

A Quantum Leap in Benchmarking Unpaid Claims



Benchmarking Unpaid Claim Estimates

- **Benchmark:** A standard, or a set of standards, used as a point of reference for evaluating performance or level of quality. Benchmarks may be drawn from a firm's own experience, from the experience of other firms in the industry, or from legal requirements such as environmental regulations.

Source: businessdictionary.com

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Benchmarking Unpaid Claim Estimates

- Have you ever calculated an estimate of unpaid claims?
 - P&C (General) Insurance, any LOB or segment
 - For any reason, reserves, pricing, ERM, etc.
- Have you ever used a benchmark to help with your estimated unpaid claims or range of estimates?

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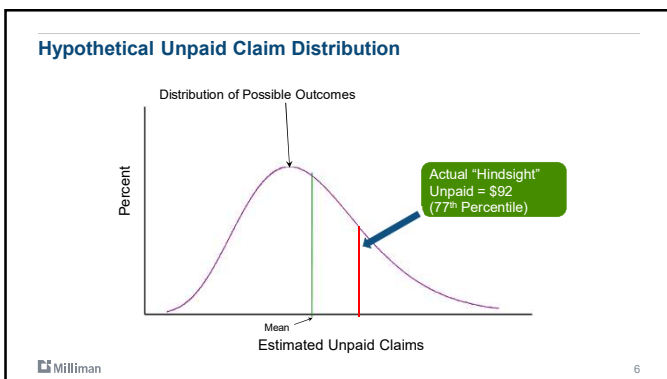
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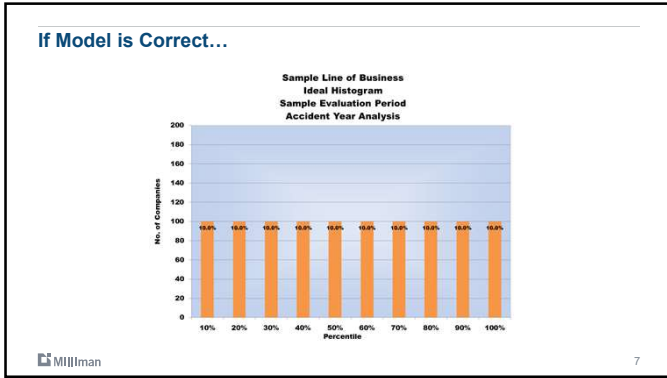
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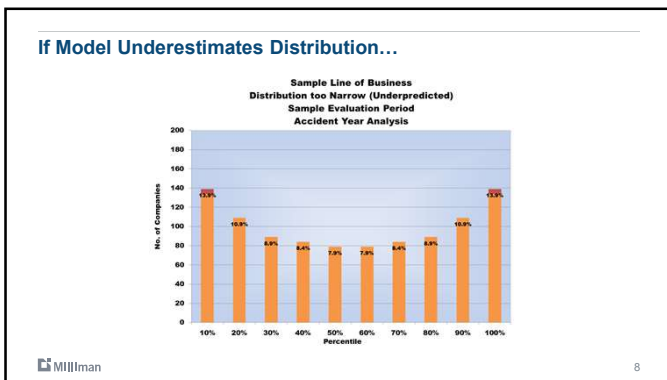
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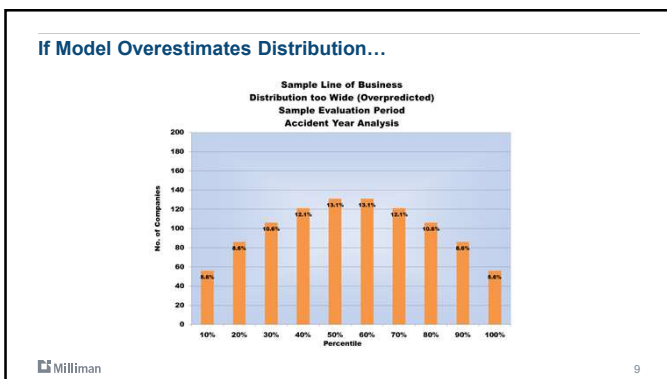
Background
Hindsight Analysis



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Background
Prior Research

Meyers & Shi

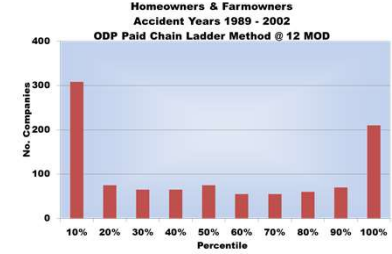
“...study suggests that there might be environmental changes that no single model can identify.”

“If this continues to hold, the actuarial profession cannot rely solely on stochastic loss reserve models to manage its reserve risk.”

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Homeowners & Farmowners
Accident Years 1989 - 2002
ODP Paid Chain Ladder Method @ 12 MOD



Percentile	No. Companies
10%	300
20%	70
30%	60
40%	60
50%	70
60%	50
70%	50
80%	60
90%	60
100%	200

Leong, Jessica (Weng Kah), Shaun Wang, and Han Chen, “Back-Testing the ODP Bootstrap of the Paid Chain-Ladder Model with Actual Historical Claims Data,” CAS E-Forum, Summer 2012, 1-34.

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“...the popular ODP bootstrap of the paid chain-ladder method is underestimating reserve risk.”

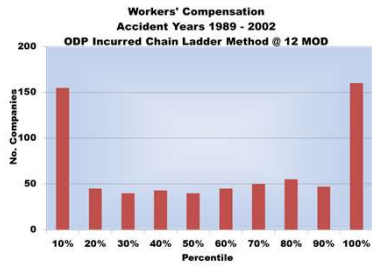
“...the bootstrap model does not consider systemic risk, or, to put it another way, the risk that future trends in the claims environment – such as inflation, trends in tort reform, legislative changes, etc. – may deviate from what we saw in the past.”

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“...it appears that the incurred bootstrap model is also underestimating the risk of falling in these extreme percentiles.”

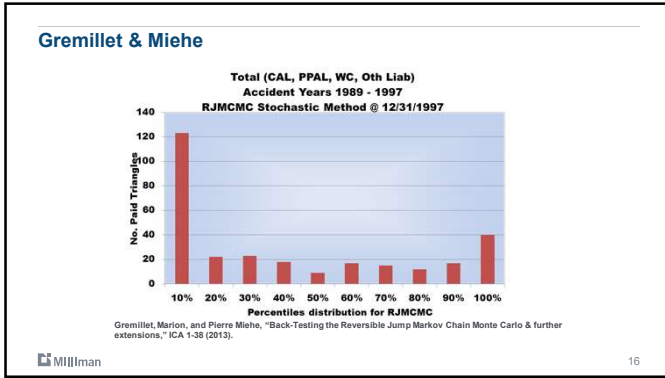
Note: This is not the same incurred ODP bootstrap model as described in the Shapland Monograph.

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Gremillet & Mieke

"...it is core to have adjustments by actuaries prior to running the stochastic methods 'automatically.' "

"Actuary in the box" dream for stochastic reserves valuation not yet happening

Gremillet, Marion, and Pierre Mieke, "Back-Testing the Reversible Jump Markov Chain Monte Carlo & further extensions," ICA 1-38 (2013).

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Analysis Summary

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Comparison of Analyses

Item	Meyers & Shi	Leong, Wang & Chen	Gremillet & Miehe	Shapland
Data	50 Companies	21 (MPL) to 78 (PPAL) Companies	?	1,679 Companies
Evaluations	1	11	5	9
Models	2	2	3	8
Lines of Business	1	9	4	16
Triangle Sets	50	~4,850	296	30,707

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Analysis Details

- **ODP Bootstrap**
 - Paid Chain Ladder
 - Incurred Chain Ladder
 - Paid Bornhuetter-Ferguson
 - Incurred Bornhuetter-Ferguson
 - Paid Cape Cod
 - Incurred Cape Cod
 - Weighted
- **Mack Bootstrap**
 - Paid Chain Ladder

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Analysis Details

- **Beginning Data**
 - NAIC Schedule P – 4,796 Companies (& Groups)
 - Remove all triangles without 10 years of data (Paid, Incurred, etc.)
 - Other data quality tests → “quality data”
 - Test whether next 9 years are identical → “complete data”
- **Test Data**
 - Total of 75,000+ LOBs with “quality data”
 - 1,679 Companies with at least 1 Schedule P LOB of “complete data”
 - Total of 30,707 LOBs with “complete data”
 - 2,104 Companies with at least 2 Schedule P LOBs of “quality data”
 - Approx. 27,000 LOBs with at least 2 for same Company

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Analysis Details

Model Output

- Accident Year Totals (by Year & All Years Combined)
- Calendar Year Totals (by Year)
- Calendar Year Runoff Totals (by Year)
- Ultimate Loss Ratios (by Year)
- Incremental Results (by Year and Development Period)
- Diagnostic Statistics

Analysis Details

Model Options (Tests)

Test 1 – Defaults

- No Tail factors (i.e., 1.000)
- BF – a priori based on hindsight L/R, **No CoV**
- CC – Trend = 2.5%, Decay Ratio = 90%

Test 2 – Selected Limiting of Incrementals

Test 3 – Selected Limiting & Suggested Heteroscedasticity Groups

Model Limitations

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Model Limitations

- **Model Risk**
 - Limited to known data
 - A single model can underestimate variability
- **Systemic risk**
 - In addition to model risk
 - A shift in claims environment
- **Need to Understand Assumptions**

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Major Assumption

Bootstrap models (ODP & Mack) assume Chain Ladder projections are unbiased

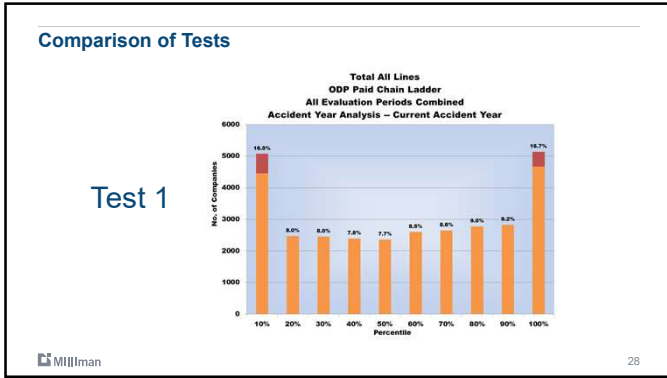
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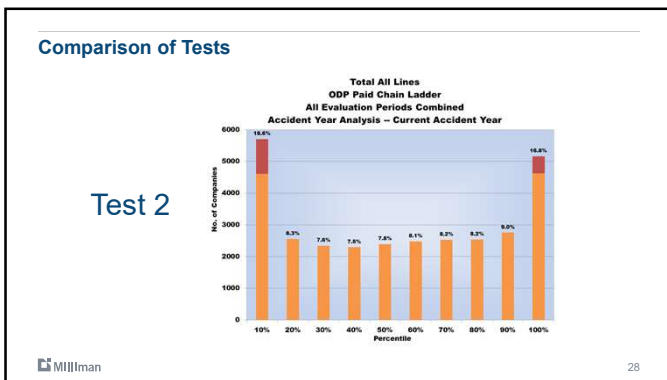
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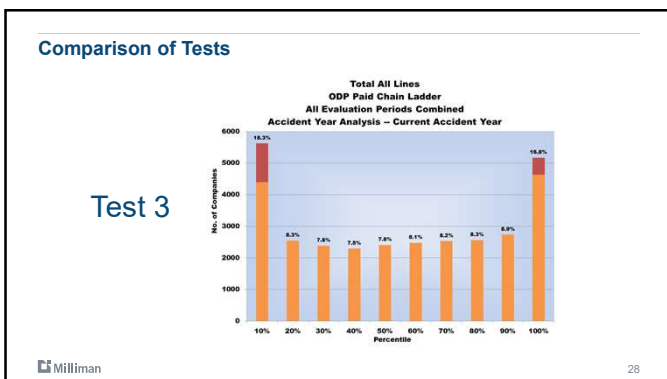
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Are they Unbiased?

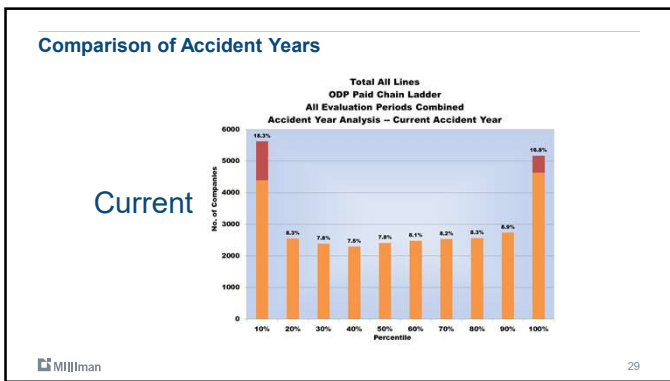
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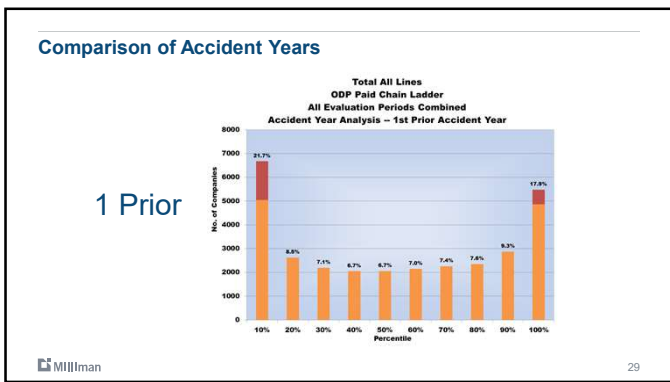


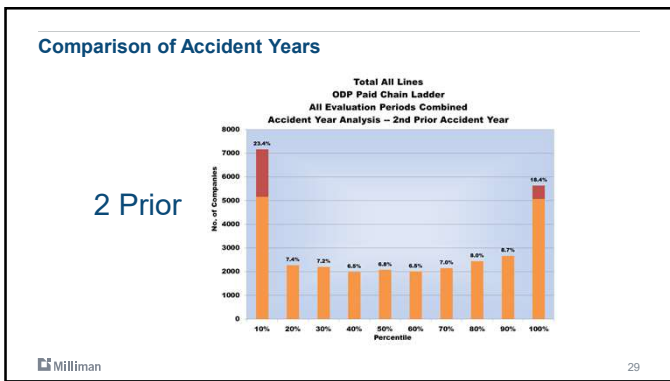




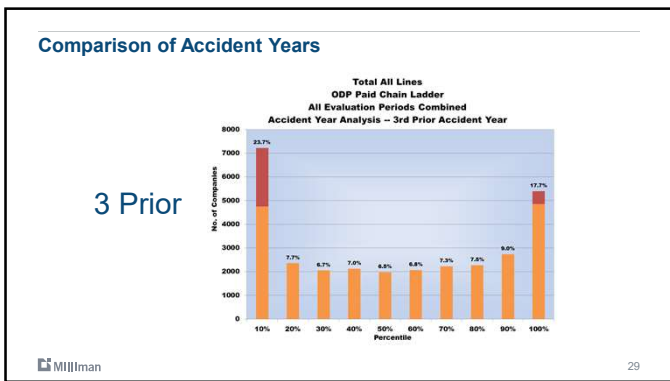
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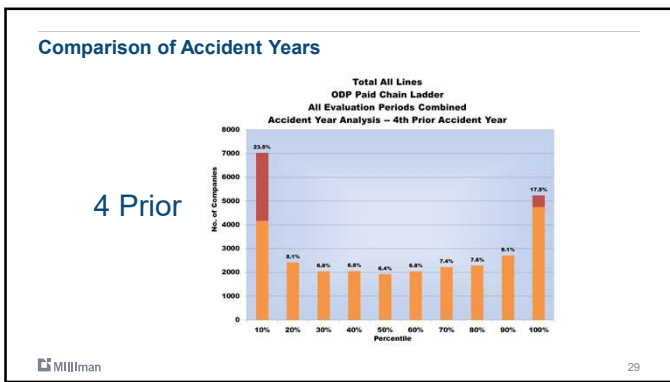


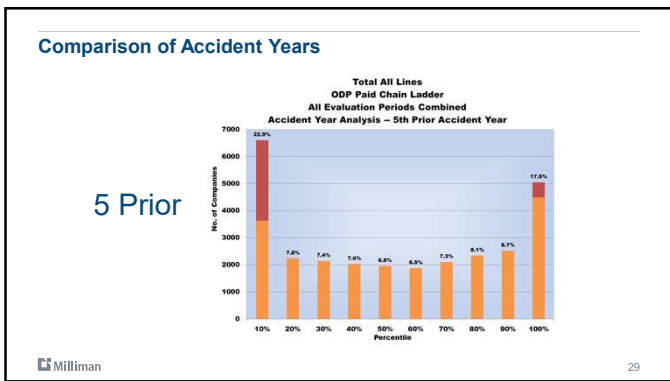




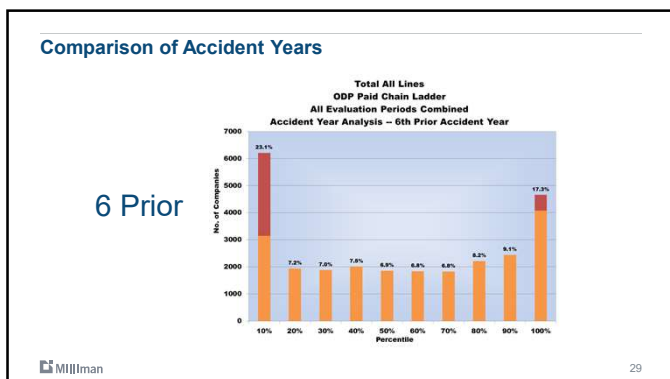
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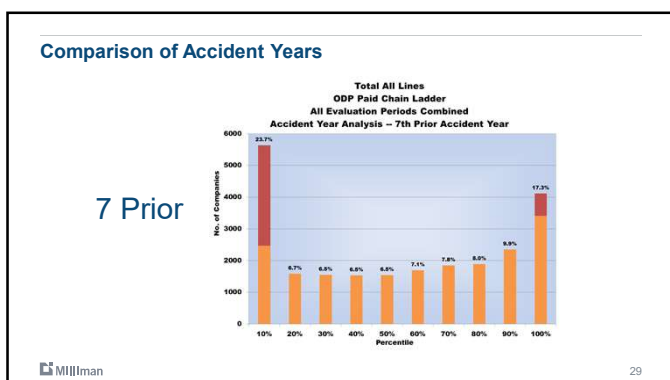


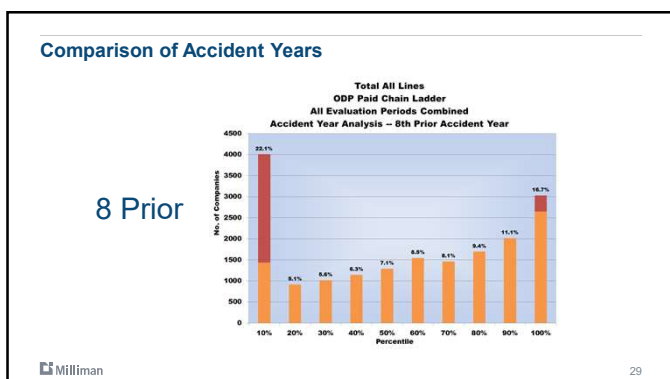




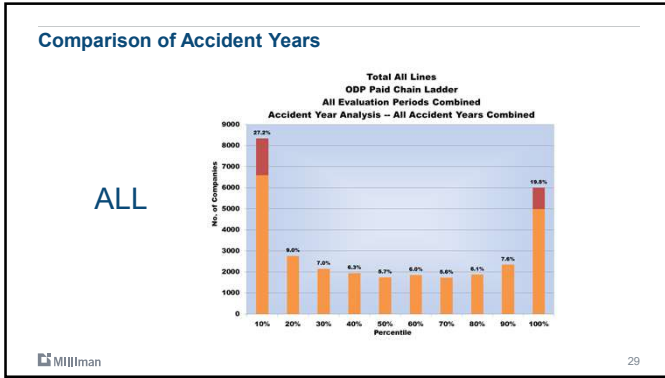
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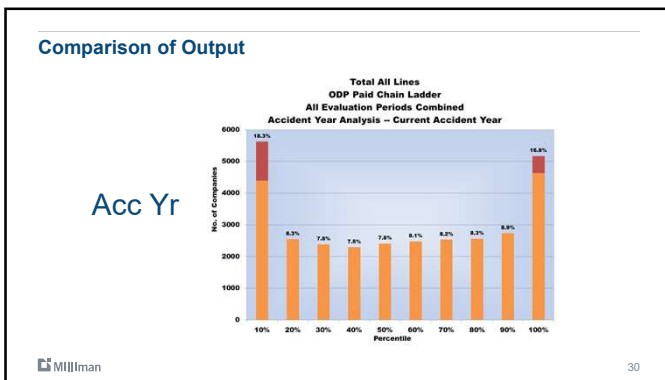


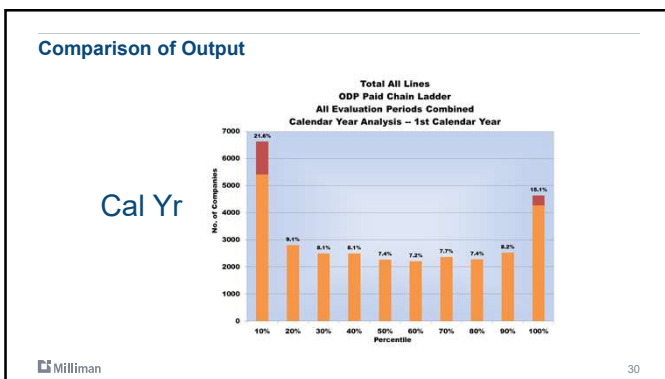




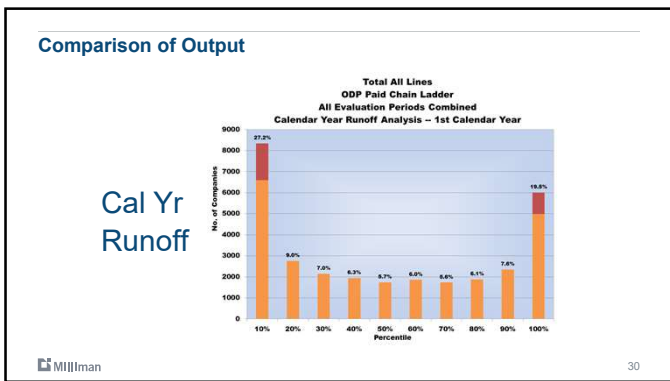
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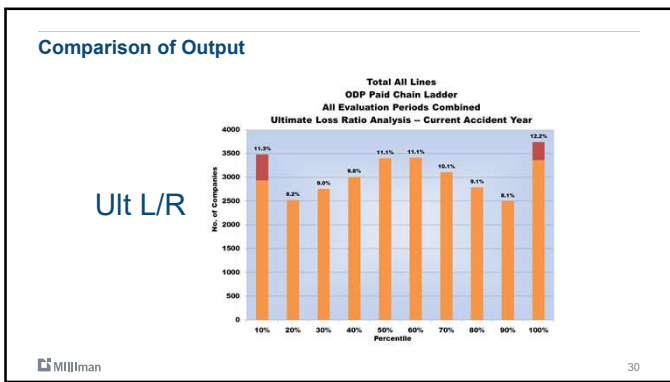


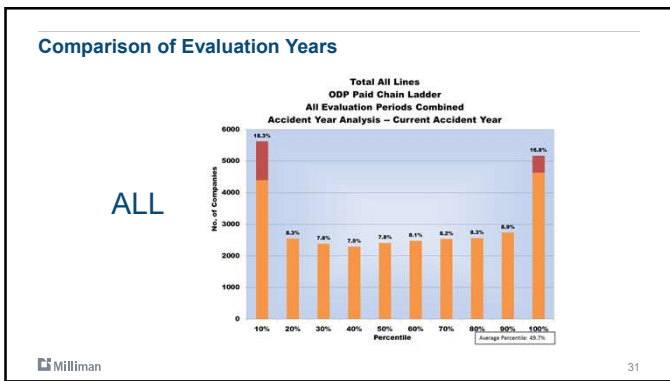




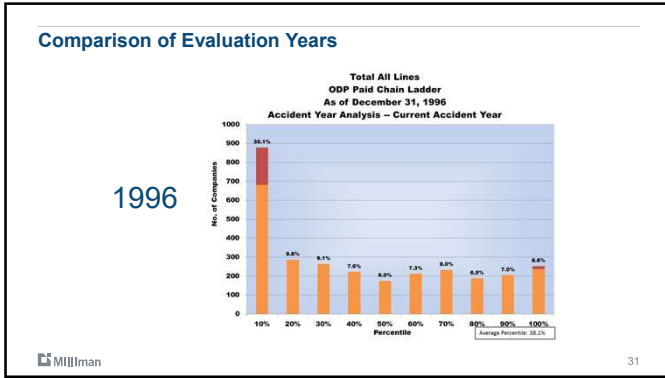
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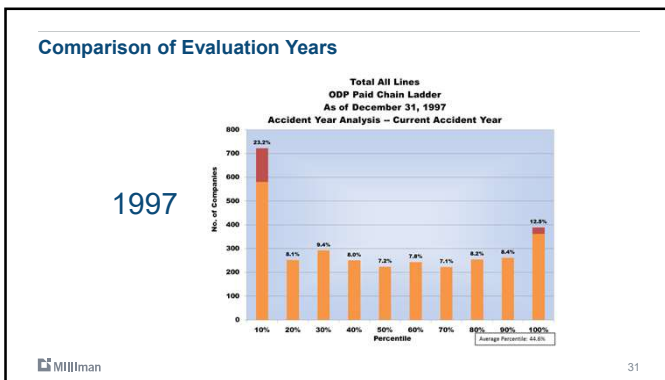


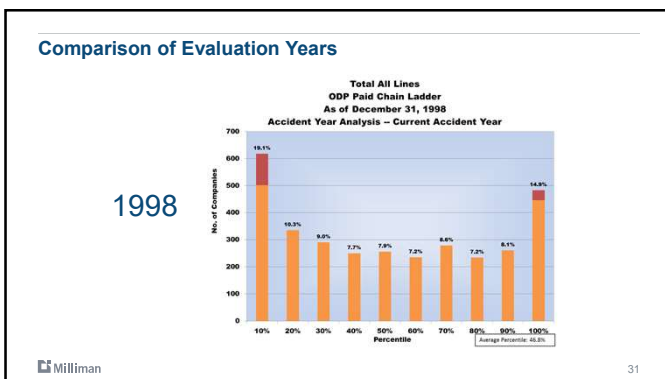




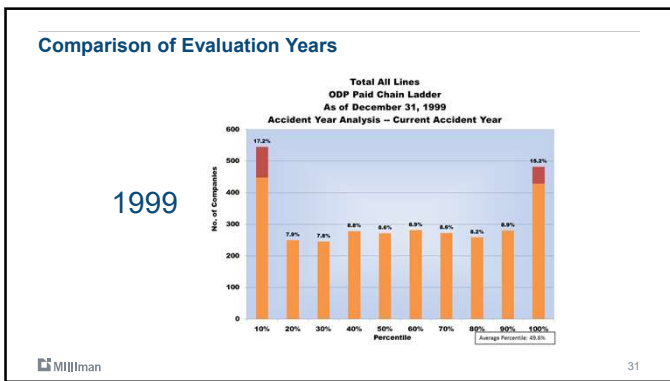
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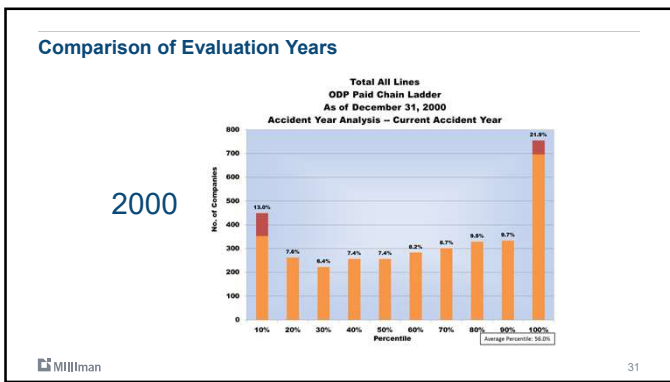


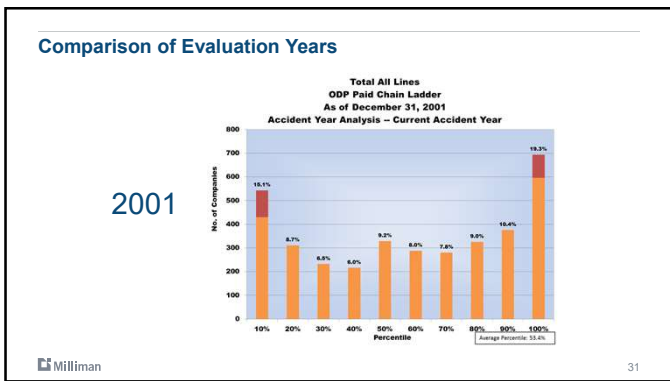




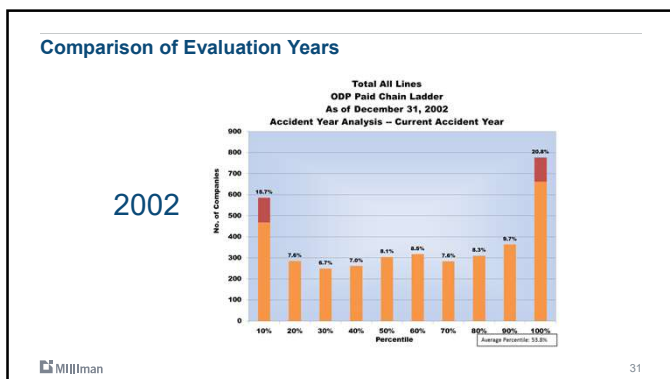
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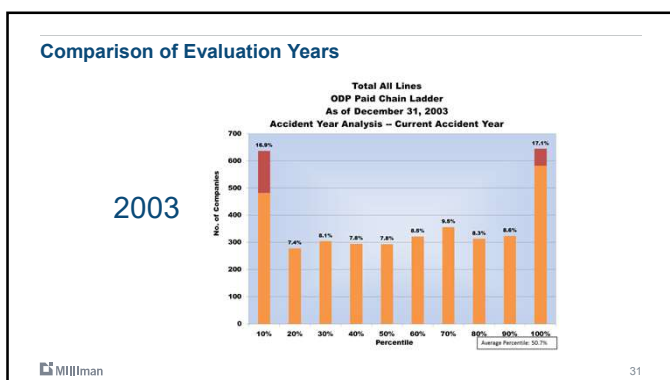


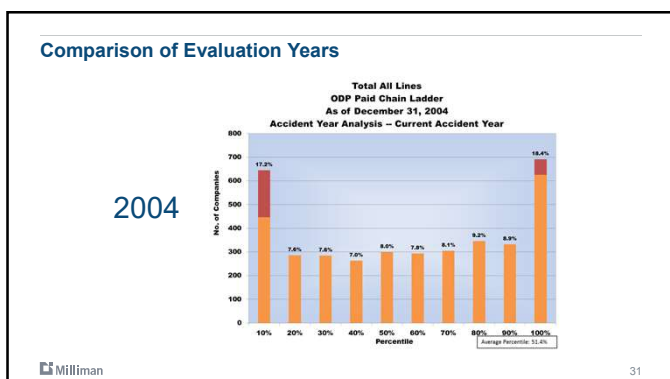




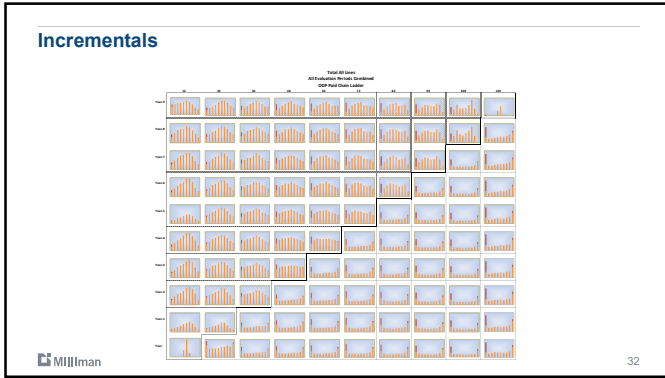
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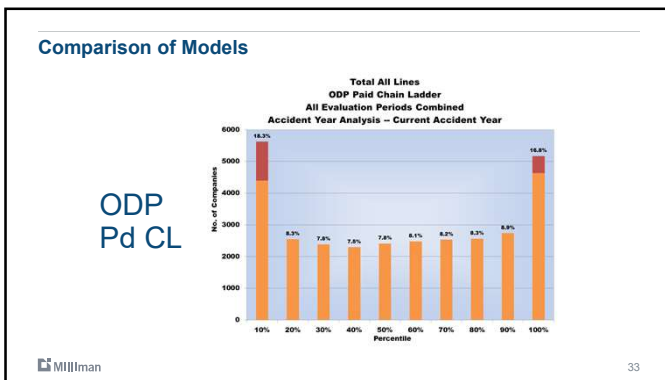


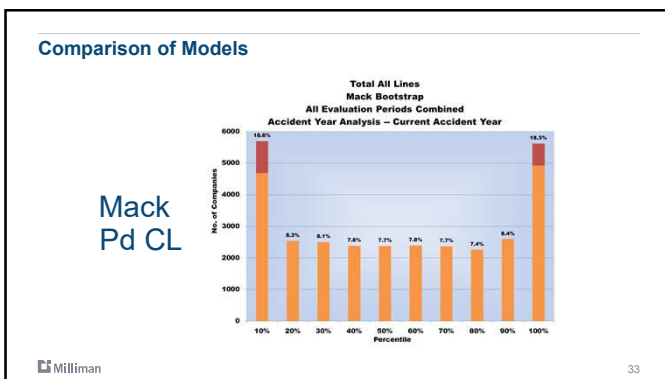




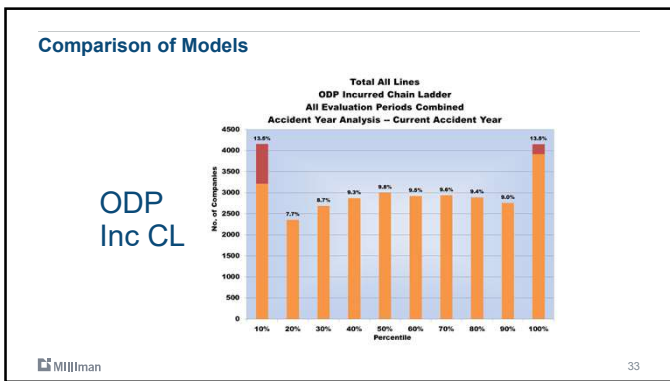
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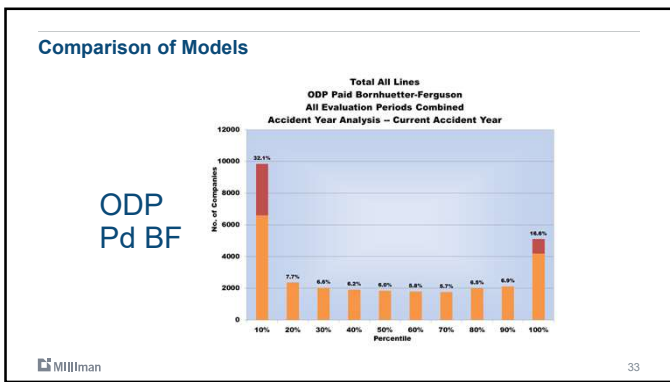


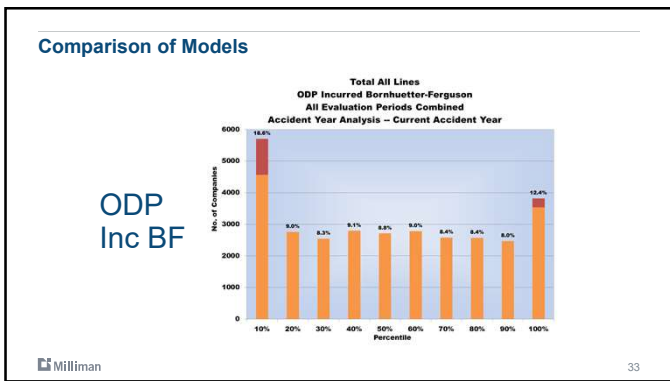




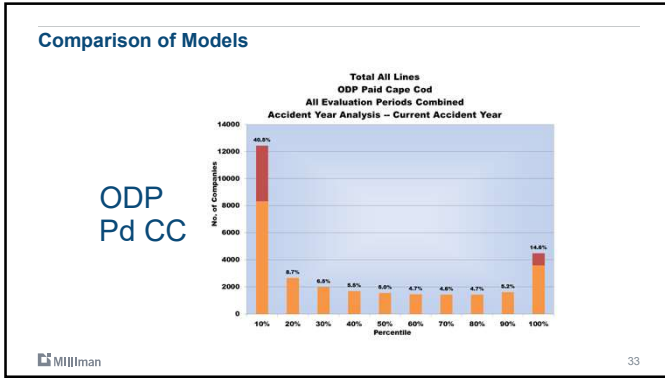
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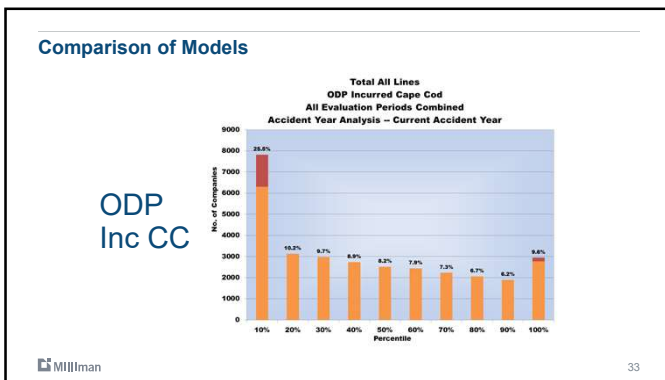


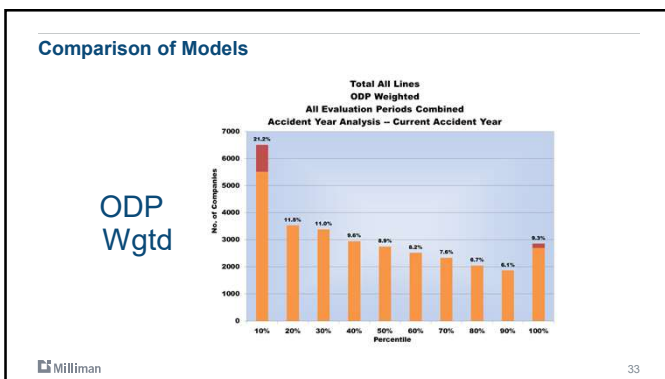




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- **Systemic Risk Distribution Method**
 - Multiply each simulated bootstrap result by a "systemic" factor
- **Wang Transform Adjustment**
 - Increase the variability of the original unpaid loss distribution
 - Shift the percentiles to account for bias in methods over time
 - Relies on a parameter "Lambda" targeting an ideal histogram

Assumes Model Risk is Systemic!
Based on Hindsight only!

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HDR Adjustment

- Shift distribution by multiplying unpaid claim estimates by the HDR
- Coefficient of variation unchanged
- Additive shift – will not address variance
- Hindsight adjustment, but we are not advocating, just testing how much bias vs. not enough variance

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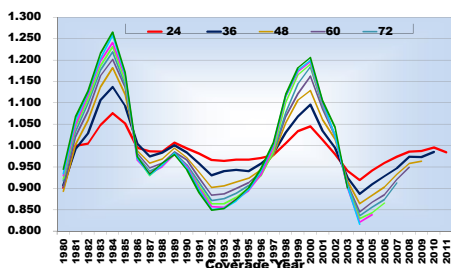
Example – Coverage Year 2000 (\$B)



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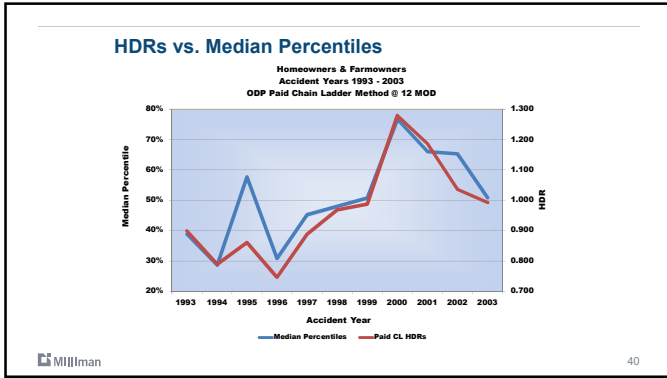
HDR by Evaluation Month

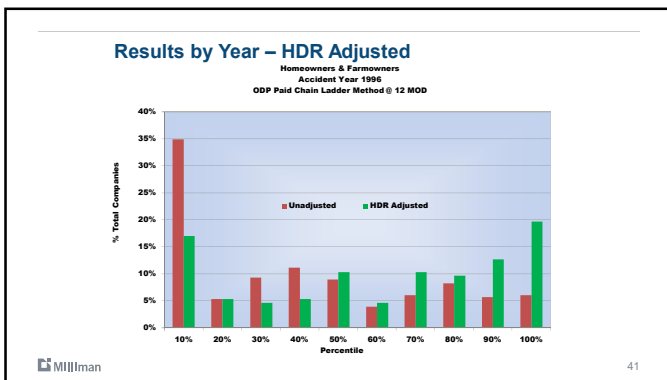


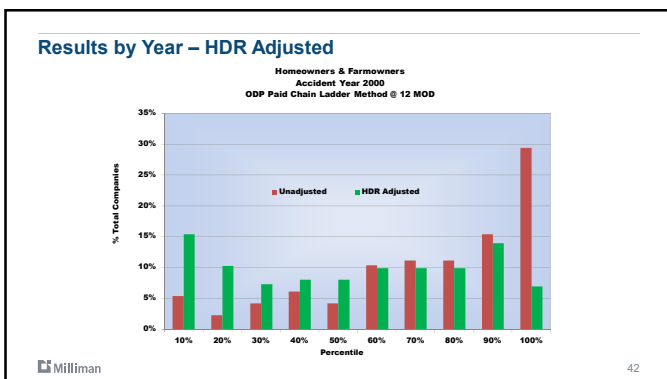
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Conclusions

- **Goal of Ideal Histogram Unrealized by Paid CL Bootstrap**
 - Both ODP Bootstrap and Mack Bootstrap
 - Confirms Other Research
- **Other ODP Bootstraps – Much Closer to Theoretical Ideal**
 - Incurred models different (Shapland Monograph)
 - Bornhuetter-Ferguson and Cape Cod models
- **Cyclical Bias in Reserve Distributions – Paid and Incurred**
 - Consistent with Deterministic Projections

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Conclusions

- **“Corrections” to Other ODP Models may be Unnecessary**
- **Addressing Model Risk is very important**
 - Can't “blindly” accept model results
 - Use diagnostics to assess model strengths / weaknesses
 - Implications for weighting
 - Still need to address systemic risks
- **Guidelines (i.e., benchmarks) to Assess Results**
 - Based on hindsight, but forward looking
 - Including Correlations
- **Distributions by LOB and Premium**

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Types of Benchmarks

- 1 Loss Development Patterns
- 2 Unpaid Claim Distributions
- 3 Correlation Between Segments

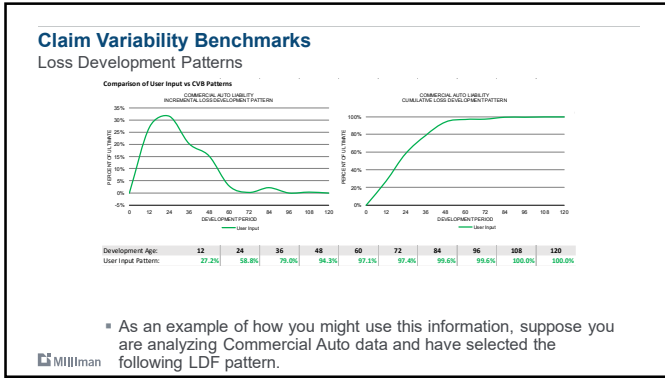
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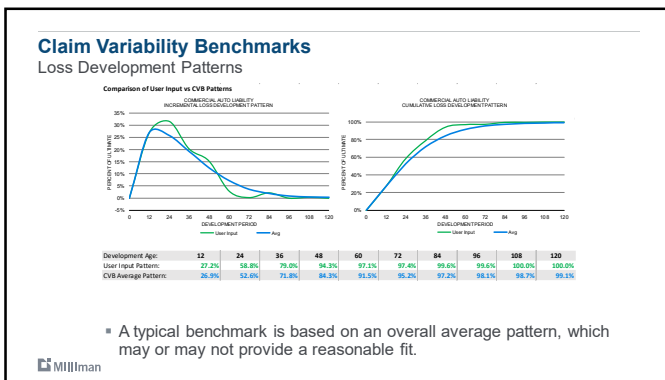
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Loss Development Patterns

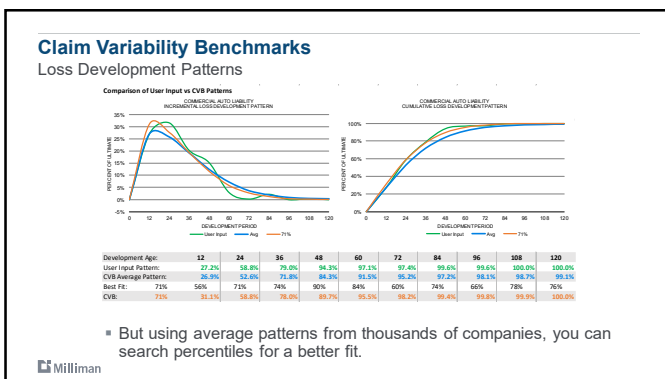
- Common LDF benchmarks are “static” – one size fits all
- Back-testing includes VWA factors for all actual & simulated paid data triangles, by Schedule P Line of Business
- A “distribution” of the patterns were created for both actual and simulated data
- This allows for “dynamic” benchmarks – patterns are better tailored to your data
- You can also create a benchmark for your range of point estimates

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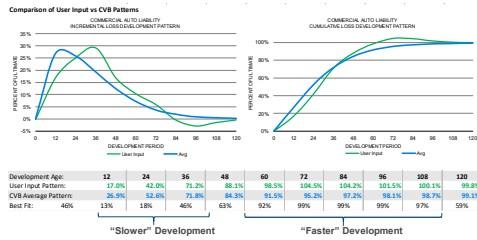






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Claim Variability Benchmarks Loss Development Patterns



While a single percentile can often provide a better fit than the overall average, you might find that your pattern is slower than average in early periods and faster in later periods. Or vice versa.



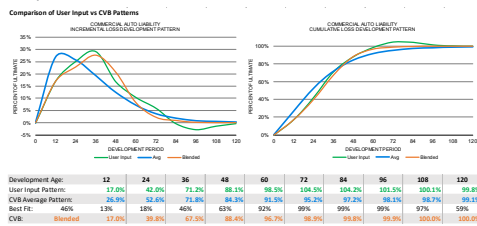
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In this example, a single percentile is better than the average, but only marginally better.



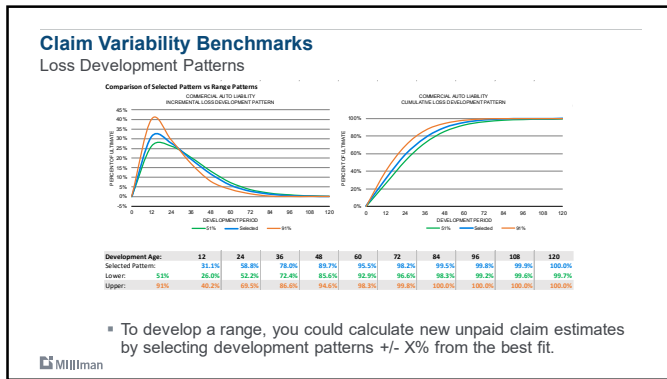
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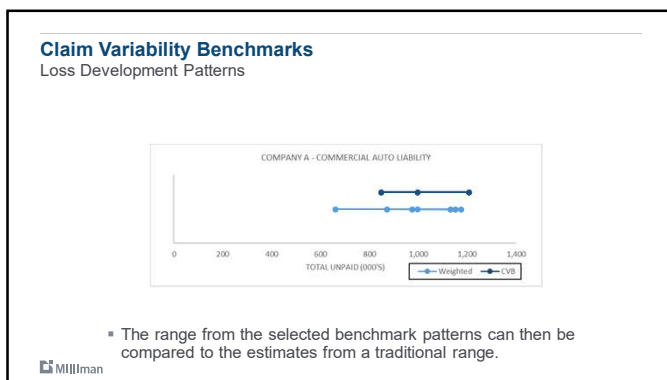


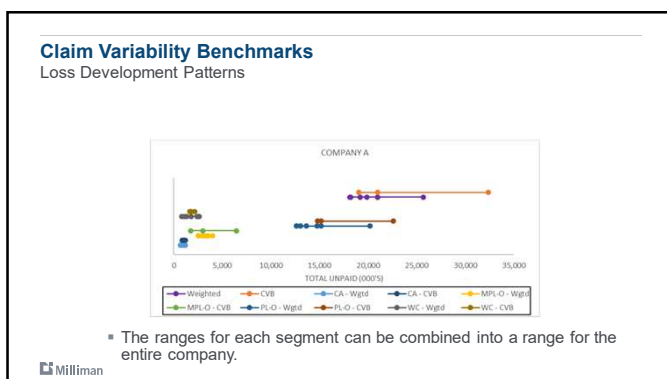
But, by blending percentiles you can create an even more customized benchmark pattern.



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Claim Variability Benchmarks

Unpaid Claim Distributions

- For each Schedule P LOB, the back-testing results contain thousands of simulated distributions for companies of all different sizes
- Regression models were used to fit the distributions by premium volume for each of the Acc Yr, Cal Yr, Cal Yr Runoff, and Loss Ratio distributions
- Fitted results were smoothed to be consistent between distribution types and to conform with statistical properties – e.g., less exposure = more risk
- Algorithm allows for a variety of customizations – e.g., development patterns
- Underestimation of unpaid claim distributions can impact required capital, reinsurance, pricing, risk margins, etc.
- Overestimation is also problematic – e.g., capital does not match risk appetite

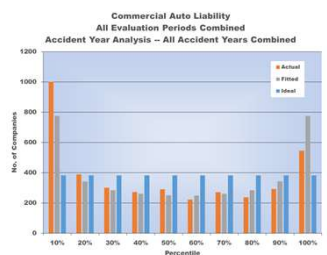
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Unpaid Claim Distributions

- Variance Adjustment Factors are used to correct for back-testing results
- Separate variance adjustments factors for Loss Ratio distributions
- For example, this is the Acc Yr adjustment for Commercial Auto
- “Fitted” results still appear to under-estimate, but this is reserve cycle affect



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Claim Variability Benchmarks Unpaid Claim Distributions

- The regression model adjusts assumptions to fit statistical properties.
- For example, consider smaller vs larger number of exposures:

Small Sample Line of Business (Using CA) Accident Year Guidelines (000's)						Large Sample Line of Business (Using CA) Accident Year Guidelines (000's)					
Acc Yr	Premium	L/R	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	Acc Yr	Premium	L/R	Mean	Std Dev	CoV
2010	5,115	75.3%	50	127	255.3%	2010	55,548	75.3%	497	991	199.6%
2011	5,302	77.1%	76	157	204.9%	2011	53,618	77.1%	766	1,051	132.8%
2012	5,427	78.4%	121	229	189.3%	2012	54,273	78.4%	1,312	1,312	108.3%
2013	5,508	81.7%	215	322	149.8%	2013	55,660	81.7%	2,107	2,662	127.8%
2014	5,668	83.5%	398	495	124.4%	2014	56,679	83.5%	3,976	2,558	64.3%
2015	5,907	82.0%	762	708	92.9%	2015	59,070	82.0%	7,625	4,029	52.8%
2016	6,277	79.2%	1,405	966	69.7%	2016	62,769	79.2%	14,048	6,512	43.8%
2017	6,780	74.9%	2,430	1,523	63.2%	2017	67,796	74.9%	24,097	9,580	38.8%
2018	7,214	73.8%	3,833	2,264	59.2%	2018	72,138	73.8%	35,920	14,503	37.3%
Total	55,117	77.5%	3,317	2,414	72.4%	Total	576,263	77.5%	137,272	71,108	51.2%

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- The regression model allows for other customizations.
- For example, consider a faster development pattern:

Slower Sample Line of Business (Using CA) Accident Year Guidelines (000's)						Faster Sample Line of Business (Using CA) Accident Year Guidelines (000's)					
Acc Yr	Premium	L/R	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	Acc Yr	Premium	L/R	Mean	Std Dev	CoV
2010	20,459	75.3%	199	415	208.7%	2010	20,459	75.3%	61	147	242.9%
2011	21,207	77.1%	386	442	144.7%	2011	21,207	77.1%	87	168	193.9%
2012	21,709	78.4%	485	590	121.7%	2012	21,709	78.4%	152	258	169.5%
2013	22,032	81.7%	800	768	99.4%	2013	22,032	81.7%	376	431	114.7%
2014	22,671	82.0%	1,500	1,183	74.4%	2014	22,671	82.0%	806	760	97.1%
2015	23,628	82.0%	3,050	1,815	59.5%	2015	23,628	82.0%	2,046	1,328	64.9%
2016	25,108	79.2%	5,619	2,697	48.0%	2016	25,108	79.2%	4,421	2,203	49.8%
2017	27,118	74.9%	9,639	4,252	43.7%	2017	27,118	74.9%	8,455	3,254	44.6%
2018	28,855	73.8%	15,572	6,345	40.7%	2018	28,855	73.8%	14,680	6,033	41.1%
Total	232,508	77.5%	37,143	9,264	24.8%	Total	232,508	77.5%	31,124	7,965	25.4%

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- The regression model includes four different types of results:

Acc Yr	Sample Line of Business (Using CA) Accident Year Guidelines (000's)						Sample Line of Business (Using CA) Calendar Year Guidelines (000's)						Cal Yr Runoff
	Premium	L/R	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	Premium	L/R	Mean	Std Dev	CoV			
2010	20,459	75.3%	199	415	208.7%	2010	202,528	73.9%	14,631	4,402	30.1%		
2011	21,207	77.1%	386	442	144.7%	2011	202,788	76.9%	5,626	5,461	96.7%		
2012	21,709	78.4%	485	590	121.7%	2012	192,329	78.4%	5,749	2,544	44.2%		
2013	22,032	81.7%	800	768	99.4%	2013	192,129	78.7%	1,759	1,392	78.7%		
2014	22,671	82.0%	1,500	1,183	74.4%	2014	189,442	78.7%	1,759	1,392	78.7%		
2015	23,628	82.0%	3,050	1,815	59.5%	2015	182,945	78.7%	361	361	100.0%		
2016	25,108	79.2%	5,619	2,697	48.0%	2016	184,709	77.2%	570	751	130.0%		
2017	27,118	74.9%	9,639	4,252	43.7%	2017	183,861	76.9%	361	361	100.0%		
2018	28,855	73.8%	15,572	6,345	40.7%	2018	181,073	74.2%	611	679	110.9%		
Total	232,508	77.5%	37,143	9,264	24.8%	Total	1,871,878	77.5%	17,218	7,201	41.8%		

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Unpaid Claim Distributions

- In Excel, these are easy to graph:

Acc Yr Cal Yr

Cal Yr Runoff Loss Ratio

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Unpaid Claim Distributions

- Compared to "single" model approach, the typical estimate has less variance than the benchmark:

COMPANY B - COMMERCIAL AUTO LIABILITY

	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	75.0%	90.0%	95.0%	Model	CVB
ODP PG CL Results	10,428	2,473	23.7%	11,881	13,694	14,909	18,536	
CVB	10,428	3,878	37.2%	12,460	15,502	17,668	24,700	

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Unpaid Claim Distributions

- Compared to "multiple" model approach, the typical estimate closer to the benchmark:

COMPANY B - COMMERCIAL AUTO LIABILITY

	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	75.0%	90.0%	95.0%	Model	CVB
Model Results*	10,428	2,911	27.9%	12,471	15,543	17,723	24,859	
CVB	10,428	3,878	37.2%	12,460	15,502	17,668	24,700	

*Model Results based on weighting of 400vent model.

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Types of Benchmarks

- 1 Loss Development Patterns
- 2 Unpaid Claim Distributions
- 3 Correlation Between Segments

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Correlation Between Segments

- Back-testing output includes correlation statistics between all pairs of LOBs within a company (i.e., if there was more than one 'complete' LOB)
- Output includes both paid and incurred, before and after optimal hetero adjustments
- The mean and std dev (unweighted and weighted) for all specific pairs (i.e., between two specific LOBs) was measured
- Weights based on 1 minus P-Value, since the lower the P-Value the more statistically significant the correlation
- Industry benchmarks have long been needed

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Correlation Between Segments

- For example, consider the weighted results for 4 LOBs using 1996 data:

Means					Means					Standard Deviations				
COMPANY A Model Correlation					COMPANY A CVB Correlation - Means					COMPANY A CVB Correlation - Std Dev				
	CA	MPL-O	PL-O	WC		CA	MPL-O	PL-O	WC		CA	MPL-O	PL-O	WC
CA	100%	34.1%	-17.4%	46.6%	CA	100%	15.8%	12.0%	14.1%	CA	100%	21.9%	24.7%	27.6%
MPL-O	34.1%	100%	-19.4%	29.9%	MPL-O	15.8%	100%	10.3%	-3.4%	MPL-O	21.9%	100%	20.2%	21.5%
PL-O	-17.4%	-19.4%	100%	10.5%	PL-O	12.0%	10.3%	100%	11.6%	PL-O	24.7%	20.2%	100%	24.6%
WC	46.6%	29.9%	10.5%	100%	WC	14.1%	-3.4%	11.6%	100%	WC	27.6%	21.5%	24.6%	100%

Modelled Correlation Correlation Benchmarks

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Correlation Between Segments

- Consistent with individual segments, aggregates using a "single" model approach tend to be narrower than benchmarks:

COMPANY B - AGGREGATE ALL LINES OF BUSINESS

	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	75.0%	90.0%	95.0%	Model	CoV
ODP P&C Results*	80,159	10,204	12.72%	65,792	93,940	98,507	111,233	13.23%
CIB	80,159	20,232	25.23%	55,900	100,807	110,900	147,377	30.23%
Total Estimates				94,037	100,801	104,153	116,002	
ODP P&C Results*				107,420	120,852	130,520	159,835	
CIB				11,858	15,922	21,904	35,843	
Capital Required				27,261	40,930	50,161	79,096	
ODP P&C Results*								
CIB								

*Using only the ODP Accounts model for Total data for each CIB

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Correlation Between Segments

- Consistent with individual segments, aggregates using a "multiple" model approach tend to be closer to benchmarks:

COMPANY B - AGGREGATE ALL LINES OF BUSINESS

	Mean	Std Dev	CoV	75.0%	90.0%	95.0%	Model	CoV
Model Results*	80,159	24,749	30.75%	53,879	112,712	120,815	166,433	38.26%
CIB	80,159	20,232	25.23%	55,900	100,807	110,900	147,377	30.23%
Total Estimates				110,700	120,150	124,070	148,050	
Model Results*				107,420	120,852	130,520	159,835	
CIB				11,858	15,922	21,904	35,843	
Capital Required				27,261	40,930	50,161	79,096	
Model Results*								
CIB								

*Model Results based on weighting of 4 different models for each CIB

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Claim Variability Benchmarks
Other Potential Uses

- Calculating average durations for future cash flows
- Calculating reserve risk margins based on the expected unpaid claim runoff – e.g., Solvency II or IFRS-17
- Assessing the variance parameter for a priori loss ratio assumptions in models
- Creating back-testing benchmarks for ERM thresholds
- Other uses which are only limited by your imagination

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