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CARGO PORT ACCUMULATION

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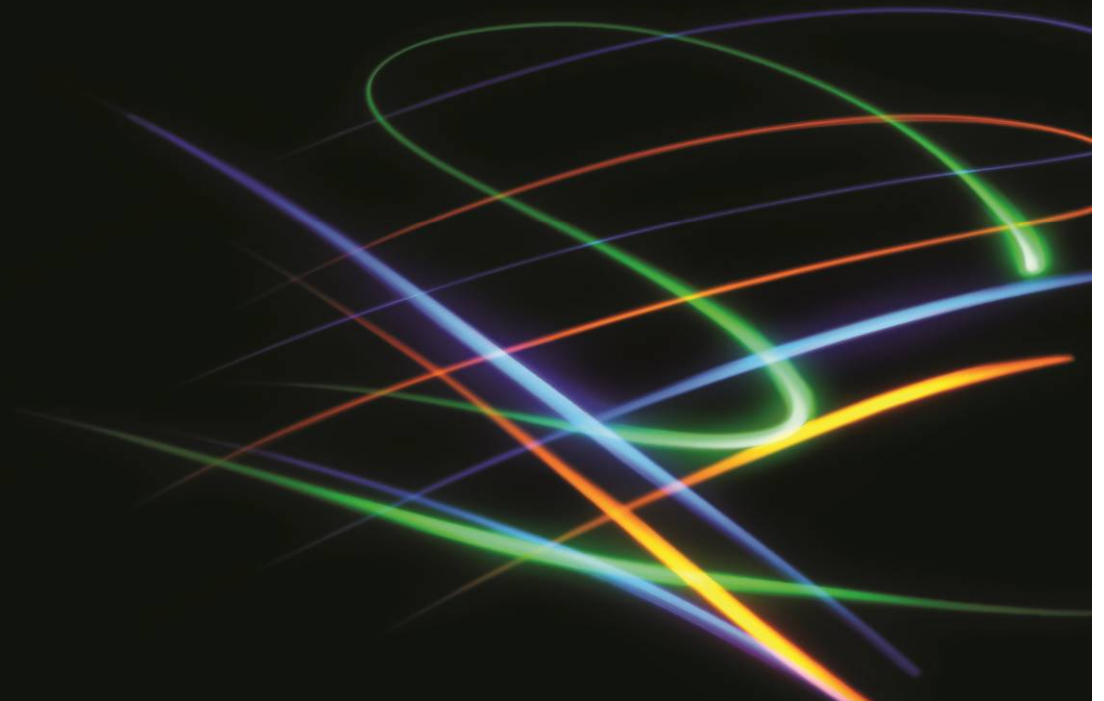
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WHAT IS MARINE CARGO INSURANCE?

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Cargo insurance basics

- One of the oldest forms of insurance
- Coverage
 - Generally purchased by the **shipper** (seller / exporter)
 - Attaches upon releasing goods to a cargo **carrier**
 - Covers goods until they reach the **receiver** (buyer / importer)
- Does not have to involve water to be “marine”
- Cat exposed
- Typical non-cat perils: Fire, theft, water damage, mishandling



Transit & warehouse coverage

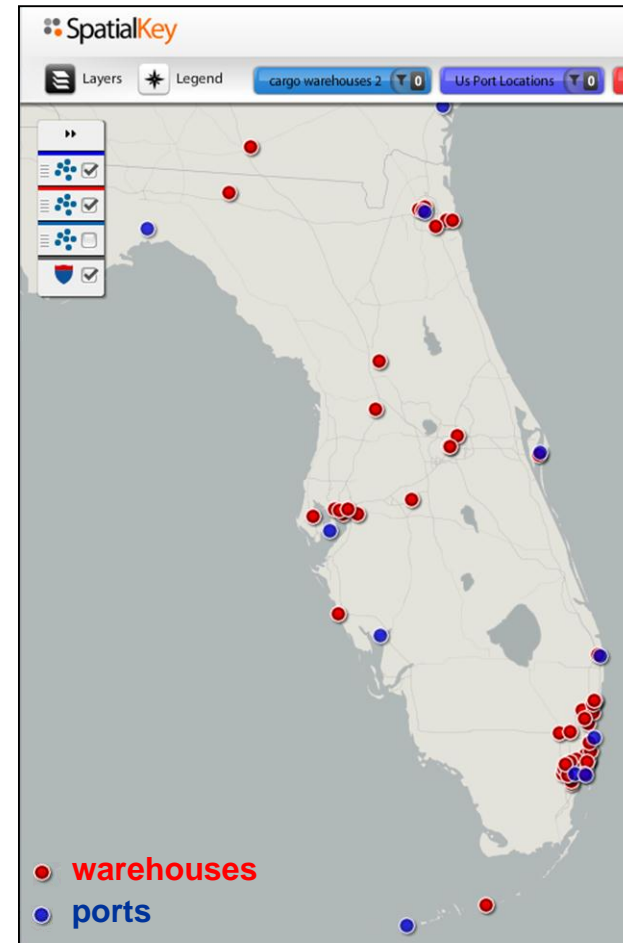
- Transit
 - Covers goods until they reach receiver or an insured warehouse
- Warehouse
 - Covers cargo while held at specified warehouse locations
 - Separate limit specified for each warehouse
- A typical large insured will have **one** transit limit and **multiple** different warehouse limits
- Smaller insureds may only have a transit policy

Common data issues

- Data is usually sub-standard
- Transit and Warehouse limits are blanket limits
 - Actual cargo exposure at any given time is usually less than the policy limit specified
- Be careful as to how you interpret summarized policy limit data
 - Is it the largest limit for each policy?
 - Average limit?
 - How are transit vs warehouse coverages represented?
- Low to medium severity first loss scales for non-cat exposure rating

Warehouse cat exposure

- Modeled peril
- Warehouse locations and limits are typically provided via an EDM
- An assumption must be made about estimated TIV relative to warehouse limit
 - Typically 50-70%
- Warehouses are often clustered around seaports and airports
 - Significant exposure to hurricanes and earthquakes



Vessel accumulation

- A single container vessel can carry over 10,000 TEUs of containerized cargo
 - Vessel capacity is growing, which produces more concentration risk
- Insurer cannot limit number of insured shipments onboard a single vessel
 - Limits are set per insured
 - No way to monitor actual accumulations
- Unmodeled risk – Not driven by modeled cat perils



Port accumulation

- Typically an unmodeled peril
- Port accumulation is the main transit cat exposure
 - Not captured in EDM
- Accumulated values can be very significant
 - Cargo can remain in port for days
- Exposure is highly uncertain
- Damageability is tough to predict
- Exposed to hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, hail, terrorism



Challenges with port accumulation modeling

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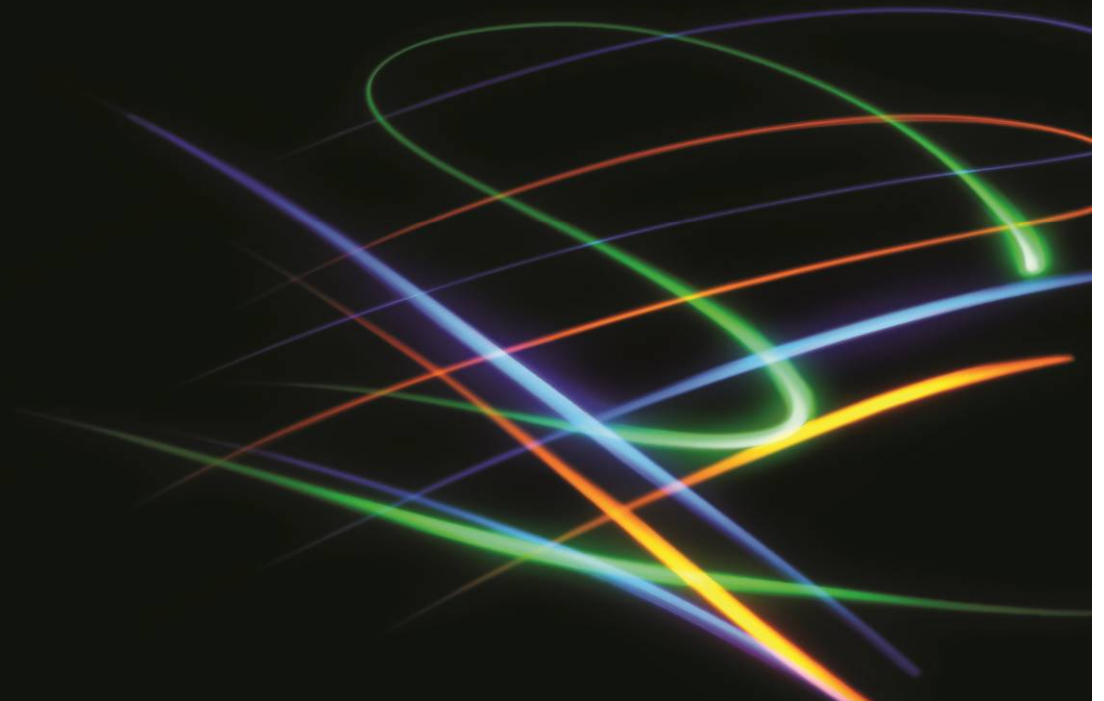
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- Exposure
 - No access to timely shipment information
 - How clustered are an insured's shipments?
 - What ports might the cargo travel through?
 - Which of your other insureds might have cargo at that same port at the same time?
 - Seasonality of exposures
 - **Must rely on estimation**
- Damageability
 - Diverse types of cargo
 - How will containerized cargo hold up in an Earthquake?
 - Limited historical events to back test

HOW DO WE MODEL PORT ACCUMULATION?

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Market share: A basic top-down approach

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General Method

- Start with data on cargo flow by port (publicly available)
- Calculate average daily flow for each port [A]
- Make an assumption about average # of days in port for typical cargo [B] (generally 3-5 days)
- $A * B =$ Average industry accumulation
- Research insurer's cargo market share [C]
- $A * B * C =$ Average insurer accumulation

Port of Los Angeles Example

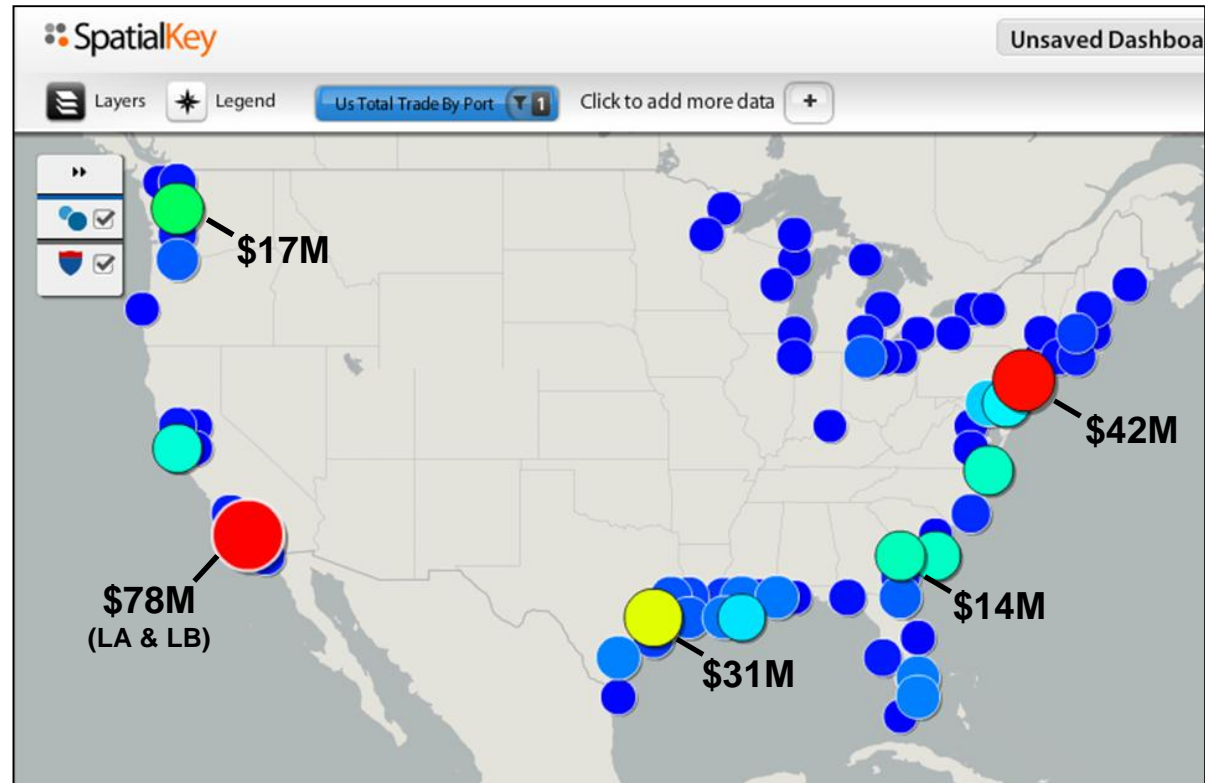
- \$284B per year
- \$780M per day
- 3 days
- \$2.3B accumulated TIV
- 2.5%
- \$58M accumulated TIV

Market share: A basic top-down approach

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- Method can be repeated for ports across the US and internationally
- An EDM can be produced so cat modeling estimates can be run and correlated with warehouse exposure
- Distribution of exposure will mimic industry exposure



Beyond market share: A more refined model

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- Goal: To reflect how an insurer's exposure may differ from the industry average
- Utilize insurer's data to refine model
 - Types of goods shipped by insureds
 - Locations of warehouses
 - Locations of insureds

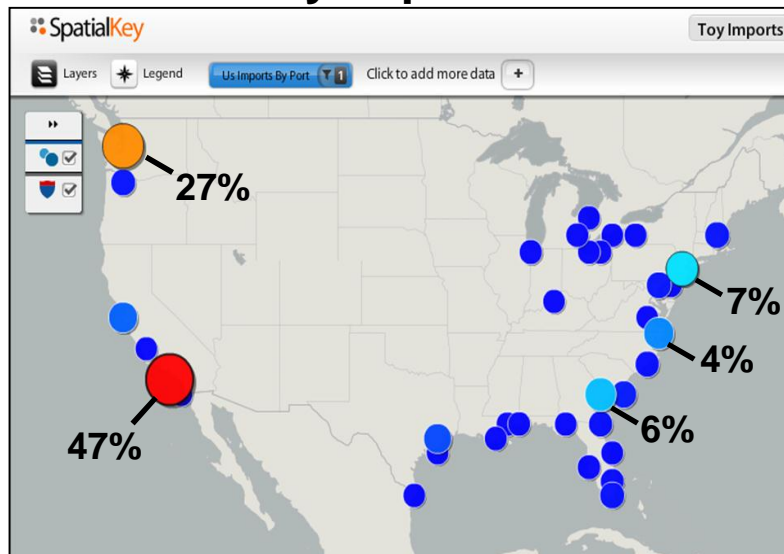
Refinement 1: Commodity flows

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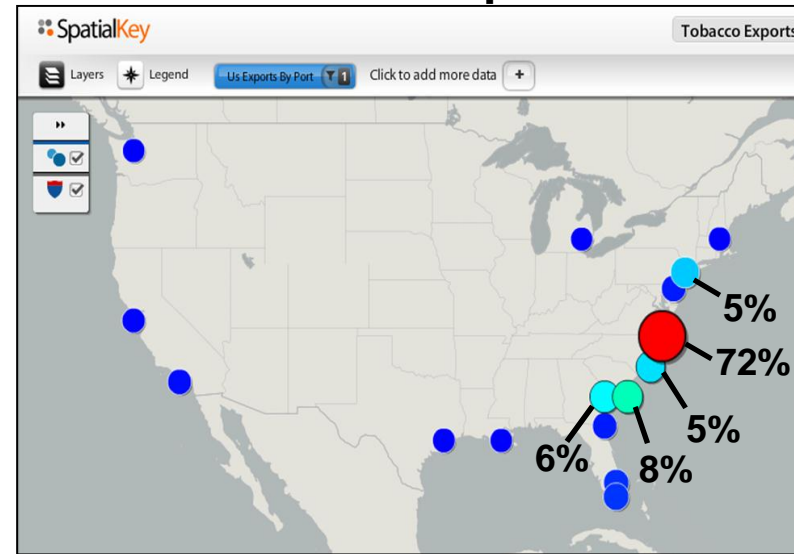
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- Identify main commodity shipped by each insured
- Map commodities to Harmonized System (HS) taxonomy
- Cargo flows by HS code by port are publically available

Toy Imports



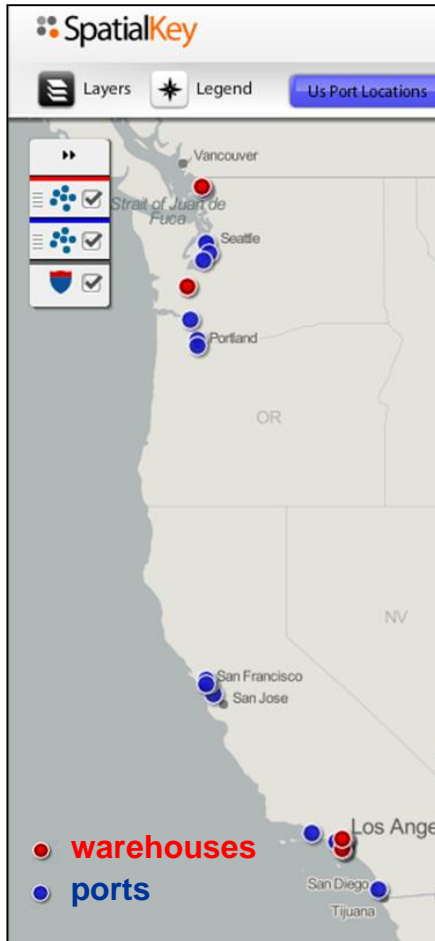
Tobacco Exports



Refinement 2: Locations of warehouses

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- Look up locations of warehouses for insureds
- Map insureds' exposure to ports in vicinity of warehouses
 - Take into account proximity and size of port
- Can only be used for insureds who purchase warehouse coverage

Refinement 3: Locations of insureds

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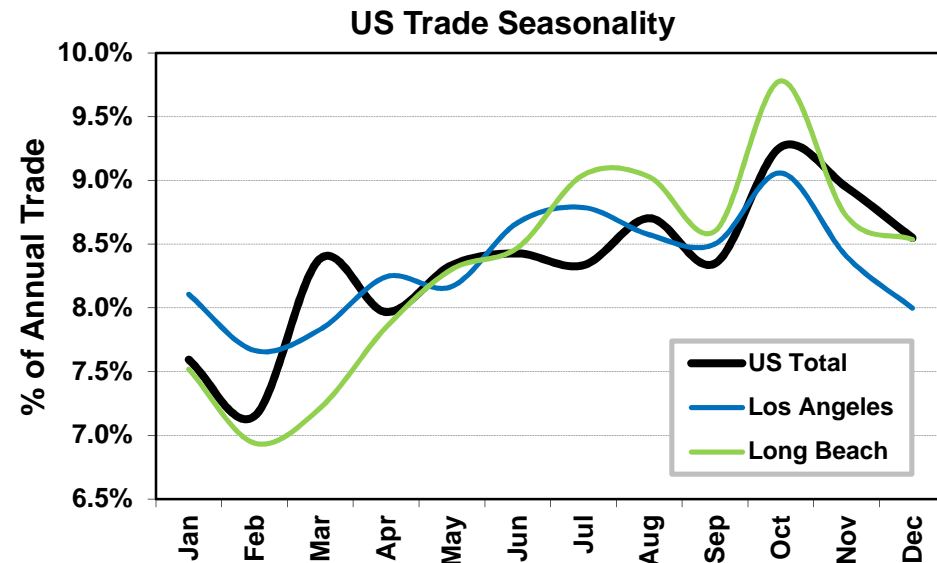
- Location of insured business can also be used to estimate ports utilized
- Only appropriate for smaller insureds
 - More localized operations
- Cargo is likely to travel through nearby ports
- Assign exposure based on port proximity and throughput

Results of refined method

- Recommended methodology
 - Location of insureds (for small risks)
 - Location of warehouses (for risks with warehouse coverage)
 - Commodity flows (for all other)
- Approach tailors estimated exposure to insurer's portfolio
 - Takes into account geographic / commodity specialization
 - We have seen changes up to +/- 50% at major ports using this revised method
 - Can significantly alter PMLs

Caveats

- Exposures are not constant throughout the year
 - Peak in the fall leading up to holiday season
 - Seasonality will vary by port
- PMLs will be understated
 - Exposures are inherently stochastic, shipments are sporadic
 - Significant uncertainty in damageability estimates

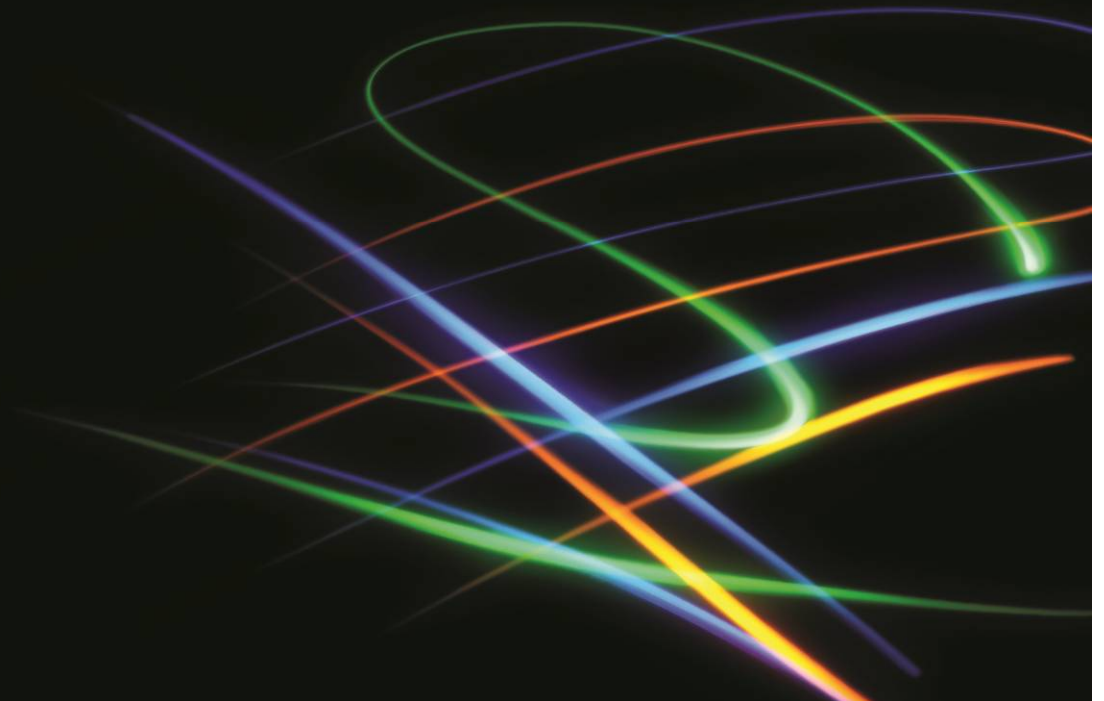


WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM SANDY?

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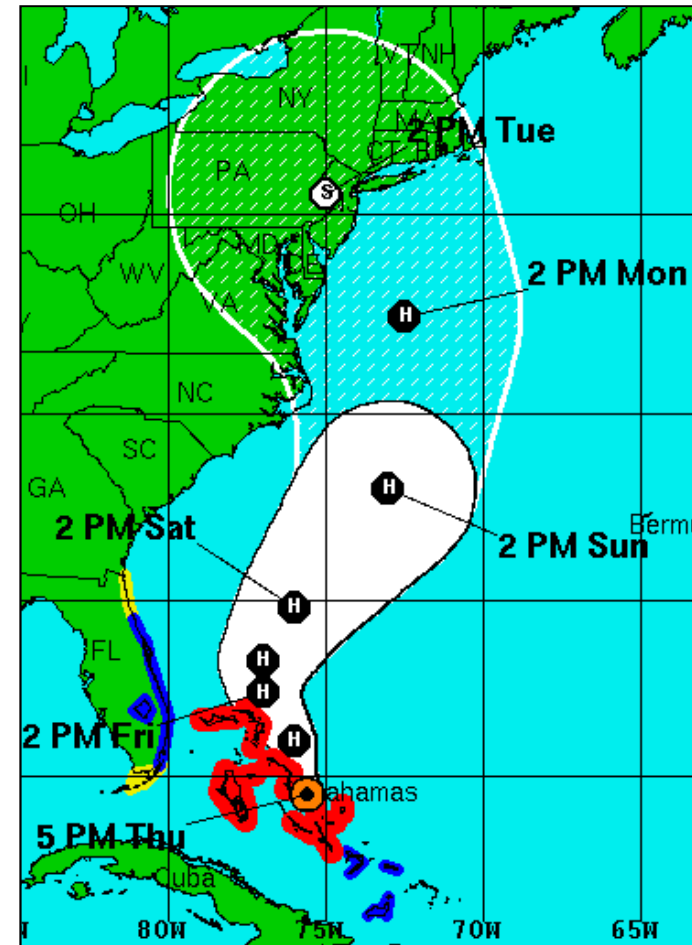
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Port of Newark Retrospective



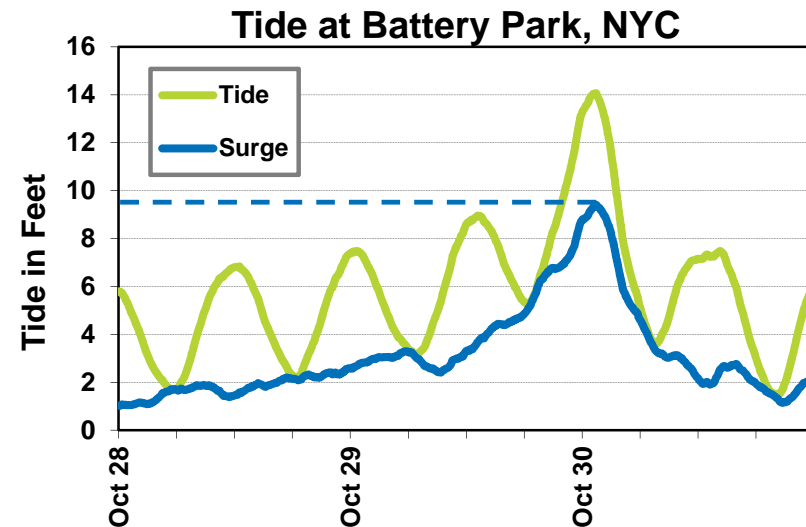
Superstorm Sandy

- \$2.5B - \$3B of insured ocean marine losses (IUMI)
- Impressively accurate forecast
 - NJ landfall predicted 4 days in advance
- Theory: Port will be relatively empty before a hurricane
- Reality: Terminal operators continued to receive shipments up until Coast Guard closed the port



Sandy winds vs surge

- Relatively benign winds - borderline cat 1
- Storm surge was massive - more typical of a cat 3 storm
 - Compounded with landfall at high tide
- Old definitions from NHC (surge guidance retired in 2010)
 - Cat 1: 4-5 foot surge
 - Cat 3: 9-12 foot surge
- Port of Newark had prepared for a wind event
 - Unstacked all loaded containers ahead of landfall



Containerized cargo damage



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Infrastructure damage

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\$16M beer & liquor loss



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