

Risk Premia for Carbon

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Current approaches

- Assume **social welfare function**
- Sample **climate uncertainty distr'n**
- Compute marginal damages of Carbon
- Compare risk averse utility with linear utility

Derive Lower bound on WTP from stabilization targets

Science Based Uncertainty Quantification

What Could Disappear

Maps show coastal and low-lying areas that would be permanently flooded, without engineered protection, in three levels of higher seas. Percentages are the portion of dry, habitable land within the city limits of places listed that would be permanently submerged.

● Today's waterways ● Land submerged by rising oceans

Select sea level rise over current level:

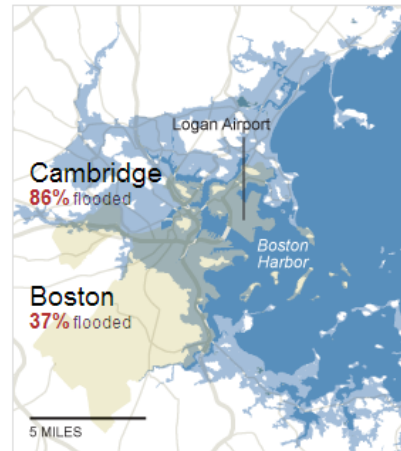
- 25 feet:** Potential level in coming centuries, based on historical climate data.
- 12 feet:** Potential level in about 2300 if nations make only moderate pollution cuts.
- 5 feet:** Probable level in about 100 to 300 years.
- 0 feet:** Today's sea levels and land area.
- Notes on sea level estimates

Baltimore 12% flooded



Flooding extends over much of downtown and many waterfront communities, like Dundalk.

Boston



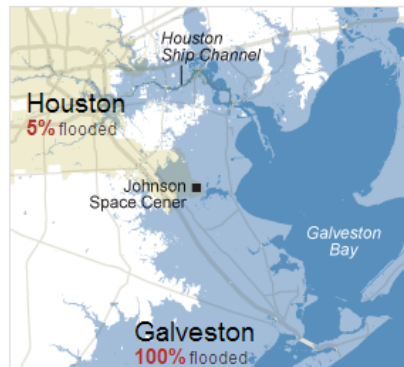
The downtown island shrinks to mostly Beacon Hill. Many shore communities are flooded.

Charleston, S.C. 80% flooded



The coast moves up to 10 miles inland. The old city is submerged.

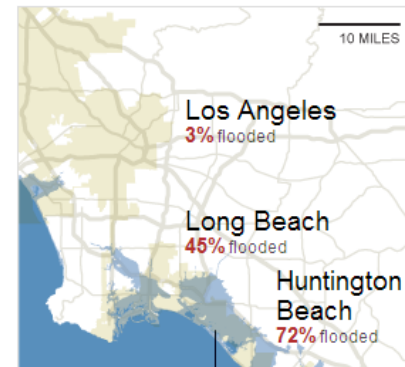
Houston



Jacksonville, Fla. 56% flooded



Los Angeles area



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Water level  +10ft

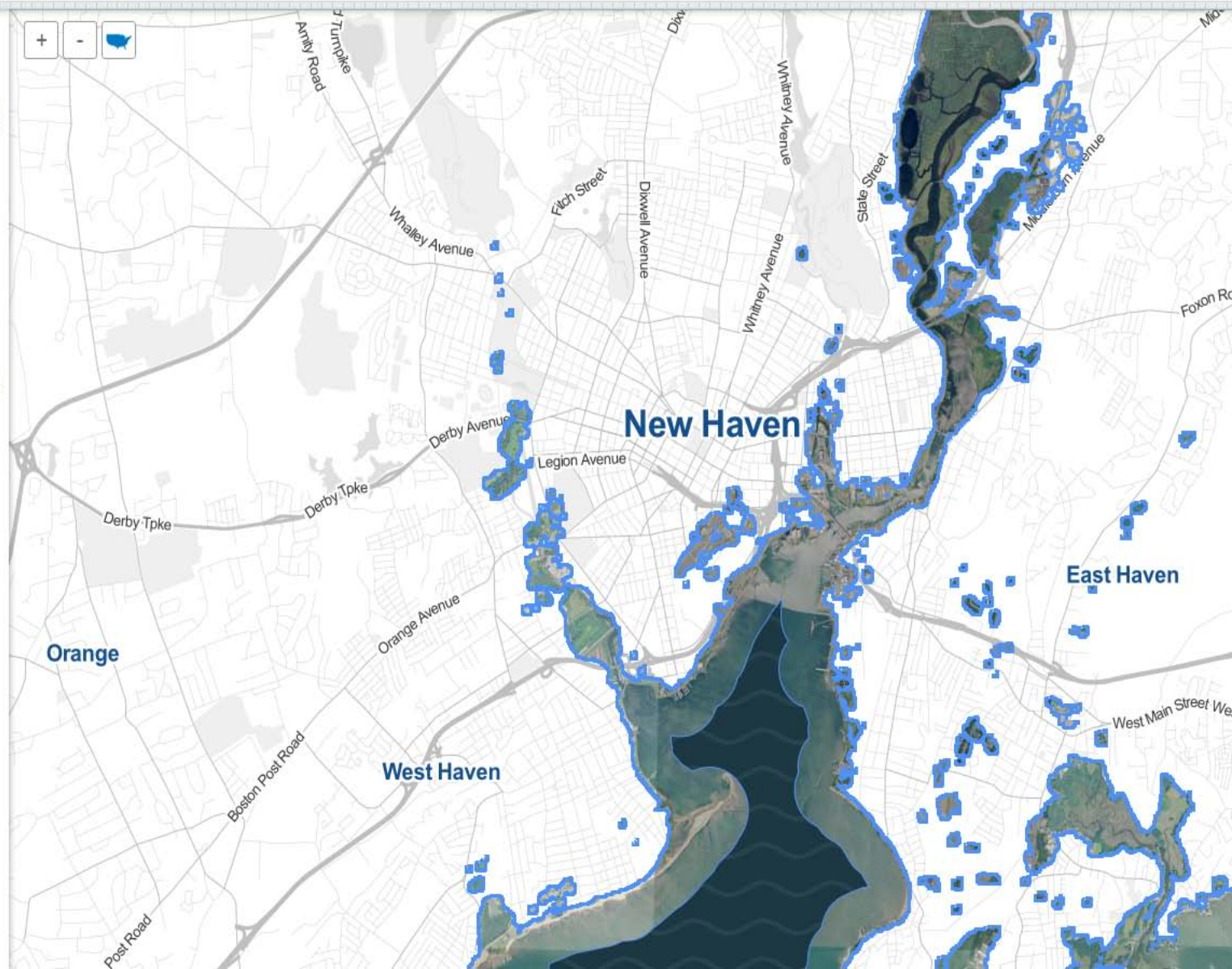
Things below +10ft in
Connecticut

Population	54,543	1.5%
Homes	28,495	1.9%
Acres	24,918	0.8%

Over 1 in 6 chance sea level rise +
storm surge + tide will overtop
+10ft by >2100 at nearest flood risk
indicator site: [New London - Thames
River](#), 33.3 miles away. 

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Water level **1**  **+10ft**

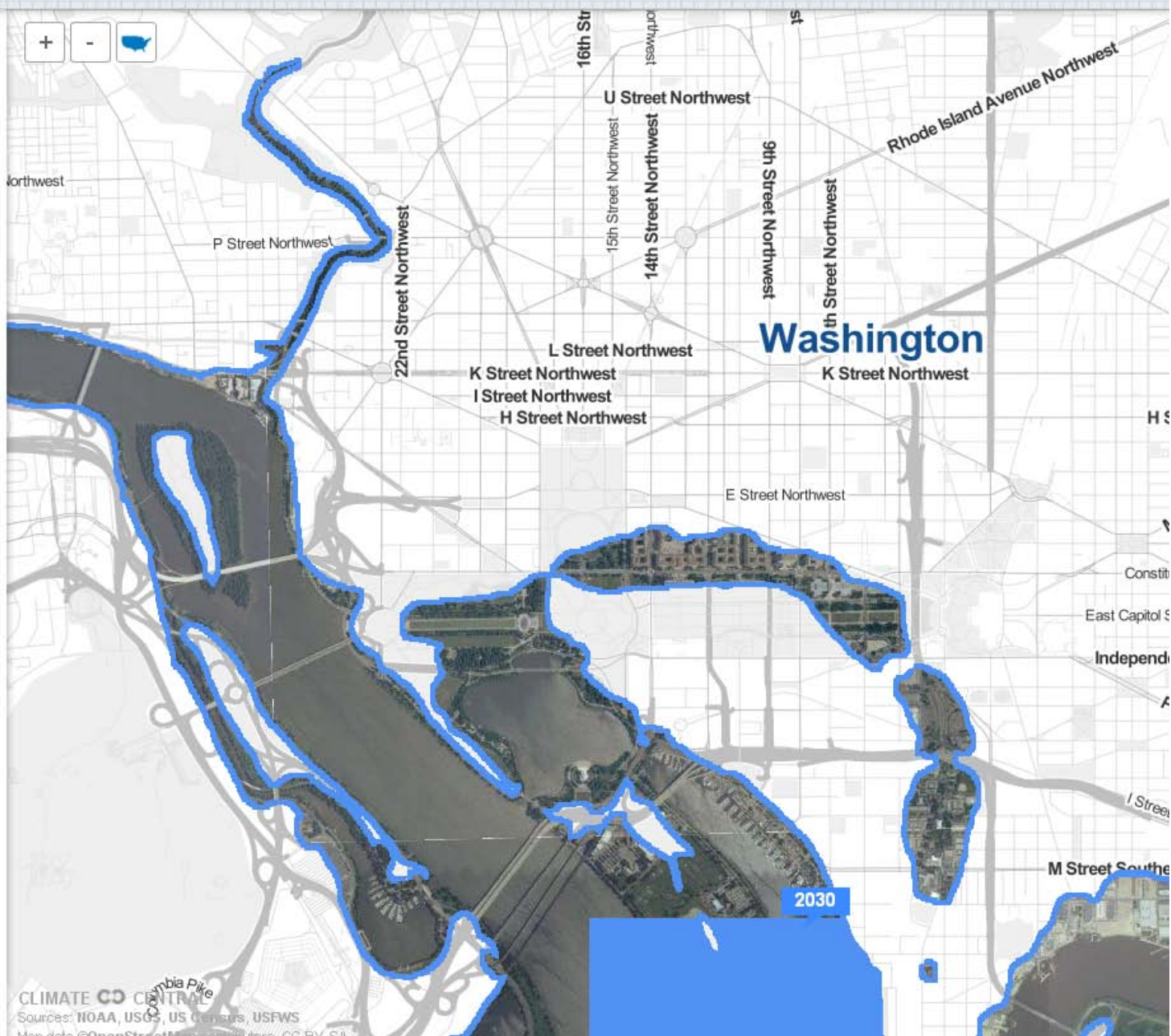
Things below **+10ft** in
Washington, DC

Population	6,070	1.0%
Homes	2,656	0.9%
Acres	2,549	6.5%

Over 1 in 6 chance sea level rise + storm surge + tide will overtop **+10ft** by **2030** at nearest flood risk indicator site: [Washington - Potomac River](#), 2.2 miles away. **1**

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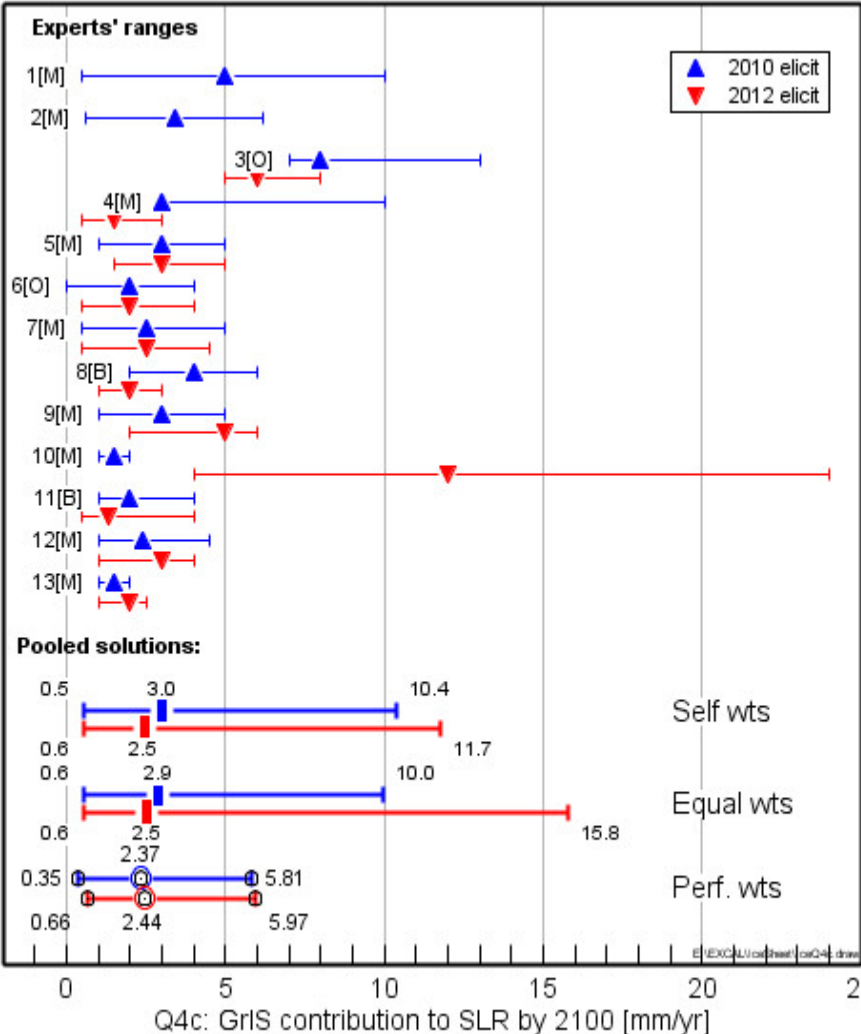
Popular tourist destination: The art deco district of Ocean Drive in Florida as it looks today



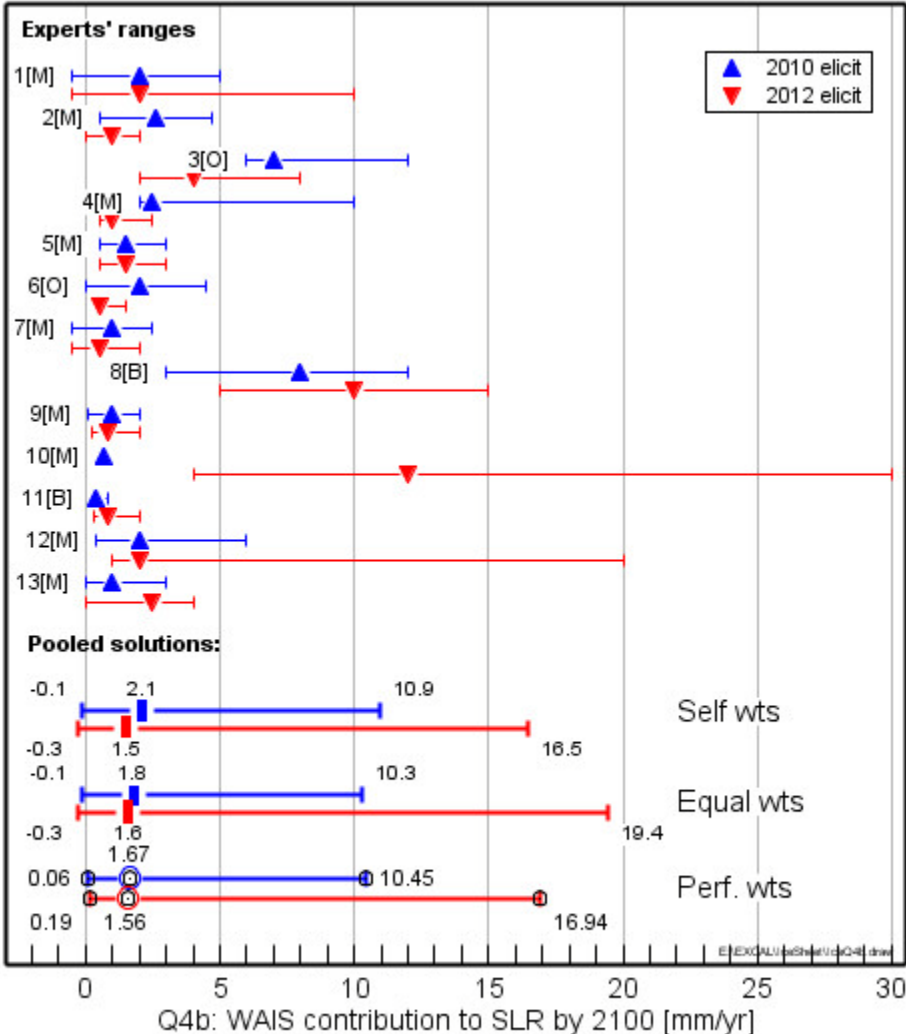
Ice Sheet contribution to SLR @3C, 2100 [mm/yr]

<http://www.nature.com/nclimate/journal/v3/n4/full/nclimate1778.html>

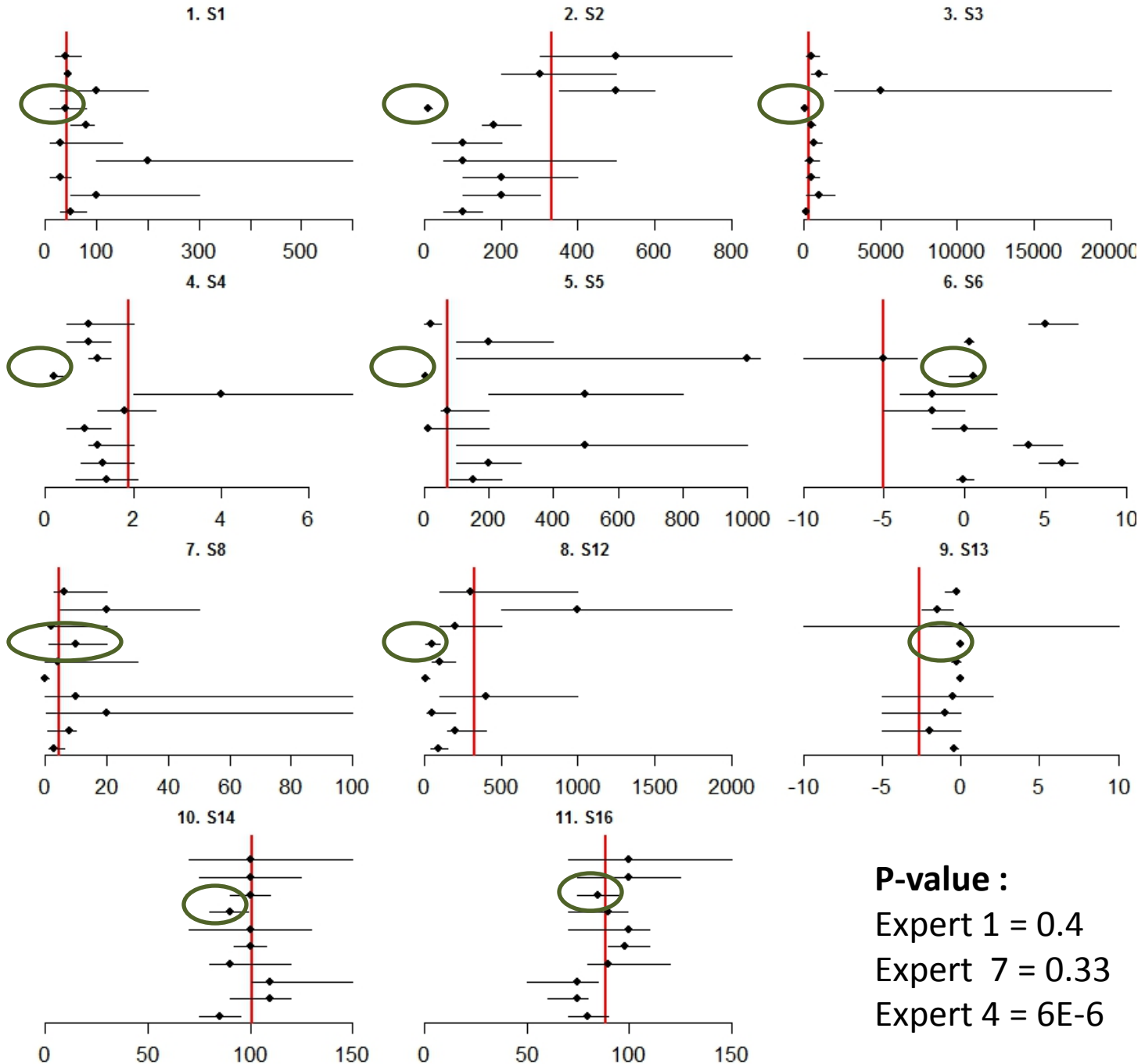
Greenland



West Antarctica



Elicitation Nov. 2012



P-value :

Expert 1 = 0.4

Expert 7 = 0.33

Expert 4 = 6E-6

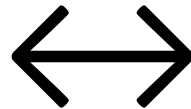
Inter agency memo on SCC

- Damages
- Roe Baker cs
- DICE, PAGE, FUND

Risk Swap

Anderson and Bows' (2011): international agreements express society's desire to swap:

current climate risk along with BAU path

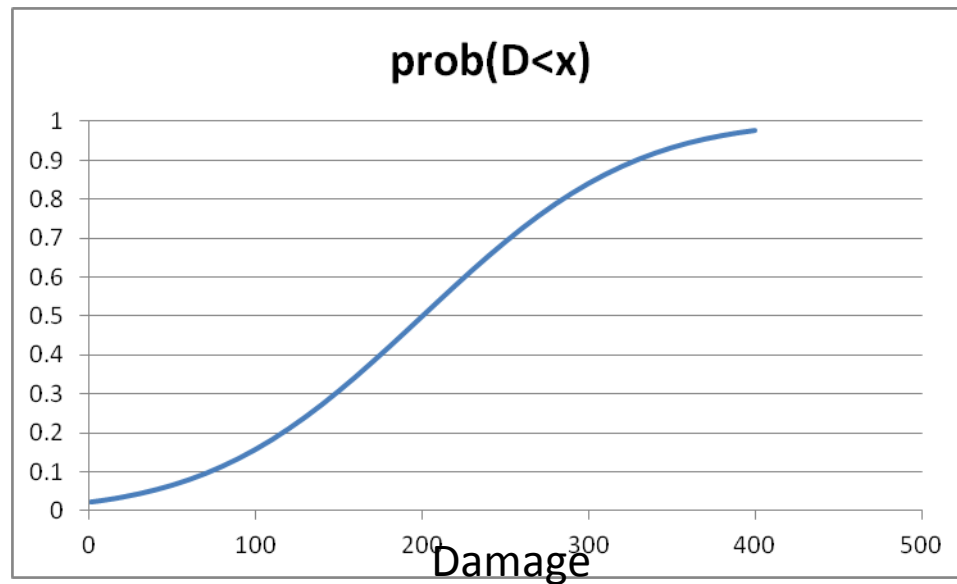


risk of emissions path satisfying:

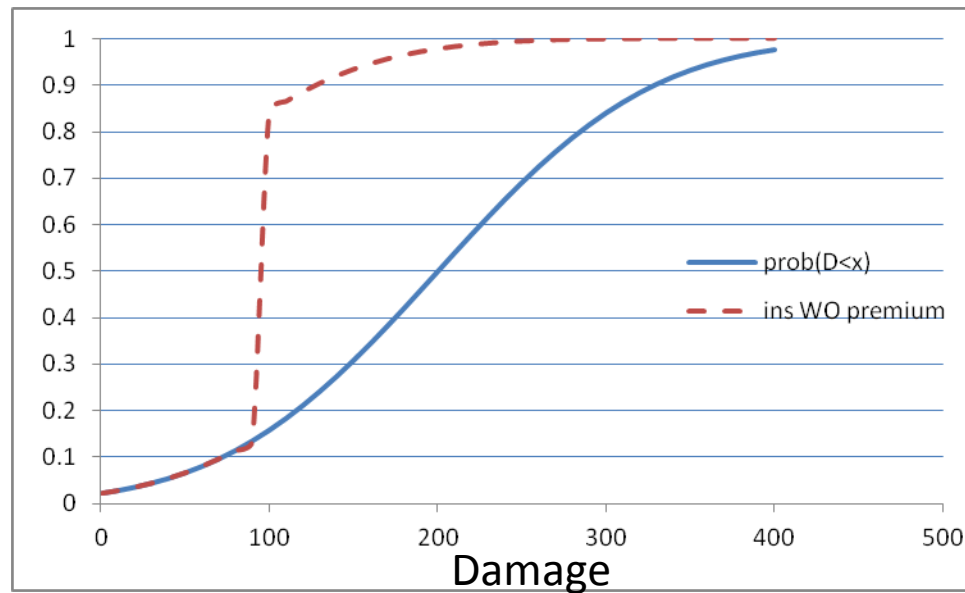
the probability of raising mean temperature by more than 2°C in 200 years should not exceed 19%.

What would a risk neutral insurer charge?

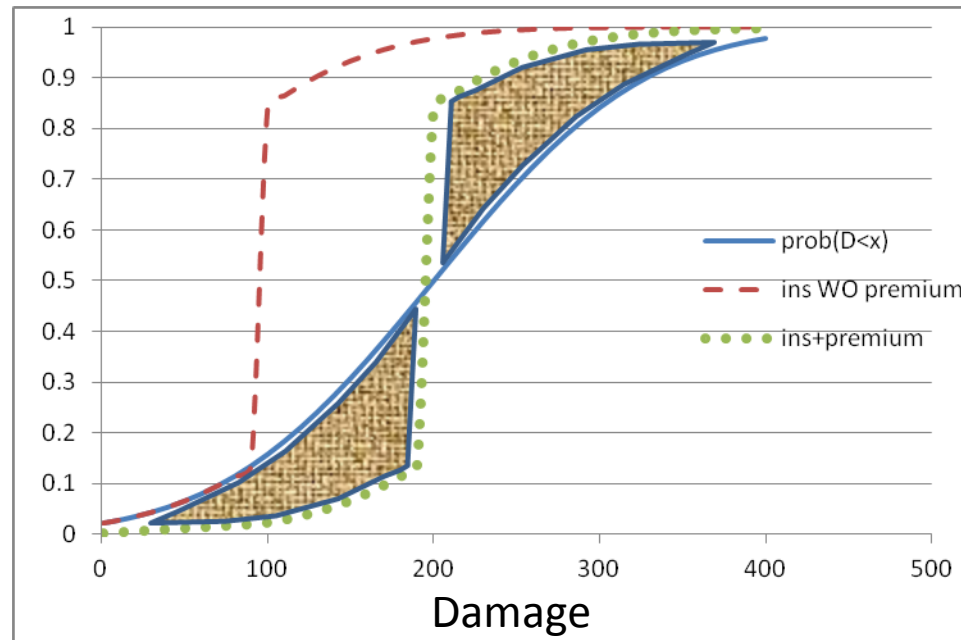
Current Climate Risk (BAU) is distributed as:



We would like our climate risk to be:



What would a risk neutral insurer charge?



We get lower Expected disutility

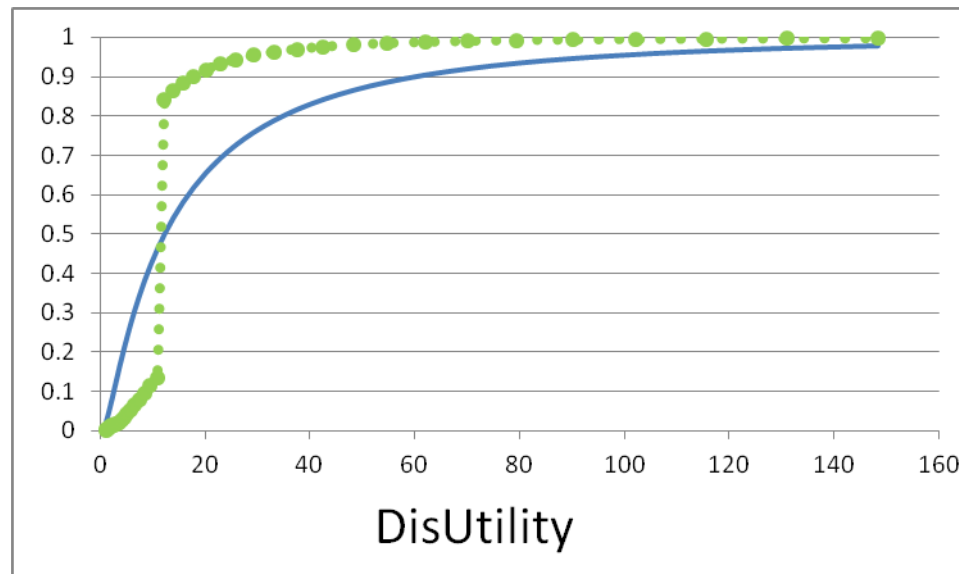


Figure 2: Temperature Distribution in 200 years for BAU (left) and DICE optimized (right). The horizontal axis is maximum temperature in 200 years, the vertical axis is cumulative probability.

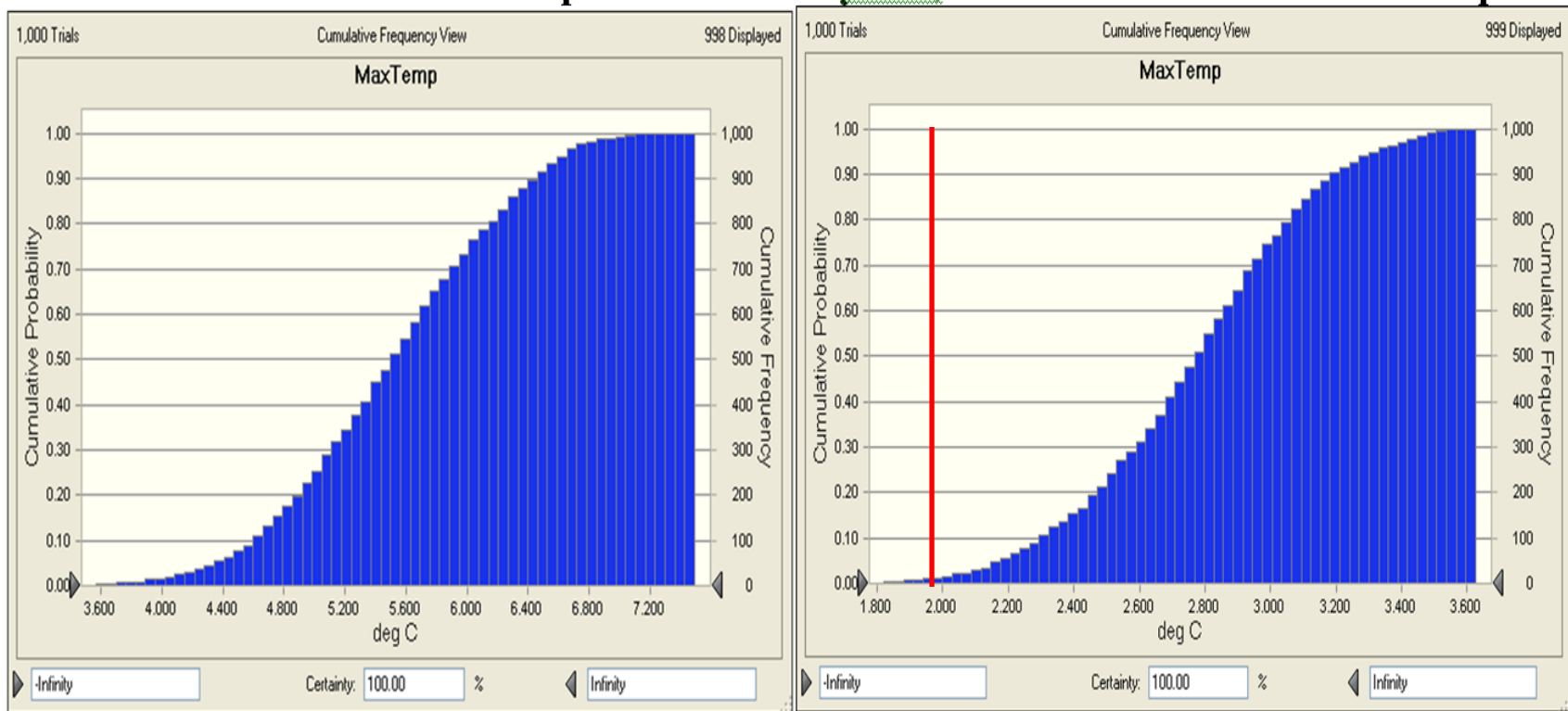
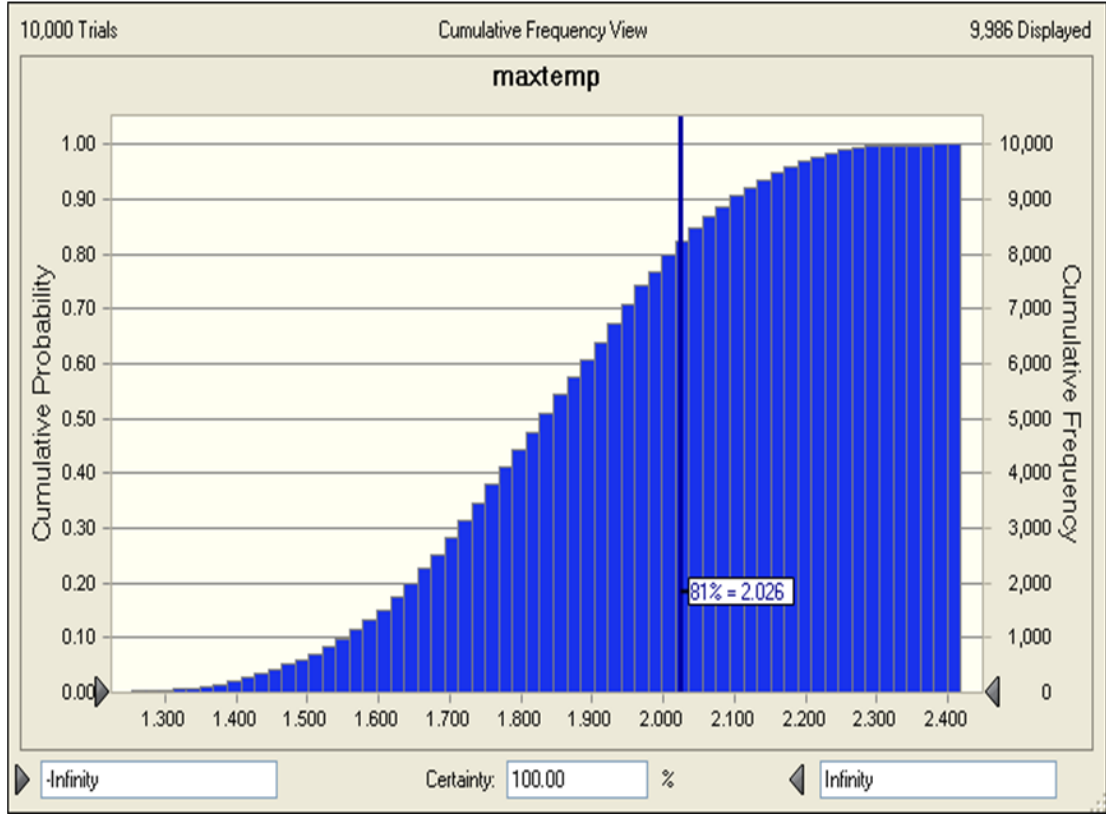


Figure 3 Cumulative distribution for maximum temperature for min cost risk compliant emissions path for 2.5% discount rate



Damage allocation

- Damages depend on previous and future emitters
- Shapley value for allocating damages to periods

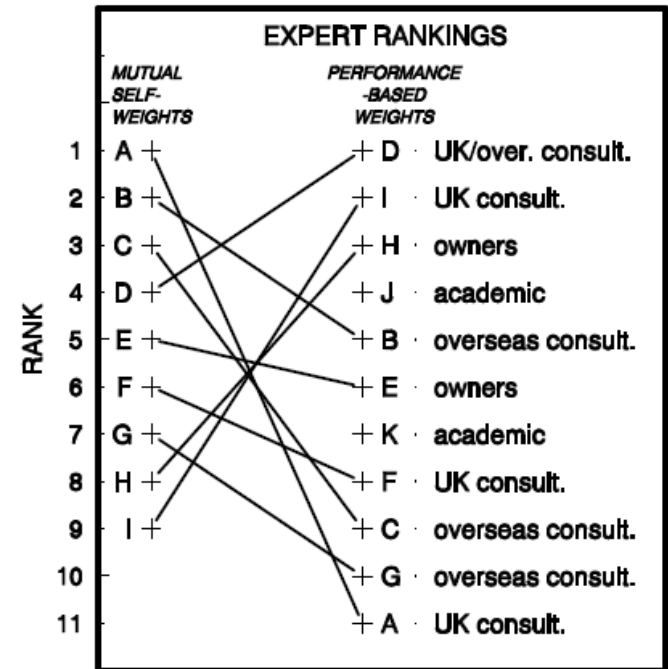
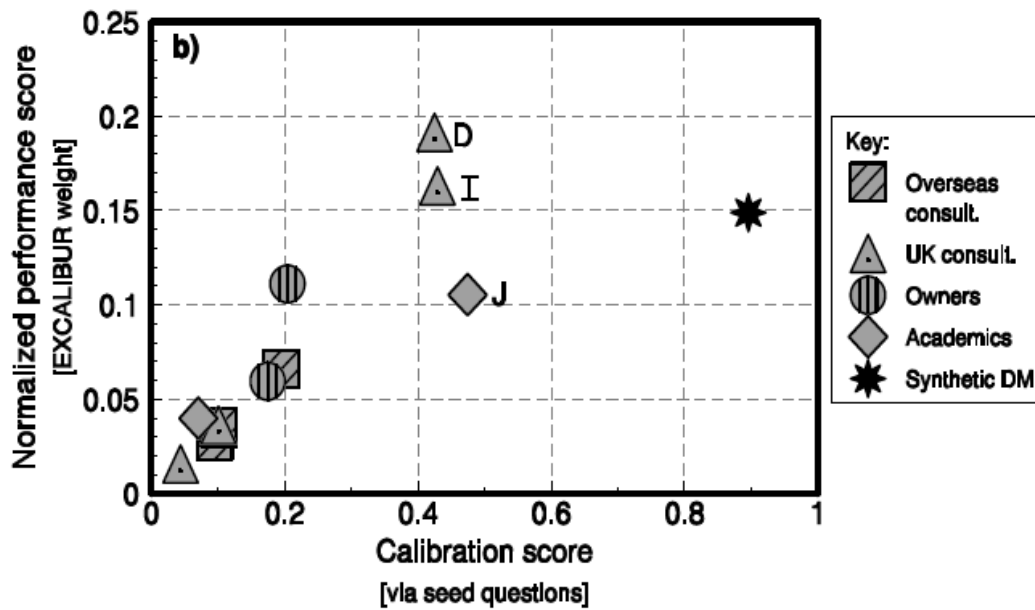
SCC [2008\$/GtCO₂]

		Marginal + Premium			marginal damages			Risk Premium		
		discount rate			discount rate			discount rate		
Total Risk compliant		0.025	0.03	0.05	0.025	0.03	0.05	0.025	0.03	0.05
2015	Mean	96	66	21	68	48	17	29	17	3
2025	Mean	93	63	18	64	44	14	30	18	4
2035	Mean	89	59	15	59	40	11	30	19	4
BAU Marginal										
2015	Mean	75	53	19						
2025	Mean	70	48	15						
2035	Mean	63	43	12						

Thanks Michael

Reservoir engineers: performance-based scores, and mutual weightings

Note big discrepancies between performance-based ranking and a priori ranking from mutual weighting exercise (RH panel)



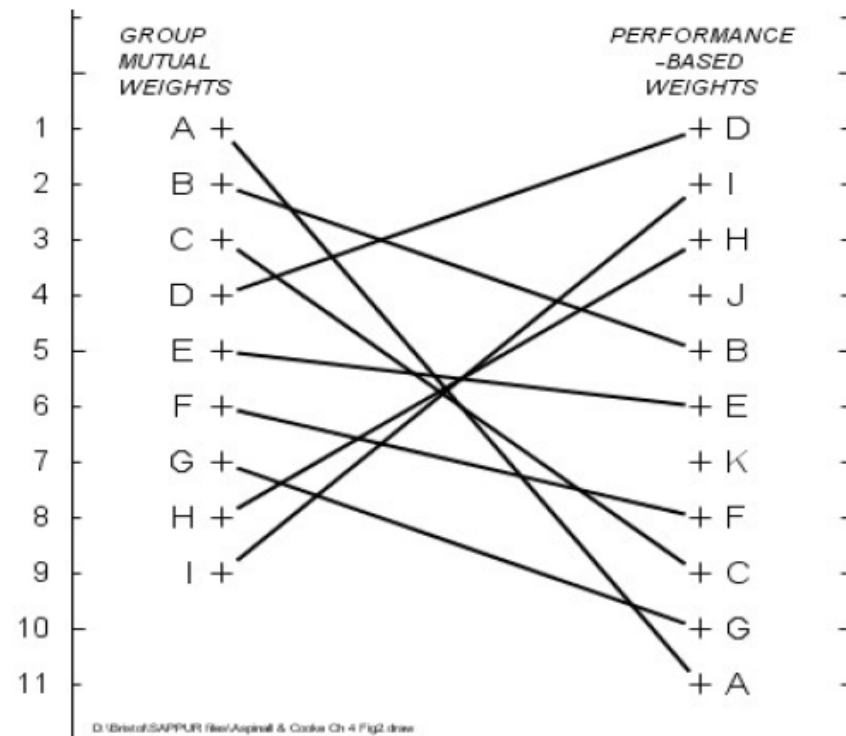
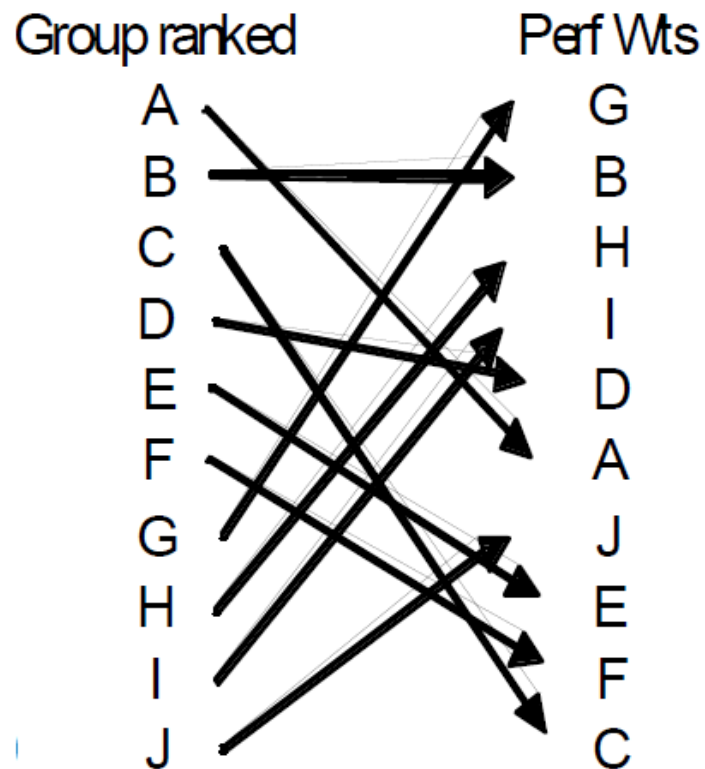


Figure 3: Expert mutual self-weights and performance ranking, Ice sheets (Nov 2012) left and Dam safety right (Aspinall and Cooke, 2013)

Some Variables of Interest; ice sheet elicitation Nov. 2012

Greenland, 3°C, 2100, discharge

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Greenland, 3°C, 2100, accumulation

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Greenland, 3°C, 2100, runoff

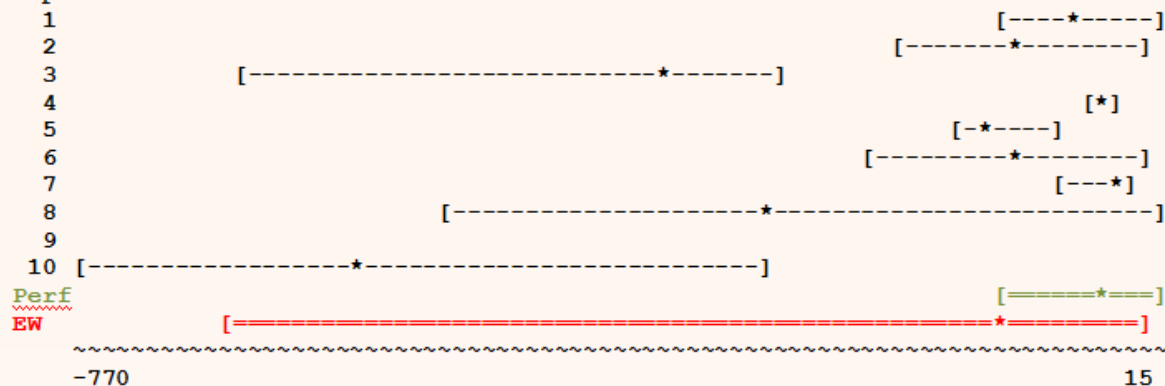
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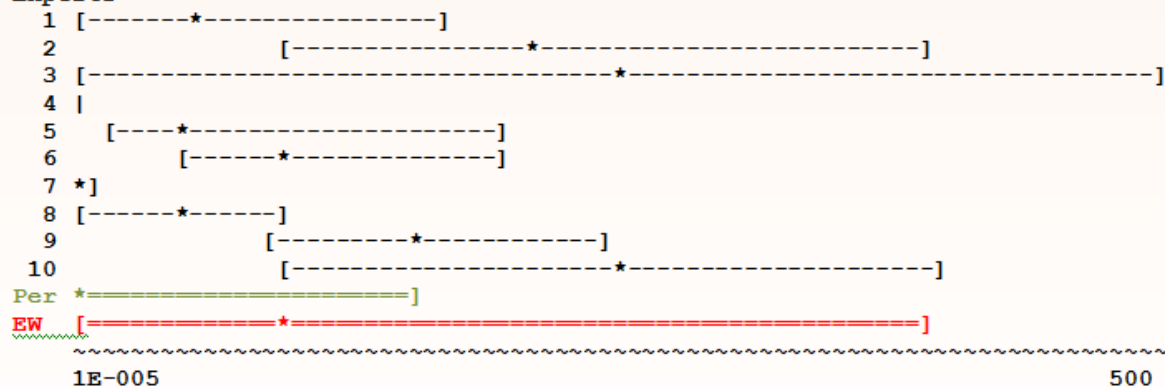
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