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Trillion Dollar Catastrophe Scenarios

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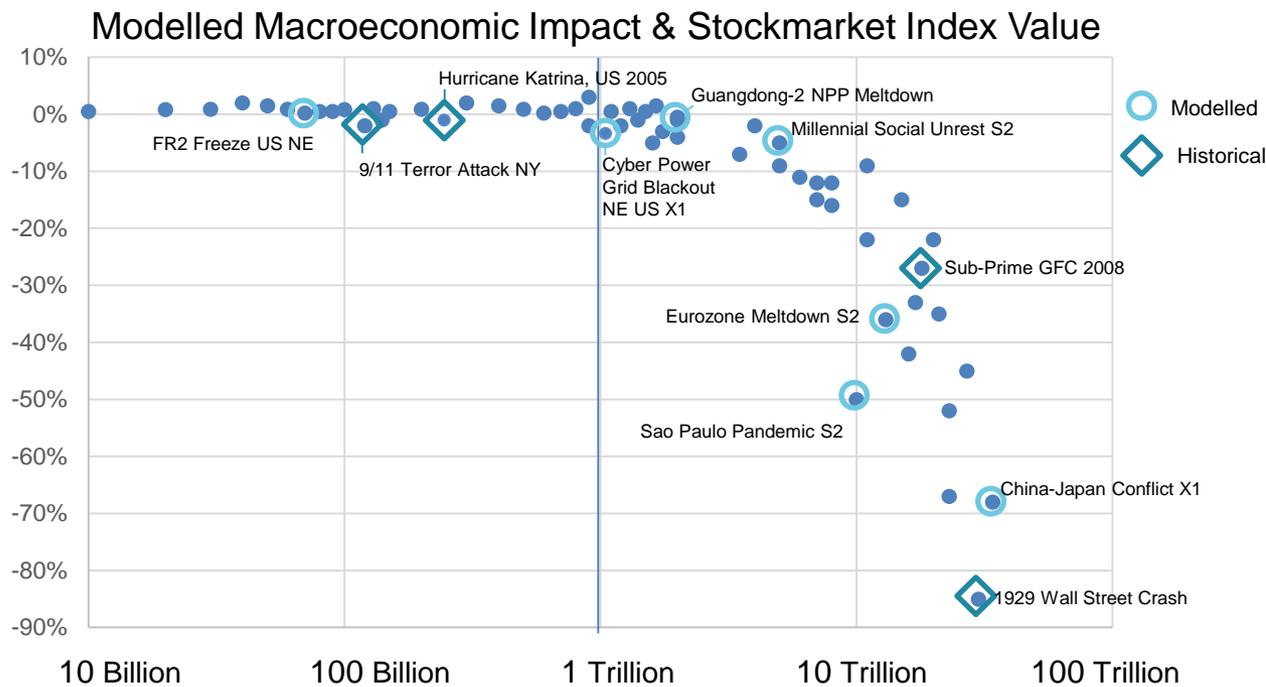


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Defining ALL the Trillion Dollar Event Scenarios

- The economy is relatively robust to minor and localized shocks
- A shock that destroys **a trillion dollars or more** of economic output is sufficiently large to trigger significant stockmarket equity devaluations
 - It becomes systemic and impacts connections and wider scale relationships
- Our objective to define all the likely causes of trillion dollar shocks to the global economy in a scenario event set

Stockmarket Shock
Reduction of S&P500 Index in One Quarter



GDP@Risk

\$ Economic Output Loss from Event

How One Shock Might Cascade into Another

Consequential Threat

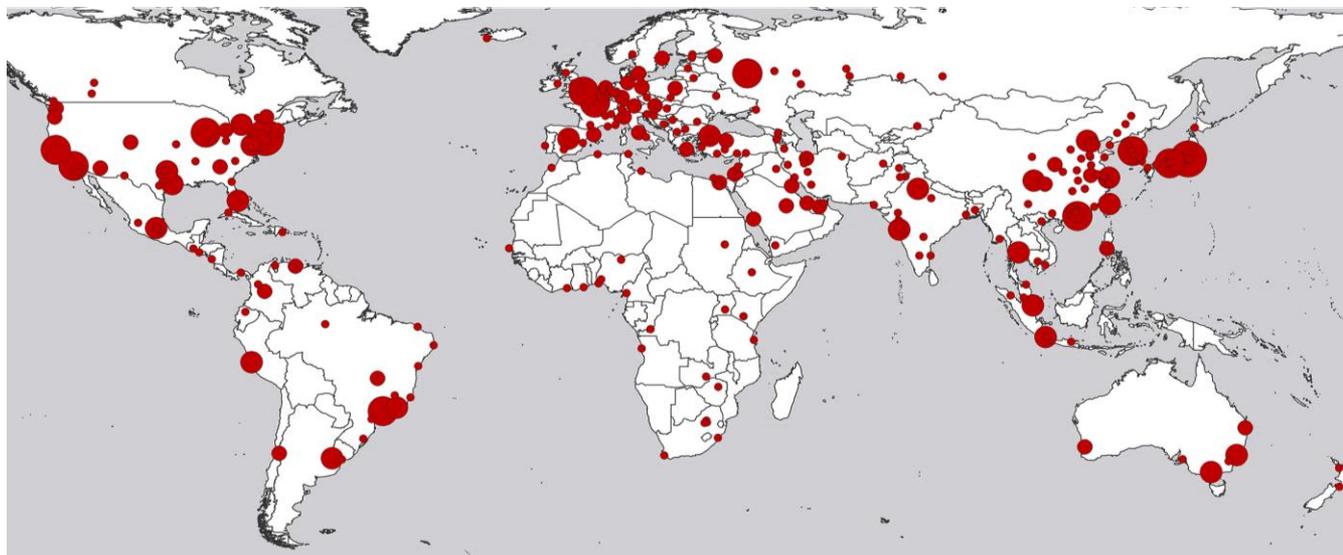
Primary Trigger

| | | Market Crash | Sovereign Crisis | Price Shock | Interstate War | Terrorism | Separatism | Social Unrest | Earthquake | Volcanic Eruption | Tropical Windstorm | Temperate Windstorm | Flood | Tsunami | Drought | Freeze | Heatwave | Power Outage | Cyber Attack | Solar Storm | Nuclear Accident | Human Epidemic | Plant Epidemic | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|--------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Finance, Economics & Trade | Market Crash | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | Sovereign Crisis | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Price Shock | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Geopolitics & Security | Interstate War | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | Terrorism | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | Separatism | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| | Social Unrest | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Natural Catastrophe & Climate | Earthquake | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| | Volcanic Eruption | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| | Tropical Windstorm | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| | Temperate Windstorm | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Flood | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| | Tsunami | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Drought | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Technology & Space | Freeze | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | Heatwave | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Power Outage | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| | Cyber Attack | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Solar Storm | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Health & Humanity | Nuclear Accident | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Human Epidemic | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| | Plant Epidemic | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |

- 0** No causal linkage
No significant ability to exacerbate
- 1** **No causal linkage**, but would exacerbate consequences if they occur
- 2** **Weak potential** to trigger threat occurrence
- 3** **Strong potential** to trigger threat occurrence
- 4** Ability to trigger **Other threats within same type class**

Cambridge Global Risk Index

300 Cities
22 Threats



- For each threat and each city we model the effects of Local Impact Severities (LIS):
- Estimated loss to the GDP economic output of each city from 3 levels of severity

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A Scenario is Defined By...

Interstate Conflict Scenario: **IC04**
 Name: **Saudi Arabia & Iran**
 Description: **Bilateral border conflict between two medium powers**

| Local Impact Severities (\$US bn) | | |
|---|---|---|
| IC1 (small) | IC2 (medium) | IC3 (large) |
| City mobilized for war, but not attacked; mobilization switches civilian commerce to military production; population gripped by fear, consumer demand drops, parts of population flees. Investor confidence is affected; Conflict lasts a year. | City suffers sporadic attack from occasional missiles or aerial bombardment, possible damage to city infrastructure from military cyber attack; City is mobilized for war; significant emigration of population from city. Investors withdraw | City is the target of strategic bombing by enemy forces, destroying industrial and commercial output and military facilities in the city; Major emigration by population. Possible rebuilding afterwards by major injection of capital. Conflict lasts 3 years. |

| CRS City ID | City Name | IC1 (small) | IC2 (medium) | IC3 (large) |
|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| SAU_ARI | Riyadh | 43.6 | 224.6 | 391.8 |
| SAU_JED | Jeddah | 42.4 | 218.6 | 381.0 |
| IRN_TER | Tehran | 29.2 | 167.4 | 296.4 |
| IRN_KHR | Mashhad | 9.3 | 53.8 | 95.0 |
| IRN_ISF | Isfahan | 6.2 | 35.9 | 63.4 |
| IRN_34807 | Karaj | 5.4 | 31.4 | 55.4 |
| IRN_AEK | Tabriz | 5.4 | 31.2 | 55.0 |
| IRN_FAR | Shiraz | 4.7 | 27.4 | 48.3 |
| IRN_KHZ | Ahvaz | 3.8 | 21.8 | 38.4 |
| IRN_QOM | Qom | 3.7 | 21.5 | 37.8 |
| IRN_38338 | Kermanshah | 3.0 | 17.6 | 31.0 |

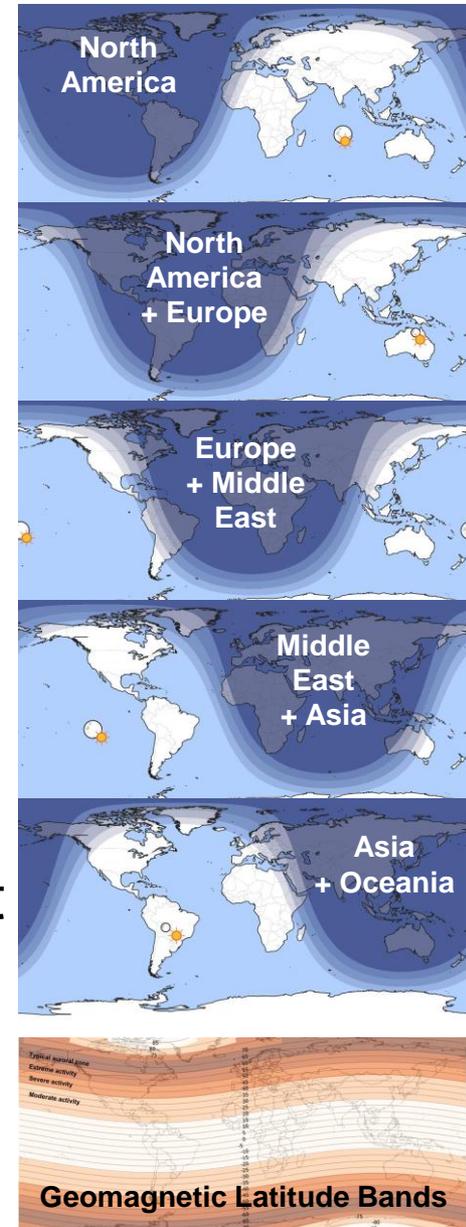
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| Total GDP@Risk (\$US bn) | 1,009 |
| Estimated Return Period | 600 |

How do we Devise the Scenarios?

| | ID | Threat | Phase | Hazard Map | Severity Scale | Cause | Projection | Uncertainty |
|--|------|-------------------------------|-------|--|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Natural Catastrophe & Climate | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.1 | EQ Earthquake | 1 | United States Geological Survey; GSHAP | Ms (Surface-wave Magnitude) | Natural | Constant | Low |
| | 1.2 | VE Volcanic Eruption | 1 | Smithsonian Institute of Volcanology | VEI (Volcanic Explosivity Index) | Natural | Constant | Medium |
| | 1.3 | HU Tropical Windstorm | 2 | EM-DAT; Pacific Research Center; Munich Re | Saffir-Simpson CAT Hurricane Scale | Natural | CC Trend | Low |
| | 1.4 | WS Temperate Windstorm | 2 | EM-DAT Windstorm Database | Beaufort Wind Scale | Natural | CC Trend | Low |
| | 1.5 | FL Flood | 1&2 | UNEP/DEWA/GRID-Europe Flood Risk Rating | Depth and velocity of flood water | Natural | CC Trend | Low |
| | 1.7 | TS Tsunami | 2 | NOAA NCDC Historical Tsunami Database | Run-up height | Natural | CC Trend | Medium |
| | 1.8 | DR Drought | 2 | US National Center for Atmospheric Research | Palmer Drought Severity Scale | Natural | CC Trend | Medium |
| | 1.10 | FR Freeze | 2 | Global Climate Zoning Map | Degree-Days below 0C | Natural | CC Trend | Medium |
| | 1.11 | HW Heatwave | 2 | Global Climate Zoning Map | Degree-Days Above 32C | Natural | CC Trend | Medium |
| Financial, Trade & Business | | | | | | | | |
| | 2.1 | MC Market Crash | 1 | IMF Banking Network Core-Periphery Designation | S&P500 Index reduction | Man-Made | Dynamic | High |
| | 2.2 | SD Sovereign Crisis | 1 | S&P National Credit Ratings | % Devaluation of national currency | Man-Made | Dynamic | Medium |
| | 2.3 | OP Commodity Prices | 2 | UN imported oil intensity of GDP output | % increase in oil price (Brent Crude) | Man-Made | Dynamic | Medium |
| Political, Crime & Security | | | | | | | | |
| | 3.1 | IW Interstate Conflict | 1 | Cytora Interstate Conflict Scenario Set | War Magnitude Scale | Man-Made | Dynamic | High |
| | 3.2 | SP Separatism Conflict | 1 | Encyclopedia of Modern Separatist Movements | Civil War Intensity (deaths) | Man-Made | Dynamic | Medium |
| | 3.3 | TR Terrorism | 1 | IEP START Global Terrorism Index | Terrorism Severity Scale | Man-Made | Dynamic | Medium |
| | 3.4 | SU Social Unrest | 2 | Cytora Social Unrest Event Index | Social Unrest Severity Scale | | Dynamic | Medium |
| Technology & Space | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.1 | PO Power Outage | 2 | Nation Master Electrical Outage Report | City-Days of Outage | Man-Made | Constant | Medium |
| | 4.2 | CY Cyber Attack | 1 | McAfee International Cyber Risk Report | Cyber Magnitude & Revenue@Risk | Man-Made | Dynamic | High |
| | 4.3 | SS Solar Storm | 2 | US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | US NOAA Space Weather Scale | Natural | Constant | High |
| | 4.4 | NP Nuclear Accident | 2 | World Nuclear Association Information Library | Intnl Nuclear Events Scale (INES) | Man-Made | Constant | Low |
| Health & Environmental | | | | | | | | |
| | 5.1 | HE Human Pandemic | 1 | Emerging Infectious Diseases, Institute of Zoology | US CDC Pandemic Severity Index | Natural | Dynamic | Medium |
| | 5.2 | PE Plant Epidemic | 2 | Wallingford Distribution Maps of Plant Diseases | Staple Crop (Wheat) Price Index | Natural | Dynamic | Medium |

Solar Storm Scenarios

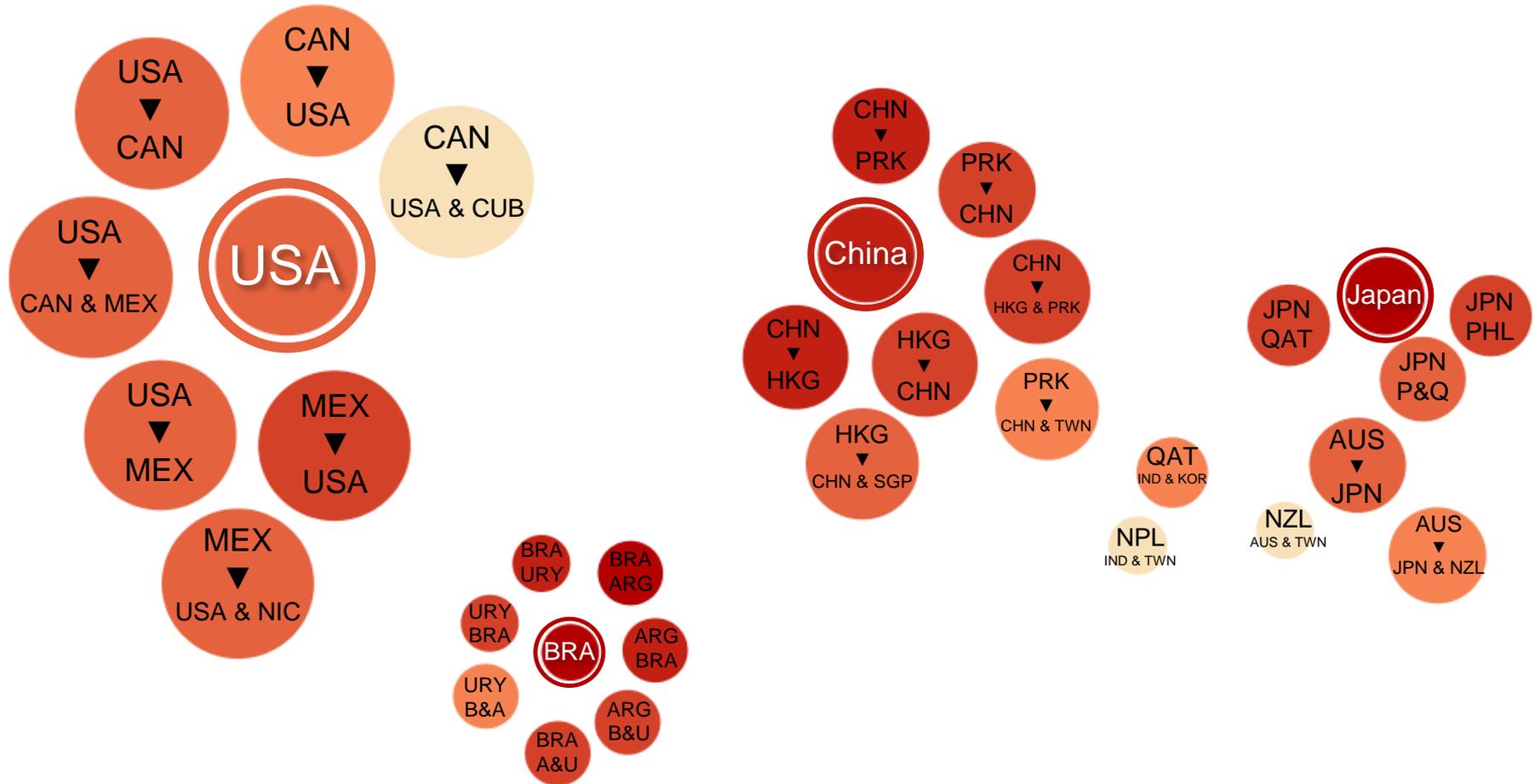
- Solar storms can hit different regions on the night side of Earth with different severity levels
 - Storms consist of charged particles from a Coronal Mass Ejection being accelerated towards Earth
 - Primary impacts are widespread blackouts caused by disruption to electricity network assets
- We consider five discrete ‘night shadows’ and six geomagnetic latitude bands
- Storm scenarios consider, for each of the night shadows, different severity levels at each geomagnetic latitude band
- We infer from historical events the likelihood of a storm impacting a geomagnetic latitude at a given severity level
 - Overall scenario probabilities are then estimated from bottom-up city-level probabilities



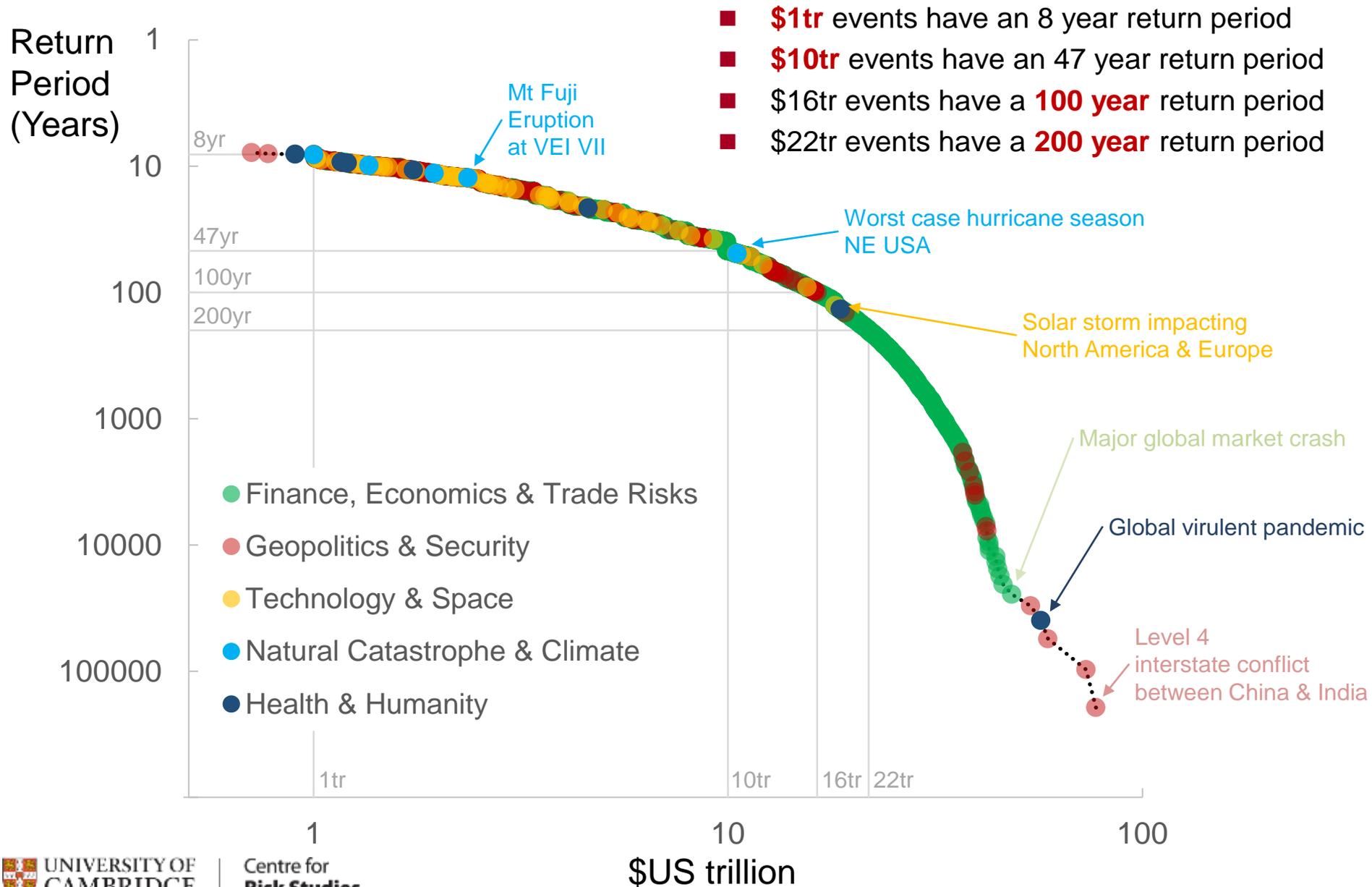
Sovereign Crisis Scenarios

- Scenarios are defined at a country-level
 - All cities within an affected country are assigned the same LIS severity level
- We first define a set of scenarios that consist of a single sovereign crisis
 - 5 year CDS spreads are used to estimate annual probability of crisis
 - E.g., Brazil is estimated to have a 3-4% annual chance of a sovereign crisis
- The UN Comtrade trade network is used to identify countries that could fall into crisis as a consequence of another country being in crisis
 - The probability of a cascading crisis is affected by the strength of bilateral trading relationships
 - E.g., a Brazilian crisis could trigger a crisis in Argentina
- Another set of scenarios then define double and triple sovereign crisis cascades

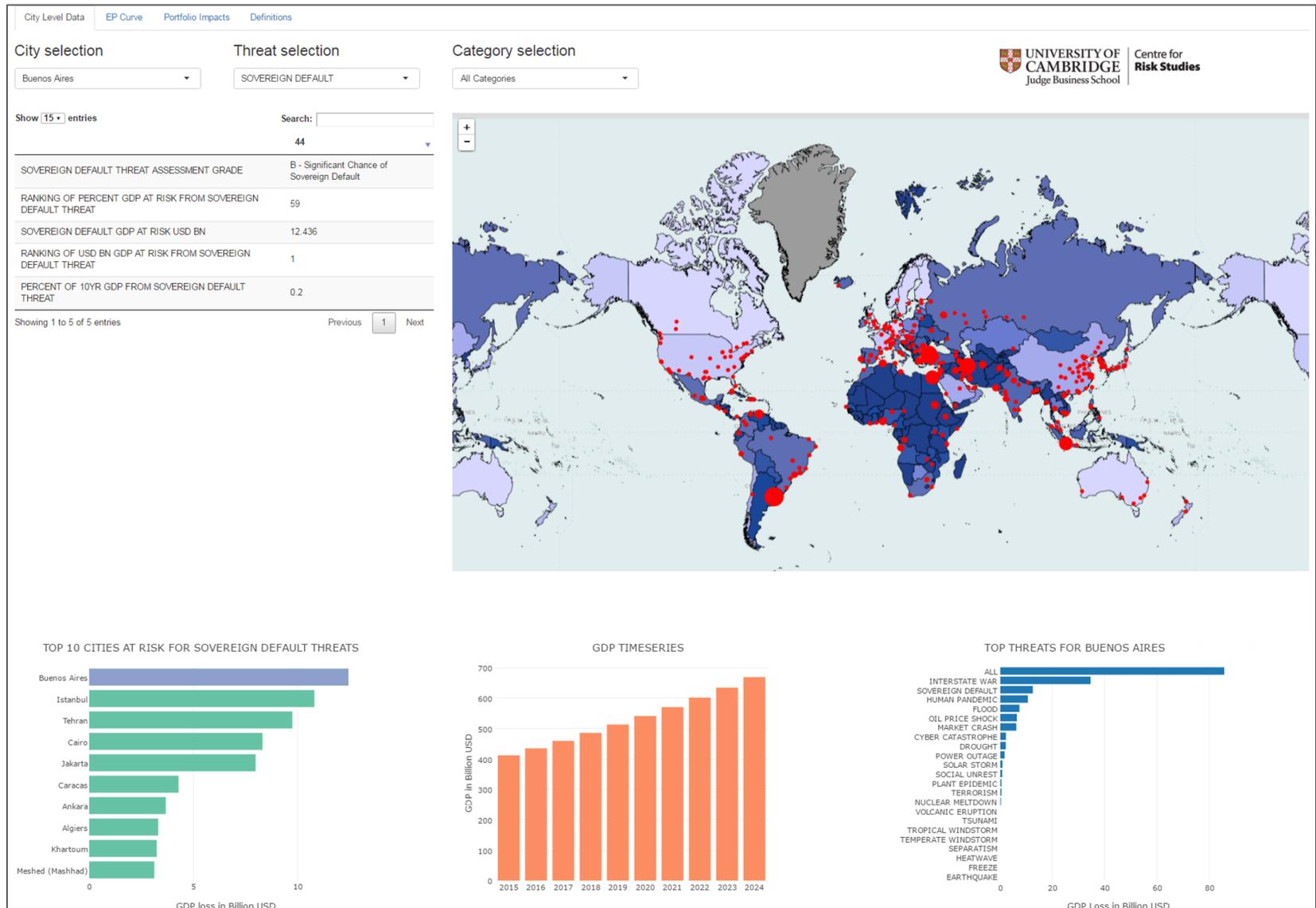
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