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# Advancing the Art of Scenario Analysis

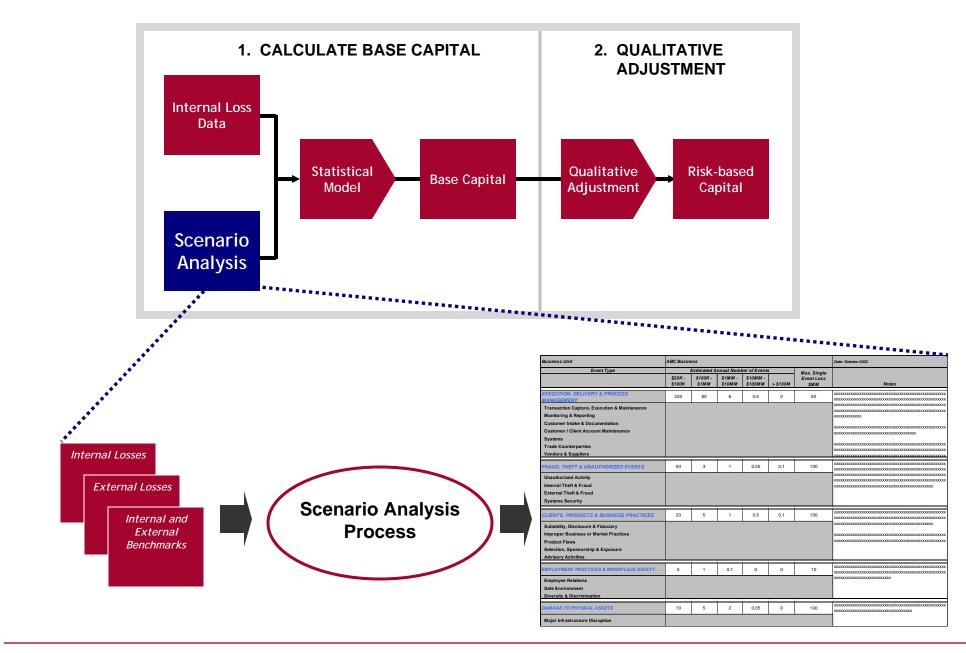
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- Scenario Analysis 1<sup>st</sup> Generation
- Revised Approach to Scenario Analysis
  - Assessing internal vs. external data
  - Assessing model outputs
- Discussion Points

## Our 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Model Relied Heavily on Scenario Analysis as Input



Scenario Analysis - Generation 1:

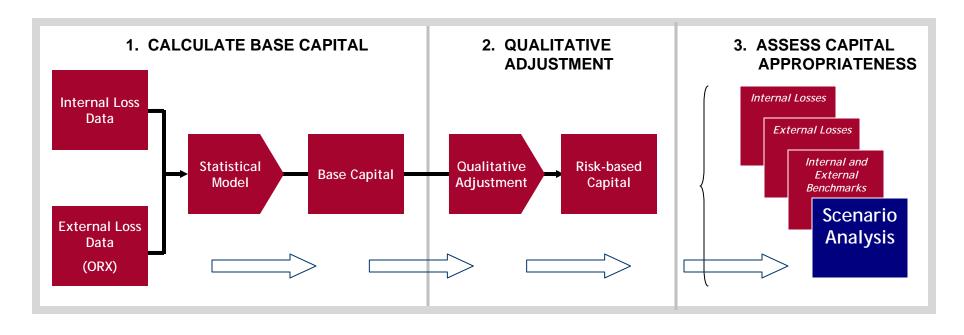
#### **Benefits**

- Engaged senior business managers and cross section of subject matter experts in assessment of stress scenarios
- Early foundation for End-to-End assessment of operational risk
- Created synthetic loss data on consistent basis within Basel II categories and across business units

#### **Weaknesses**

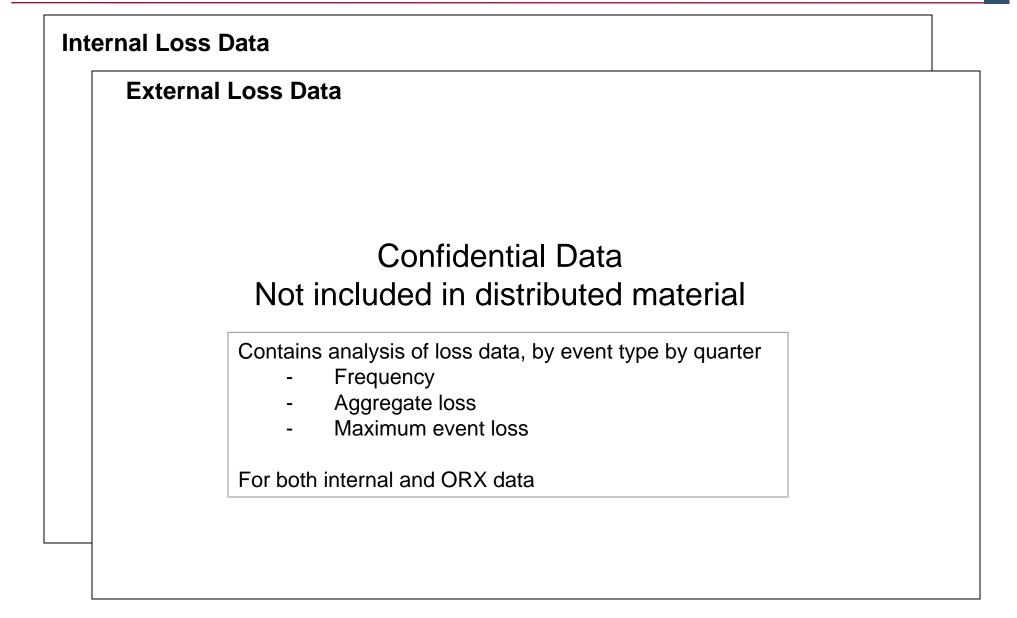
- Data integrity questionable; synthetic, not actual data
- Process is very labor intensive with diminishing returns
- Use of data as direct input for capital modeling distorts results / integrity
- > Structural bias vs. tail events

# We Have Evolved Scenario Analysis into a Tool to Assess the Appropriateness of Capital Estimated by the Model

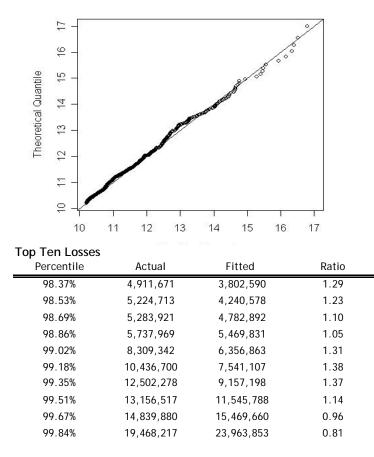


- > We now have six years of internal loss data, vs one year initially
- > ORX data is now available (ca. 100,000 data points)
- Eliminates the challenges of subjectivity, repeatability and statistical incorporation of results
- Scenario Analysis process now used for risk management and stress environment discussion with senior business executives
- Effort is part of validation, not calibration, process

## The Review Process Starts with an Assessment of the Data



Ex 1. Review Actual Data Points vs Fitted Distribution



#### > Data points reviewed:

- Internal
- ORX
- Algo FIRST
- Other sources

#### Ex 2. Review Large Loss Event Predictions

#### Large Event Prediction:

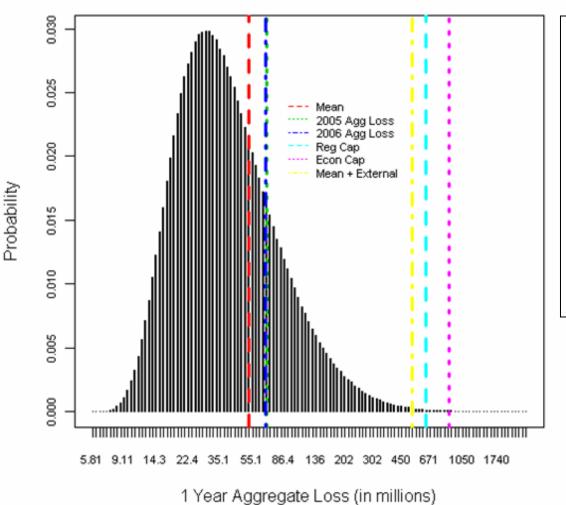
		Ratio to Internal	Ratio to Internal
Event Prediction with Frequency = 18	Prediction	Mean	Max
Largest event in 10 years	10,448,705	35.53	4.08
Largest event in 20 years	17,278,192	58.75	6.75
Largest event in 50 years	29,566,074	100.52	11.55
Largest event in 100 years	41,650,661	141.61	16.28
Largest event in 1000 years	109,274,534	371.53	42.70
Largest event in 3333 years	166,494,045	566.08	65.06

#### **Other Reviews**

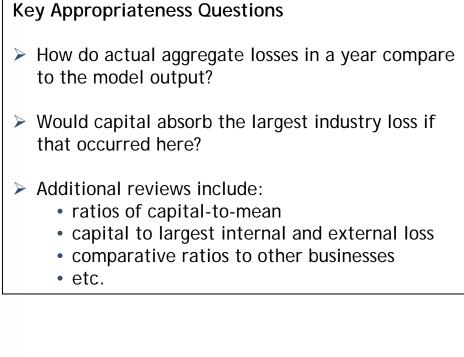
- > Internal data points at different percentiles
- Comparison of internal and ORX distributions
- Various ratios and cross-business comparisons
- ≻ Etc.

#### **Key Appropriateness Questions**

- How well does the fitted severity compare to internal data points?
- How do the large event predictions compare to internal and external data points
- Are the predictions (a) understated, or
  (b) unrealistically large given the business profile?



#### Aggregate Loss Distribution



#### 1. Review Data Profiles

- Internal: "What does my data look like?"
- External: "What does other firms' data look like?"
- 2. Review Model Calculation Results
  - > Capital output
  - Analysis: Ratios and Comparatives
- 3. Scenario Analysis: "Does the model output reasonably represent my op risk exposure?"
  - Does the capital appropriately assess op risk exposure during periods of business stress?
  - Does the capital appropriately cover exposure to a single large loss event?
  - > Are there other op risk exposures that have not been adequately captured in the model?
- 4. Are adjustments to inputs or capital justified? On what basis?