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# 2013 Natural Catastrophe Year in Review

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## **Welcome/Introduction**

Bill Fellows

## **US/Global Natural Catastrophe Update**

Carl Hedde

## **Economic Implications of Natural Catastrophe Losses**

Dr. Robert Hartwig

## **Special Topic: Hurricanes, Typhoons and Tornados**

Peter Höppe

## **Questions and Answers**

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# US/Global Natural Catastrophe Update

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## The Loss Database Today

- From 1980 until today all loss events; for USA and selected countries in Europe all loss events since 1970.
- Retrospectively, all great disasters since 1950.
- In addition, all major historical events starting from 79 AD – eruption of Mt. Vesuvio (3,000 historical data sets).
- **Currently more than 33,000 events**

# US Headlines - 2013

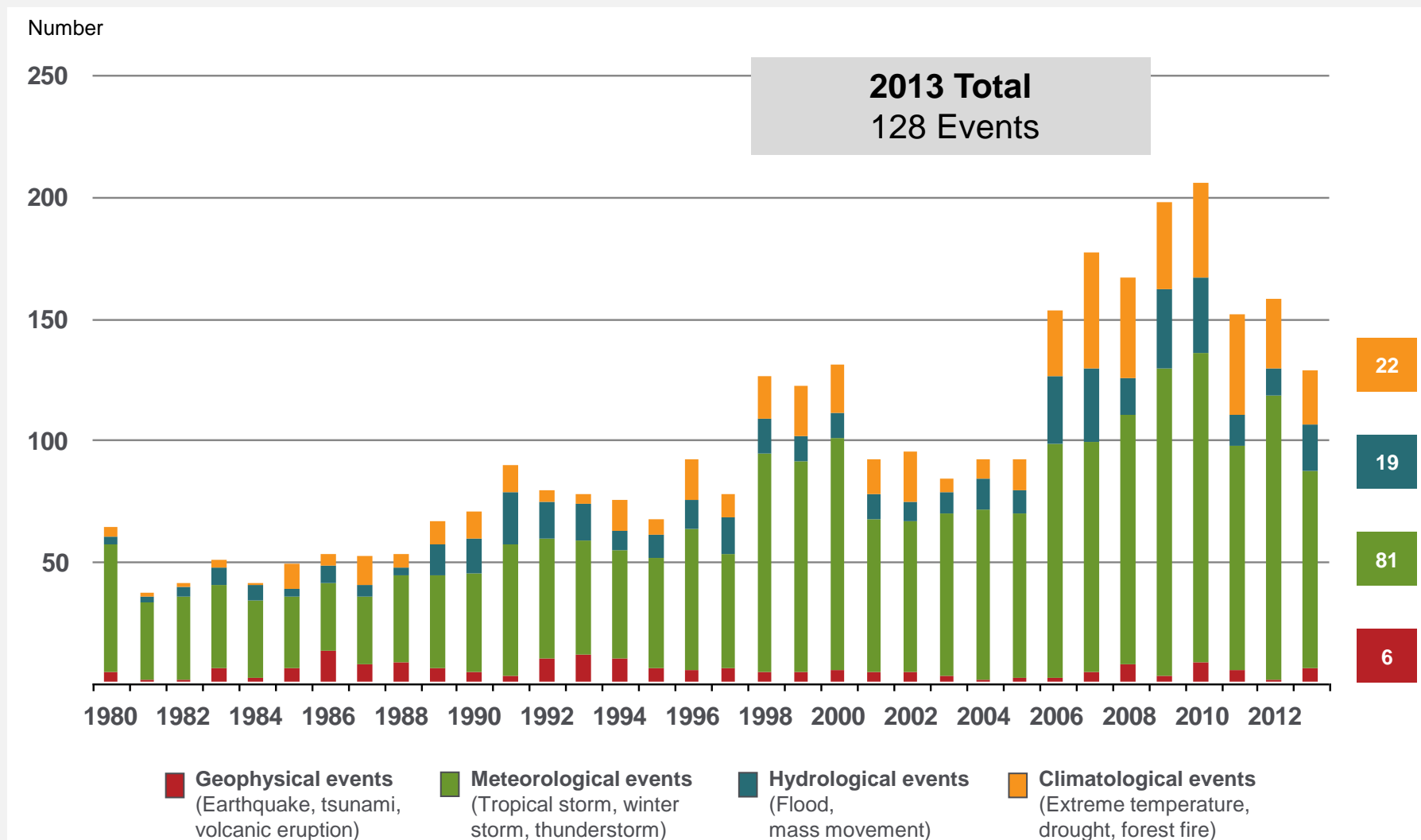
- Insured losses in the United States in 2013 totaled \$12.8 billion – far below the 2000 to 2012 average loss of \$29.4 billion (in 2013 Dollars).
- Quiet Atlantic hurricane season despite expectations for an active year; US drought of major hurricane landfalls is now 8 years, unprecedented in the reliable historical record.
- Insured losses from thunderstorm events exceeded \$10.0 billion, despite the lowest observed tornado count in a decade.
- Colorado experienced record-setting wildfires in June, then record flooding in September.
- Drought conditions ease in the Desert Southwest, but worsen in California.

# Natural Disaster Losses in the United States, 2013

As of December 31, 2013	Number of Events	Fatalities	Estimated Overall Losses (US \$m)	Estimated Insured Losses (US \$m)
Severe Thunderstorm	69	110	16,341	10,274
Winter Storm	11	43	2,935	1,895
Flood	19	23	1,929	240
Earthquake & Geophysical	6	1	Minor	Minor
Tropical Cyclone	1	1	Minor	Minor
Wildfire, Heat, & Drought	22	29	620	385
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>21,825</b>	<b>12,794</b>

# Loss Events in the U.S. 1980 – 2013

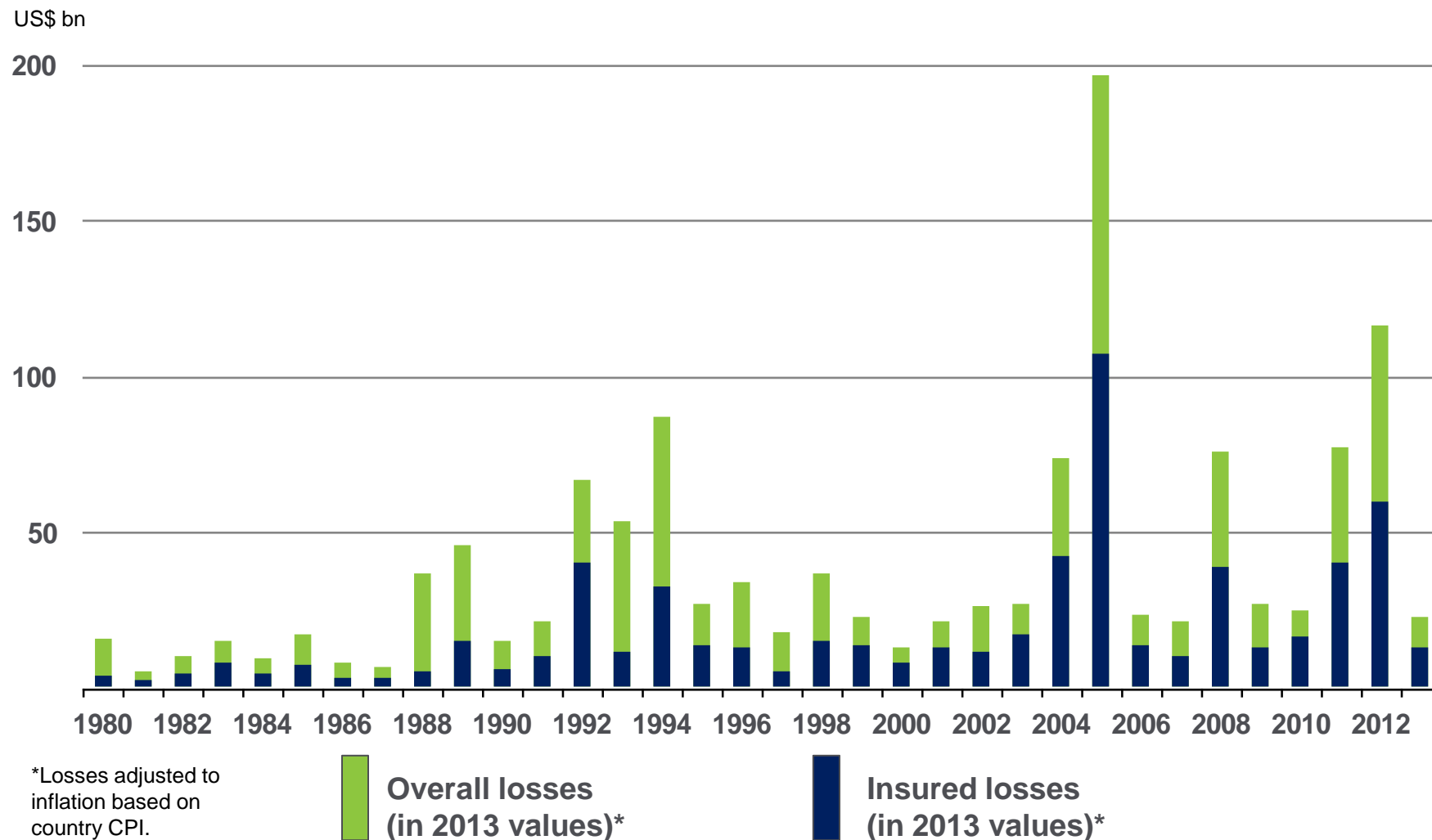
## Number of events





# Loss Events in the US 1980 – 2013

## Overall and insured losses



# Significant Natural Catastrophes, 2013

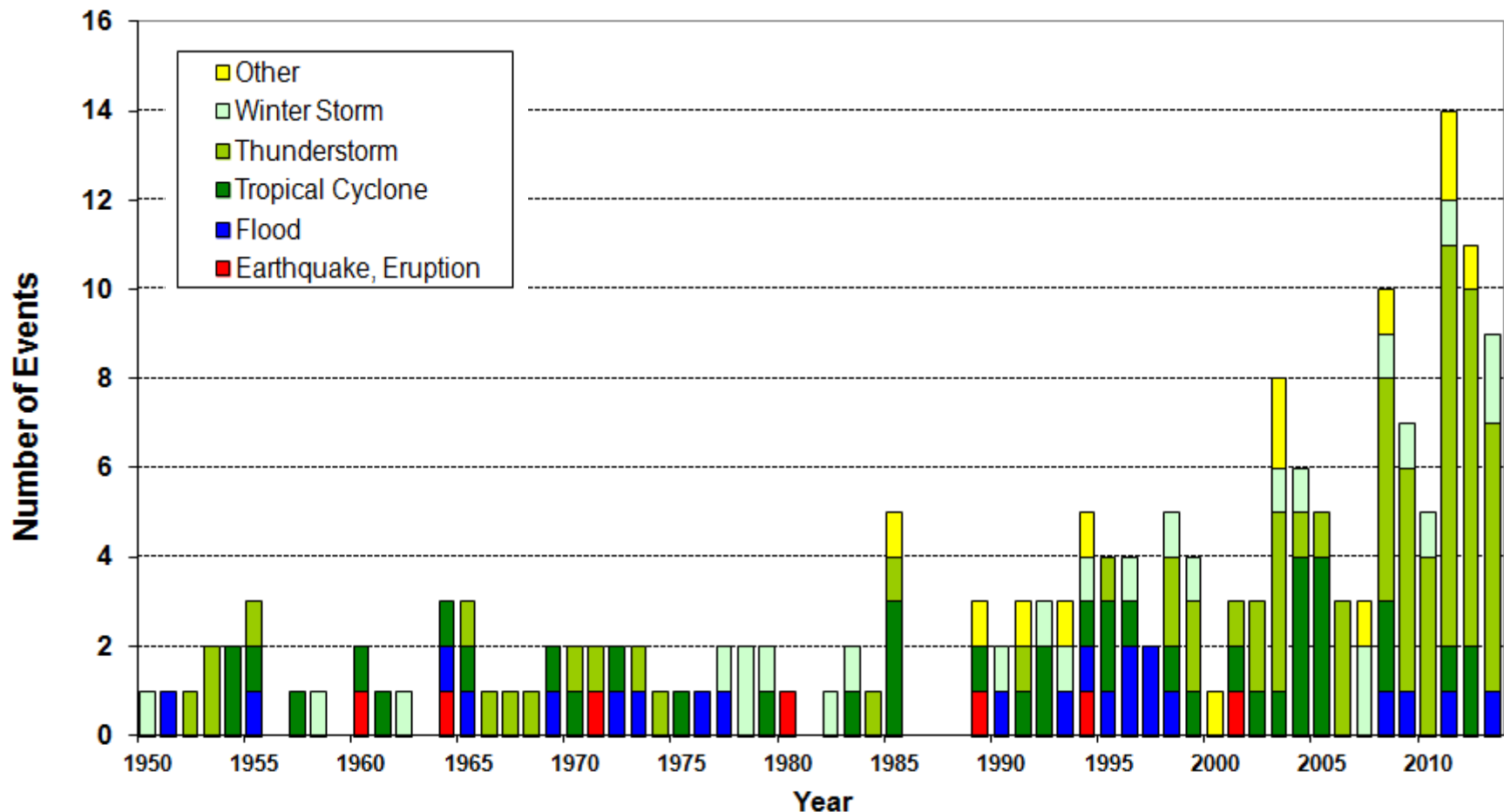
\$1 billion economic loss and/or 50 fatalities

Date	Event	Estimated Economic Losses (US \$m)	Estimated Insured Losses (US \$m)
February 24 – 25	Winter Storm	1,300	690
March 18 – 19	Thunderstorms	2,200	1,600
April 7 – 11	Winter Storm	1,600	1,200
April 16 – 18	Thunderstorms	1,100	560
May 18 – 20	Thunderstorms	3,100	1,800
May 28 – 31	Thunderstorms	2,800	1,400
August 6 – 7	Thunderstorms	1,300	740
September 9 – 16	Flooding	1,500	160
November 17 - 18	Thunderstorms	1,300	931

# Significant Natural Catastrophes, 1950 – 2013

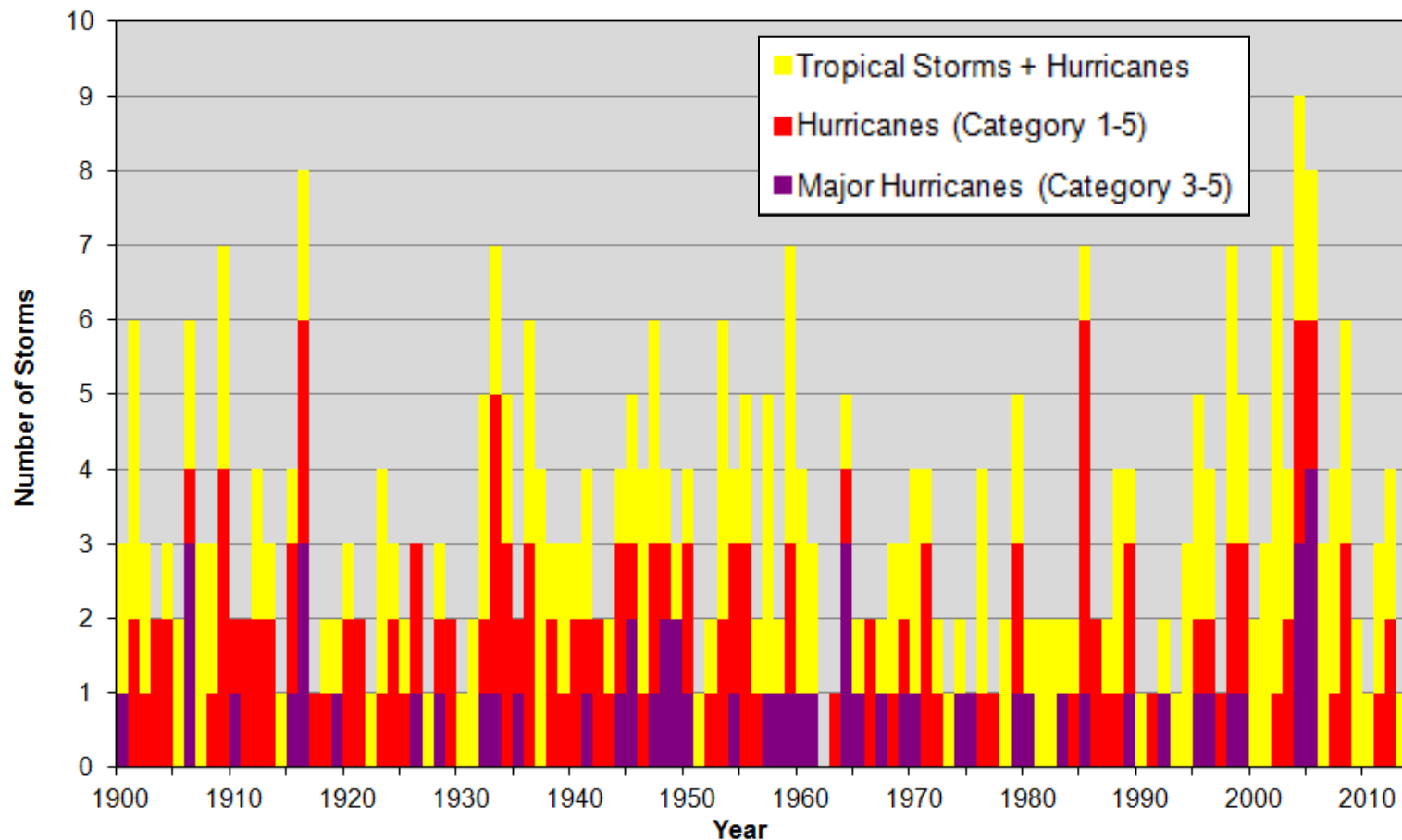
Number of Events (\$1 billion economic loss and/or 50 fatalities)

Nine significant natural catastrophes occurred in the United States in 2013.

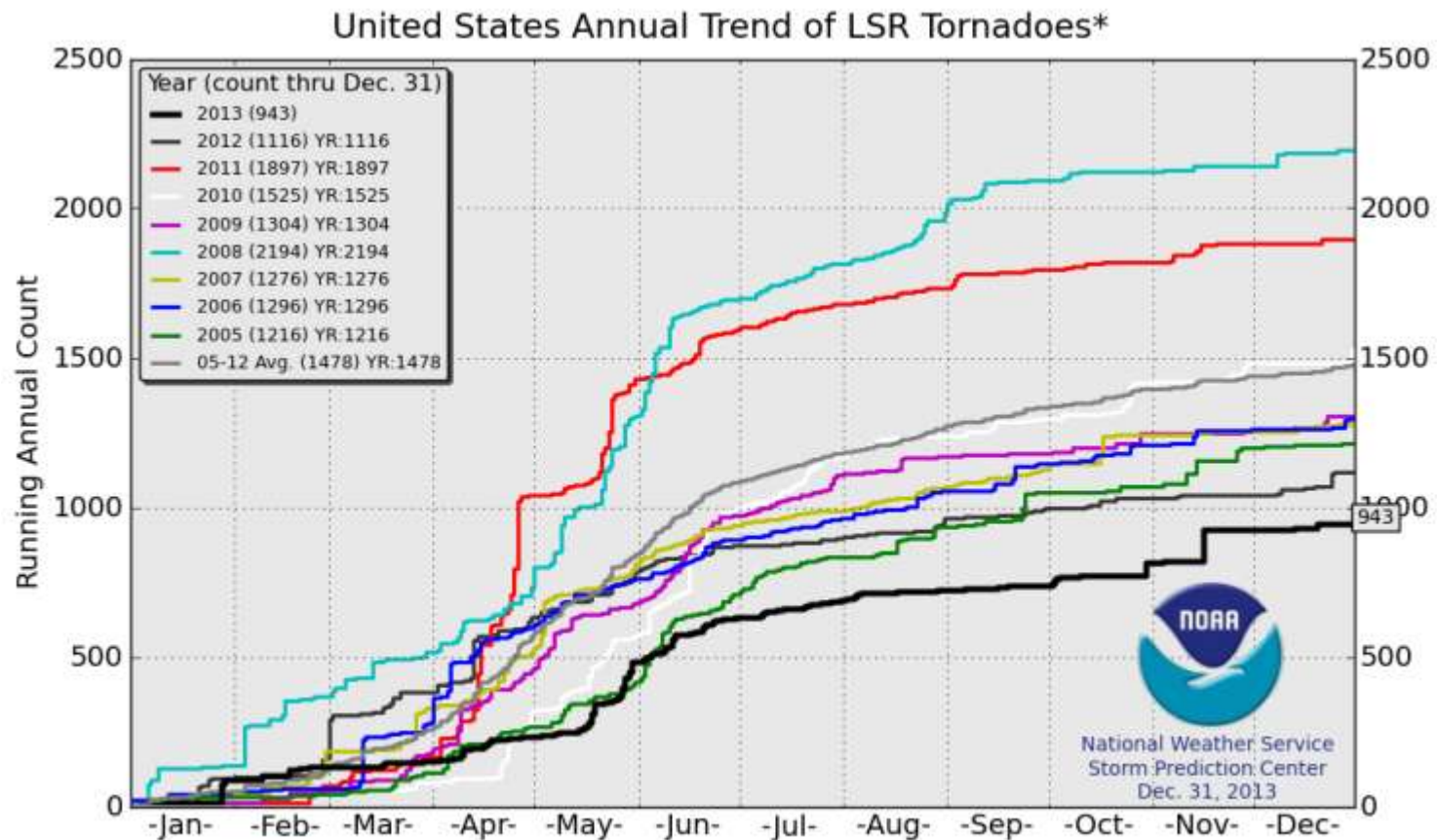


# Number of US Landfalling Tropical Cyclones 1900 – 2013

There has not been a major hurricane landfall in the US since Wilma in October 2005.



# 2013 US Tornado Count

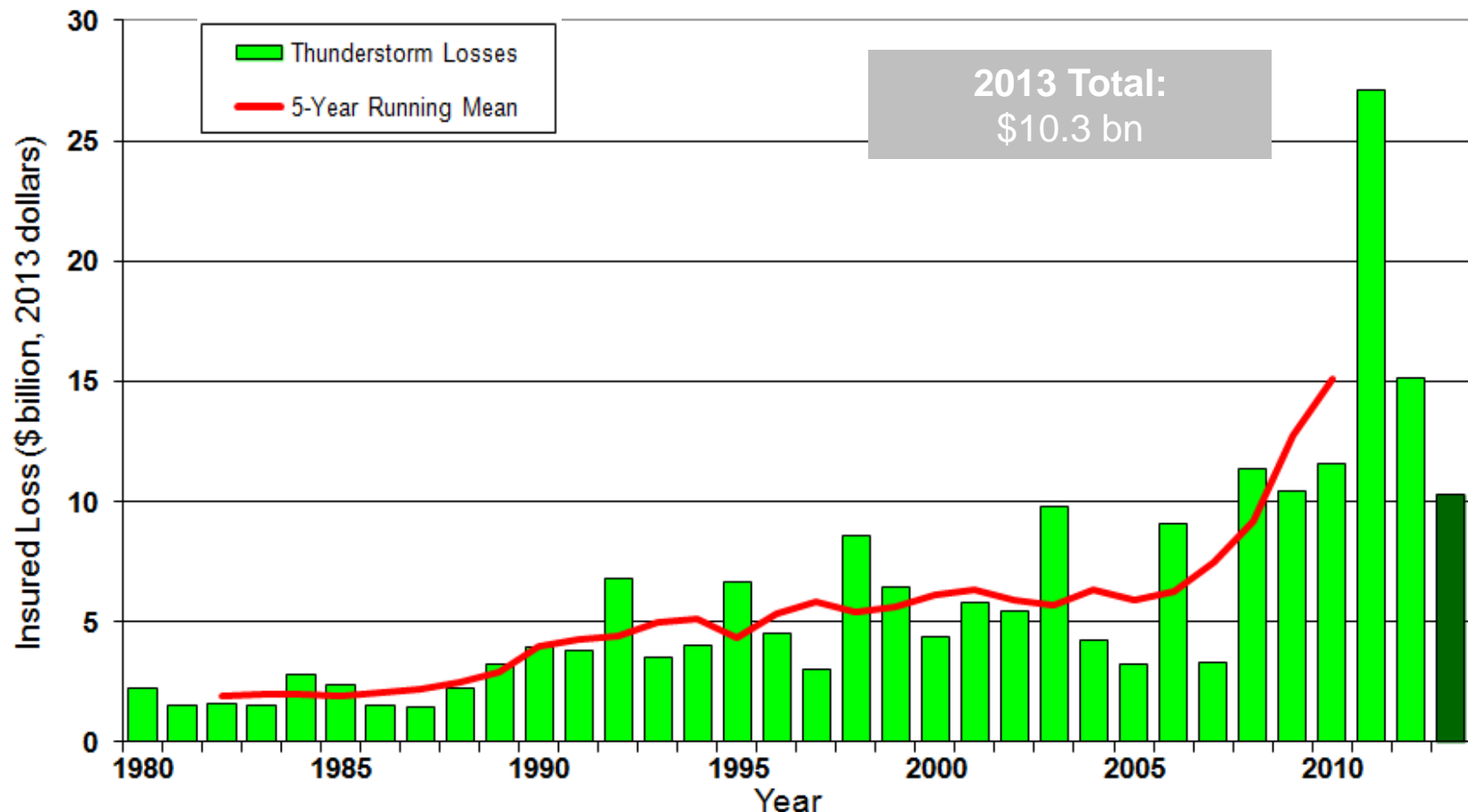


\*Preliminary tornadoes from NWS Local Storm Reports (LSRs)  
Annual average is based on preliminary LSRs, 2005-2012

# US Thunderstorm Loss Trends

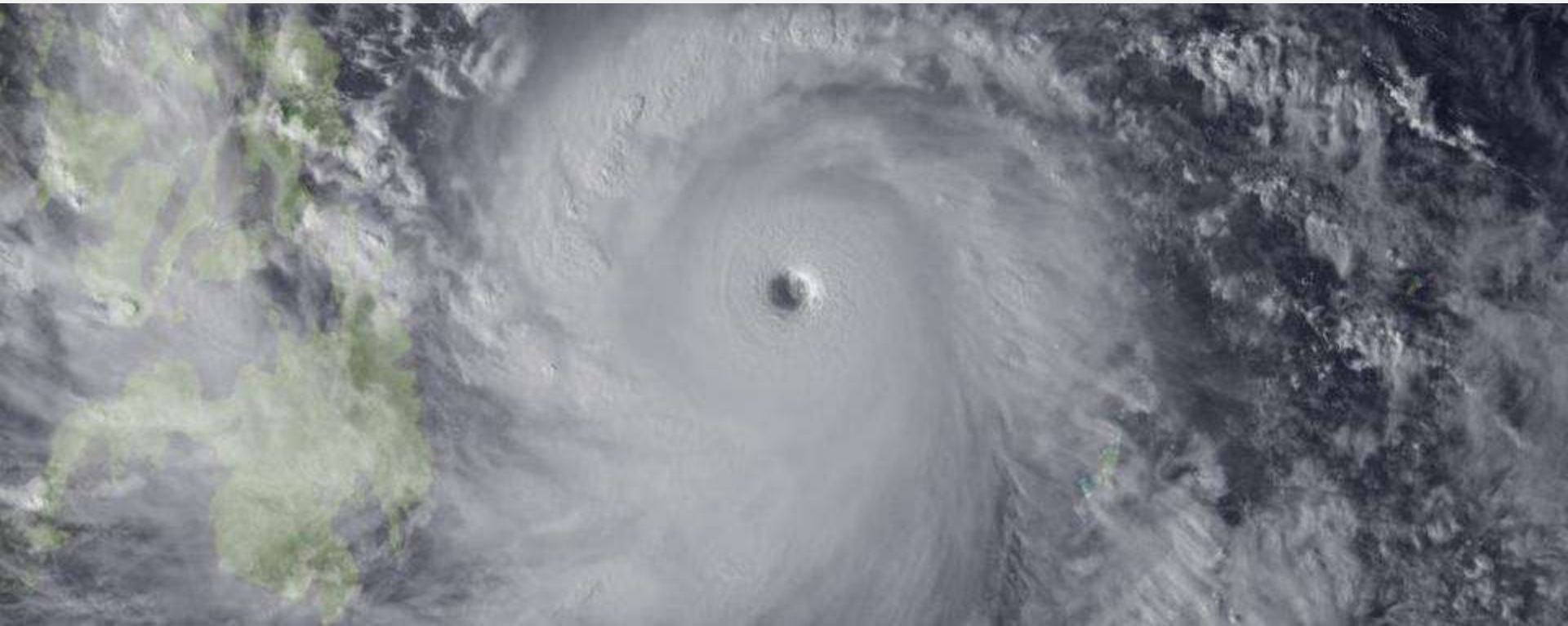
## Insured Annual Totals 1980 – 2013

Average insured thunderstorm losses have increased sevenfold since 1980.





# Global Natural Catastrophes in 2013



# Natural Catastrophes Worldwide 2013

## Significant events

<b>Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines</b>	Super typhoon making landfall with record-breaking wind speeds over central Philippines	With over 6,000 fatalities and many people still missing it was the deadliest event in 2013
<b>Hailstorms, Germany</b>	Two severe hailstorms affecting southwestern and northern Germany within two days	With insured losses of US\$ 3.7bn, it was the largest insured loss event in 2013
<b>Floodings in Central Europe</b>	Torrential persistent rainfalls caused the rivers Danube, Inn, and Elbe to reach record water levels	With est. US\$ 15.2bn it was the costliest direct economic loss event in 2013
<b>Series of tornadoes, USA</b>	Despite the weakest tornado season in a decade, three very severe tornado outbreaks happened in the USA	With US\$ 10.3bn of insured losses in the USA it was the 6 <sup>th</sup> costliest thunderstorm season on record in the USA

# Loss Events Worldwide 2013

Five costliest natural catastrophes for the insurance industry

Date	Region	Event	Fatalities	Insured losses US\$ m
27-28.7.2013	Germany	Hailstorms	-	3,700
June 2013	Central Europe	Flooding	25	3,000
18-22.5.2013	USA	Severe storms, tornadoes	28	1,800
18-19.3.2013	USA	Severe storms, tornadoes	2	1,600
19-24.6.2013	Canada	Flooding	4	1,600

# Loss Events Worldwide 1980 – 2013

## Facts

### Number of events: 880

- The number is well above the 10-year average (2003–2012): 790

### Fatalities: 20,000

- The number is very low in comparison with previous years (2003–2012): 106,000
- The deadliest event was Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, with more than 6,000 deaths

### Overall direct losses: US\$ 125bn

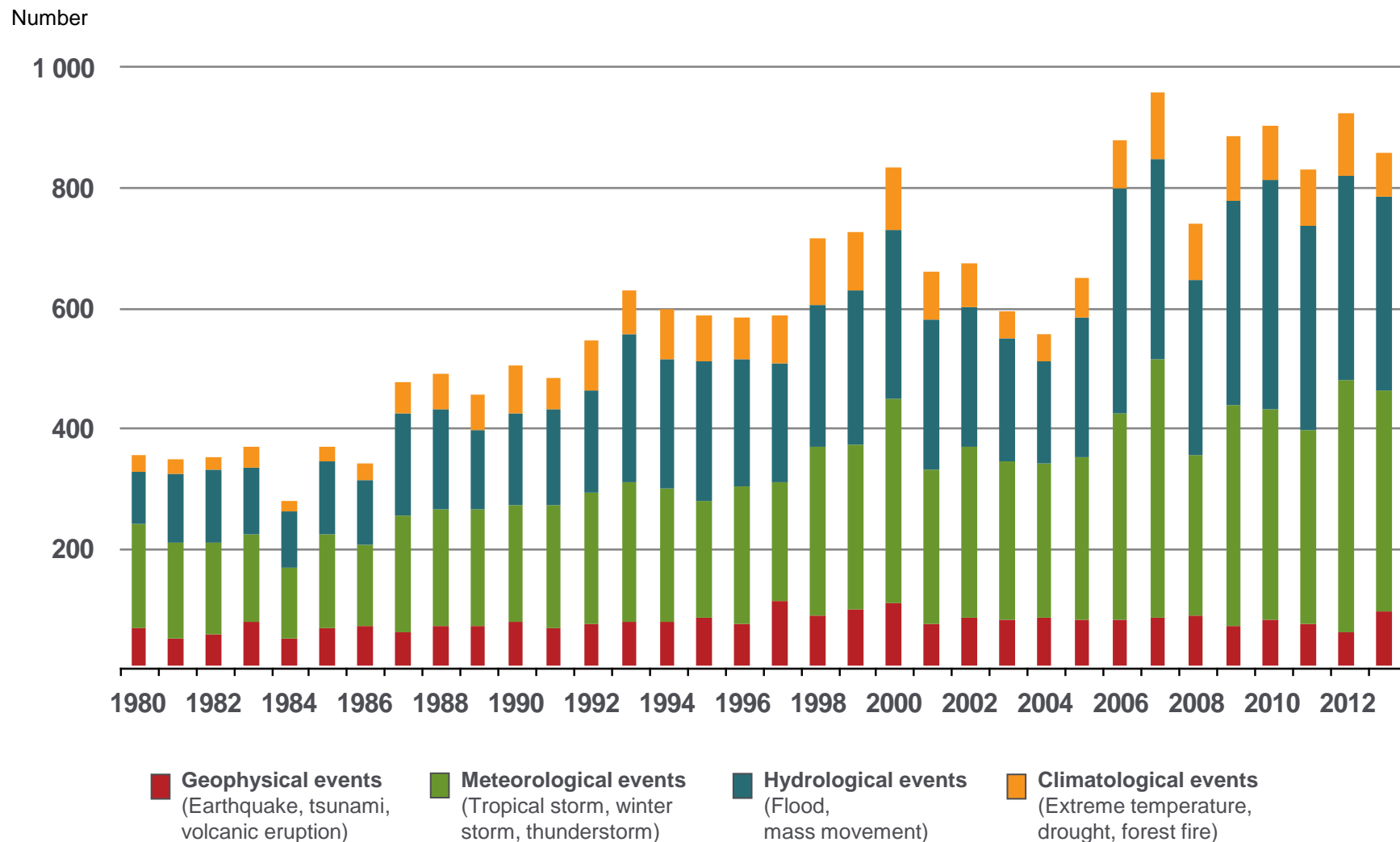
- 2013 is below the 10-year average (2003–2012): US\$ 184bn (adjusted to inflation)

### Insured losses: US\$ 31bn

- The insured losses are below the 10-year-average (2003–2012): US\$ 56bn (adjusted to inflation)

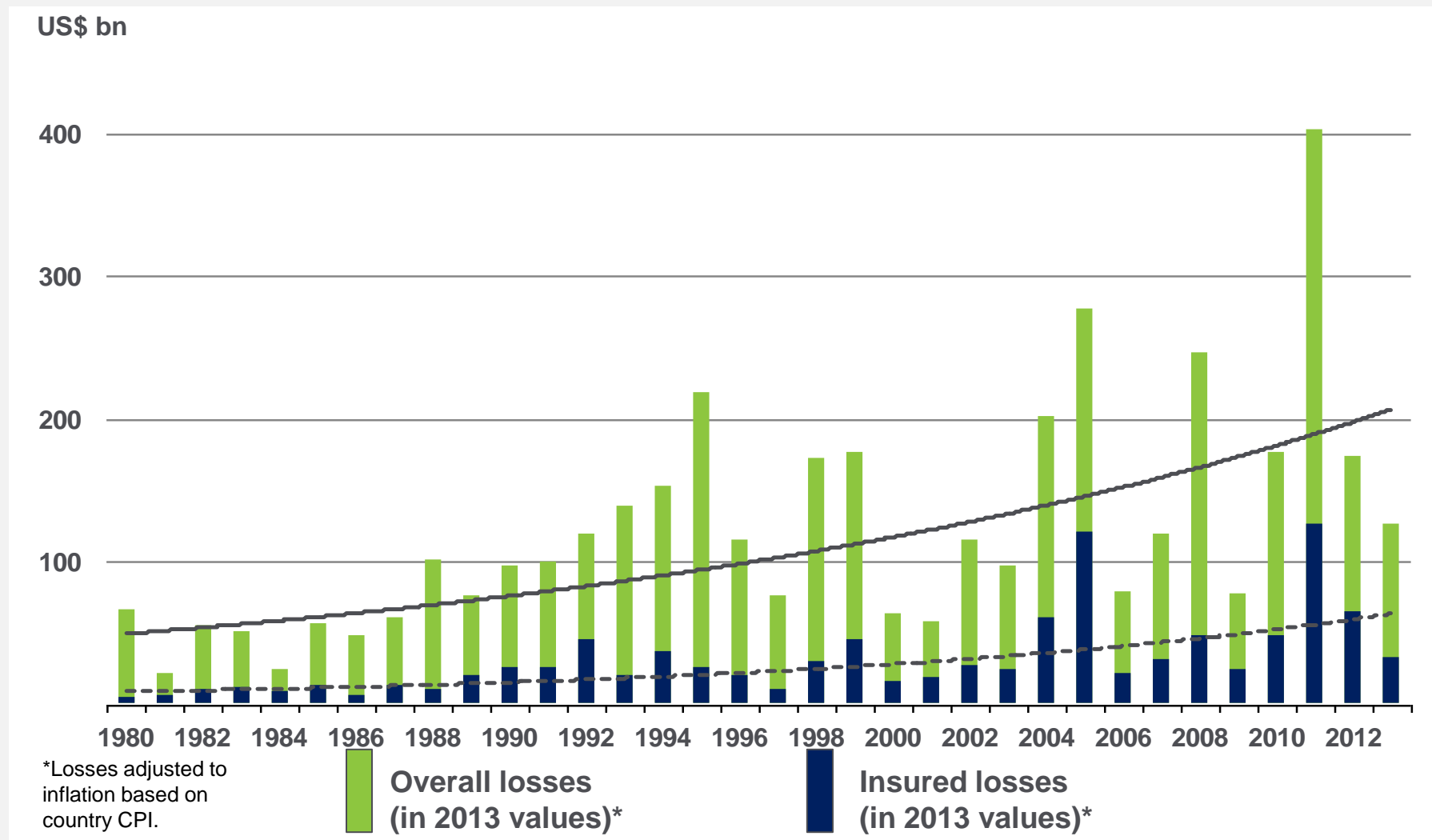
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## Number of events



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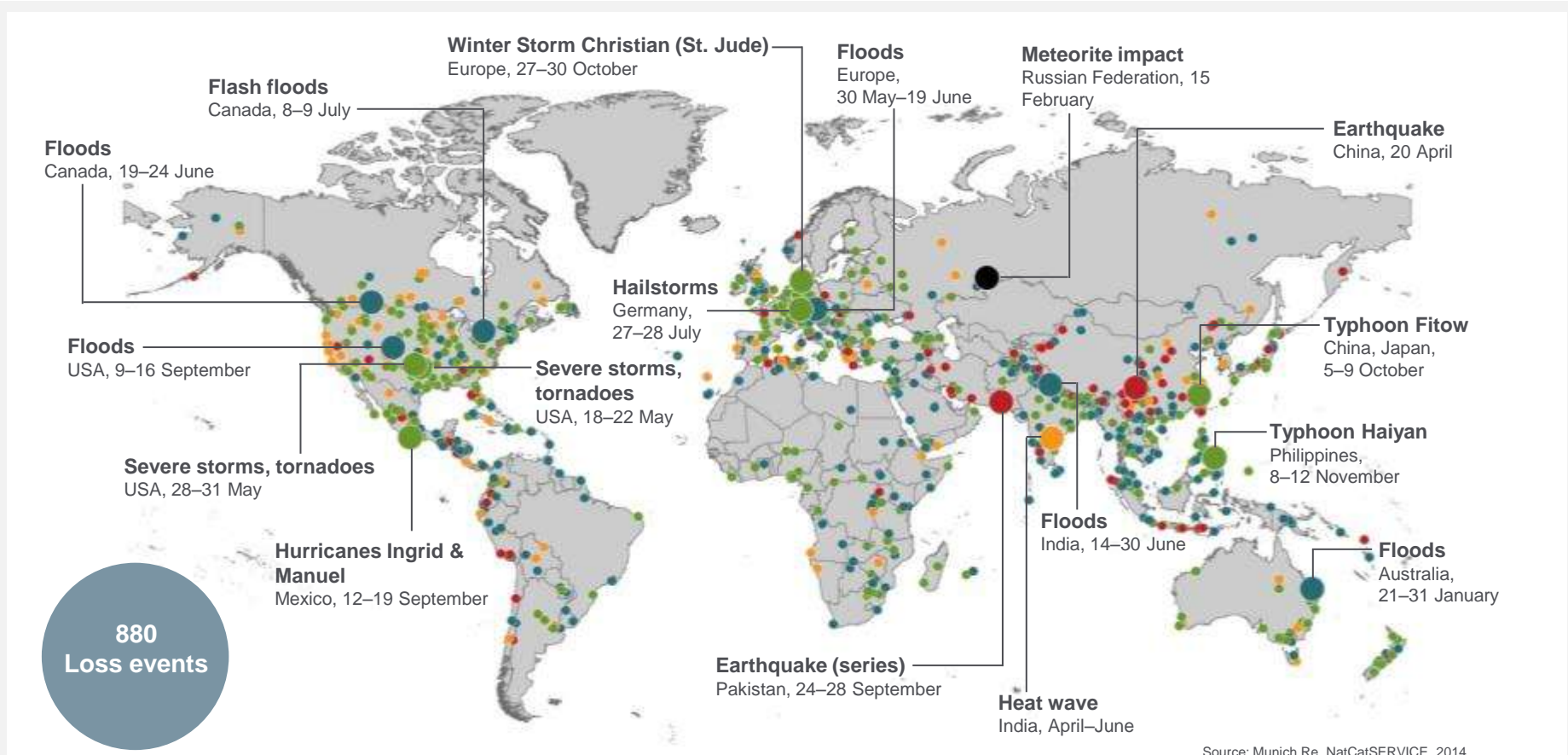
## Overall and insured losses





# Loss Events Worldwide 2013

## Geographical overview



○ **Natural catastrophes**

○ **Selection of significant loss events**

● **Geophysical events**  
(earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activity)

● **Meteorological events**  
(storm)

● **Hydrological events**  
(flood, mass movement)

● **Climatological events**  
(extreme temperature, drought, wildfire)

● **Extraterrestrial events**  
(Meteorite impact)

# Natural Catastrophes Worldwide 2013

## Summary

In total the USA had to bear insured losses of US\$ 12.8bn (2003-2012-average: US\$ 35bn).

With insured losses over US\$ 6.6bn, Germany was the second largest contributor to worldwide insured losses of US\$ 31bn.

In the Philippines super typhoon Haiyan produced record wind speeds higher than 300 km/h, destroyed more than half a million homes and left over 6,000 people dead.

The Atlantic hurricane season was one of the most inactive seasons in decades.

Compared to the long-term average the year 2013 was clearly below average in both, loss of life and loss of assets.



# Market & Financial Impact of Catastrophe Losses: *2013 Summary*

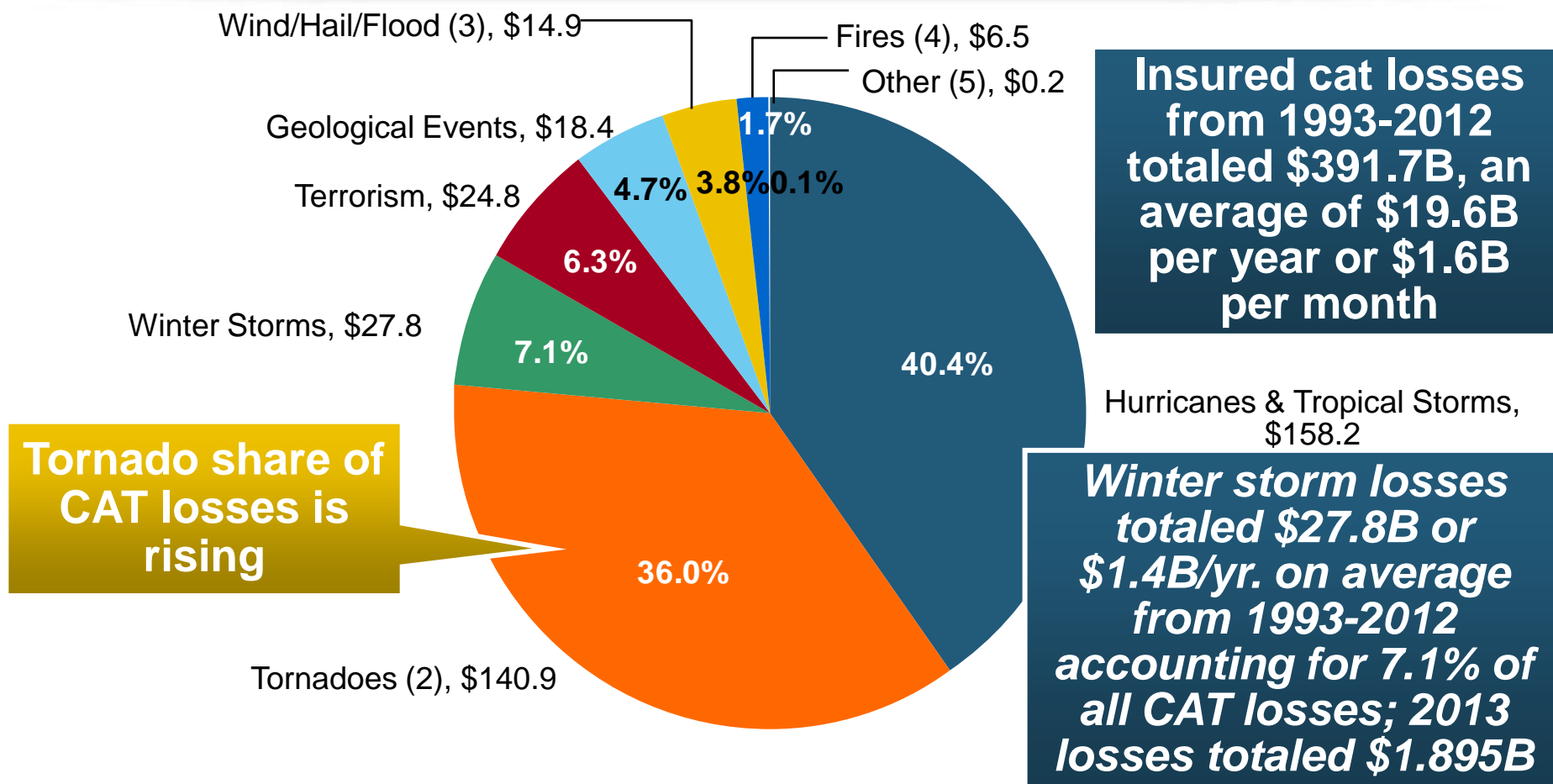
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## **WINTER STORM LOSSES: HOW BAD ARE THEY?**

**Losses from Snow, Ice, Freezing  
and Related Causes Typical Cost  
Insurers Between \$1 Billion and  
\$2 Billion Annually**

# Inflation Adjusted U.S. Catastrophe Losses by Cause of Loss, 1993–2012<sup>1</sup>



1. Catastrophes are defined as events causing direct insured losses to property of \$25 million or more in 2012 dollars.
2. Excludes snow.
3. Does not include NFIP flood losses
4. Includes wildland fires
5. Includes civil disorders, water damage, utility disruptions and non-property losses such as those covered by workers compensation.

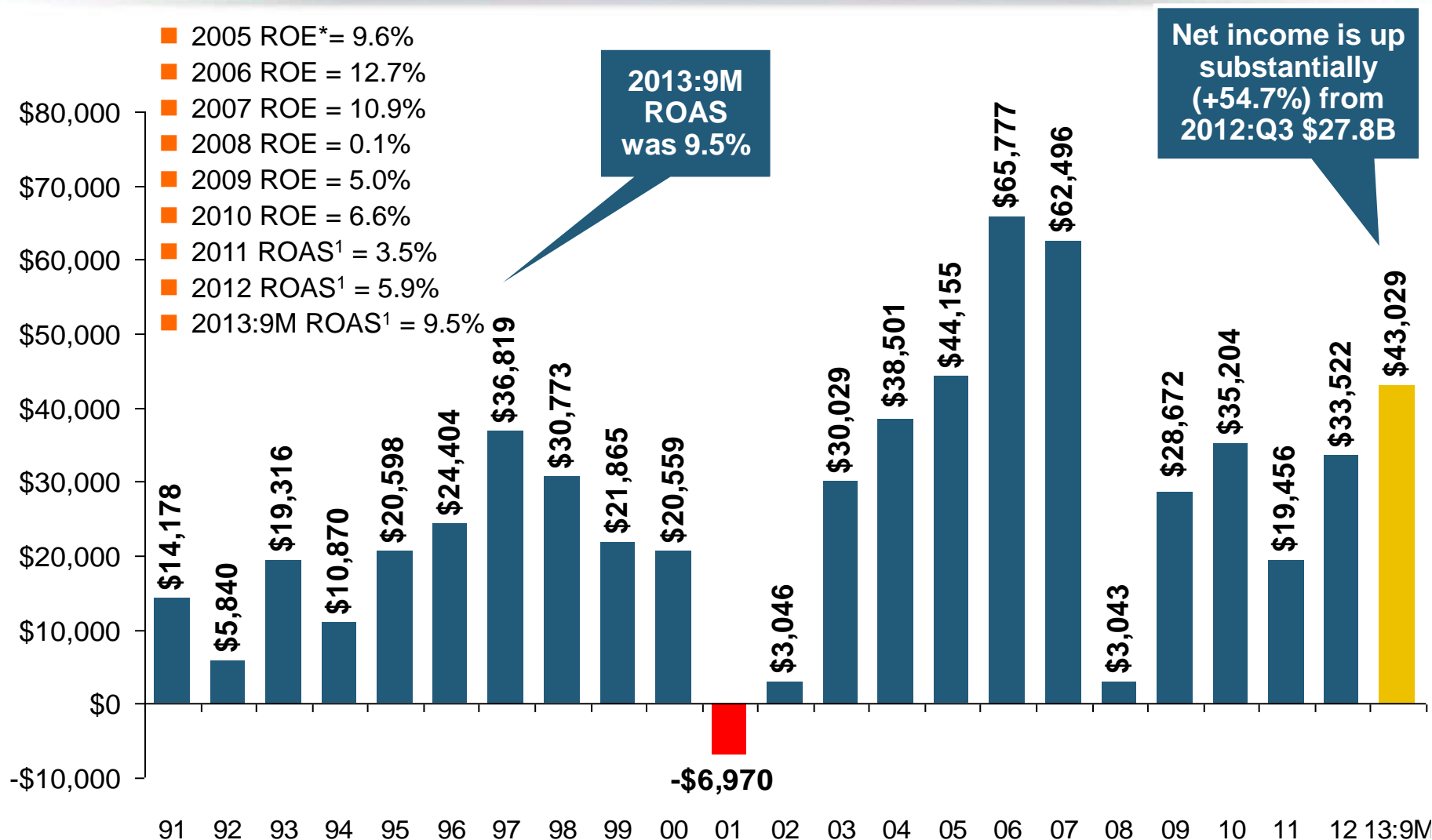
Source: ISO's Property Claim Services Unit.

# **U.S. P/C Insurance Industry Financial Overview**

**Industry's Financial Strength  
and Overall Performance  
Improved During 2013 Due  
in Part to Materially Lower  
Catastrophe Losses**



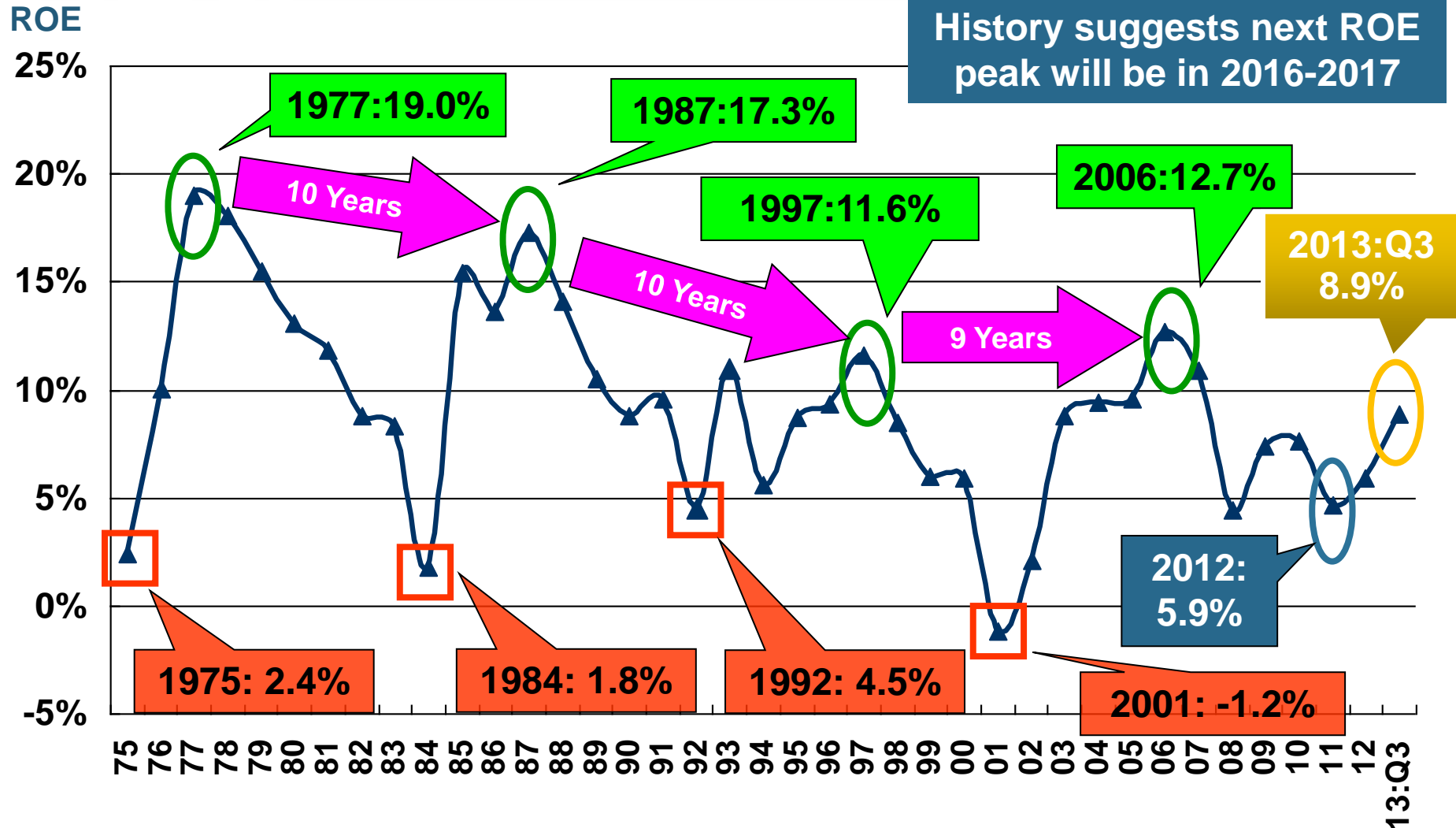
# P/C Net Income After Taxes 1991–2013:Q3 (\$ Millions)



\*ROE figures are GAAP; <sup>1</sup>Return on avg. surplus. Excluding Mortgage & Financial Guaranty insurers yields a 8.9% ROAS through 2013:Q3, 6.2% ROAS in 2012, 4.7% ROAS for 2011, 7.6% for 2010 and 7.4% for 2009.

Sources: A.M. Best, ISO, Insurance Information Institute

# Profitability Peaks & Troughs in the P/C Insurance Industry, 1975 – 2013:Q3\*



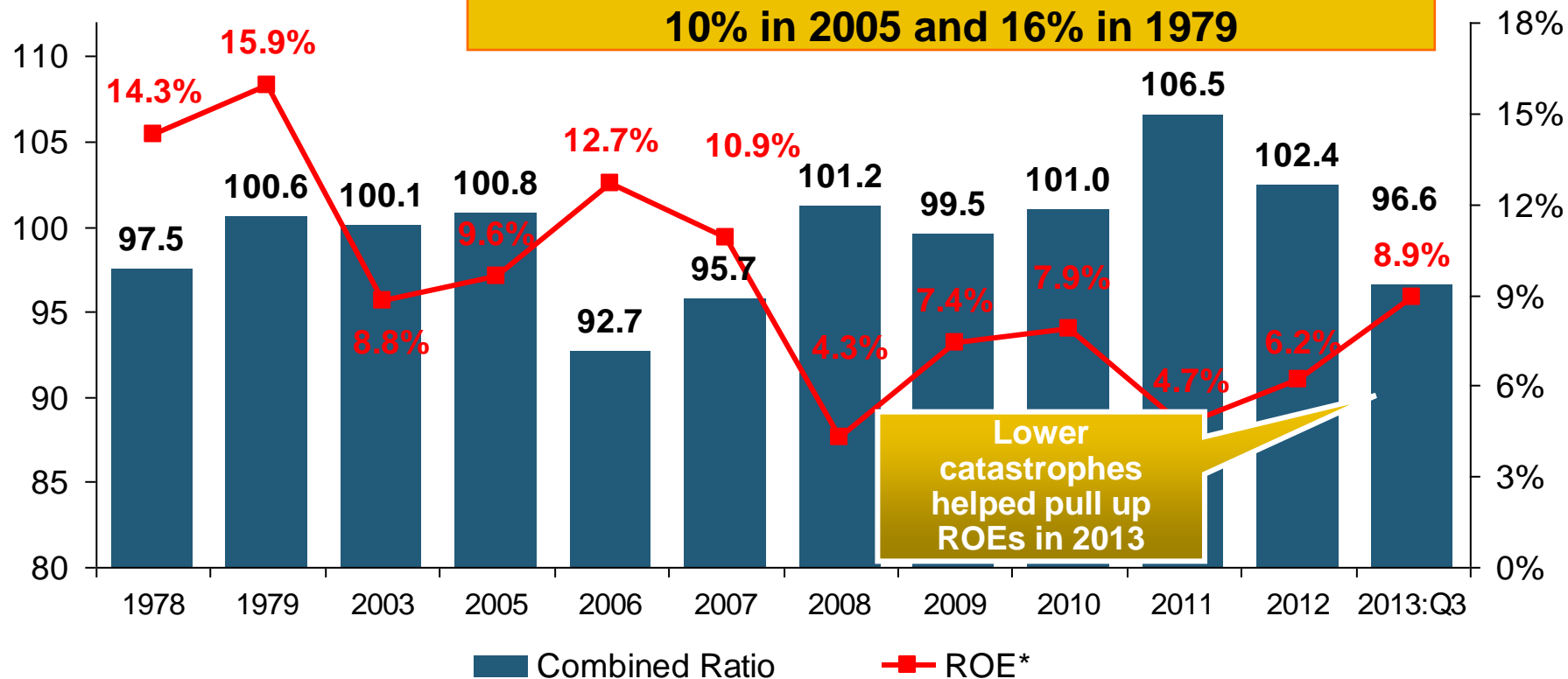
\*Profitability = P/C insurer ROEs. 2011-13 figures are estimates based on ROAS data. Note: Data for 2008-2013 exclude mortgage and financial guaranty insurers.

Source: Insurance Information Institute; NAIC, ISO, A.M. Best.

# A 100 Combined Ratio Isn't What It Once Was: Investment Impact on ROEs

## Combined Ratio / ROE

A combined ratio of about 100 generates an ROE of ~7.0% in 2012, ~7.5% ROE in 2009/10, 10% in 2005 and 16% in 1979



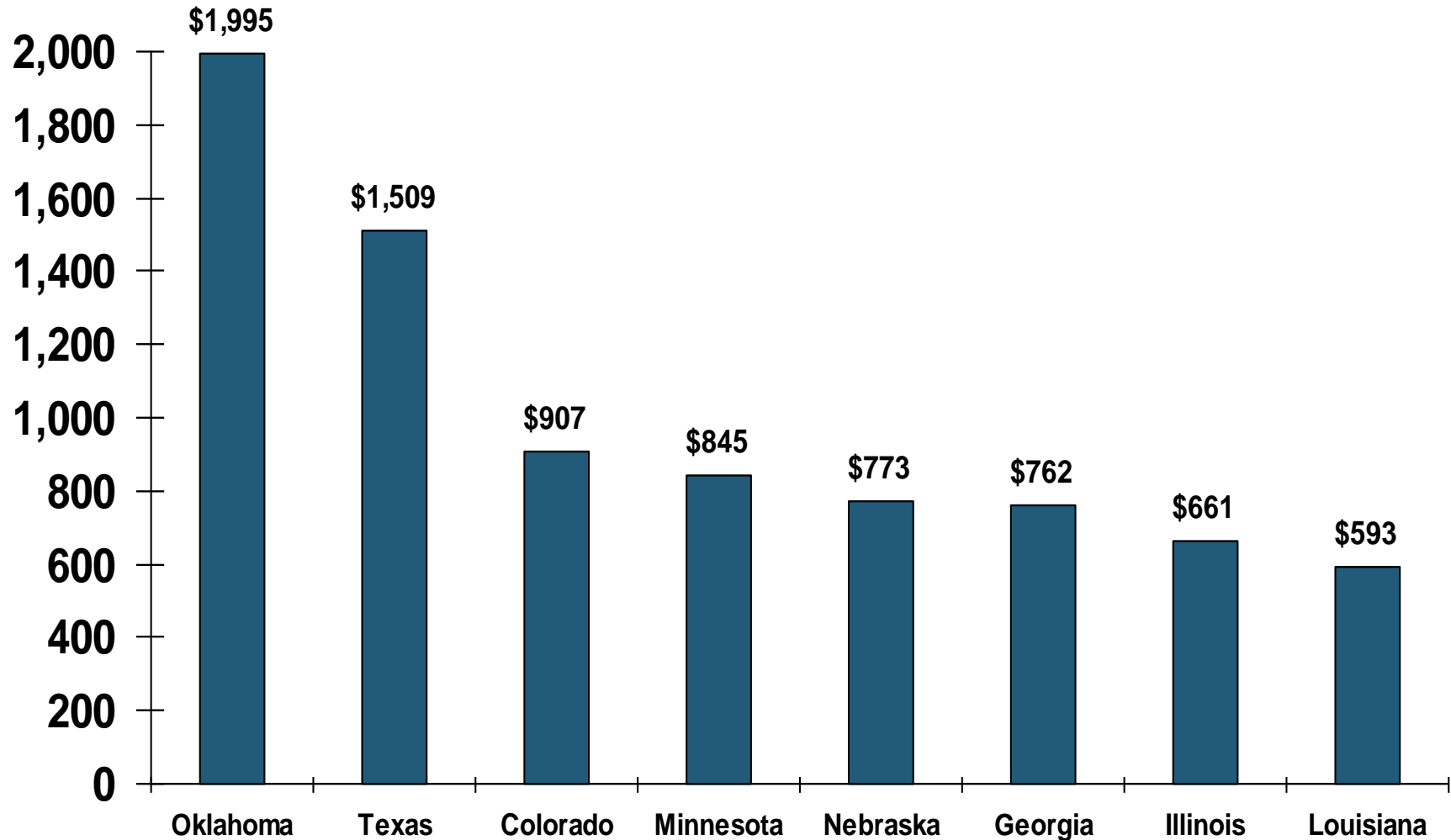
**Combined Ratios Must Be Lower in Today's Depressed Investment Environment to Generate Risk Appropriate ROEs**

\* 2008 -2012 figures are return on average surplus and exclude mortgage and financial guaranty insurers. 2012 combined ratio including M&FG insurers is 103.2, 2011 combined ratio including M&FG insurers is 108.1, ROAS = 3.5%.

Source: Insurance Information Institute from A.M. Best and ISO data.

# Top Eight States for Insured Catastrophe Losses, 2013

\$ Millions



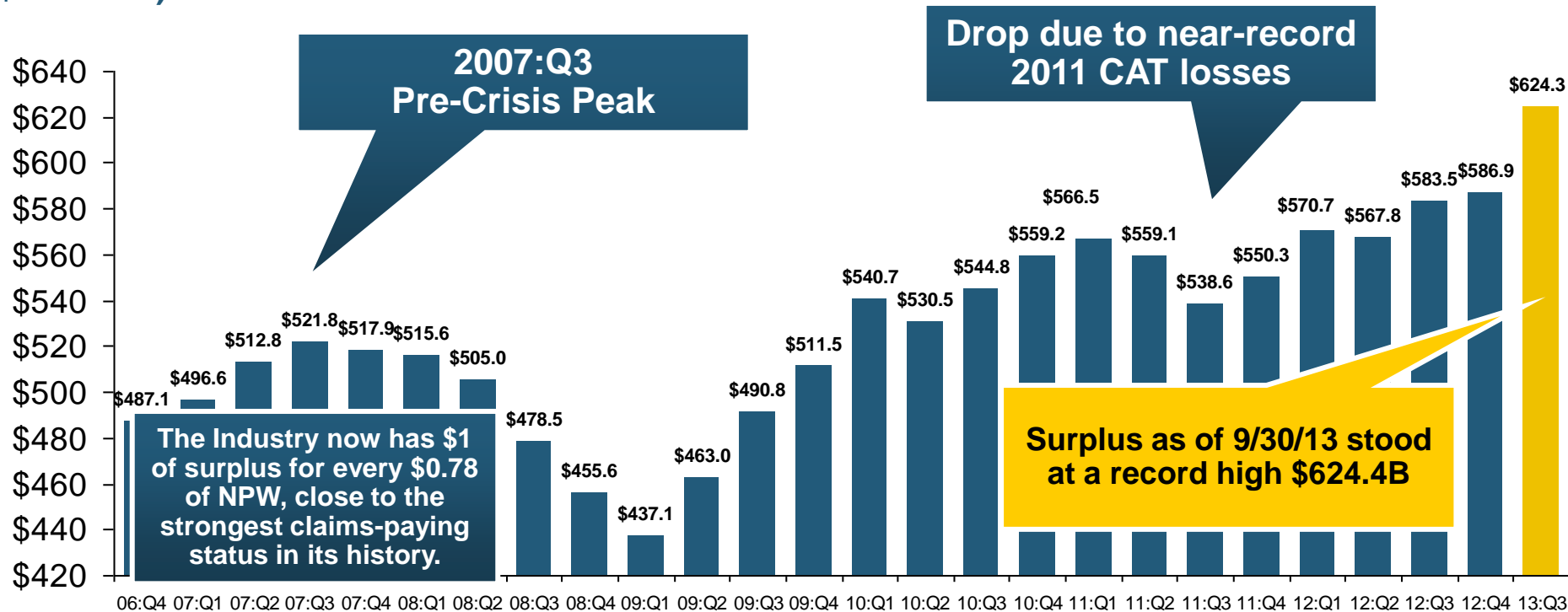
# SURPLUS/CAPITAL/CAPACITY

**Industry Claims Paying Capital Stands  
at Record High in Late 2013**

***(Re)Insurance Industry is Well  
Positioned to Manage Large Scale  
Catastrophe Losses in 2014***

# Policyholder Surplus, 2006:Q4–2013:Q3

(\$ Billions)



\*Includes \$22.5B of paid-in capital from a holding company parent for one insurer's investment in a non-insurance business in early 2010.

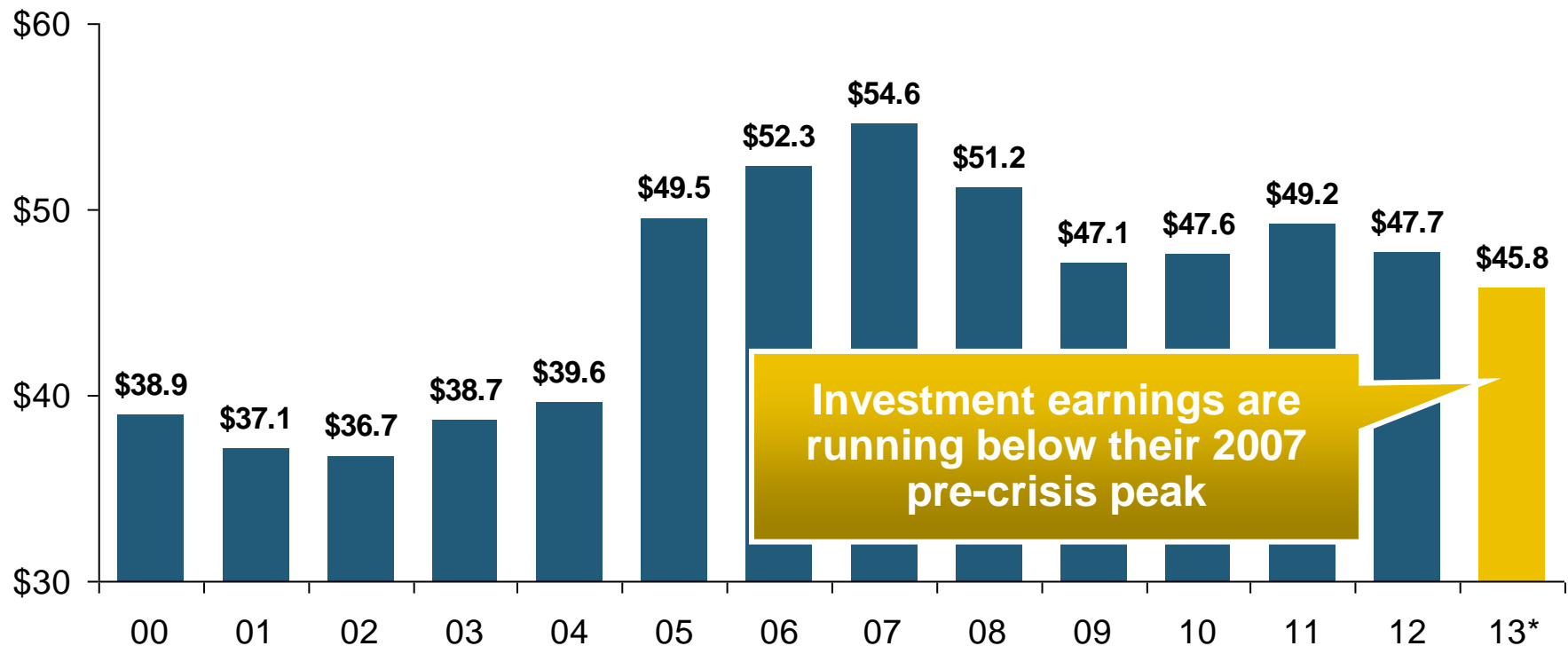
**The P/C Insurance Industry Entered 2014 in Very Strong Financial Shape**

# **INVESTMENTS: THE NEW REALITY**

**Depressed Yields Will Necessarily  
Influence Underwriting & Pricing**

# Property/Casualty Insurance Industry Investment Income: 2000–2013\*<sup>1</sup>

(\$ Billions)



**Investment Income Fell in 2012 and is Falling in 2013 Due to Persistently Low Interest Rates, Putting Additional Pressure on (Re) Insurance Pricing**

<sup>1</sup> Investment gains consist primarily of interest and stock dividends..

\*Estimate based on annualized actual net investment income earned through Q3:2013 of \$34.338B.

Sources: ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

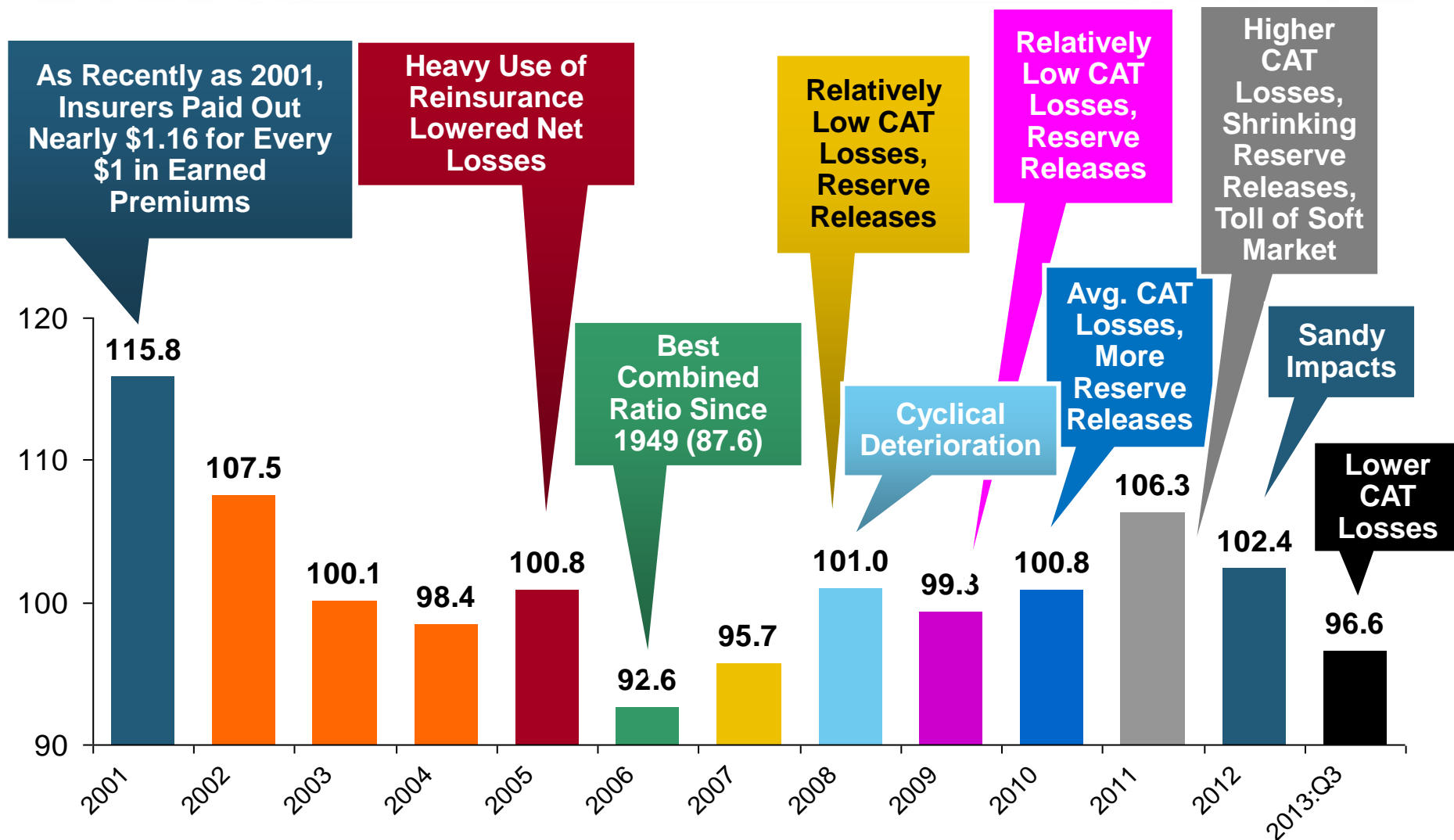


# UNDERWRITING

**Underwriting Results in 2013 Were  
Helped by Lower  
Catastrophe Losses**

***Was 2013 Only a Respite from High  
Catastrophe Loss Years Like 2011/2012?***

# P/C Insurance Industry Combined Ratio, 2001–2013:Q3\*

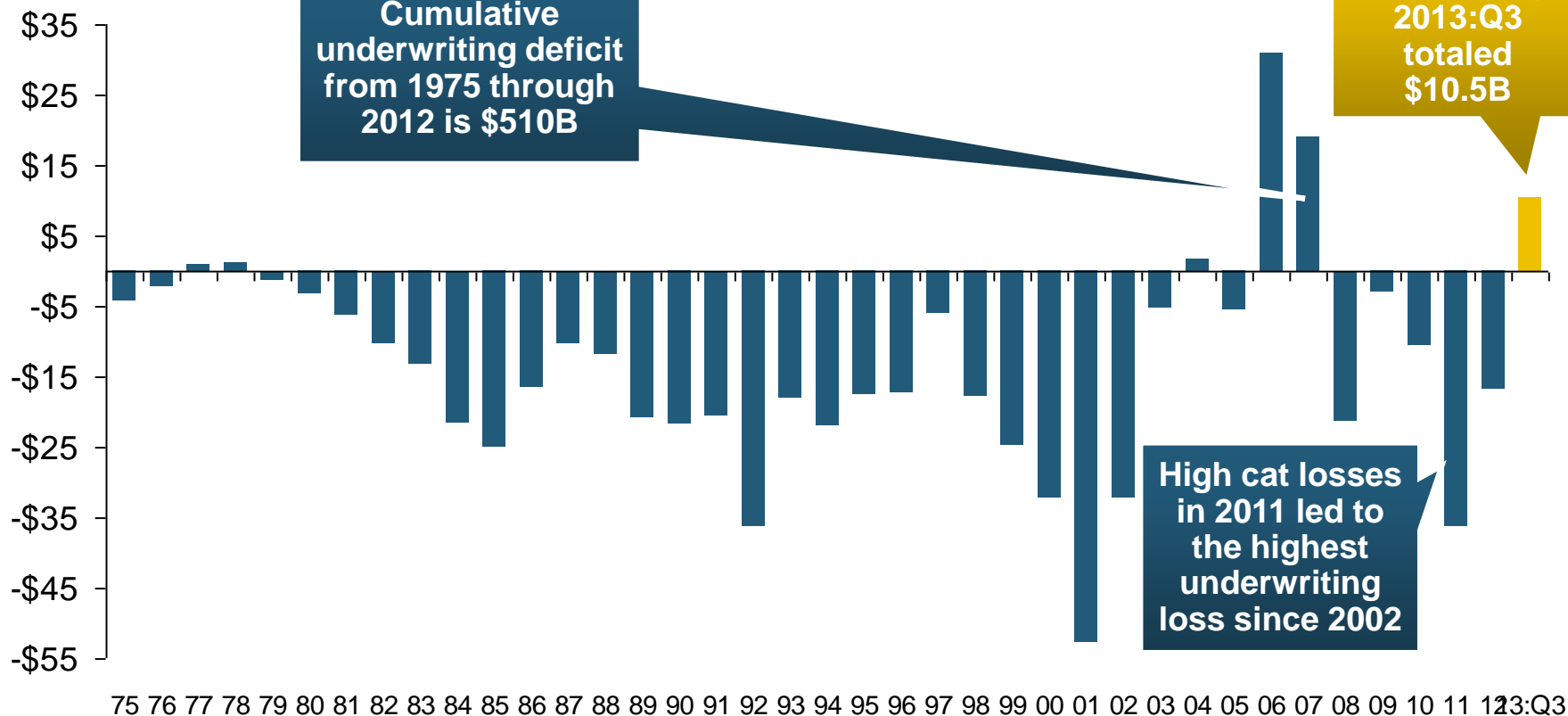


\* Excludes Mortgage & Financial Guaranty insurers 2008--2012. Including M&FG, 2008=105.1, 2009=100.7, 2010=102.4, 2011=108.1; 2012=103.2; 2013:Q3 = 95.8.

Sources: A.M. Best, ISO.

# Underwriting Gain (Loss) 1975–2013:Q3\*

(\$ Billions)



**Large Underwriting Losses Are *NOT* Sustainable  
in Current Investment Environment**

\* Includes mortgage and financial guaranty insurers in all years.

Sources: A.M. Best, ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

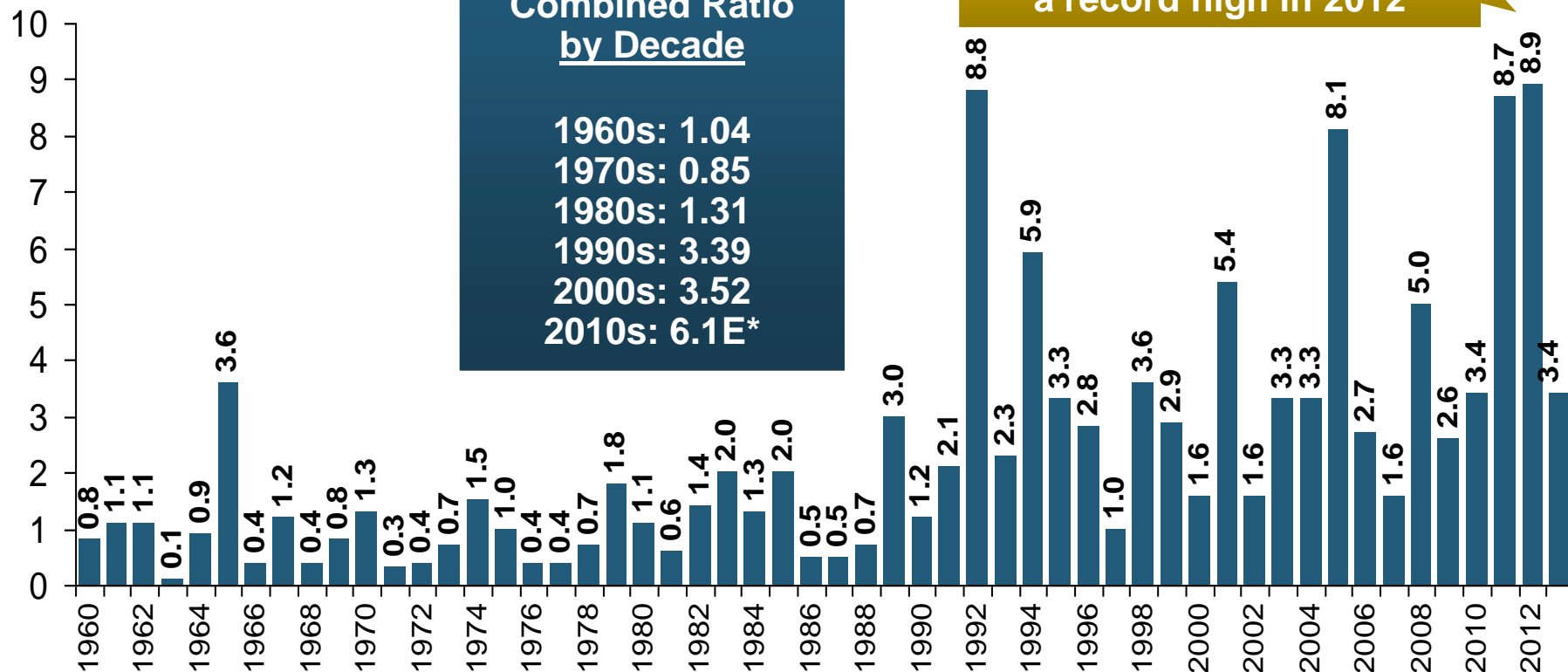
# Combined Ratio Points Associated with Catastrophe Losses: 1960 – 2013\*

## Combined Ratio Points

**Avg. CAT Loss  
Component of the  
Combined Ratio  
by Decade**

1960s: 1.04  
1970s: 0.85  
1980s: 1.31  
1990s: 3.39  
2000s: 3.52  
2010s: 6.1E\*

Catastrophe losses as a share of all losses reached a record high in 2012



**The Catastrophe Loss Component of Private Insurer Losses Has Increased Sharply in Recent Decades**

\*2010s represent 2010-2013.

Notes: Private carrier losses only. Excludes loss adjustment expenses and reinsurance reinstatement premiums. Figures are adjusted for losses ultimately paid by foreign insurers and reinsurers.

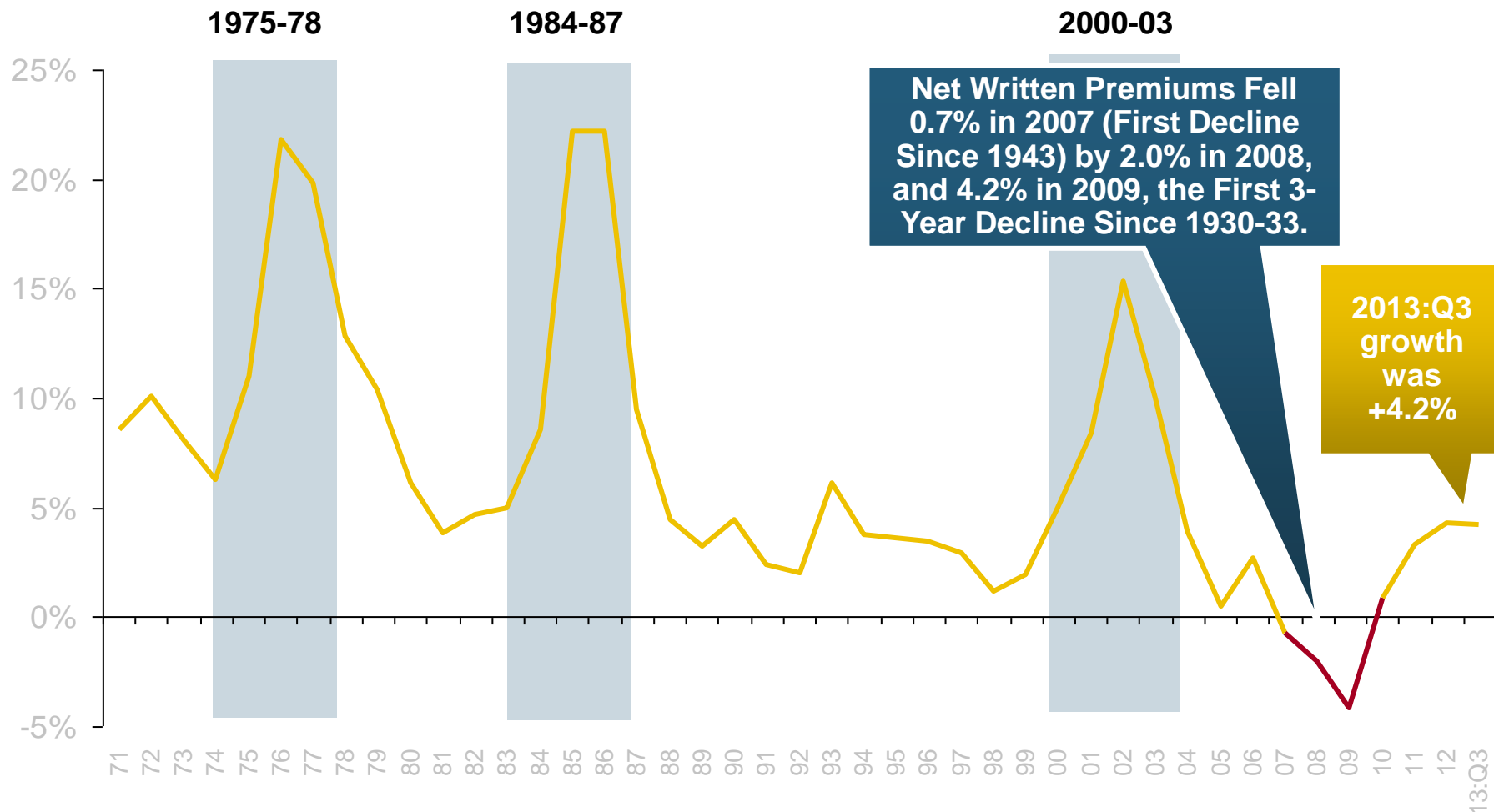
Source: ISO (1960-2011); A.M. Best (2012E) Insurance Information Institute.

# Premium Growth

**Catastrophe Losses Impact  
Trajectory of Premium Growth**

# Net Premium Growth: Annual Change, 1971—2013:Q3

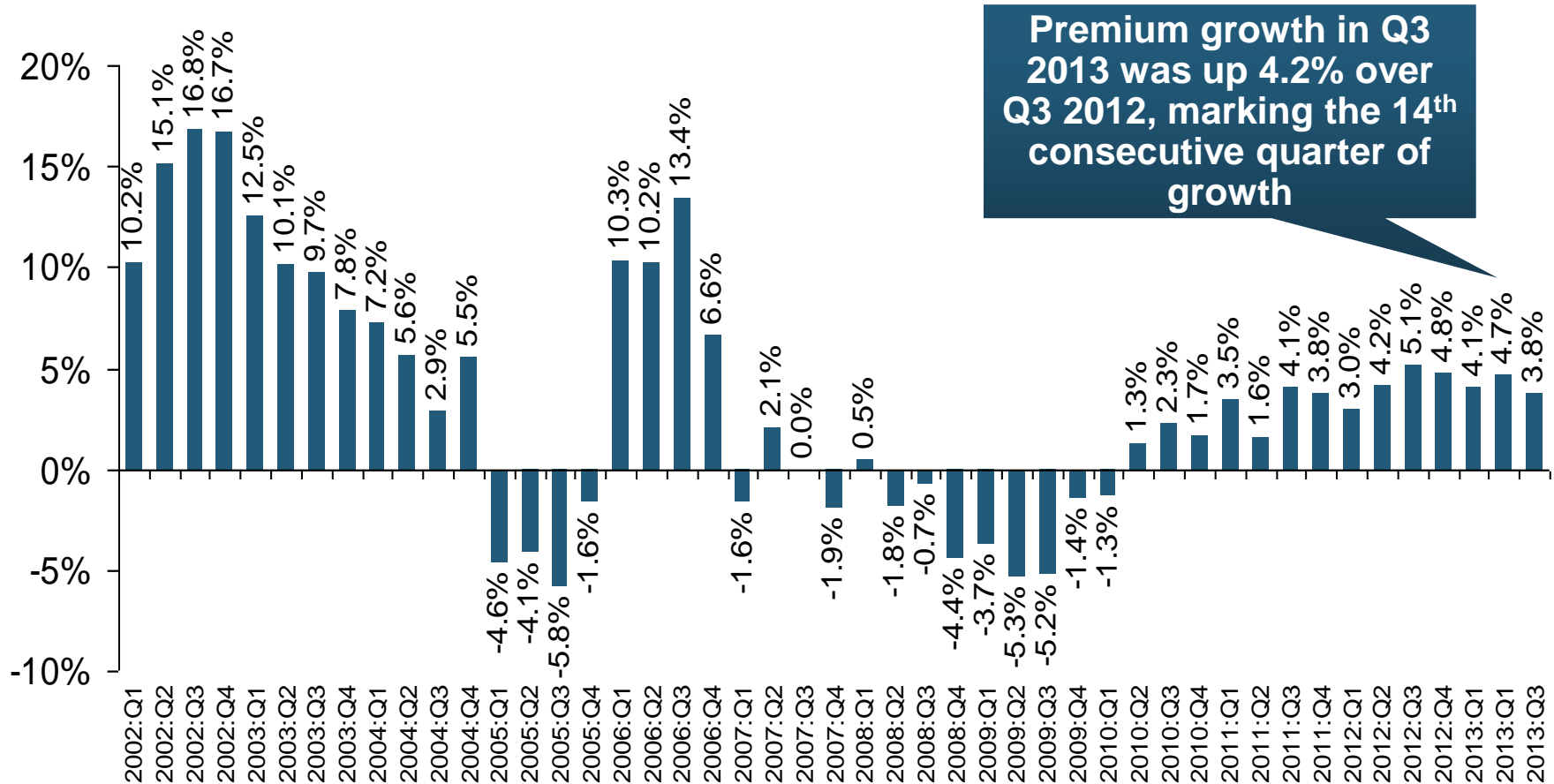
(Percent)



Shaded areas denote "hard market" periods

Sources: A.M. Best (historical and forecast), ISO, Insurance Information Institute.

# P/C Net Premiums Written: % Change, Quarter vs. Year-Prior Quarter



**Sustained Growth in Written Premiums  
(vs. the same quarter, prior year) Should Continue through 2014**

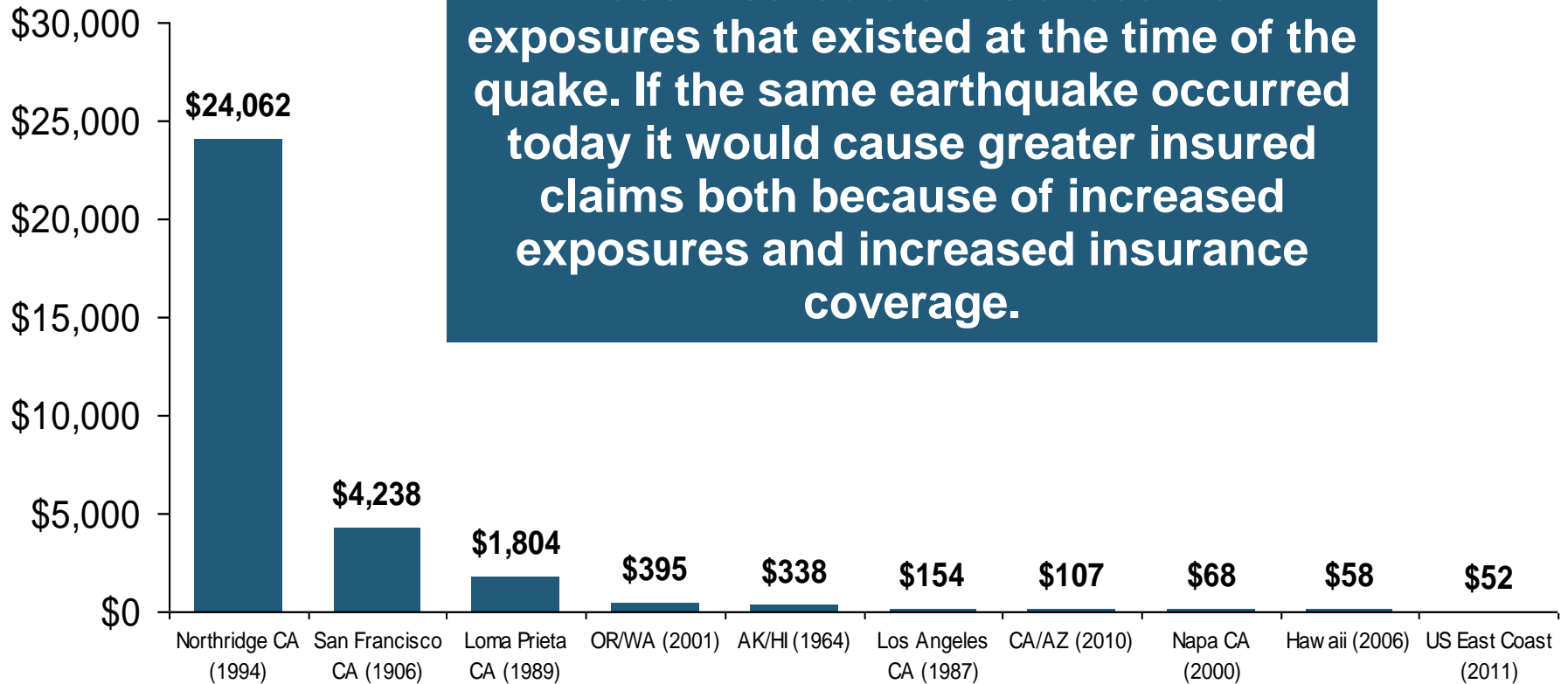
# **Earthquakes: Jan. 17, 2014 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Northridge Earthquake**

**Northridge Remains the Most  
Costly Earthquake in Terms of  
Insured Losses in US History**



# 10 Most Costly Earthquakes in U.S. History (Insured Claims)

Millions of  
2013 Dollars\*



These insured claims arose from exposures that existed at the time of the quake. If the same earthquake occurred today it would cause greater insured claims both because of increased exposures and increased insurance coverage.

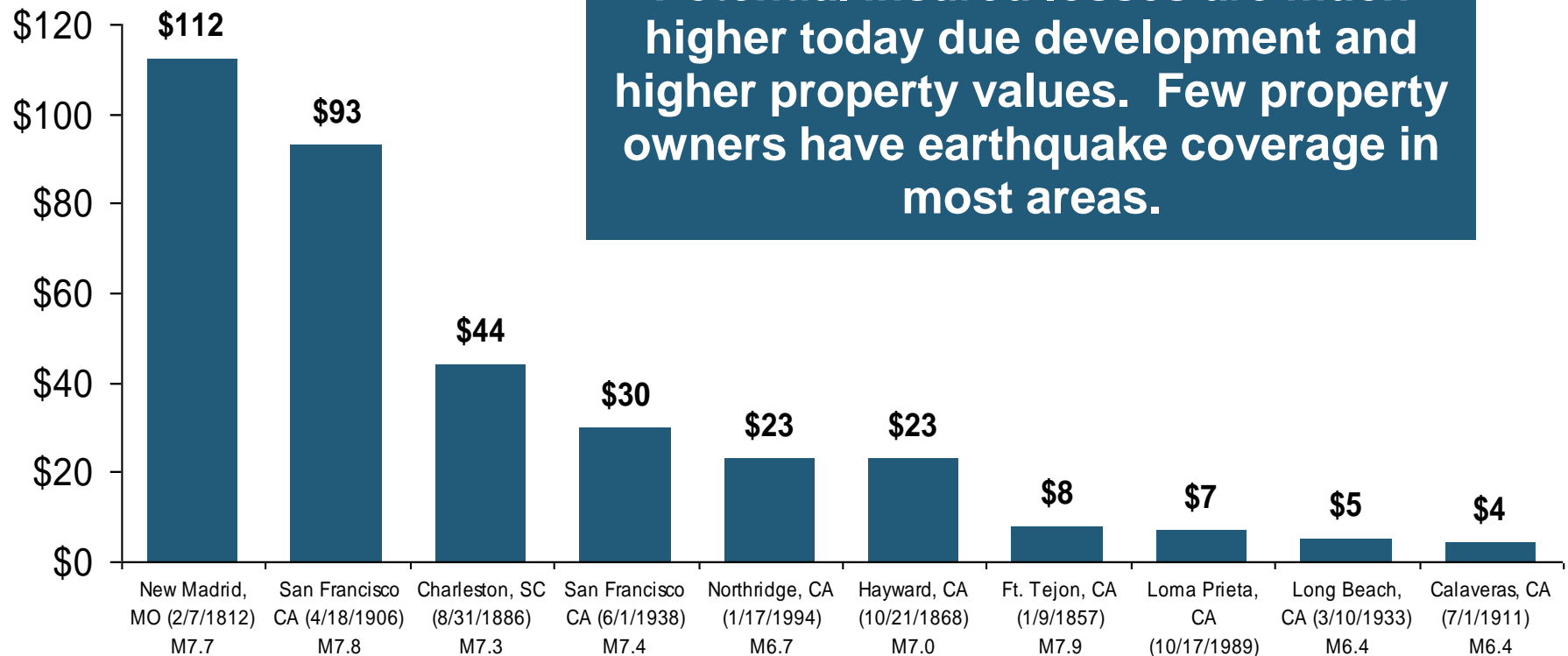
**Many of these earthquakes caused extensive damage that wasn't insured (and so doesn't show in this chart)**

\*inflation adjustments to 2013 dollars using the CPI; adjustment for 1906 is based on CPI in 1913—earliest available.

Sources: MunichRe; Insurance Information Institute.

# Estimated Insured Losses from the Top 10 Historical Earthquakes in U.S. Based in Current (2011) Exposures

\$ Billions\*



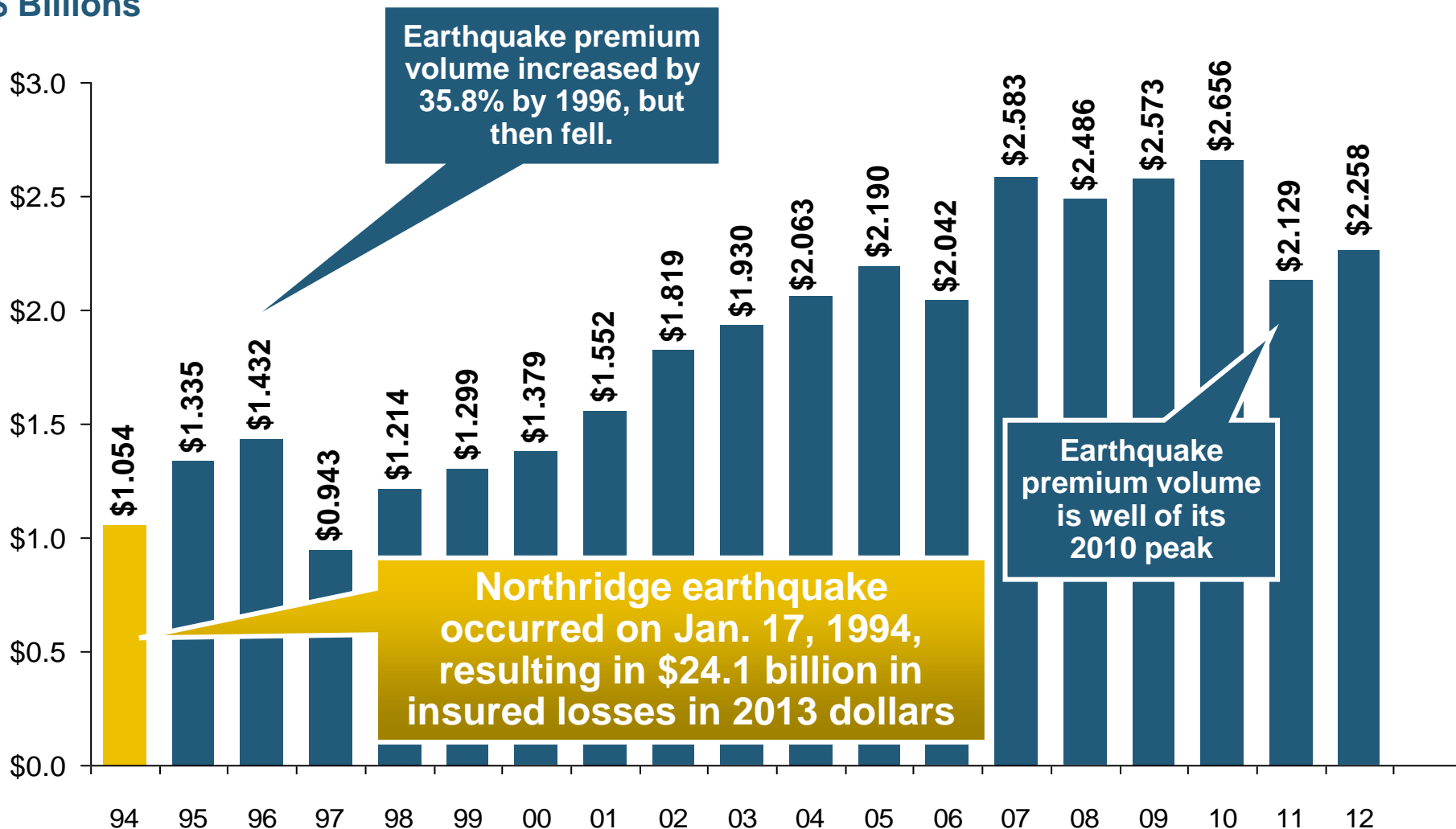
**While the Majority of Costly Earthquakes Are Likely to Occur in California, the New Madrid and Charleston, SC, Areas Have Significant Exposure As Well.**

\*Analysis conducted in 2012 based on exposures as of 12/31/2011.

Sources: AIR Worldwide; Insurance Information Institute.

# Earthquake Insurance: Direct Premiums Written, 1994–2012 (\$ Billions)

\$ Billions

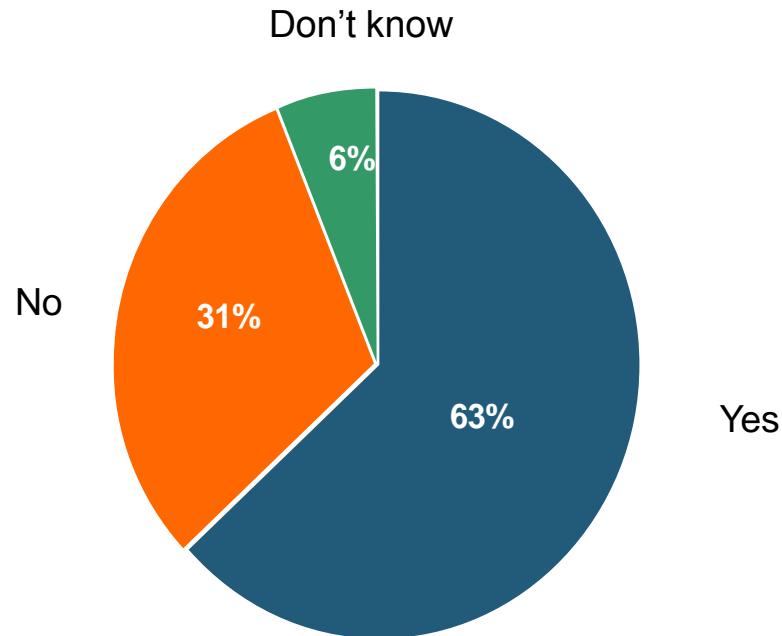


# Flood Risk and Public Opinion

**Most Americans Believe Flood  
Premiums Should Reflect Risk  
*Yet They Are Reluctant to  
Eliminate Subsidies***

# I.I.I. Poll: Flood Insurance

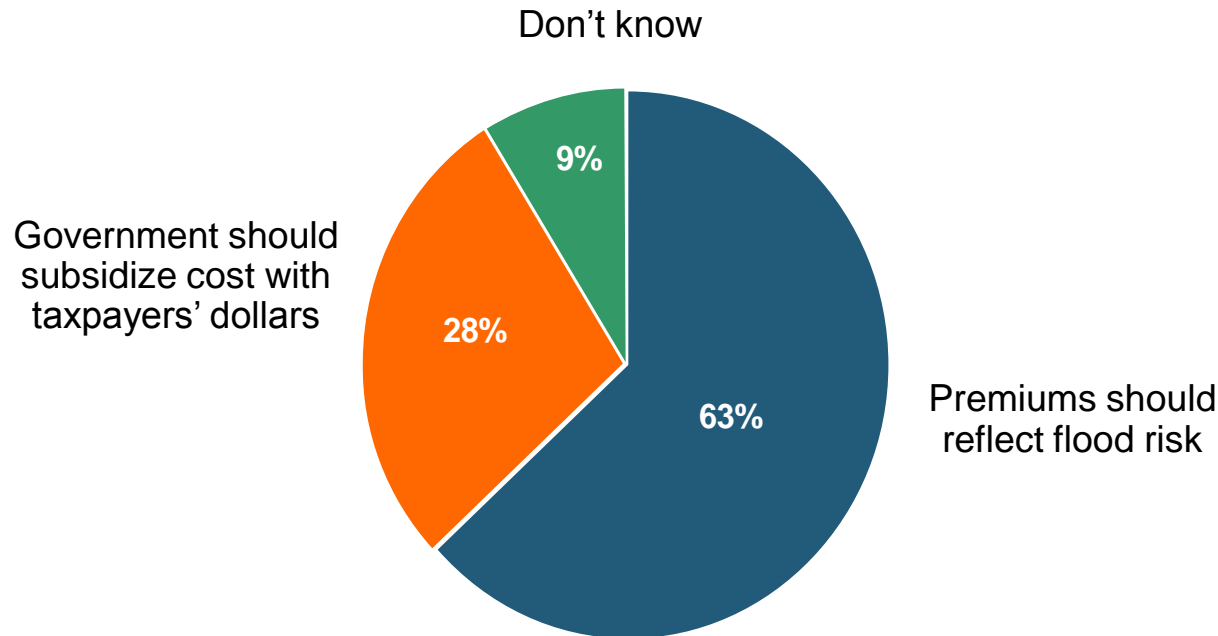
**Q. Do you think it is fair that flood insurance premium increases are higher if people who live in high flood risk areas and rebuild their homes do not elevate them?**



**Almost two-thirds of Americans think that it is fair that flood insurance premiums be raised for people who live in high flood risk areas and rebuild their homes after a flood but do not elevate them.**

# I.I.I. Poll: Flood Insurance

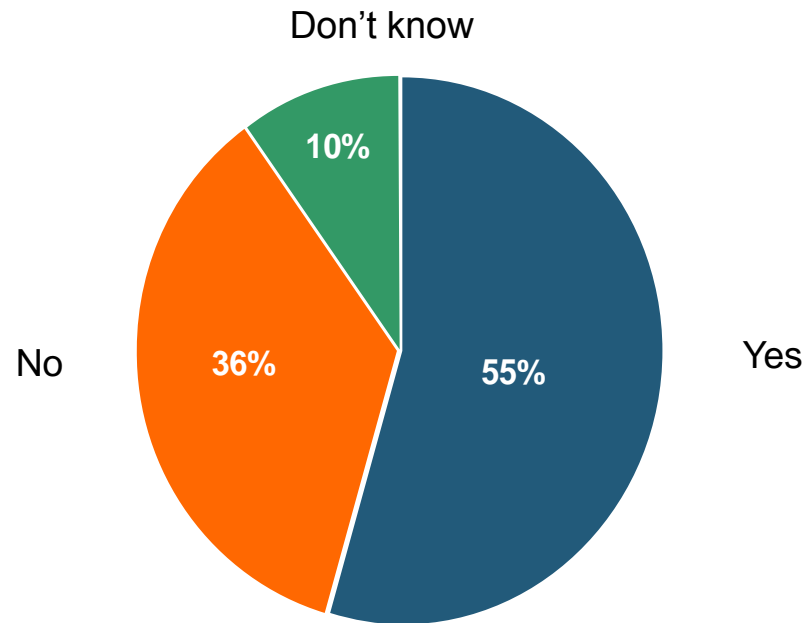
**Q. Do you think flood insurance premiums should reflect the risk of flooding no matter what the cost or do you think the government should subsidize the cost of flood insurance with taxpayers' dollars?**



**Almost two-thirds of Americans think flood insurance premiums should be raised to reflect the risk of flooding.**

# I.I.I. Poll: Flood Insurance

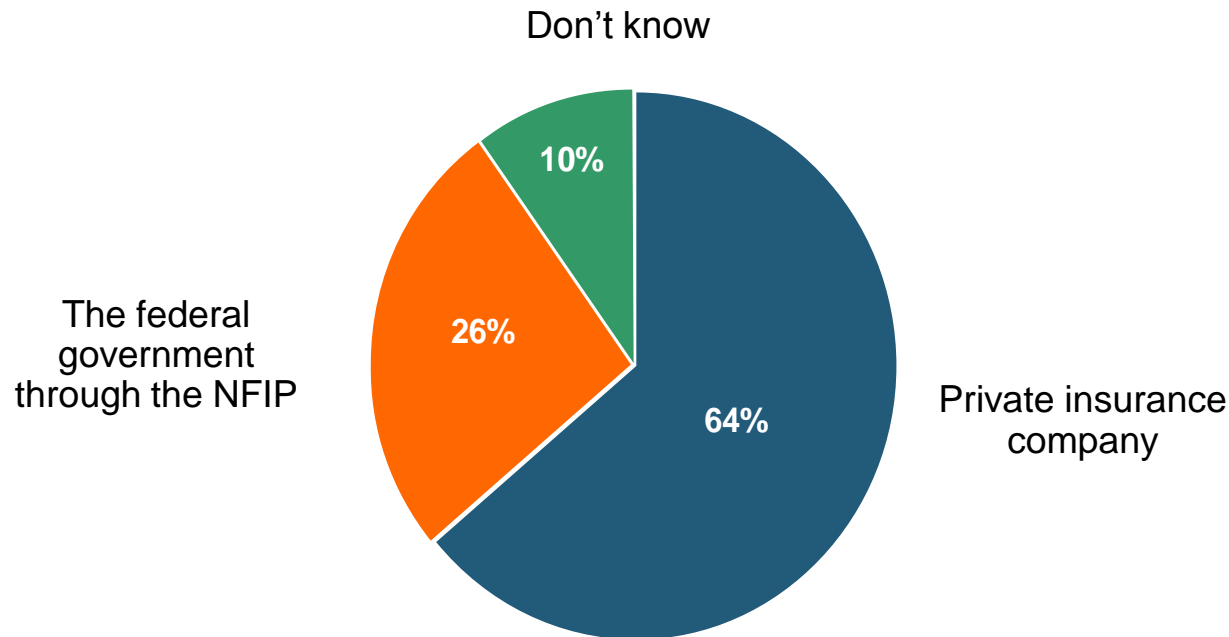
**Q. The federal government provides insurance coverage at taxpayer-subsidized rates for damage from floods through the National Flood Insurance Plan. A new law eliminates the subsidy and raises rates. Do you think the rate increase should be repealed?**



**More than half of Americans polled for the November 2013 Pulse thought that hikes in National Flood Insurance premiums should be repealed.**

# I.I.I. Poll: Flood Insurance

**Q. If the costs were similar, would you prefer to buy flood insurance from a private insurance company or from the federal government through the National Flood Insurance Program?**



**Six out of ten Americans would prefer to buy flood insurance from a private insurance company as opposed to the federal government, if costs were similar.**



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# 2013 – A Special Year in Several Respects

Record Hailstorm in Europe – Weak Tornado Season in the US  
Less Hurricanes – More Typhoons

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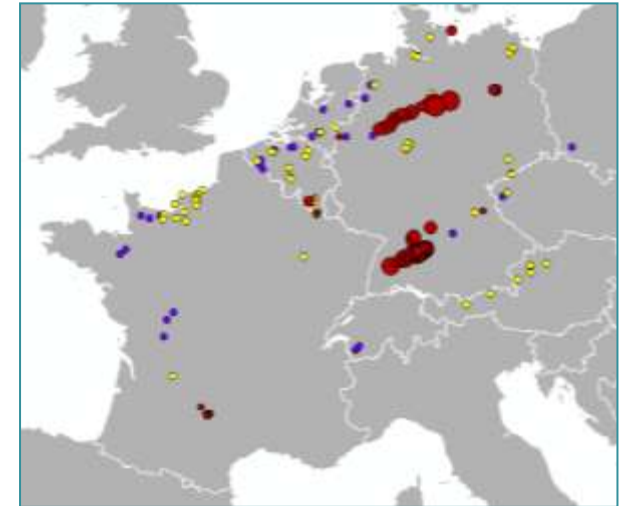
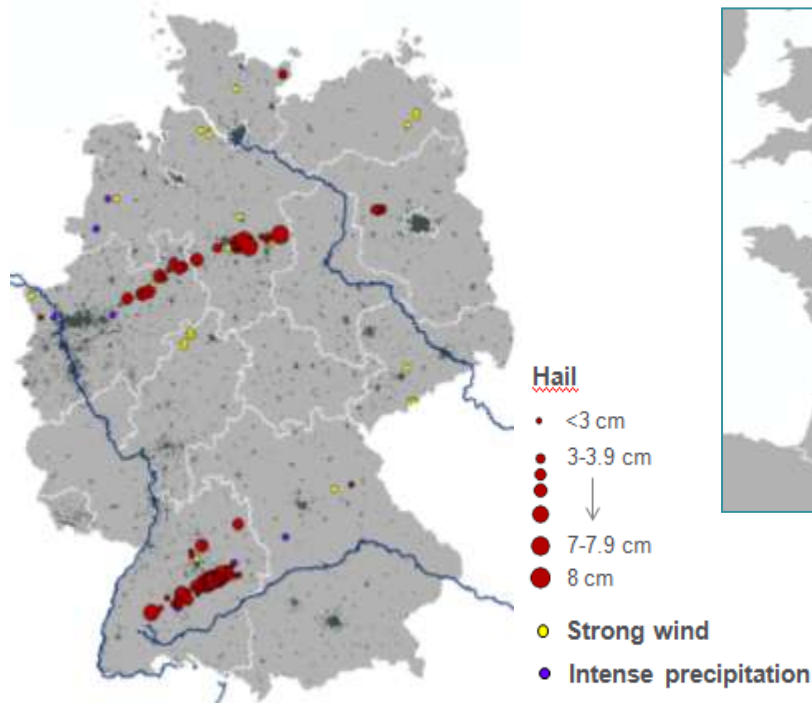


# Hailstorm on 27 and 28 July 2013 in Germany

Most expensive loss event caused by hail worldwide!

Most expensive insured nat cat loss in 2013 worldwide!

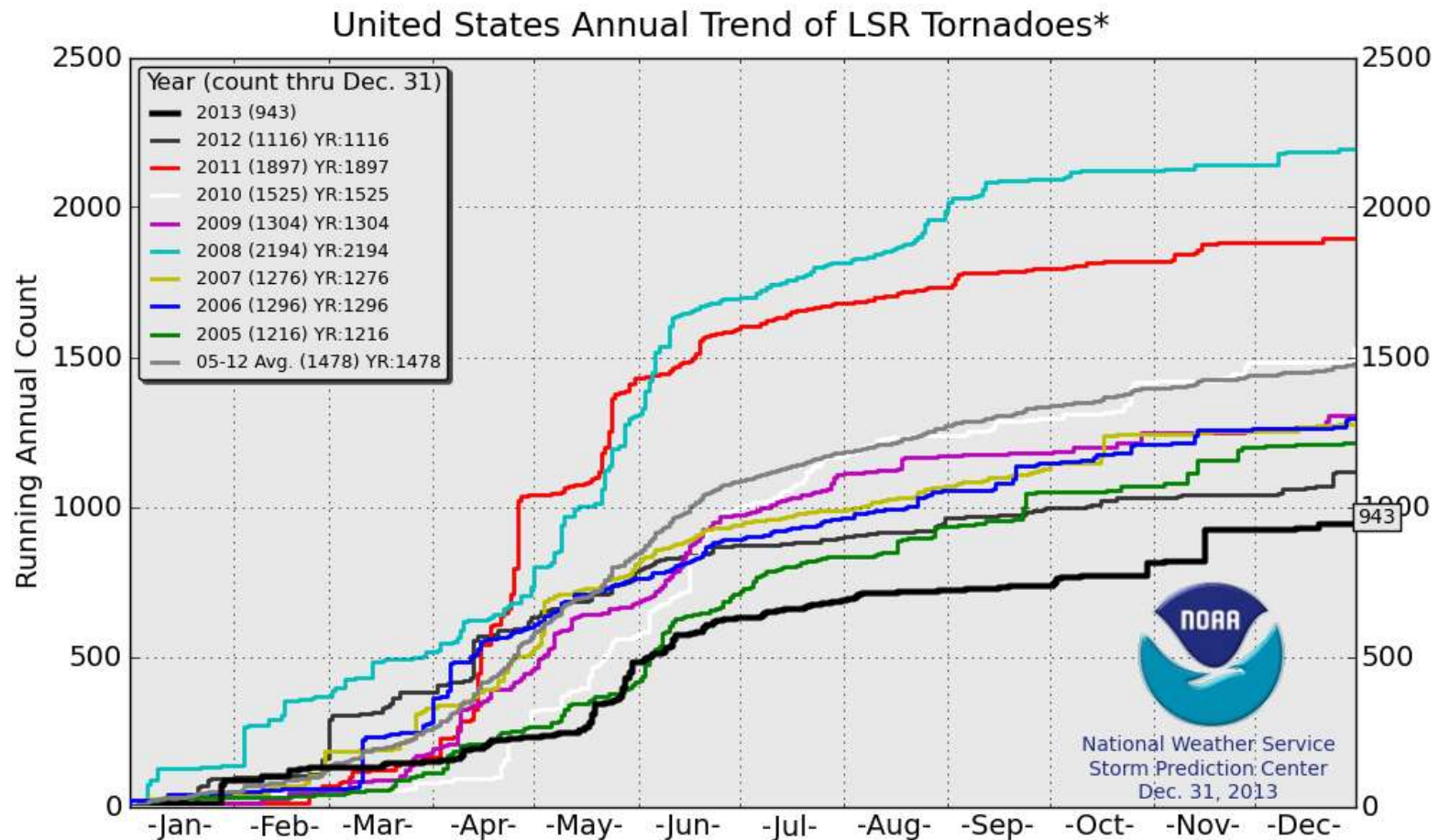
Hailstones with  
diameters up to 8 cm  
(tennis ball ≈ 7 cm)



Region	Overall losses	Insured losses	Fatalities
Southwestern and Northern Germany	US\$ 4.8bn	US\$ 3.7bn	0



# Weak 2013 US Tornado Season

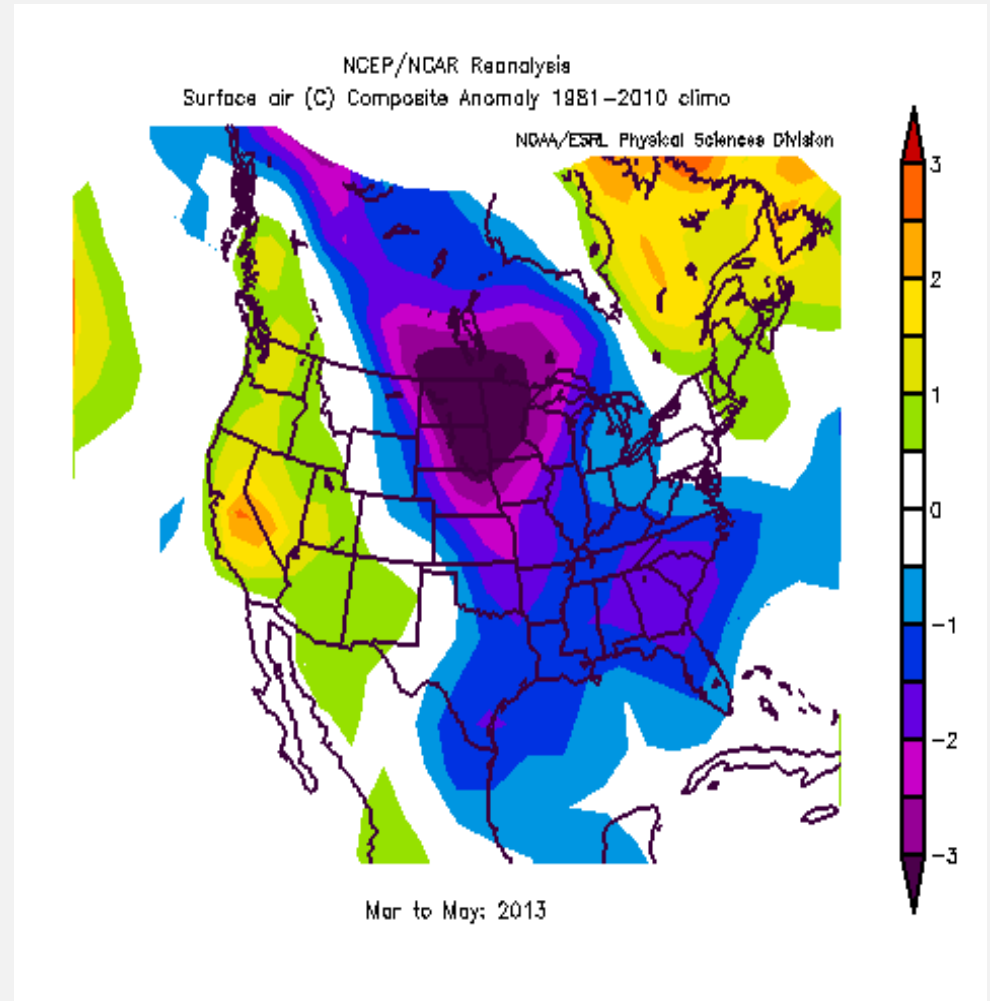


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# Unusual weather pattern over the US in spring 2013 led to low convective activity

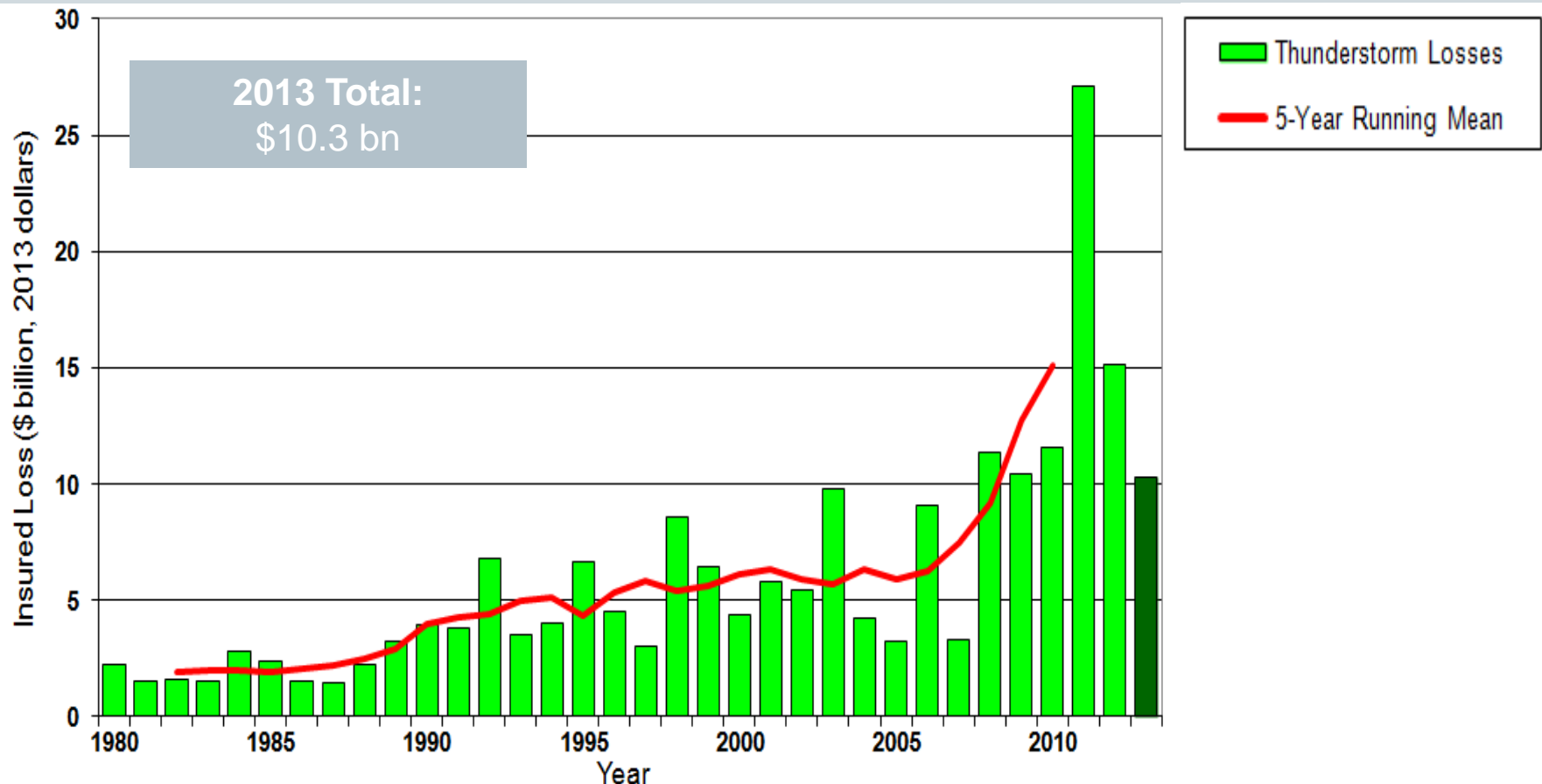
Reasons for lack of tornado activity during spring:

- Strong high pressure anchored over the northeast Pacific Ocean
- Polar jet stream forced much further north than normal into Alaska before diving southward across the eastern United States
- This pattern allowed cool Arctic air masses to dive south over the central United States, keeping the atmosphere stable.



2013 sixth year in a row with insured losses caused by convective storms above US\$ 10 bn

Average thunderstorm losses have increased sevenfold since 1980.



# New scientific publication by Munich Re researchers on trends of convective loss events in the US

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## **Rising Variability in Thunderstorm-Related U.S. Losses as a Reflection of Changes in Large-Scale Thunderstorm Forcing\***

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and Munich Reinsurance Company, Munich, Germany*

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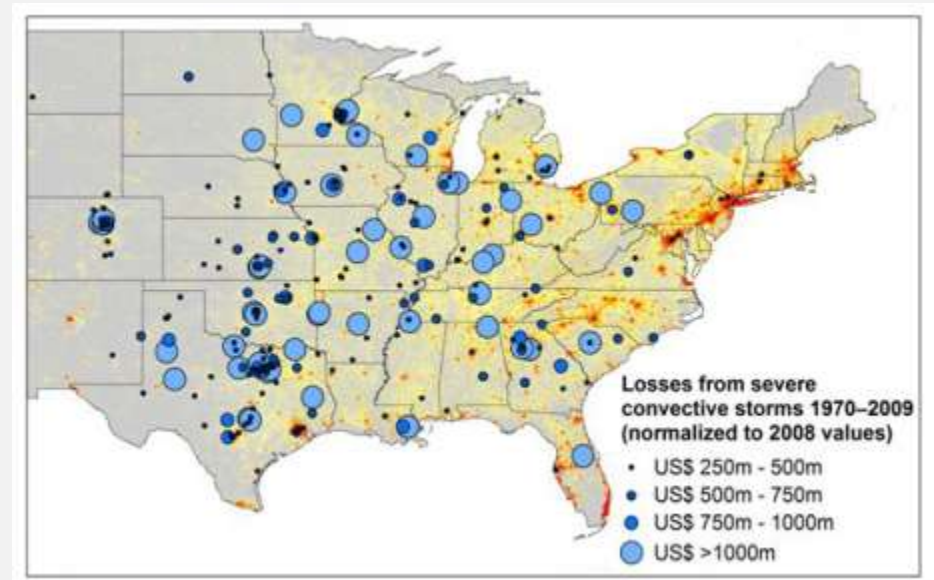
(Manuscript received 17 April 2012, in final form 18 December 2012)

Published in Journal “Weather, Climate and Society” of the American Meteorological Society

# Major Results of New Munich Re Convective Storm Study

- The study examines convective (hail, tornado, thundersquall and heavy rainfall) events in the US with losses exceeding US\$ 250m in the period 1970–2009 (80% of all losses)
- Past losses are extrapolated to current socio-economic conditions using a normalization technique
- After normalization there are still increases of losses which cannot be explained by changes in exposed values
- They are, however, correlated with the increase in the meteorological potential for severe thunderstorms and its variability

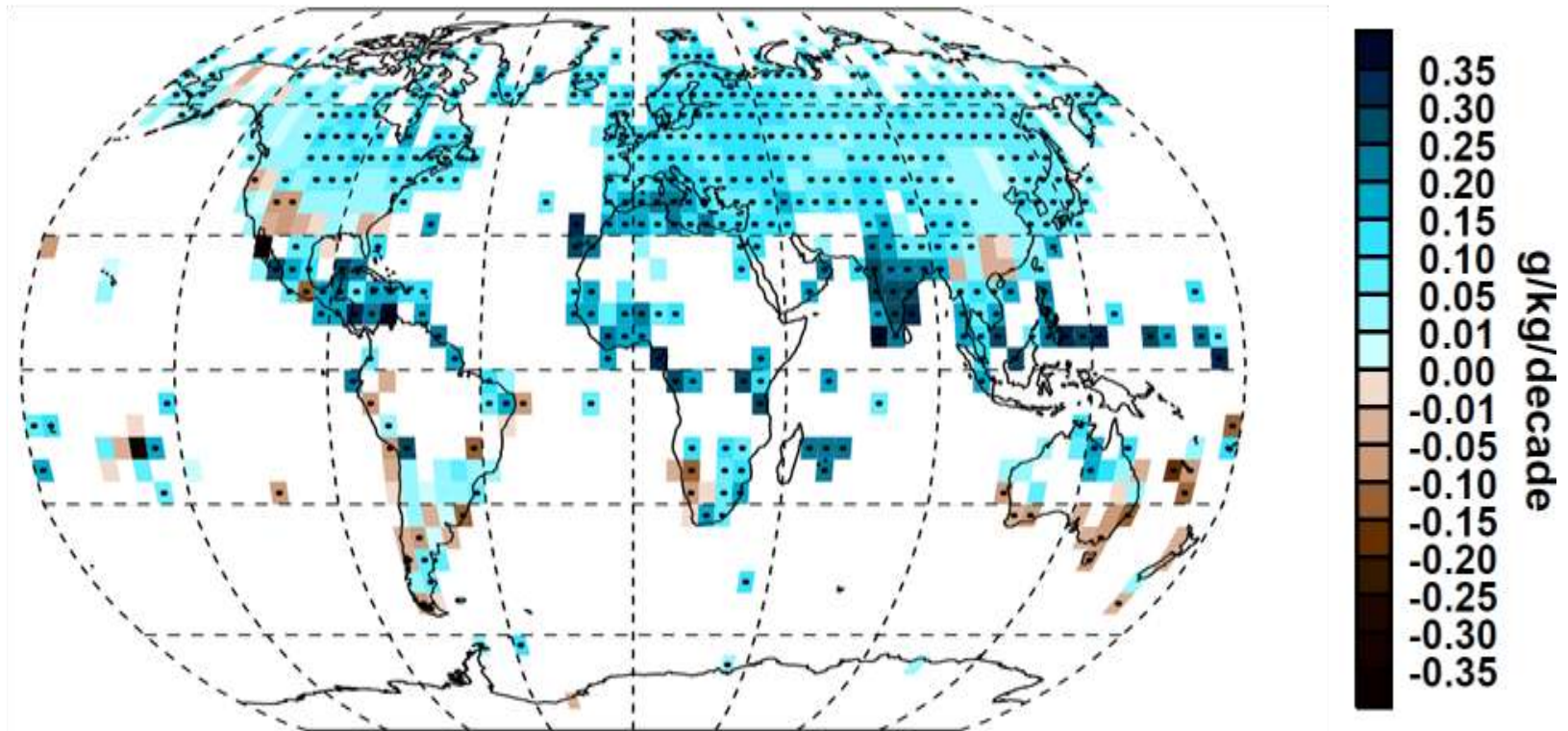
For the first time it could be shown that climatic changes have influenced US thunderstorm losses!





# Water content of the atmosphere has already increased

## Decadal changes of Specific Humidity of the lower atmosphere between 1973 and 2012



Black dots:  
regions with significant trend

# New study suggests future increases in convective storm risk

## Robust increases in severe thunderstorm environments in response to greenhouse forcing

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We find that the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project, Phase 5 global climate model ensemble indicates robust increases in the occurrence of severe thunderstorm environments over the eastern United States in response to further global warming.

decreases in shear are in fact concentrated in days with low CAPE and therefore do not decrease the total occurrence of severe environments. Further, we find that the shift toward high CAPE is most concentrated in days with low convective inhibition, increasing the occurrence of high-CAPE/low-convective inhibition days. That the projected increases in severe environments are robust across a suite of climate models, emerge in response to relatively moderate global warming, and result from robust physical changes suggests that continued increases in greenhouse forcing are likely to increase severe thunderstorm occurrence, thereby increasing the risk of thunderstorm-related damage.

severe thunderstorm environments in the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project, Phase 5 (CMIP5) global climate model ensemble, which offers a unique multimodel dataset of subdaily 3D atmospheric variables (17). We focus on representative concentration pathway (RCP)8.5, which covers the full range of 21st century radiative forcing and global warming spanned by the illustrative RCPs (18), thereby allowing us to probe the response to both low and high levels of forcing. We define a severe thunderstorm day using the product of vertical wind shear (over a 6-km layer; S06) and CAPE, as suggested by Brooks et al. (15) and modified by Trapp et al. (6, 7) (*Materials and Methods*). Our criteria apply to a generic severe thunderstorm environment that might result in hail dam-

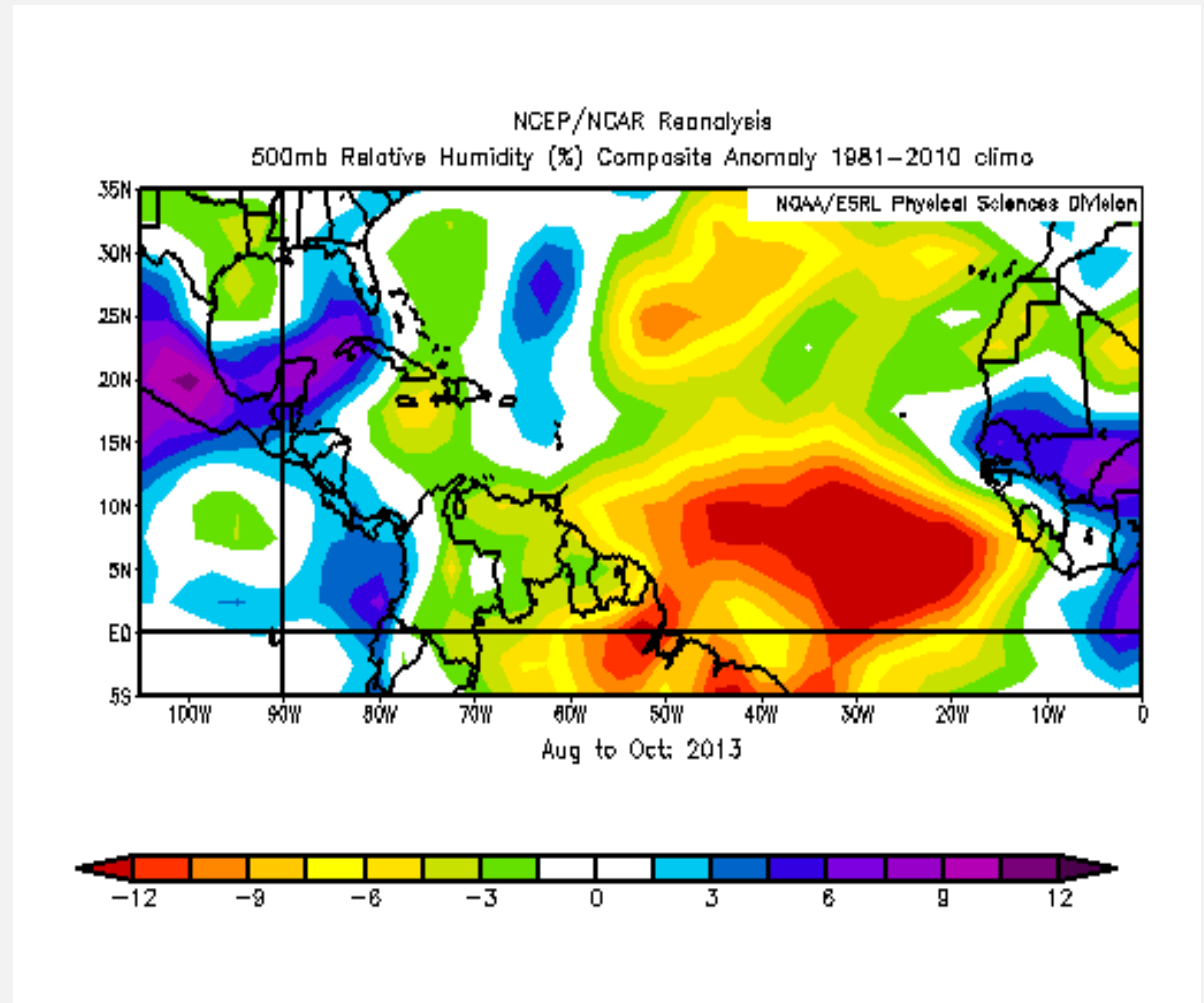
# Number of tropical storms in the Northern Atlantic

	Named storms	Hurricanes	Cat 3-5 Hurricanes
<b>2013</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>
Climatology 1950-2012	11.0	6.3	2.7
Warm phase 1995-2012	15.2	8.0	3.7

**2013 the first year since 1982 (31 years) with only 2 hurricanes!**  
**2013 the first year without a Cat 2 hurricane since 1968 (45 years)!**

# Unusual Dry Conditions over Tropical North Atlantic at Peak Hurricane Season

- Abnormally strong high pressure off the coast of Spain drove dry continental European and Saharan air south into the Tropical Atlantic
- Dry environment causes evaporation and cooling within thunderstorms
- Cool air is sinking and thus chokes off the hurricane's source of energy.



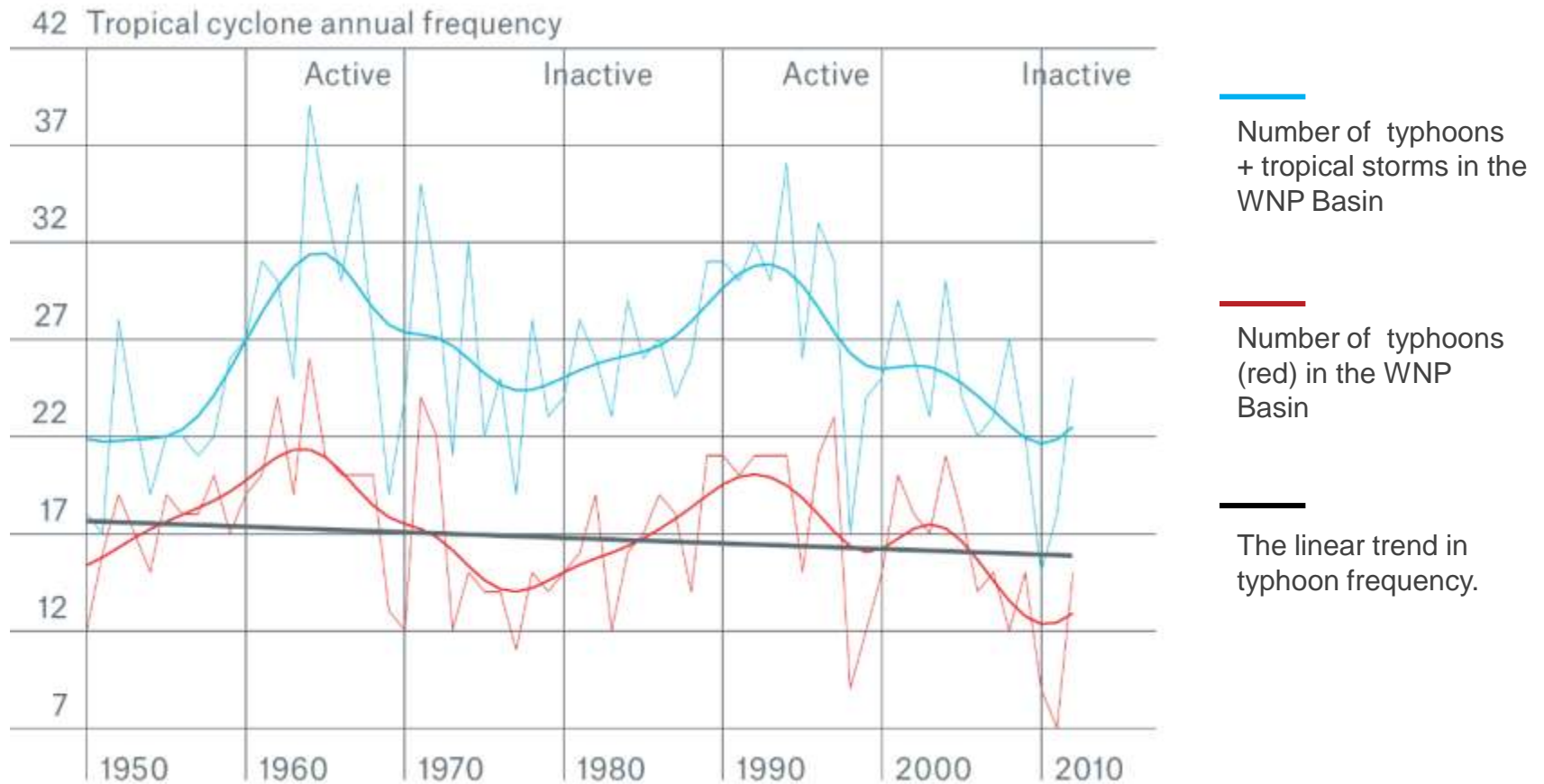
# Number of tropical storms in the Northwest Pacific

	Named storms	Typhoons	Super Typhoons*
<b>2013</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>
Climatology 2003 – 2012	22.9	14.3	3.9
Climatology 1960 – 2012	26.8	17.0	4.1

Source: JTWC

\*Maximum one-minute wind speed  $\geq 235$  km/h

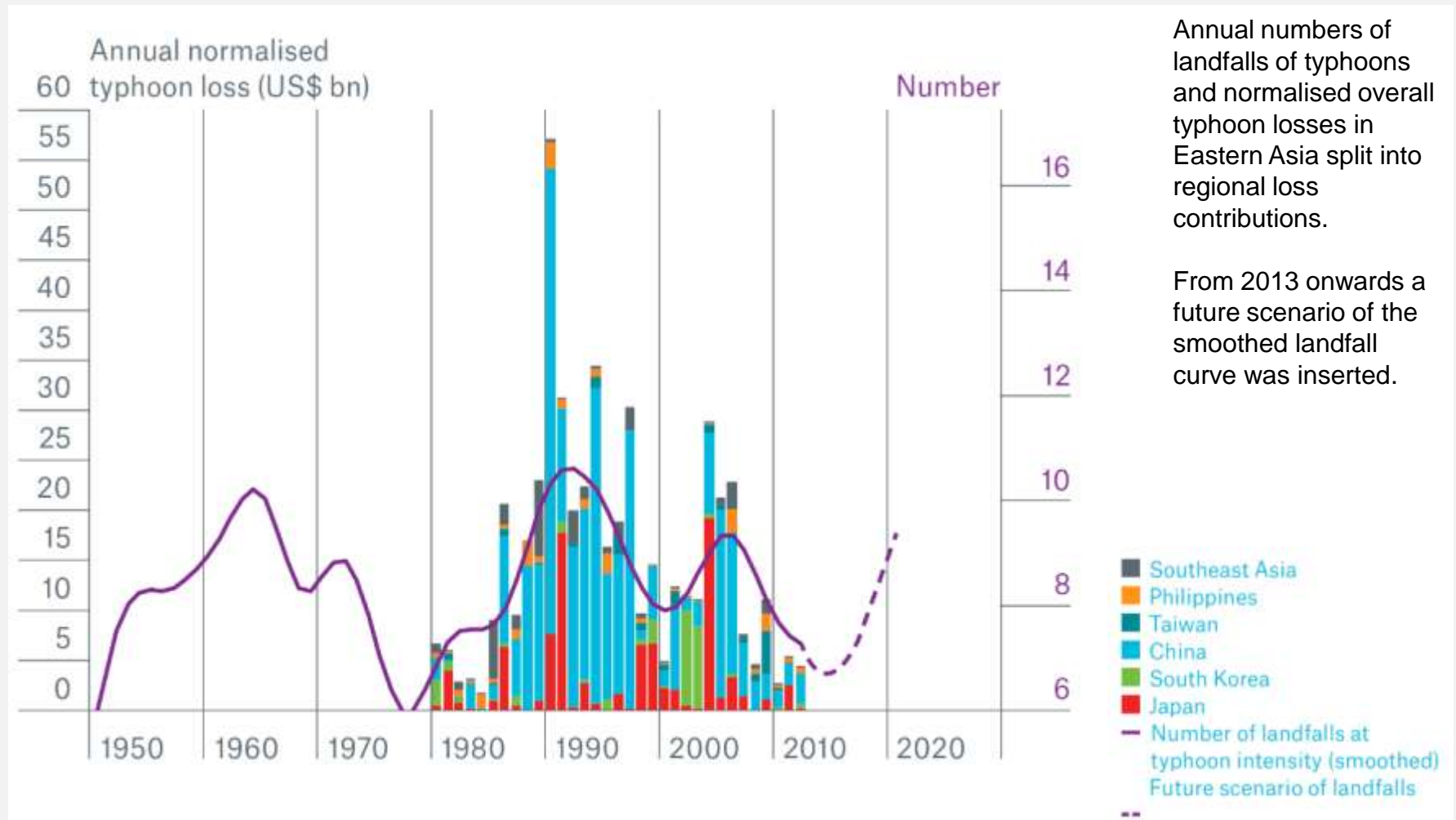
# Natural decadal variability of typhoon activity





# Severe Weather in Eastern Asia

## Natural climate decadal variability: Typhoon activity



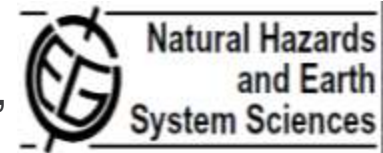
# First analysis of risk impact of Pacific Decadal Oscillation by Munich Re and DLR

First analysis published in scientific literature:

In active phase mean annual losses have been 46% higher, in inactive phase 39% lower relative to the long-term annual loss average from 1980 to 2012 (US\$ 11.2bn).

Assuming the continuation of the approx. 30-year oscillation period found in past observation typhoon data, one might expect a new relative maximum of the oscillation in the early 2020s.

This scenario would translate into a transition to a new positive half-swing of typhoon activity and average loss level within the coming five years.



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related socio-  
economic losses in  
the western North  
Pacific region.  
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# What do the 2013 tornado and tropical storm anomalies mean for the next years?

## Tropical storms

- 2013 hurricane activity dominated by unusual short term effects
  - such short term effects cannot be predicted on a seasonal basis
  - no reason to believe to see a repetition next year
  - 2014 starts again with the odds of the current Atlantic warm phase.
- Typhoon activity will rise in the next years due to a natural oscillation  
2013 a first indicator of this?

## Convective storms

- US Tornado season 2013 dominated by short term air pressures patterns
- No reason to expect another season like 2013 in 2014
- On the long term climate change most probably will increase activity of convective storms, events like in Germany 2013 may become more frequent.

# Question and Answer



To ask a question, please  
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An operator will facilitate  
your participation.



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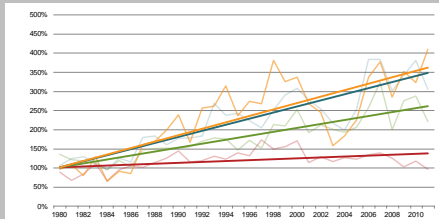
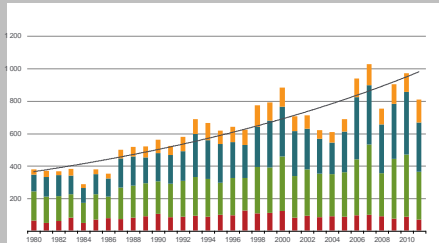
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## Website

Describe the impact of severe weather and how individuals, businesses, government, and insurers can work together to prepare for and mitigate weather risks.

Will include data, publications, preparation tips and other useful information for the press.



Available in First Quarter 2014



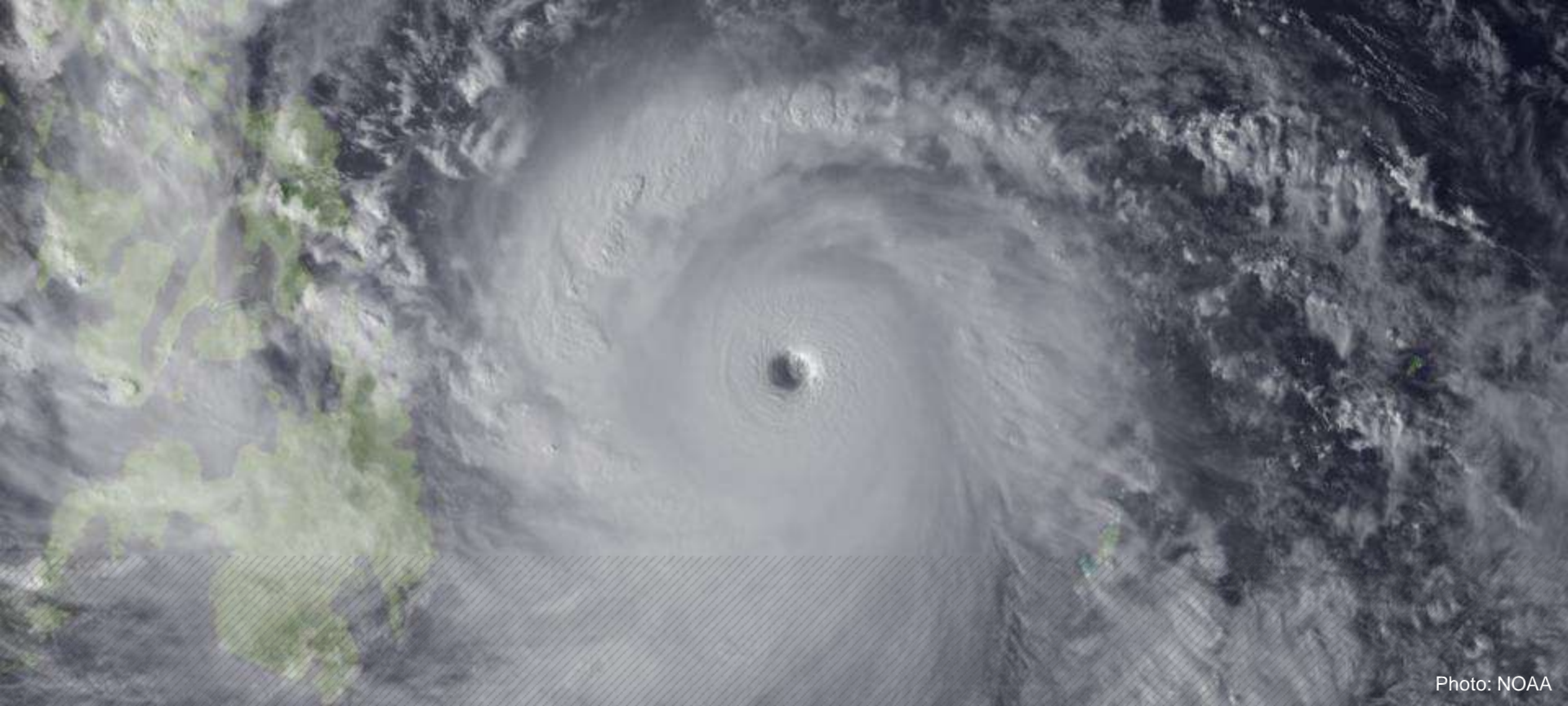


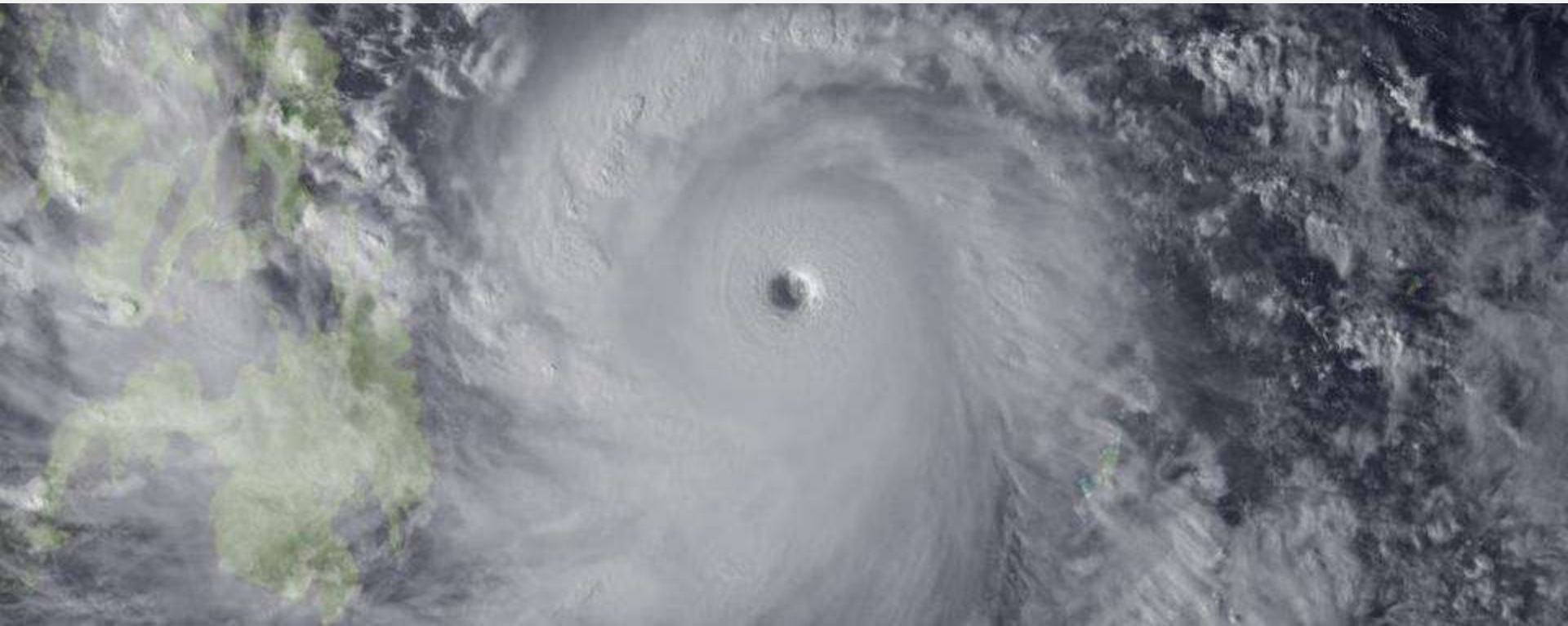
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Thank you very much for attending

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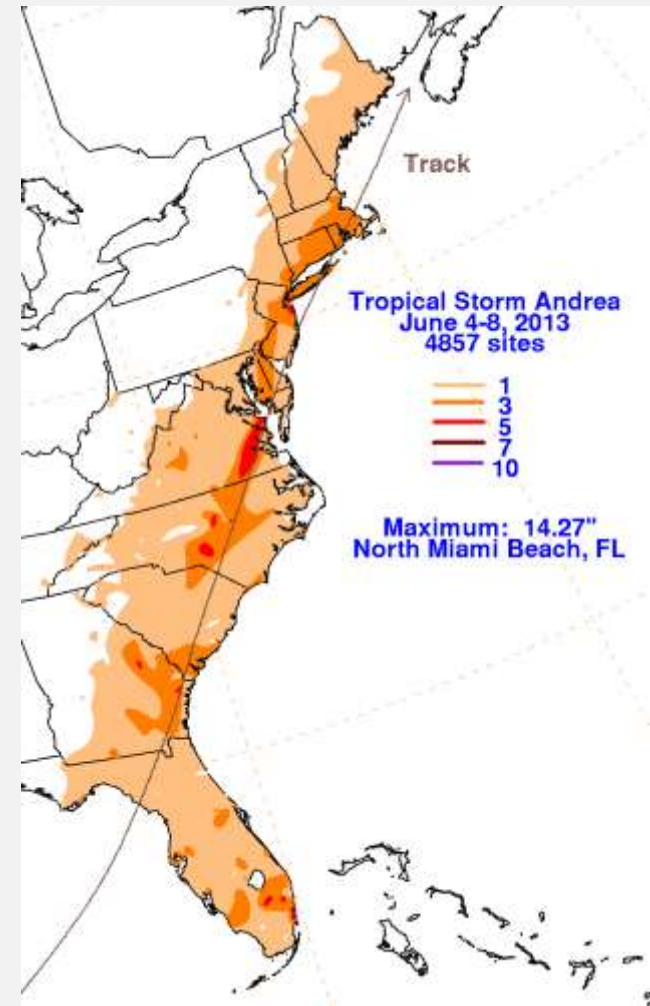
# APPENDIX



# US Tropical Cyclones in 2013

## Tropical Storm Andrea

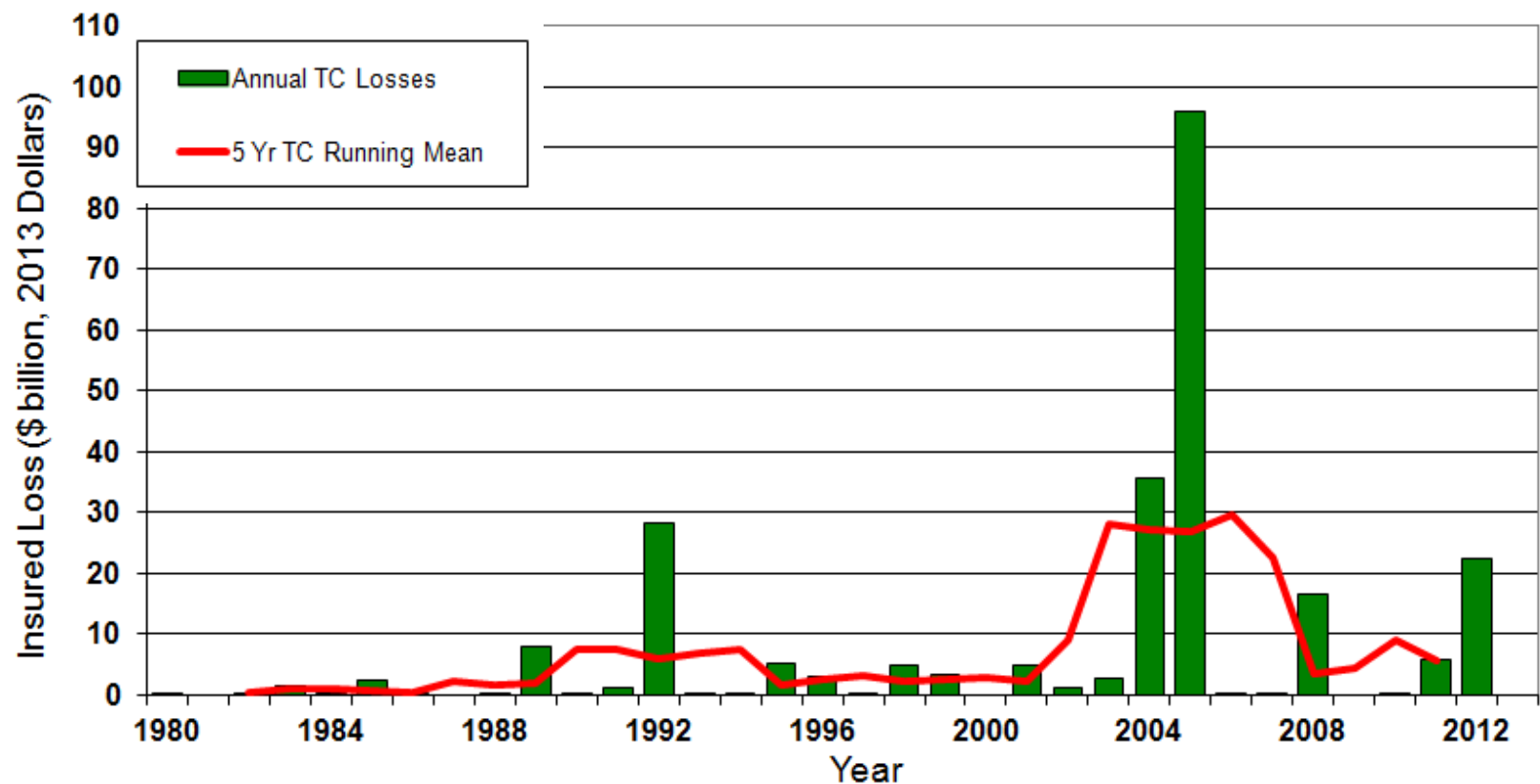
- Landfall on June 6 near Cedar Key, Florida as a tropical storm with sustained winds of 65 mph.
- Minor wind damage in Florida, storm and its remnants causes localized flooding along length of eastern seaboard.



Source: NOAA

## Insured US Tropical Cyclone Losses, 1980 - 2013

The current 5-year average (2008 - 2013) insured tropical cyclone loss is \$5.6 billion per year.



# Notable Thunderstorm Events 2013

**May 18-20:** Large outbreak of over 60 tornadoes across the Midwest and southern Great Plains. Moore, Oklahoma, was hit by an EF5 tornado (5<sup>th</sup> tornado strike of EF2 or above in the town since 1998). Thousands of homes, 2 schools, and a hospital destroyed. Overall insured losses from the outbreak are estimated at US\$ 1.8 billion.

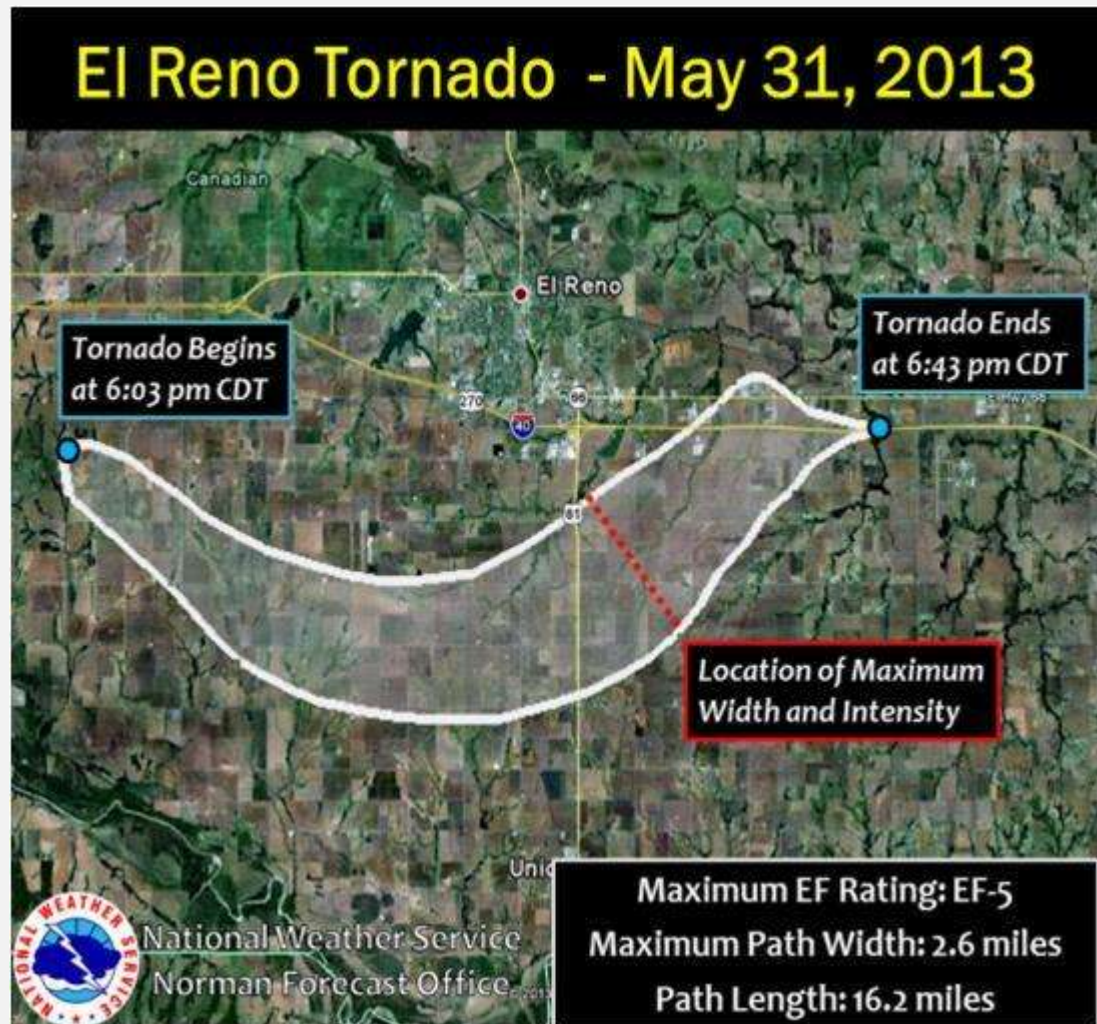


Source: FEMA



# Notable Thunderstorm Events 2013

**May 28-31:** Another large outbreak occurred over the southern Plains. The area near El Reno, Oklahoma, was hit by an EF3 tornado (downgraded post-survey from EF5) that possessed the largest diameter ever observed in a tornado, over 2.6 miles. Overall insured losses from the outbreak are estimated at US\$ 1.4 billion.



# Notable Thunderstorm Events 2013

**November 16-17:** The largest tornado outbreak ever observed in November (136, based on preliminary counts) caused extensive damage in Illinois, Indiana, and neighboring states. Fall tornado outbreaks are not uncommon, but usually occur further south. Estimated insured losses from the event are US\$ 900 million.



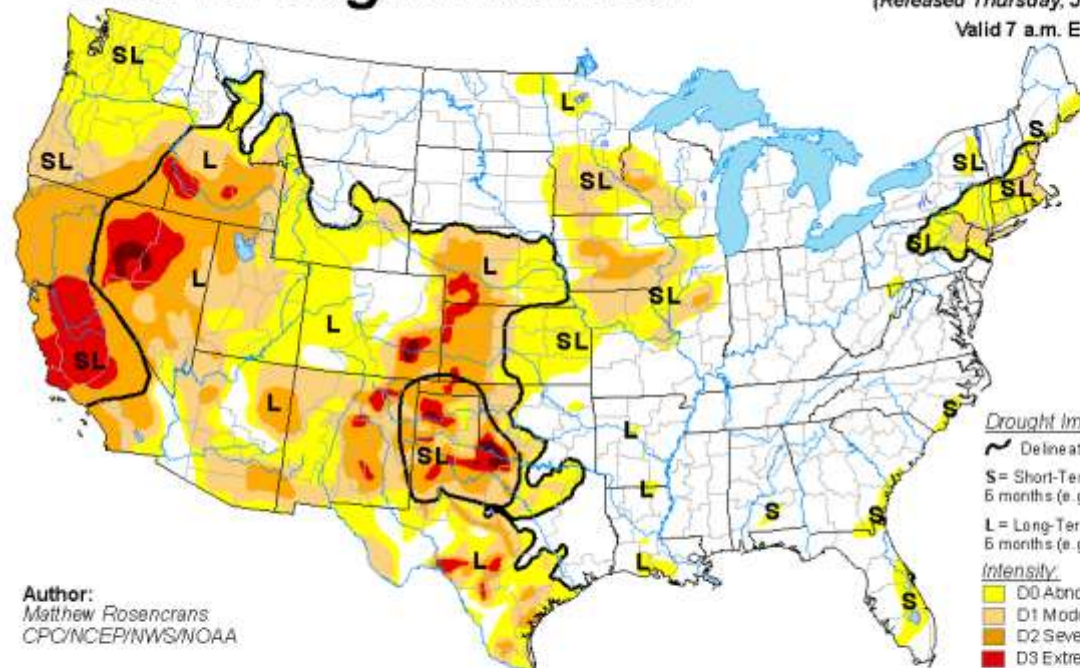


# Current US Drought Conditions

## U.S. Drought Monitor

**December 31, 2013**
*(Released Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST



Author:  
Matthew Rosenkrans  
CPC/NCEP/NWS/NOAA

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	54.20	45.80	26.01	13.96	3.31	0.31
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>1/1/2013</i>	28.57	71.43	51.44	35.18	17.82	5.64

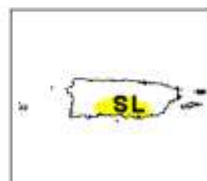
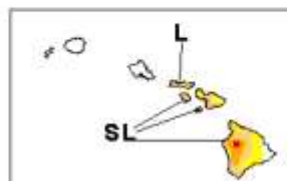
### Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

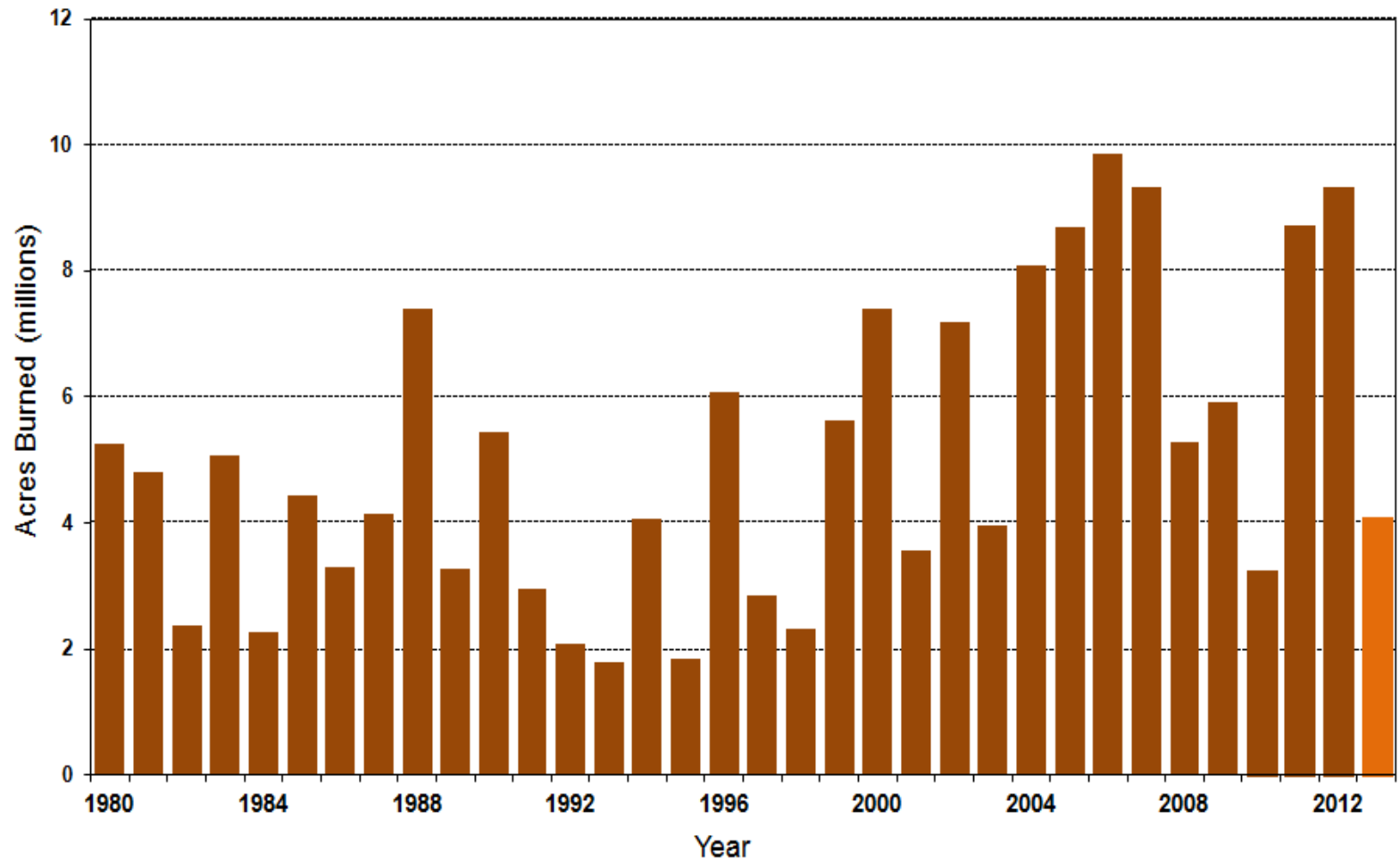
### Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.


<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

## Number of Acres Burned in Wildfires, 1980 – 2013





## Notable Wildfires in 2013

- **Colorado:** “High Park” fire near Fort Collins destroyed 257 homes and “Waldo Canyon” fire near Colorado Springs destroyed over 300 homes, becoming the most damaging fire in state history. Insured losses from both fires are estimated at \$450 million.
- **California:** “Rim” fire near Yosemite National Park lasted nine weeks over August to October, scorching 257,000 acres and destroying 111 buildings. Due to remote location, insurance impacts were minimal.



Source: USFS

# Colorado Floods – September 2013

- Stalled frontal system and ample moisture combined to produce up to 17" of rain over parts of the Colorado Front Range over a 4 day period, almost the region's expected annual rainfall total.
- Heaviest rainfall event ever observed in Colorado.
- 1,500 houses were destroyed, and another 19,000 damaged.
- Economic Losses are estimated at \$1.5 billion; insured losses (excluding NFIP) of \$160 million.



# Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines

8 – 12 November 2013



<b>Region</b>	Philippines, Vietnam, China
<b>Overall losses</b>	US\$ 10bn
<b>Insured losses</b>	US\$ 700m
<b>Fatalities</b>	6,095

**Deadliest event of 2013**



# Hailstorms, Germany

27 – 28 July 2013



<b>Region</b>	Southwestern and Northern Germany
<b>Overall losses</b>	US\$ 4.8bn
<b>Insured losses</b>	US\$ 3.7bn
<b>Fatalities</b>	0

**Costliest insured loss of 2013**

# River Floods in Europe

30 May – 19 June 2013



Region	Central Europe
Overall losses	US\$ 15.2bn
Insured losses	US\$ 3bn
Fatalities	25

**Costliest direct economic loss of 2013**

# Loss Events Worldwide 2013

## Percentage distribution

### 880 Loss events

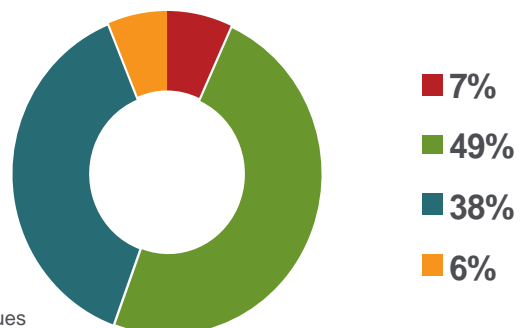


### 20,000 Fatalities\*



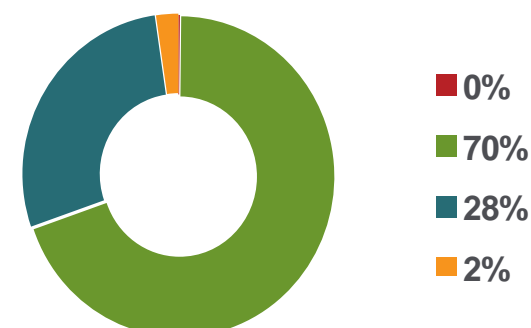
\*Number of fatalities without famine.

### Overall losses\*\* US\$ 125bn



\*\*in 2013 values

### Insured losses\*\* US\$ 31bn



\*\*in 2013 values

**Geophysical events**  
(Earthquake, tsunami,  
volcanic eruption)

**Meteorological events**  
(Tropical storm, extratropical storm,  
convective storm, local storm)

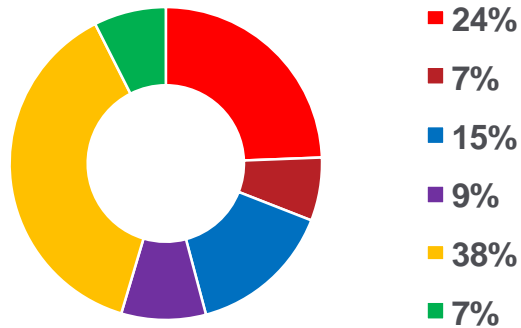
**Hydrological events**  
(Flood, mass movement)

**Climatological events**  
(Extreme temperature, drought,  
forest fire)

# Loss Events Worldwide 2013

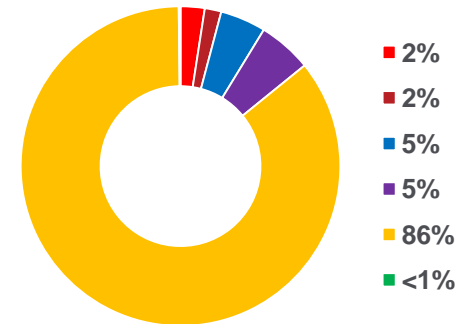
Percentage distribution – ordered by continent

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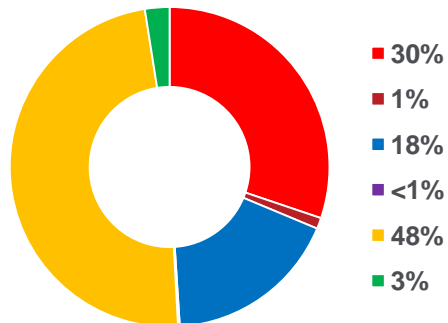


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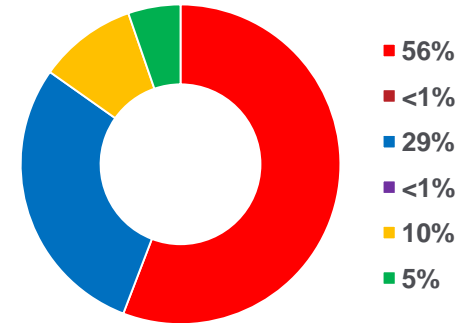


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 North America, incl. Central America and Caribbean

 South America

 Europe

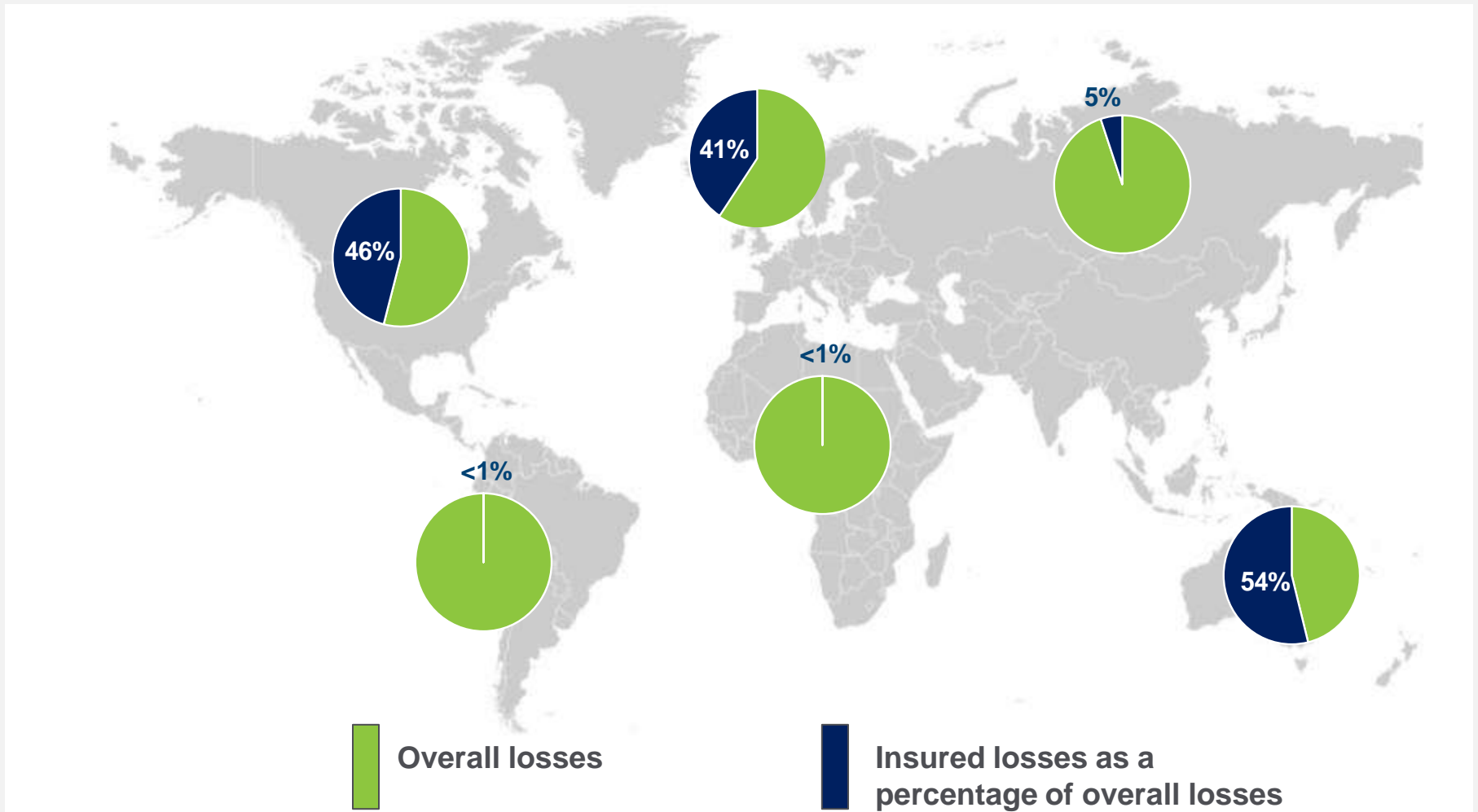
 Africa

 Asia

 Australia/Oceania

# Loss Events Worldwide 2013

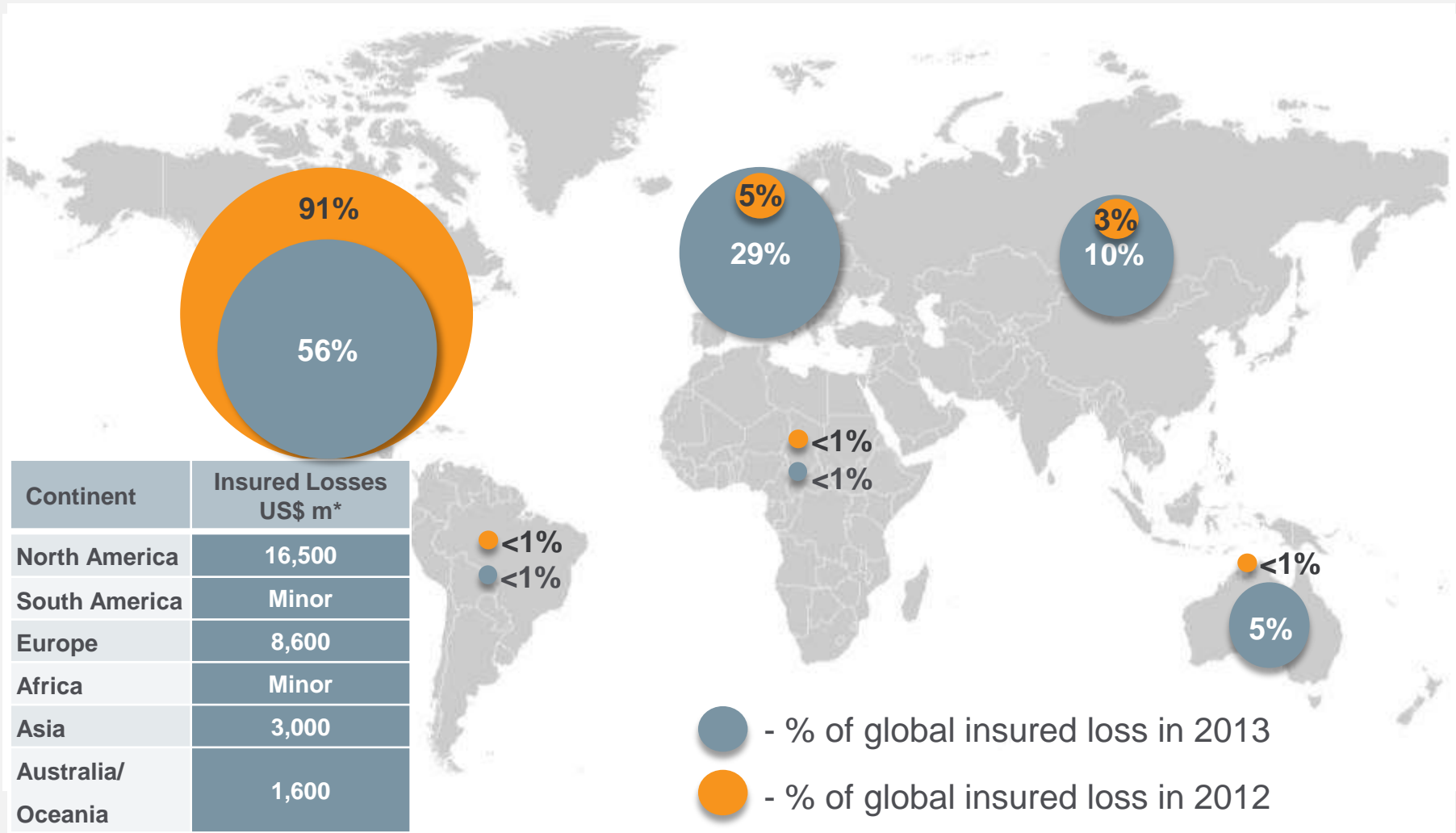
Overall and insured losses per continent

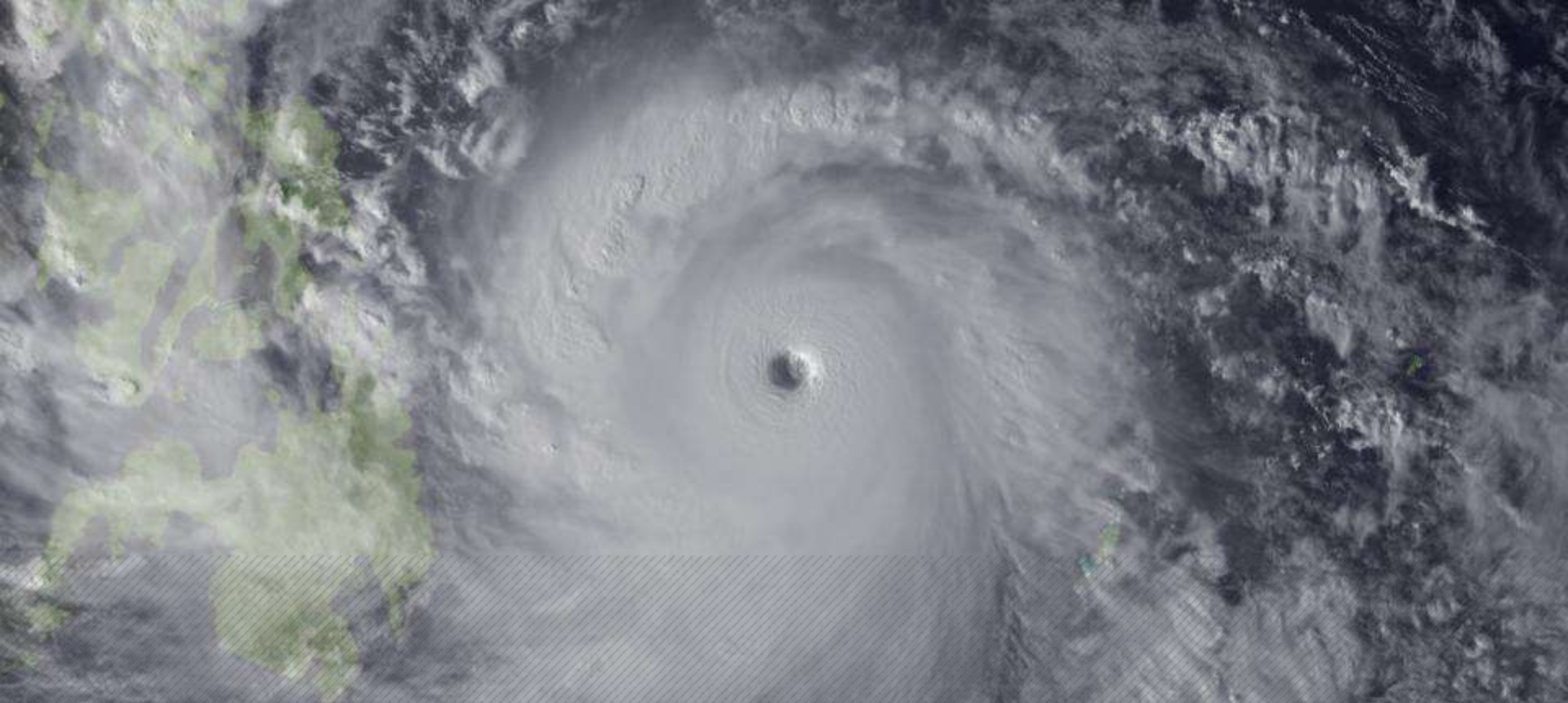




# Loss Events Worldwide 2013

Insured losses 2013 vs. 2012 – percentage distribution per continent





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