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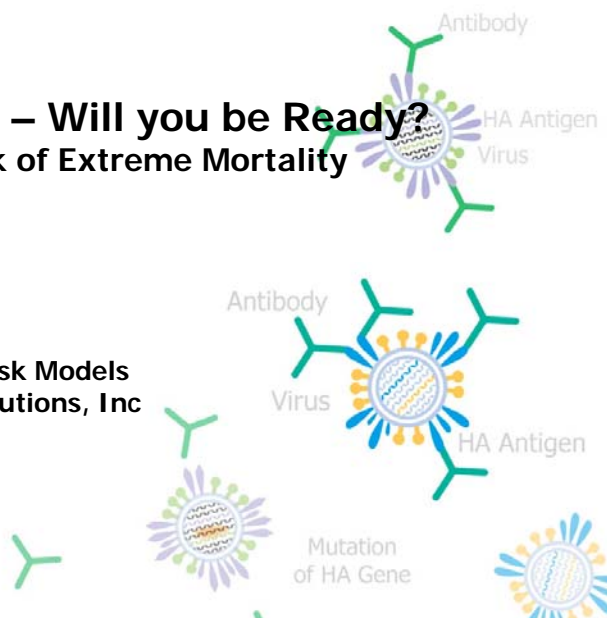
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Emerging Risk – Will you be Ready?

Managing the Risk of Extreme Mortality

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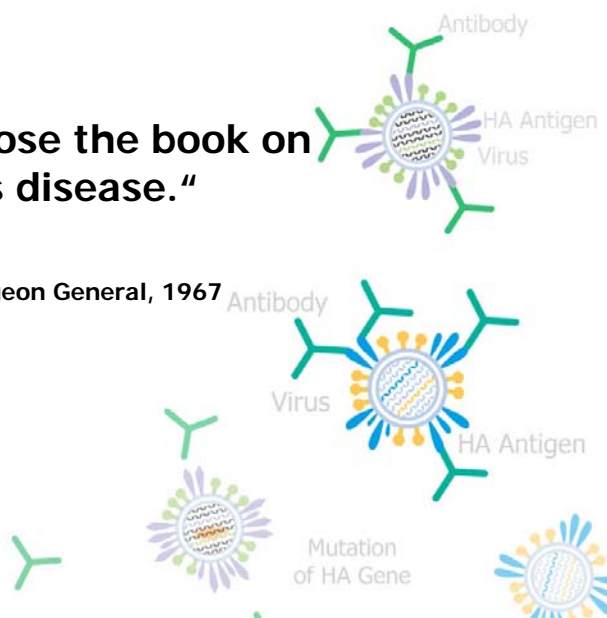
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**It is “time to close the book on
infectious disease.”**

-William Stewart, US Surgeon General, 1967

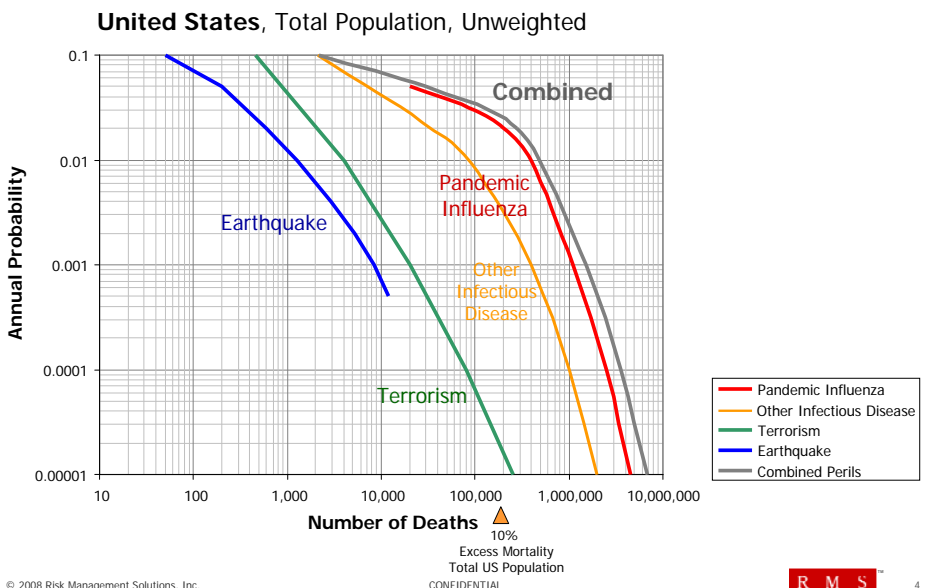


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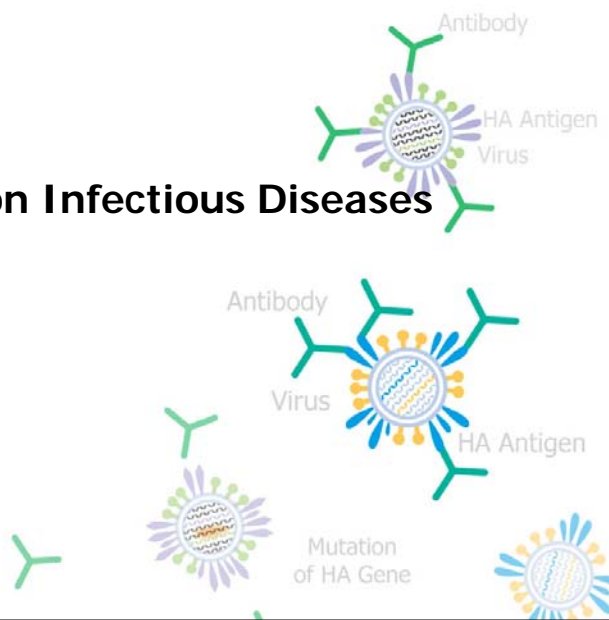
- Sources of Extreme Mortality
- Approach to Modeling Extreme Mortality
- Overview of Best Practices and Risk Management Applications of Stochastic Models

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Event Mortality for Different Perils



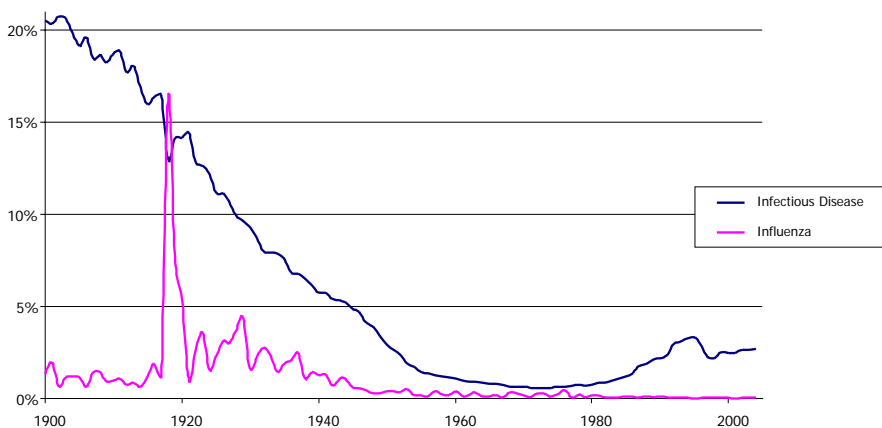
Background on Infectious Diseases



Historical Infectious Disease Risk

- Risk is changing as infectious agents and human populations adapt

Infectious Disease as a Percentage of Total Mortality (U.S.)



Infectious Diseases Historically Responsible for Extreme Mortality

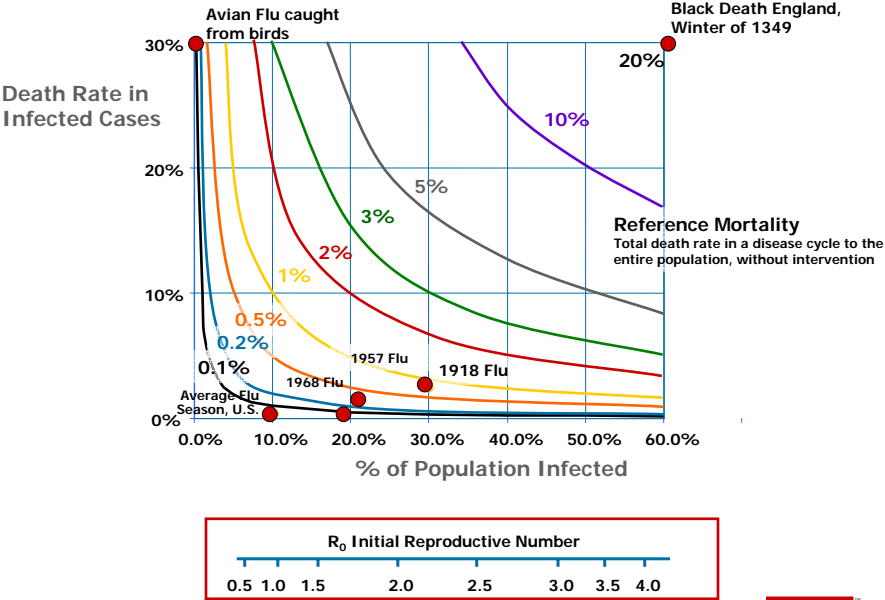
- Influenza (Pandemic candidate)
- HIV/AIDS (Low transmissibility)
- Measles (Effective vaccine, childhood illness)
- Smallpox (Effective vaccine)
- Tuberculosis (Treatment with antibiotics, low transmissibility)
- Polio (Effective vaccine)
- Syphilis (Treatment with antibiotics)
- Bubonic plague (Treatment with antibiotics)
- Malaria (Not endemic in index countries)
- Typhus (Effective vaccine)
- Yellow fever (Effective vaccine)
- Cholera (Water treatment, treatment with rehydration and antibiotics)
- Typhoid (Effective vaccine, treatment with antibiotics)
- Dysentery (Water treatment, treatment with amoebicide and antibiotics)

Infectious Disease Today

- At least 30 infectious diseases for which there are no cures have been identified since 1967
- One-third of deaths worldwide are caused by infectious disease

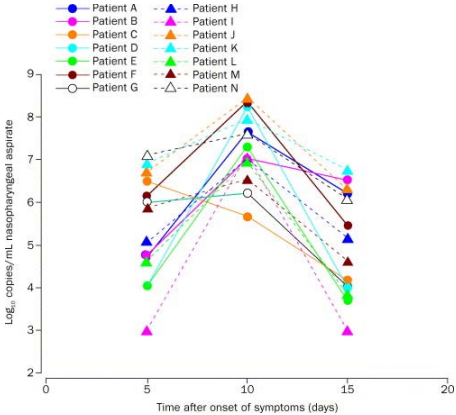
Disease	Number (millions)	Percent
Respiratory Infection	3.9	6.90%
HIV/AIDS	2.8	4.90%
Diarrheal	1.8	3.20%
Tuberculosis	1.6	2.70%
Malaria	1.3	2.20%
Measles	0.6	1.10%
Pertussis	0.29	0.50%
Tetanus	0.21	0.40%
Meningitis	0.17	0.30%
Syphilis	0.16	0.30%

The Characteristics of an Infectious Disease



The difference between SARS and Flu

SARS	Pandemic Influenza
~8000 cases, 800 deaths (10%)	100s of millions infected, 2% or less died in 1918
$R_0 \sim 3$	$R_0 \sim 2.5$
Serial interval or generation time ~ 8.5 days	~ 4 days
People show symptoms before they are infectious	People can be infectious before they are symptomatic
Quarantine and isolation tremendously successful	Quarantine and isolation have limited benefit
No drugs or vaccine	Very limited supplies
Hospital transmission important	Community transmission major route



Factors Affecting the Impact of Infectious Disease

Agent

Environment

Host

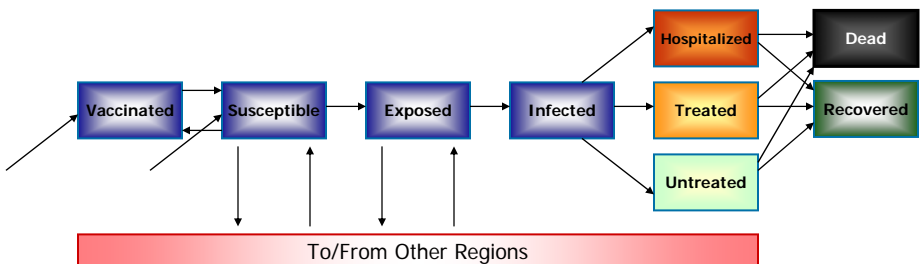
Virulence
Transmissibility
Genetics
Susceptibility to treatment
Mutation rate
Type of organism
Transmission route
Serial Interval
Incubation period
Latency period
Ability to survive

Global travel
Agriculture
Interventions
Quarantine
Social Distancing
Access to care
Quality of care
Global change
Weather
Migration patterns
Animal lifecycles

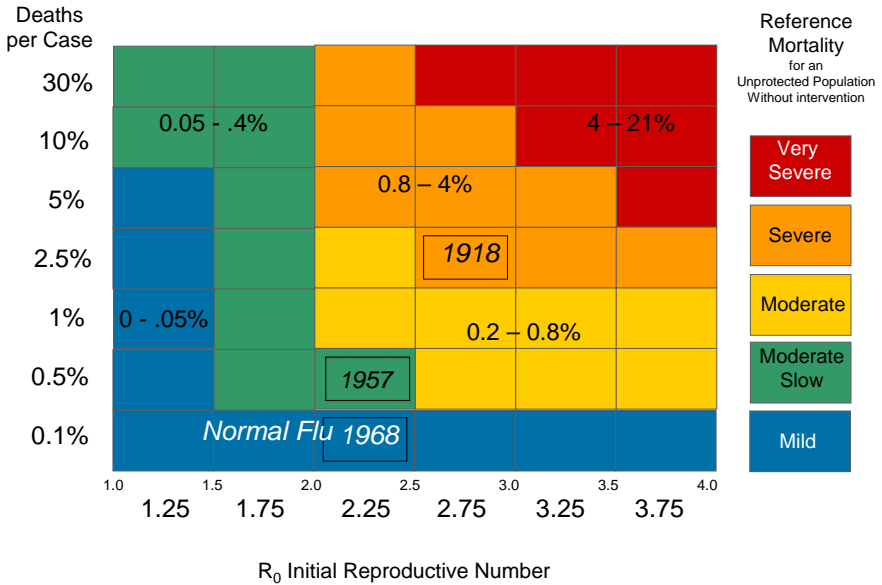
Dose response
Co-morbidity
Age
Genetics
Nutrition
Co-infection
Gender
Antibodies
Past exposure
General health
Ethnicity

SIR Modeling

- Model the spread of the infection through the population using Susceptible, Infected, Recovered (SIR) epidemiological modeling
- This is a well-established technique for epidemiologists and accurately describes the spread of diseases

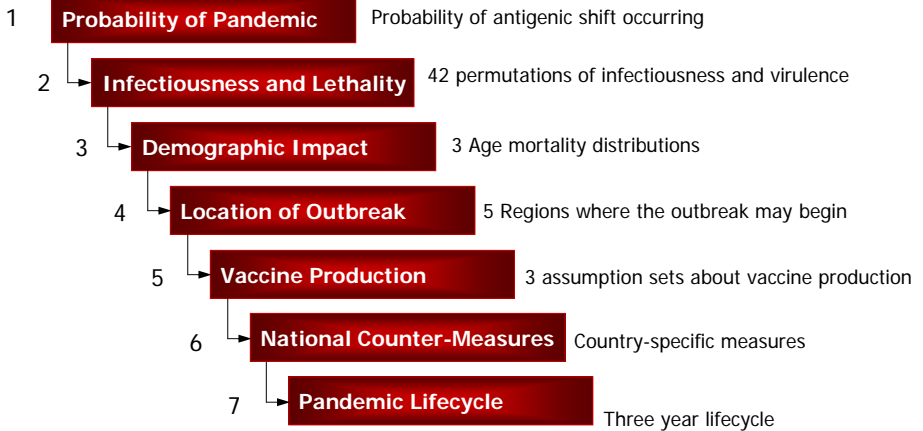


Representative Pandemic Events

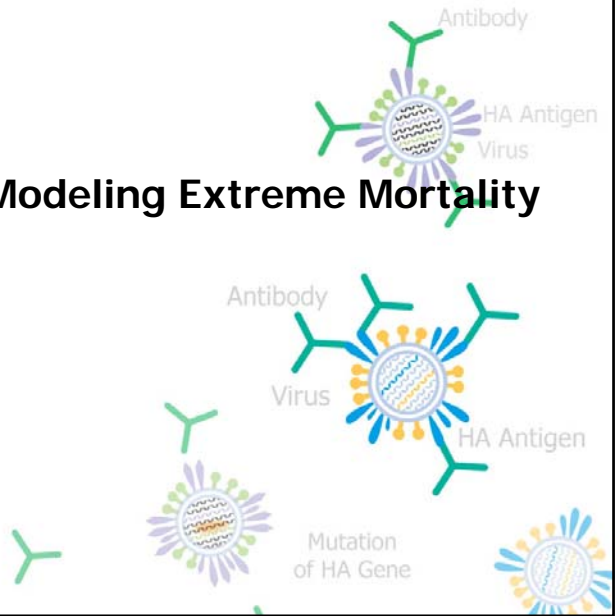


Stochastic Model Framework

Example:



Approach to Modeling Extreme Mortality



Overview of Best Practices

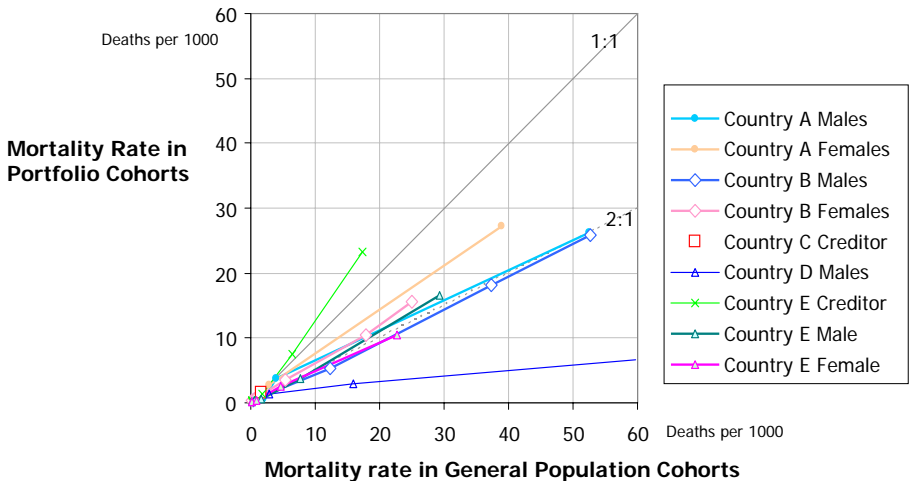
Best practices for managing extreme mortality risk in the L&H industry involves obtaining a **comprehensive** view of the risk

- A comprehensive view is determined by **probabilistically** quantifying:
 - All applicable sources of extreme mortality (such as infectious disease, terrorism, earthquake, tsunami, industrial accident...)
 - All geographies covered
 - All lines of business provided
 - Correlation of other exposed assets such as real estate
- Stochastic modeling for key extreme mortality perils in territories with significant insurance exposure:
 - Earthquake: US, Japan, Taiwan, China
 - Terrorism: Global
 - Infectious Diseases: Global
 - Other perils include: Tsunami, industrial accident, volcano, war

Baseline Mortality

- Expect 1%-2% of policyholders to die in given year
- Excess Mortality occurs when extreme death rate (e.g. 10%) over baseline mortality occurs
- Incorporation of an autoregressive time series approach to determine portfolio-specific baseline mortality

General Mortality Performance of Insured Portfolios



Urban Concentrations of Pandemic Risk

- Major cities have dense social networks with high contact rates,
- Disease spreads faster through population – higher infection levels
- Major transport hubs – index cases arrive earlier
- Public transport networks, schools and public assembly are key contributors
- But public health measures and infrastructure tend to be better



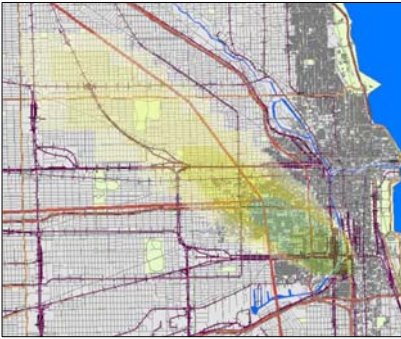
Influenza Pandemic Scenario: infected cases Day 65

Risk by Occupation Type

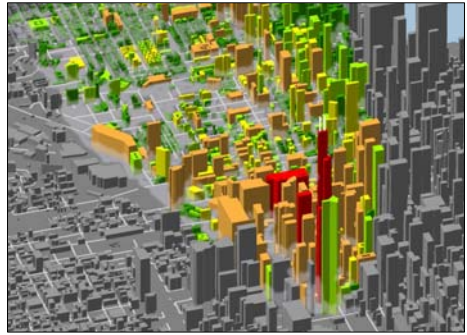
- Risk driven by amount and type of human to human contact
- Higher risk occupations include:
 - Health care and emergency responders
 - Education & childcare
 - Jobs requiring contact with general public
 - Travel industry
 - Retail
 - Hospitality
- Insured locations with large numbers of employees
- Workers Comp insurance may respond to some occupations



Terrorism Risk Modeling



90 ton chlorine gas release from a rail tanker in Chicago

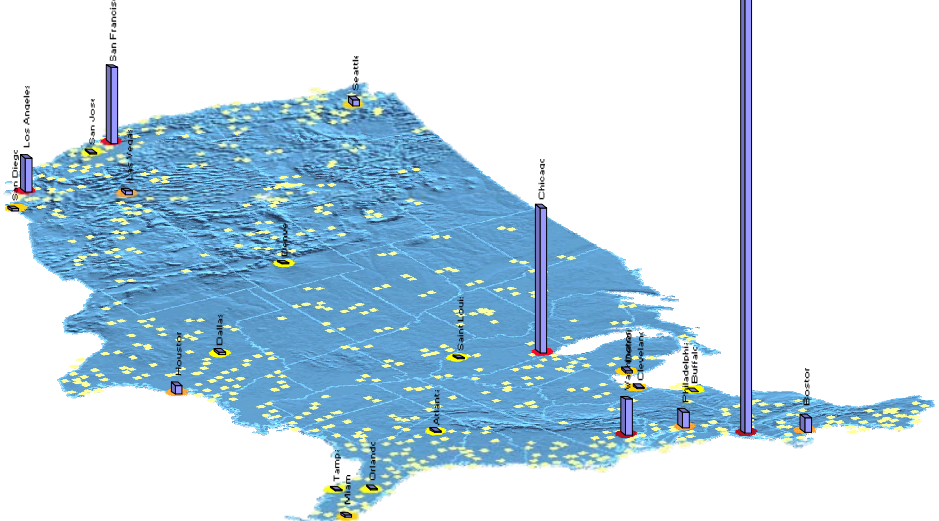


70 kg aerosolized anthrax biological agent released in Chicago

- CBRN terrorism has potential to cause large-scale mortality
- Spectacular terrorism strikes in western countries likely to be targeted at major cities
- Terrorism mortality likely to be highly concentrated in age-ranges of concern to insurers

Terrorism Risk: Driven by Urban Targeting

Terrorism Average Annual Loss by City



Risk Management Applications

■ Portfolio Management

- Risk transfer: provide a probabilistic quantification of excess mortality risk and inform risk transfer decisions
 - Reinsurance: return period losses, evaluation of reinsurance options
 - Securitization: develop triggers and structures to access the capital markets
- Capital allocation
- Understand correlation with non- L&H cat losses (e.g. real estate, corporate)

■ Underwriting

- Informing risk selection and pricing
- Formulating underwriting guidelines

■ Investment

- Evaluate CAT risk of acquisition targets
- Analyze the value and correlation of investing in CAT bonds

Summary

- Despite advances in healthcare infectious disease is still the greatest catastrophic threat facing human populations
- Modeling helps us understand and plan for what has happened and for what is possible
- Stochastic modeling approach provides ability to:
 - Quantify correlation within lines of business
 - Quantify correlation across risk transfer mechanisms
 - Recognition of the dynamic nature of mortality risk.