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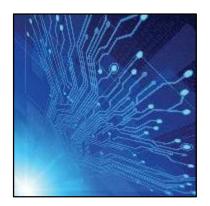
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#### OVERVIEW OF TREND RISKS: INSIGHTS INTO IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

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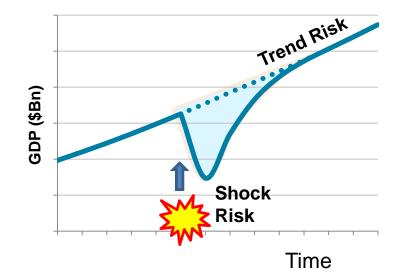




#### **Risky Futures** Trend Risks and Business Decisions

- CCRS has studied and modelled shock risks for nearly a decade
- Trend risk is equally important
- We are increasingly being asked to consider business risks that come from potential trends
- Businesses are struggling to understand how to prepare for future changes in their core assumptions





#### Trend Risk 🗁 Emerging Risk

WEF's 2018 Global Risk Report: A "trend" is

long-term pattern that is currently evolving ... amplifying global risks...

#### Emerging risks arising from

- IRGC: Unexpected impacts ... in evolving environments or contexts"

[www.irgc.org/risk-governance/emerging-risk/]

Academic: Newly created or identified, Increasing

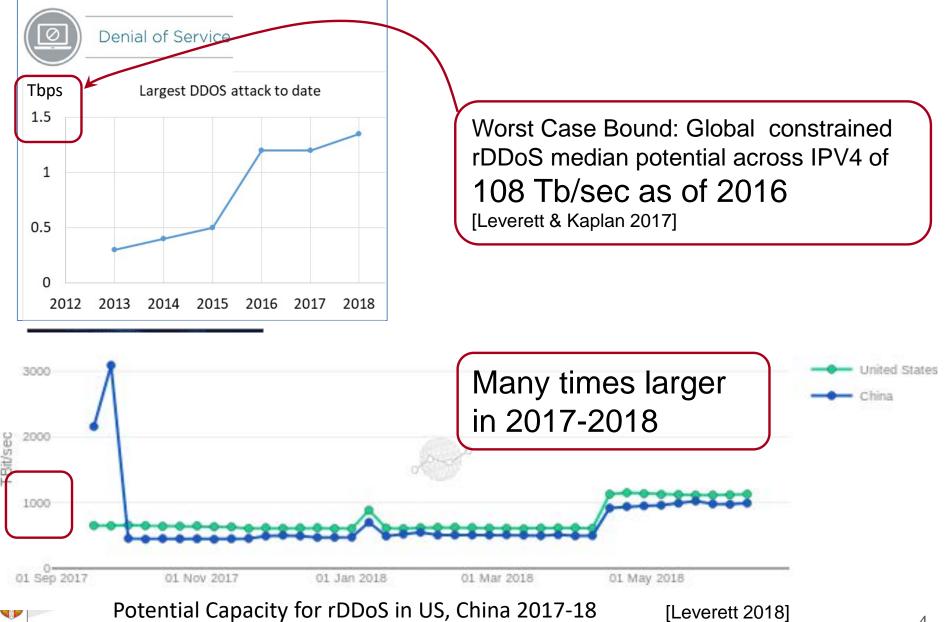
[Flage, Aven 2015]

- CCRS identifies a risk as emergent as a threat that
  - That isn't fully recognised as a driver of catastrophe
  - Whose catastrophic impacts are difficult to assess
    - Newness or changing nature of the threat
    - **Complexity**: systemic effects, nonlinear dynamics etc



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### **Case Study: Emergence of Cyber Fear and Loathing**



#### **Scenarios as Management Tools**

#### Scenario Stress Tests are plausible but extreme narratives

- Ask: What challenges might my organisation face in future?
- Derive question from
  - Historical events
  - o Counterfactual events
  - Creative thinking: "Imagineering"
- Sectoral applications of Scenarios
  - Oil & Gas, and corporates for trends and emergent phenomena
  - o Insurance: Lloyd's Realistic Disaster Scenarios for shocks to enterprise
  - Banking: CCAR Severe Adverse Scenario for *shocks to enterprise*
- Scenario Stress Tests are typically a qualitative approach to quantify "tail risk"



# Scenario Planning: Identifying Different Futures

#### History

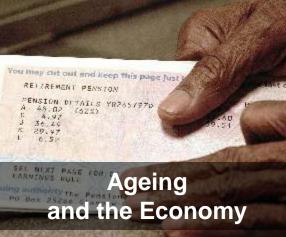
- Herman Kahn / RAND: scenarios for post nuclear war
- Pierre Wack / Shell: scenarios for strategic challenges
- Scenario planning
  - Decide drivers for change/assumptions
  - Combining drivers to generate 2-5 scenarios
    These are deliberately different (plural)
    - These are deliberately different / plural
  - Use these scenarios to challenge BAU
- Planning the firm's response
  - Current state & capabilities
    - Key Success Factor analysis [Schoemaker 2002, Profiting From Uncertainty]
  - Different scenarios suggest different evolution paths



# **Risky Futures – Drivers of Change**









Democratic Shocks and the Next Brexit







Liability Propagation & the Litigious Society



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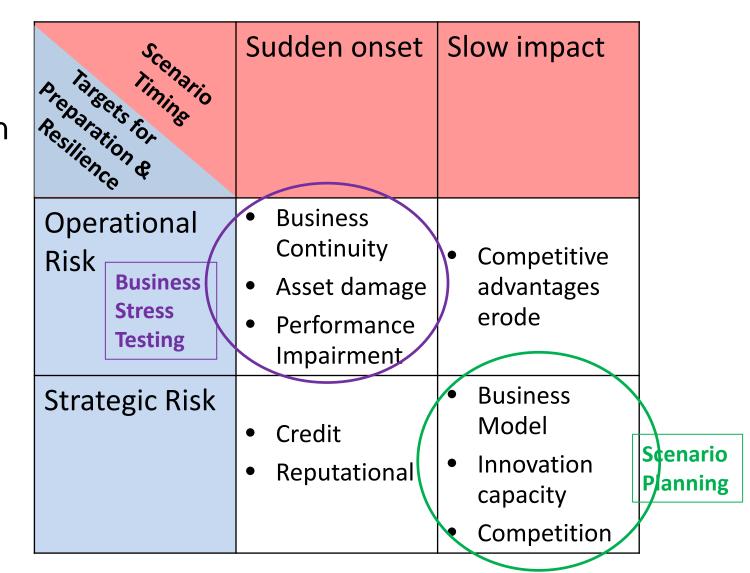
#### **Correlated Risk Trends**

Climate & Nationalism are positively correlated

- Rise in Nationalism hastens Climate Change
- Climate-related stresses induce social unrest, movement of people and associated geopolitical reactions
- Demographics & Inequality are fait accompli in developed economies
  - Are these immutable in developed nations?
  - What about developing economies?
- 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution ⇒ Driver of future Inequality
- Liability (visibility) is emergent

#### **Scenarios for Assessing Preparedness and Resilience**

Can we combine an analysis of trends and shocks?





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### Case Study: Global Economic Impact of Climate as Trend Risk

#### CGRI

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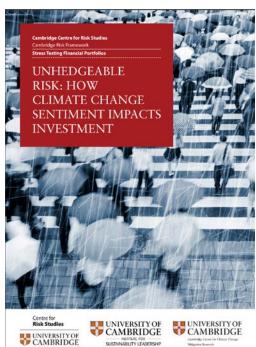
- 279 cities representing 41% of global GDP
- 22 threat types: nat cats, pandemic, cyber attack, war, etc.
- 2018 Results released 6 June
- If for climatic events
  - All frequencies increased by 10%,
  - All severities increased by 5%
  - Then GPD@Risk would increase by \$19 Bn
  - 15% of GDP@Risk due to climatic threats
  - -3.5% of total GDP@Risk for all 22 threats



## Case Study: Global Economic Impact of Climate as Trend Risk

Next steps

- Model climate change trends consistent with IPCC's Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)
  - Apply CGRI analysis to future years accounting for GDP growth and a given RCP
- 2. Combine a trend, eg, RCP, with our library of shocks, eg, shift in market sentiment



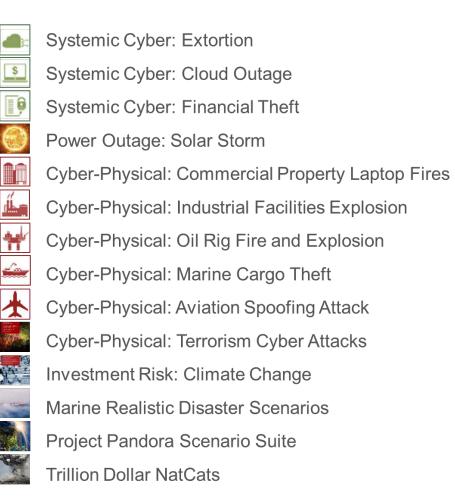


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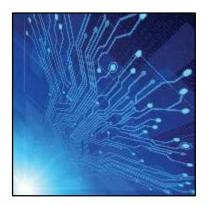
# **Shock Scenarios Developed by CCRS**



Freeze Event: US-Europe Marine Piracy: Horn of Africa Interstate Conflict: China-Japan War Systemic Cyber: Sybil Logic Bomb Pandemic: São Paulo Virus Social Unrest: Millennium Uprising Financial: Global Property Crash Financial: Eurozone Meltdown Financial: High Inflation World Financial: Dollar Deposed Power Outage Cyber: US Business Blackout Power Outage Cyber: UK Regional Blackout Systemic Cyber: Data Exfiltration Systemic Cyber: Denial of Service





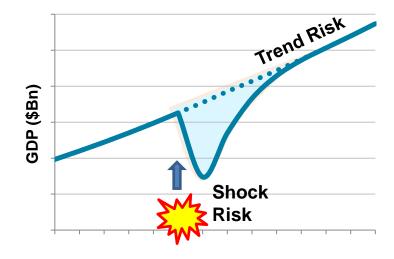


# The Future: Modelling Risky, Futures

# Quantify strategic exposure for

# Business

- CEOs
- Risk managers
- Investors
  - Portfolio managers
- Governments & NGOs





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