

# JBA Risk Management

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# Overview

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- Freeze in the UK
- Frozen pipes and escape of water
- Addressing the problem – mapping and ADR
  - Approach using ArcGIS techniques
  - Inputs and considerations



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# Freeze in the UK

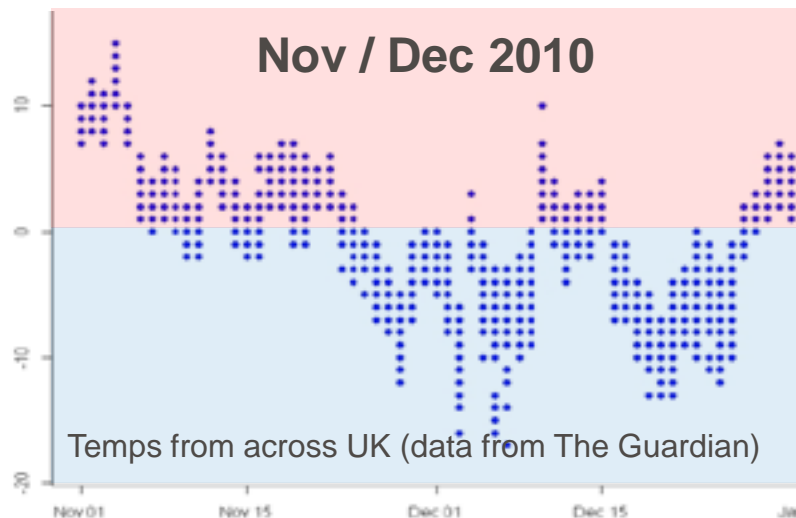


Nasa's Terra Satellite 7 January 2010

Insurance claims (ABI 2010):

- Costing £900 million
- 3,500 claims per day during 2010 event
- Average claim £7,000

British Gas: 10,000 callouts in 7 days (2010)



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# Frozen pipes and escape of water

- Escape of water costs insurers £2.5 million per day (ABI)
- Frozen pipes:
  - Pipes generally do not break where ice is formed
  - As water freezes it expands causing pressure to build downstream
  - Pipes fail between the ice blockage and closed faucet
  - Upstream from ice blockage, water can retreat back towards its source and doesn't build any pressure

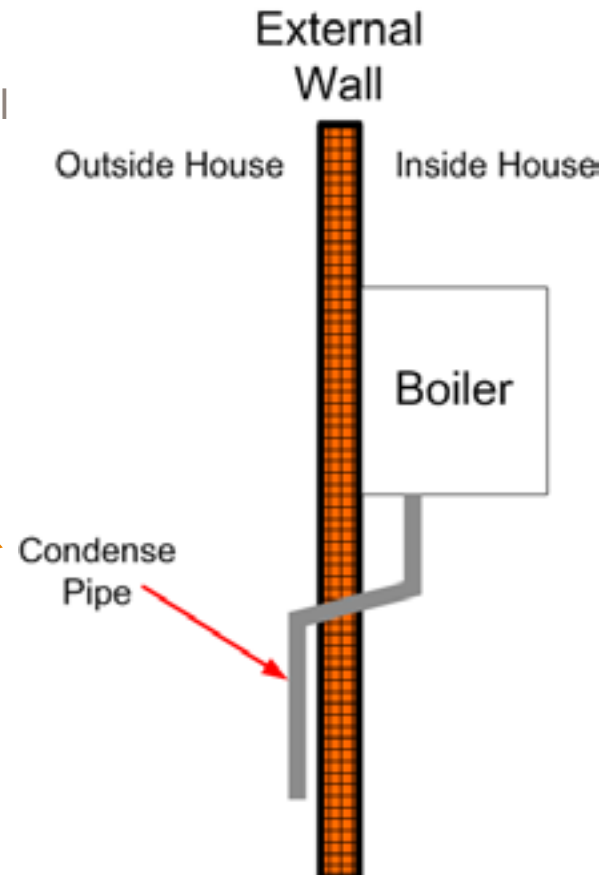


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# Vulnerability to pipe burst

- Regional / environmental variation
- Attics, crawl spaces and outside walls
- Condensing boilers
  - 2005: new builds compulsory (1 April 2005, John Prescott)
  - 2008: boiler scrappage scheme
  - Pipes located on the outside



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# Addressing the issue

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Create a freeze hazard map of the UK

- Multiple return periods

Produce an annual damage ratio (ADR)

- Property level
- Postcode level



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# Annual Damage Ratio (ADR)

Quantified estimate of freeze risk rather than a qualitative one.

- A risk with  $ADR = 0.06$  is 3x more at risk than a risk with  $ADR = 0.02$

$ADR \times \text{Total Sum Insured} =$   
expected monetary loss due to  
freeze, per annum

Can estimate the premium  
associated with the freeze  
element (only) of insurance from  
a technical perspective

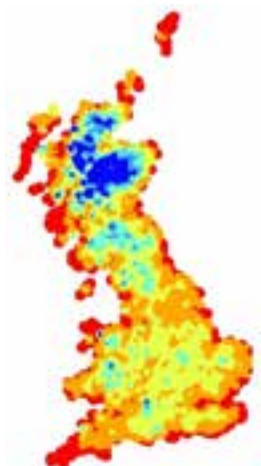


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# ADR calculation

Freeze  
hazard maps



Event set

10,000-year  
“mini event set”  
specific to each  
location is  
developed and  
analysed

Built  
environment  
model

Inclusive of built  
environment  
modelling (“best  
estimate”  
results” or  
based on single  
vulnerability  
function)

Vulnerability  
functions

Freeze damage  
vulnerability  
functions  
calibrated  
against UK  
claims data  
where possible



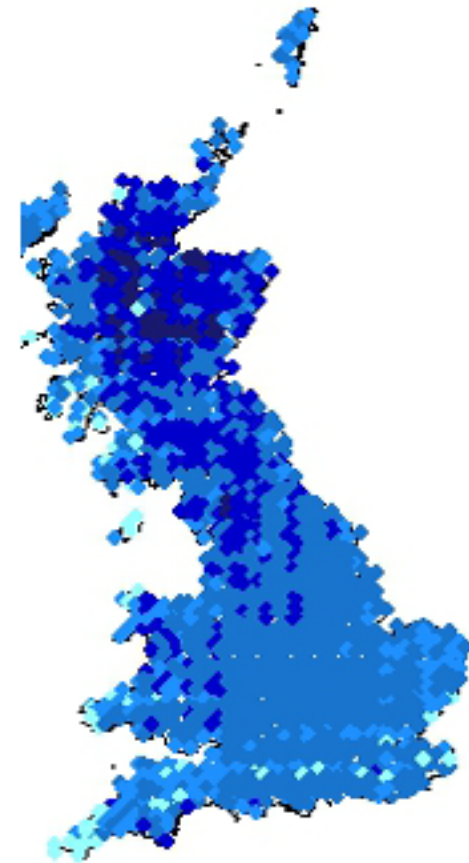
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# UKCP09 gridded temperature data

- 46 years of data (1960-2006)
- Consistent / continuous
- 5km resolution
- Daily minimum, mean and maximum temperatures
- Interpolated from historical observations accounting for coarse scale effects of:
  - Altitude
  - Longitude & latitude
  - Coastal influence
  - Urban areas



Min temp (0.99 probability  
threshold)



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# Hazard map development

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## Characteristics of Freeze events

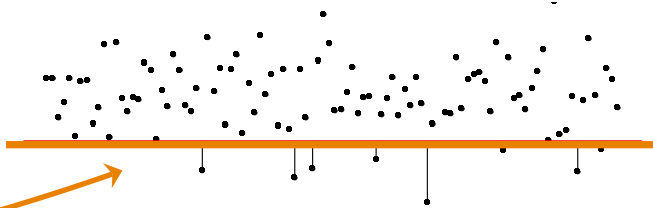
- What causes a Freeze claim? - Burst pipe
  - One night of extreme cold
  - Prolonged sub-freezing temperatures
- *Akyurt et al.* (2002)
  - Supercooling prior to ice formation
  - 4 days of below freezing temperatures, no ice formation for first 3 days
- Testing various classifications of hazard



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# Hazard map development

## Marginal Analysis

- Interested in the extremes – using raw temperature this would be the peaks **under** the threshold
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- Threshold exceedences are fitted to a Generalised Pareto Distribution (GPD)
  - Defining the threshold
    - Flexibility to alter threshold for each data station to obtain best fit
    - Can assign a single consistent threshold (i.e. below 0°C)

Output relates return level to return period

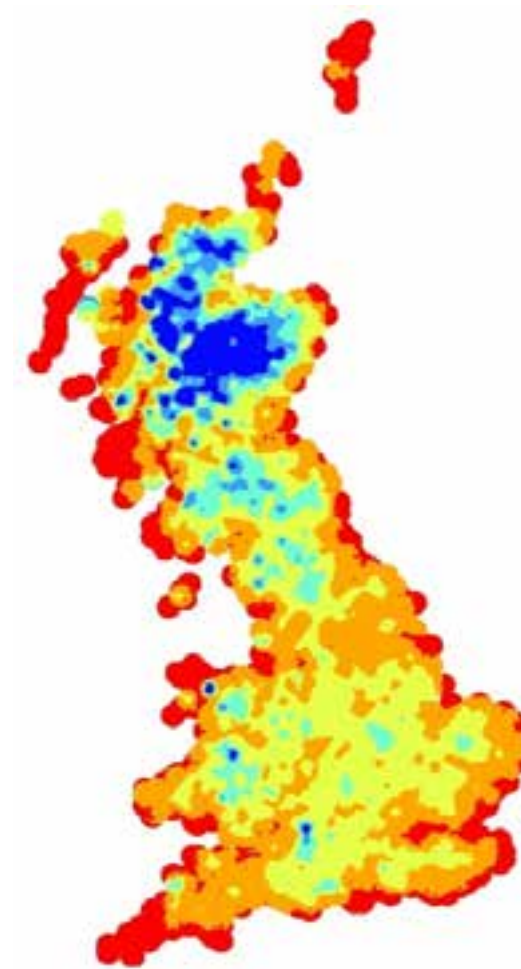


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## Interpolate output from marginal analysis

- For each 5km cell centroid extract the return level for each return period
- Interpolate
  - Inverse distance weighting (IDW)
  - Raster map



Min temperature associated with the 1 in 100 year event



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## Add local scale influences (within ArcGIS)

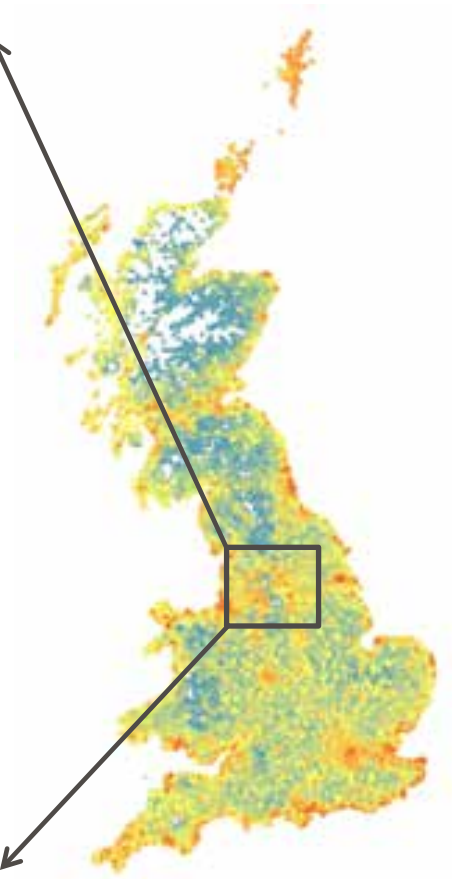
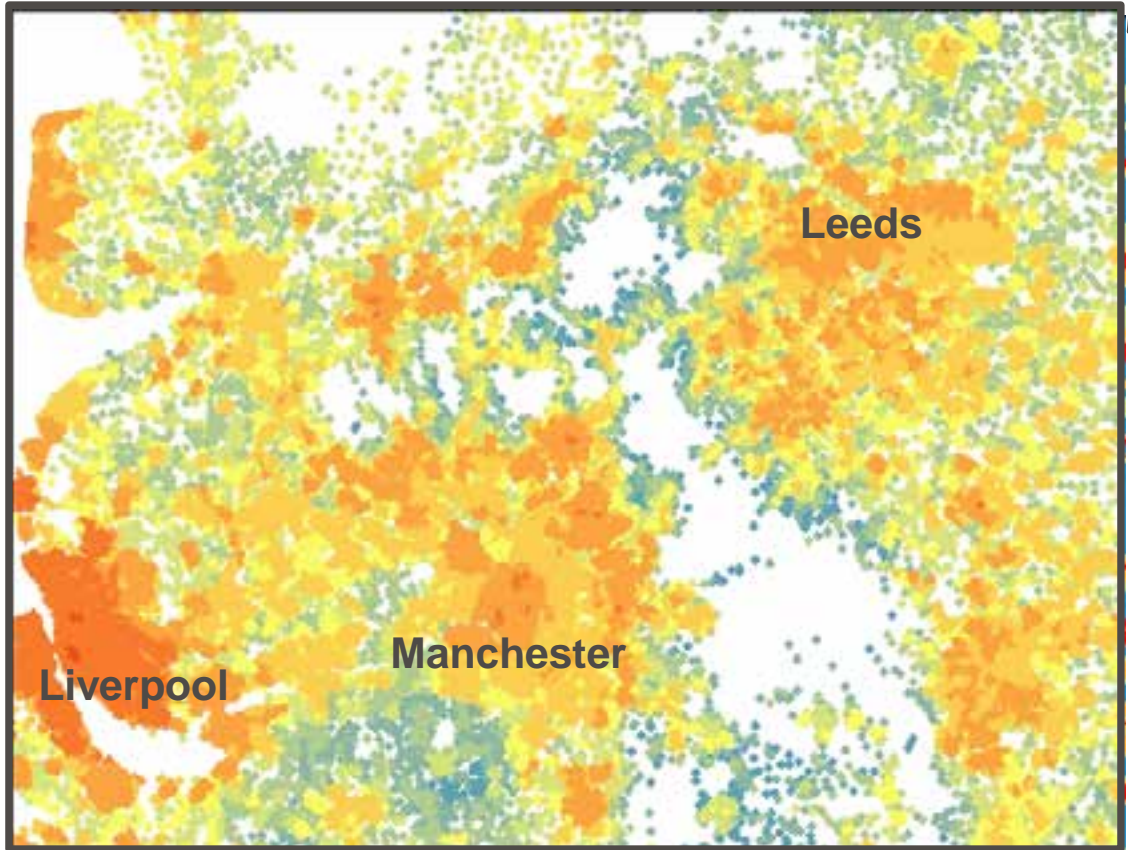
- Altitude: height mapping / *lapse rates and temperature inversions* (including a 10km coastal buffer)
- Urban density: Corine land use - 5 bands of urbanisation / *urban heat island effects*



## Based on literature:

Land Use Class	Adjustment Value	Altitude band	Adjustment Value
CBD	+ 2 °C	<100m	- 1 °C
Urban	+ 1 °C	100-200m	Zero
Semi-urban	Zero	200-300m	- 1 °C
Villages	- 1 °C	300-400m	- 2 °C
Rural	- 2 °C	>400m	- 3 °C

# Postcode level hazard maps



urban density

altitude

Combined



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# Built environment model (GB)

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Developed using survey data available from Rightmove



Full unit postcode resolution

Incorporates survey data from 13 million properties

Detailed modelling of residential risk types

Location / outline of >2,000 industrial sites

Incorporates house structure, age, height information plus cellar (Y/N), conservatory (Y/N), value information



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# Vulnerability functions

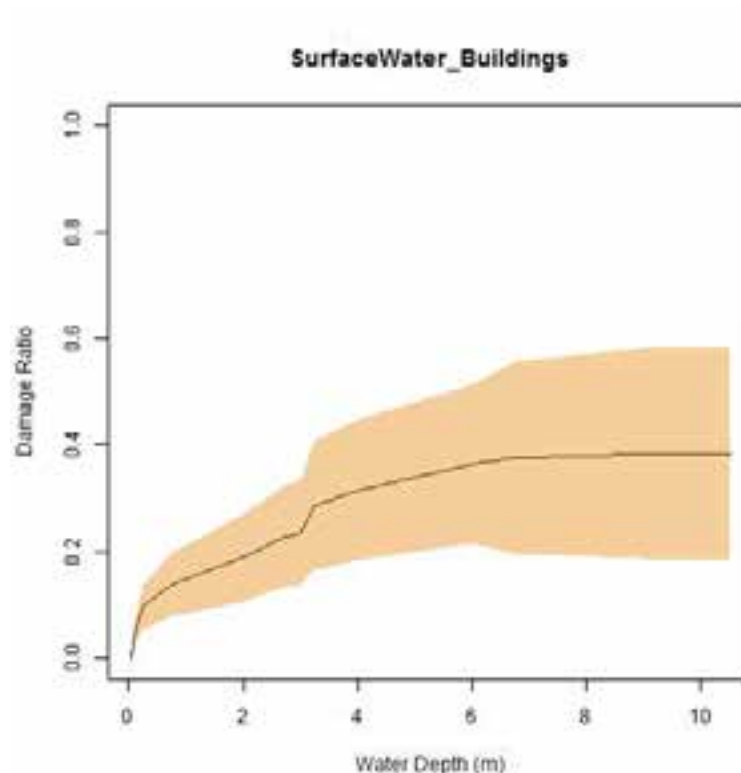
Expressed as mean damage ratio and standard deviation

Flood: Depth-damage curves

Freeze: Research needed to relate hazard with damage



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# ADR summary

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## Inputs:

- 6 return period hazard maps
- Vulnerability Functions
- Built Environment

## Outputs:

- Mean and standard deviation
- Property / postcode level
- Residential / commercial
- Buildings and/or contents



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