


Global Data and Analytical Challenges in the 21st Century

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Agenda

- Insurance Landscape
- Actuarial Role
- Analytical Challenges
- Focus on Casualty
- Focus on Property

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Total Life & Nonlife 2011 Premiums by Country (U.S. \$millions)

Rank	Country	Total Premiums	Nonlife Premiums	% Nonlife	% Total World Premiums
1	USA	\$1,204,677	\$667,107	55.4%	26.0%
2	Japan	655,408	130,741	19.9	14.3
3	UK	319,553	109,486	34.3	7.0
4	France	273,112	98,359	36.0	5.9
5	Germany	245,162	131,292	53.6	5.3
6	P.R. China	221,858	87,319	39.4	4.8
7	Italy	160,514	55,426	34.5	3.5
8	South Korea	130,383	51,223	39.3	2.8
9	Canada	121,213	69,045	57.0	2.6
10	Netherlands	110,913	79,722	71.9	2.4

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Actuarial Role Outside US

Historically

- Focus on Reserving

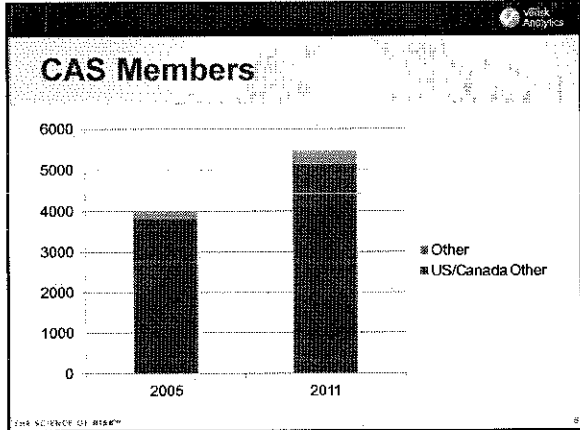
21st Century

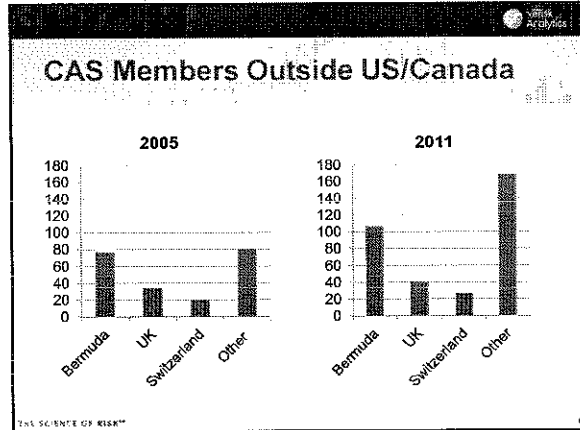
- Regulatory focus on capital adequacy & risk evaluation—Solvency II
- Acceptance of Cat Modeling Globally
- ERM

Recent

- Need for technical price – not just underwriting price
- Increase in number of actuaries in pricing role
- **Need for Data and Analytics!**

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Quote from Catlin Group Casualty Actuary

"Global casualty pricing is straightforward, ☺
 you only need to consider how the legal, social & cultural differences in approximately 200 different environments may affect the base rates and ILFs.

Also, don't forget to allow for different currencies and exchange rate fluctuations. And inflation. And wordings.

And possible changes in legal trends & political influence after elections.

And availability of data.

Oh and different languages, that can make things tricky."

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Analytical Challenges

- Legal, Social Cultural**
 - Litigiousness
 - Jury Awards
 - **Need local knowledge!**
- Currency/ Exchange Rates**
 - Need to match premiums & losses
 - Handling of emerging losses
- Wordings/ Coverages**
 - Coverage/exclusion differences
 - Unlimited liability
 - Defense costs

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Global Litigation Rates

Country	Cases per 1,000 Population in 1995*
Germany	123.2
Sweden	111.2
Israel	96.8
Austria	95.9
USA	74.5
UK	64.4
Denmark	62.5
Hungary	52.4
Portugal	40.7
France	40.3

* From Christine Wolke/Schaeffler "Exploring Global Landscapes of Litigation"

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Global Litigation Comparison

Country	Litigation Cost as % of GDP	Loser Pays?	Class Action Mechanism?	Civil Jury Trials?
USA	2.2	no	yes	yes
Canada	0.8	yes	yes (in some provinces)	yes (in some provinces)
UK	0.7	yes	no	Almost none
Germany	1.1	yes	no	No
France	0.7	yes	no	No
Australia	1.1	yes	yes	Yes (in some states)

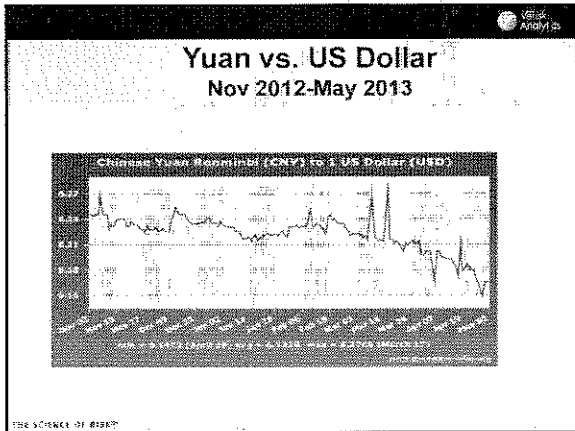
* 2008 Civil Justice Report by Marie Brython "Greater Justice, Lower cost: How a "Loser Pay" Rule Would Improve the American Legal System"
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US Dollar vs. Euro 2008-2013

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US Dollar vs. British Pound 2008-2013

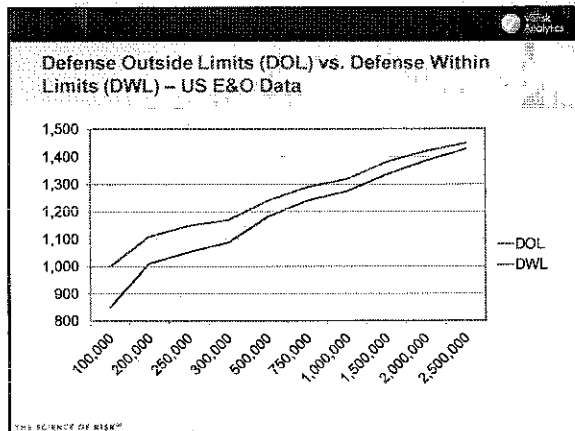
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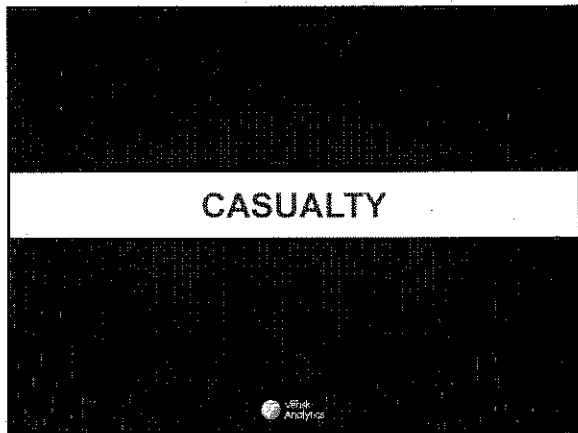


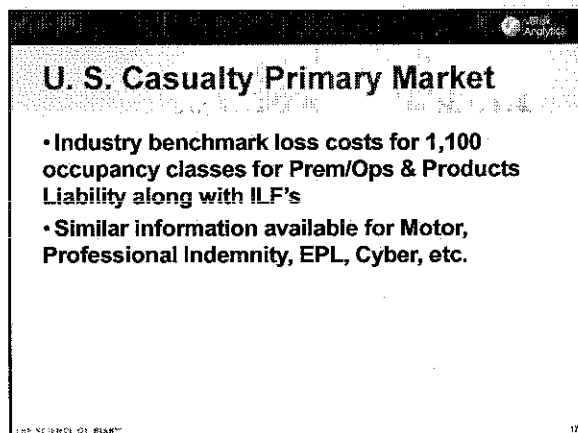
Example of Wording/Coverage Differences "U.S. Defense Costs"

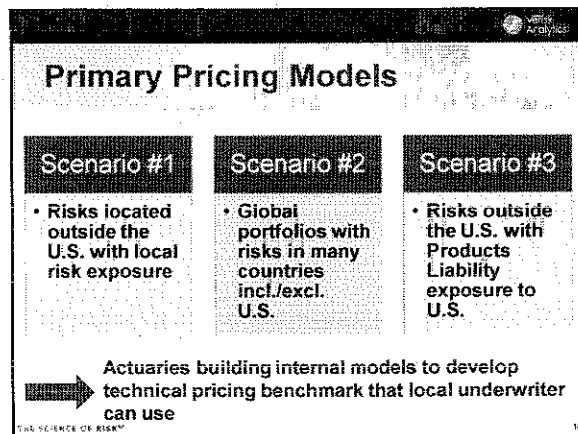
- Standard CGL policies have defense costs outside policy limits
- For some lines (D&O, E&O) , defense costs are within limits or even offer both scenarios depending on market conditions

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UK Liability Combined Ratios*

	2007	2008	2008	2010	2011
Accident Year combined ratio	106.4	106.9	108.6	113.8	118.0
Calendar Year combined ratio	97.4	108.1	104.7	106.7	108.7

* Based on FSA returns for all firms – A.M. Best Co.

Possible Reasons Include:

- Weak premium rates
- More litigious claim environment
- Claims due to financial crisis & economic downturn
- Difficulty in predicting claim trends for long-tail lines

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Methodology for Primary Casualty

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    graph TD
      A[U.S. Benchmark industry loss costs] --> B[Analysis of own portfolio data + local knowledge]
      B --> C[Develop adjustment factor for local market to create modified benchmark]
  
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Global Casualty Excess/Reinsurance Pricing

• **European ILF Method**

- Rule of thumb is that CSP's to higher layers are a factor of $1+x$:
 - if limit = \$2M then assume cost = $(1+x)$ * cost for \$1M limit
 - if limit = \$4M then assume cost = $(1+x)^2$ * cost for \$1M limit

• Parameter is based on expert judgment, not fitting of data

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ISO Global Benchmarking Service Initiative

- Initial Focus on Reinsurance/Excess Pricing
- Goal is to export the U.S. Methodology & Modify for International use
- Ideal is to collect non-US data to use along with U.S. curves
- Alternately, can adapt U.S. distributions for international use
 - Adjust individual exponential distributions to alter curves
 - Adjust the Pareto smoothing method to allow for different Pareto curves over different loss layers

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ISO (U.S.) Increased Limits Methodology

- Large database used to create Distribution of Losses (Indemnity or Indemnity plus ALAE)
 - Empirical Distribution is Smoothed with Pareto
 - Smoothed Empirical is fit to a Mixture of Exponential Distributions
 - Final product presents a good fit through \$10M, and continues to fit the Pareto well through \$100M
 - Over 125 different commercial casualty ILF curves

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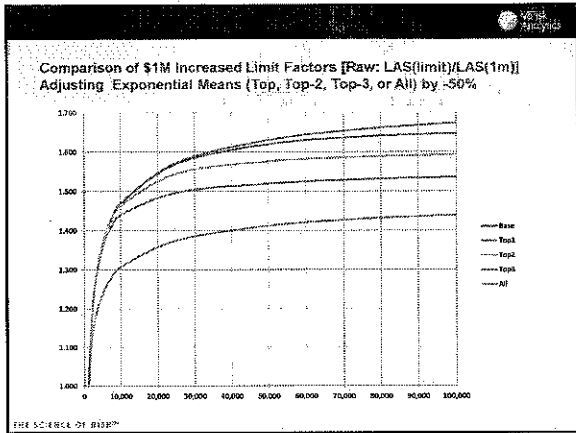
**Global Benchmarking Service (GBS)
Alternative # 1 Using U.S.-Based Curves**

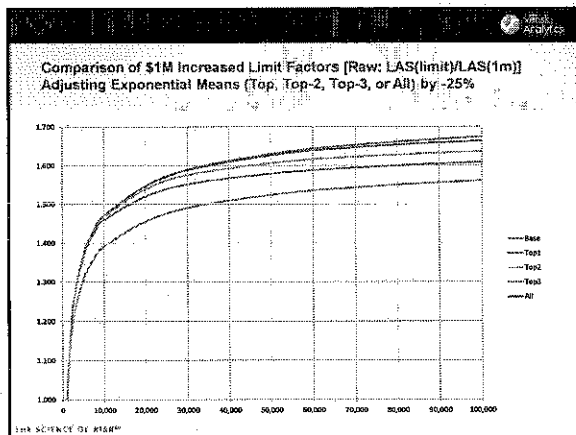
Alternative curves based on percentage adjustments to the exponential means of a sample GL curve:

- adjust top 1, 2 or 3 layers
 - by -50%
 - by -25%

EXPONENTIAL MEANS
2,500
5,000
10,000
50,000
500,000
1,000,000
10,000,000
25,000,000
100,000,000

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Global Benchmarking Service (GBS)
Alternative # 2 Using U.S.-Based Curves

- Can modify Pareto Smoothing Method above \$10M for assumption of less severe curve
 - Example U.S. GL Curve - initial Pareto smoothing begins at \$1.6M limit with Pareto Q of 1.40
 - Two alternative curves - select Pareto Q's of 1.80 and 2.20 to smooth the curve above the \$10M limit

