

Increasing resilience to natural hazards: framework for utility and societal impacts

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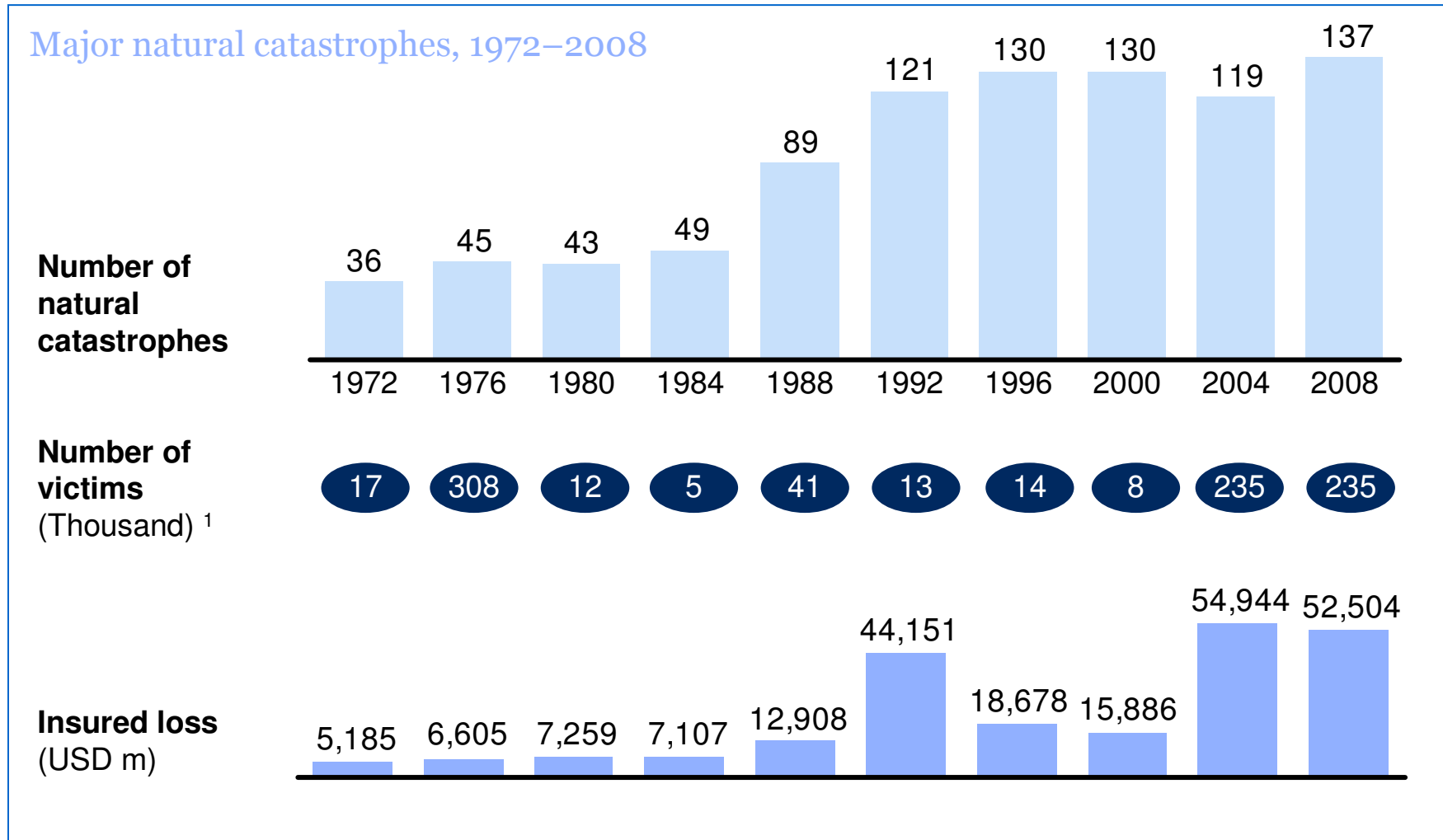
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Executive summary

- **Damages from natural hazards are rising**, given the growing propensity to put high value structures in high risk areas, increasing building density, and aging infrastructure.
- **Utility customers have increasingly been exposed to natural hazard risk and second order effects** (Gulf, Northeast, Florida, West Coast)
- **To put a fact-base approach to determining risk, McKinsey has done significant work on the economics of natural hazards in collaboration with Swiss Re**, and developed approaches to help understand risk resilience.
- **The approach has several purposes, including helping utilities and PUCs better quantify their economic risk from natural hazards**; using advanced analytic techniques, we quantify the size of the potential risk and develop estimates for needed system improvements the reduction in the risk level they can provide.
- **The approach is meant to facilitate a discussion with a broader stakeholder group beyond utilities and PUCs**. Our work typically involves analysis of all infrastructure in a geography (not just utility assets). This helps engage PUCs, utilities and other stakeholders in a meaningful discussion on how to best mitigate risk across the whole system.
- We have applied this to a number of regions—**we will draw from our work in the Gulf Coast as the case example for today's discussion**

Globally, natural hazard-related losses have been increasing, primarily driven by increasing economic development in the riskiest areas

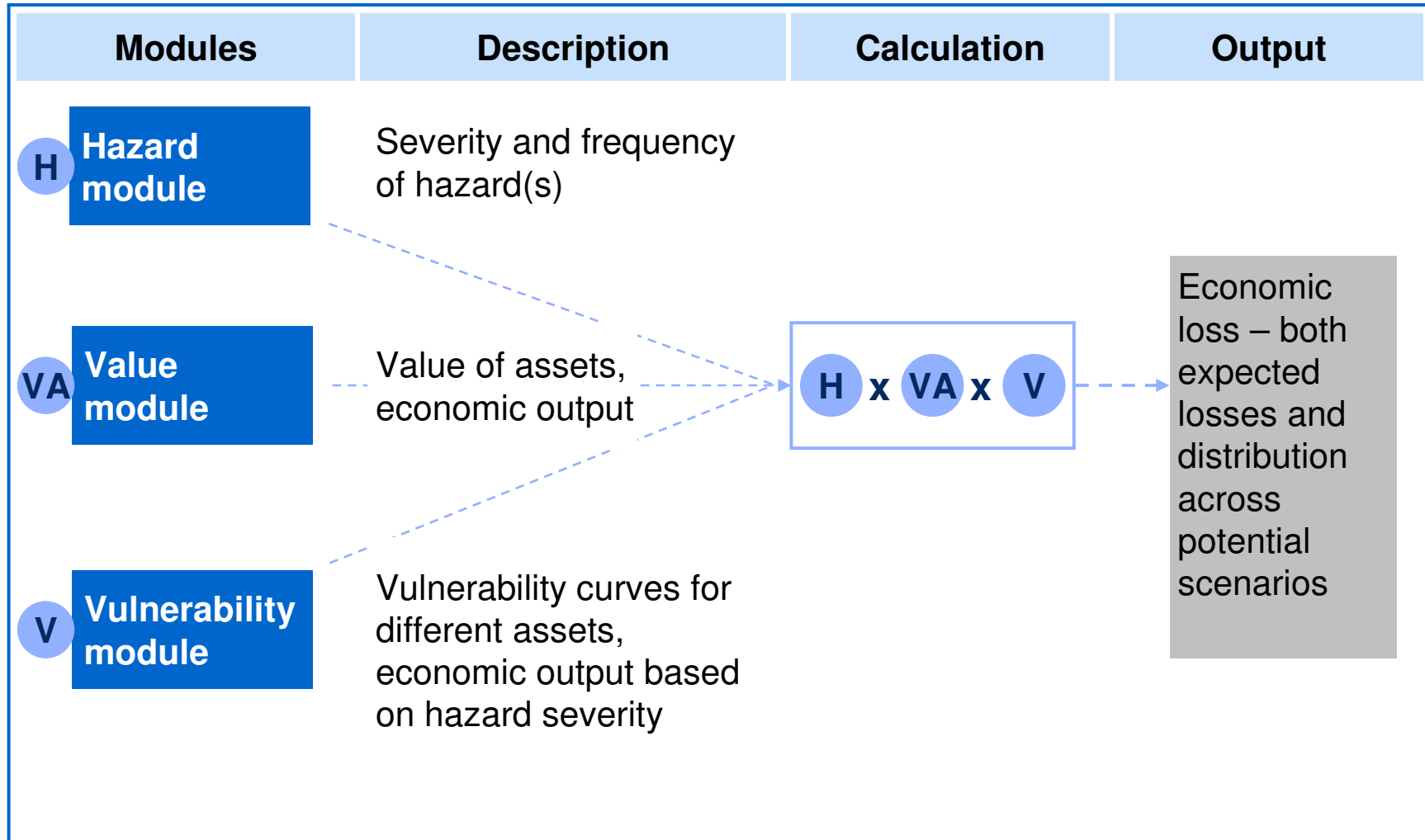


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¹ Dead and missing

SOURCE: SwissRe sigma catastrophe database

We use a 3-step process using a unique data set and probabilistic modeling capability – across a range of scenarios



Project objective and approach

Objective: Develop a comprehensive, objective, consistent fact base to quantify climate risks in the U.S. Gulf Coast and inform economically sensible approaches for addressing this risk

First comprehensive analysis of climate risks and adaptation economics along the U.S. Gulf Coast

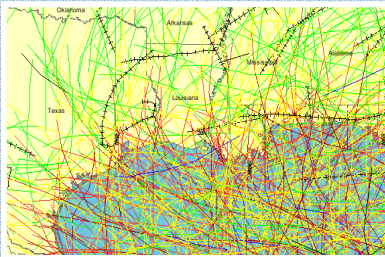
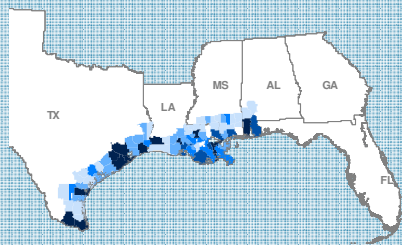


Illustration of hurricane paths/intensities

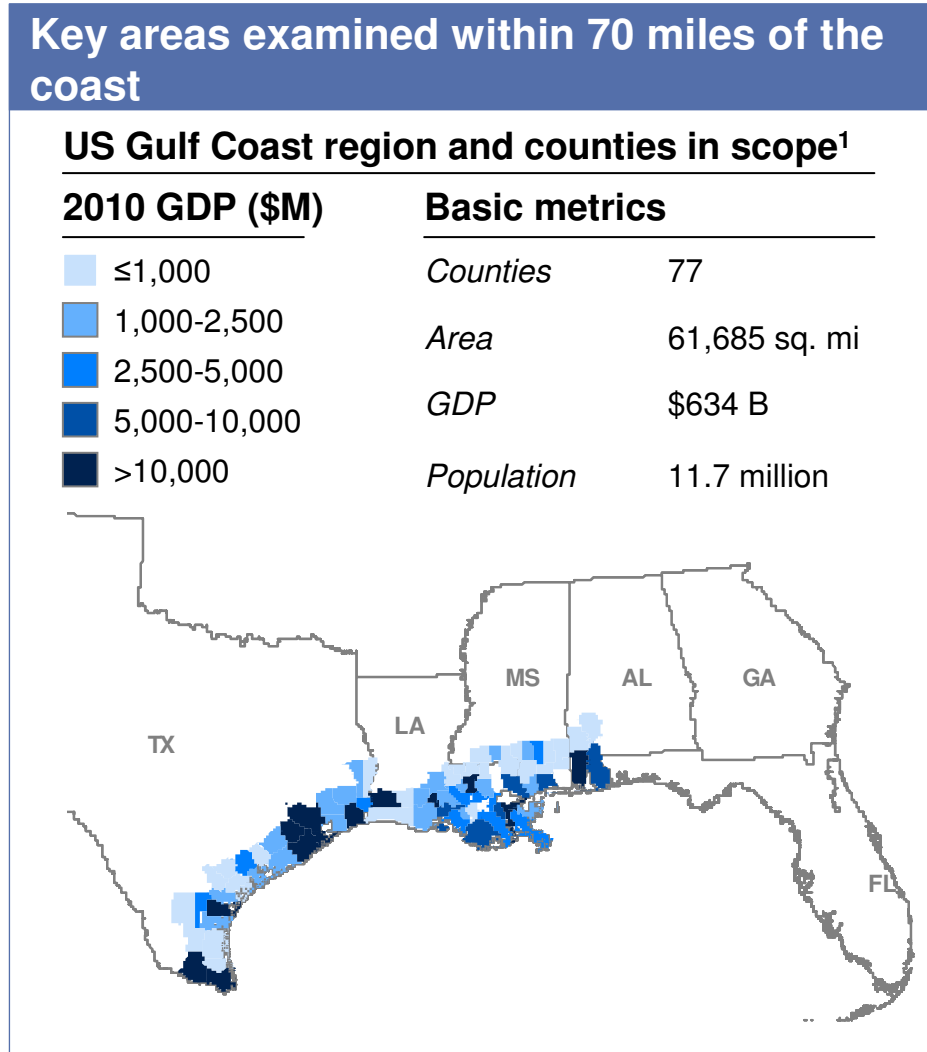
- **Granular, “bottom-up” analysis using a risk framework:**
 - Modeled **23** asset classes across residential, commercial, infrastructure, oil, gas and utility
 - Modeled **800** zip codes across **77** counties
 - Simulated **~10,000** hurricane “years” across multiple climate scenarios
 - Modeled over **50** adaptation measures



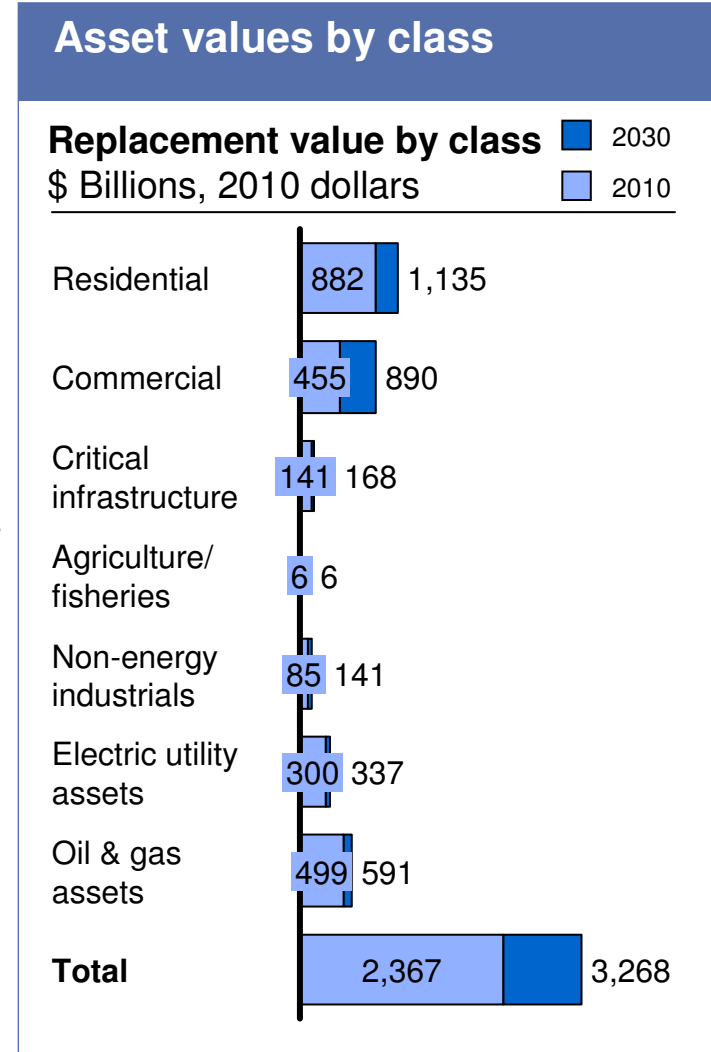
Engaged with experts across the Gulf Coast

- **First time broad range of Gulf Coast stakeholders and experts engaged**
 - **Discussed with over 100** global, regional academics, government officials, industry experts and NGOs
 - **Used credible, publicly available sources** (e.g., IPCC climate scenarios, FEMA, BEA, DOE EIA, MMS, Energy Velocity)


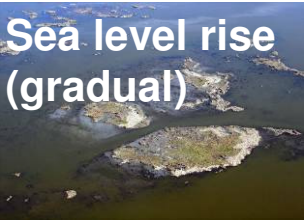

There is greater than \$2 trillion in asset value along the energy Gulf Coast



¹ Includes 30 Louisiana parishes



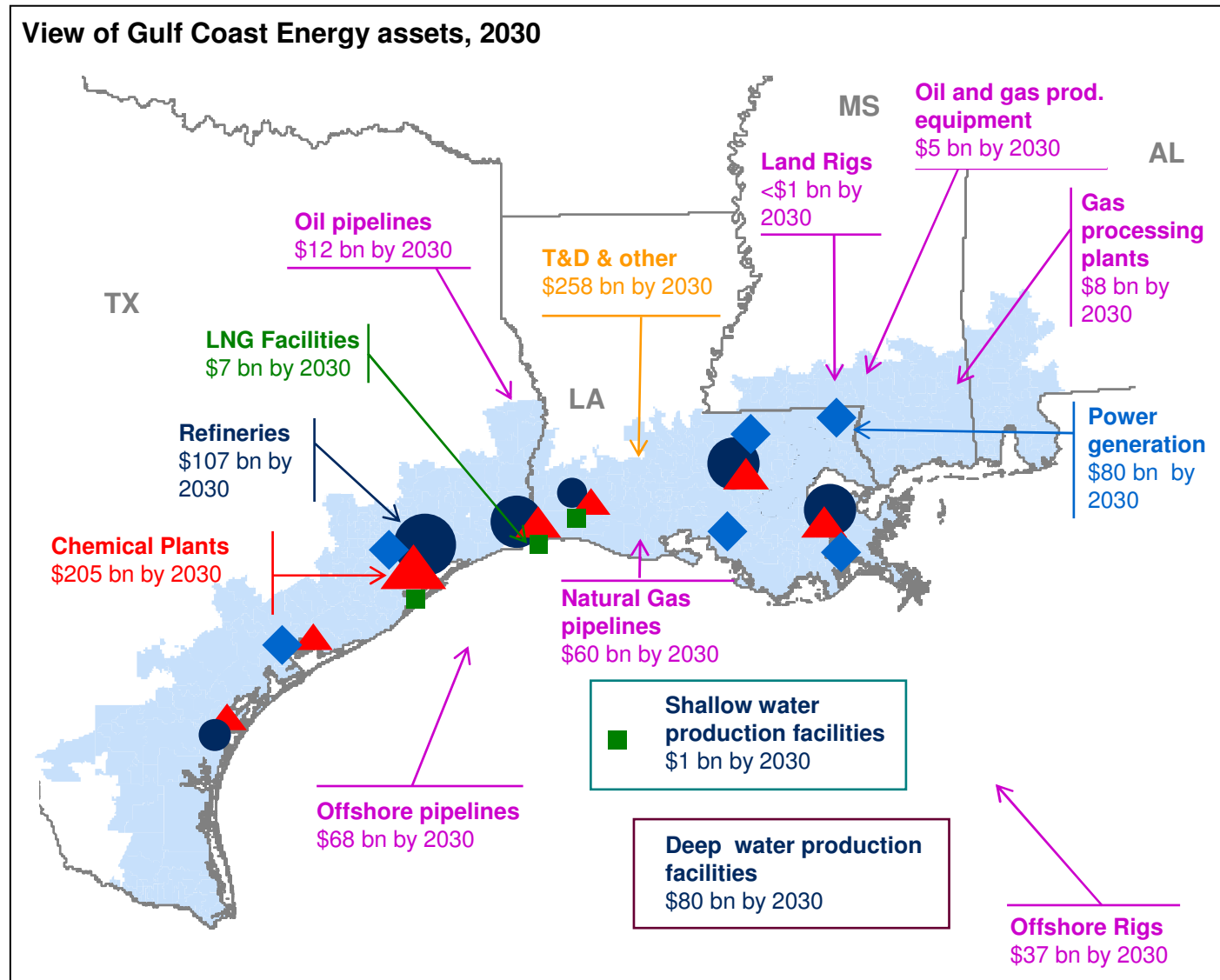
There are 3 key climate hazards we examined along the Gulf Coast

Hazards	Brief overview	Effect of climate change
 <p>Wind related damage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Damage can occur across the Gulf Coast region and in areas further inland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential increase in wind speed of 1.4-2.9% in 2030 (2.1 - 10.2% in 2100) due to warmer sea surface temperatures
 <p>Sea level rise (gradual)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key risk is along the coastline ▪ The Louisiana gulf coast already experiences significant deltaic land loss/subsidence¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relative sea level may rise by 5-6 inches in 2030 (2.5 - 5 feet by 2100)²
 <p>Storm surge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk is along the coastline, linked to hurricane events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Storms can increase the impact of even modest levels of sea level rise ▪ Could lead to more frequent/severe flooding of coastal zones

¹ Estimates for subsidence vary significantly along the coastline; e.g., 8-31 inches per century

² Based on Vermeer and Rahmstorf. "Global sea level linked to global temperature." 2009.

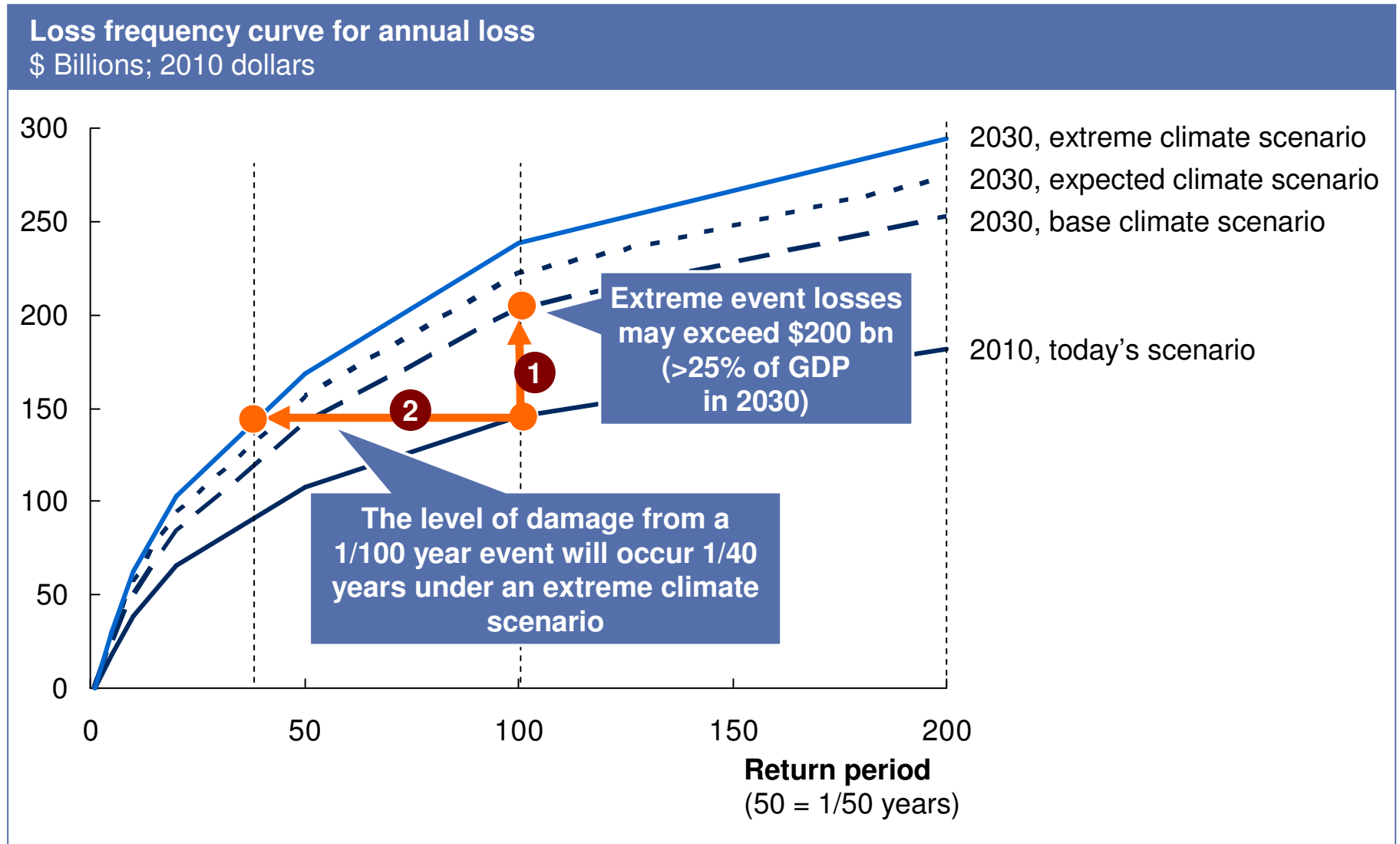
We conducted a granular analysis of all infrastructure in the geography



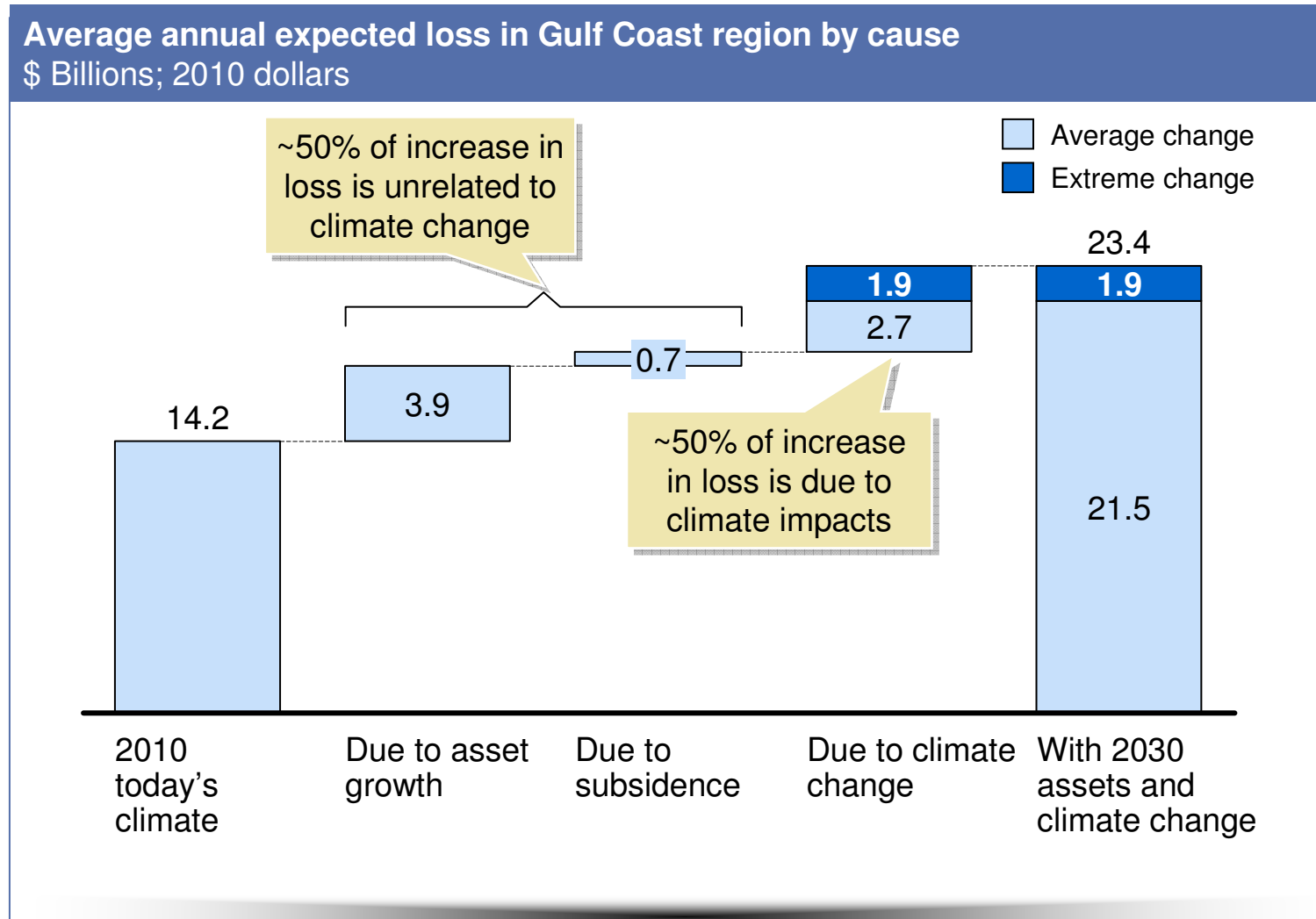
- Modeled over 500,000 miles of T&D, and ~300 generation facilities
- Modeled ~ 50,000 oil and gas structures including 90,000 miles of pipelines, 2000 offshore platforms and 27,000 wells
- Consolidated information across 10-15 key databases, including EIA, MMS, Energy Velocity, OGJ, Tecnon, HPDI, Wood Mackenzie, Ventyx, Energy Velocity

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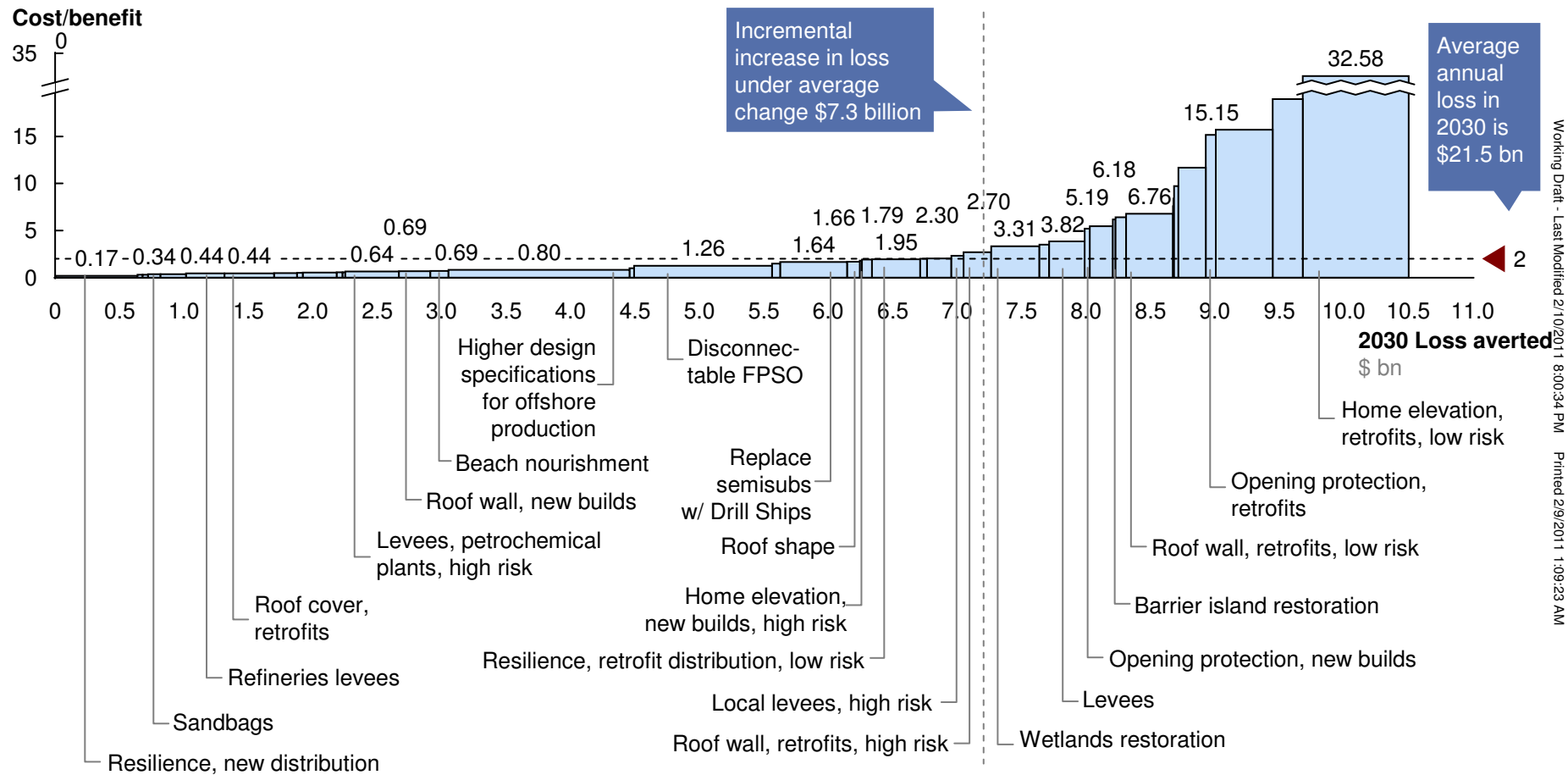
Even in the near term, loss from extreme event “tail risks” may increase and occur more often



However, regardless of climate change, the Gulf Coast faces increase in risks from natural hazards

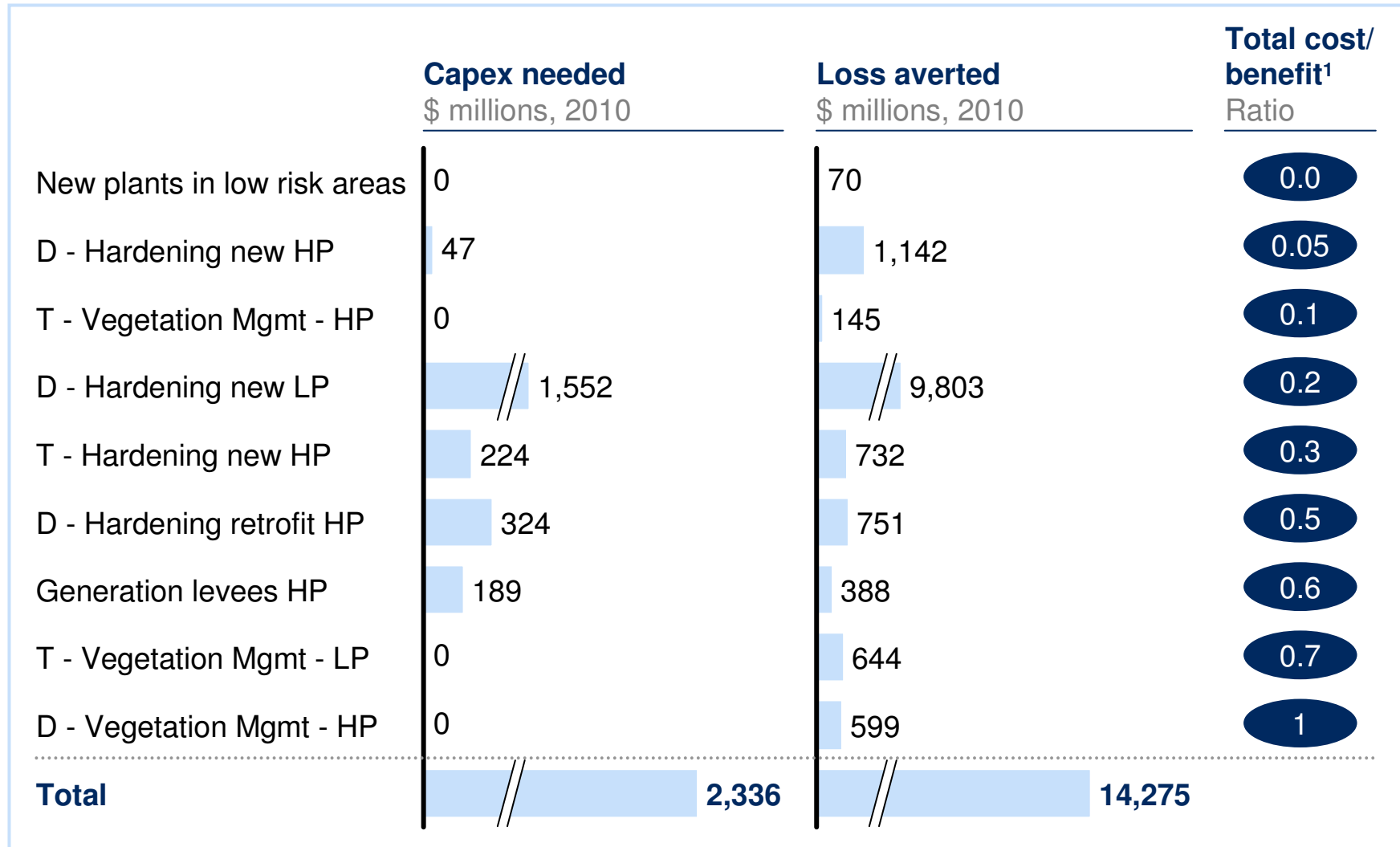


Potentially attractive measures can address the increase in annual loss between today and 2030 and keep the risk profile of the region constant



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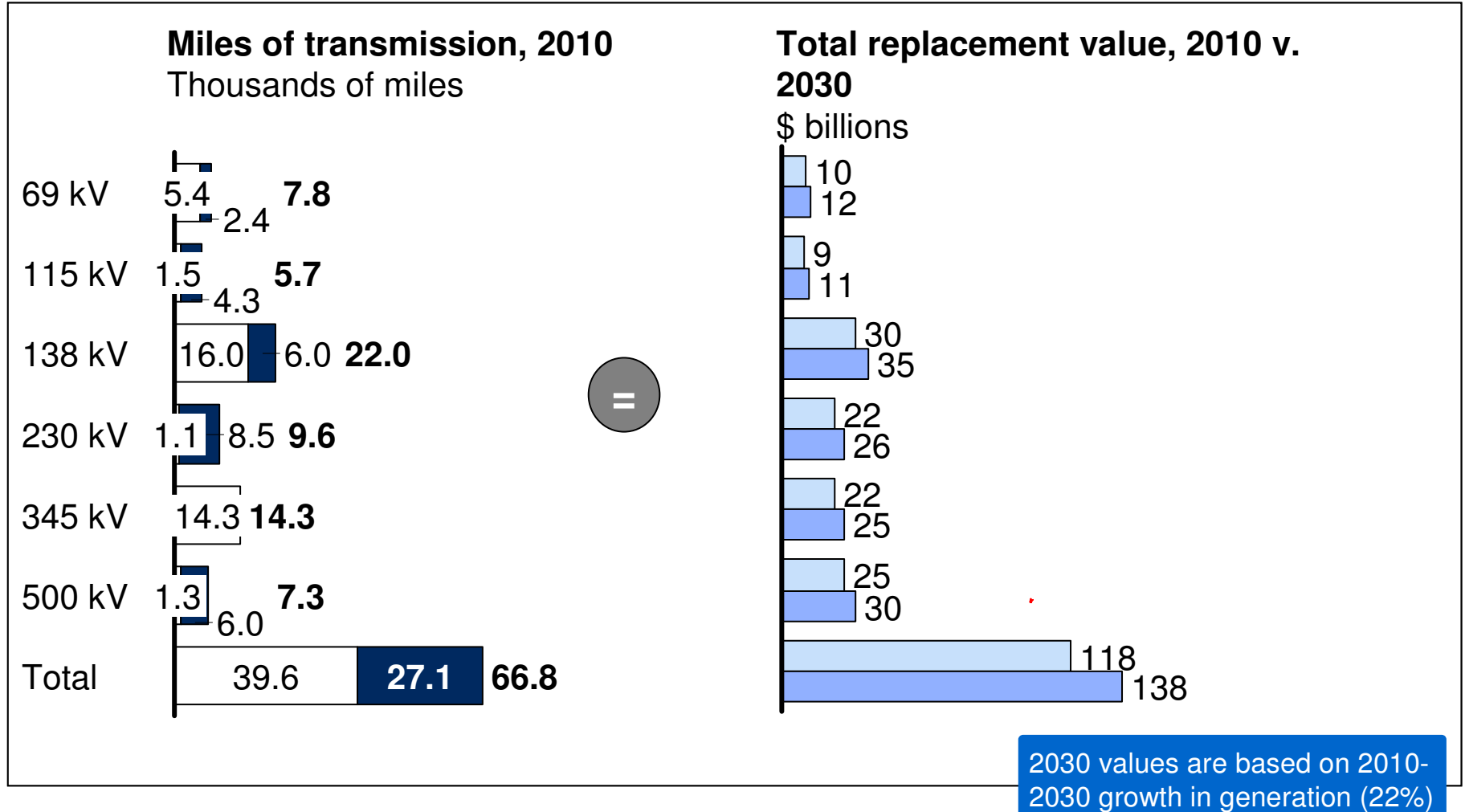
We assessed potential risks to the utility and identified economically attractive capex investments to increase T&D resilience



¹ Includes all costs and benefits in NPV terms

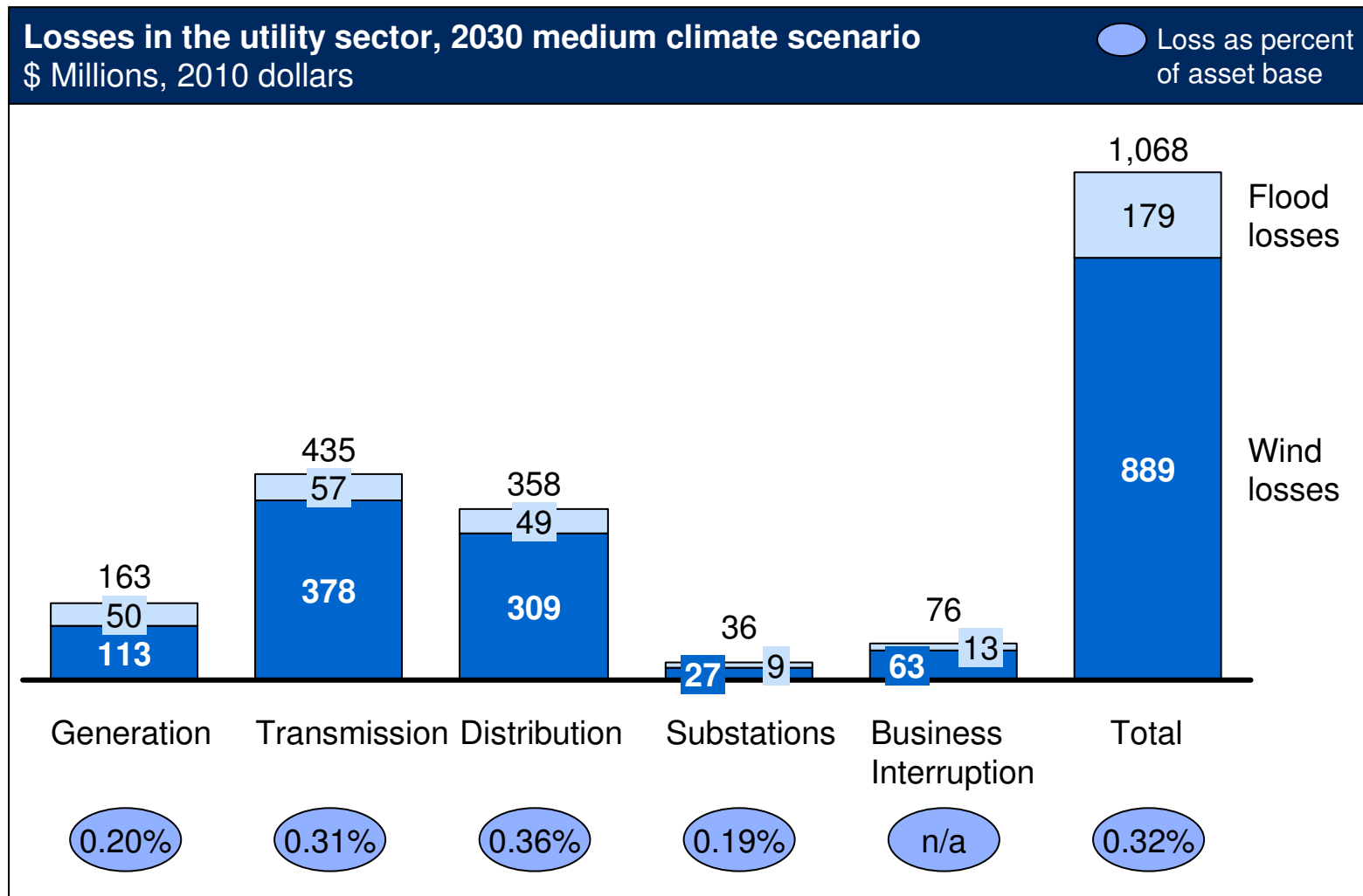
Transmission example: exposure based on replacement value

- Drylands, 2010
- Wetlands, 2010
- 2010 value
- 2030 value



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Utility economic loss is driven by impact to transmission and distribution assets



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Utility losses are relatively widespread across the region

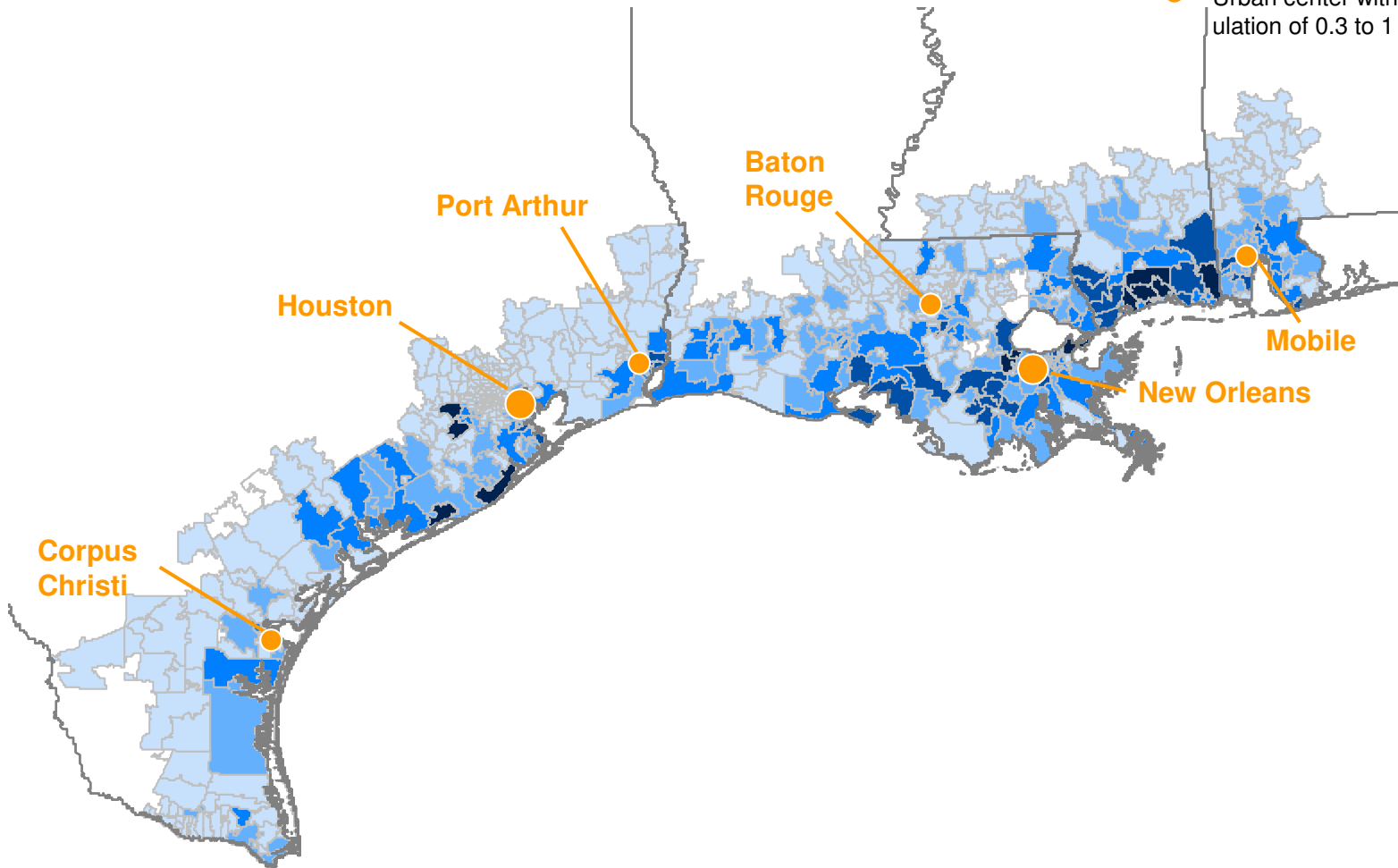
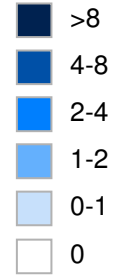


Utility annual average expected losses across the U.S. Gulf Coast 2030

Average climate change

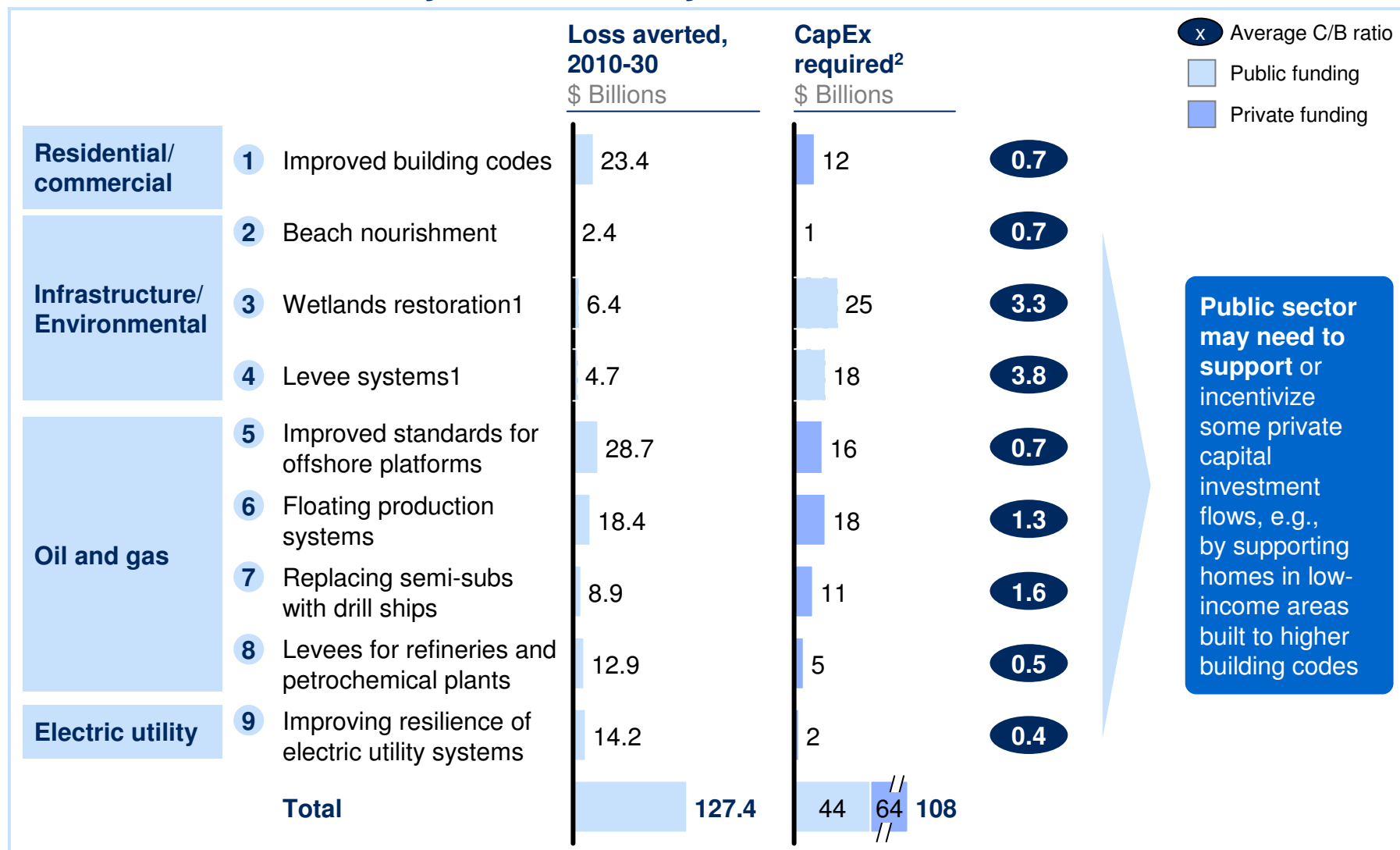
- Urban center with population of 1 MM+
- Urban center with population of 0.3 to 1 MM

Losses
\$ MM, 2010 \$



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We also identified “beyond the utility” actions to reduce societal risk



1 Included despite high C/B ratios due to strong co-benefits, risk aversion

2 Total capital investment, non-discounted, across 20 years

3 Includes all costs and benefits in NPV terms