


GLM III


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AGENDA 

- Driver Averaging
- Modeling sparse claim types
- Product Evaluations
- The Tweedie Distribution
- Geographic risk
- “Quadrant Saddles”

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1 DRIVER AVERAGING

HOUSEHOLD AVERAGING



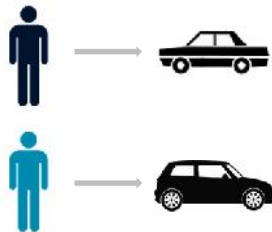
- Historically companies assigned operators to vehicles for the purpose of rating
- More recently driver averaging strategies have been deployed to capture the household
- Average may consider all drivers or a subset
 - This choice may affect other household composition factors
- Modeling data needs to mimic the transaction
- Types of averages
 - Straight vs. geometric average
 - Weighted average
 - Modified
 - Average/assigned hybrid

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DRIVER AVERAGING VS DRIVER ASSIGNMENT



- There is a one-to-one mapping of drivers to vehicles
- Assigned driver characteristics can be considered a vehicle characteristic
- Downstream tables do not need driver ID as a key
- Standard vehicle exposure is used



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DRIVER AVERAGING VS DRIVER ASSIGNMENT
DRIVER AVERAGING



- There is a unique record for each driver-vehicle combination
- Characteristics of each driver is used for each combination
- Exposures for each vehicle are split amongst the number of drivers on the policy, i.e., annualized exposures / # drivers



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MODEL DESIGN



- In all modeling projects, it is imperative that the data set up mimic the rating structure
- Consider the following example...

Vehicle	Operator	Vehicle Rate	Operator	Class Factor
V1	Dad	\$500	Dad	0.80
V2	Mom	\$450	Mom	0.85
			Junior	2.80

- Assume Mom had a \$1,000 claim while driving Dad's car

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ASSIGNMENT




In driver assignment methodology, each record represents a single vehicle with one assigned operator

Veh	Op	Sym	MYR	Age	Sex	Type	Yths	Drvrs	Vehs	Exp	Clm	Losses	Prem
V1	Junior	17	2006	16	M	OO	1	3	2	1	1	1,000	1,400
V2	Mom	17	2005	43	F	PO	1	3	2	1	0	0	382

- Operator characteristics based on assigned operator
- Vehicle characteristics based on vehicle
- Policy characteristics "catch" other drivers
- Losses assigned to vehicle

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STRAIGHT AVERAGE 

- Straight average methodology:

$$h \times \left(\frac{1 + 2 + 3}{3} \right)$$


- Which can be deconstructed::

$$h \times \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$h \times \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$h \times \left(\frac{3}{3} \right)$$

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STRAIGHT AVERAGE 

In straight average methodology, each record represents a single vehicle and operator combination

Veh	Op	Sym	MYR	Age	Sex	Yths	Drvrs	Vehs	Exp	Clm	Loss	Prem
V1	Dad	17	2006	45	M	1	3	2	1/3	0	0	133
V1	Mom	17	2006	43	F	1	3	2	1/3	1	1,000	141
V1	Junior	17	2006	16	M	1	3	2	1/3	0	0	467
V2	Dad	17	2005	45	M	1	3	2	1/3	0	0	120
V2	Mom	17	2005	43	F	1	3	2	1/3	0	0	127
V2	Junior	17	2005	16	M	1	3	2	1/3	0	0	420

- Policy characteristics are same, but less predictive
- Driver exposure split amongst each vehicle
- Losses assigned to vehicle/operator combination
- iid is a major concern
- No clear solution for comprehensive coverage

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GEOMETRIC AVERAGE 

Geometric average methodology:

$$h \times (1 + 2 + 3)^{1/3}$$

No direct decomposition

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GEOMETRIC AVERAGE



Geometric methodology: each record represents a single vehicle

Veh	Sym	MYR	# Dads	# Moms	# Juniors	Exp	Clim	Loss	Prem
V1	17	2006	1/3	1/3	1/3	1	1	1,000	619.72
V2	17	2005	1/3	1/3	1/3	1	0	0	557.74

- Policy characteristics are same, but less predictive
- Predictors are translated to counts
- Losses assigned to vehicle
- More challenging to add operator interactions or variates

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WEIGHTED AVERAGE



Weighted average methodology for a straight average approach

Veh	Op	Sym	MYR	Age	Sex	Type	Yths	Drvr	Vehs	Exp	Clim	Loss	Prem
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- Creates a relationship between the vehicle and the operator
- Uses the model to determine the weights
- More accurate since it uses more information...if correct

$$h = 1 \times \left(\frac{1 * + 2 * + 3 *}{3} \right)$$


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2 MODELING SPARSE CLAIM TYPES





AMPLIFICATION OF THE BI SIGNAL USING PD EXPERIENCE 

- Fit straight to BI
- Use PD model as a guide in free fitting BI
- Use PD model structure
- Offset PD relativities onto BI data as starting point
- BI/PD proportion model:
 - BI frequency = BI/PD proportion * PD frequency





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PROPORTION MODEL 



BI Freq


X



BI Sev


PD Freq


X


PD Sev






Liab Freq


X

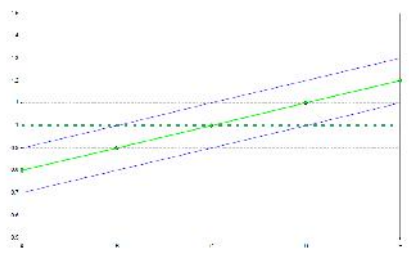

BI Propensity

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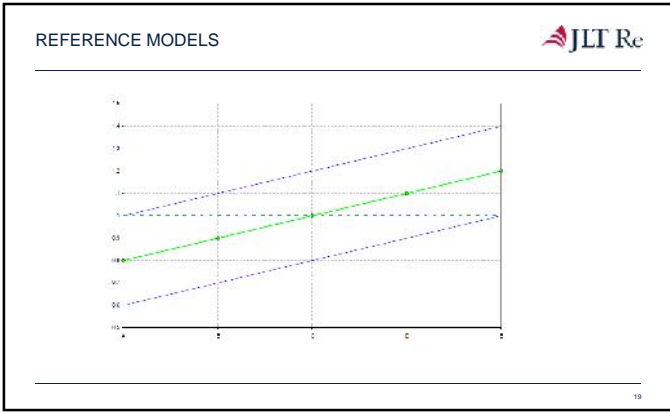

BI Sev

PD Sev

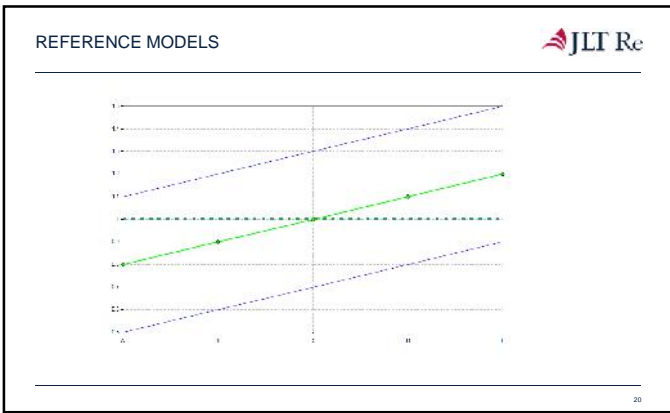
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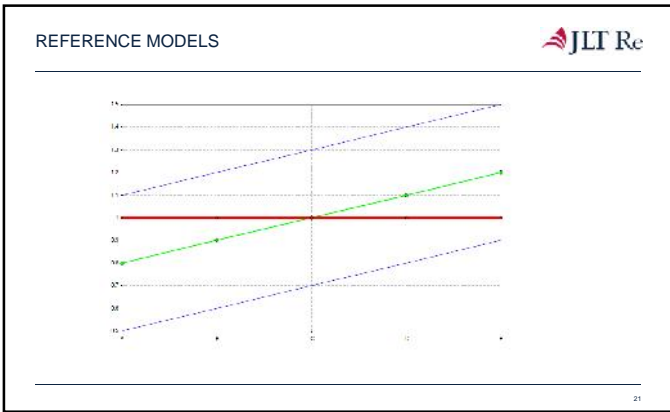
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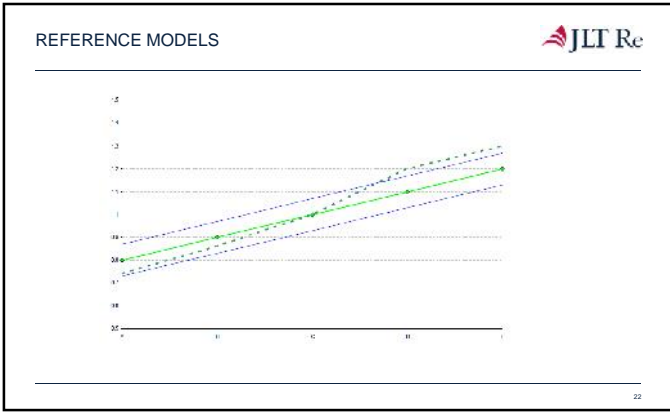


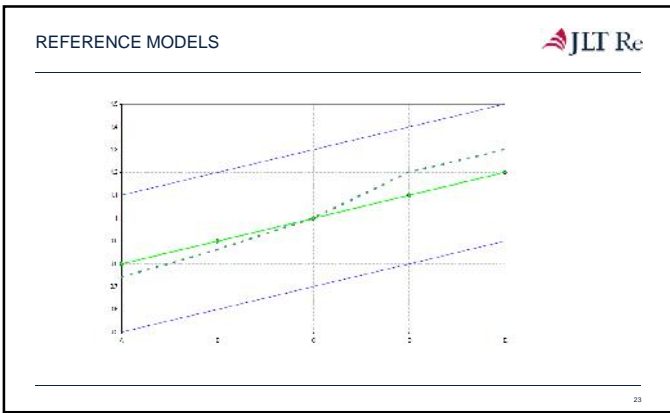
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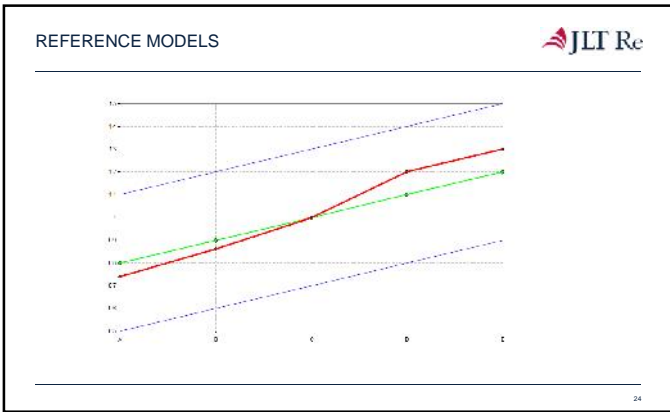












REFERENCE MODELS JLT Re

$$E[Y_i] = \mu_i = g^{-1}(\sum X_{ij} \beta_j + \xi_i)$$

↑
Offset Term

- When modeling BI, set PD fitted values to be offset term
- GLM will seek effects over and above assumed PD effect

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EXPERIMENT JLT Re

(1) GLM on BI claims on all the data - the "correct" answer

Real large company

↓ 10% random sample

Fitted value
2000000

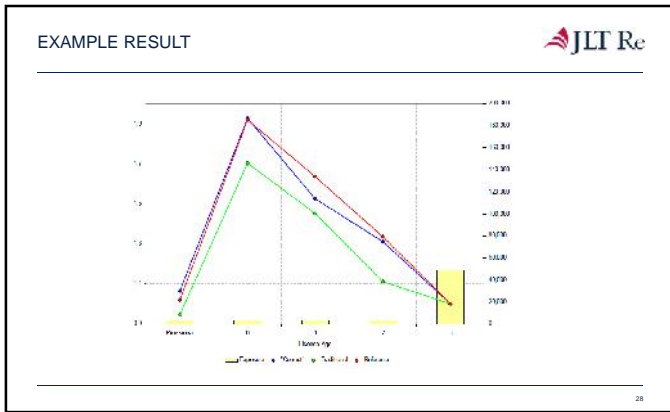
(2) Traditional GLM on BI claims on the "small company"

(3) Propensity reference model on BI claims of PD claims

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EXAMPLE RESULT JLT Re

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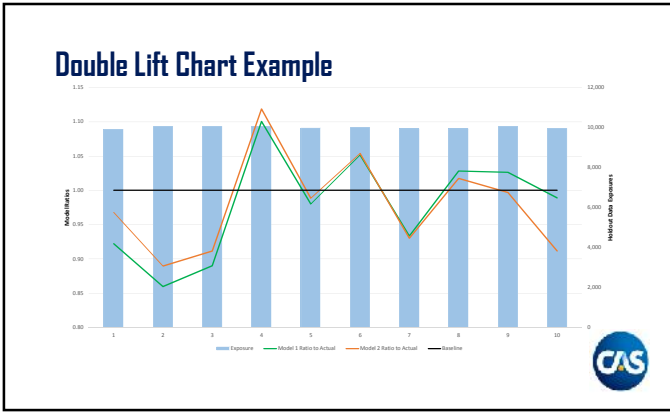
JLT Re

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DOUBLE LIFT CHARTS & RESIDUAL ANALYSIS

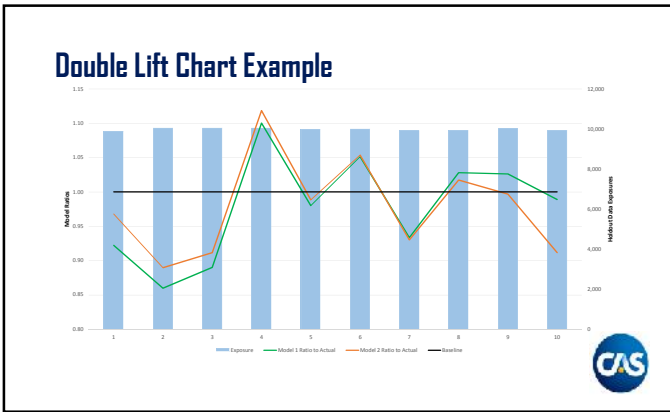
Double Lift Charts

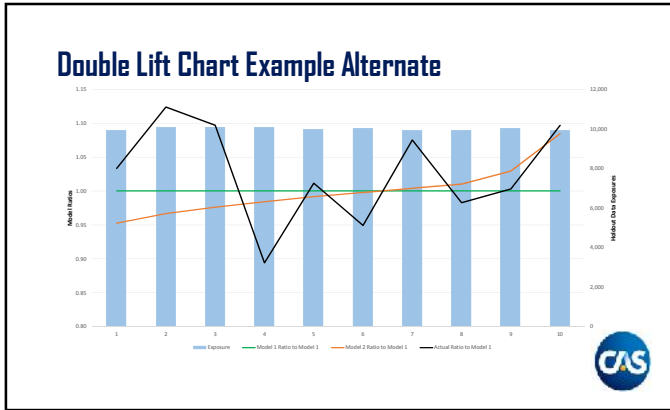
- Double lift charts allow for performance comparison between two models on the holdout dataset.
- The x-axis metric used is the “M ratio”, (model 1 prediction / model 2 prediction).
- Visual inspection can be used by counting the number of points on the chart where a model “wins”, or a calculation can be used. As with all evaluation techniques some judgement is needed.



Double Lift Chart Data

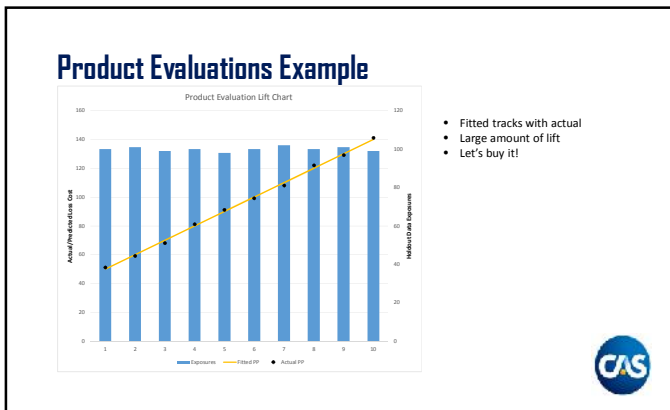
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1	9,900	1,176,932	1,085,213	1,139,291	0.95	0.92	0.97	1.00	0.08	0.03
2	10,060	1,424,253	1,224,576	1,267,062	0.97	0.86	0.89	1.00	0.14	0.11
3	10,049	1,299,990	1,156,955	1,185,253	0.98	0.89	0.91	1.00	0.11	0.09
4	10,062	1,076,663	1,184,883	1,204,219	0.98	1.10	1.12	1.00	0.10	0.12
5	9,980	1,176,702	1,153,482	1,163,320	0.99	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.02	0.01
6	10,001	1,130,289	1,188,551	1,190,952	1.00	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.05	0.05
7	9,924	1,292,249	1,206,454	1,201,915	1.00	0.93	0.93	1.00	0.07	0.07
8	9,919	1,225,162	1,259,580	1,246,783	1.01	1.03	1.02	1.00	0.03	0.02
9	10,032	1,221,396	1,253,443	1,217,445	1.03	1.03	1.00	1.00	0.03	0.00
10	9,937	1,347,950	1,332,839	1,228,693	1.08	0.99	0.91	1.00	0.01	0.09
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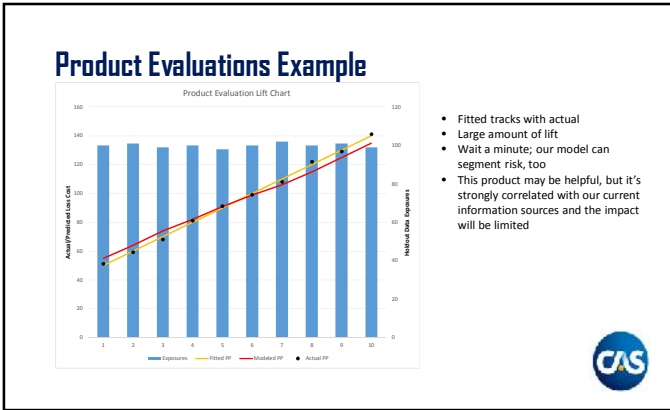




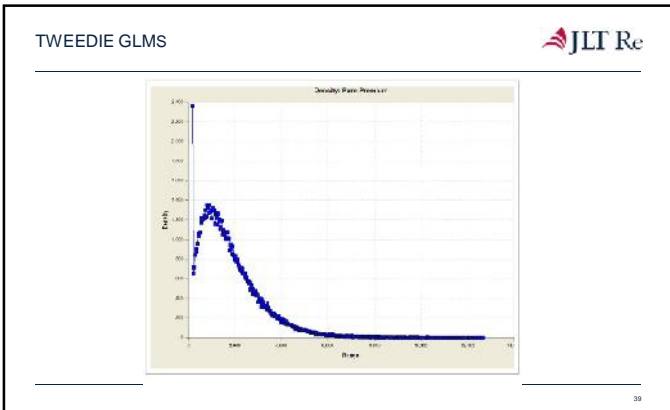
Product Evaluations


- Double lift charts and residual models can both be used to accurately assess if a product is worth purchasing.
- The double lift chart method allows you to directly compare models with and without the product to evaluate if the improvement from the product is significant.
- Residual models are an alternative and involve:
 1. Fitting the best model without the product
 2. Sending the vendor the holdout data including your prediction, the actual target variable, and independent variables required to calculate vendor's prediction
 3. Vendor calculates their model prediction on the holdout data
 4. Vendor builds standard decile lift chart on their predictions, and also plots your average prediction for each decile
- Both of these techniques intend to eliminate the effects of correlation between the vendor's product and the predictor variables already in our model. If we simply look at the one-way analysis from their product, we may be misled into believing it will provide great benefit when it really only provides marginal lift beyond our existing models.





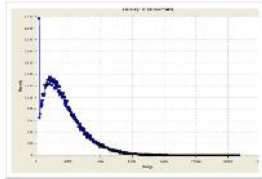
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TWEEDIE GLMS 


Raw pure premiums

- Incurred losses have a point mass at zero and then a continuous distribution
- Poisson and gamma not appropriate here
- Tweedie distribution has
 - Point mass at zero
 - A parameter which changes shape above zero




$$f(y; \mu, \lambda, p) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^k (k!)^{-p}}{\Gamma(p)} \exp\{-\lambda [k - \mu]\} \text{ for } y > 0$$

$$f(0) = \exp\{-\lambda \mu\}$$

FORMULIZATION OF GLMS 

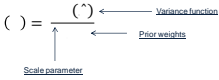
Observed Response	Most Appropriate Link Function	Most Appropriate Error Structure	Variance Function
-	-	Normal	μ^0
Claim Frequency	Log	Poisson	μ^1
Claim Severity	Log	Gamma	μ^2
Claim Severity	Log	Inverse Gaussian	μ^3
Raw Pure Premium	Log	Tweedie	μ^p
Retention Rate	Logit	Binomial	$\mu(1-\mu)$
Conversion Rate	Logit	Binomial	$\mu(1-\mu)$

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FORMULIZATION OF GLMS 

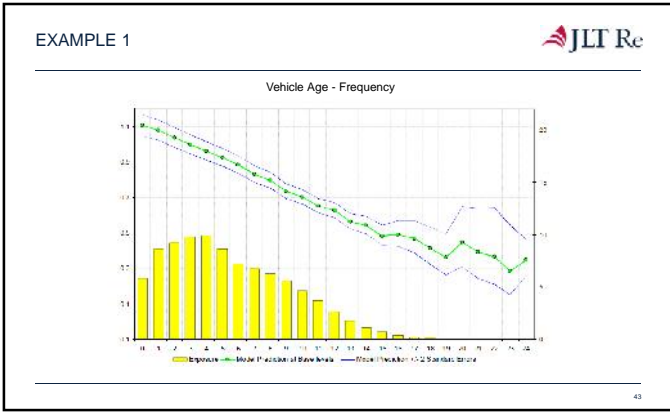
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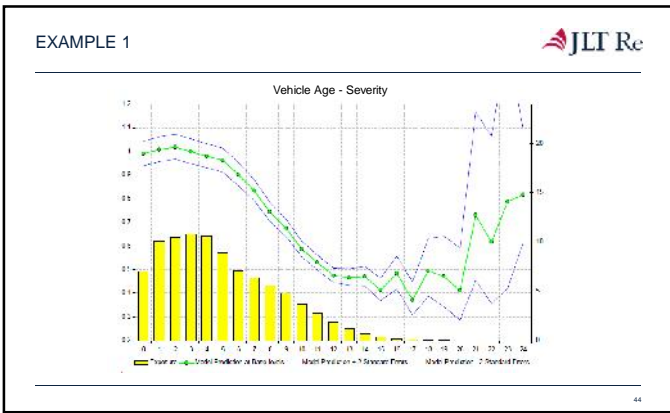
$$f(y) = \frac{\mu^k}{k!} \exp\{-\lambda [k - \mu]\}$$

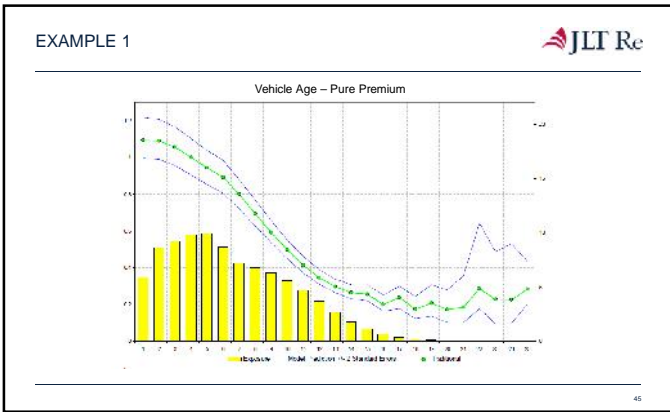


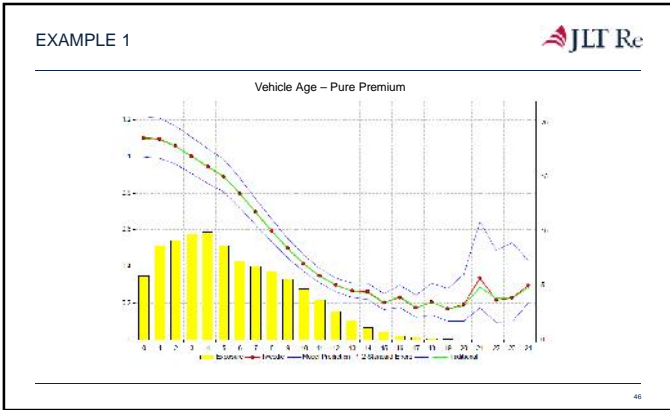
- **Tweedie's Variance function:**
 - p=1 Poisson
 - p=2 Gamma
 - 1<p<2 Poisson/Gamma process
- **Other concerns**
 - Need to estimate both μ & p when fitting models
 - Typically p ≈ 1.5 for incurred claims

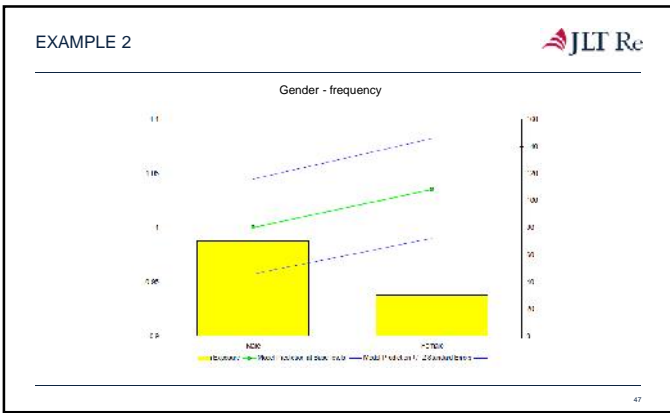
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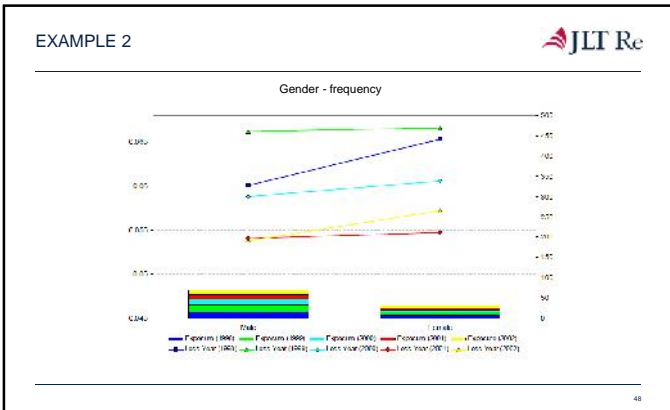


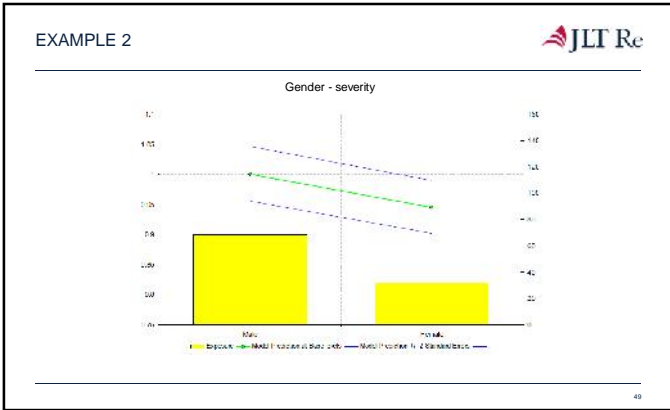


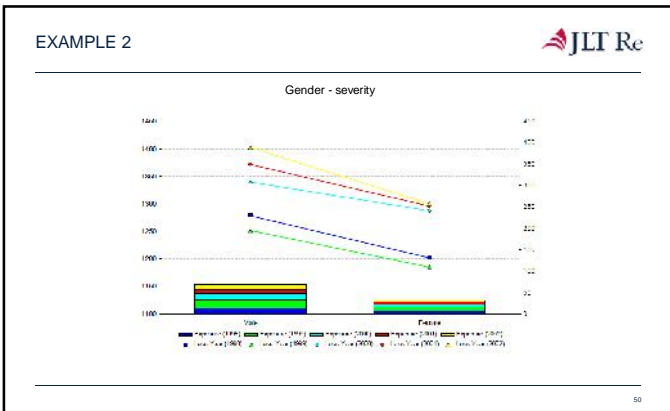


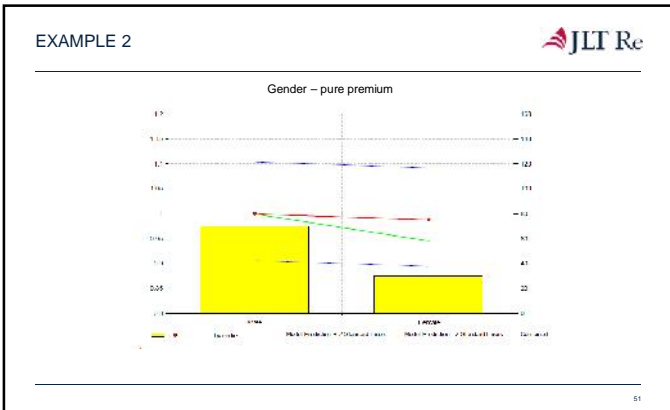












TWEEDIE GLMS



- Helpful when it's important to fit to loss cost directly
- Similar results to frequency/severity traditional approach if frequency and severity effects are clearly weak or clearly strong
- Distorted by large insignificant effects
- Removes understanding of what is driving results
- Smoothing harder

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GEOGRAPHIC RISK



TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY/RELATIVITY ANALYSIS




- Location is critical as a major risk driver and accounts for a substantial portion of the variation in insurance risk
- Two elements:
 - Segmentation of the risk (territorial boundaries)
 - Quantification of the risk (territorial relativities)
- Historically, the market focus has been on relativities
 - Initial boundaries typically based on limited data, anecdotal evidence, competitors, bureaus, and judgment
 - Regular reviews of relativities, while merely tweaking the boundaries when necessary

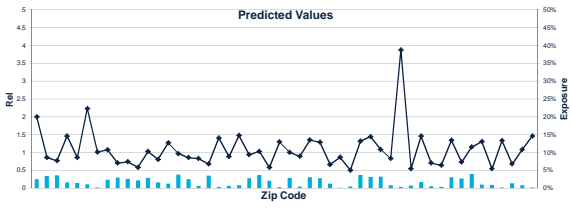


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HIGH DIMENSIONAL CATEGORICAL VARIABLES
 STANDARD DIMENSION REDUCTION TECHNIQUES FALL SHORT




- Grouping difficult to evaluate
- Cannot "order" geographic units, so curves not an option

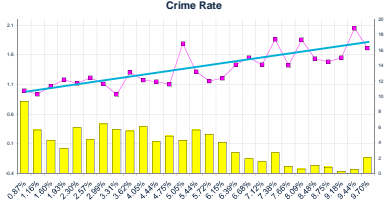


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SOLUTION 1: USE PROXIES




- Proxies attach at the code level
- High-dimensional, but ordered; so we can fit curves
- Geo-demographics such as:
 - Population density
 - Crime rate

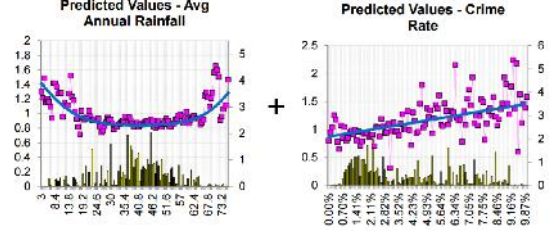


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PROBLEM WITH PROXIES ONLY
 HOW TO DETERMINE RIGHT PROXIES (OR COMBINATIONS THEREOF) HAVE BEEN USED?



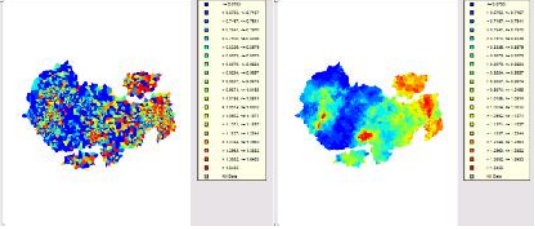
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SOLUTION 2: USE PROXIES WITH SPATIAL CORRECTION 

1. Include proxies in GLM
 2. Then apply geo-spatial smoothing

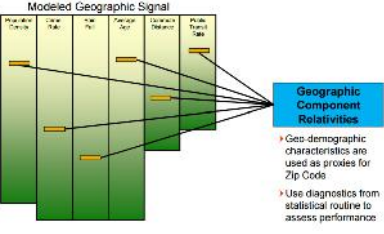


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GEOGRAPHIC ESTIMATOR 

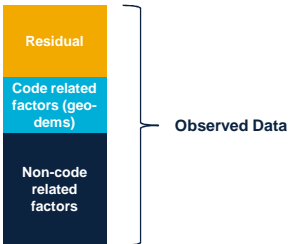
Initial Estimator:

- Component models built using geographic proxies

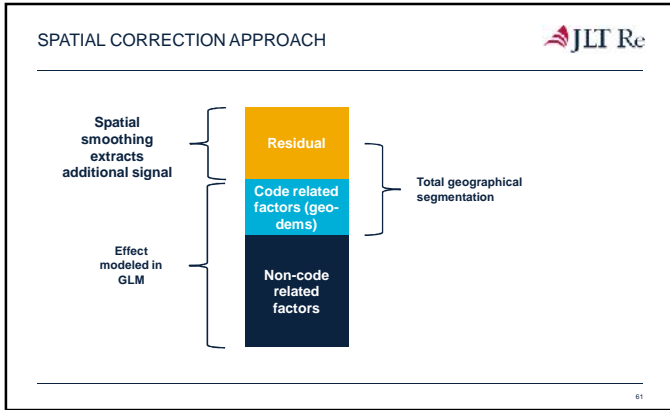


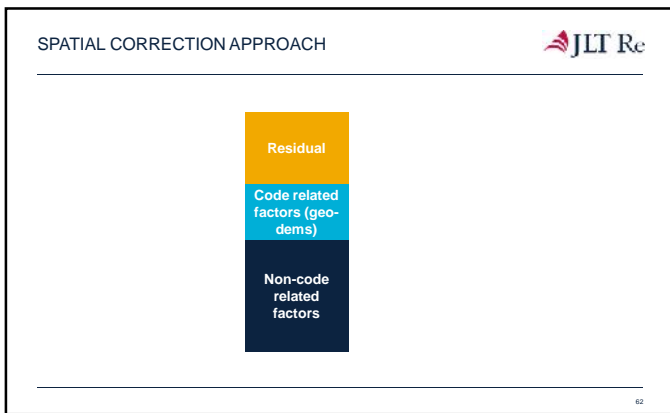
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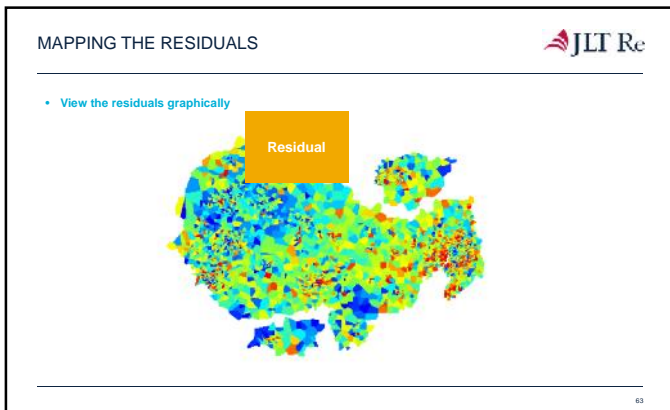
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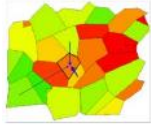




SPATIAL SMOOTHING METHODS



- Uses knowledge of surrounding areas to enhance estimates of the underlying risk in each area based on the "Principle of locality"

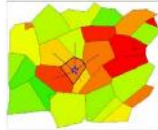


Distance-based

- Simpler to implement and interpret
- Does not consider natural boundaries such as rivers
- May over-smooth urban areas and under-smooth rural
- Best peril uses: windstorm

Adjacency-based

- Distribution assumptions about claims process can be incorporated
- Distance can be built in
- Considers natural boundaries
- Potential lines: auto, HO theft

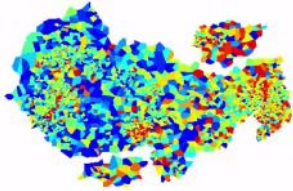


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SMOOTHING THE RESIDUALS



- View the residuals graphically
- Are there any patterns?

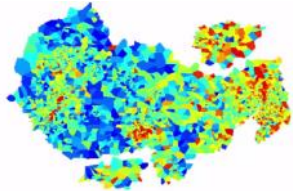


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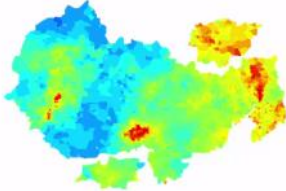
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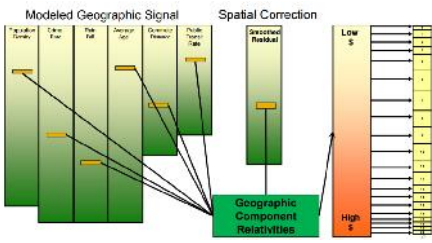


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TERRITORIES 

Clustering

- Cumulative geographic signal clustered into territories



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DETERMINING TERRITORIAL RELATIVES 


Territory Boundaries

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Territory Relativities

- GLM model fit using data grouped by new territorial boundaries
- Test relativities using standard GLM tests
 - Predictive in GLM
 - Consistent over time
- Refine boundaries/relativities as appropriate
 - Incorporate rules-based restrictions
 - Apply actuarial knowledge
 - Investigate neighboring territories with very different relativities

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TERRITORY RATING - OVERVIEW 

- Accurate estimation of underlying risk associated with geography is a three stage process

Step 1
Obtain a separate estimator by cover type or by frequency and severity for each geographic building block. Combine estimators as appropriate.


BI	Frequency → Estimator	Severity → Estimator			
			} BI Estimator		
PD	Frequency → Estimator	Severity → Estimator			
			} PD Estimator		
Comp	Frequency → Estimator	Severity → Estimator			
			} Comp Estimator		
Coll	Frequency → Estimator	Severity → Estimator			
			} Coll Estimator		

Step 2
Cluster geographic building blocks to develop boundaries separately by coverage or for several coverages combined

Step 3
Determine by-coverage relativities for each territorial group.

Territory Boundaries → Territory Relativities

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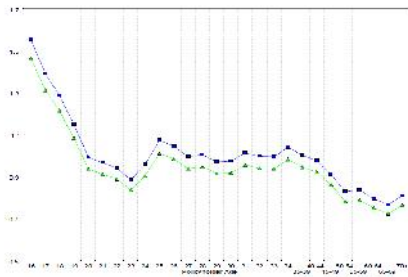
SUMMARY 

- Territory is a major driver of risk, thus it is critical that companies review boundaries and relativities regularly
- Issues exist that create special challenges with regards to territorial analysis
 - High-dimensionality
 - Heavily correlated
- Territory boundary analysis requires a range of different approaches and tools (as there are different loss drivers)
- Diagnostics needed to ensure best model possible

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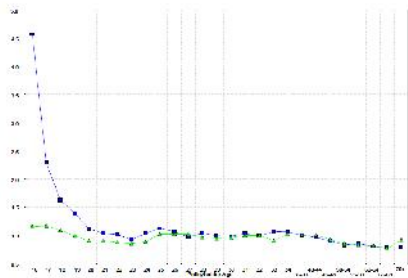
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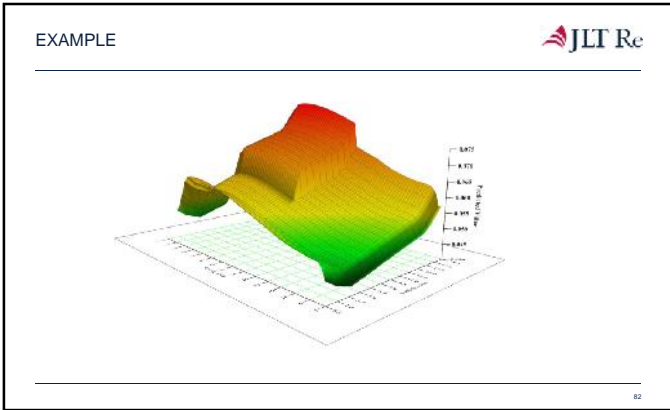
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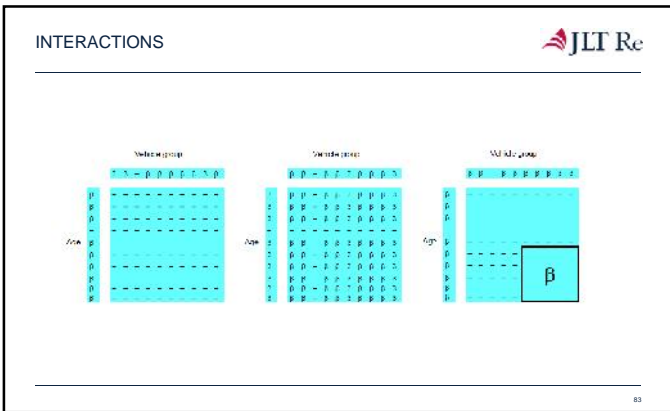
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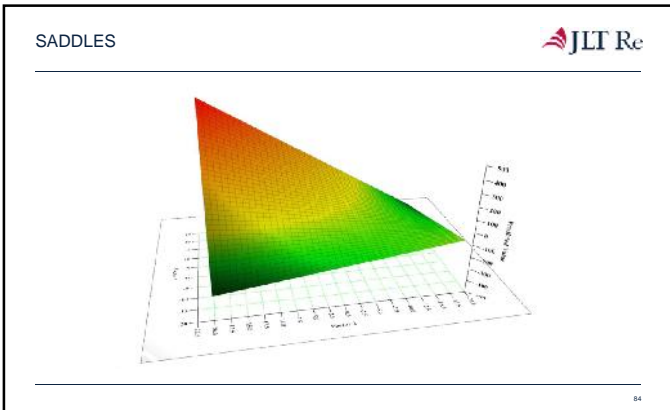
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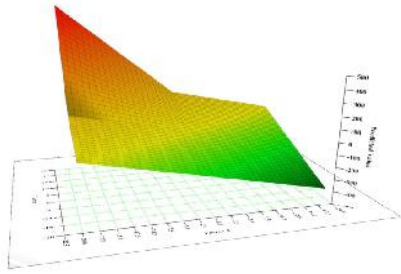
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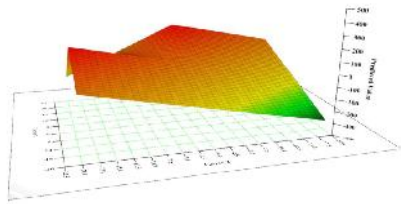


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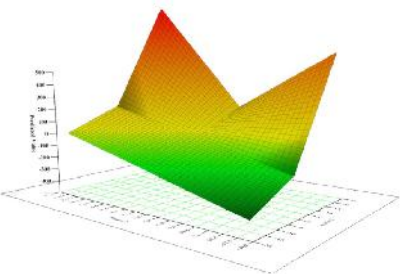
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