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Short Course on Geological Hazards

Day 3 (Wed AM), Lecture 5:

(Topic 5 of Original Announcement)

Hazards and Risks Associated with Climate Change: the NYC Case Study.

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In Essence:

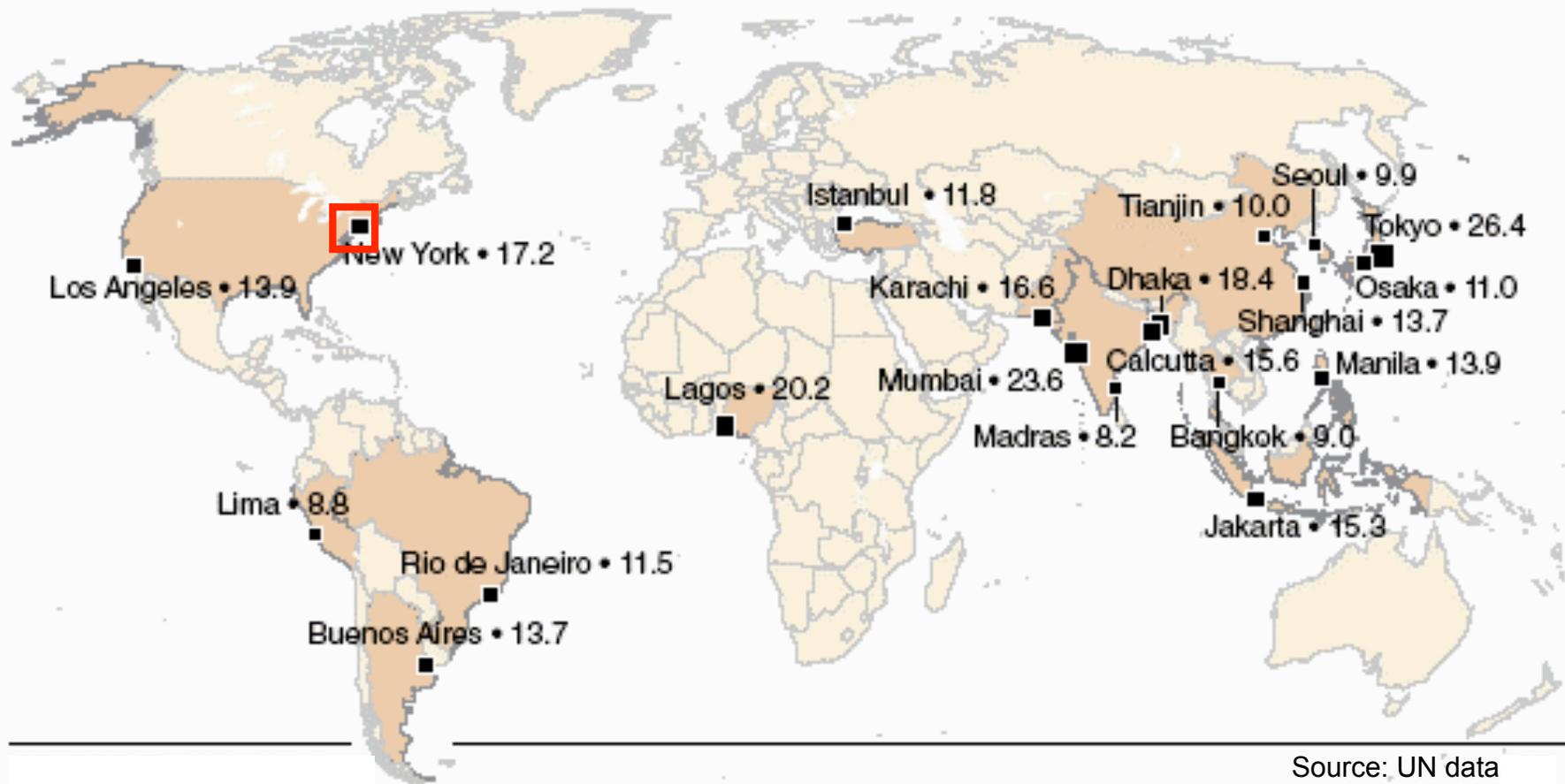
- NYC has developed and maintained its economic viability largely without -- at least until 3 years ago -- conscientious consideration of climate change (CC) and, especially, *sea level rise* (SLR).
- CC Adaptation policies and practice need (and seem now) to gradually change. If they were not, NYC's built infrastructure and other vital economic assets, will be at growing risks from SLR and storm surge inundations. Without well planned and financed adaptation measures, the growing perils will gradually undermine the City's economic viability, and eventually - or catastrophically - make parts of the City unsustainable. In any case, CC adaptation will become a persistent **RACE AGAINST TIME !!**
- **This presentation**
 - Outlines expected risks from CC and SLR as function of time;
 - Estimates potential losses if the risks remain unaddressed;
 - Discusses cost-beneficial, sustainable adaptation options;
 - Provides estimates of the magnitude of needed investments to manage the expected risks, preferably as an integral part of an ongoing, much needed infrastructure upgrade & renewal process.



"I guess in some ways this city is still the same"

The Global Context:

Coastal urban agglomerations with populations more than 8 million in 2010

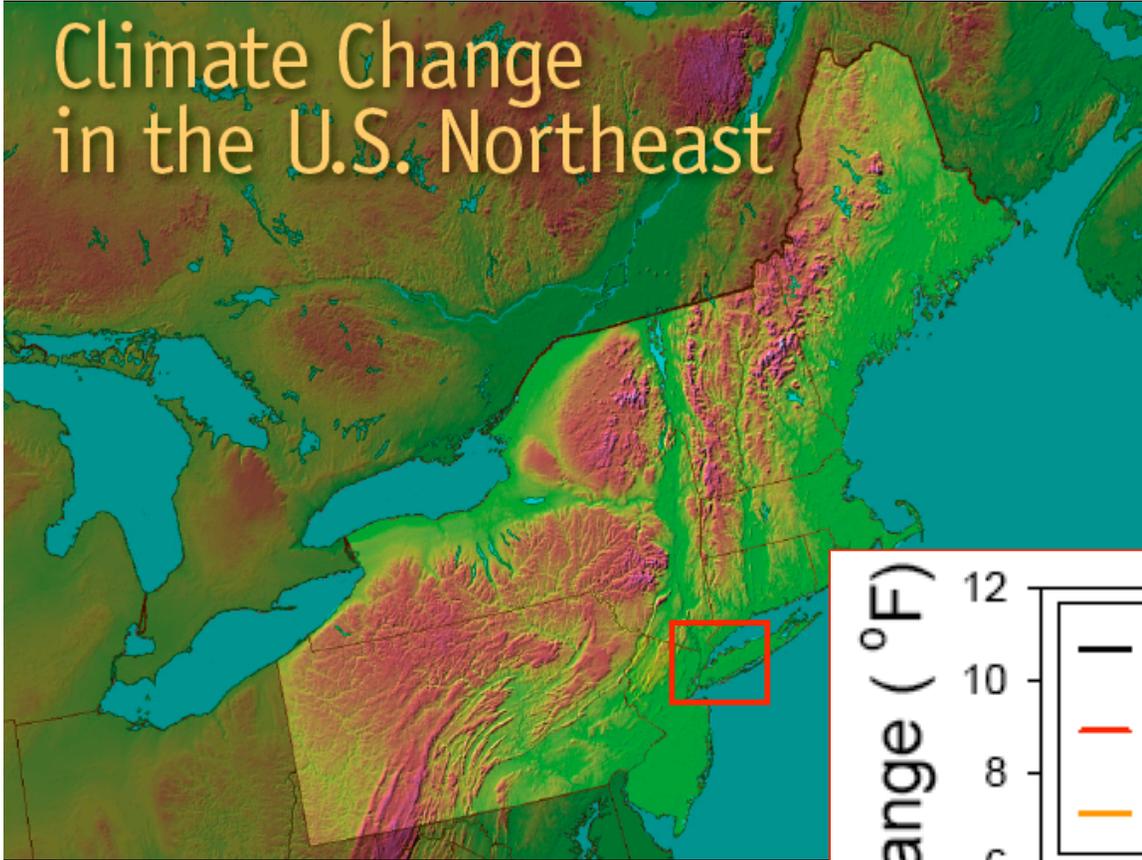


Source: UN data

REGIONAL Studies & Resources:

- **1995: Metro NY Hurricane Transportation Study**
Interim Technical Data Report. USACoE, FEMA, NYSEMO, NYCOEM et al.: **Evacuation Planning**
- **2001: Metro-East Cost (MEC) Climate Change Impact Study**
http://metroeast_climate.ciesin.columbia.edu/reports/infrastructure.pdf **Early Science Baseline**
- • **2006/07: Climate Change Assessment for the NE US** **More Recent Sc. B.L.**
Union of Concerned Scientists - Working Group <http://www.northeastclimateimpacts.org>
- **2007: MTA 8/8/2007-Storm Report to Governor & Mayor**
See Appendix 2 of : http://www.mta.info/mta/pdf/storm_report_2007.pdf **MTA-Specific Case Study**
- **2007: Mayor's PlaNYC 2030** **Sparse on Specific ADAPTATION Goals**
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/planyc2030/html/home/home.shtml>
- **2008: National Academies / TRB Report # 290:** **Has National Scope**
Impacts of Climate Change on US Transport. <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/sr/sr290.pdf>
- **2009: MTA Blue Ribbon Commission on Sustainability**
<http://mta.info/environment/pdf/SustRptFinal.pdf> **MTA Conceptual Guide for Climate Change Adaptation:**
http://www.mta.info/sustainability/pdf/Jacob_et%20al_MTA_Adaptation_Final_0309.pdf
- • **2010: NPCC - NYC Panel on Climate Change** **NYC Rigorous Science Baseline**
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/123443059/PDFSTART> :
in: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/123443047/issue>
- • **2011: NYS ClimAID:** Report due Oct 1, **NYS-Wide Rigorous Science Baseline**
 - **2010/2011: NYS SLRTF** Sea Level Rise Task Force; Report due Oct 1, 2011.
 - **2010/2011: NYS CAC - Climate Action Council** (Energy, Mitigation, Adaptation)

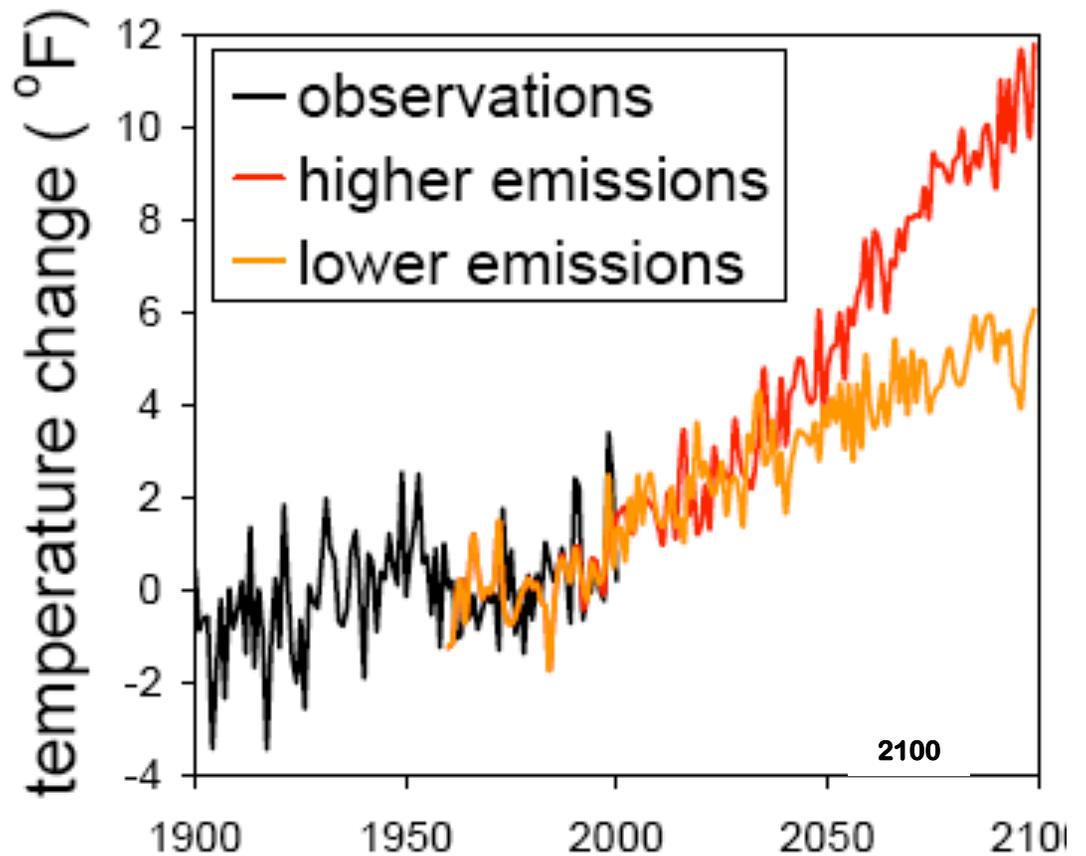
Climate Change in the U.S. Northeast



A Report of the
Northeast Climate Impacts
Assessment

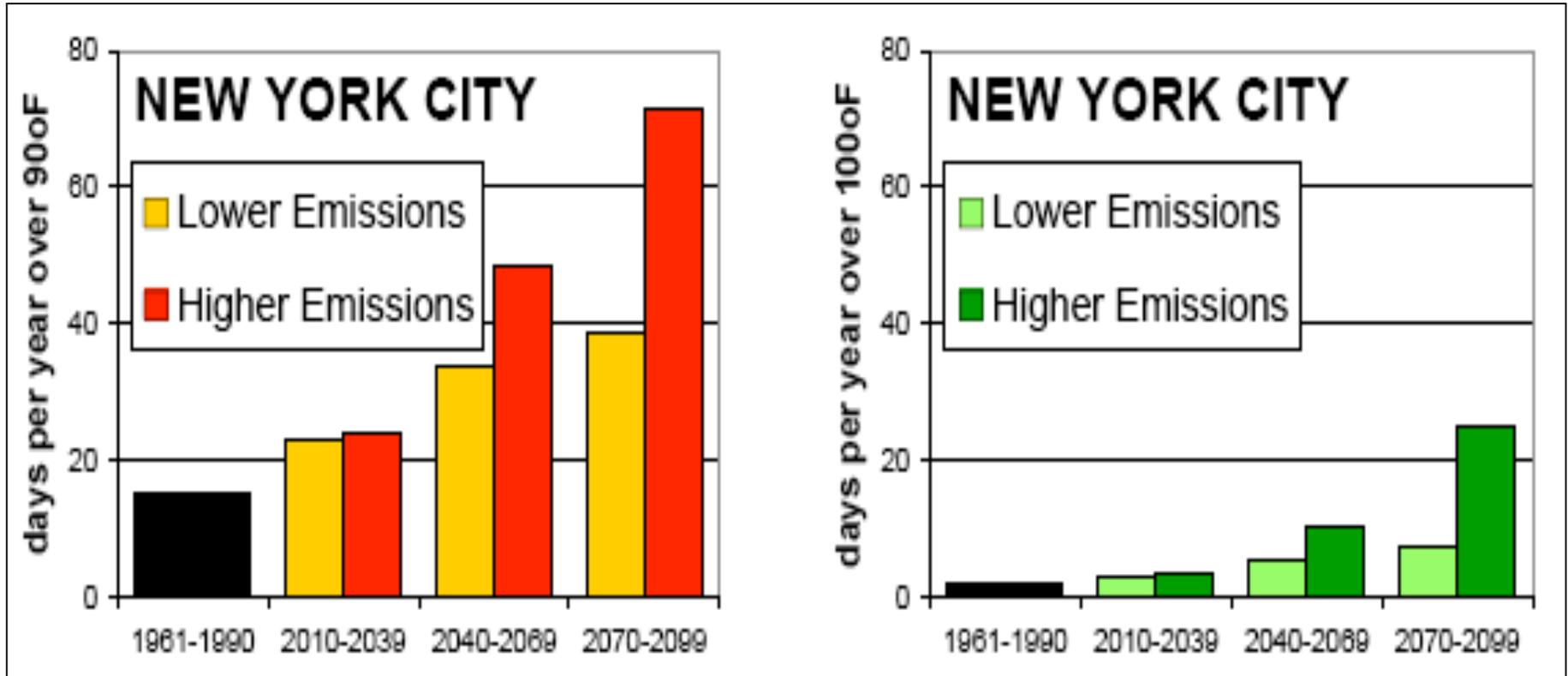
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http://www.climatechoices.org/assets/documents/climatechoices/NECIA_climate_report_final.pdf



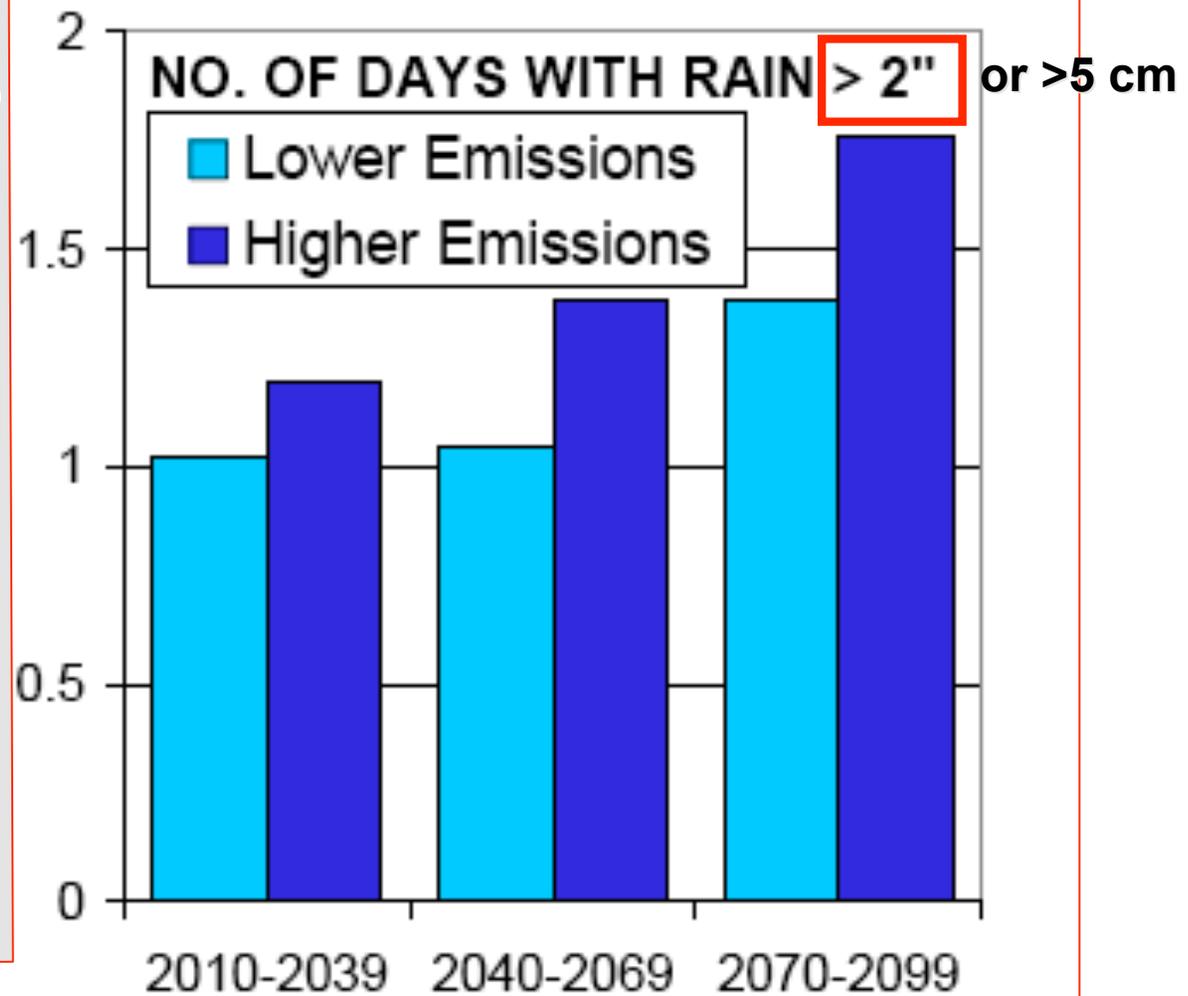
No. of days >90°F (32°C)

No. of days >100°F (38°C)

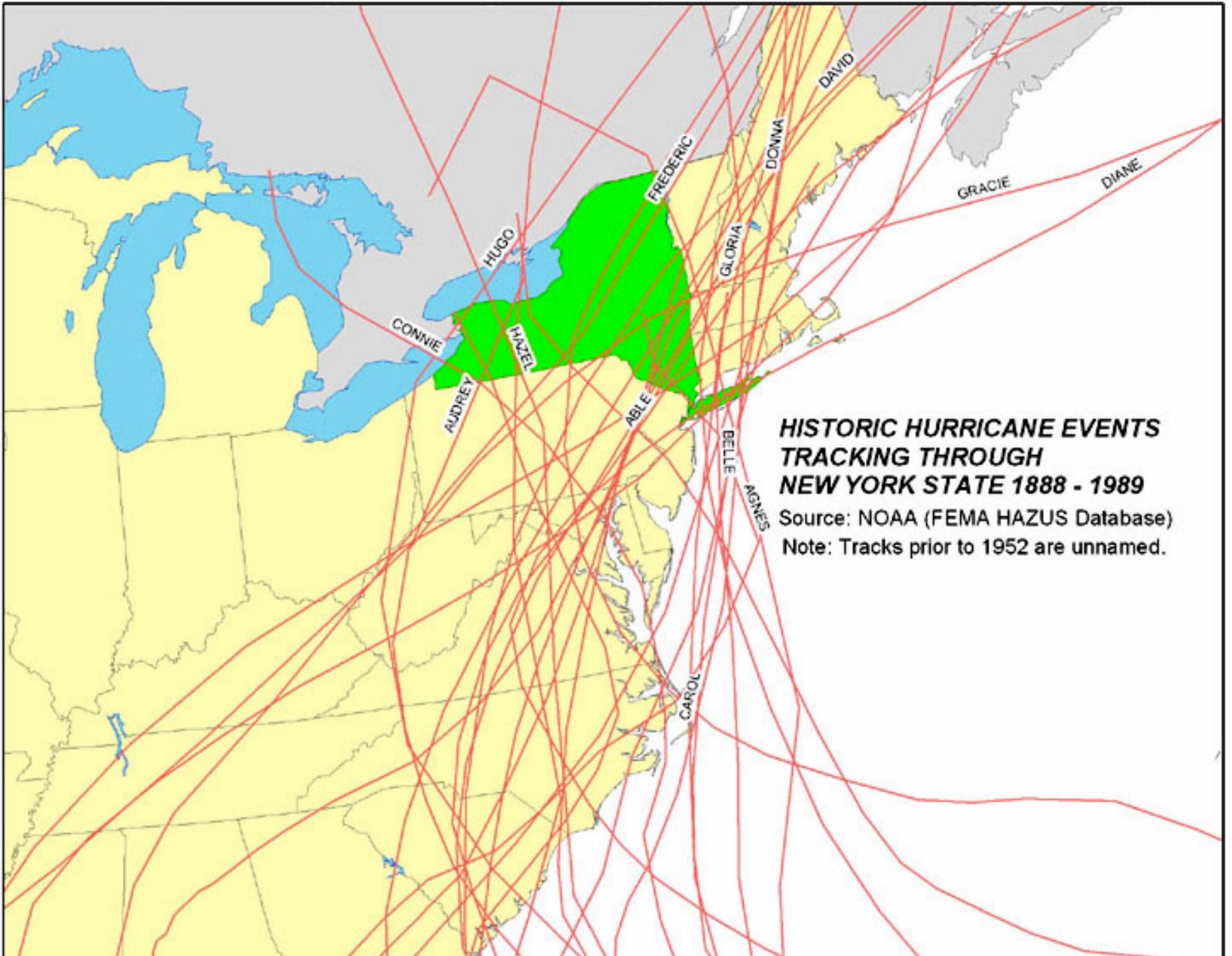


⇒ more air conditioning, heat strokes, energy, CO2, more warming !

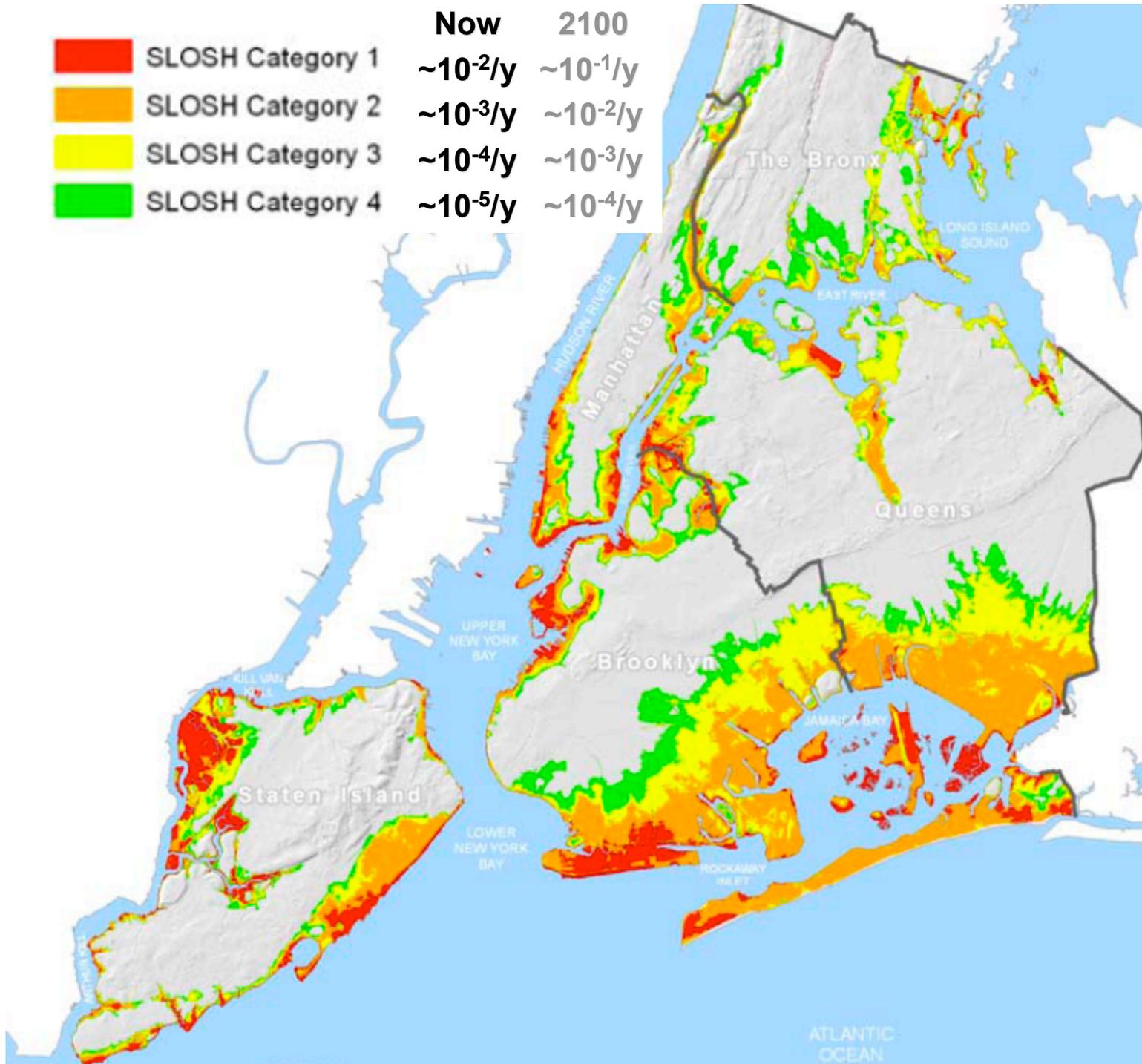
**Multiplier for Number of Events per Year
Relative to 1961-1990 Average**



Many of these heavy rains occur during Nor'easters or Hurricanes



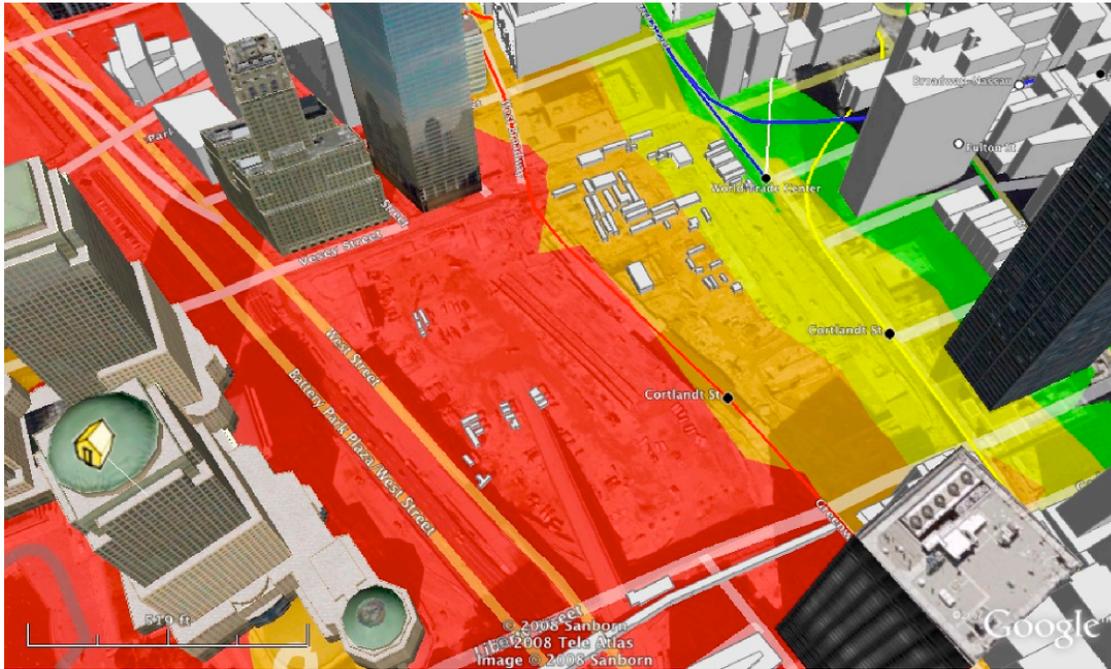
	Now	2100
 SLOSH Category 1	$\sim 10^{-2}/y$	$\sim 10^{-1}/y$
 SLOSH Category 2	$\sim 10^{-3}/y$	$\sim 10^{-2}/y$
 SLOSH Category 3	$\sim 10^{-4}/y$	$\sim 10^{-3}/y$
 SLOSH Category 4	$\sim 10^{-5}/y$	$\sim 10^{-4}/y$



CAT1=2.00ft (0.66m);
CAT2=6.6 ft (2.1m);
CAT3=7.8ft (2.6m);
CAT4=13.7 ft (4.6m)

CAT1=7.80ft (2.6m);
CAT2=11.8 ft (4m);
CAT3=16.6 ft (5.5m);
CAT4=22.7 ft (7.5m)

CAT1=12.3ft (4m);
CAT2=18.1ft (6m);
CAT3=24.9ft (8m);
CAT4=31.3 ft (10m).



WTC - Site:

Questions:

Can the West-Tub Flood?
Can the East Tub Flood?
For which Storm Surge Elevations?

How will Flooding affect PATH System?

- Hudson Tunnels
- Stations / Tracks / Control Systems
- New Transportation Hub?
- For how Long ?

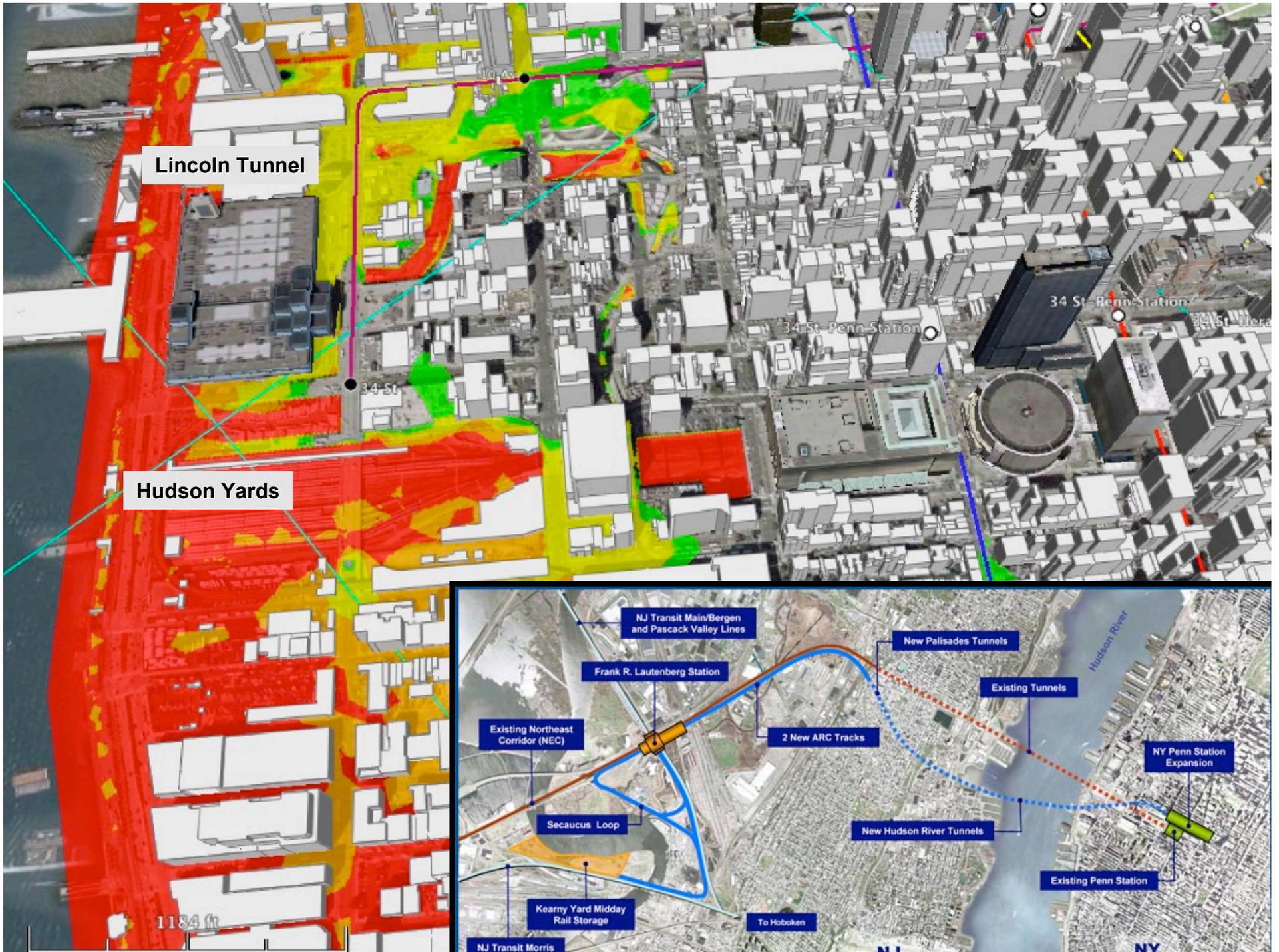
Will Flooding of NYCT Subway System(s) Affect / Connect with PATH & WTC facilities?

If Answers to Above are YES:

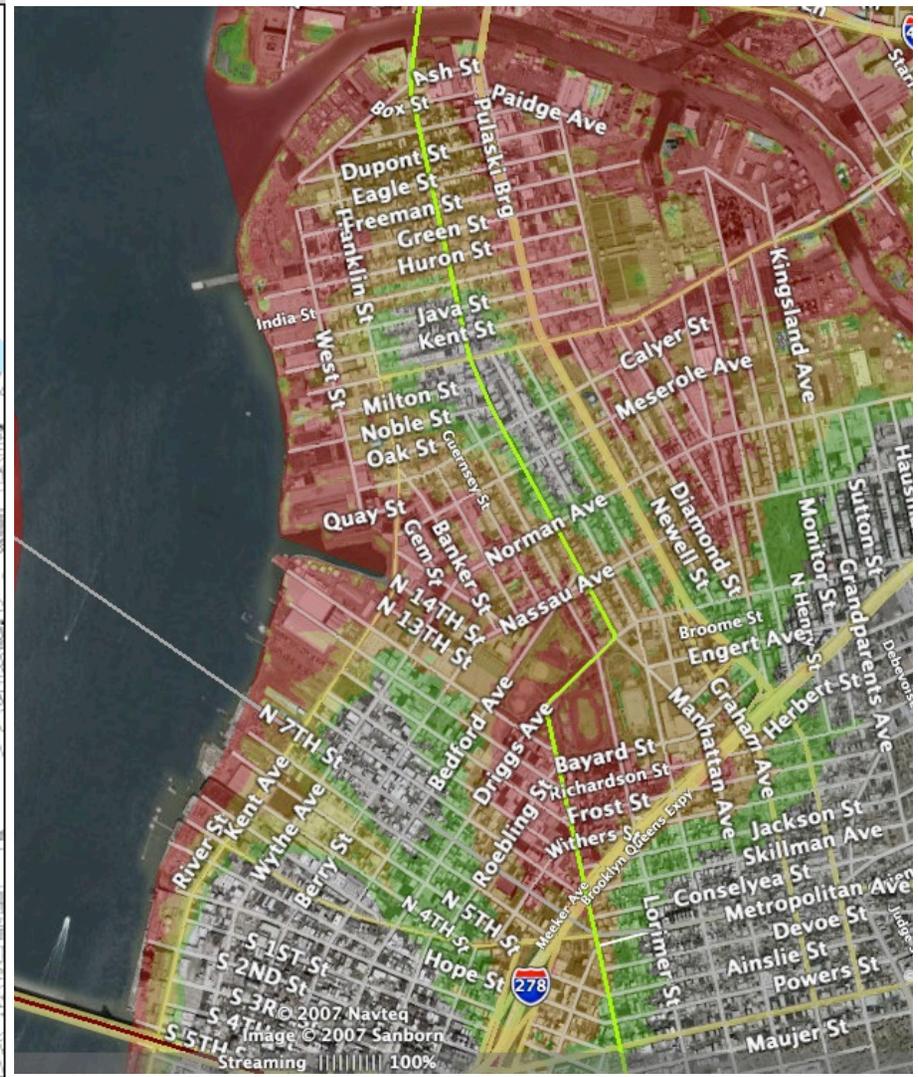
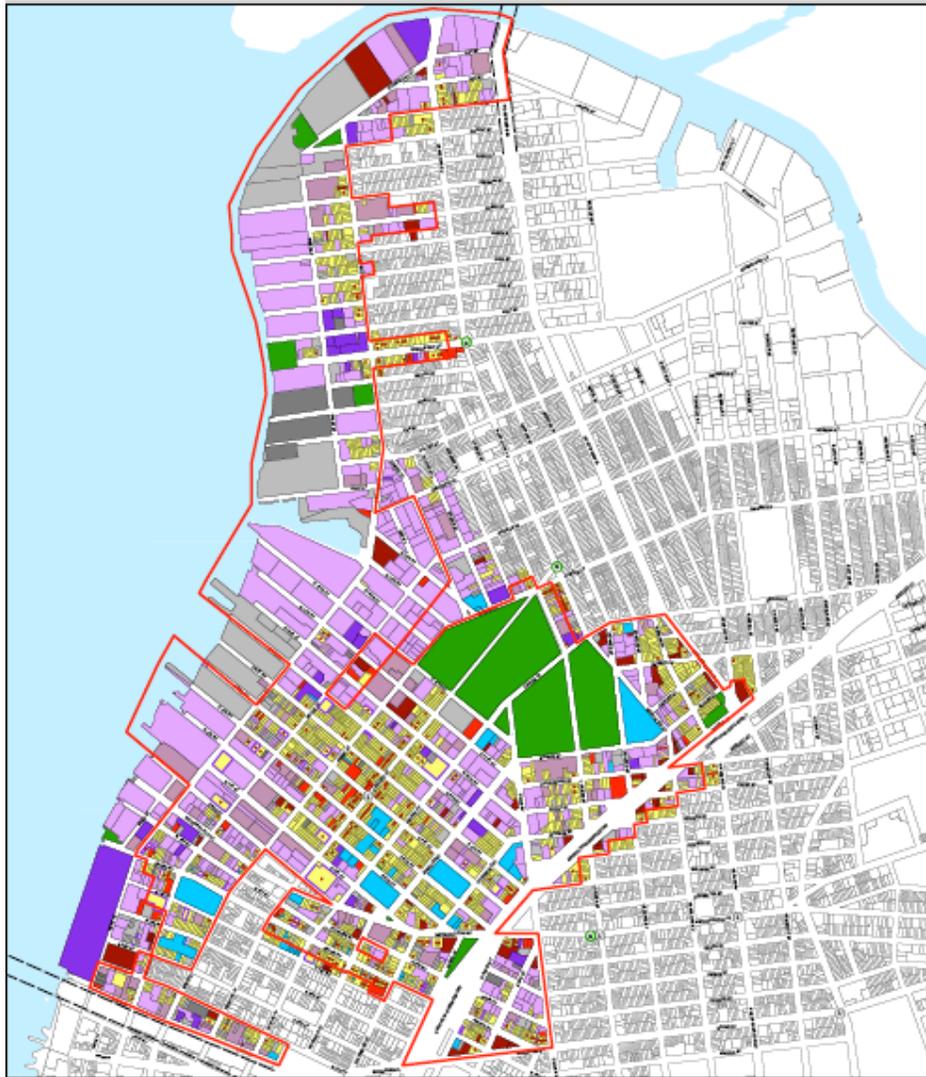
What Sealing-Off Options Exist ?

What Pumping Facilities are Planned ? Where ? Capacity? Reliability ?

Is a Levee System || to West Street Feasible? Up to what Height?
How long would it be effective, given SLR.



Land Use



- | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | Residential | | Industrial, 3+ floors |
| | Commercial | | Manufacturing/wholesale |
| | Automotive | | Mixed M/R |
| | Community facility | | Converted to residential |
| | Park | | Industrial, 1 or 2 floors |
| | Vacant land | | Manufacturing |
| | Vacant building | | Mixed M/R |
| | | | Ground floor commercial |
| | | | Ground floor community facility |



GIS-based Risk Assessment Tool 'HAZUS - MH'

(FEMA's "Hazards in the United States - Multi Hazards Version": Earthquakes, Wind, Flood).

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Sum} \left(\text{Hazard} \times \text{Assets} \times \text{Vulnerability} \right)$$

\$ / year or /event over Region probability per time \$ value $0 < V < 1$

Risk

Expected Losses for either a scenario event (\$) or in terms of probabilistic annual losses (\$/year)

- **Hazards** Probability per unit time of exceeding a certain hazard, e.g. wind speed or flood height (P=1 for scenario event)
- **Assets** Replacement Value in Dollars for Buildings or Infrastructure, (or \$ / live !)
- **Vulnerability** Dimensionless Value between 0 and 1. It is the Damaged Fraction of Replacement Value of a Given Asset, for the Specified Hazard Level the Asset is exposed to.

HAZUS-MH also has a Built-in Economic Model for Damage-Related, indirect Economic Losses; e.g. for Losses related to building damage and closure; but its default version is weak in assessing vulnerabilities of infrastructure systems. Requires user input for infrastructure assets and their vulnerabilities.

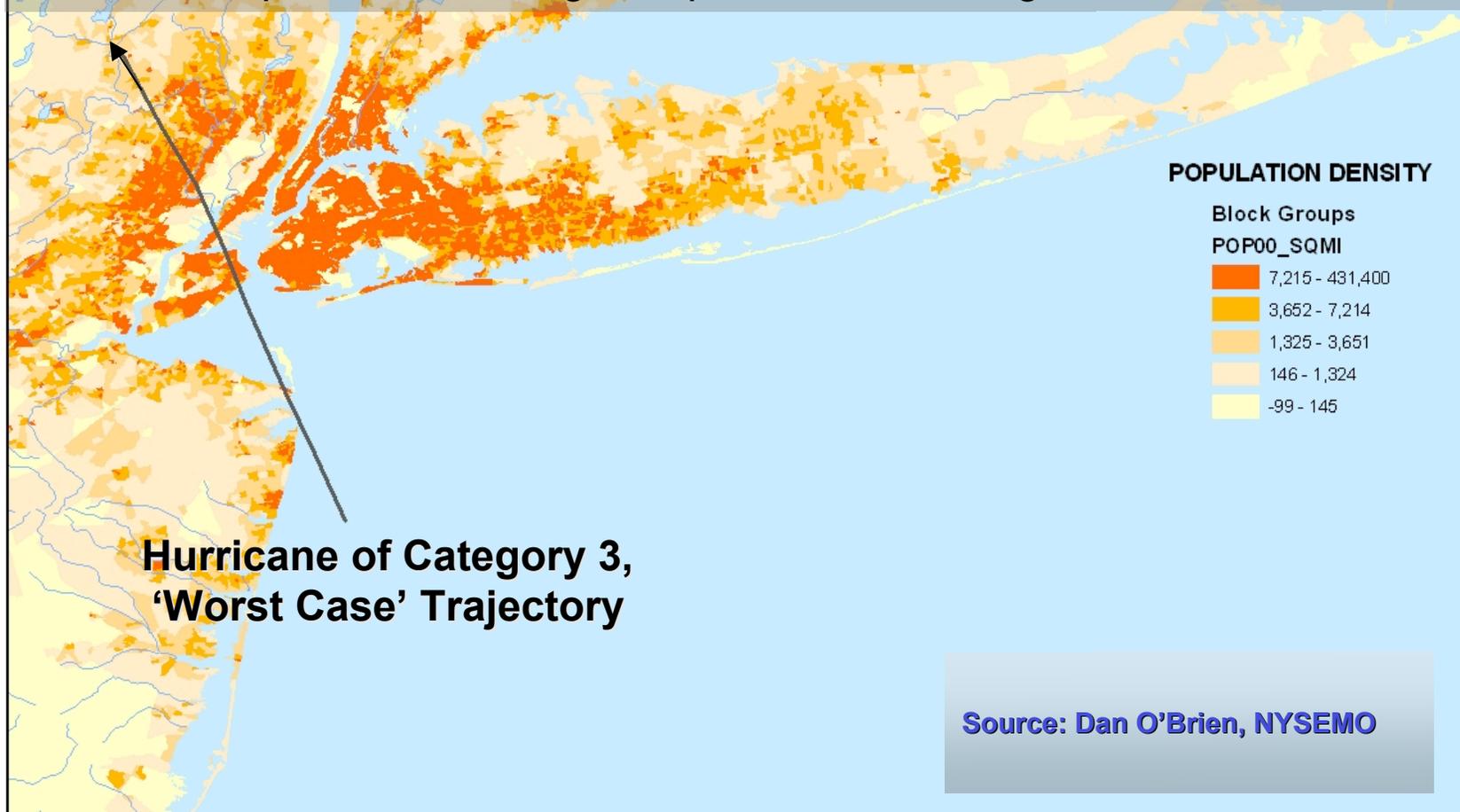
2007 Estimated **Worst Case** Losses to **New York State** Coastal Counties:

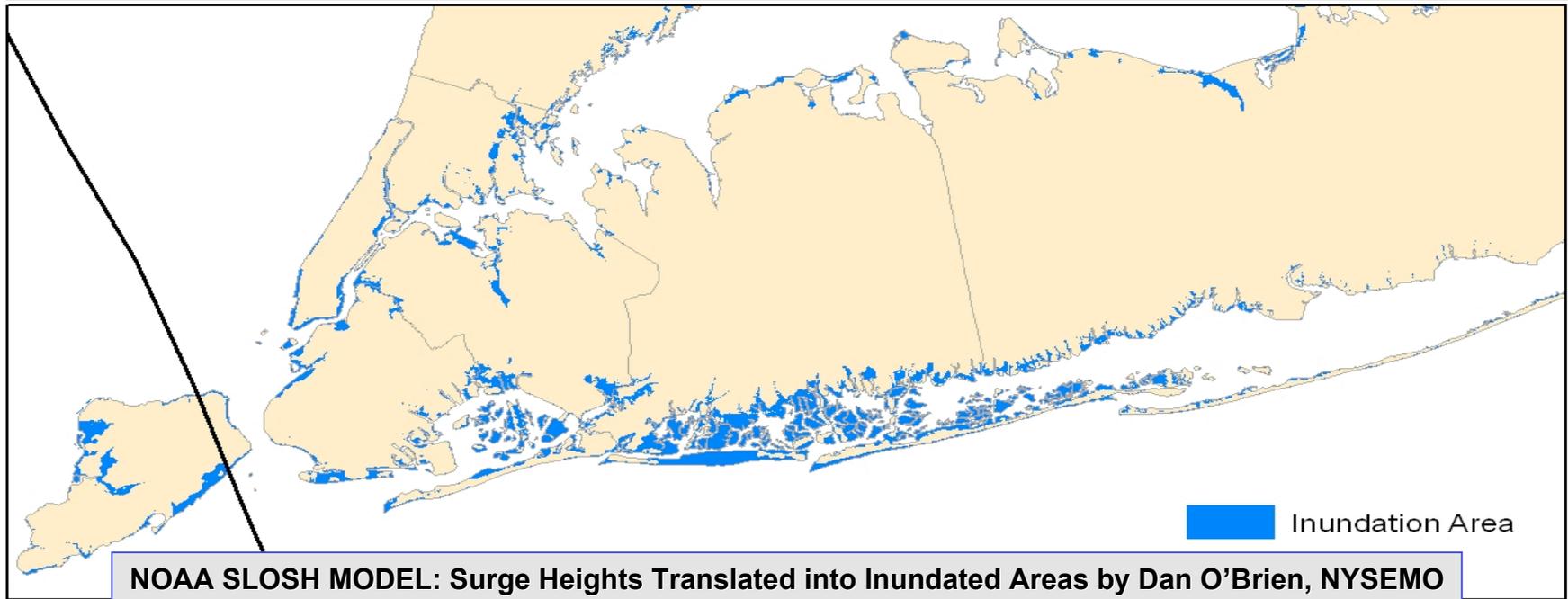
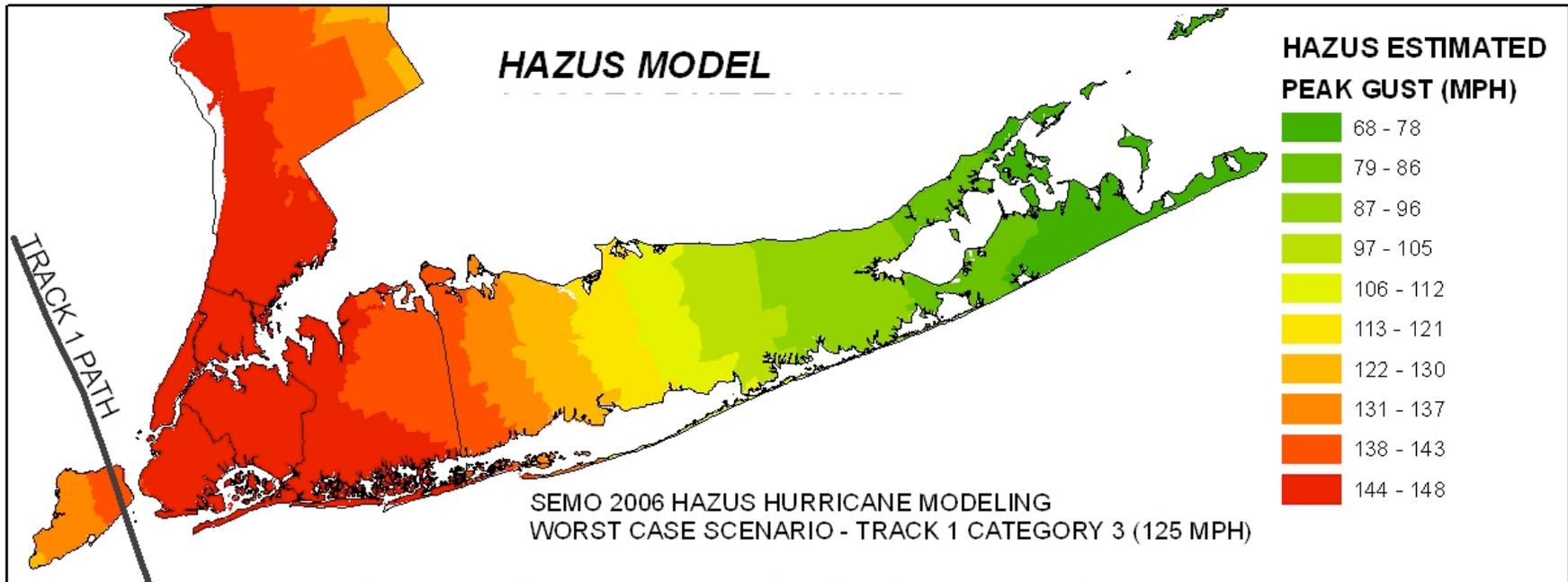
\$350 Billion Wind Related Damages to Buildings (exclusive infrastructure !!)

1.8 Million Displaced Households (wind only); Total of 3 Million Evacuees

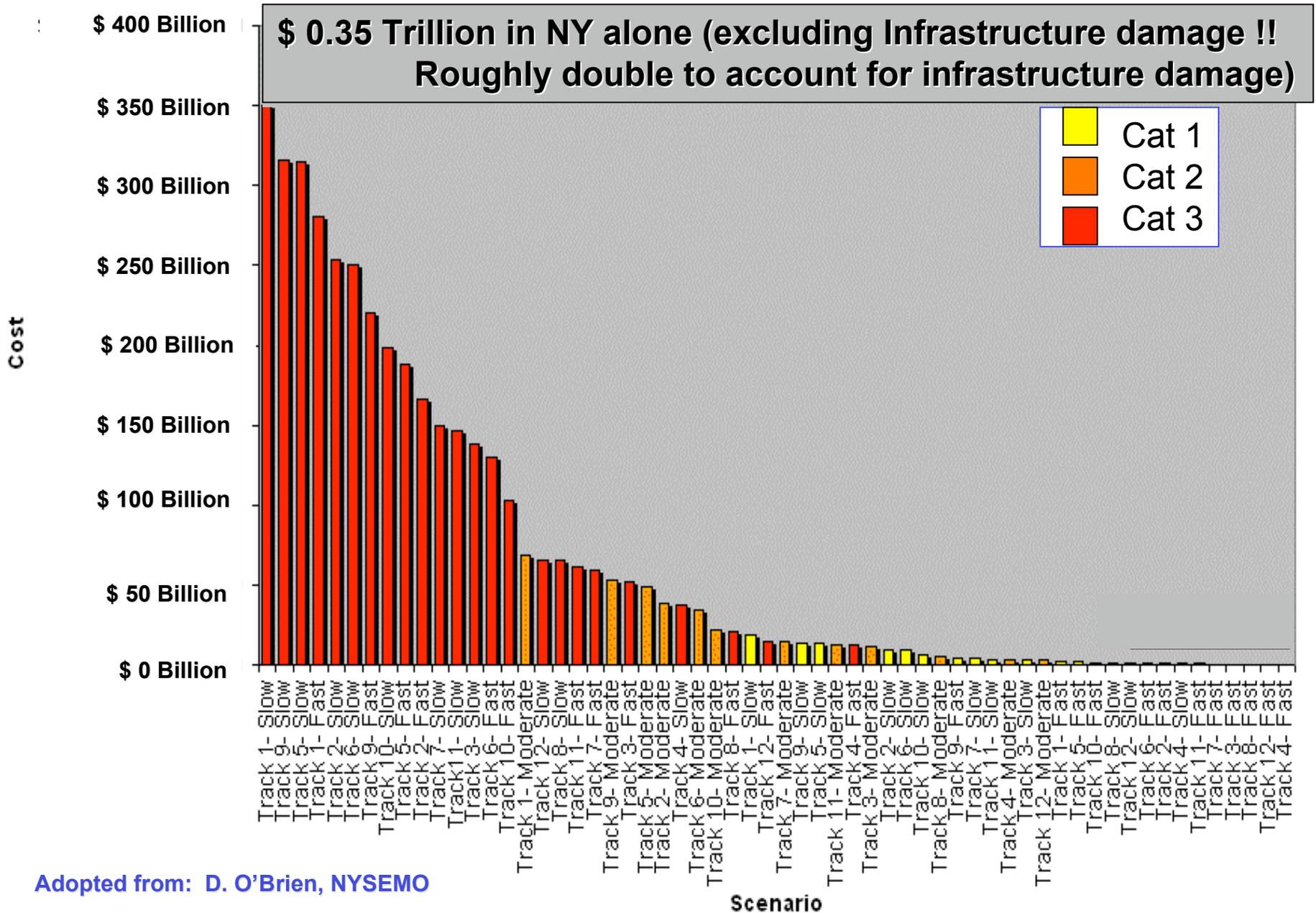
41 Million Tons of Debris (wind only)

318,000 Population Residing in expected Storm Surge *Inundation* Area



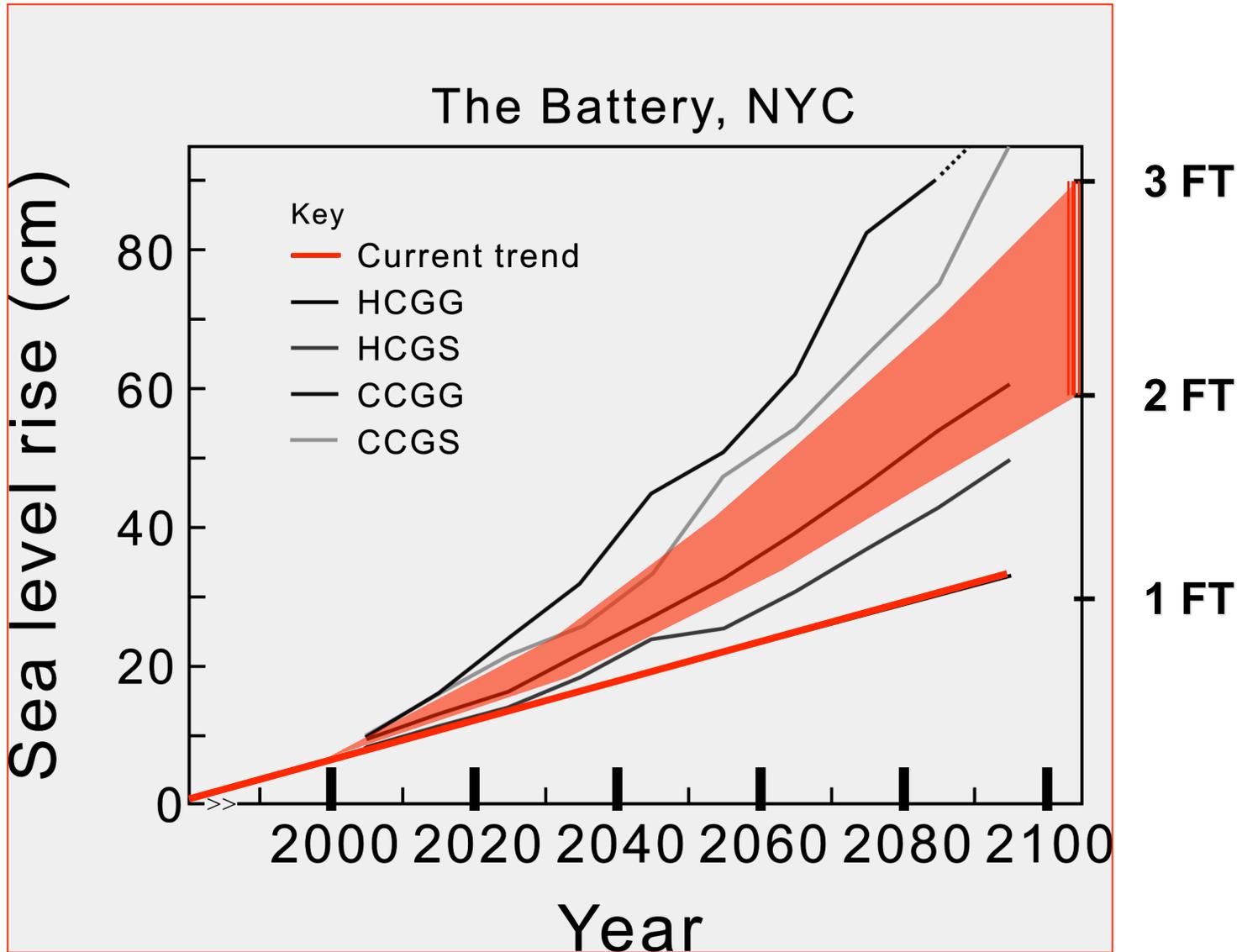


HAZUS-MH-Modeled Building-Related Total Economic Losses for 72 Hurricane Scenarios



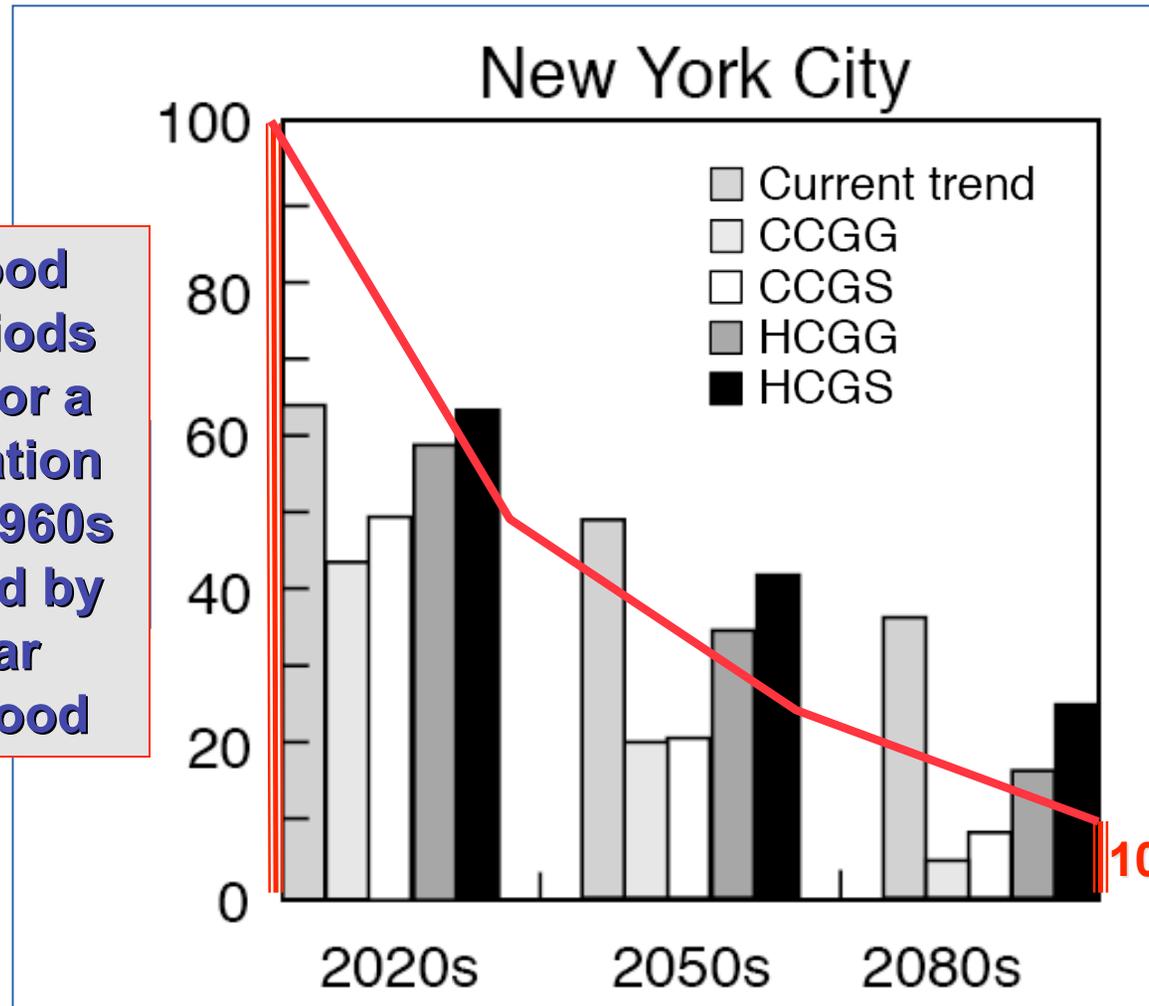
Adopted from: D. O'Brien, NYSEMO

Sea Level Rise Makes a Bad Situation Worse !



Reduction in Return Period of the 100-Year Flood due to Sea Level Rise Only (Constant Storm Frequency).

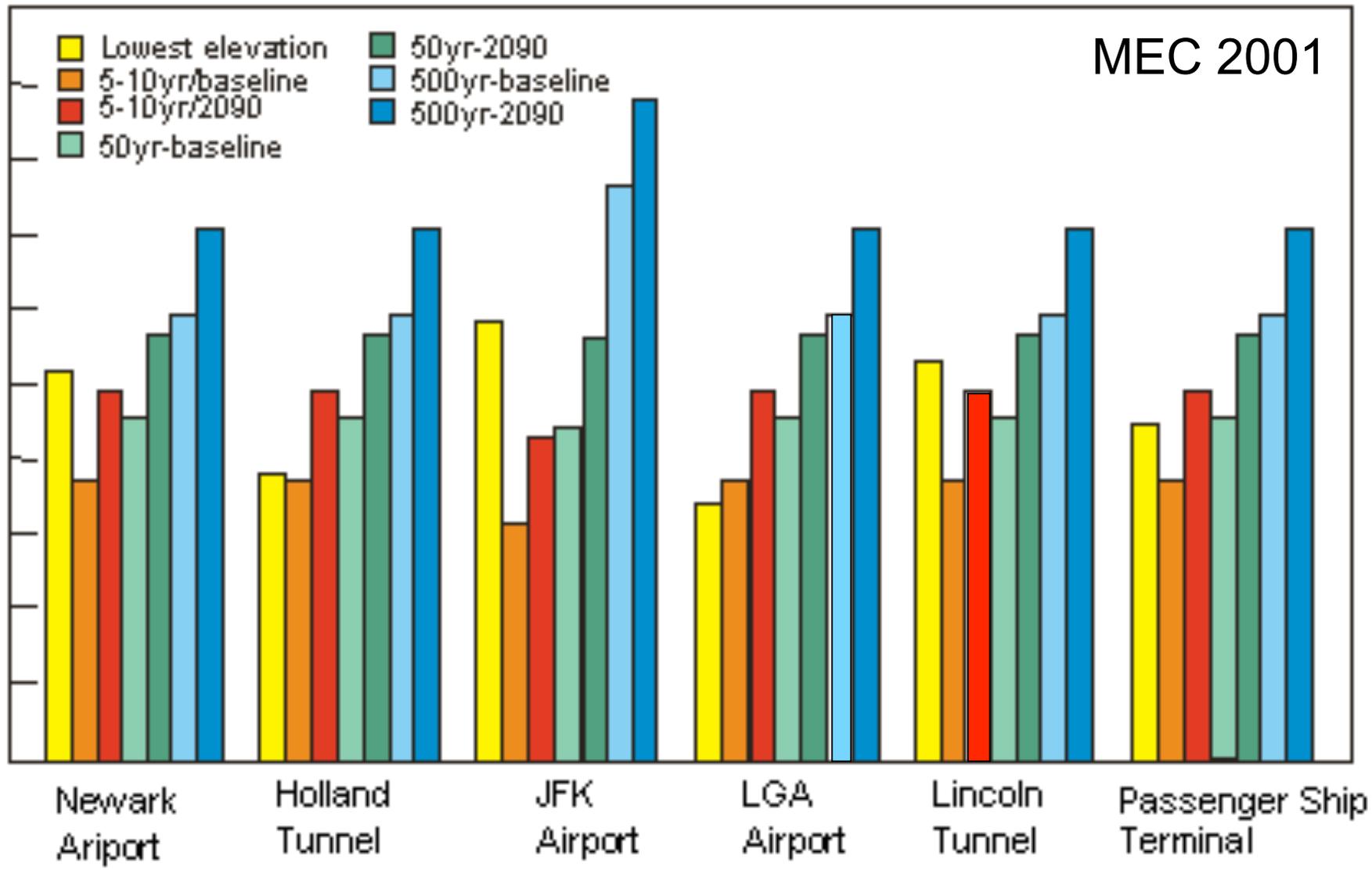
Future Flood Return Periods (in Years) for a Land Elevation that in the 1960s was reached by a 100-Year Coastal Flood

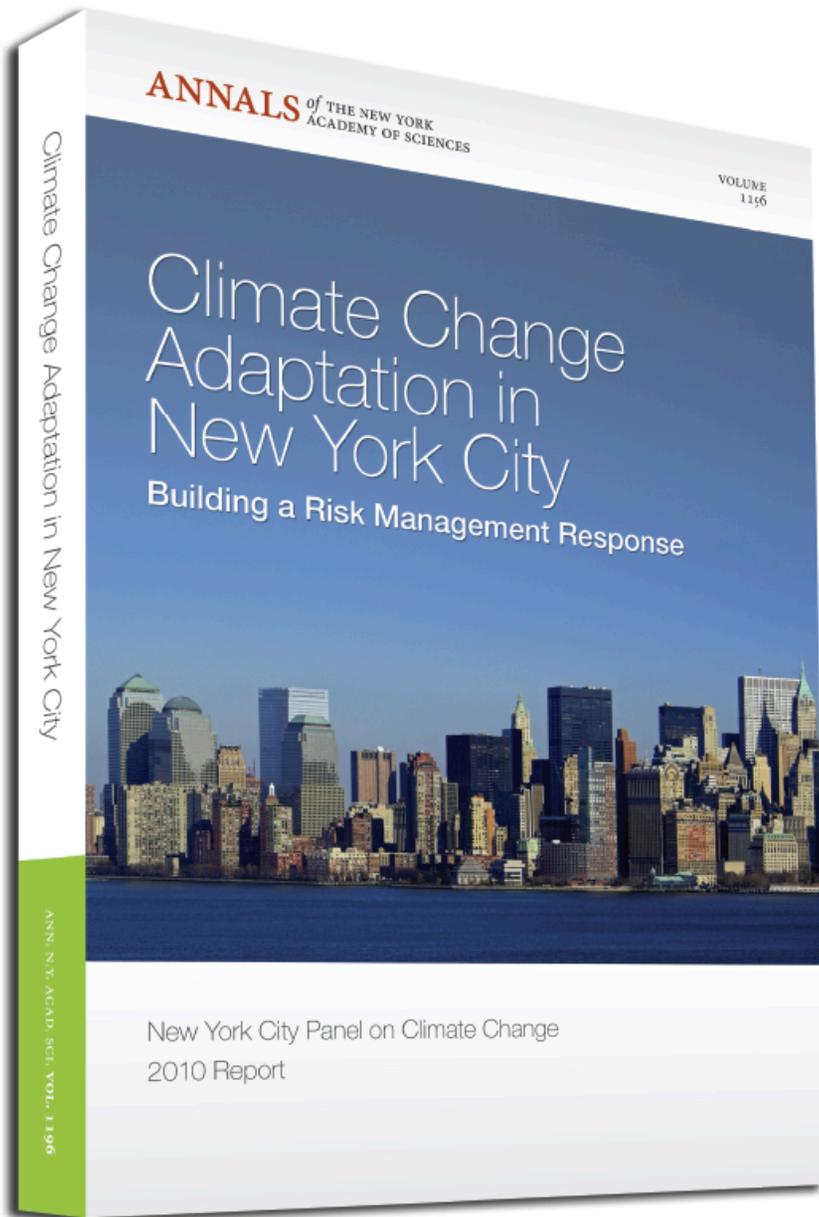


21st Century Decades

Lowest Critical Elevations and Probabilistic Flood Heights for 10, 50, and 500-y Storms, at 2000 and at the End of the Century (2090).

ft
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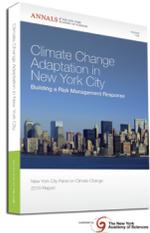
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New York City: Building a Risk
Management Response.**

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Appendix A

CLIMATE RISK INFORMATION

Climate Change Scenarios & Implications for NYC Infrastructure

New York City Panel on Climate Change

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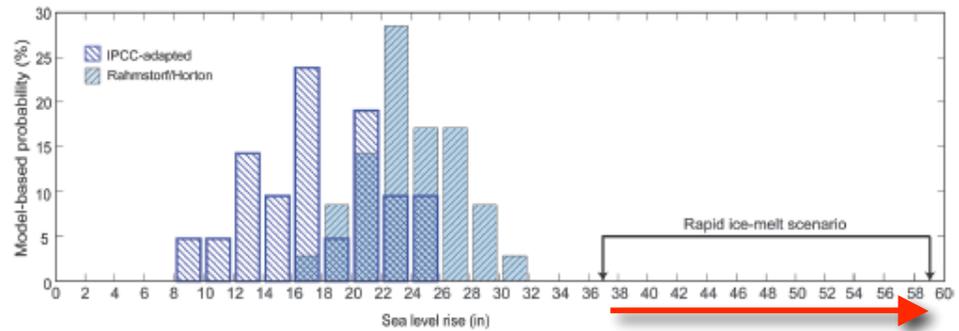
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FIGURE C.1. Comprehensive Set of Sea Level Rise Projections New York City and the Surrounding Region



This schematic shows sea level rise projections for the 2080s, relative to the 2000–2004 period, based on three distinct methodologies. The dark blue hatched bars show projections based on the IPCC-adapted method. The light blue hatched bars show projections based on the Rahmstorf/Horton method, adjusted for local conditions. Each of the two is shown as histogram, with the y-axis containing the model-based probability for that model alone, associated with the sea level rise interval shown on the x-axis. The Rapid Ice-Melt sea level rise is indicated by the bracket on the x-axis; no probability is associated with this range. Source: Columbia University Center for Climate Systems Research

TABLE C.1. Total Sea Level Rise Projections in Inches for New York City and the Surrounding Region for Four Different Methods

Average (minimum to maximum)	2020s	2050s	2080s	2090s ¹
IPCC Global Estimate + Local Subsidence	NA ²	NA ²	NA ²	(10.4 to 23.4) ⁵
IPCC-adapted Methods for the NYC Region	3.7 (1.4 to 5.5) ³	9.7 (5.0 to 13.6) ³	17.8 (9.3 to 25.6) ³	22.2 (14.9 to 30.0) ⁶
Rahmstorf/Horton Method + Local Subsidence	4.9 (3.7 to 6.2) ⁴	13.1 (10.0 to 16.6) ⁴	24.6 (18.2 to 31.6) ⁴	28.1 (22.6 to 33.7) ⁷
CR Rapid Ice-Melt Sea Level Rise	~ 4 to 10 ⁸	~ 17 to 30 ⁸	~ 37 to 59 in ⁸	~ 48 to 70 in ⁹

Sources: CCSR, 2008; IPCC, 2007; Horton et al., 2008.

~4 ft

~5 ft



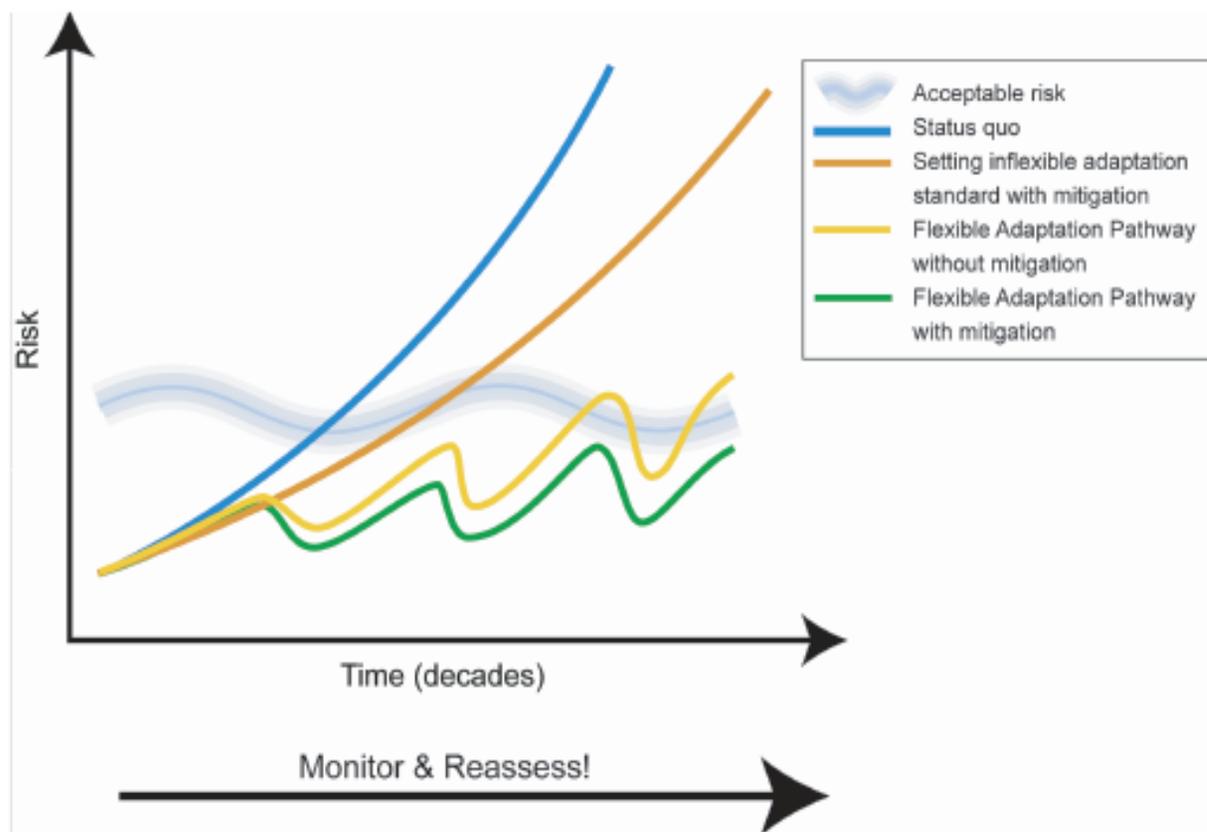
Appendix B

ADAPTATION ASSESSMENT GUIDEBOOK

New York City Panel on Climate Change

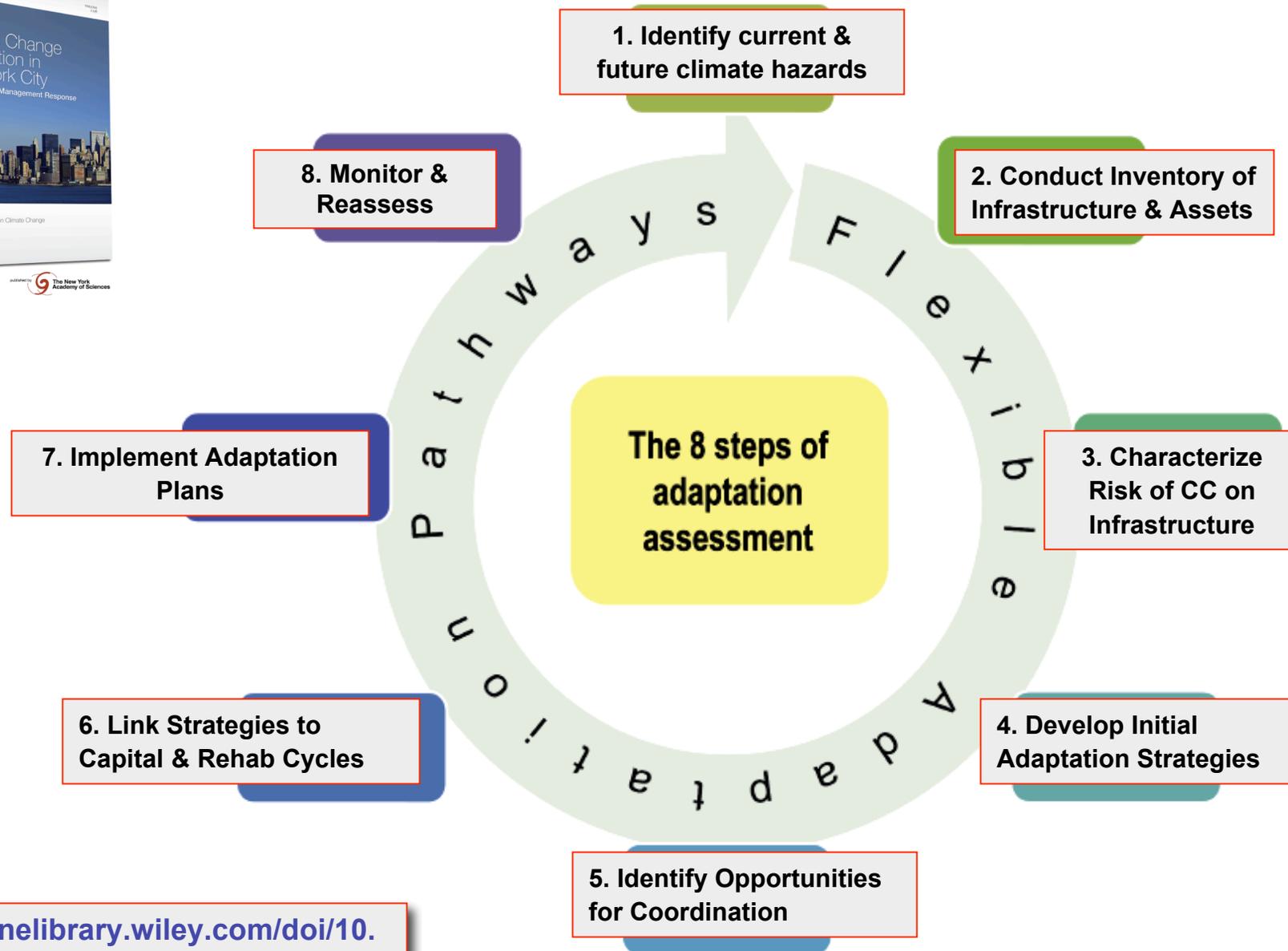
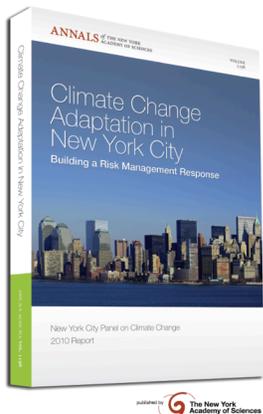
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FIGURE 2. Flexible Adaptation Pathways



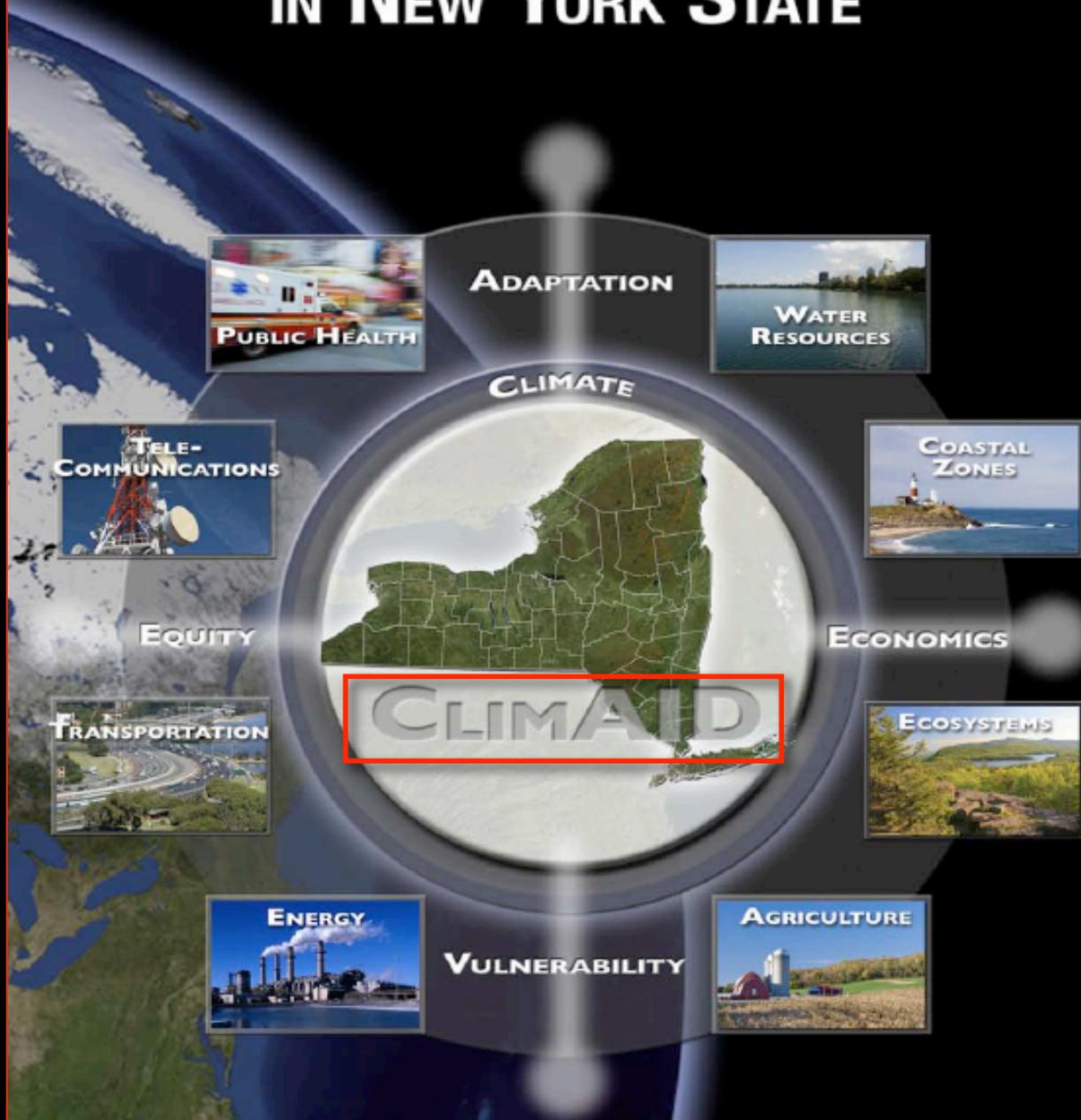
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Adaptation Assessment Steps



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RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN NEW YORK STATE



ClimAID Transportation - CASE STUDY: **“100-YEAR” STORM SURGE HITS METRO-NYC TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

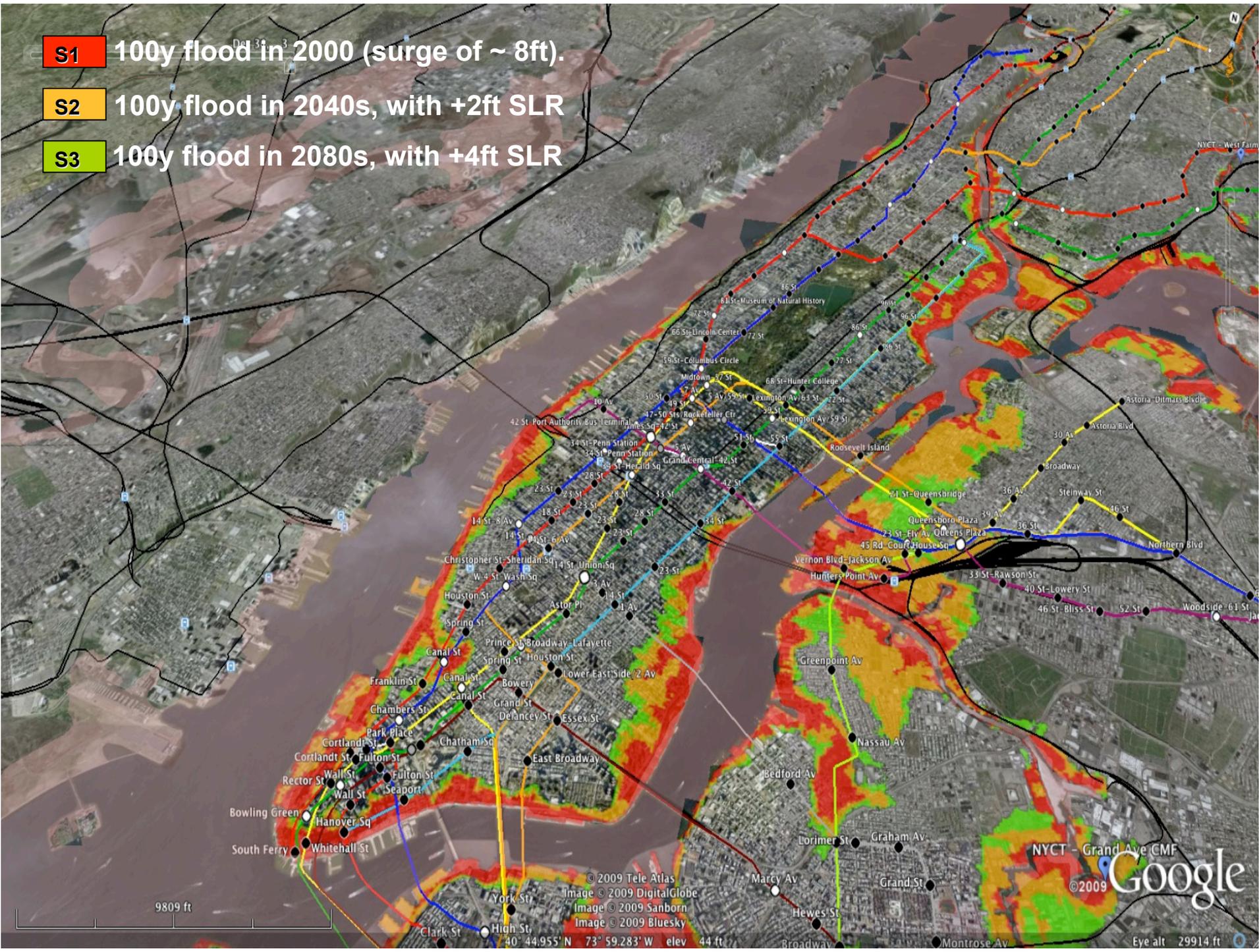
Methodology to Estimate Transport Outages, Recovery & Related Economic Losses:

- 1. Use the surge elevations of 3 scenarios
(**S1**: 1%/y flood; **S2**: same +2ft SLR; **S3**: +4ft SLR).**
- 2. Map the flooded portions of the transportation system.**
- 3. Compute the volume of floodwaters that enter the tunnels.**
- 4. Estimate the times (days) needed to *restore electricity* [E] & and for *logistic set-up* [L] before pumping-out of the tunnels can start.**

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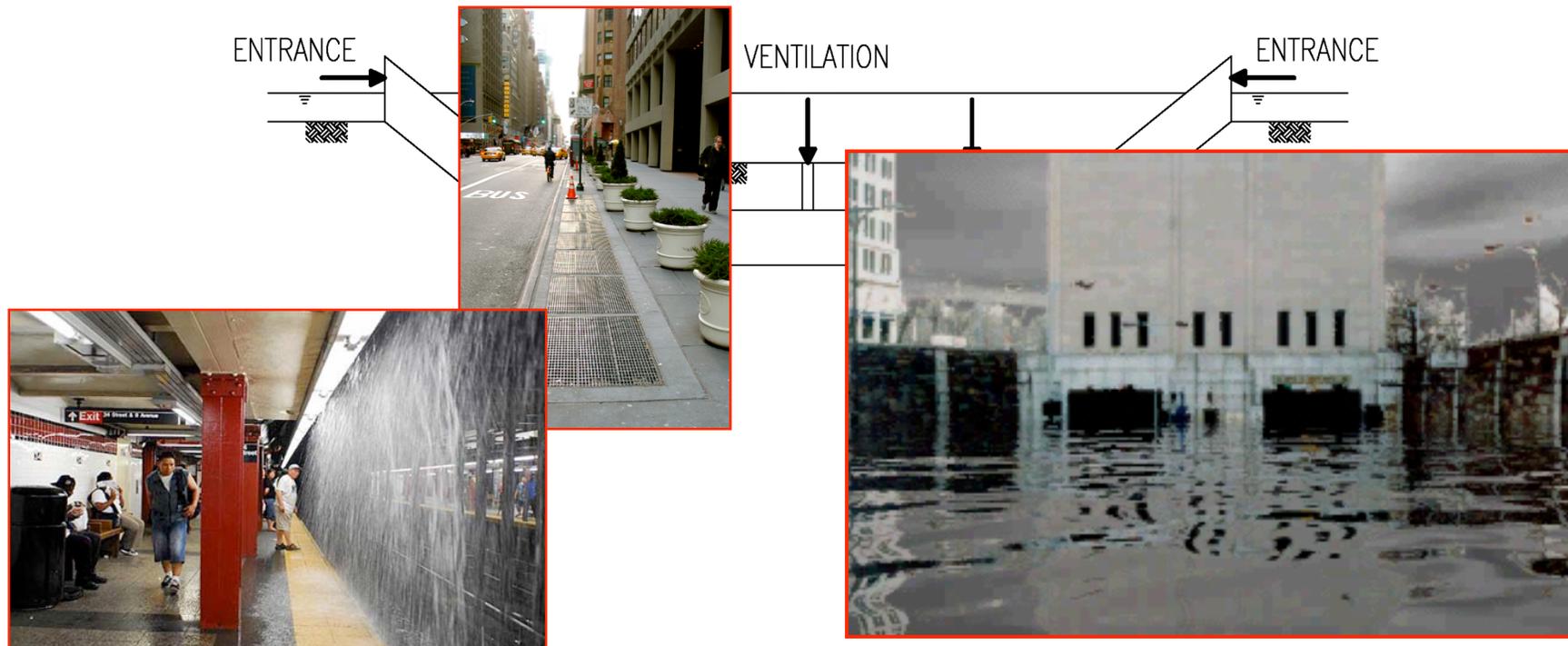
- 5. Estimate the pumping times [P] to drain the tunnels (assume ~100 mobile modern pumps !!).**
- 6. Estimate post-pumping times [days] to *assess the damage* [A] and carry out the necessary *repairs* [R].**
- 7. Combine above times [T90] needed to gradually restore transportation system to 90% of its pre-storm capacity.**
- 8. Estimate economic impact of transport outage & restoration times based on pre-storm daily economic output (~ \$4 Billion/day)**
- 9. Infer lessons for adaptation options to manage these risks.**

- S1** 100y flood in 2000 (surge of ~ 8ft).
- S2** 100y flood in 2040s, with +2ft SLR
- S3** 100y flood in 2080s, with +4ft SLR

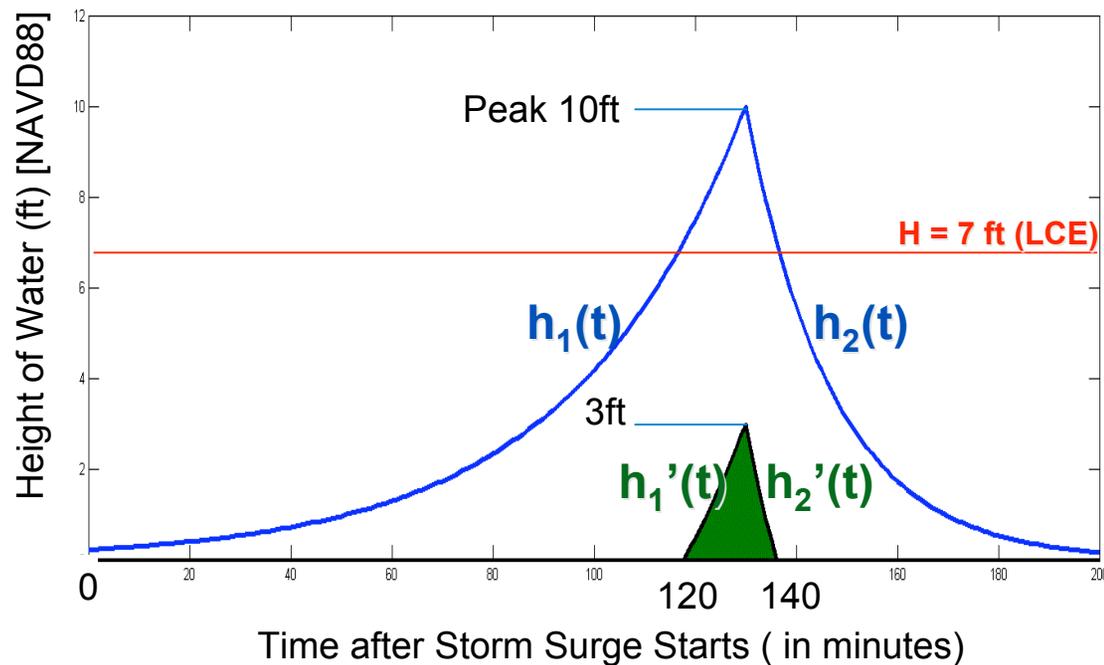


2 Modes of Water Entry into Tunnels

- a) Mostly Vertically via Subway Ventilation and Entrances
- b) Sub-Horizontally into inclined Rail and Road Tunnels



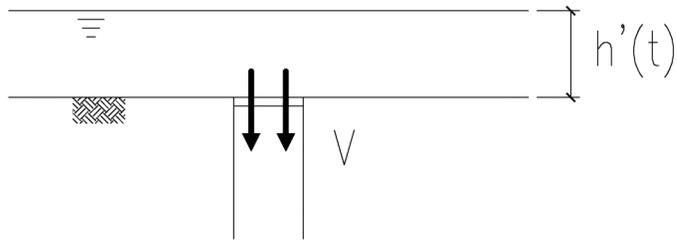
Modified Storm Surge Time-History



H = Lowest Critical
Elevation of System
(NAVD88)

$$h_1'(t) = h_1(t) - H \quad h_2'(t) = h_2(t) - H$$

Vertical Flow through subway entrances & ventilation grates



Average Flow Velocity (ft/s)

$$V_i(t) = \sqrt{2gh_i'(t)}$$

g = gravitational constant

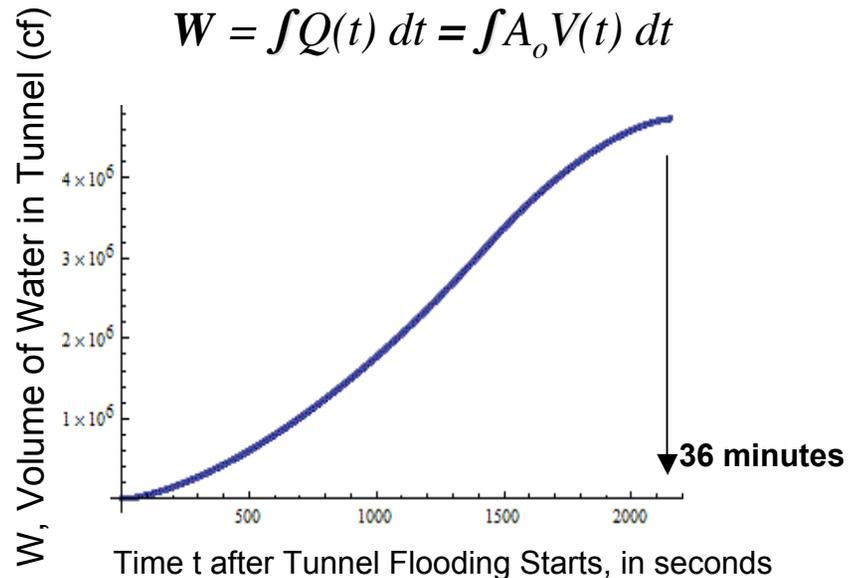
W , Volume of Water Entering Opening Area A_o

$$W = \int Q(t) dt = \int A_o V(t) dt$$

Average Flow Rate (ft³/s)

$$Q_i(t) = A_o V_i(t)$$

A_o = total area of openings (ft²)

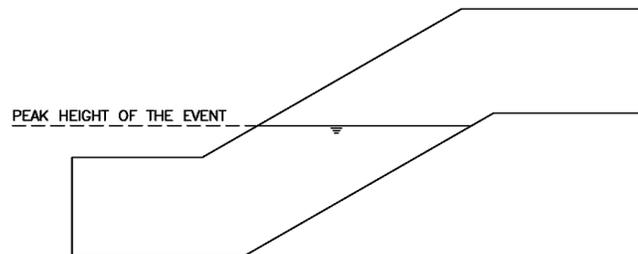
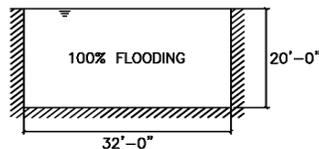


Vertical Influx Example

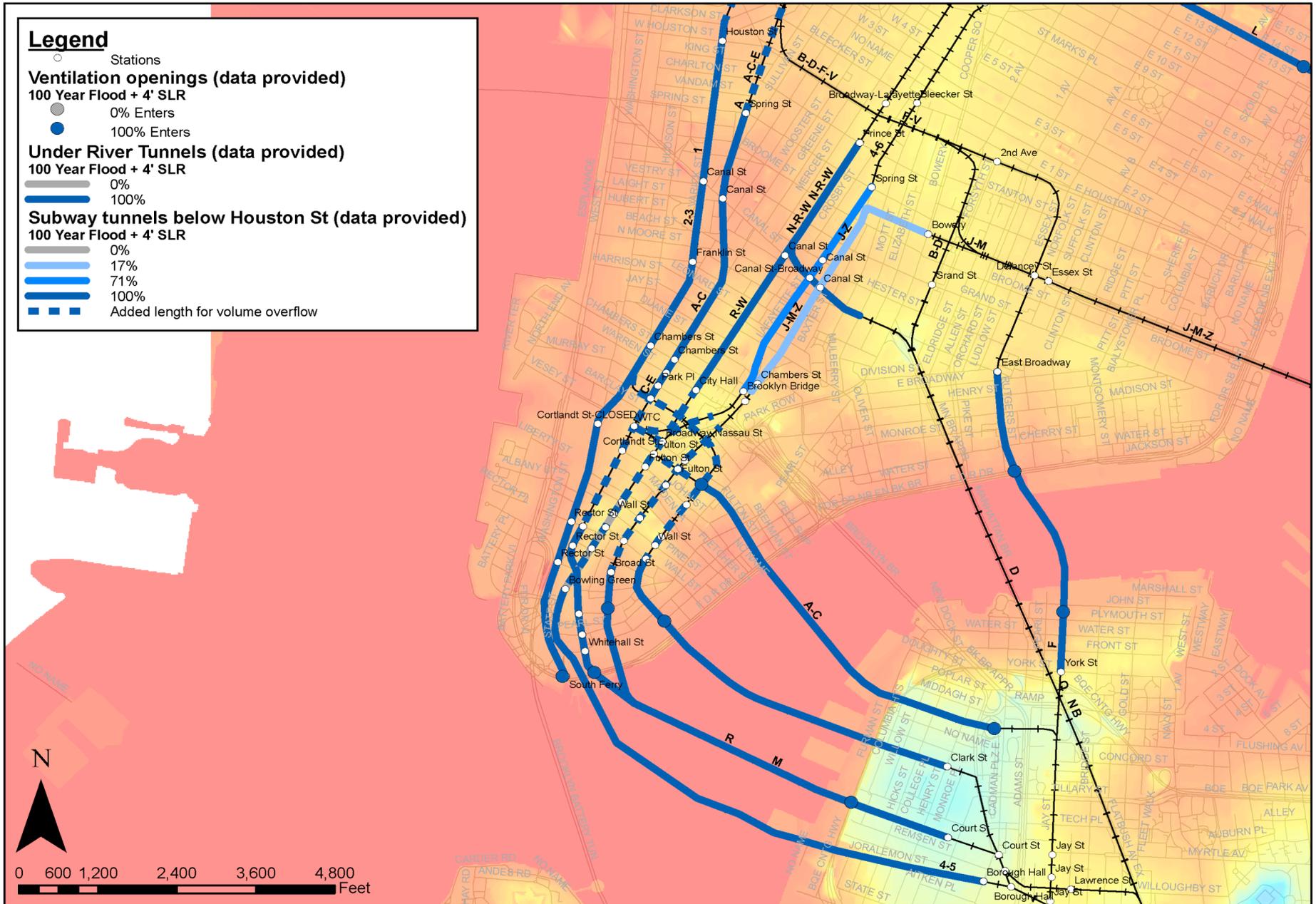
- State St. N of South Ferry Station (#1 Line)
- NAVD88 LCE elevation of ventilation area is 5' (head: $h_{\max} = 10'$ surge - 5' LCE = **5' max. head**)
- Opening area: 48 ft² from grates, 150 ft² from stairway entrances ($A_o = 198$ ft²)
- Event duration of **36 minutes**
- **17.9 ft/s** peak flow *velocity*
- **3,550 ft³/s** peak flow *rate, all openings*
- Total volume of flooding **4,700,000 cf**

Assumptions in Methodology

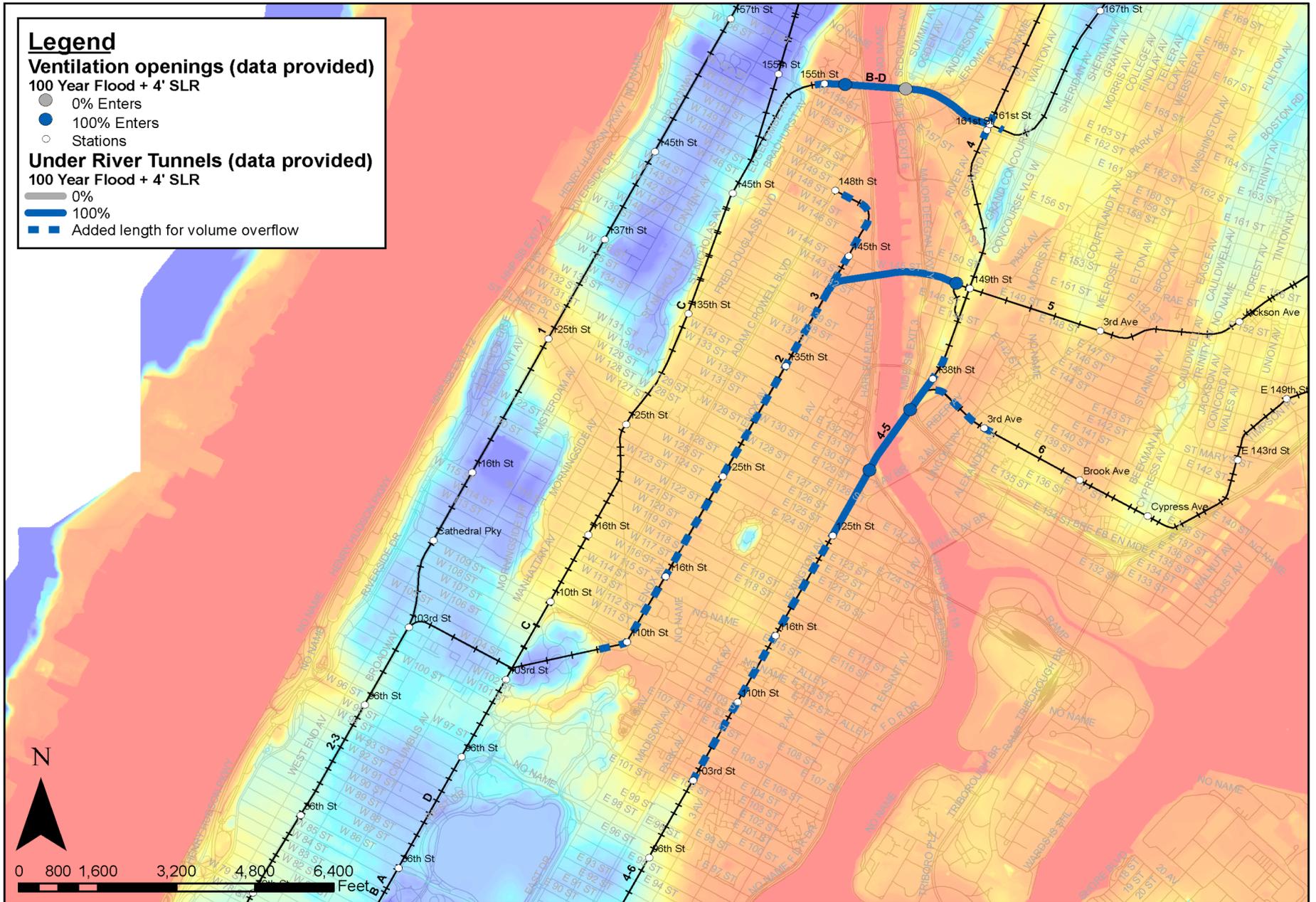
- **Once the water fills its corresponding tunnel section 100%, the overflow volume is divided by the tunnel cross-sectional area to get the length of adjacent tunnels being flooded (only below or up to exterior water line).**
- **No debris blocking the open area of the ventilation, the entire open area is used to compute unhindered flow.**



Flooded Subway and Under River Tunnels, Lower Manhattan, 1% Flood + 4' SLR (length overflow)

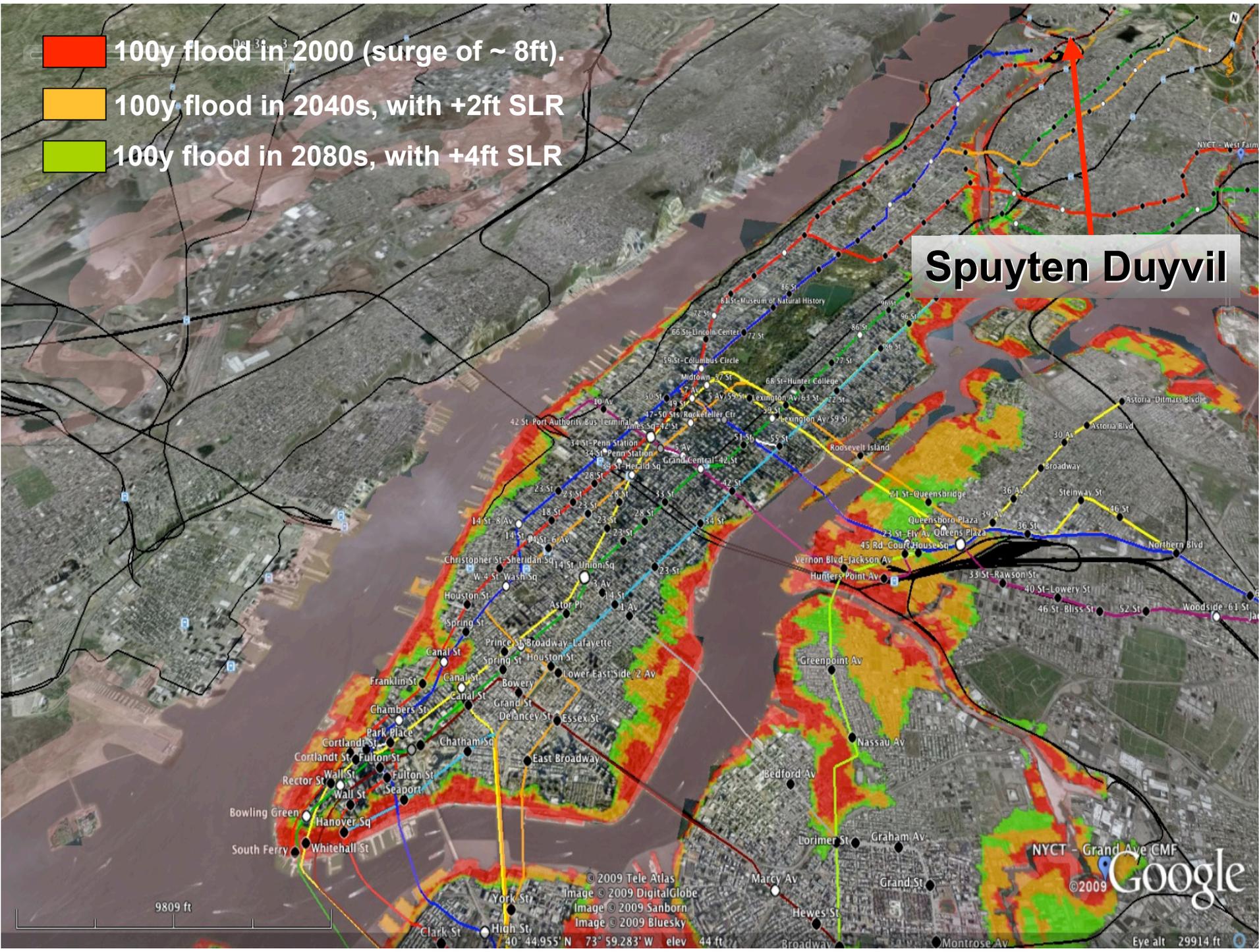


Flooded Under River Tunnels, Harlem River Crossings, 1% Flood + 4' SLR (length overflow)



- 100y flood in 2000 (surge of ~ 8ft).
- 100y flood in 2040s, with +2ft SLR
- 100y flood in 2080s, with +4ft SLR

Spuyten Duyvil



9809 ft

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NYCT - Grand Ave CMF
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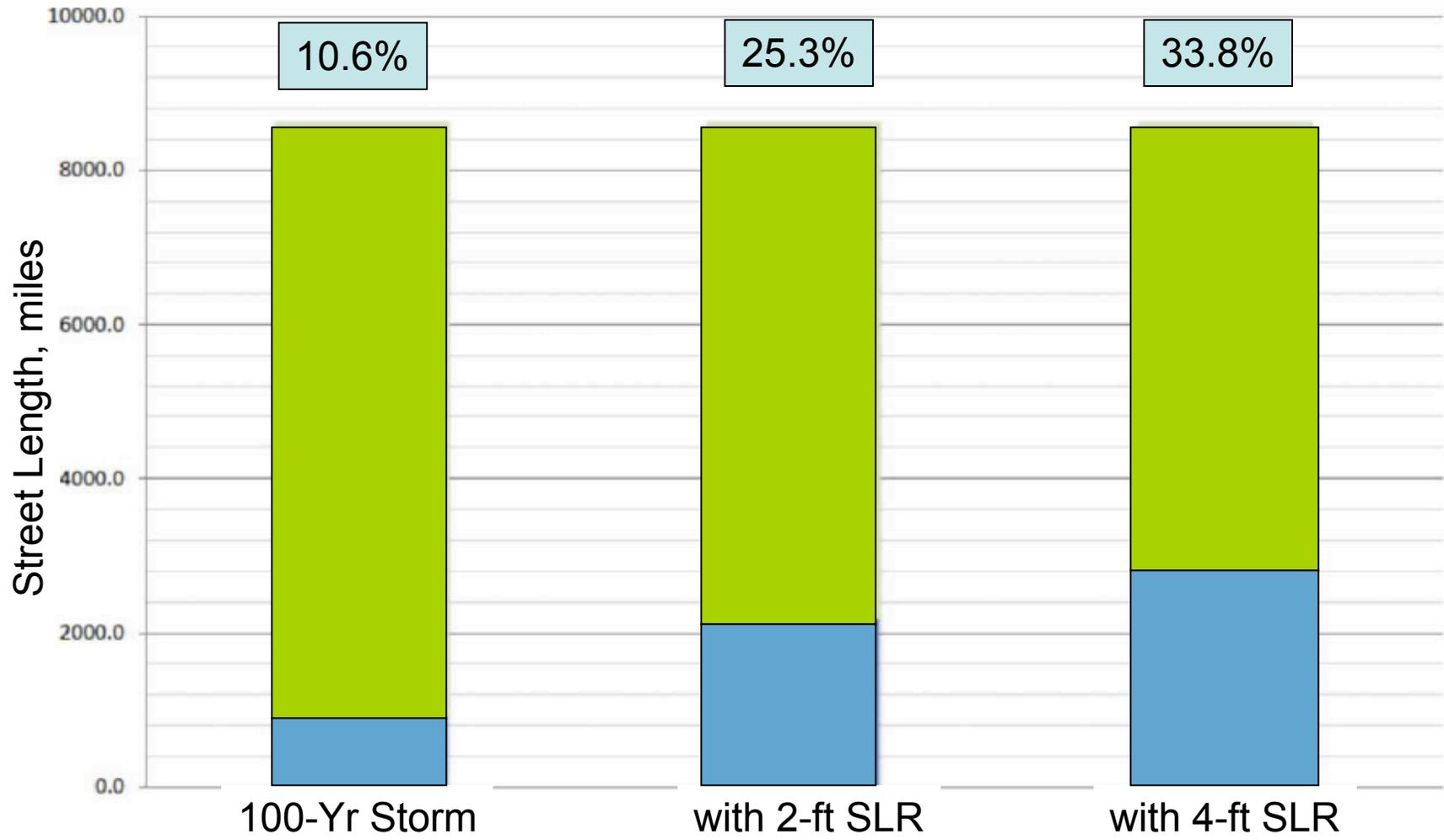
Rail Track Elevation, LCE=6.6'; 100-yr BFE Z=8' at MTA's Metro-North Spuyten Duyvil Rail Station along the Harlem River.

Flooding of Road Tunnels

(2 Examples, Without Adaptation or Protective Measures)

FLOOD ESTIMATES (by % of Tunnel Volume).						
Brooklyn-Battery			Queens Midtown			
	100y	100y+2ft SLR	100y+4ft SLR	100y	100y+2ft SLR	100y+4ft SLR
Entrances	36%	167%	254%	0%	22%	105%
Ventilations	0%	3%	49%	0.3%	4%	45%
Total	36%	170%	303%	0.3%	26%	150%

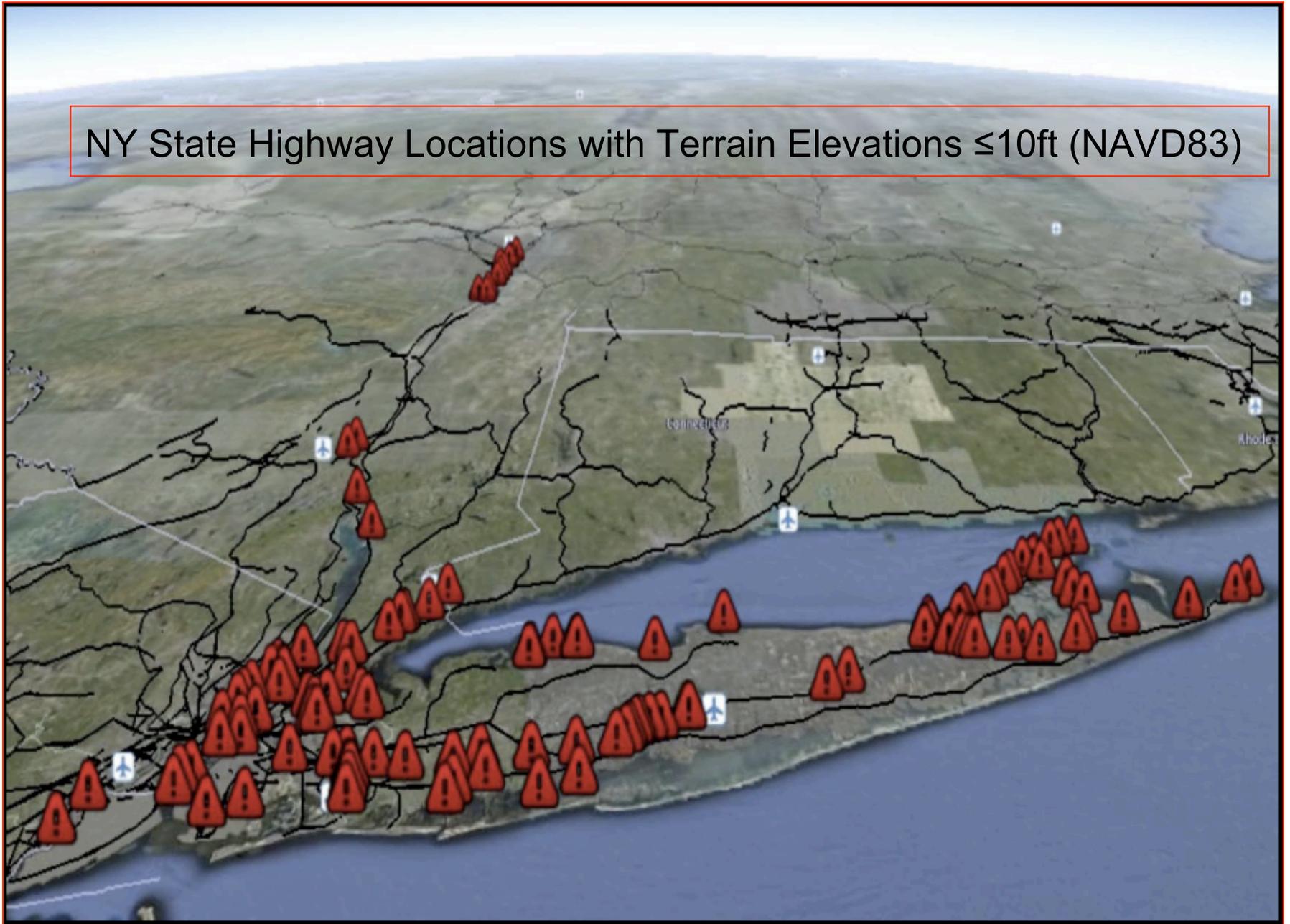
NYC Street Length (miles) and % Flooded, for Three Flood Scenarios



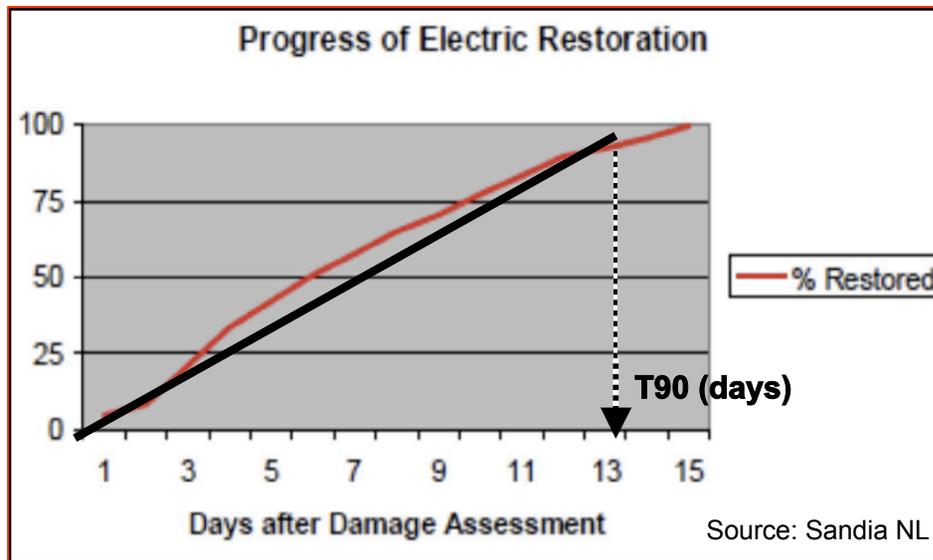
■ Flooded Street Length ■ Dry Street Length

Total: ~ 8,632 miles

NY State Highway Locations with Terrain Elevations ≤ 10 ft (NAVD83)



- What is the expected **impact/damage** from the flooding of the transportation infrastructure ?
- **How long** will it take for the various components of infrastructure to have their **services restored** ?
- What will be the **economic losses** from the transportation outages and extended restoration times ?



- D** Duration of Storm / Flood
- E** Time to Restore Electric Power
- L** Time for Logistic Set-up
- P** Time to Pump out Tunnels
- A** Time Assessing Damage in Tunnels
- R** Time for Repairs & Cleanup

$$T_{90} \text{ (days)} = \text{Max} \{D, E, L|P>0\} + \text{Max} \{P, A, R\} \geq 1$$

	1	2**	3	4	5
	TYPE OF DELAY		1%/y BFE	BFE +2ft	BFE +4ft
1	Surge Duration, D ⁺⁺		≤ 1	≤ 1	≤ 1
2	Restore Power, E		≤ 1	≤ 1.5	≤ 2
3	Logistics Set-Up, L P>0		≤ 1	≤ 2	≤ 3
4	Max{D, E, L}		≤ 1	≤ 2	≤ 3
			T₉₀	T₉₀	T₉₀
5	FACILITY	LCE / Zi (ft)	Max{P,A,R}	Max{P,A,R}	Max{P,A,R}
6	Lincoln Tunnel*	22.6*/Z5=9	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,0,1} T=1	{0,0,1} T = 2
7	Holland Tunnel*	12.1*/Z5=9	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,0,1} T=1	{3/2/6} T = 9
8	Queens-Midtown T .	9.5/Z2=11	{1/1/1} T = 2	{4,2,4} T = 6	{6,2,7} T=10
9	Brooklyn-Battery T.	7.5/Z1=9	{2/1/2} T = 3	{5,3,6} T = 6	{6,3,7} T=10
10	PATH System	9.9/Z5=9	{0,1,1} T = 2	{6,3,7} T = 9	{7,3,8} T=11
11	LIRR/Amtr ERvr 42 nd Str T	7.9/Z2=11	{6,3,10} T=11	{6,3,11} T=13	{6,3,12} T=15
12	NJTHudsonTubesPennSt	8.9/Z5=9	{5,3,7} T = 8	{7,3,11} T=13	{7,3,12} T=15
13	NJT ARC Tunnel***	11.5/Z5= 9	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,0,0} T = 1	{5,2,7} T=10
14	LIRR 63 rd StrE-River>GCT	11.6 /Z2=11	{0,0,0} T = 1	{7,3,11} T=13	{8,3,10} T=13
15	to GCT via Steinway T.	9.9/Z2=11	{6,3,10} T=11	{7,4,11} T=13	{8,5,12} T=15
16	NYC Subway System	≥5.9/Z5=9	{7,5,20} T=21	{8,6,23} T=25	{9,7,26} T=29
17	MNR Hudson Line along Harlem River (SpuytenDvl.Stn.)	6.6/Z4=8	{0,2,3} T = 4	{0,3,6} T = 8	{0,4,9} T=12
18	Bridge Access Ramps+ to MarineParkw-Rockaway	6.9/Z8=9	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,1} T = 2	{0,1,2} T = 4
19	CrossBayBrdChnlRockaw.	6.9/Z8=9	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,1} T = 2	{0,1,2} T = 4
20	ThrogsNeck	8.9/Z1=14	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,1} T = 2	{0,1,2} T = 4
21	BronxWhitestone	10.9/Z1-2=12.5	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,1} T = 2	{0,1,2} T = 4
22	RFK (Triboro)	13.9/Z3-2=10	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,1} T = 2
23	Verrazano-Narrows	7.6/Z5=9	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,0} T = 2	{0,1,0} T = 2
24	Airports: JFK	10.6/Z7=8	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,1} T = 2	{1,3,4} T = 6
25	LaGuardia*	10.0*/Z2=11	{2,2,3} T = 3	{3,2,4} T = 4	{3,2,6} T = 8
26	Newark	9.2/Z5a=8	{0,0,0} T = 1	{0,1,2} T = 3	{0,2,3} T = 5
27	Teterboro	3.9/Z5s≤8	{0,1,1} T = 2	{0,2,2} T = 3	{0,2,3} T = 5
28	Marine Ports:		Information currently not available		
29			Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
30	T₉₀min to T₉₀max (days):		1 to 21	1 to 25	2 to 29

Combined economic and physical-damage Losses for the New York City Metropolitan region for a 100-year storm surge, for three sea level rise scenarios (2010 assets and 2010-dollar valuation).

Scenario	TIELEM (\$ billion)	Physical Damage (\$ billion)	Total Loss (\$ billion)
S1, current sea level 2100	48	10	\$58
S2 (2-foot rise in sea level) 2040s	57	13	\$70
S3 (4-foot rise in sea level) 2080s	68	16	\$84

Multipliers for 40 and 80 year time horizons as a function of growth rate r when $p=2$ (i.e. add each year 2% of *initial* asset value).

Effective Economic Growth Rate r (%/year):	0.0	1.50	1.75	2.00
S2-TIELEM Multiplier for 40 Years:	1.8	2.91	3.16	3.44
S3-TIELEM Multiplier for 80 Years:	2.6	6.39	7.50	8.83

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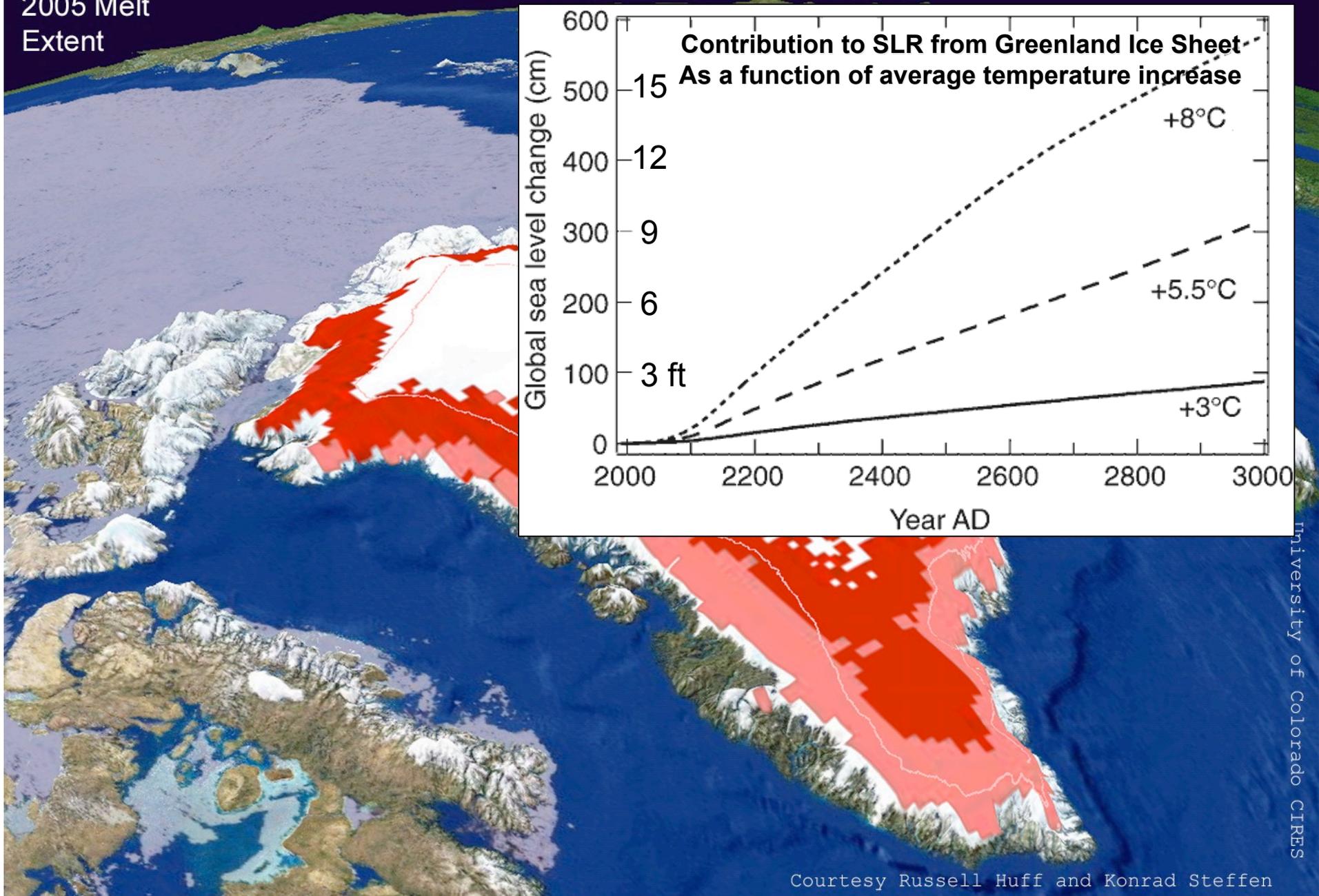
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Structural “Solution”: 3 or 4 Barriers. Probably Unsustainable. Why?



2005 Melt
Extent



University of Colorado CIRES

Courtesy Russell Huff and Konrad Steffen

Risk Management Tools: Minimizing the Risk via Mitigation and Adaptation Measures (Let's use the Risk Equation and GIS-based Models!):

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Sum} (\text{Hazard} \times \text{Assets} \times \text{Vulnerability})$$

Mitig.: Reduce GW + SLR Hazards

Adapt.: Land Use Planning & Zoning,
Considerate Placements of new Assets,
Relocation of Essential Assets.
Levees & Dams (?).
Equity Issues.

or by $\text{Risk} = \text{Sum} (\text{Hazard} \times \text{Assets} \times \text{Vulnerability})$

Adapt.: Good Engineering, Construction Quality-Control,
Codes and Code Enforcement, Retrofitting,
Raising Assets in Place
Reinforcing Levees and Pump Stations

Response Options:

1) **Do Nothing: => More GHG, CC, Global Warming & Sea Level Rise, Storm Surges => Greater Hazards! => Higher, More Frequent CC-Related Losses**

2) **Rely on Insurance and/or Federal Disaster Relief Aid**

- Limitations on Commercial Wind Insurance
- More Restrictive Federal Flood Insurance (“3-times: out”)
- Both more expensive - less available
- Higher Deductibles, Lower “Ceilings”
- Tighter Federal Disaster Relief Aid to Local Governments, Businesses & Citizens (see New Orleans)

3) **Adaptation Measures/Options:**

- Short-term: **Early Warnings, Evacuation** (‘Only’ Saves Lives)
- Emergency & Operational Preparedness.
- Assess & **Avoid** Growth in Hazard Zones, **Retreat** from Low Coasts
- Restore and Preserve **Wetland**, and Create Vegetated Buffer Areas / Parks.
- **Raising** & Hardening Structures (Unsustainable Barriers??).
- **Increase** Peak Capacity (Road Drainage / Storm Sewer / Treatment Plants / Water & Energy Supply). Reduce Demand.
- **‘Flexible’ / Adaptable Urban Design/Planning.**

Response Options (cont.):

4) For Individual Building Projects

- Flood Proofing (Basements, Put Infrastructure far above Ground, Raise Entrances, Install Floodgates, Raise Entire Structures,).
- Reduce Run-off; Build Green Roofs; Capture Rain/Storm-Water
- Increase Insulation, Decrease Air Leakage to Increase AC Efficiency to cope with Higher Peak Temperatures.

5) City / Urban / Landuse Planning

- Reduce Heat Island Effects - Trees, Parks, Green Roofs, Lighter Roadways
- Reduce Storm Runoff - Infiltration
- Rezone Waterfront as Storm Surge Buffer Zones
- **Adjust FEMA FIRM for SLR and New Storm/Surge Frequencies**
- Modify Building Code applicable in Current & **Future** Flood-Prone Areas.
- Flood-Prove Infrastructure - ?? - NYCT, Sewer - \$\$
- Protect Entire “Blocks” or entire NY Harbor Estuary - **Latter Unsustainable ?**

6) Smart Policiese.g. PlaNY2030 / NPCC / ClimAID

- Capital Investments into *CC-Mitigative & Adaptive* Infrastructure & Landuse are Part of a Smart Growth Path.
- NYC can make these Investments to Achieve Short-term Gains for Today's Communities (Safety, Health, Quality of Live, ‘Green City’), but also Leave in Place a Better Legacy for the City’s Future and Coming Generations.

The good Message is

For every \$1 invested in
Hazard Loss Mitigation & Prevention
There is a Return of
\$4 Saved in NOT Incurred Losses.

**National Institute of Building Science
Multi-hazard Mitigation Council
(NIBS/MMC) Study “Mitigation Saves”:**

http://www.nibs.org/MMC/MitigationSavingsReport/natural_hazard_mitigation_saves.htm



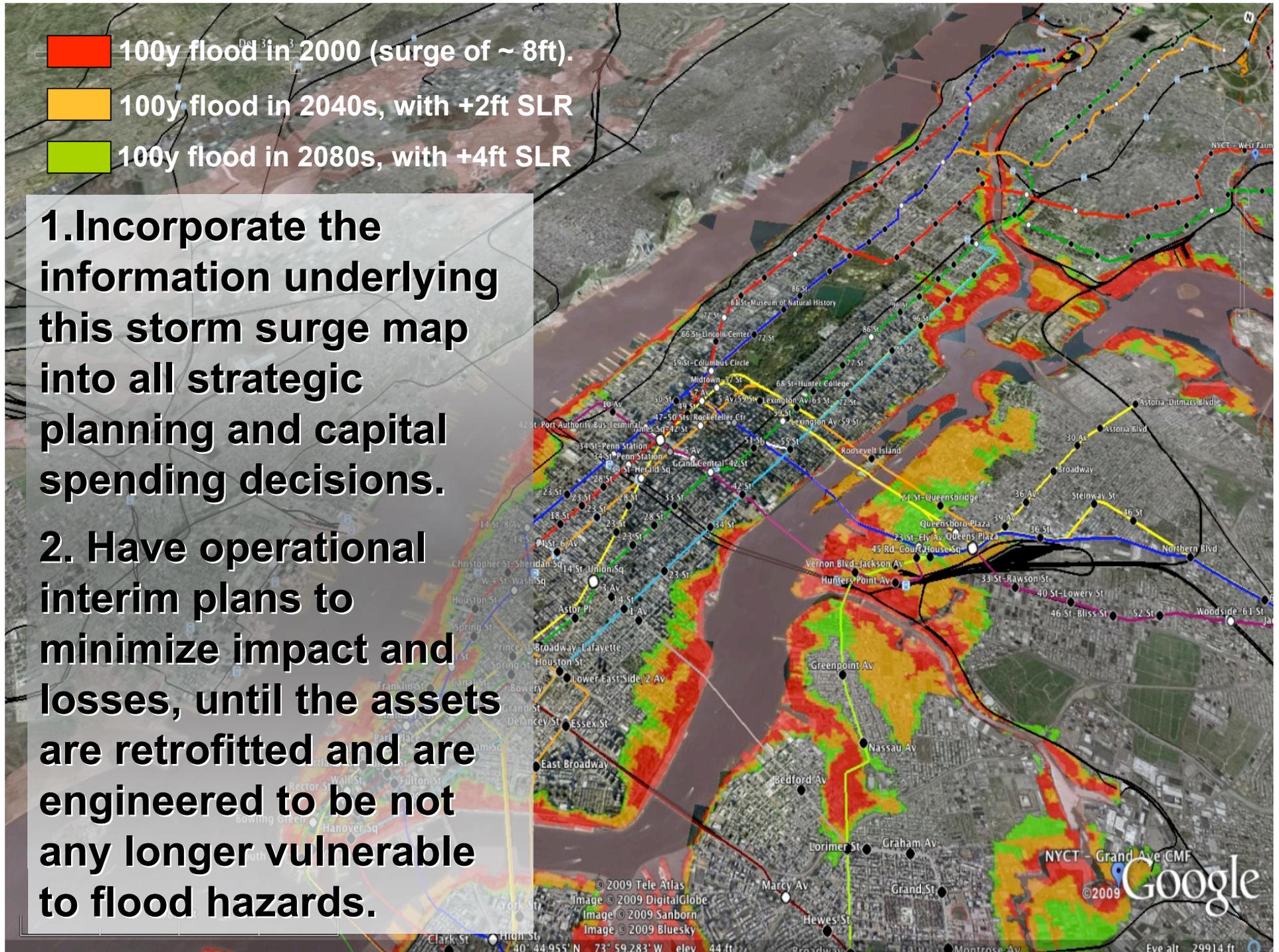
HafenCity/Harbor City Hamburg



- 100y flood in 2000 (surge of ~ 8ft).
- 100y flood in 2040s, with +2ft SLR
- 100y flood in 2080s, with +4ft SLR

1. Incorporate the information underlying this storm surge map into all strategic planning and capital spending decisions.

2. Have operational interim plans to minimize impact and losses, until the assets are retrofitted and are engineered to be not any longer vulnerable to flood hazards.





Thank You !



