



Pool Re Risk Consulting - Threat Overview

Intent – threat actors



Likelihood of committing an attack

More likely

Less likely



Islamist
extremism



Violent dissident
republicanism



State-sponsored
terrorism



Marxist-Leninist
terrorism



Right-wing
extremism



Anarcho-
environmentalism



Overseas national
separatism

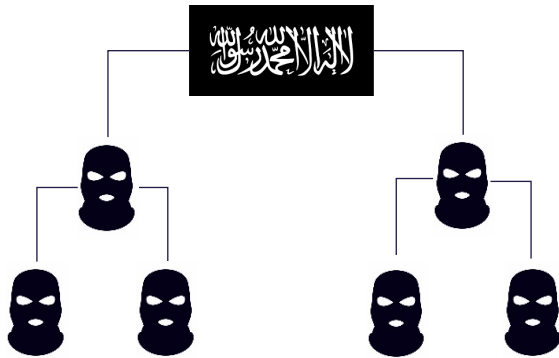
Intent – targeting priorities



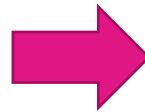
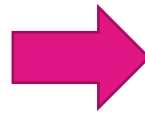
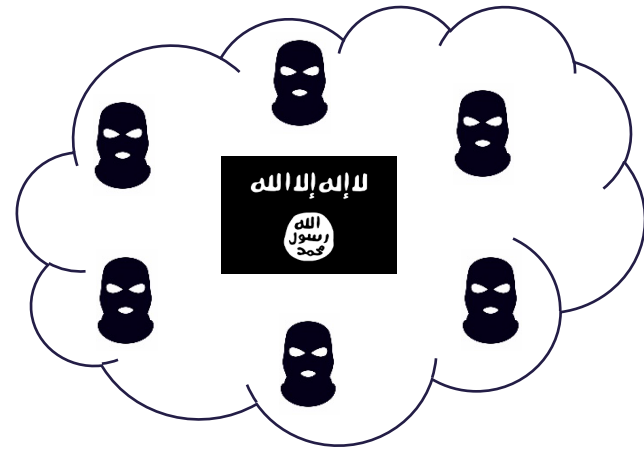


Whatever happened to Al Qaeda?

1990s/2000s



2010s/2020s



- Hierarchical
- Attack cells
- Long-term planning
- Organisational expertise
- Personal recruitment
- Well-funded
- Political objectives

- Decentralised
- Lone actors
- Impulsive & opportunistic
- Self-taught
- Virtual radicalisation
- Poorly resourced
- Terrorism for own sake



So what?



- Plots harder to identify and disrupt



- Shortened time between conception and execution



- More aspiring/potential terrorists



- Increase range of likely targets

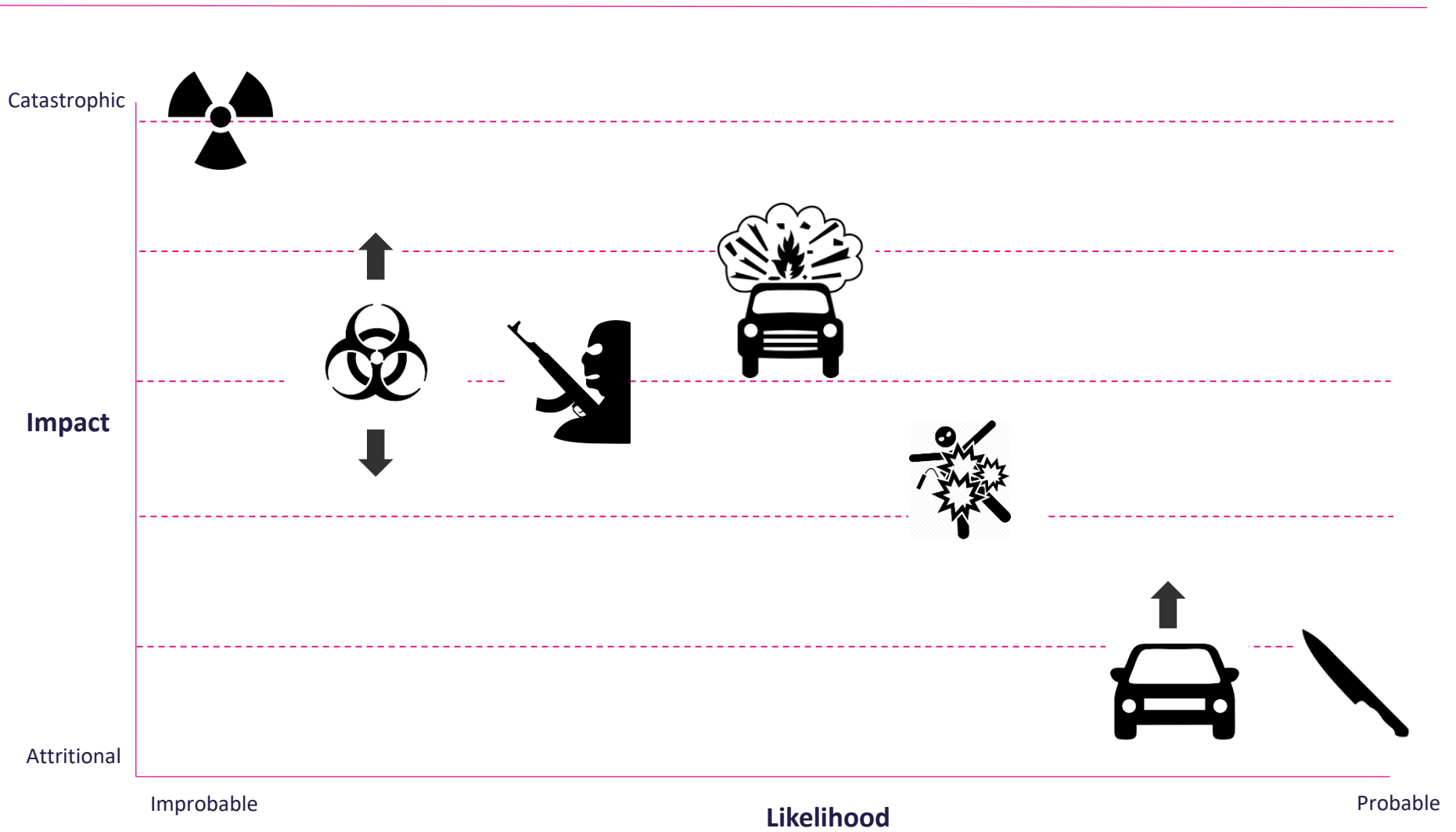


- Poorer tradecraft



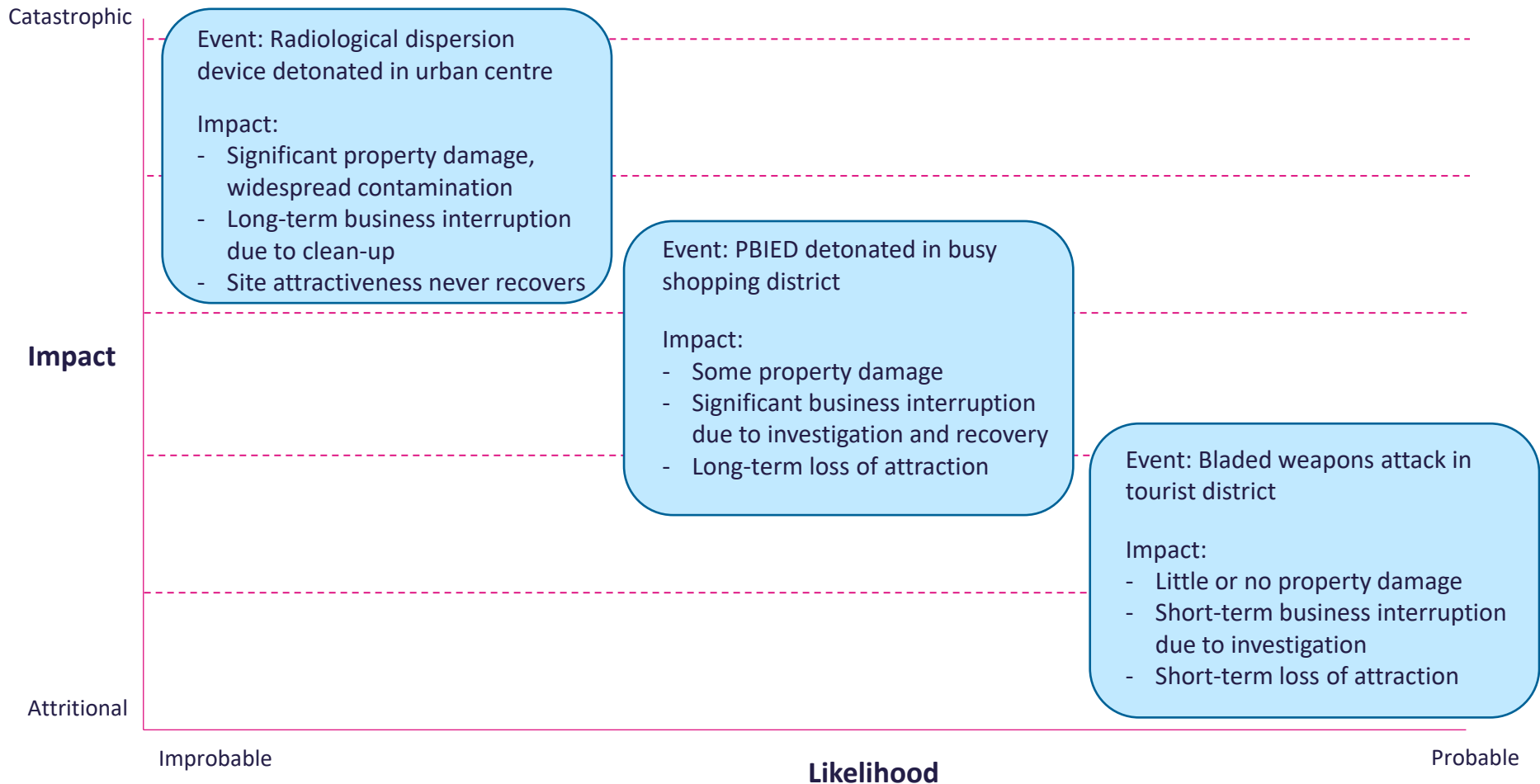
- Lower complexity methodologies

Capabilities





Example loss scenarios



COVID-19 & terrorism



Short-term

Long-term

Changing nature of crowded places

Growth of conspiracy theories

Increase in virtual radicalisation

Fewer resources for counter-terrorism

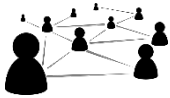
Economic damage leading to political disenfranchisement

Long-term global instability drives cross-border political violence

Outlook



- Terrorist activity to increase with relaxation of 'lockdown'



- Increasing decentralization of terrorist networks to challenge counter-terrorism efforts



- Online radicalisation to drive domestic extremism



- Right-wing terrorism becoming more prevalent and more lethal



- Threat of 'spectacular' attacks to endure



- Proliferating threat vectors due to terrorist adoption of novel technologies

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