



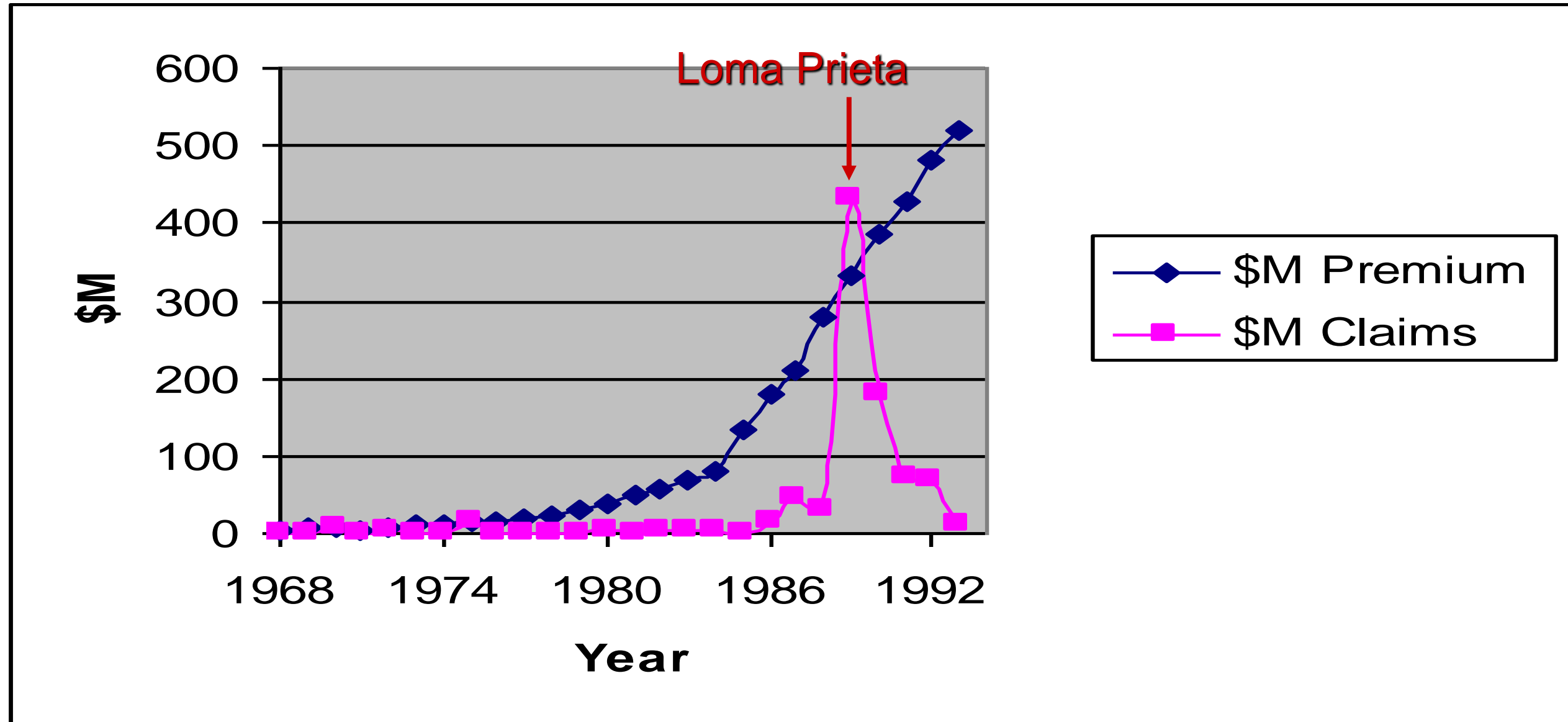
# RISK MODELING AND CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE

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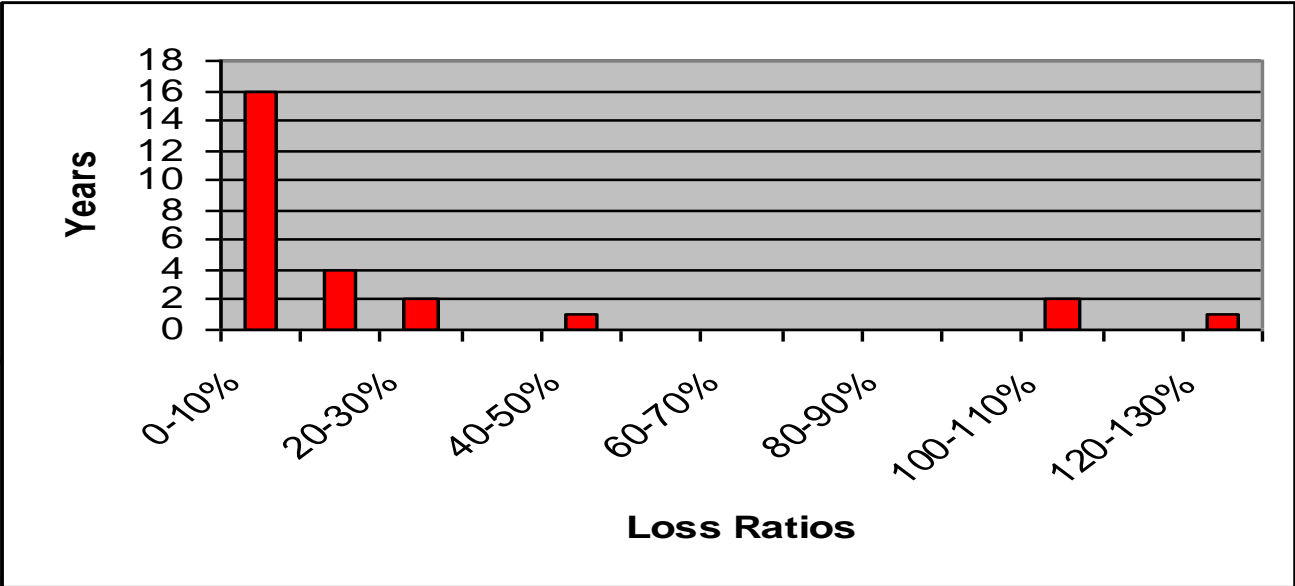
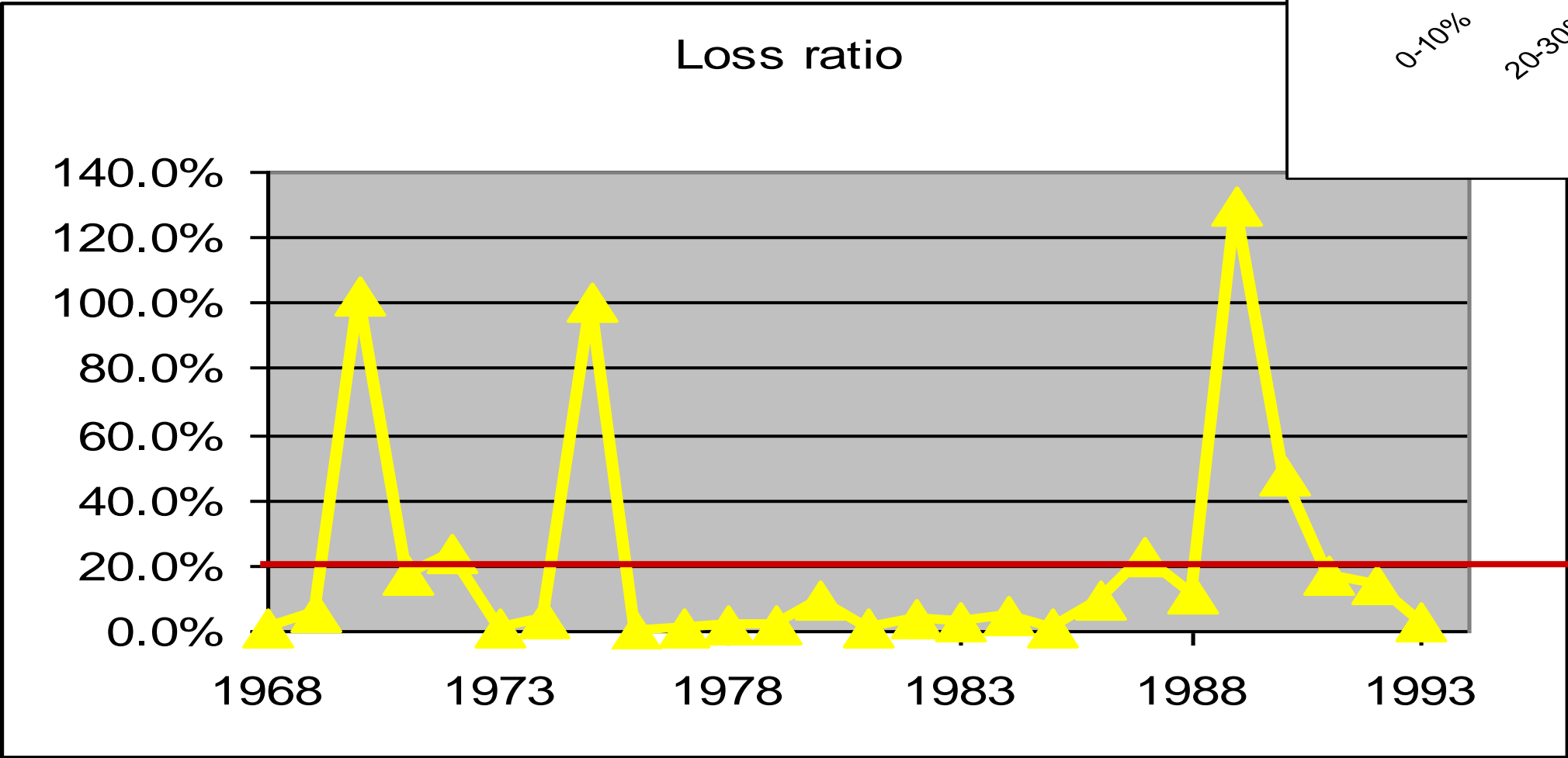
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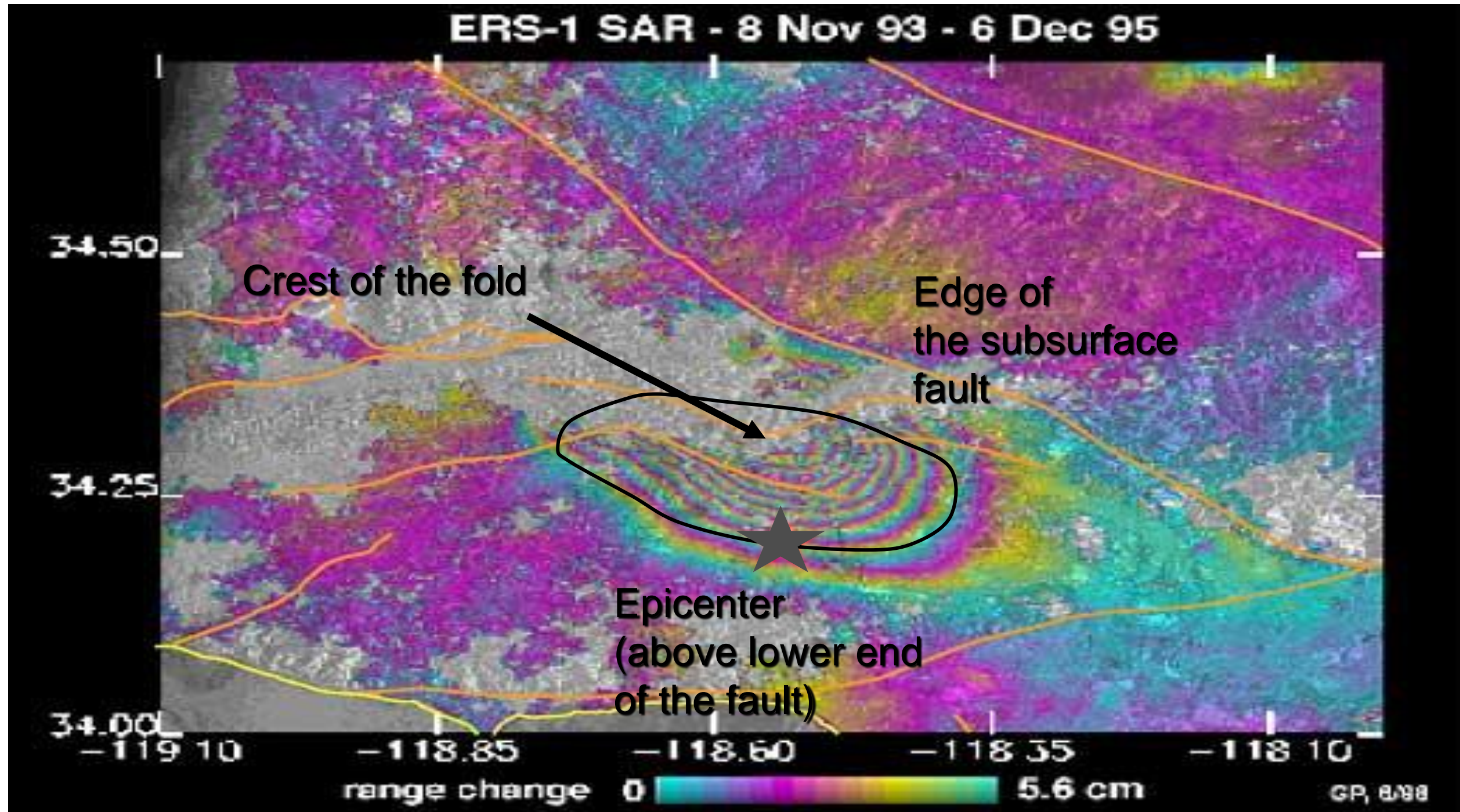
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# CA EQ INSURANCE: 25 YEARS OF DATA BY WHICH TO PRICE THE BUSINESS



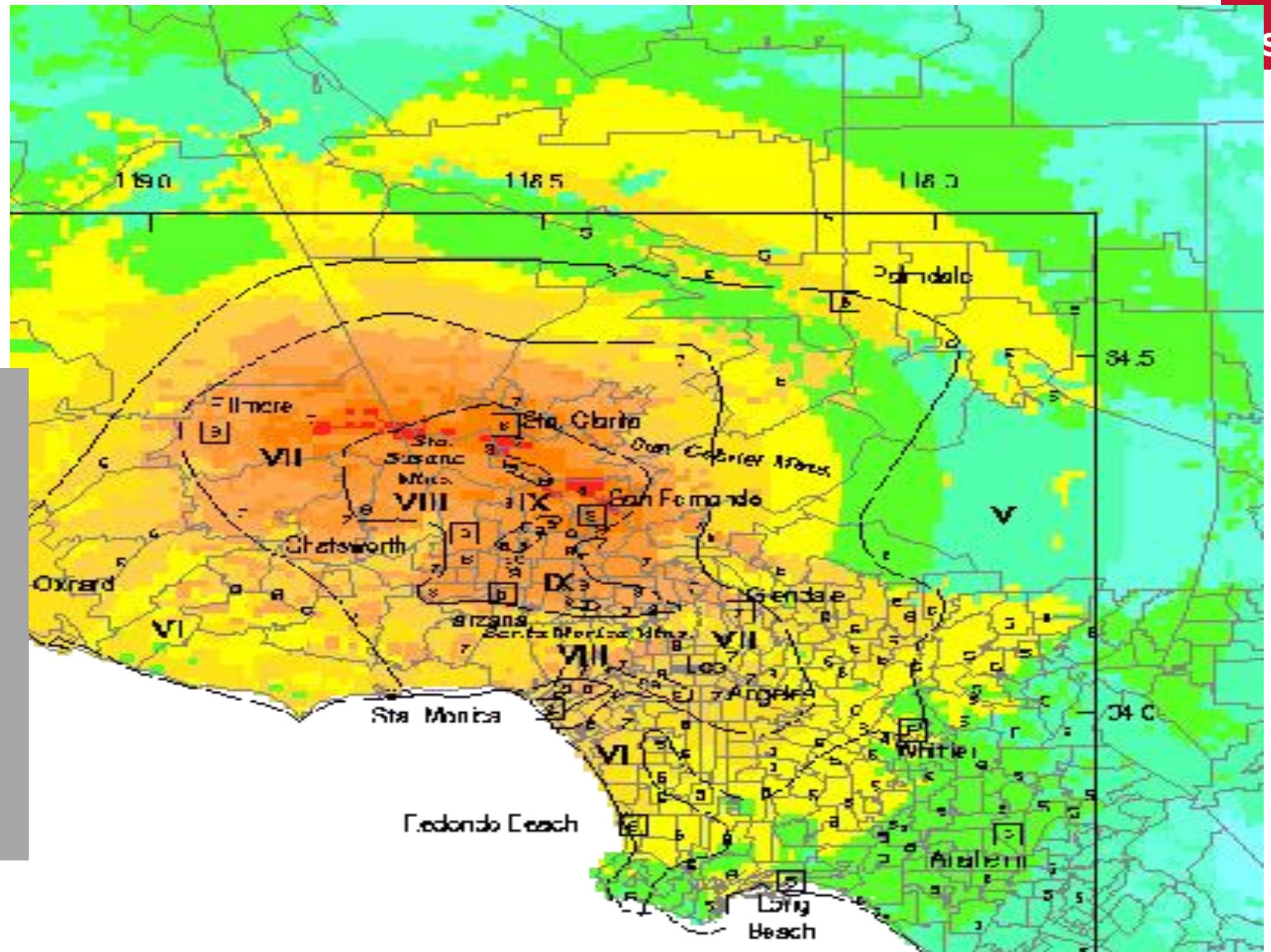
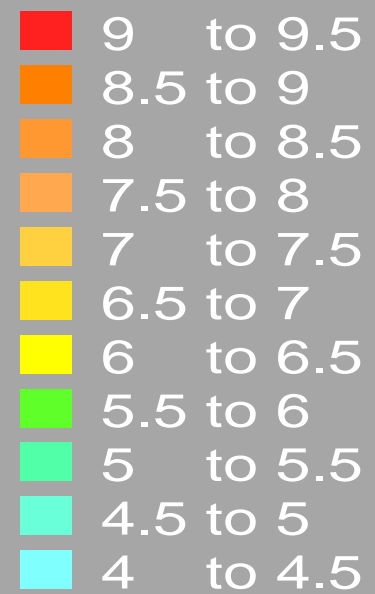
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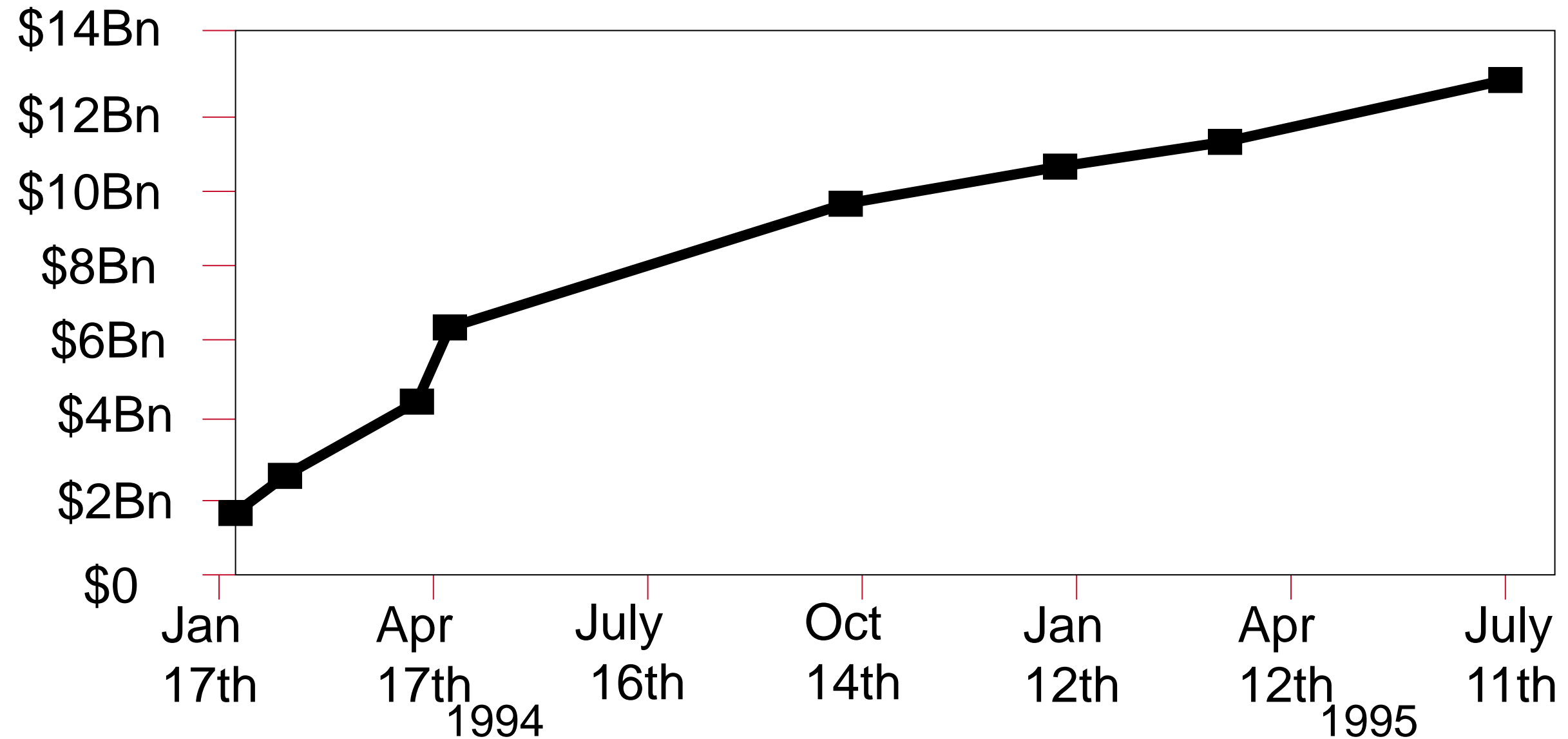


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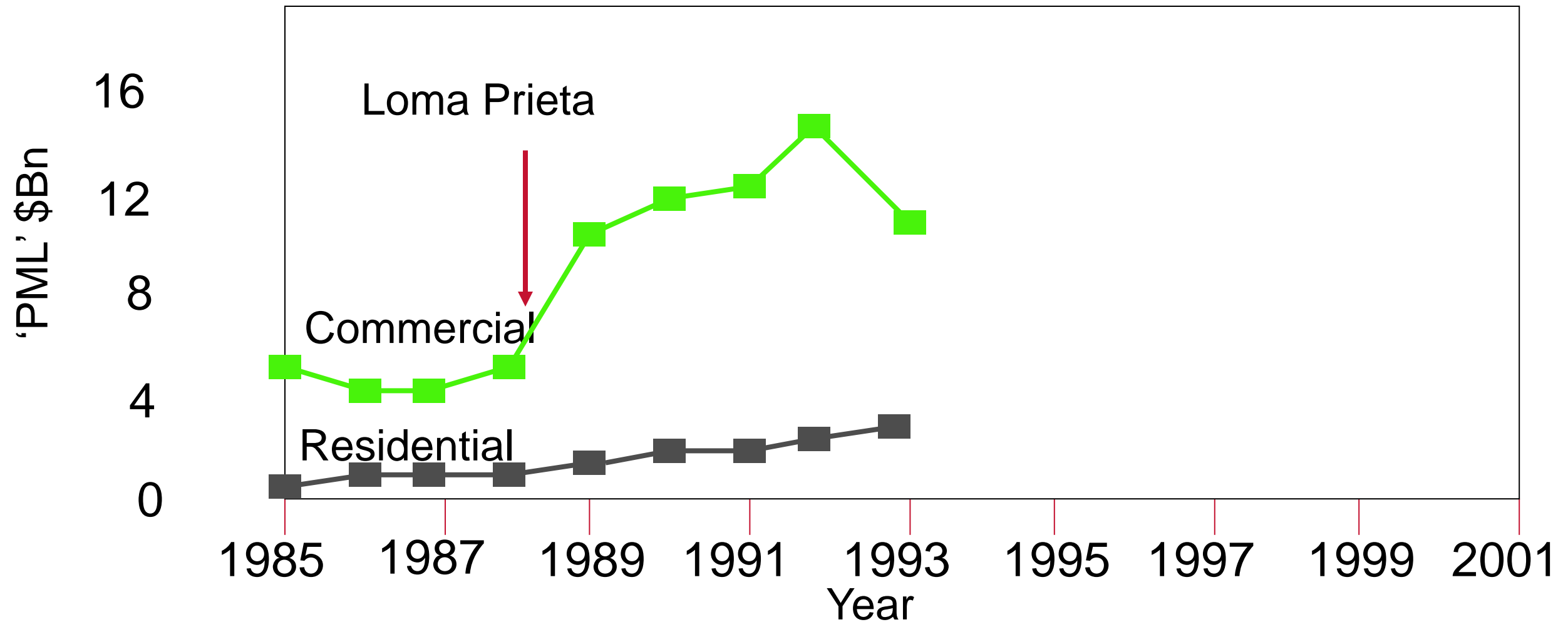
## 1994 Northridge EQ MM Intensity



# THE GROWTH IN PROJECTED NORTHRIDGE EQ LOSS



# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE'S METHOD FOR CALCULATING PMLS IN ZONE B (S. CALIFORNIA) – PRE 1994

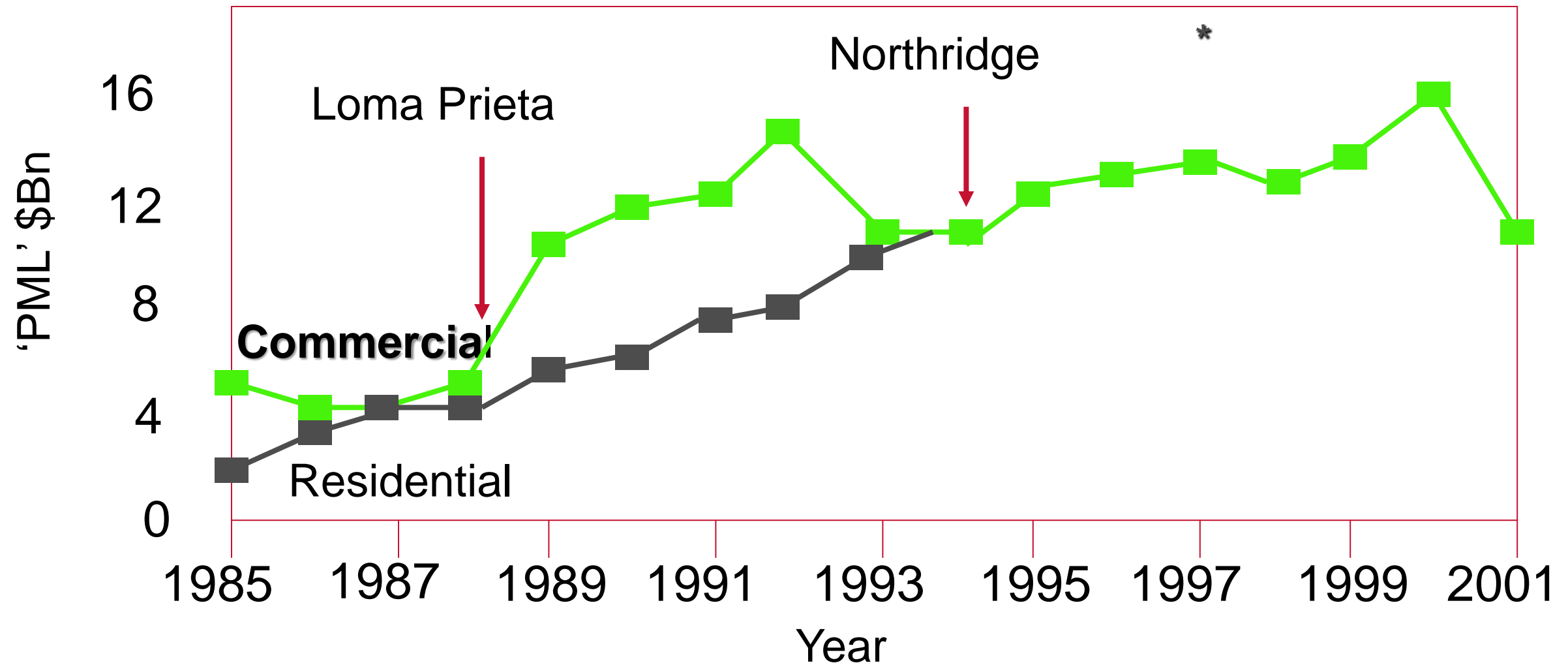


# REASONS FOR NORTHRIDGE RESIDENTIAL LOSS ESCALATION

- Properties 15-20% underinsured (but payouts for full value)
- Appurtenant structures x2 the assumed proportion of the property value - and also much more vulnerable than main building
- After taking a beating (from the Insurance Commissioner) following the Oakland Fire of 1991, insurers made little attempt to resist claims (only 0.032% complaint ratio) – as losses increasingly passed to reinsurers
- % of claims above 10% deductible in MMI VIII:
  - ATC13 predicted 3.5%
  - 1989 Loma Prieta 31% (average \$15,824)
  - 1994 Northridge 60% (average \$42,800 coverage A and B: \$31,500 coverage A only)

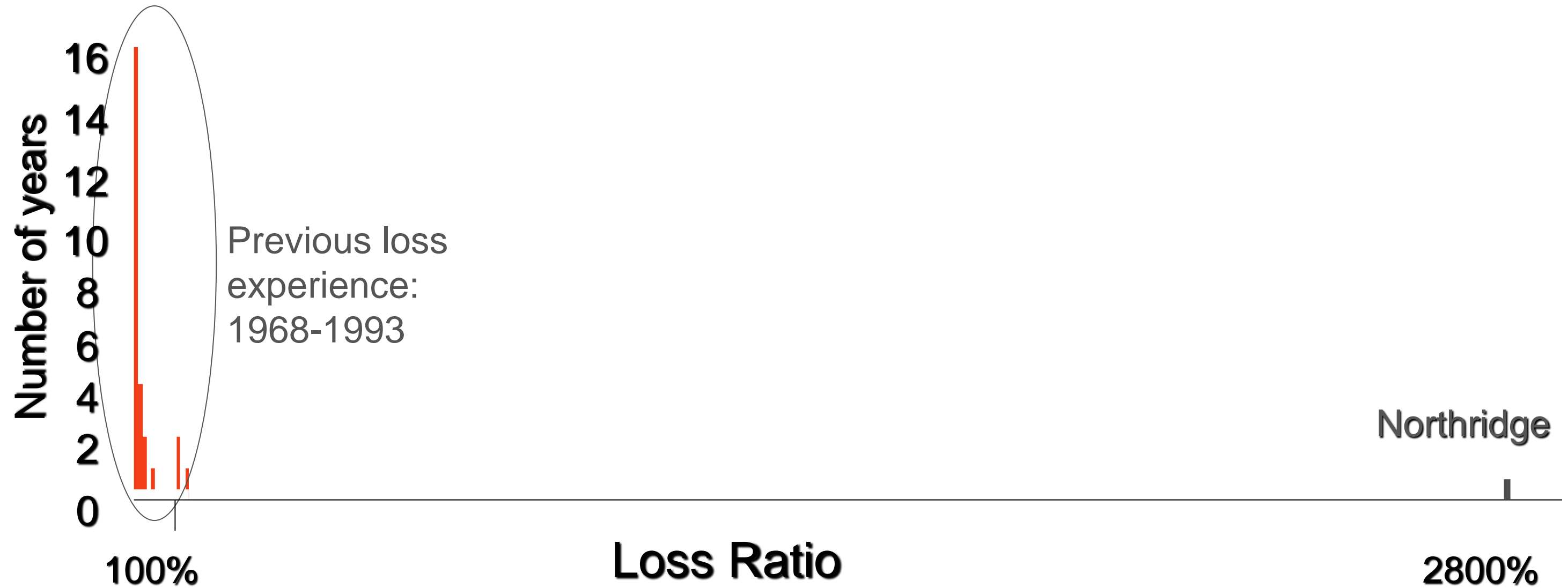


# 'READJUSTED' PMLS IN ZONE B (S. CALIFORNIA) AFTER NORTHRIDGE



\* Commercial rates doubled after Northridge

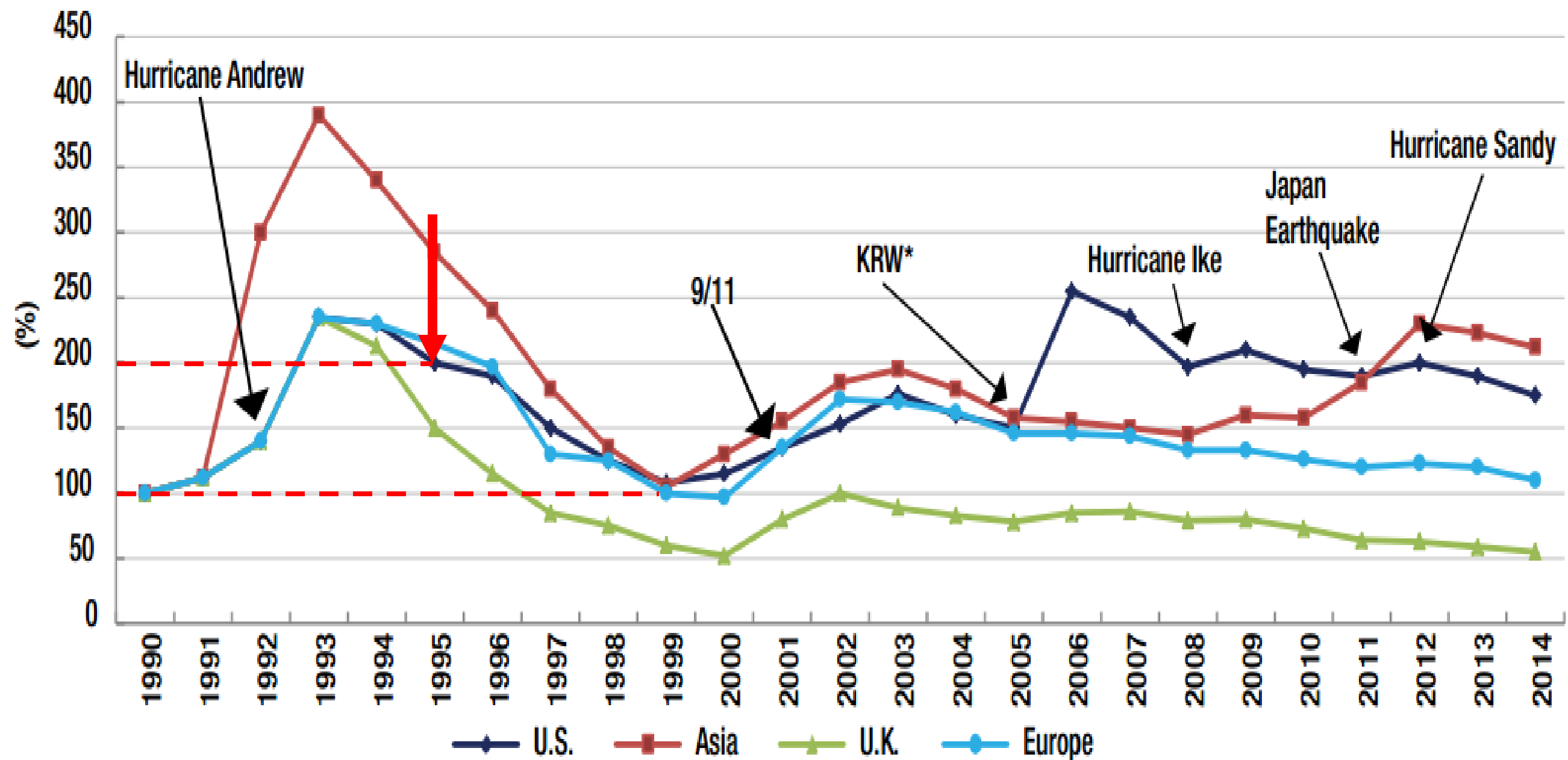
# NORTHRIDGE EQ: THE END OF THE 'LOSS EXPERIENCE APPROACH' TO EARTHQUAKE CAT LOSS ESTIMATION



# FRAMEWORK FOR LOSS MODELING



# Global Reinsurance – Catastrophe Rate On Line Index



Note: 1990-1993 rate on line price coincides for the U.S., U.K. and Europe, and for the U.S. and Europe in 1994.

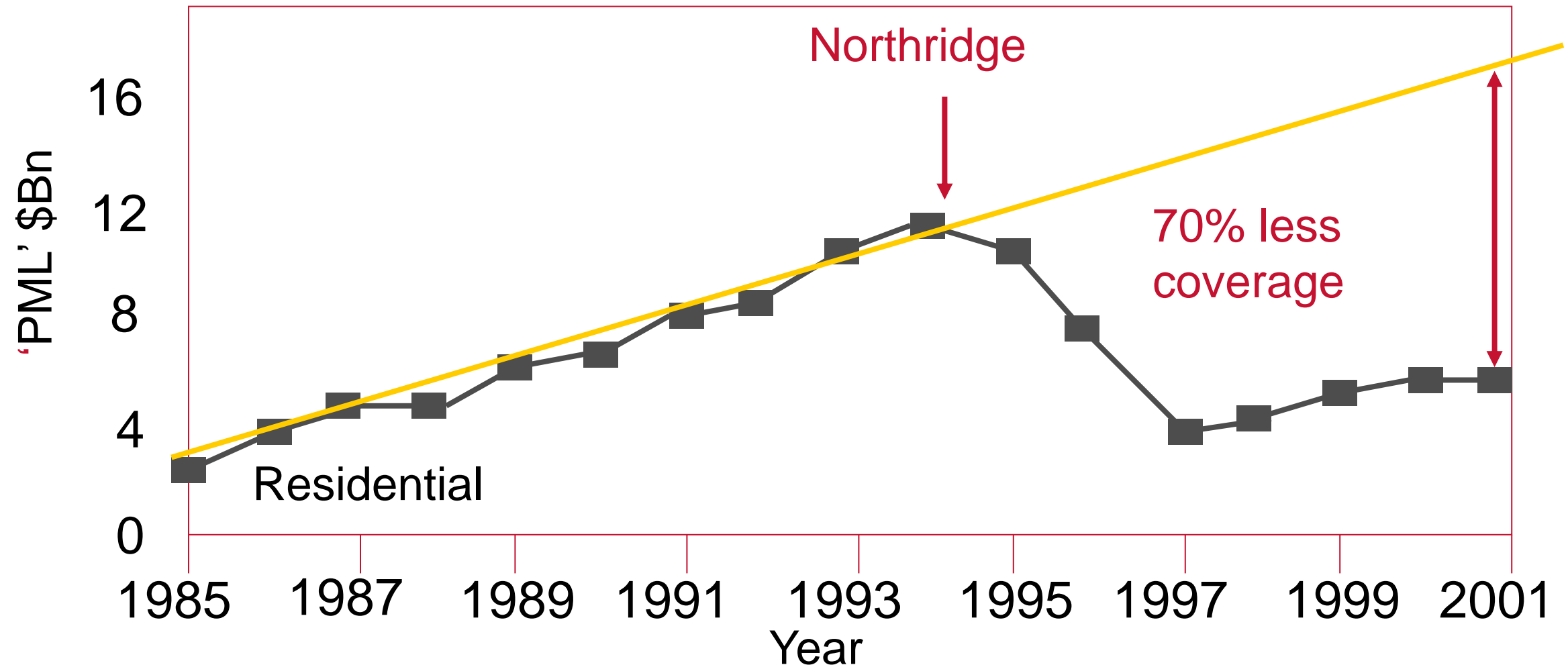
\* Hurricanes Katrina, Rita & Wilma

Source: A.M. Best research, Guy Carpenter

<http://airdc.org/articles/AM%20Best/Global%20Reinsurance%20Segment%20Review-September%202014.pdf>



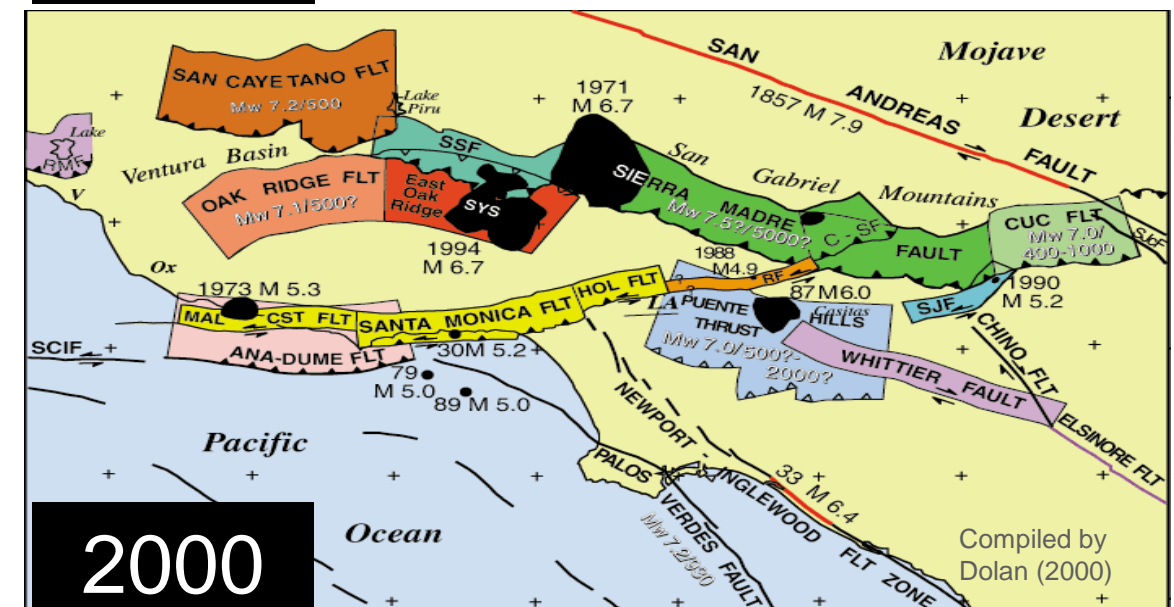
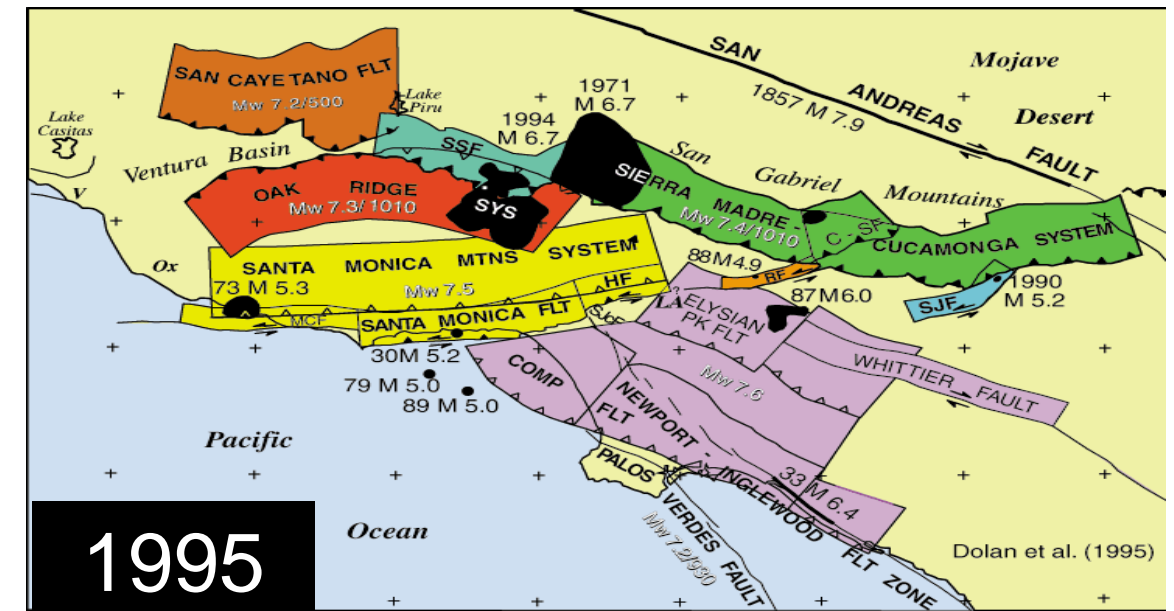
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# HAZARD MODELING AFTER NORTHRIDGE: UPDATE OF RATE ASSESSMENTS FOR SEISMIC SOURCES

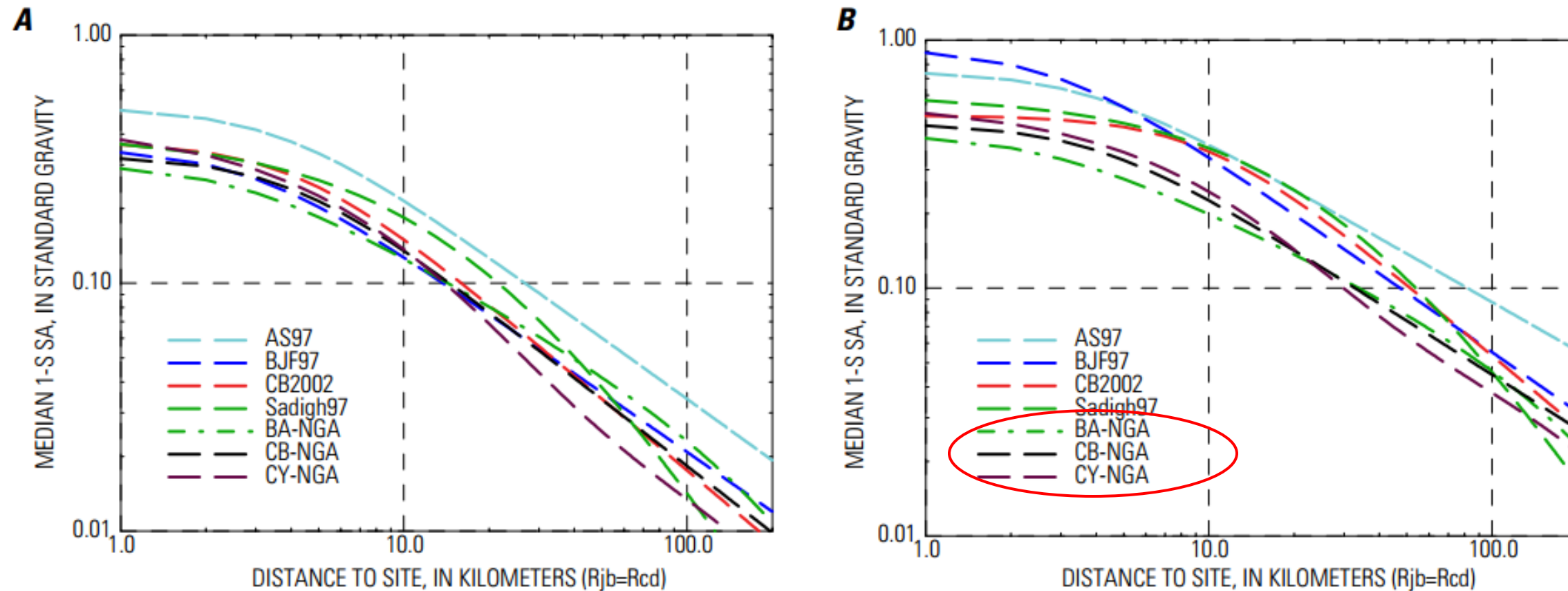
## Blind Thrusts in the LA Region

- Detailed re-evaluation of blind structures
- New structures identified
  - Puente Hills Thrust
  - Anacapa-Dume Thrust
- Probability of activity for some structures reduced
  - Compton Thrust
  - Elysian Park



# IMPACT OF NEXT GENERATION ATTENUATION FUNCTIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE USGS 2008

## 38 Documentation for the 2008 Update of the United States National Seismic Hazard Maps



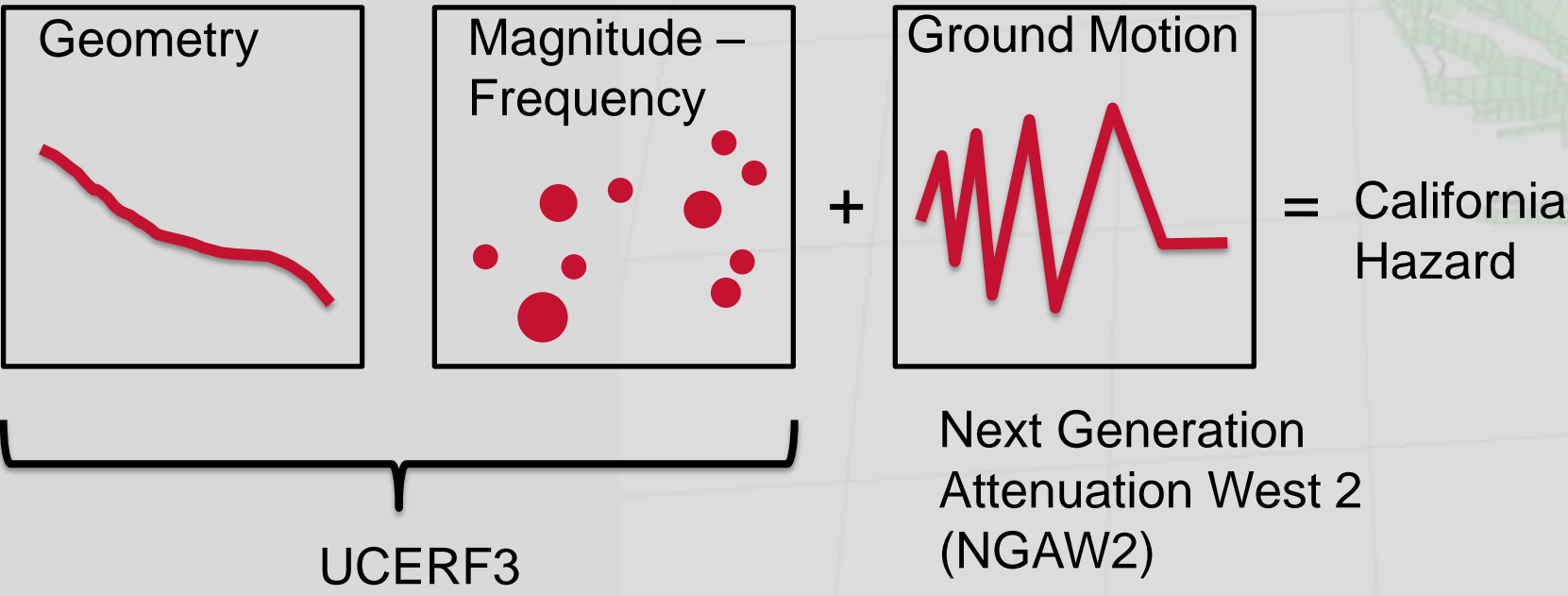
**Figure 26.** Western United States 1-s spectral acceleration (SA) for (A) M6.5 earthquakes and (B) M7.5 earthquakes from strike-slip source at firm-rock site based on AS97 (Abrahamson and Silva, 1997), BJF97 (Boore and others, 1997), CB2003 (Campbell and Bozorgnia, 2003), Sadigh97 (Sadigh and others, 1997) BA-NGA (Boore and Atkinson, 2008), CB-NGA (Campbell and Bozorgnia, 2008), and CY-NGA (Chiou and Youngs, 2008).



UCERF3:

- Uniform  
California  
Earthquake  
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CALIFORNIA PORTION OF  
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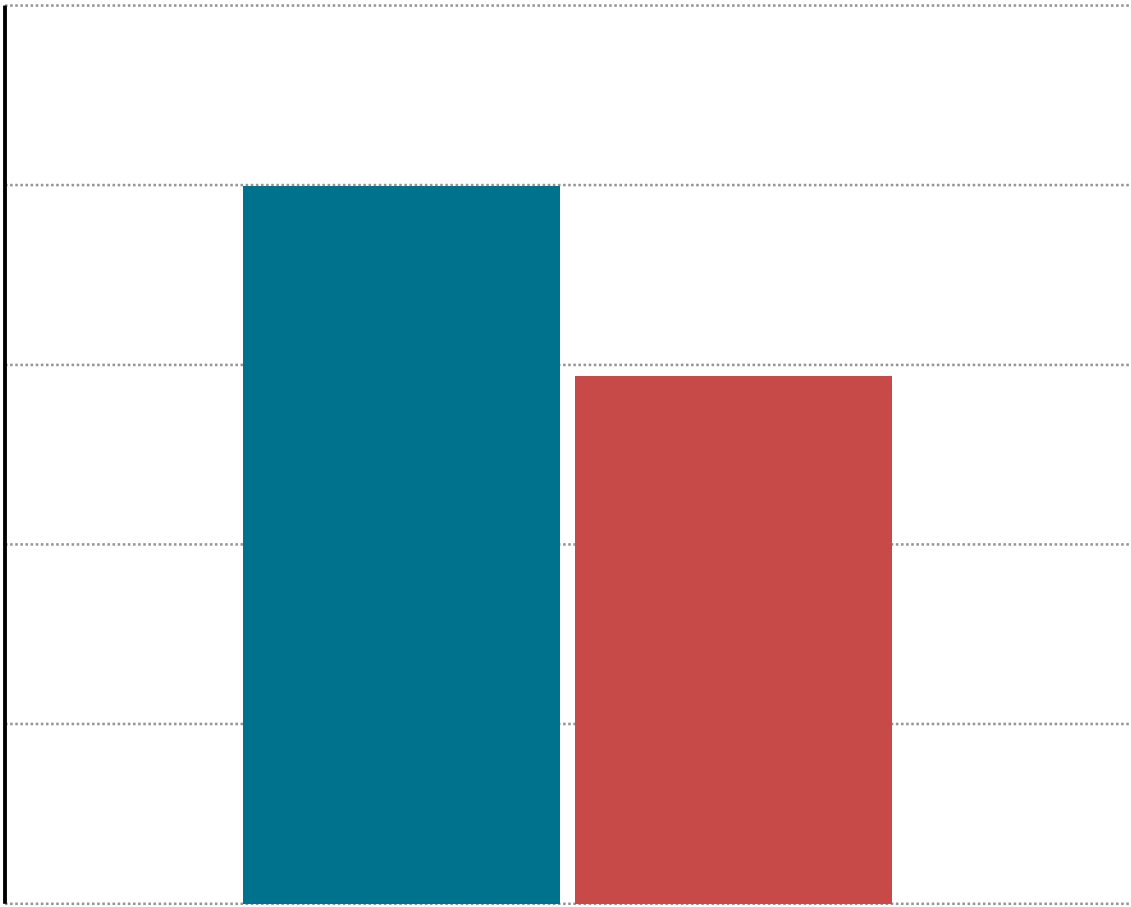
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# PRELIMINARY RESULTS: CALIFORNIA – IED ALL LINES

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# CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE INSURERS SHOULD BE SET TWO GOALS:

1) RAISE EARTHQUAKE  
INSURANCE TAKE UP RATES TO  
(30%) OF HOMEOWNERS

2) ENSURE INSURANCE PICKS  
UP (>50%) OF THE TOTAL LOSS