

Use of Terrorism Catastrophe Risk Modeling to Manage Terrorism Exposure in the Insurance Industry



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BETTER TECHNOLOGY
BETTER DATA
BETTER DECISIONS



AIR Timeline

- ❑ Founded in 1987
- ❑ Pioneered “probabilistic” catastrophe modeling technology
- ❑ Accurate real time loss estimates for Hurricane Andrew (1992) solidified industry use of catastrophe modeling
- ❑ AIR Terrorism Loss Estimation Model released in September 2002

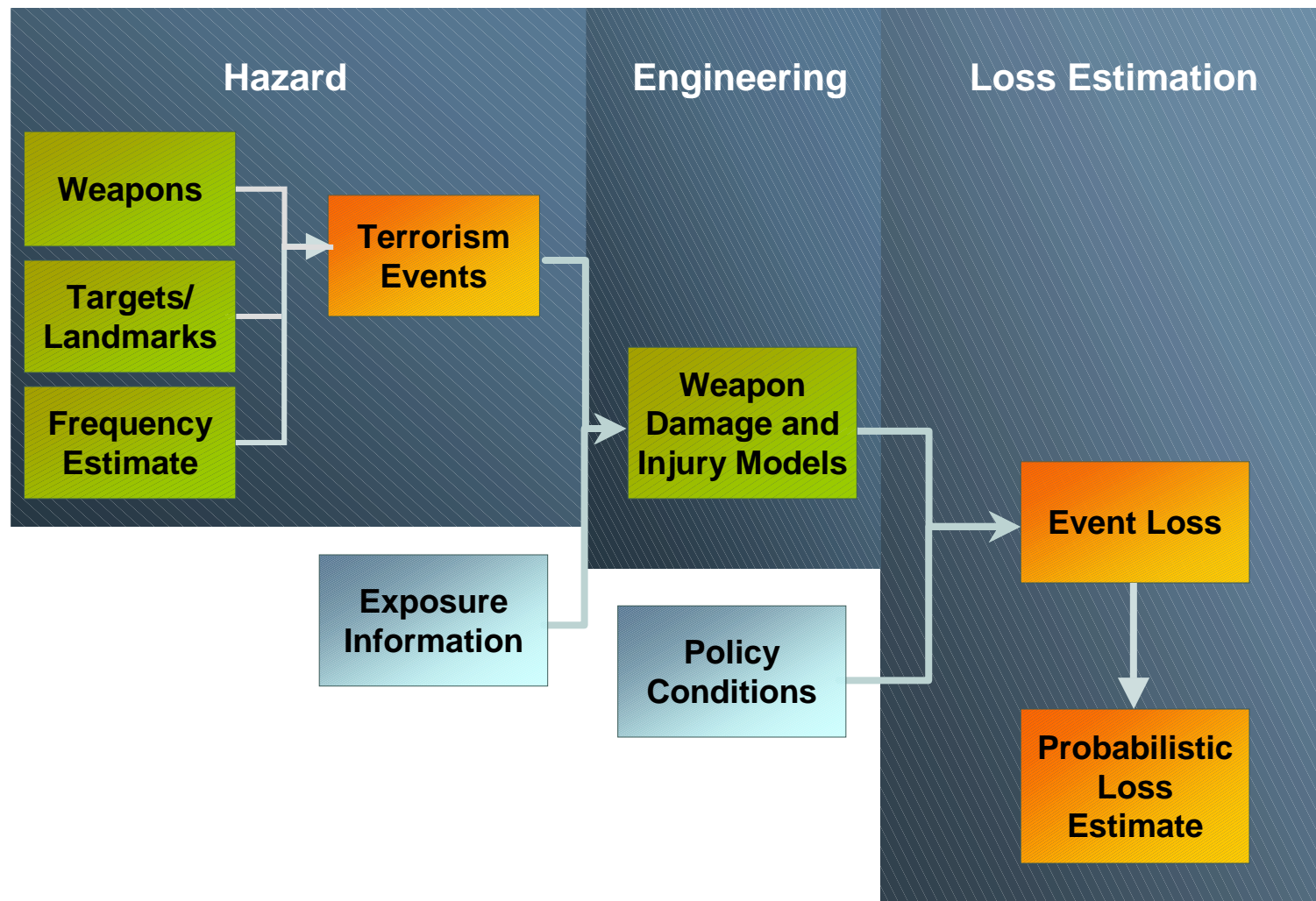


Purpose of AIR Terrorism Modeling

- ❑ Evaluate the risk quantitatively
- ❑ Obtain more complete picture of extreme event risk
- ❑ Respond to Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) mandate to offer coverage
 - Identify loss costs by business lines and policy or property
 - ❑ Average cost per \$100 value by ZIP or other area
 - ISO advisory loss cost filings based on credible modeling
 - ❑ Approved for use in all of the states
- ❑ Establish underwriting guidelines to offer profitable coverage while controlling risk
- ❑ Provide better understanding of reinsurance needs
- ❑ Demonstrate sound risk management practices to rating agencies
- ❑ Support homeland security risk management quantification



Terrorism Model Components



Loss Estimates Made for Specific Event Scenarios

❑ Scenario

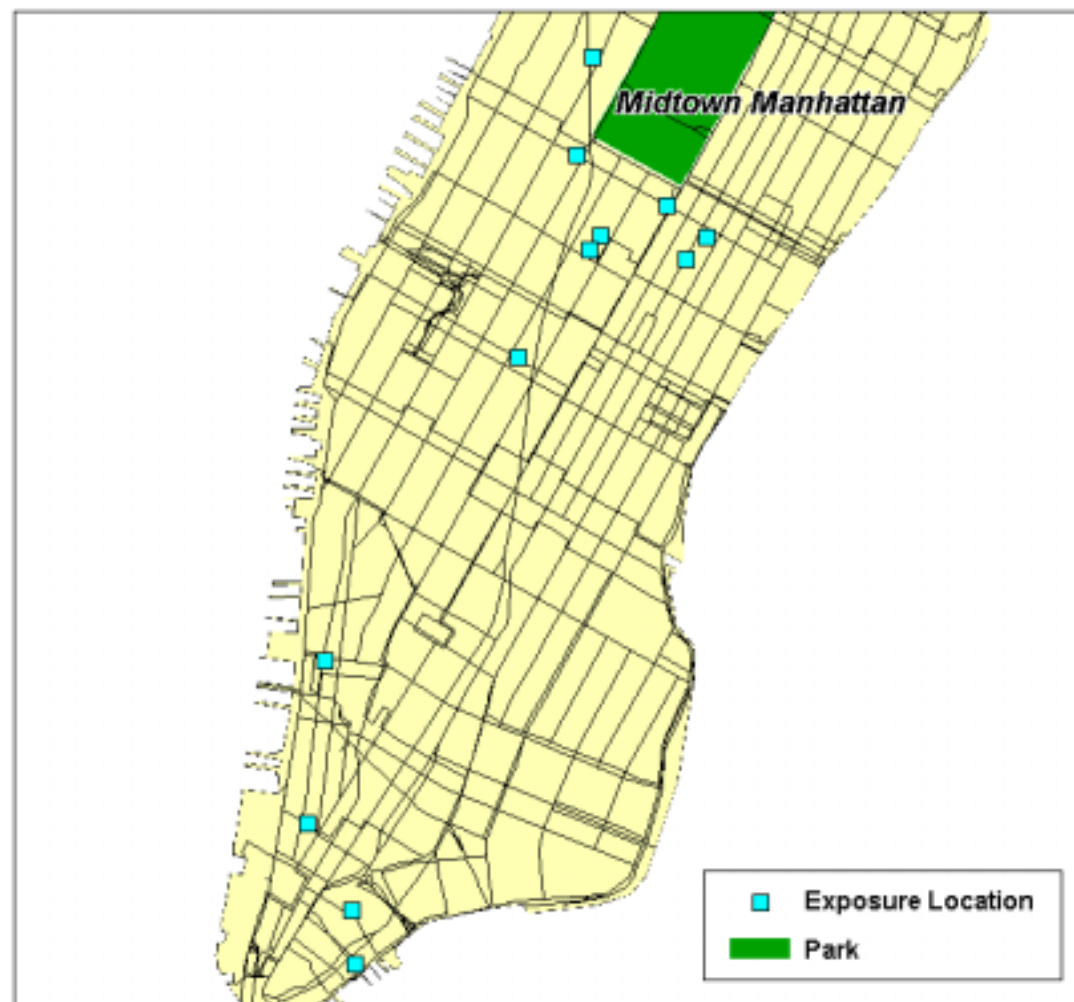
- Targets high-profile U.S. bank headquarters in Chicago
- Van loaded with explosives
 - ❑ Oklahoma City - type

❑ Modeled losses

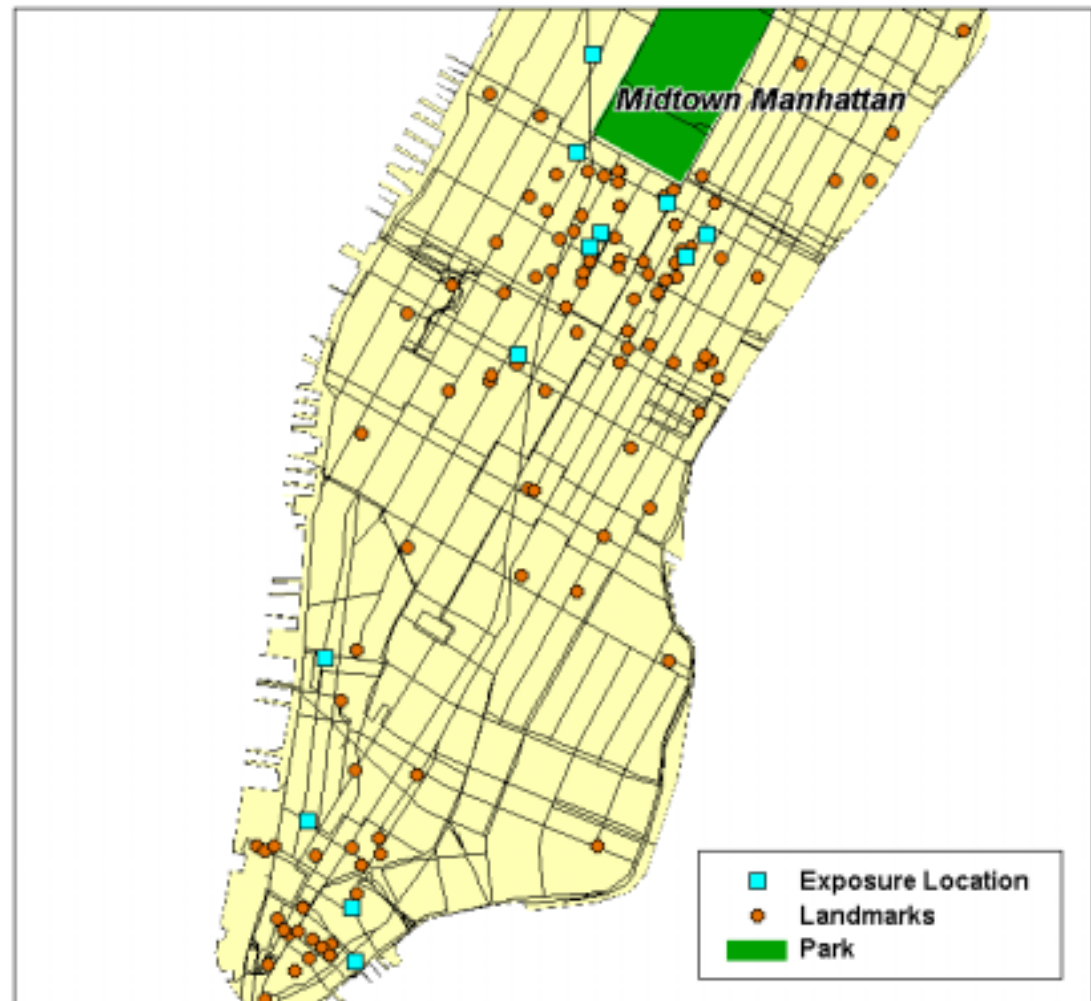
- \$1.9 billion property
- \$450 million workers' compensation



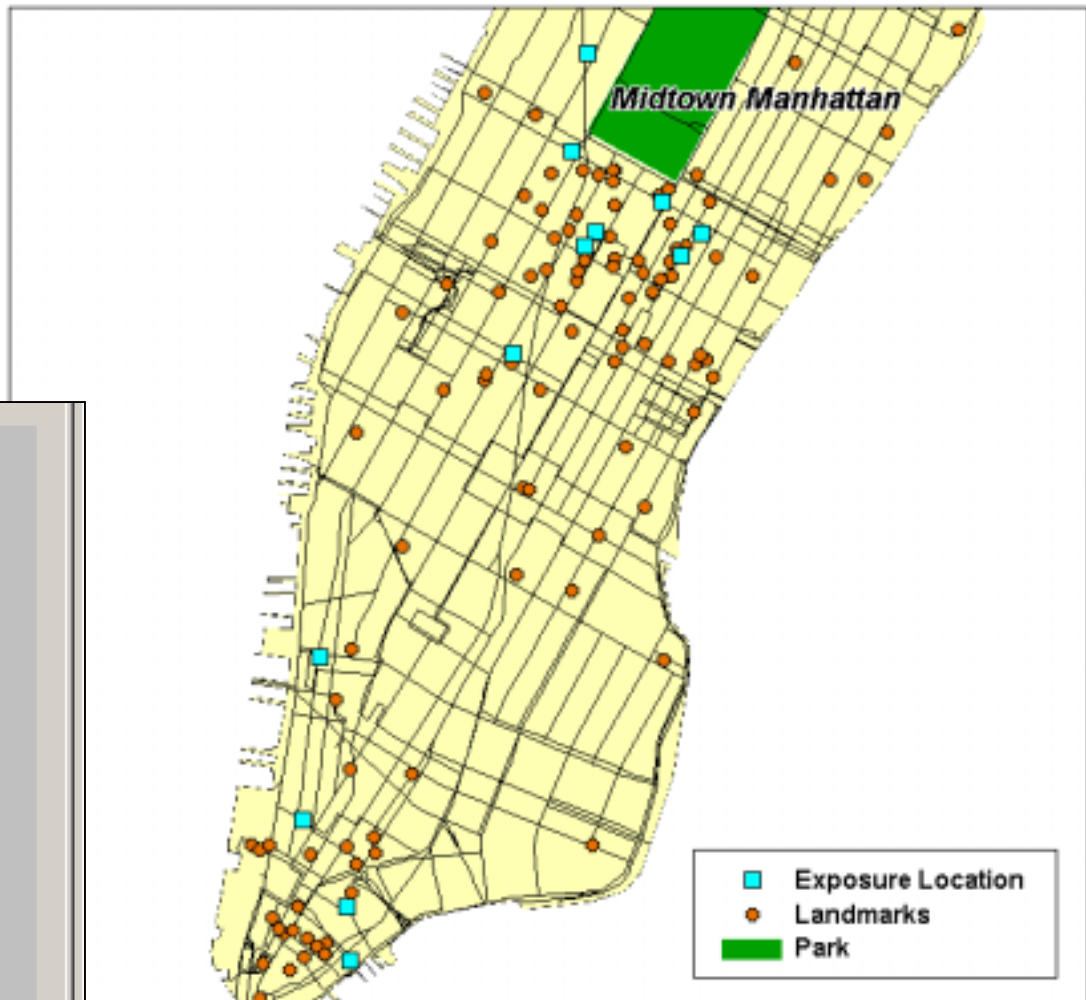
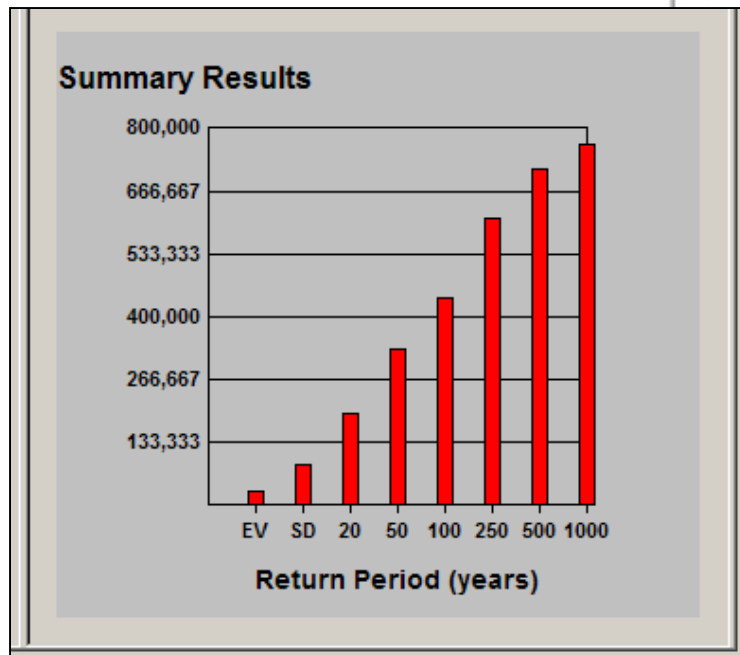
Sample Exposure Portfolio



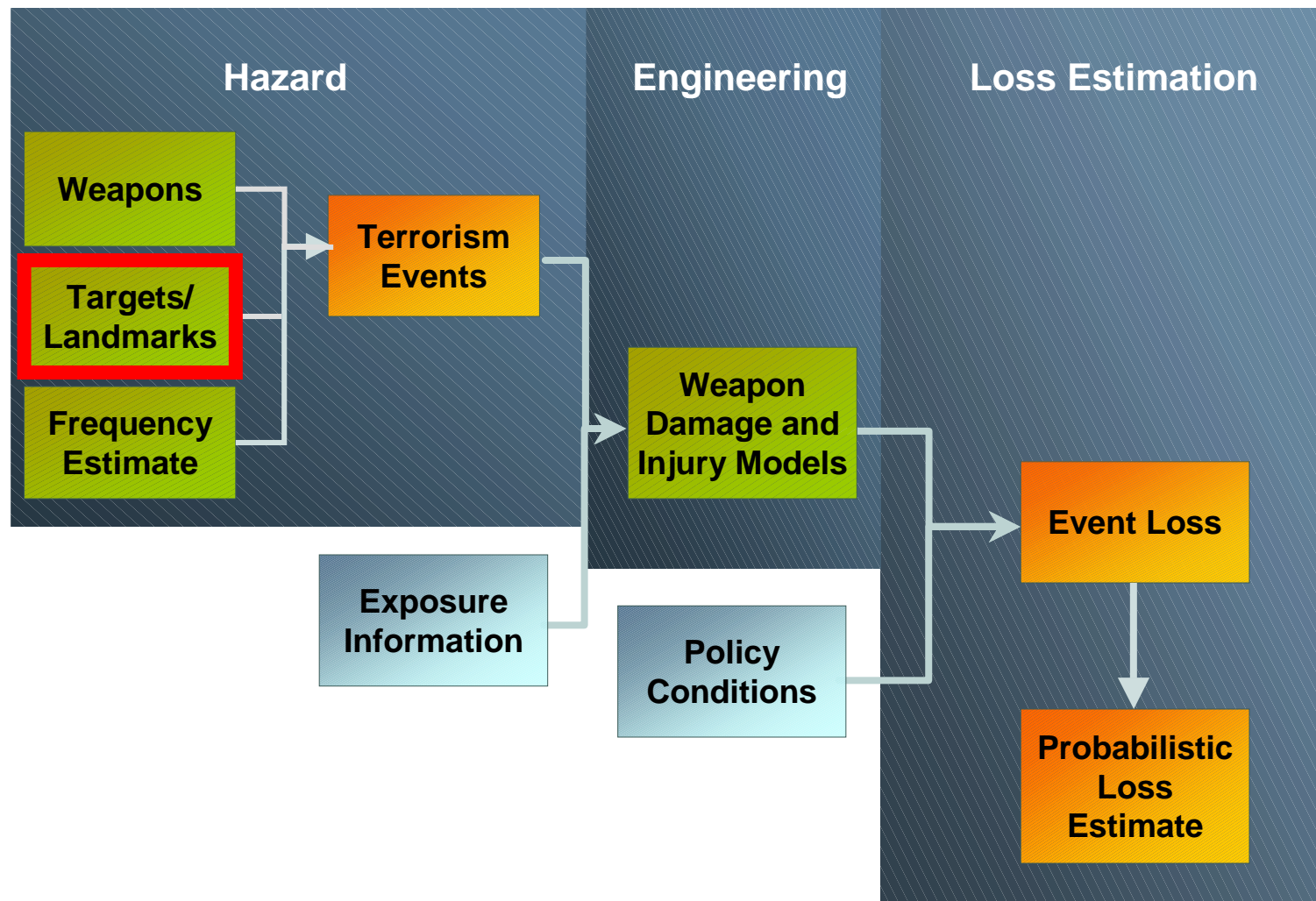
Analysis Conducted For Events At Each Landmark



Probability of Loss Curve Results



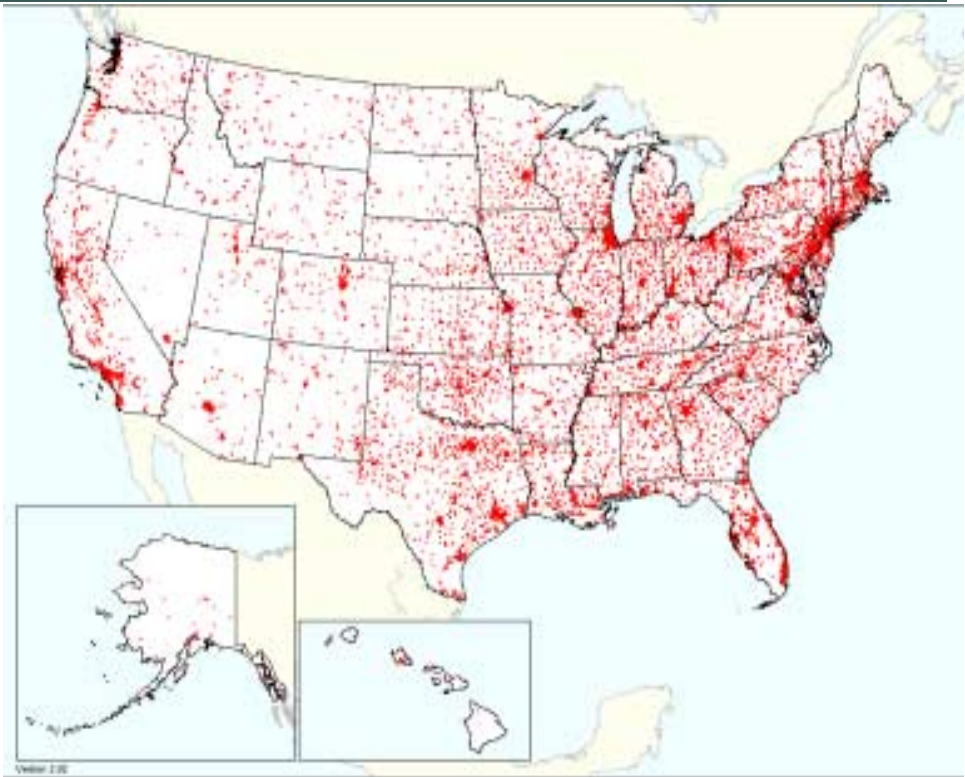
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AIR Models Possible Future Attacks Where They Could Occur

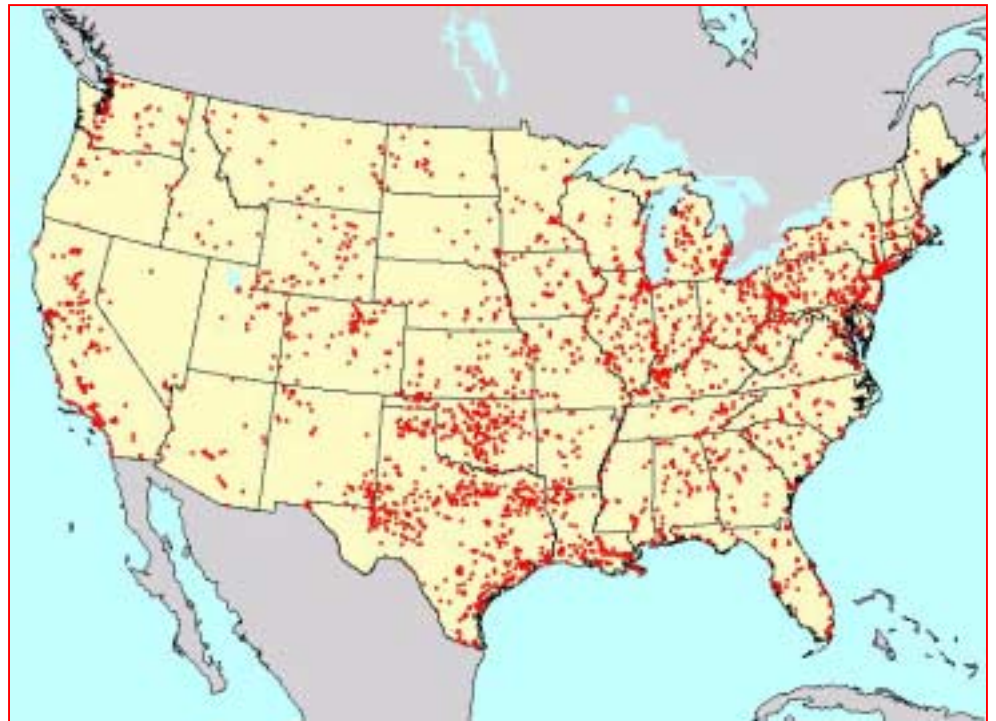
- ❑ Commercial facilities
 - Prominent buildings
 - Corporate headquarters
 - Transportation
 - ❑ Airports
 - ❑ Rail; Bus
 - ❑ Bridges; Ports
 - Chemical plants
 - Energy facilities
 - Retail centers and malls
 - Hotels and casinos
 - Amusement parks and sports venues
- ❑ Government facilities
 - Federal office buildings and courthouses
 - Embassies
 - State capitols
- ❑ Educational, medical, and religious institutions, etc.

Comprehensive Set of Possible Targets



Example: the Energy Sector

- ❑ Refineries
- ❑ Nuclear power plants
- ❑ Tank farms
- ❑ Natural gas production plants
- ❑ Natural gas compressor stations
- ❑ Fossil-based electric power plants



Consistent with Homeland Security Department – Critical Infrastructures and Key Assets

❑ Critical Infrastructures

- Agriculture and Food
- Water
- Public Health
- Emergency Services
- Defense Industrial Base
- Telecommunications
- Energy
- Transportation
- Banking and Finance
- Chemicals and Hazardous Materials
- Postal and Shipping

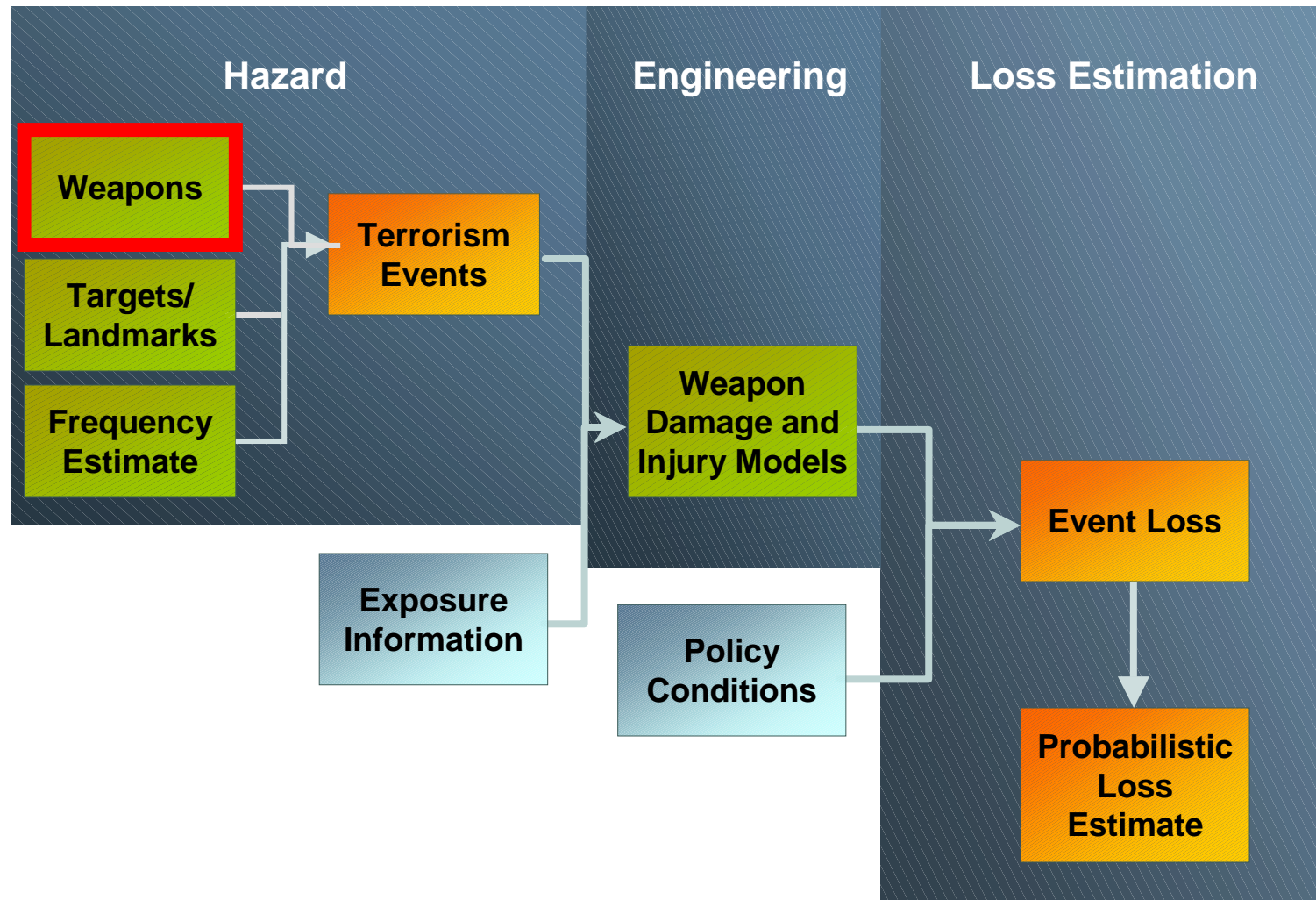
❑ Key Assets

- National Monuments and Icons
- Nuclear Power Plants
- Dams
- Government Facilities
- Commercial Key Assets
 - ❑ Commercial Centers
 - ❑ Office Buildings
 - ❑ Sports Stadiums
 - ❑ Theme Parks
 - ❑ Other Commercial and Recreational Sites

*The National Strategy for the Physical Protection of
Critical Infrastructures and Key Assets February 2003*



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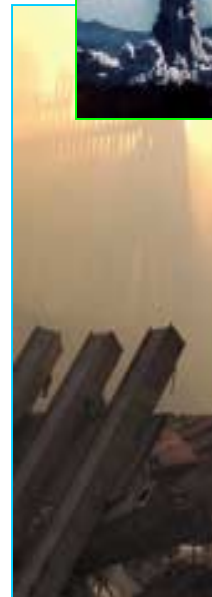
Types of Attacks Modeled by AIR

CONVENTIONAL

- ❑ Bombs
 - Portable
 - Car
 - Van
 - Delivery Truck
 - Large Truck
- ❑ Airplane crash
 - General aviation
 - Large commercial airliner

CBRN

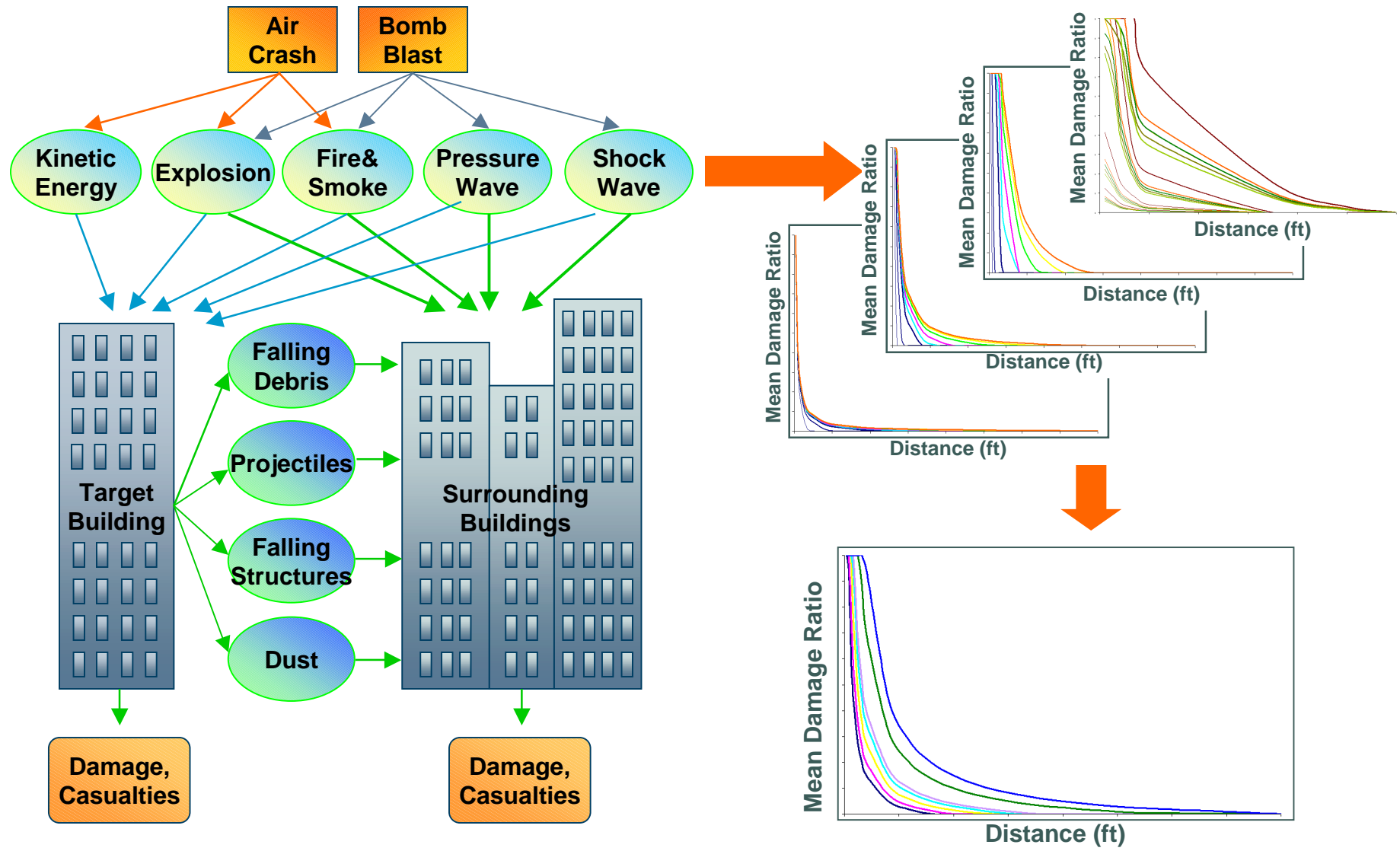
- ❑ Chemical*
 - Sarin (GB)
 - VX Nerve
- ❑ Biological*
 - Anthrax
 - Small pox
- ❑ Radiological
 - Cesium 137
 - Cobalt 60
- ❑ Nuclear
 - Suitcase type
 - Medium
 - Large



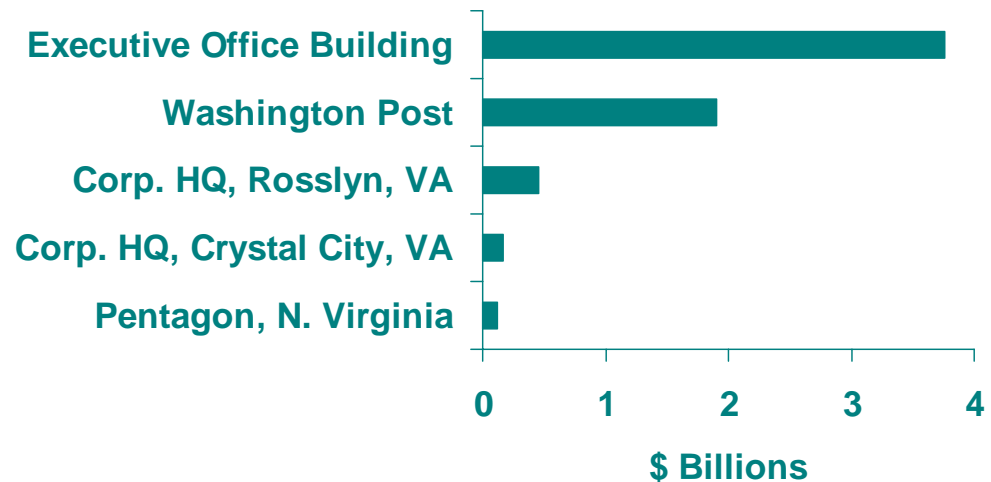
* Includes small, medium, and large



Conventional Damage Estimates Consider Multiple Effects on the Target and Surrounding Buildings



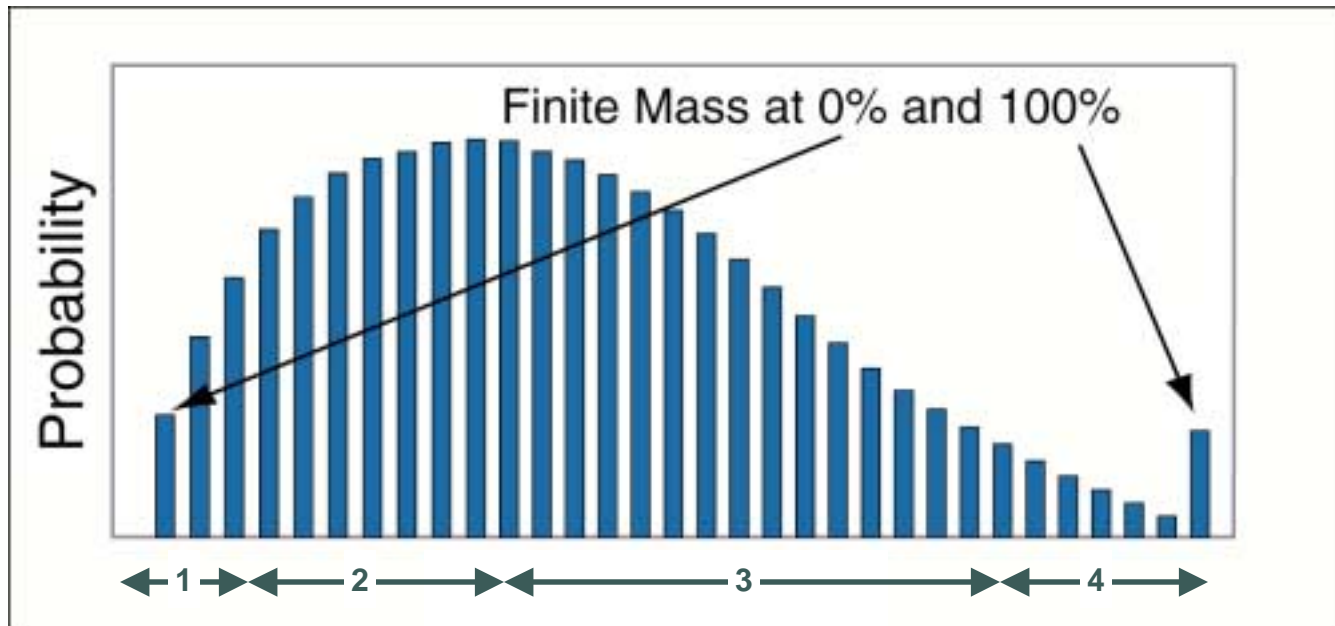
Exposure Density Strongly Influences Commercial Property Losses



**Scenario: Large Truck Bomb
Placed in Washington DC vs. Northern Virginia Area**



Building Physical Damage Distribution Mapped to Damage States

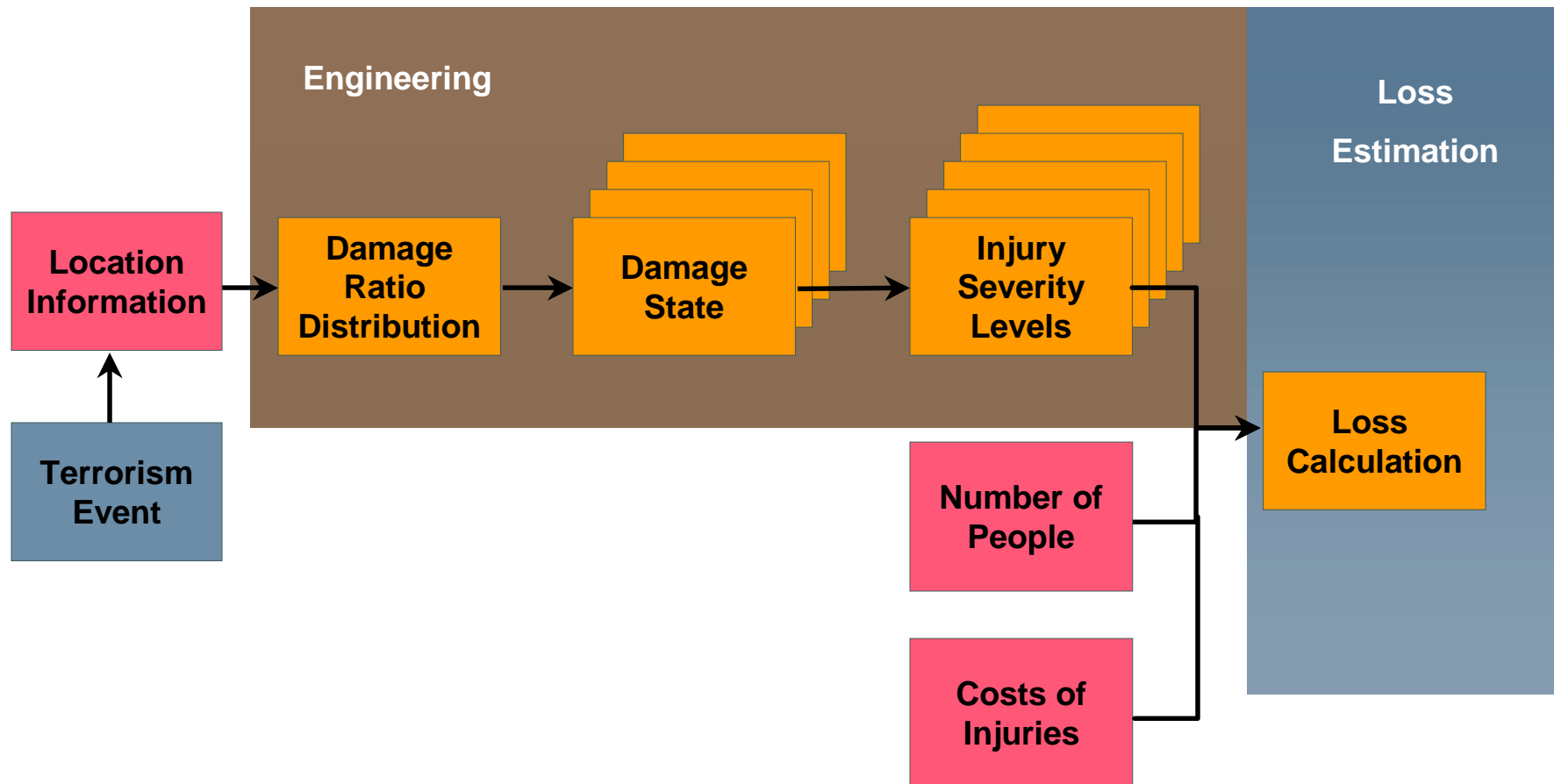


- 1 - Slight Damage**
- 2 - Moderate Damage**
- 3 - Extensive Damage**
- 4 - Complete Damage**
 - collapse
 - no collapse



Components of AIR's Injuries and Fatalities Model

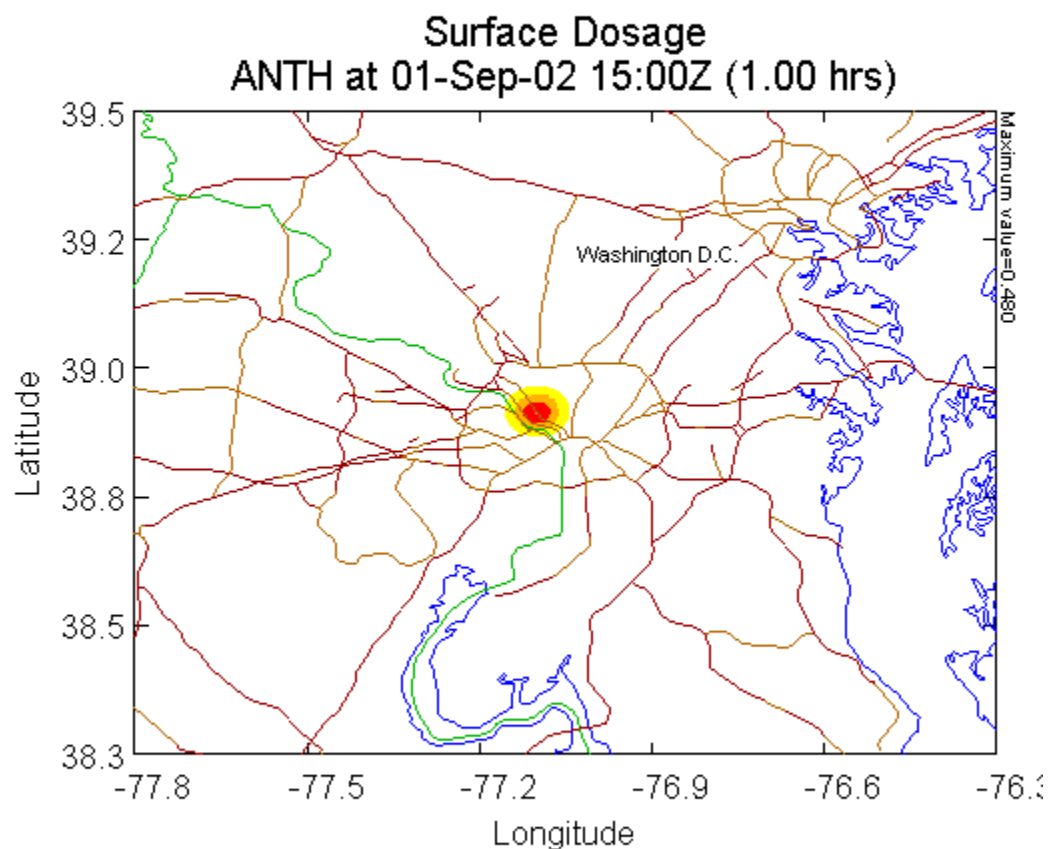
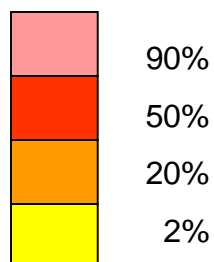
-- Workers' Compensation, Life, Disability



CBRN Events Modeled Using Department of Defense Standard Model



- ❑ Full spectrum of NBC weapons
- ❑ Accurately predicts the effects of hazardous material releases
 - Contamination
 - Injuries and fatalities
- ❑ Embedded climatology and historical weather data
- ❑ Terrain data and supporting wind-flow models calculate the local windfield

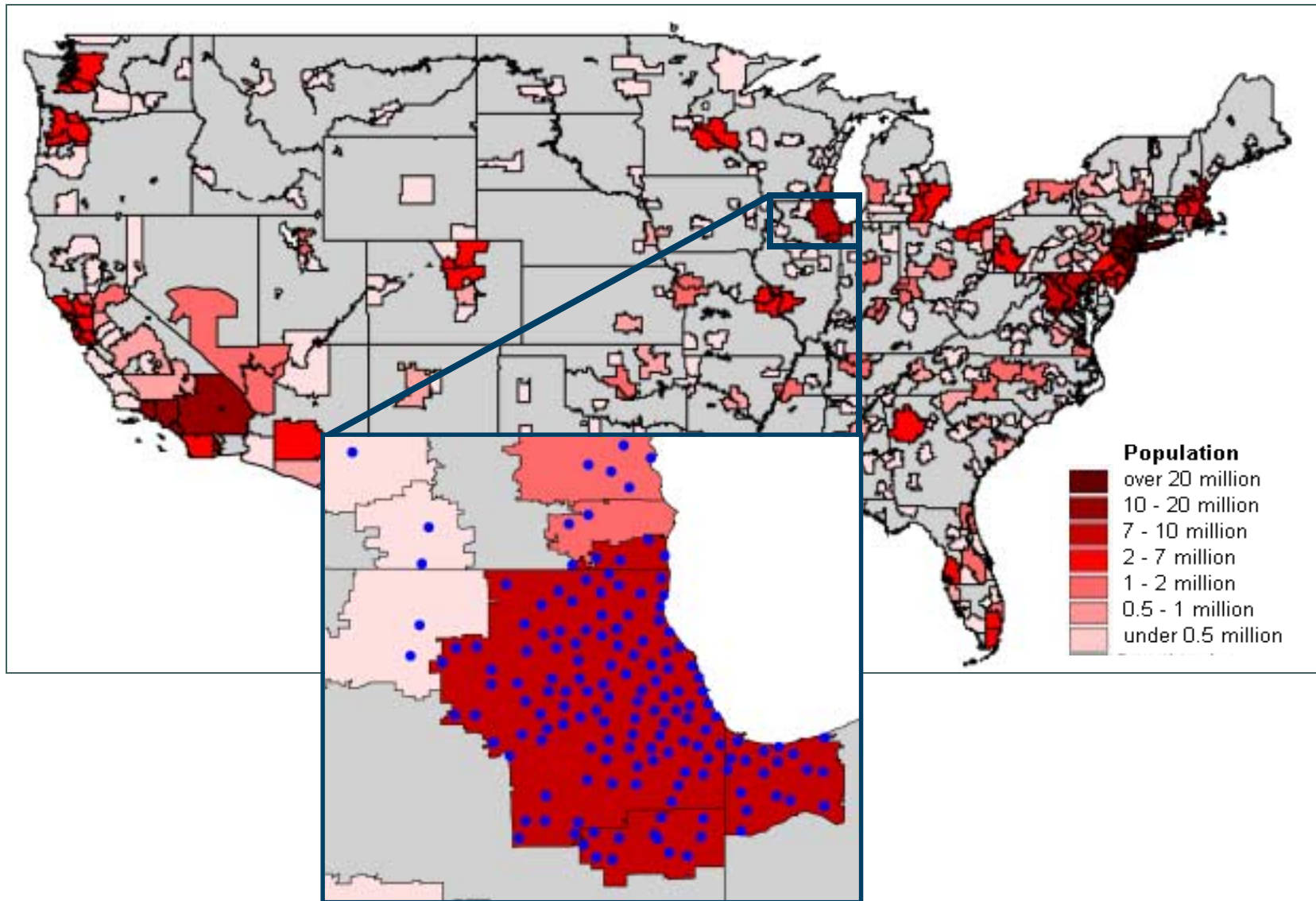


Contour area at indicated level (sq Km)

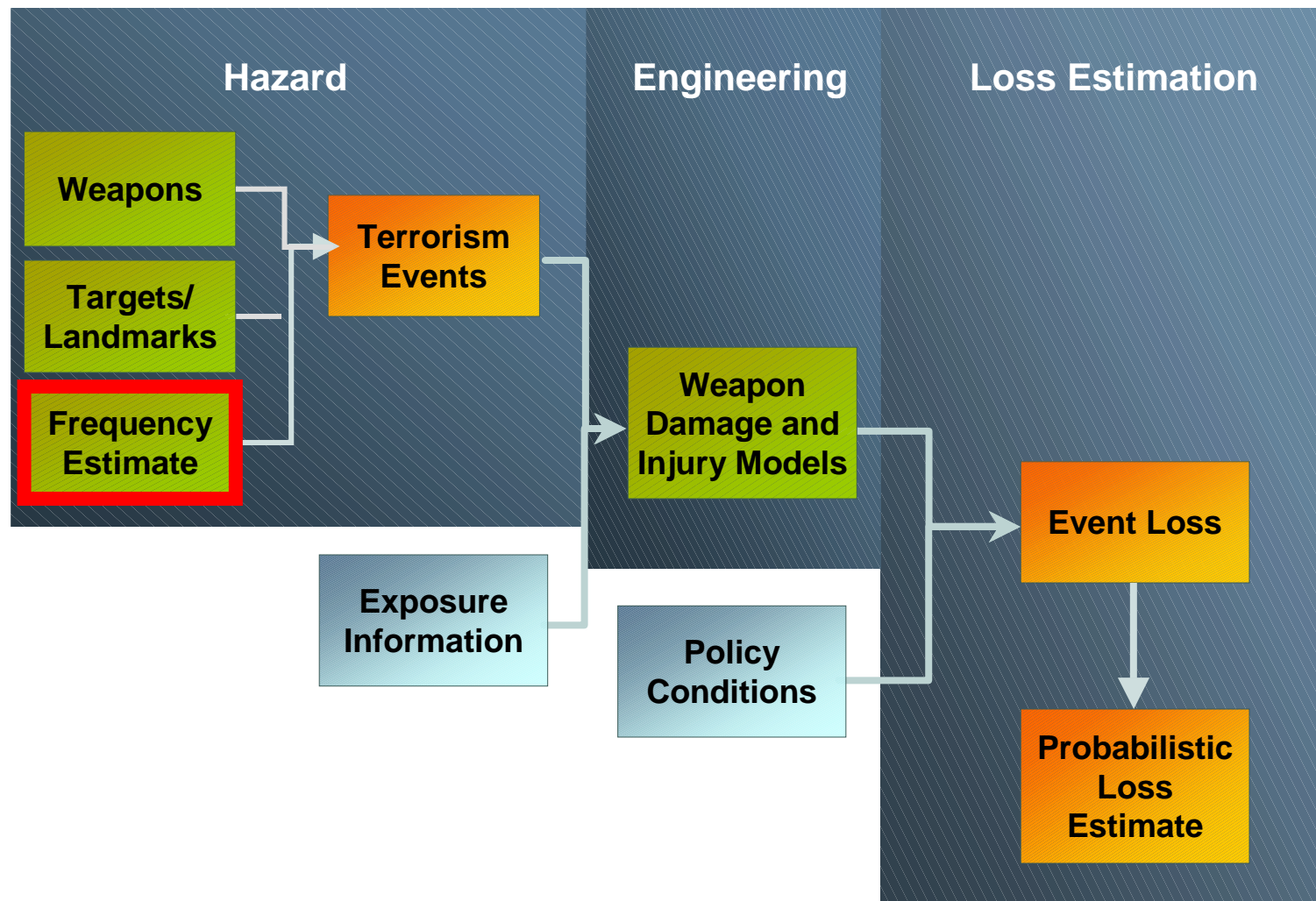
NOTE: Exposures based only on the displayed portion of the plume



Distribution of Source Locations by CMSA/MSA



Terrorism Model Components



Frequency Estimates Based on Operational Assessment of Each Terrorist Group

❑ Objectives

- Mass casualties?
- Economic impact?
- Symbolic?
- Punish a group, industry, company, government?

❑ Capabilities and Resources

- Weapon availability
- CBRN efforts
- Coordinated attacks
- Manufacture vs. buy
- Financial
- Technical
- Operational skills

❑ Deployment

- Locales with presence
- Financial vs. operational
- Local target surveillance opportunity
- Local support

❑ Historical attacks

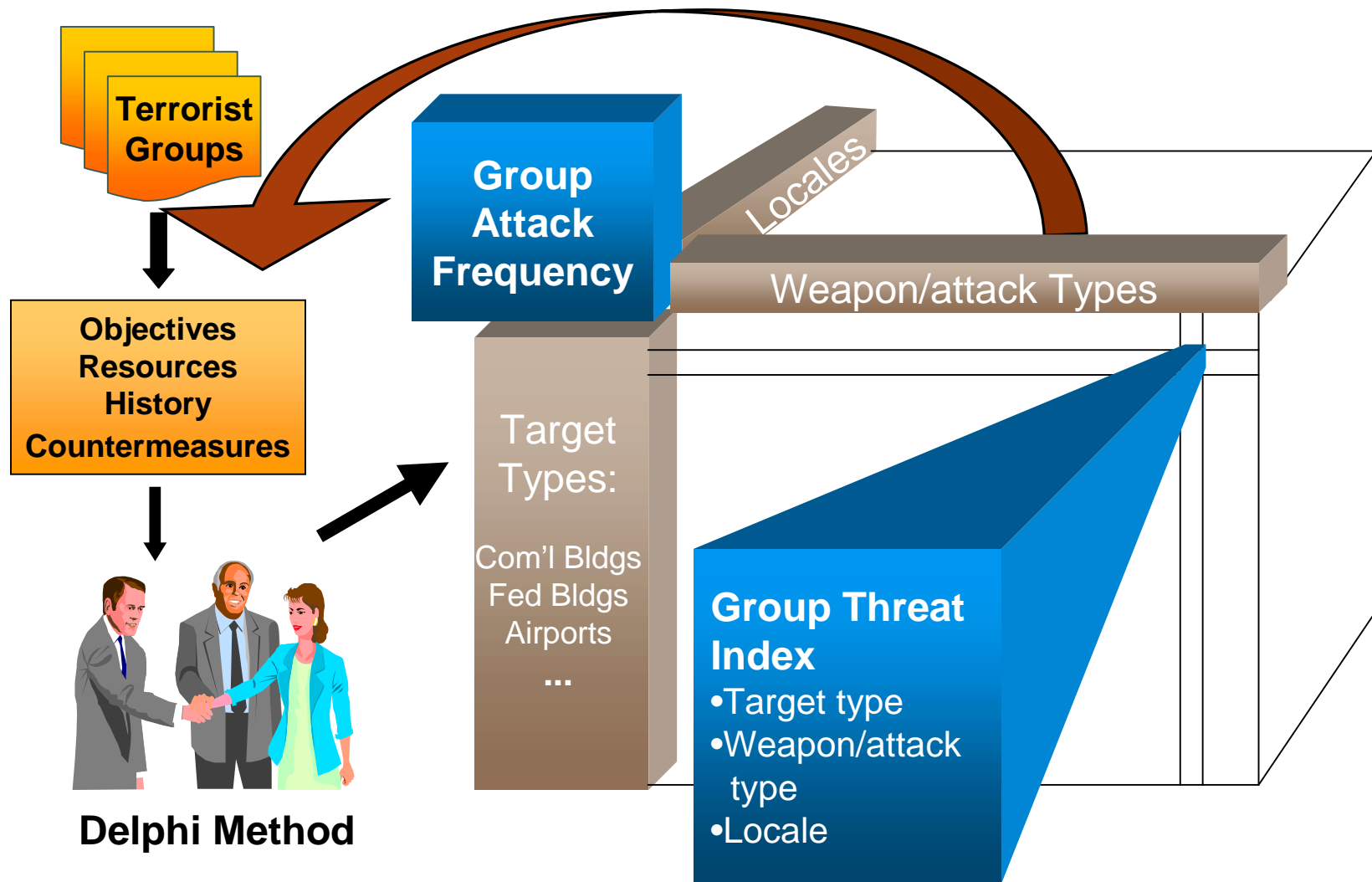
- Targets
- Weapons
- Locales

❑ Impact of Security

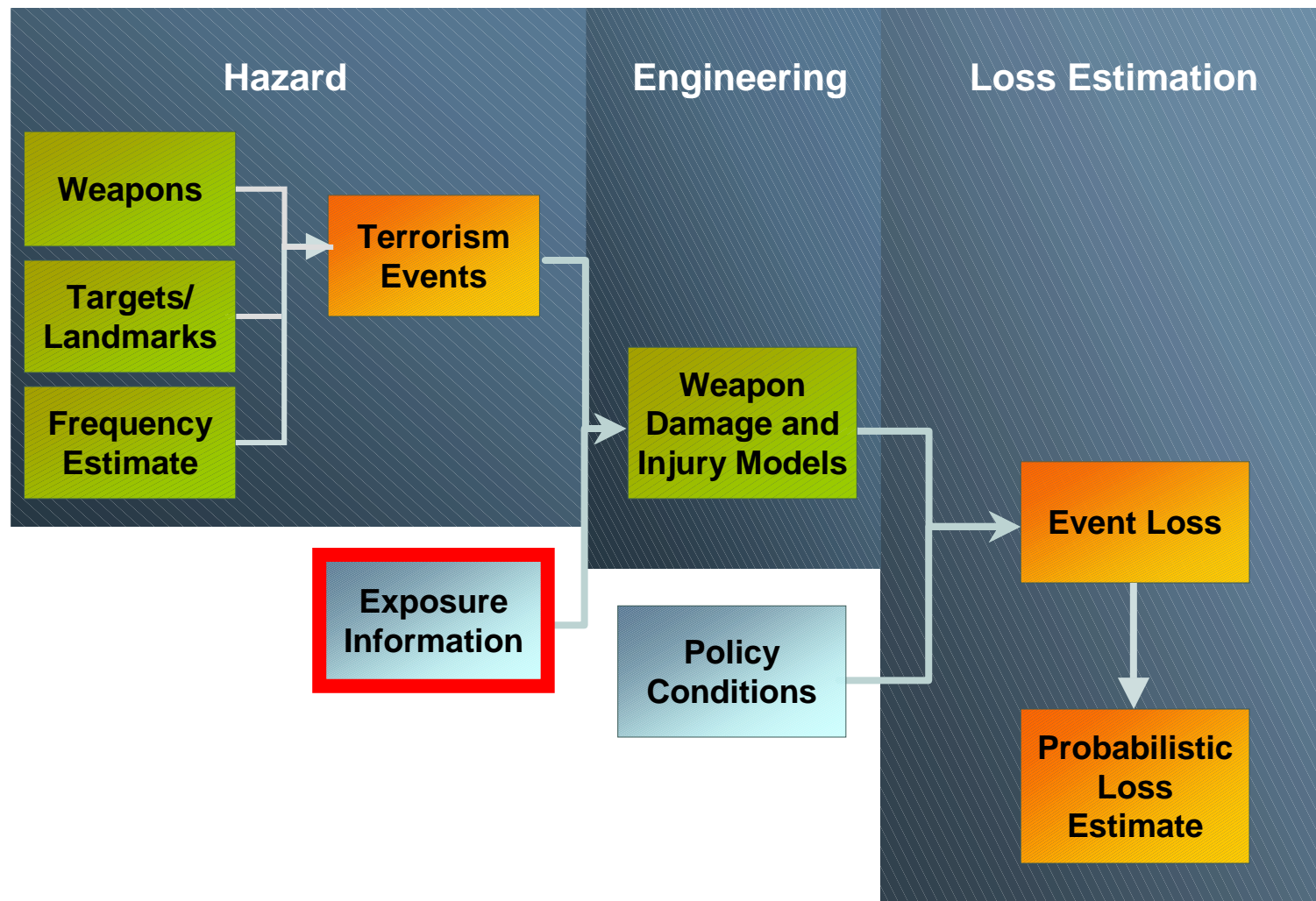
- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private



Frequency and Severity Update



Terrorism Model Components



Complete National Exposure Database Used to Quantify Event Outcomes for the Industry

- ❑ Locations, values, construction, and occupancy database
- ❑ Commercial property, residential property, workers, automobiles
- ❑ Used throughout AIR's history for all catastrophe models

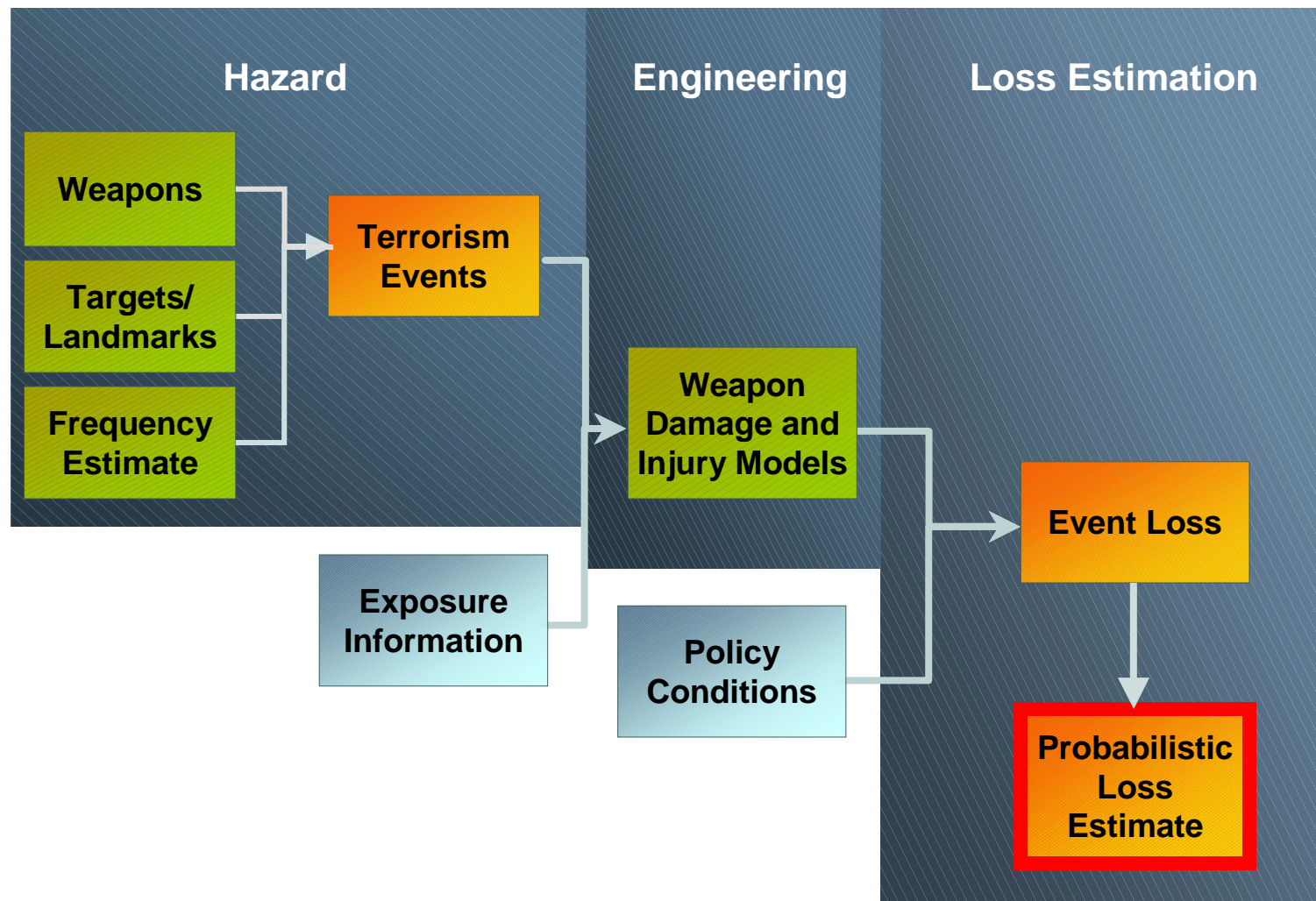


ISO Specific Property Information Database

- ❑ 2.5 million commercial properties
- ❑ 600 field inspectors
- ❑ Complete building data
 - Construction
 - Occupancy
 - Square feet
 - Number of stories
 - ...
- ❑ 50 years legacy
- ❑ Up-to-date



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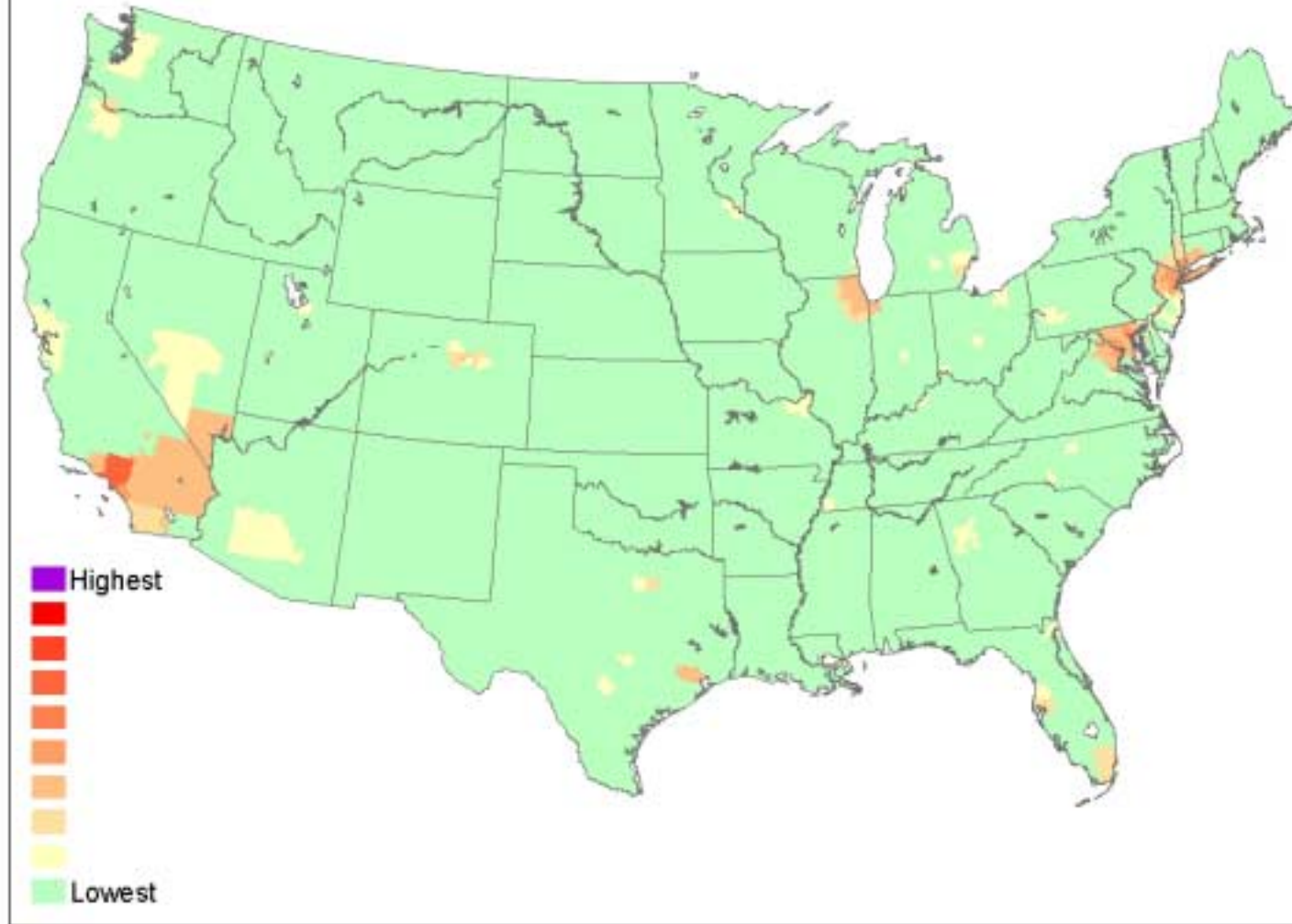
Generation of Loss Probabilities

- ❑ Frequency estimation process results in expected frequency of each event (landmark attack vector element)
 - Frequently updated to reflect current threat
- ❑ Occurrence of each event is modeled as a Poisson process
- ❑ Catalog of 500,000 years of replications is generated
 - Catalog is delivered to customers within AIR software
- ❑ Results in calculation of probabilistic loss distribution
 - Distribution tail is of utmost importance in catastrophe risk management



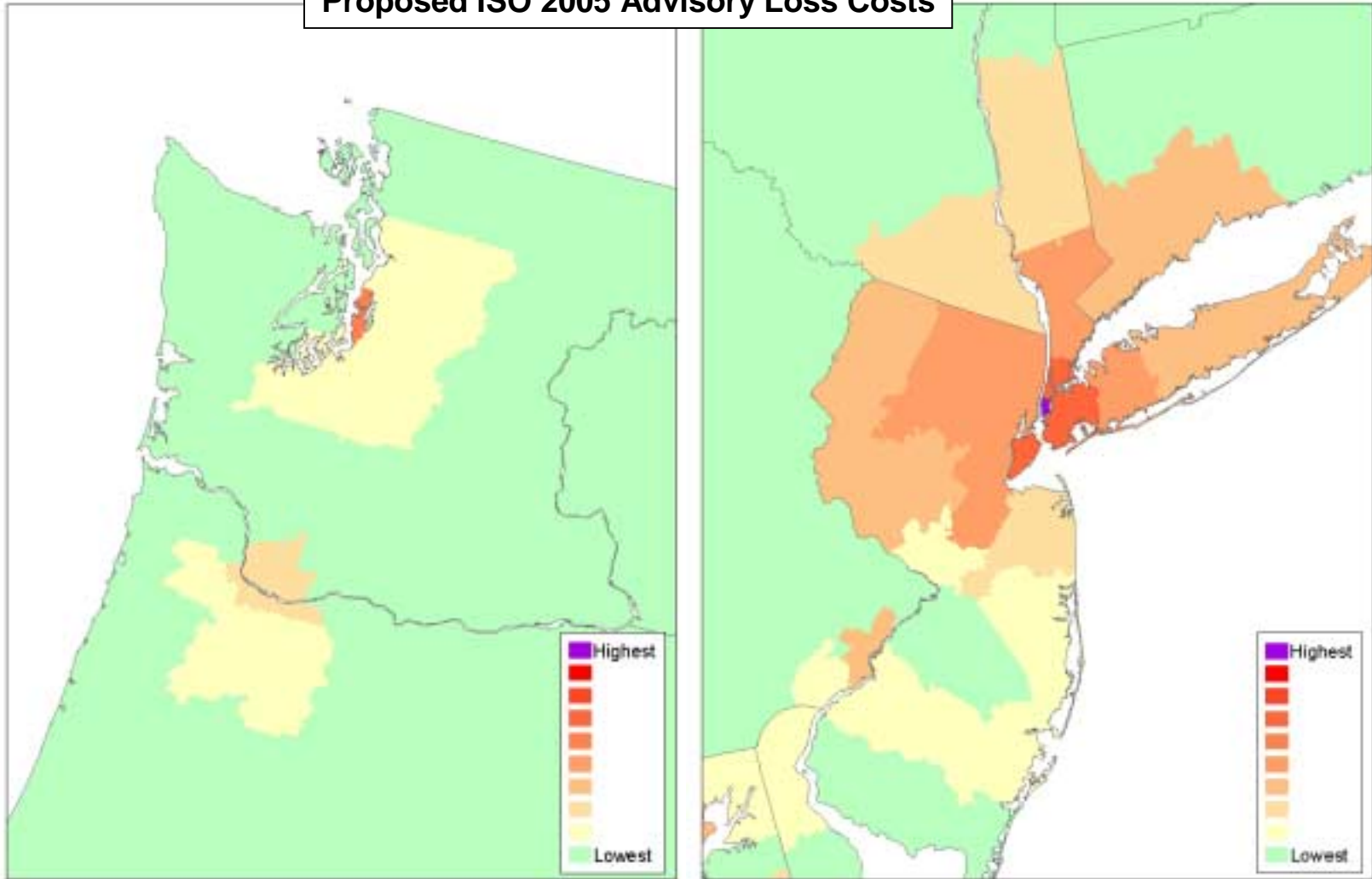
ISO Used AIR Model to Develop New Filings

Proposed ISO 2005 Advisory Loss Costs



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Terrorism Risk Management – Insurer Decisions

- ❑ Underwriting
 - Measure and limit maximum loss exposure
- ❑ Transfer risk
 - Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA)
 - Private reinsurance market
- ❑ Loss reserves



Terrorism Risk Measures Being Used



- ❑ Maximum Possible Loss (to the portfolio)
 - Single location
 - Ring concentration
 - Aggregate exposure
 - Deterministic loss scenario
- ❑ Maximum Landmark Risk
 - Landmark exposure – in the landmark
 - Landmark ring concentration
 - Landmark event loss scenario
- ❑ Probabilistic Loss Distribution
 - Portfolio
 - Policy



Multiple Tools for Measuring Terrorism Risk

- ❑ Exposure concentration analysis
 - Single location
 - Ring
 - Insured location
 - Landmark



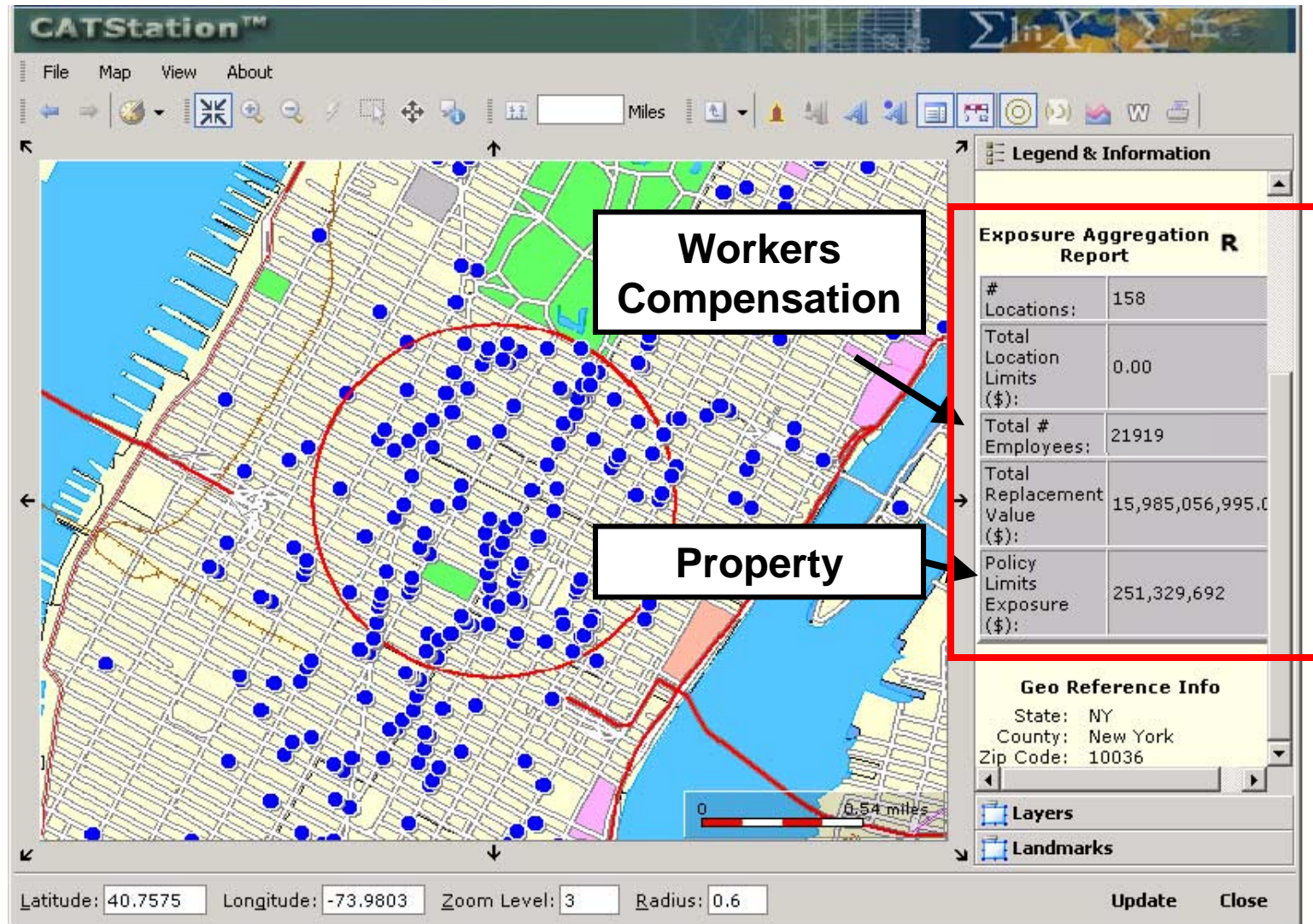
- ❑ Deterministic loss analysis
 - Insured location
 - Landmark



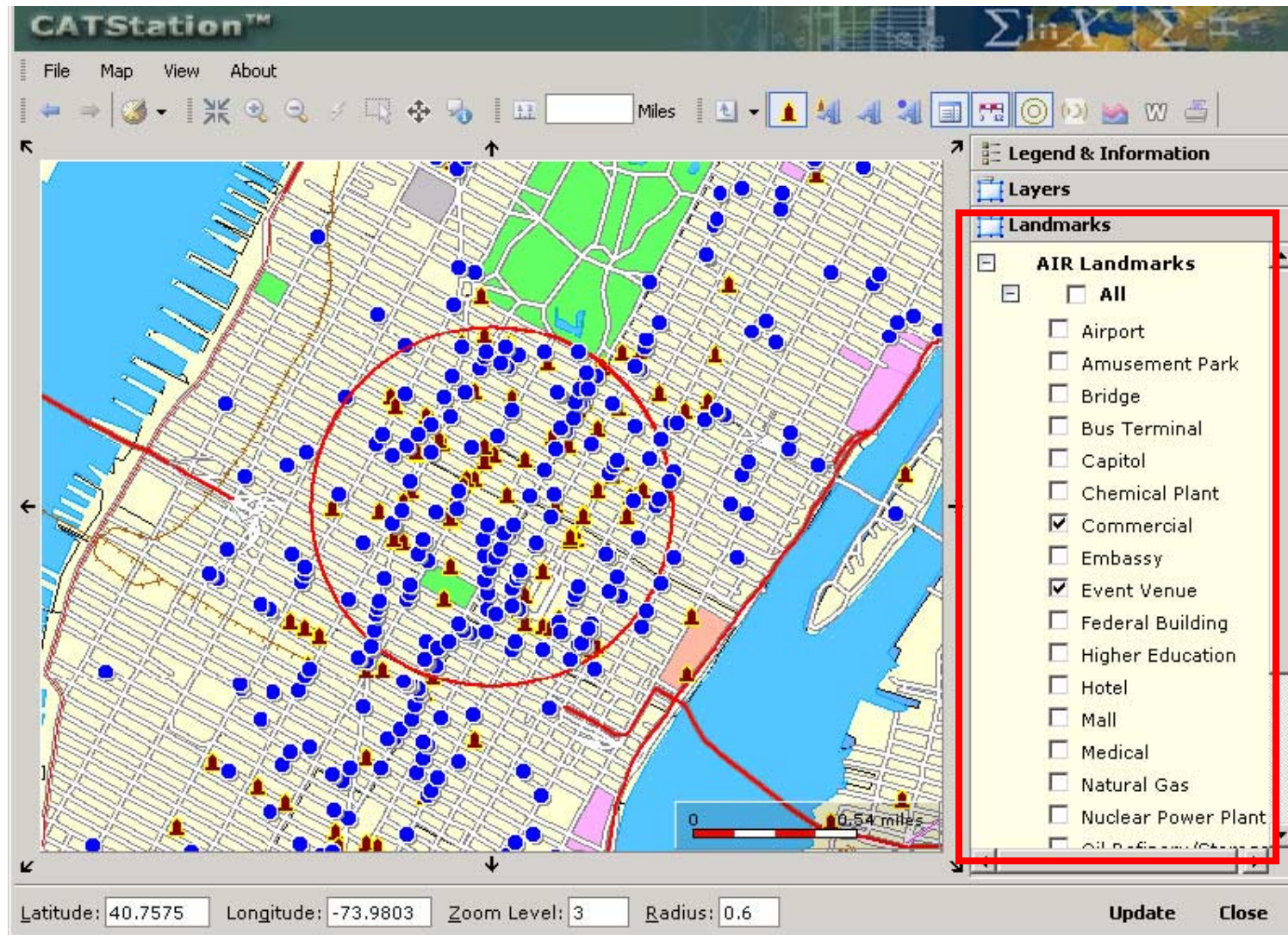
- ❑ Probabilistic loss analysis



Include Concentrations Across Lines of Business



Identify Concentrations Around Targets



Largest Ring Concentration Report

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Bus. Unit: Terrorism Treaty Book: ABC Insurance Co Policy: Policy_001 User: wskinner

View Location Ring Analysis Report

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Business Unit:	Terrorism Treaty
Book:	ABC Insurance Co
Exposure:	Policy Exposure
Ring Value:	.6 Miles

Policy ID	Location ID	Latitude	Longitude	City	State	Exposure (Policy Exposure)
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Policy_004	24	40.7564	-73.98764	NEW YORK	NY	91,816,235 R
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Look at Potential Losses (Deterministic)

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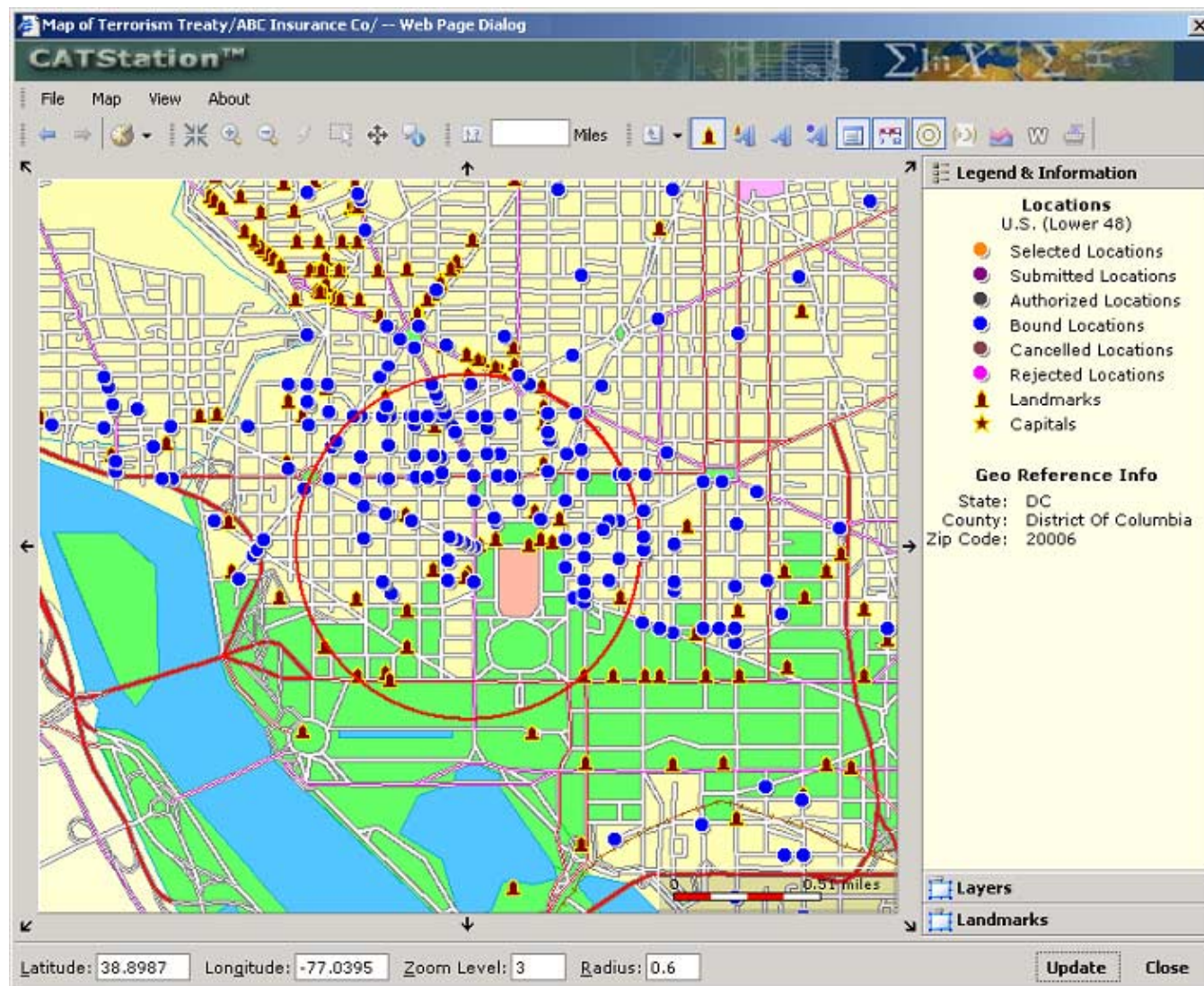
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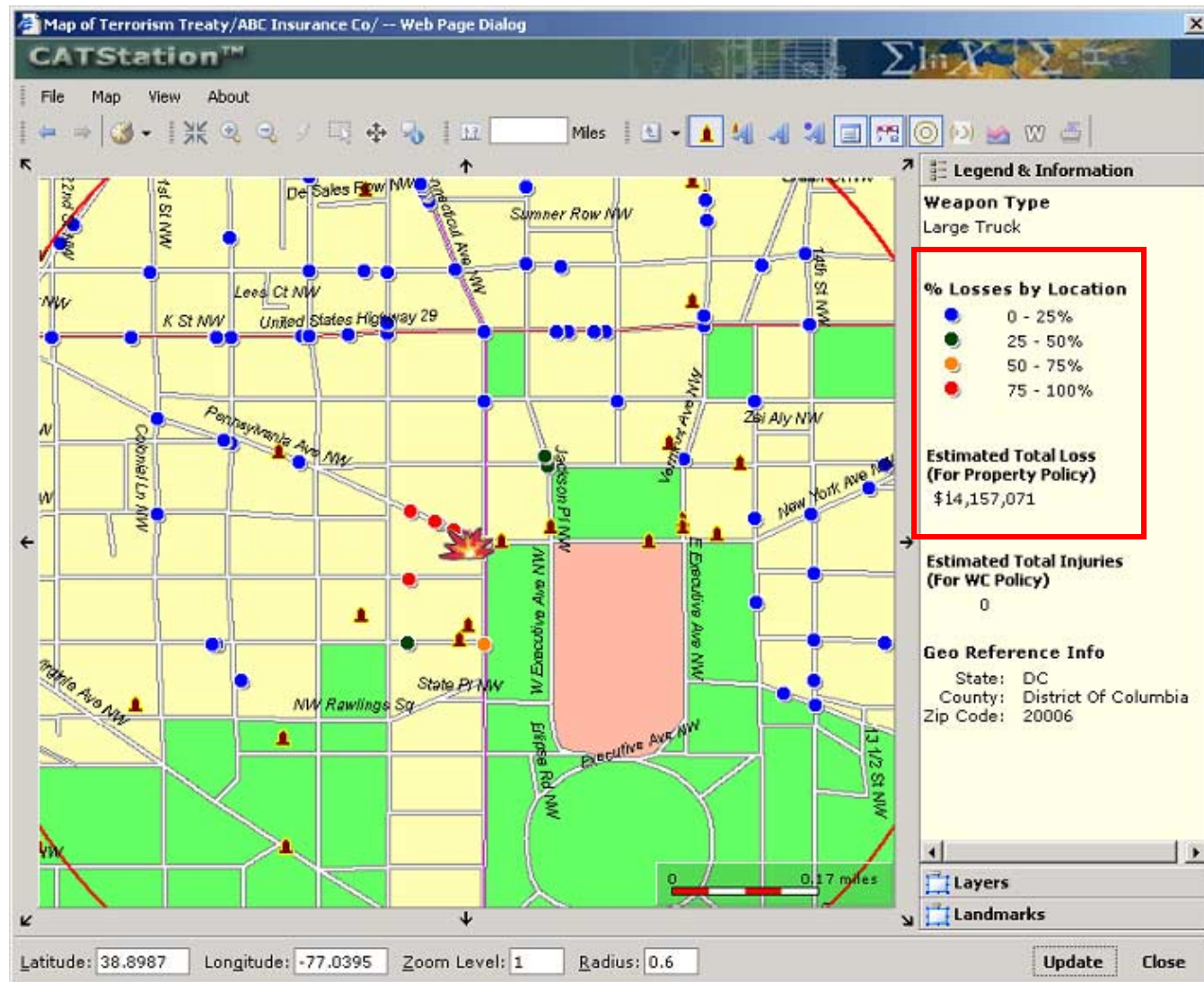
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Deterministic Loss Analysis at Largest Concentration



Deterministic Loss Analysis



Support for Rating Agency Reporting

A.M. Best Supplementary Rating Questionnaire

- ☐ Single location exposure
- ☐ Location ring exposure
- ☐ Deterministic modeled loss



Summary

- ❑ Terrorism Loss Estimation Model
 - Comprehensive landmark database
 - National exposure database
 - Conventional and CBRN weapons
 - Weapons effects modeling
 - Credible process for event likelihood estimation
- ❑ Risk measurement
 - Potential loss at insured locations and landmarks
 - ❑ Single location exposure
 - ❑ Ring accumulation
 - ❑ Deterministic (modeled) event loss
 - Probabilistic loss analysis
- ❑ Risk control
 - Underwriting
 - Risk transfer
 - Risk reserves/surplus/capital



Thank you

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