

# The U.S. Gulf Coast: Risk and Adaptation

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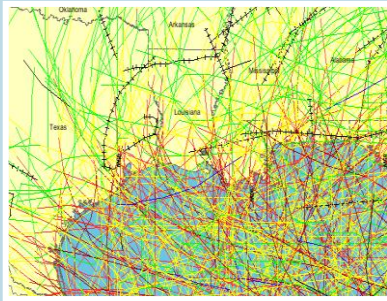
# Risk and Adaptation

- Brief Introduction to the Adaptation Study
  - Risk Assessment
  - Adaptation Supply Curve
- Adaptation initiatives
  - “Blue Ribbon Resiliency Communities”
  - Entergy asset resiliency

# Project objective and approach

**Objective:** Develop a comprehensive, objective, consistent fact base to quantify climate risks in the U.S. Gulf Coast and inform economically sensible approaches for addressing this risk

## First comprehensive analysis of climate risks and adaptation economics along the U.S. Gulf Coast



**Illustration of hurricane paths/ intensities**

- **Granular, “bottom-up” analysis using a risk framework:**
  - Modeled **23** asset classes across residential, commercial, infrastructure, oil, gas and utility
  - Modeled **800** zip codes across **77** counties
  - Simulated **~10,000** hurricane “years” across multiple climate scenarios
  - Modeled over **50** adaptation measures

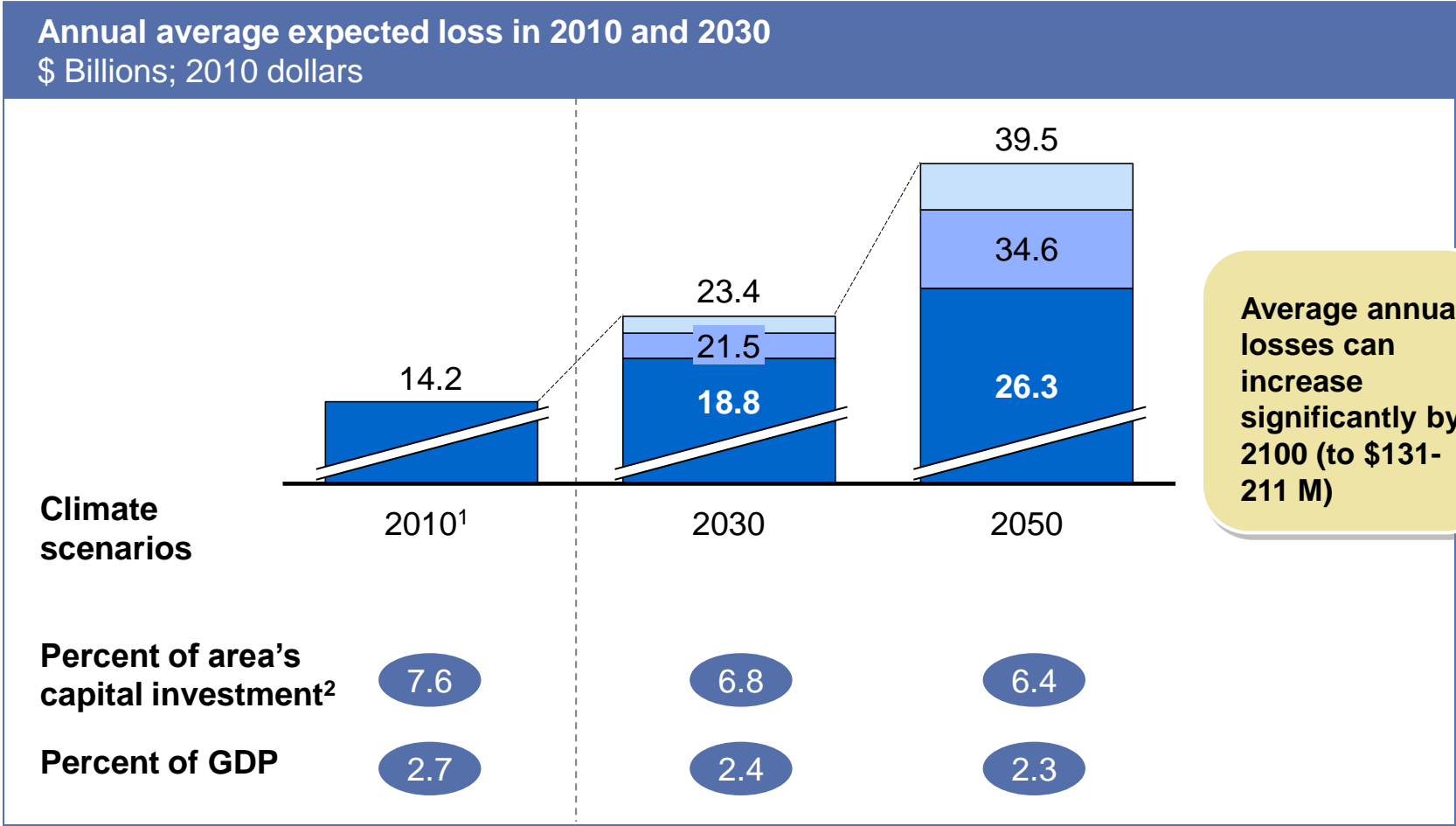


**Engaged with experts across the Gulf Coast**

- **First time broad range of Gulf Coast stakeholders and experts engaged**
  - **Discussed with over 100** global, regional academics, government officials, industry experts and NGOs
  - **Used credible, publicly available sources** (e.g., IPCC climate scenarios, FEMA, BEA, DOE EIA, MMS, Energy Velocity,)

# Climate change is expected to increase loss over time

- Extreme climate scenario
- Average climate scenario
- No climate change



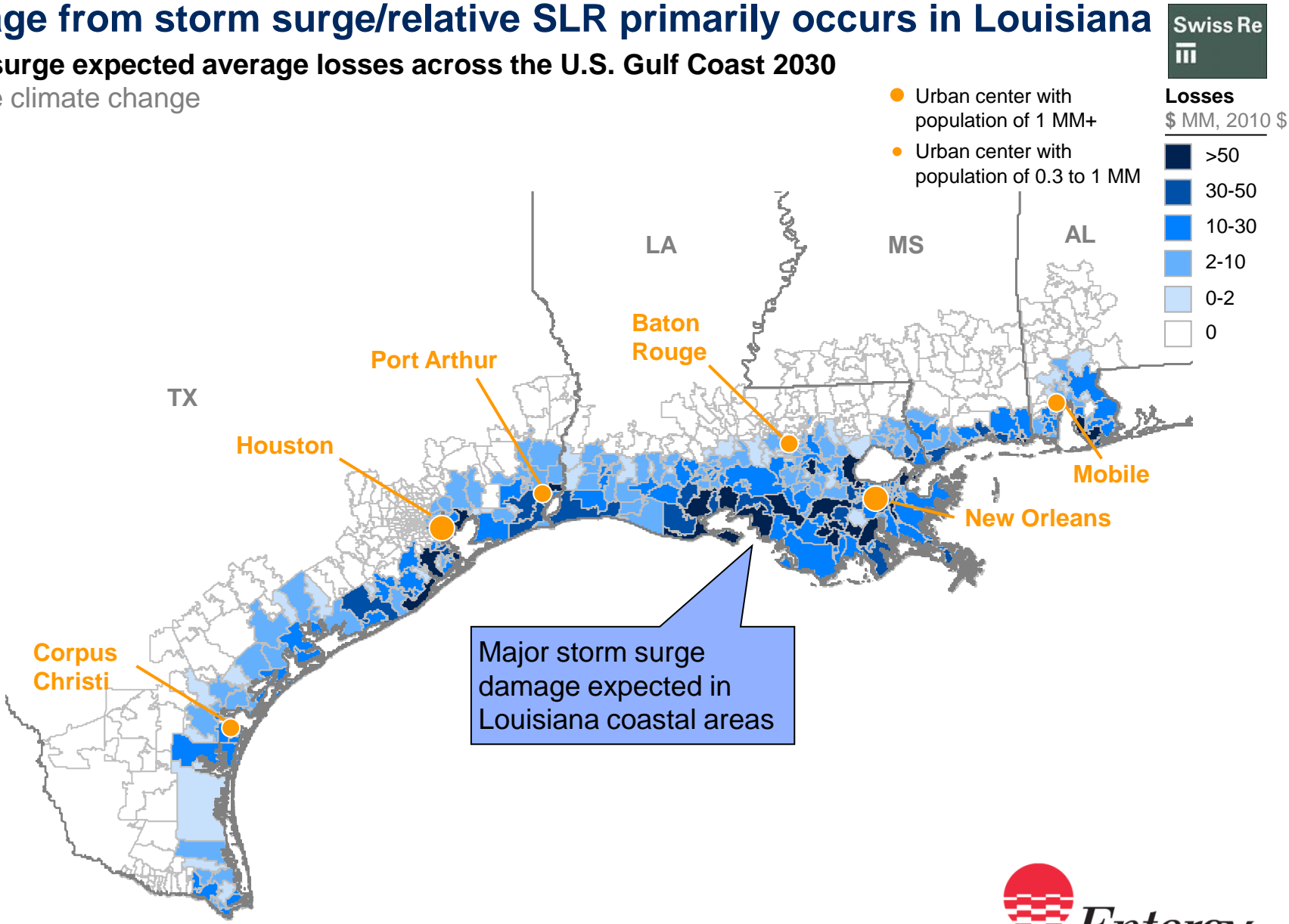
1 No climate change; includes impact of subsidence

2 Based on BEA historical average of capital investment (private and total government expenditures) as a percentage of GDP

# Damage from storm surge/relative SLR primarily occurs in Louisiana

Storm surge expected average losses across the U.S. Gulf Coast 2030

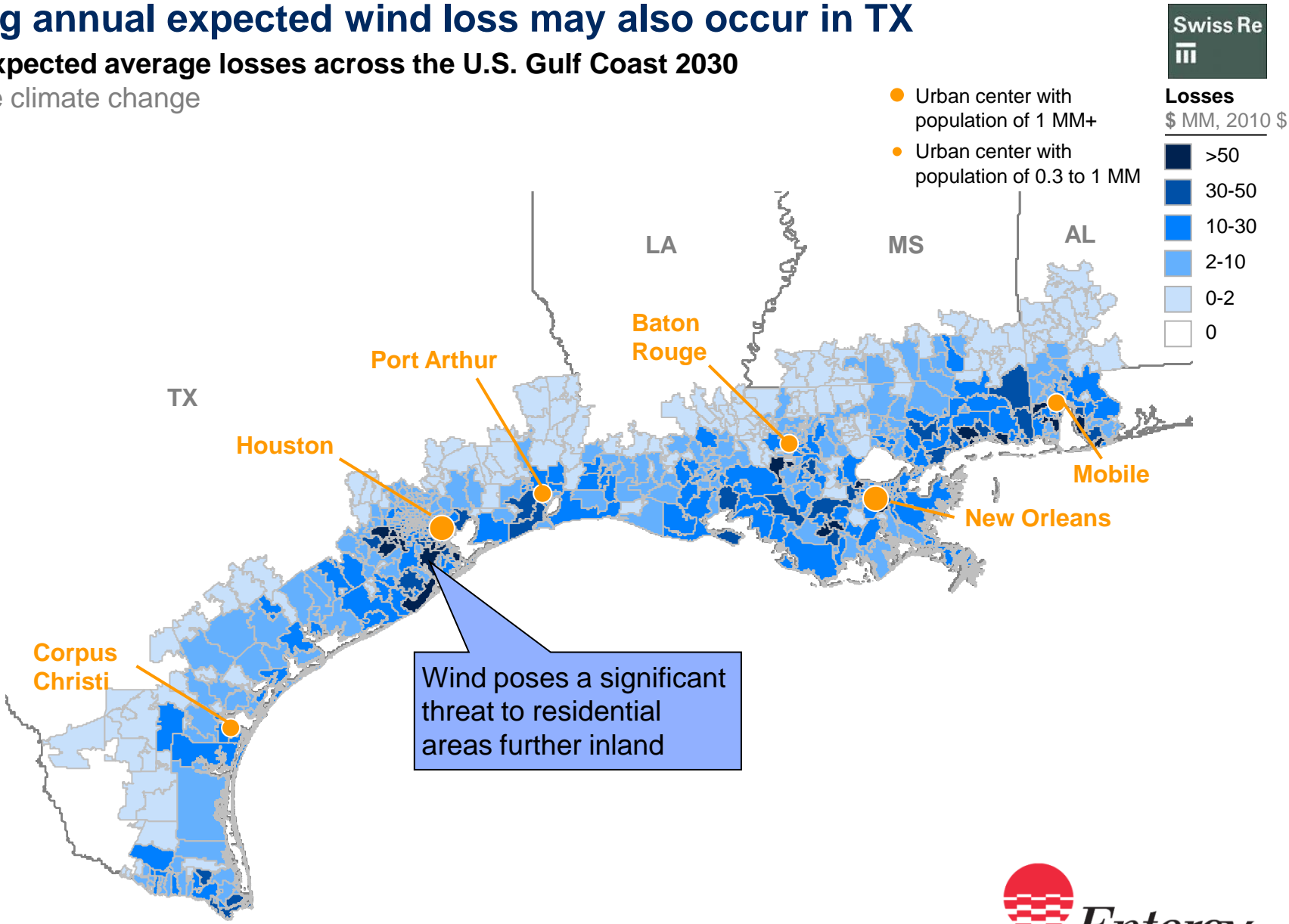
Average climate change



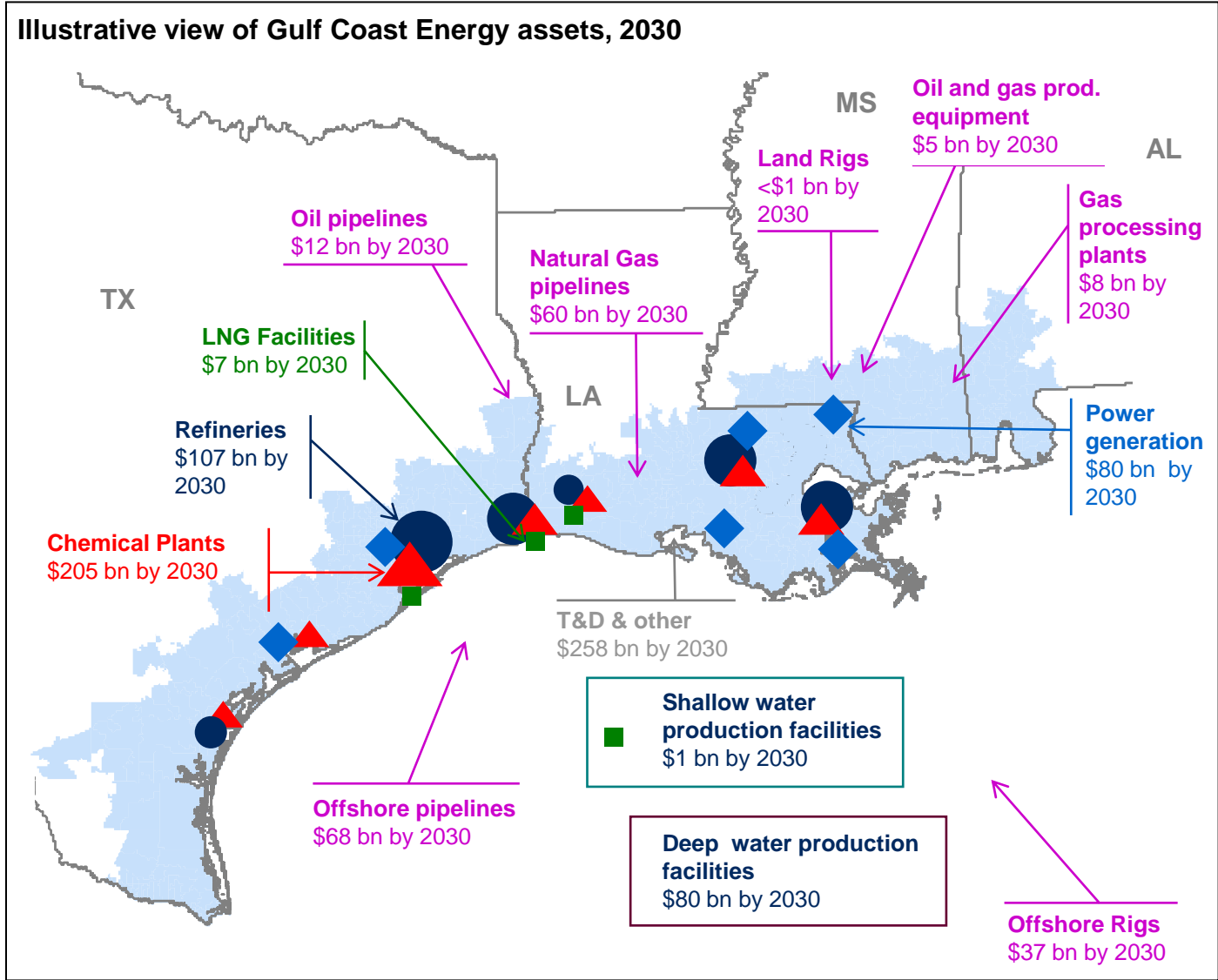
# Strong annual expected wind loss may also occur in TX

## Wind expected average losses across the U.S. Gulf Coast 2030

Average climate change

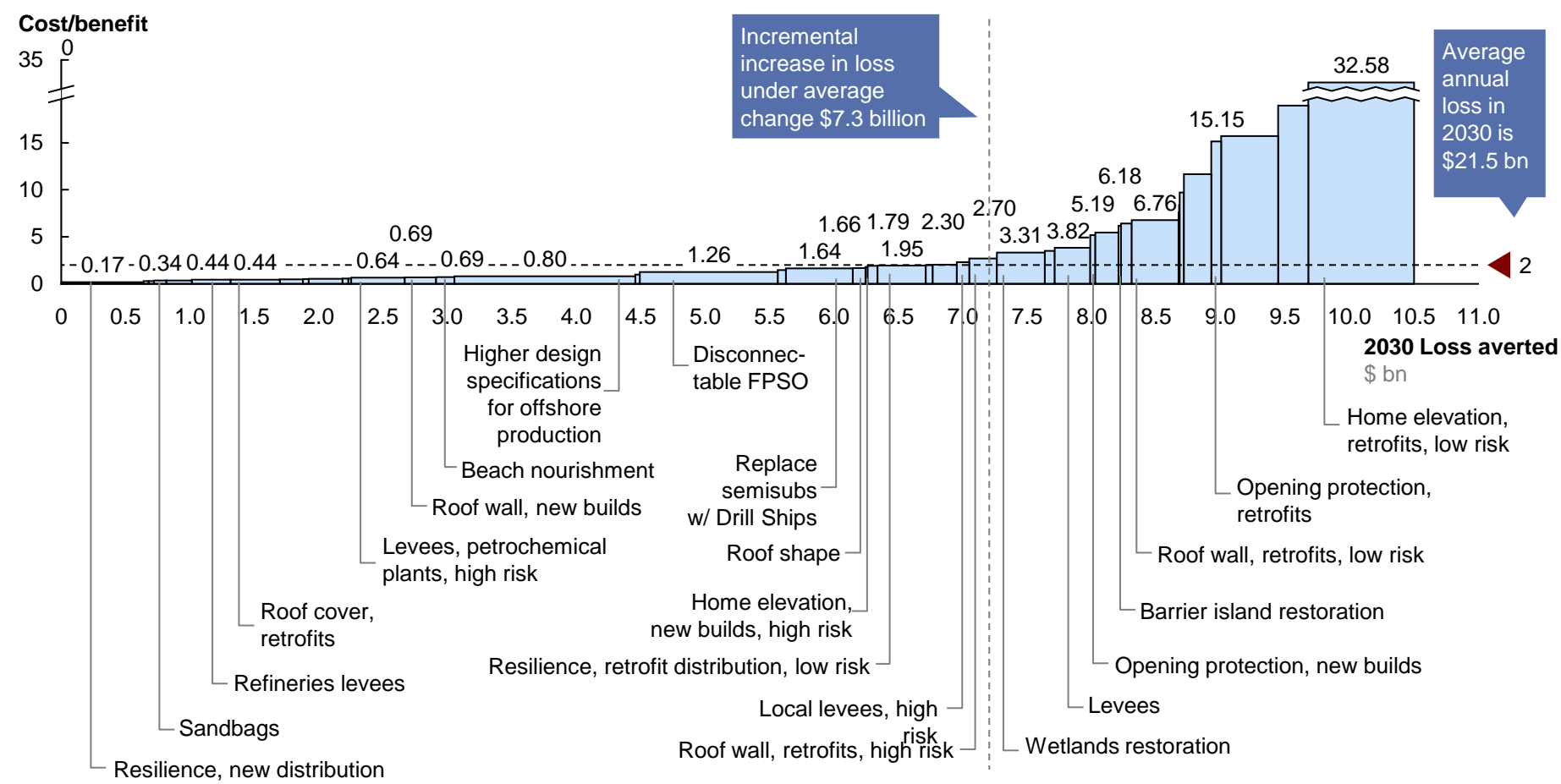


# We are considering a range of energy assets in this analysis



- We have taken a **granular view of energy assets**
- **Generated bottoms up replacement valuation and geospatial distribution of assets**

# Potentially attractive measures can address the increase in annual loss between today and 2030 and keep the risk profile of the region constant





# Blue Ribbon Resilient Communities - BRRC

- Entergy and America's Wetland Foundation (AWF)
  - Entergy and AWF co-sponsors of the BRRC
  - Leadership and participation
  - Leverage existing relationships in the communities
  - Expansion to include broader group of stakeholders
    - Industry
    - Other utilities
    - Expand to other states
- Blue Ribbon Resilient Communities: Envisioning the Future of America's Energy Coast
  - Co-Chairs – Louisiana Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne; Texas TCEQ - Buddy Garcia
  - Membership – state officials from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama
- BRRC as a vehicle to assess the resiliency of coast communities
  - Example assessment tool
  - BRRC schedule

# Resilient Communities BRRC

## ■ Event Schedule

### **2011**

February

Press Conference – Belle Chasse, LA

March

Calcasieu Parish – Lake Charles, LA

May

Plaquemines Parish, LA

June

Harris/Montgomery/Ft. Bend Counties, TX

September

Terrebonne/Lafourche Parishes, LA

October

Harrison/Hancock Counties, MS

November

Galveston County, TX

### **2012**

January

Mobile County, AL

March

South Padre, TX

March

Baldwin County, AL

April

Iberia/St. Mary Parishes, LA

May

New Orleans, LA



# Resilient Communities BRRC Meeting Locations

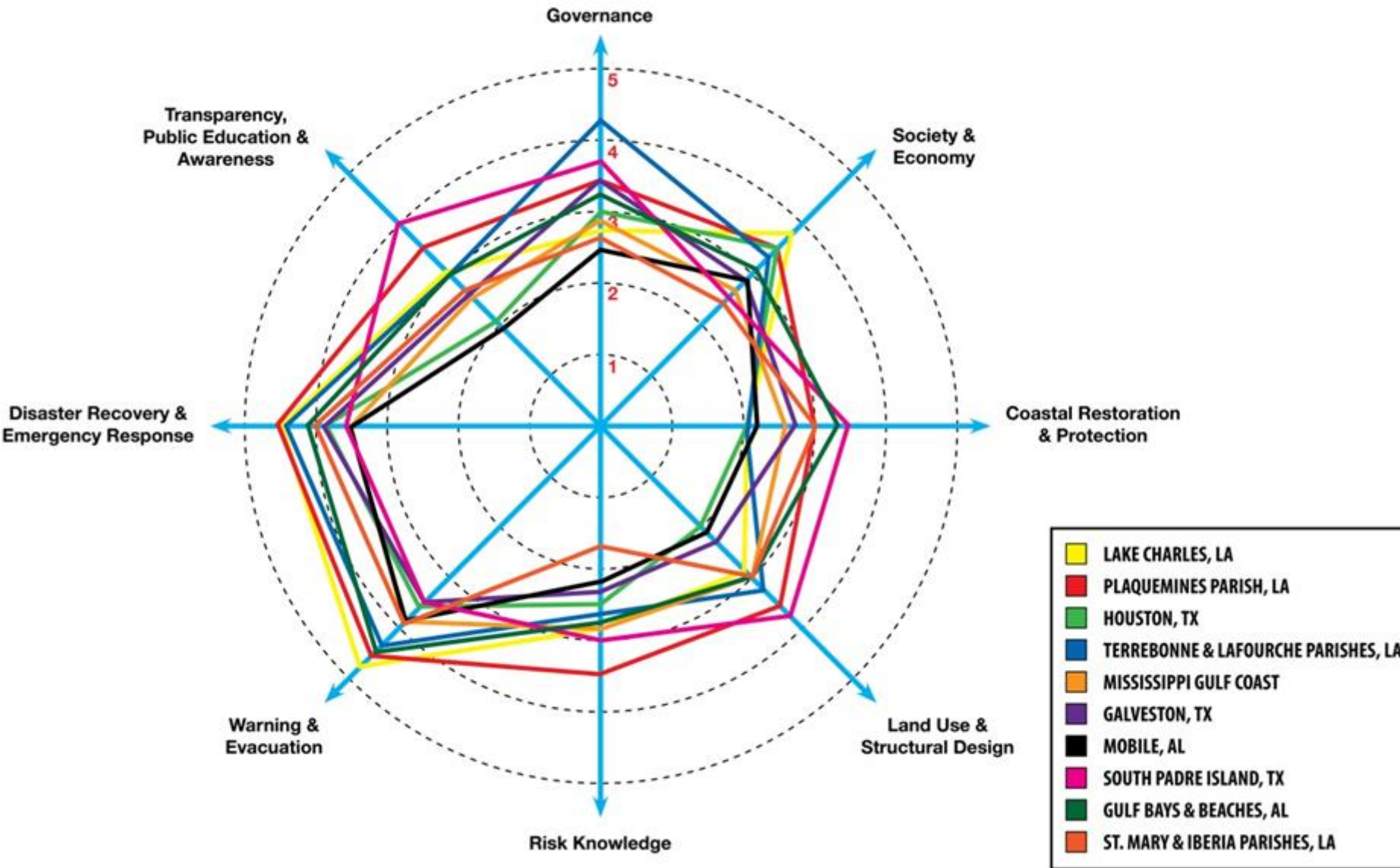


# Resiliency modeling approach and benchmarking – graphic representation



\* "How Resilient is your Coastal Community – USAID, NOAA, 2007

# Resiliency modeling approach and benchmarking – BRRC Results



# Entergy Asset Resiliency

- Utility Operations
- Focus on resiliency of Entergy assets
  - T&D
  - Generation
  - Vegetation Management
- Expansion to include other utilities
- Technical Conferences set for Texas and Louisiana
  - Lamar University Beaumont April 12, 2012
  - Louisiana State University Baton Rouge May 17, 2012

# Entergy Asset Resiliency

We have developed a set of 27 utility measures across 3 key categories

“Out of the money” measures  
Attractive measures

PRELIMINARY

Category

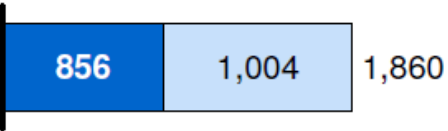
Type of measures

Total 2030 loss averted  
\$ MM


Transmission  
& Distribution



- Resilience
- Vegetation management
- Undergrounding




Substations



- Elevation of substations



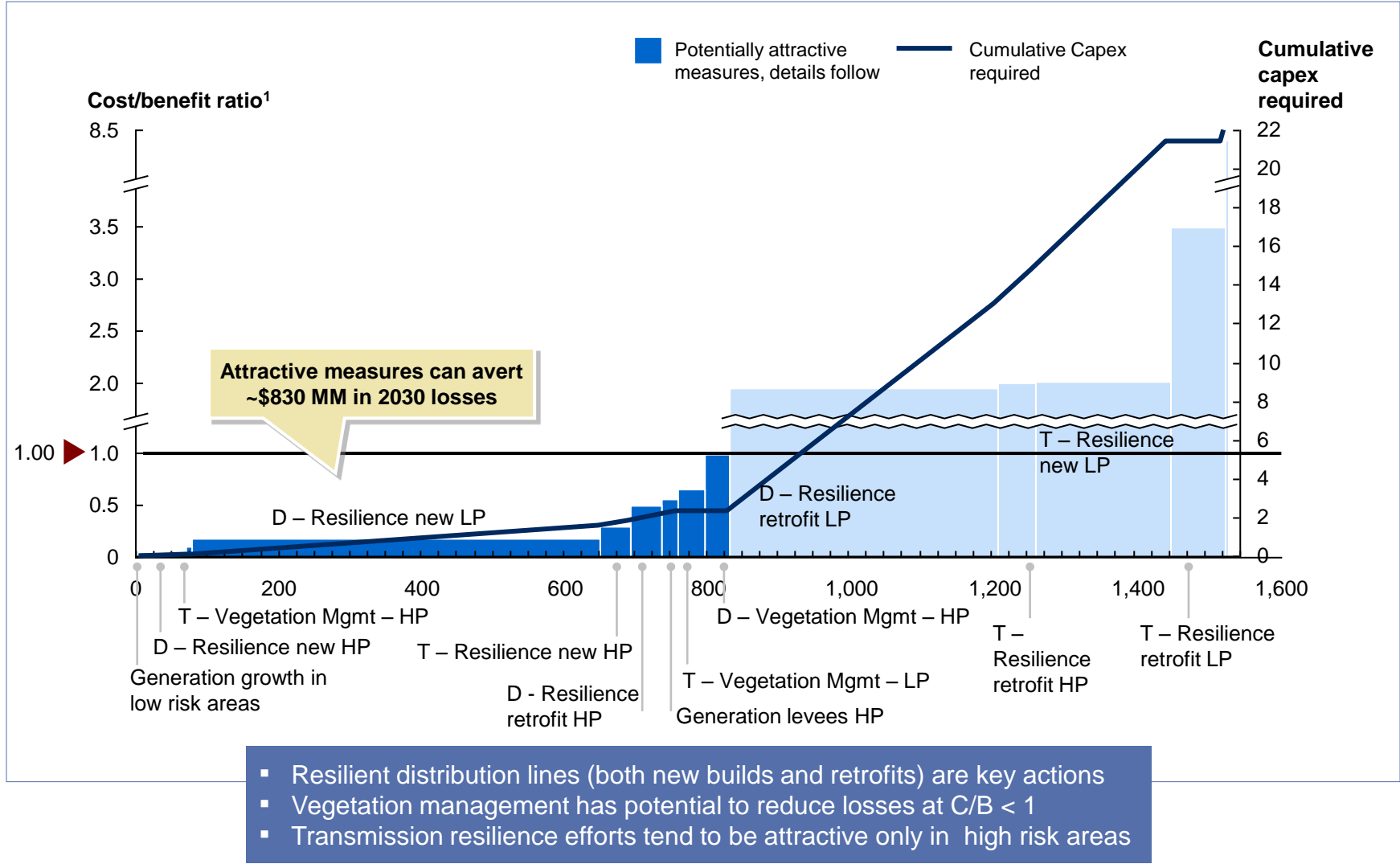
Generation



- Build levees protecting power plants
- Build new power plants in low risk areas



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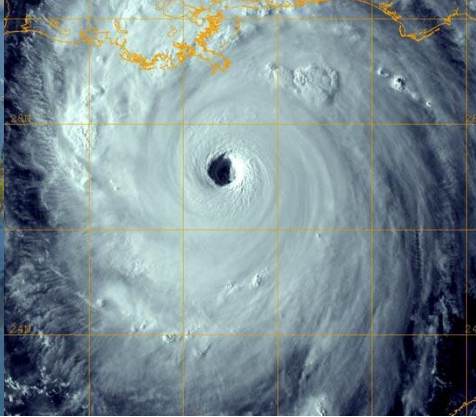
Note: HP refers to High Priority areas (zip codes with high average losses) ; LP refers to Low Priority areas (zip codes low average losses)

<sup>1</sup> Benefits include utility property damage + utility business interruption + commercial and non-energy industrial business interruption aversion



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- Summary
  - Risk Assessment - \$14 billion/yr in 2010
  - Cumulative losses of \$350 billion by 2030
  - Adaptation Supply Curve – can help reduce growth in loss
- Adaptation initiatives
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  - Entergy asset resiliency



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## Questions

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