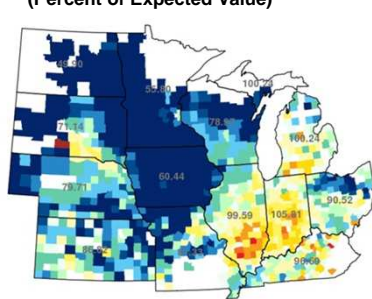
Higher Resolution Damage Estimates Based on AWI Are Validated against Province Level Losses



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Closing Thought – What if the 1993 Flood Happened in 2011?

1993 Corn Yield
(Percent of Expected Value)



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State	Actual 1993 RMA Gross Loss Ratios	AIR Modeled (Recasted) Gross Loss Ratios	AIR Modeled (Recasted) Post-SRA Loss Ratios
Iowa	465%	247%	168%
Illinois	63%	21%	66%
Indiana	55%	22%	67%
Ohio	91%	54%	61%
Minnesota	610%	214%	161%
Nebraska	188%	80%	83%
US Total	219%	106%	97%

Key Differences Between 1993 Flood and 2011 Flood: Timing, Location, Policy Mix, Premium Rates, SRA Program Terms

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