

# Reinsurance of Insurance Risk

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# About Gallagher Re

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# Gallagher and Gallagher Re – Global Leaders, Local Expertise

Founded by Arthur J. Gallagher in Chicago in 1927, Gallagher has grown to be one of the leading insurance brokerage, risk management, and human capital consultant companies in the world. With significant reach internationally, our organization employs over 56,000 people and our global network provides services in more than 130 countries.



Founded in  
**1927**  
with headquarters  
in the U.S



Listed on the NYSE (AJG)<sup>5</sup>  
**\$80+ bn market  
capitalisation**



**970+** sales and  
service offices  
globally



Total Adjusted Revenue<sup>1</sup>  
**\$11.3bn**



**56,000**  
employees  
worldwide<sup>3</sup>



Client service capabilities  
**in more than 130  
countries around  
the world**



One of the  
**world's  
top three**  
insurance brokers<sup>2</sup>



**10%**  
organic growth rate<sup>4</sup>

All figures correct at July, 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>1</sup> Brokerage & Risk Management segment adjusted revenue before reimbursements and annualized acquired revenue for full year 2024

<sup>2</sup> According to Business Insurance for Insurance Broking Revenue, July 2024.

<sup>3</sup> As of December 31, 2024

<sup>4</sup> As of February, 2024

<sup>5</sup> As of January 30, 2025

# Gallagher Re at a Glance

We are a leading reinsurance broker, with recognized expertise in everything we do

\$36bn+

Brokered ceded  
premiums



2,300+

Reinsurance  
clients



150+

Countries where  
clients are  
represented



10.6%

Organic growth in  
2024



**Gallagher Re**

1,300+

Placed  
programmes



15%

Estimated market  
share



3,000+

Colleagues in 32  
countries



92%

Average client  
retention ratio



A full-service global reinsurance firm  
revitalizing the industry, redefining innovation,  
and reimagining what's possible.

Gallagher Re specialists collaborate with you to understand your goals.

Together, we leverage powerful industry-leading data and analytics tools to secure the right reinsurance and advisory solutions that meet your unique needs.

Backed by Gallagher, we're more connected to the places you do business. Whether your operations are global, national or local, we have the talent, market position and trusted relationships to build the best solutions possible.

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Client access &  
relationships

Proprietary data assets

Proven market experts

Capitalize on Full Value of Gallagher Re by **leveraging our proprietary data and market expertise...**

# Explore solutions with Gallagher Re

## Practices

Customised Solutions  
Program Solutions  
Public Sector & Climate Resilience  
Insurance Linked Securities  
Ceded Facultative

## Global Data & Analytics

Actuarial  
Catastrophe Analytics  
Climate and ESG  
InsurTech

## Global Strategic Advisory

Business Intelligence  
Strategic Advisory  
Ratings Agency Advisory

## Products



**3000+** Employees worldwide

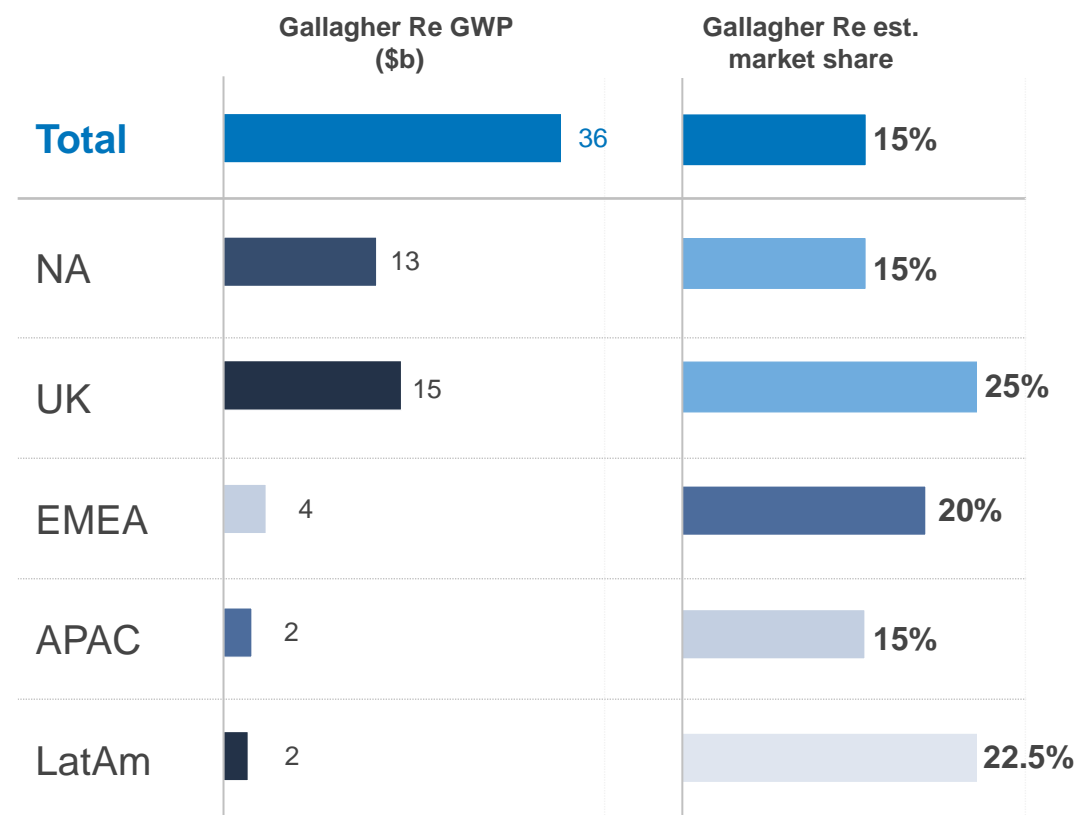
**143+** Offices globally

**150+** Countries served

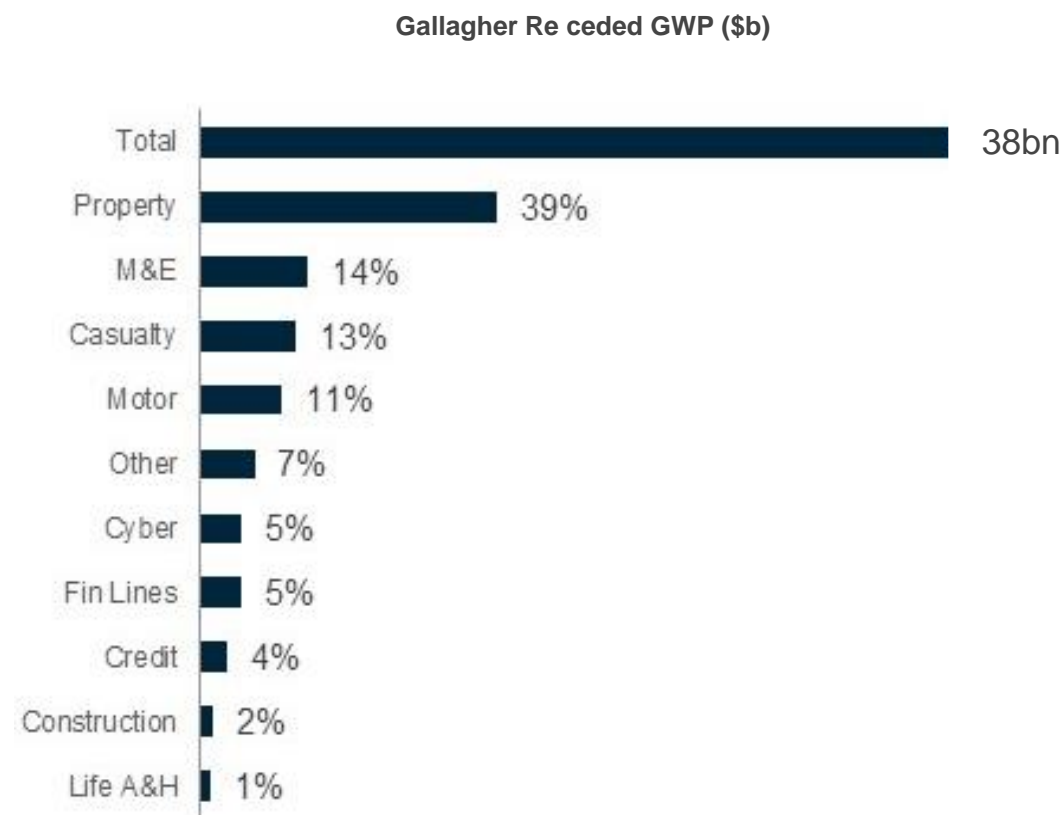
# Gallagher Re: Ceded premium

Gallagher Re ceded premium of ~\$36bn in 2024 with UK the largest segment and Property largest LOB

UK represents the largest geography for Gallagher Re with ~\$15bn of ceded premium. International represents ~\$10bn of ceded GWP



Property is the largest line of business for Gallagher Re with 39% share of total ceded GWP, Marine & Energy is the second largest with 14%.

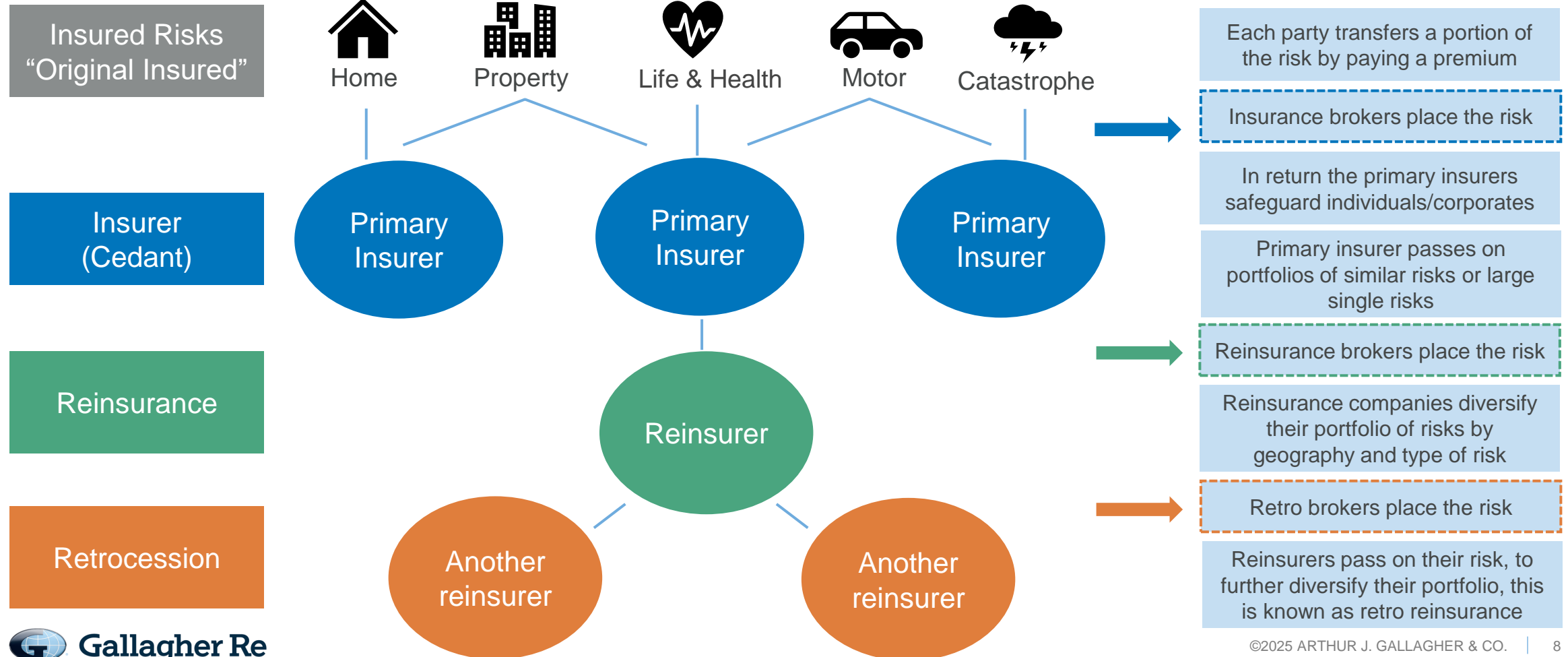


# Introduction to Reinsurance

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# What is reinsurance?

Reinsurance is insurance for insurance companies





# Why do insurers buy reinsurance?

Reinsurance reduces volatility, provides capital relief and can be a source of knowledge and information

## Risk transfer

*Passing some risks can allow insurers to underwrite large risks limits*



## Reduces volatility

*Stabilise financial results by smoothing the impact of unexpected major losses*



## Capital relief

*Reinsurance is a cost-effective substitute for equity or debt, allowing insurers to take advantage of global diversification*



## Advisory expertise

*Reinsurers assist clients in pricing and managing risk, developing products and expanding global footprint*



## Cycle management

*Smooth out the peaks and troughs of a hard and soft market cycle*



## Regulatory requirements

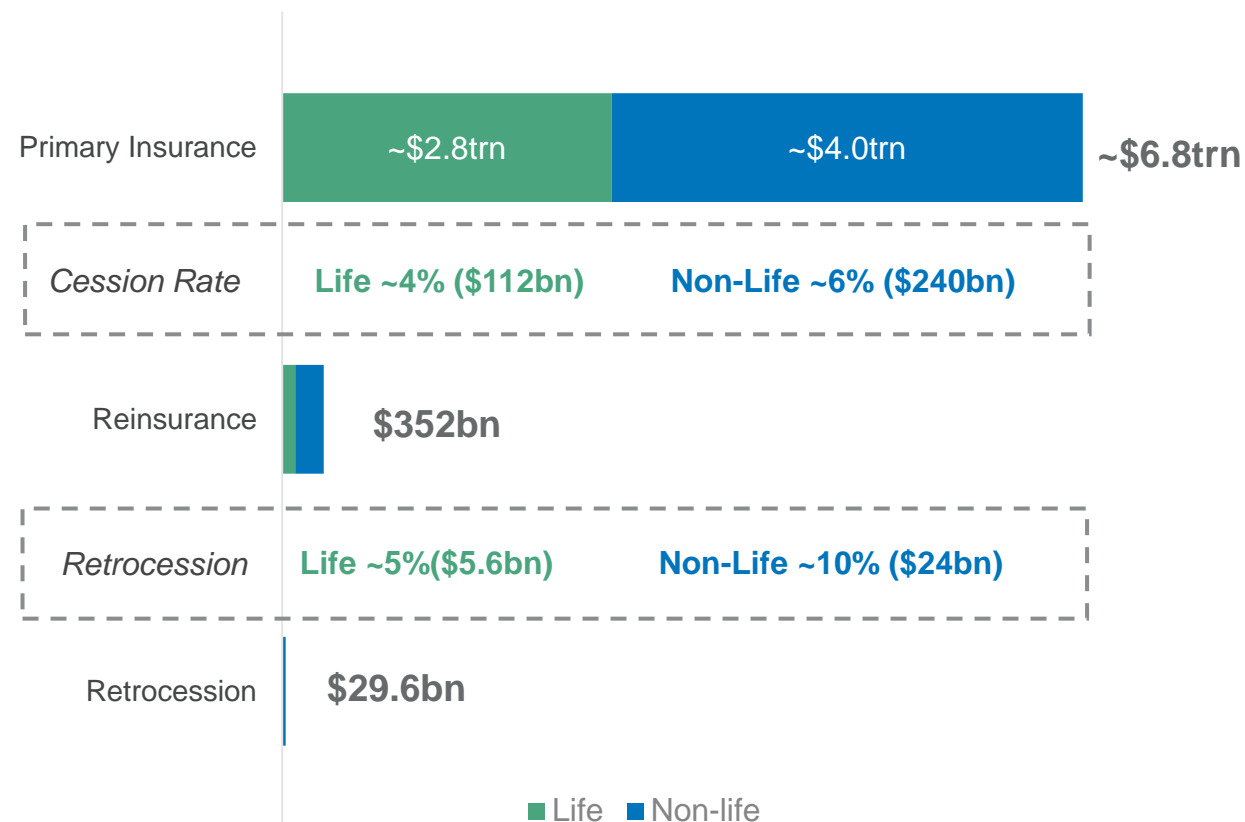
*Lloyd's RDS, LCM5, Solvency II, A.M Best BCAR*



# What is the reinsurance market size?

Reinsurance has a share of 5% of the overall insurance market

Market size primary insurance vs reinsurance vs retrocession



Key market players in reinsurance (top 10)

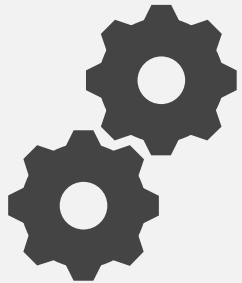


# **Role of Broker and Players on the Reinsurance Market**

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# Role of a Broker

## More than a transactional broker



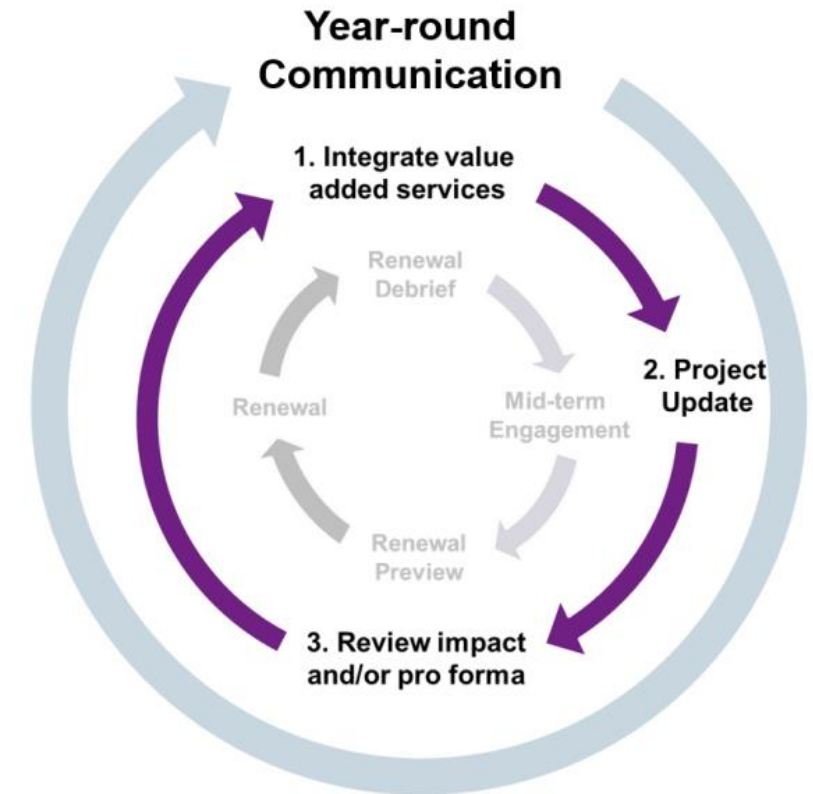
### Integrating consultative value-added services

- Goes beyond the transaction and renewal process
- Part of increasing wallet share, strategically growing the account and becoming a trusted advisor



### Year-round communication

- Maintains regular contact and builds the relationship; increases the number and relevance of touches throughout the year



# The Gallagher Re PlayBook / Annual Client Management Cycle

**A flexible framework of touch points that covers any client, product or class of business:**

- Keeps us in step with the client at every level of the organization
- Importantly: aligned to but **going beyond the renewal process** throughout the year
- Keeps us **alert to changes, threats or opportunities** within the client's organisation (constant RFP mode to avoid the real thing)
- Ensures replication of best practice consistently across the business and our client base
- Enables us to **retain and grow existing clients** (highest margin growth)

# Gallagher Re Analytics



ACTUARIAL



CATASTROPHE  
ANALYTICS



FINANCIAL  
ADVISORY

## Our analytics team members help clients:

- Optimize the value-cost tradeoff of reinsurance
- Manage retained risk
- Create strategic financial plans
- Understand / address rating agency and shareholder issues

# Why do we need Analytics?



How much risk am I exposed to?



What are the latest insights on the topics of concern to my company?

How can I improve my business processes?



How do I interpret differences in the modeled results?

What can I do when no off-the-shelf model is suitable?



What is the trade-off between risk and reward?

What's the best strategy?



What view are outside stakeholders likely to take?



# Value-Added Analytics

## Key Actuarial Offerings

- Loss Cost Analysis
- Segmentation Analysis
- Predictive Modeling Advisory
- Reinsurance Optimization
- Economic Capital Analysis & Allocation

## Key FA Offerings

- Ratings advisory and analysis
- eXAMINE™ benchmarking
- Industry research
- eNVISION™ strategic financial forecasting

Added  
value for



## Key ERM Offerings

- Customized ERM workshops
- Transition to ERM
- “20 Best Practices” assessment
- ORSA support

## Key CAT Offerings

- Core catastrophe modeling
- Customized cat analysis
- Rating agency and regulatory cat requirements
- SpatialKey

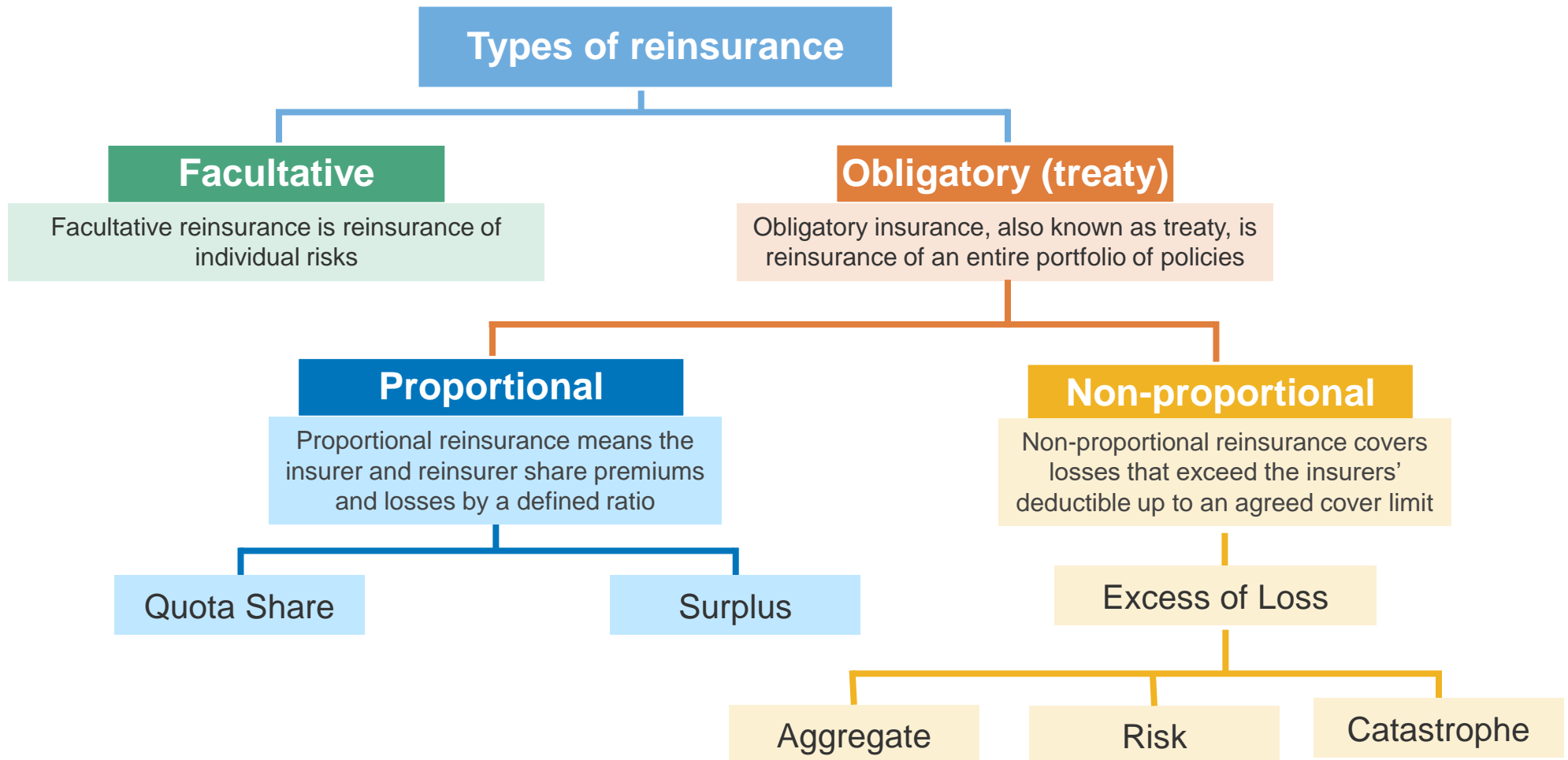


# Types of Reinsurance

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# Types of reinsurance

The most common types of reinsurance are proportional and non-proportional



# Proportional reinsurance – Quota share

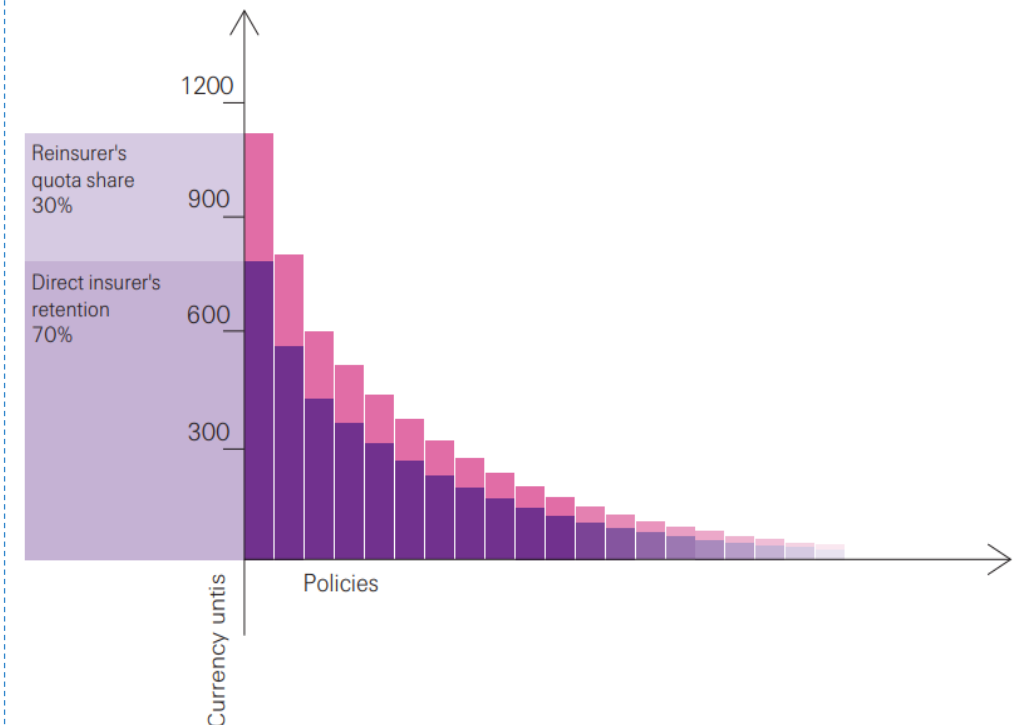
## The simplest form of proportional reinsurance is quota share

- Proportional reinsurance means the insurer and reinsurer share premiums and losses by a defined ratio
- The reinsurer compensates the primary insurer for a portion of its acquisition and administration costs by paying a reinsurance commission

### Quota Share

- The reinsurer assumes an agreed-upon, fixed quota or percentage of all policies written by the direct insurer within the particular branch or branches defined in the treaty
- The primary insurer retains a fixed percentage of each policy's premiums and cedes the remainder
- The maximum size of the policies that can be ceded is limited by quota share agreements
- Quota share is very capital efficient (major impact on SCR reduction)

### Illustration of quota share reinsurance



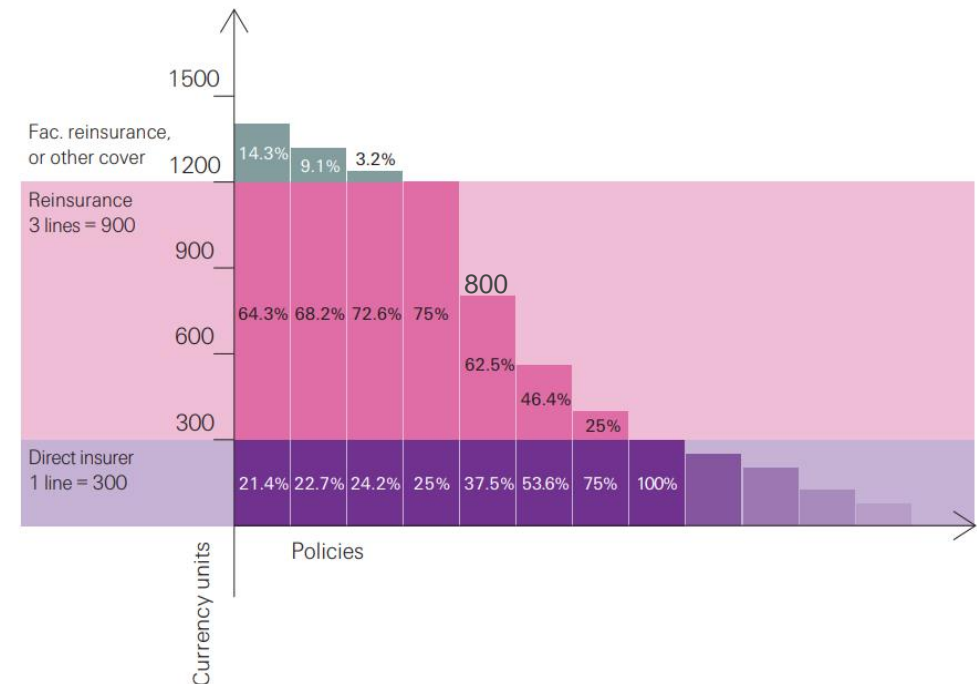
# Proportional reinsurance – Surplus

The other common form of proportional reinsurance is surplus

## Surplus

- With surplus reinsurance, the reinsurer does not participate in all risks; up to a specific amount, the primary insurer retains all risks for its own account. This is in contrast to quota share reinsurance where the retention is defined as a percentage, starting from the very first dollar of premium.
- Under surplus reinsurance, the reinsurer is obliged to accept the surplus or the amount which exceeds the primary insurer's retention.
- The limit of a surplus agreement is based on the maximum amount of liability a reinsurer is prepared to take on.
- This limit is usually expressed as a multiple of the primary insurer's retention, known as a line.
- For example, a three-line surplus means the reinsurer assumes coverage up to three times the primary insurer's retention.

## Illustration of surplus reinsurance



# Non-proportional reinsurance – Excess of loss

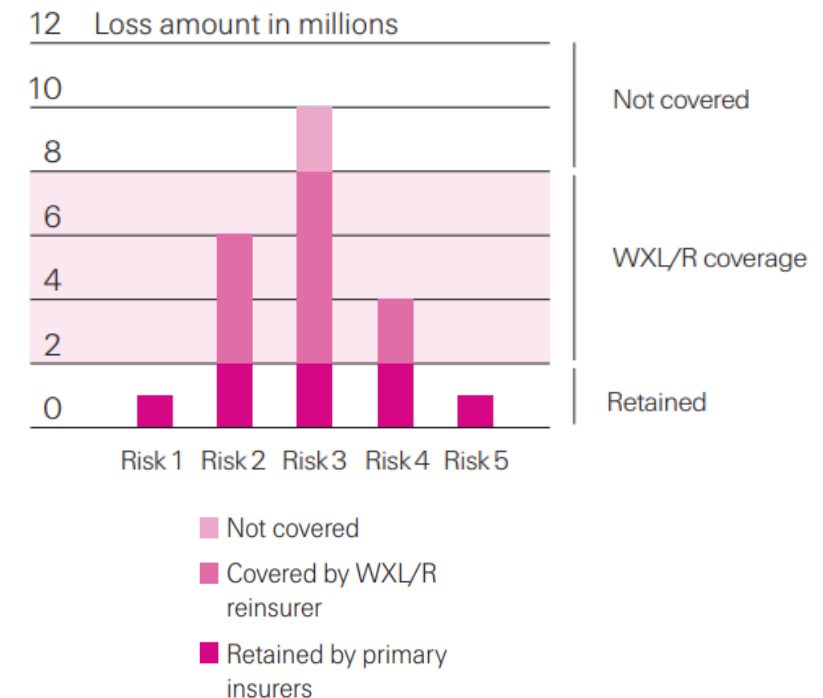
Excess of loss (XOL) reinsurance is the most common form of non-proportional reinsurance

- Under a non-proportional reinsurance contract the reinsurer begins to reimburse the primary insurer for claims once they reach a set monetary level
- Often the contract specifies a maximum limit for claims from the reinsurer, above this limit, the primary insurer is liable to pay claims again

## Excess of Loss

- XOL allows insurers to protect themselves above a specific limit for each individual risks and can be used to reduce the insurer's risk when underwriting very large risks
- For example, a contract may be described as “100 xs 50” which means the reinsurer is liable for a maximum of \$100mn of claims from the risk once they exceed \$50mn
- The primary insurer could purchase another contract (possibly from another reinsurer) to cover higher risk costs (e.g., “200 xs 150” which covers a further \$200mn of losses above \$150mn).
- Primary insurers can build a comprehensive series of reinsurance contacts to cover against potential large losses, known as a reinsurance programme or a reinsurance tower

## Illustration of excess of loss reinsurance









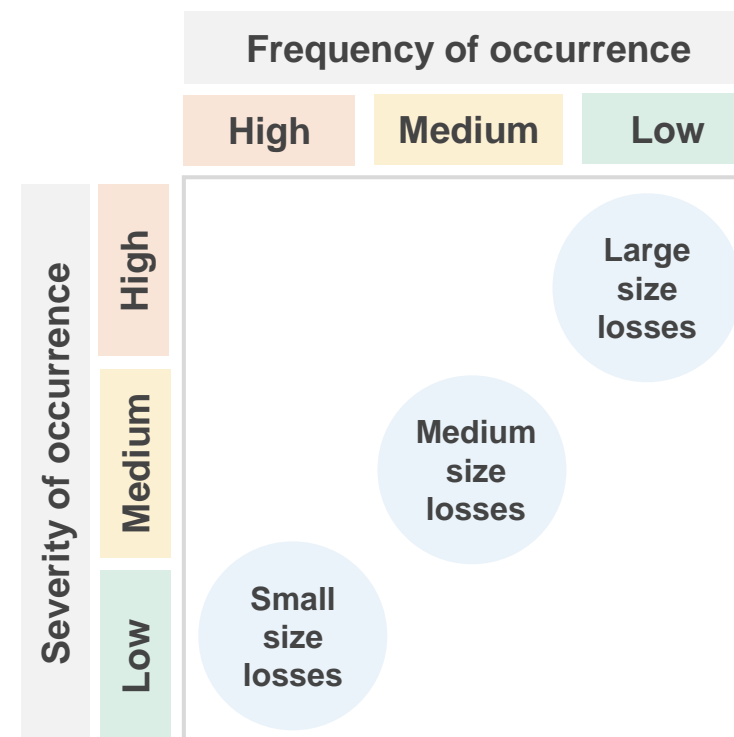
# Actuarial Pricing and Modelling Overview

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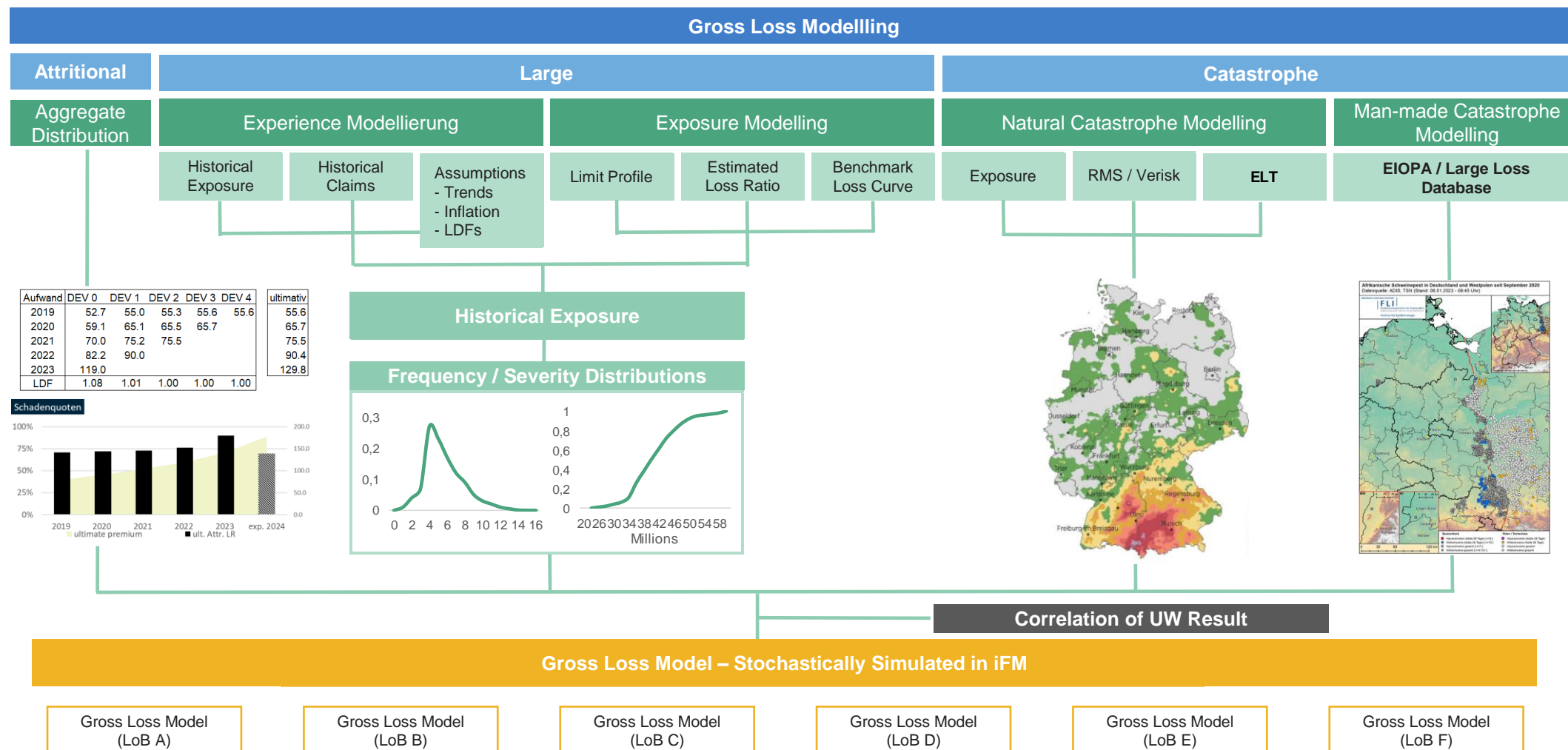
# Gross Loss Modelling

## Probability and Severity of a Loss – Considerations

	Attritional 	Single Risk Losses 	Catastrophe Losses 
Type of loss	Small and medium sized losses	Large single risk losses	Many risks incur losses in same event
Identifying/Calculating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Normal' or basic losses</li> <li>Basic losses =               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total losses</li> <li>- Large Losses</li> <li>- Catastrophe Losses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available data (historical losses)</li> <li>Cash loss limit/claims notification limit</li> <li>"Rule of thumb" (e.g. 10% treaty premium)</li> <li>Expected loss + standard deviation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash loss/claims notification limit</li> <li>Catastrophe perils (earthquake, tsunami etc.)</li> <li>Return period basis</li> <li>"Rule of thumb" (e.g. 5%-10% treaty premium)</li> </ul>
Loss example	Water pipe damage 	Fire at Notre-Dame de Paris, 2019 	Earthquake in Turkey, 2023 



# Overview detailed modelling





# Large Loss Model Approaches – General overview

	Burning Cost	Experience Model	Exposure Model
Input	Portfolio and Loss data	Portfolio and Loss data	Risk profile or borderau
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Revalue Data:</b> Adjust past claims to current values to account for inflation and economic changes</li> <li>• <b>Adjust Due to Exposure Change:</b> Normalize data to reflect current or projected exposure levels</li> <li>• <b>Apply RI Structure:</b> Reflect the actual terms and limits of the reinsurance treaty when estimating expected loss.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revalue data</li> <li>• Adjust due to exposure change</li> <li>• Analyse frequency</li> <li>• Analyse severity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parameters: loss ratio and exposure curve</li> <li>• Calculate frequency and severity for specific layers</li> </ul>
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average frequency and severity for specific layers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency and fitted severity distribution for losses</li> <li>• Apply RI structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empirical severity distribution and frequency assumption for losses</li> <li>• Apply RI structure</li> </ul>

# Rating Variables that Affect Reinsurers' Loss Cost Estimates

## Experience analysis

Rate  
change



Loss  
trend



Loss  
development



Year range  
& weighting



## Exposure analysis

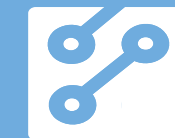
Loss  
ratio



Limit  
profiles



Severity  
distribution (ILFs)



# Experience Modelling

Attritional

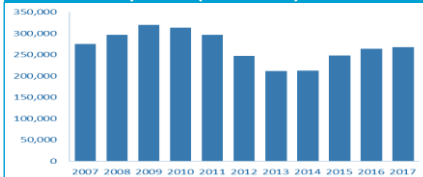
Large

Aggregate  
Distribution

Experience Modelling

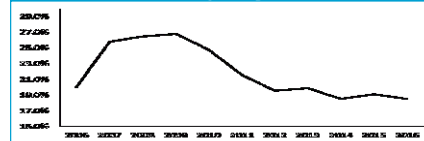
Exposure  
ModellingBenchmark  
Loss Curve

Historical Exposure (Veh-Years)

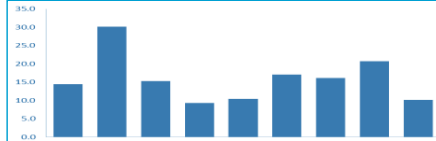


Historical Claims

Claim Frequency

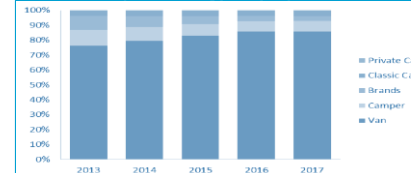


Claim count excess EUR 500k



Assumptions

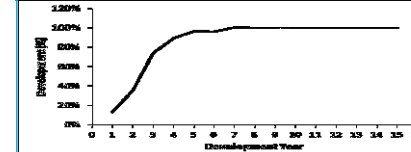
Trends (Vehicle Type Split)



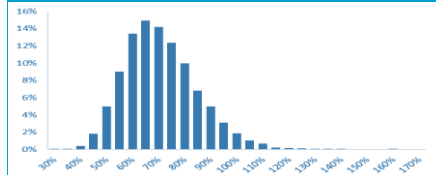
Claims Inflation



LDFs

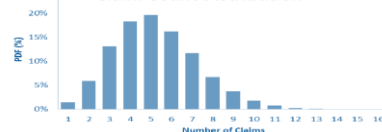


Attritional Distribution

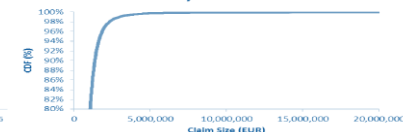
Calibration of  
Severity

Frequency / Severity Distributions

Claim Count Distribution



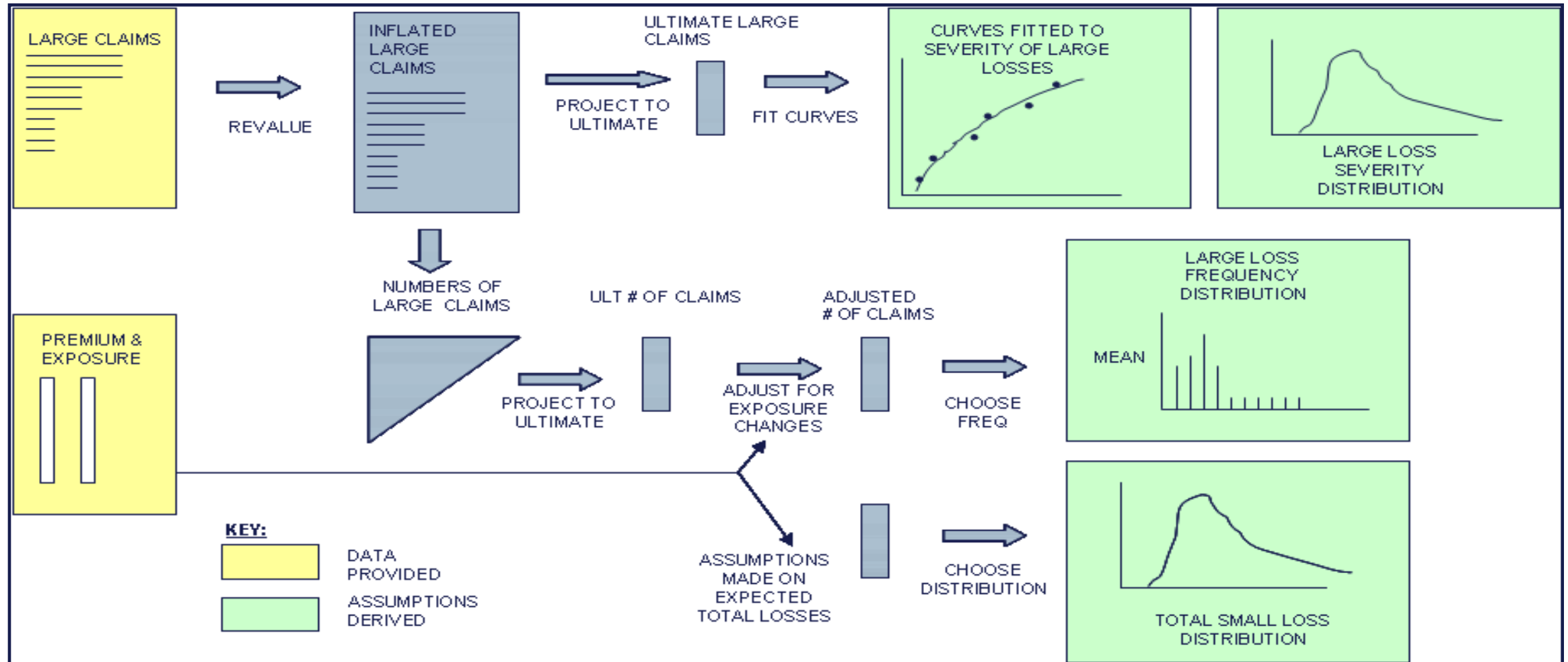
Severity Distribution



Expense Loading X%

Gross Loss Model - Stochastically Simulated in iFM

# Gross Loss Modelling – Methodology (Frequency & Severity)



# Exposure Modelling

Attritional

Aggregate  
Distribution

Large

## Exposure Modelling

### Risk Profiles

#### Band Profile

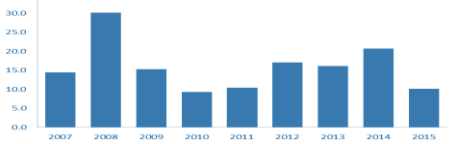
Upper	Lower	No.Ris	Prem	TSI	ASI
0	10,000	12,542	86,214	86,213,708	6,874
10,000	20,000	12,015	148,085	148,084,875	12,325
20,000	30,000	8,541	226,516	226,515,861	26,521
30,000	40,000	2,454	79,792	79,791,810	32,515
40,000	50,000	125	5,707	5,706,500	45,652

#### Limit Profile

Limit	No.Ris	Prem
10,000,000	12,542	86,213,000
20,000,000	12,015	148,084,000
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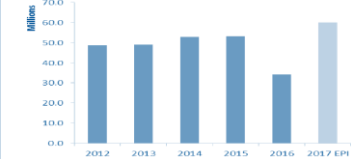
### Historical Claims

#### Claim frequency excess EUR 500k



### Assumptions

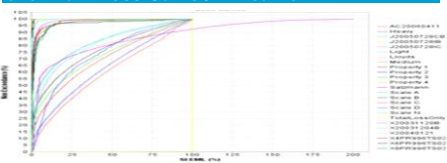
#### Expected Premium Income



#### Loss Ratio

Year	Ult Claims	Premi um	LR
2012	17,952	48,707	36.9%
2013	18,049	49,114	36.7%
2014	20,289	52,944	38.3%
2015	24,295	53,321	45.6%
2016	22,449	34,125	65.8%
Average			44.7%

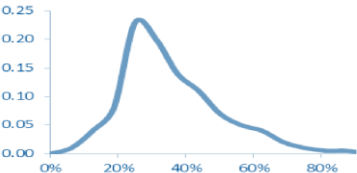
#### Benchmark Loss Curve / ILF curve



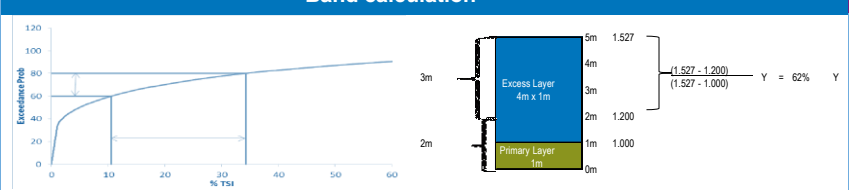
Curve  
Fitting

Risk profile  
Fitting Tool

### Attritional Distribution



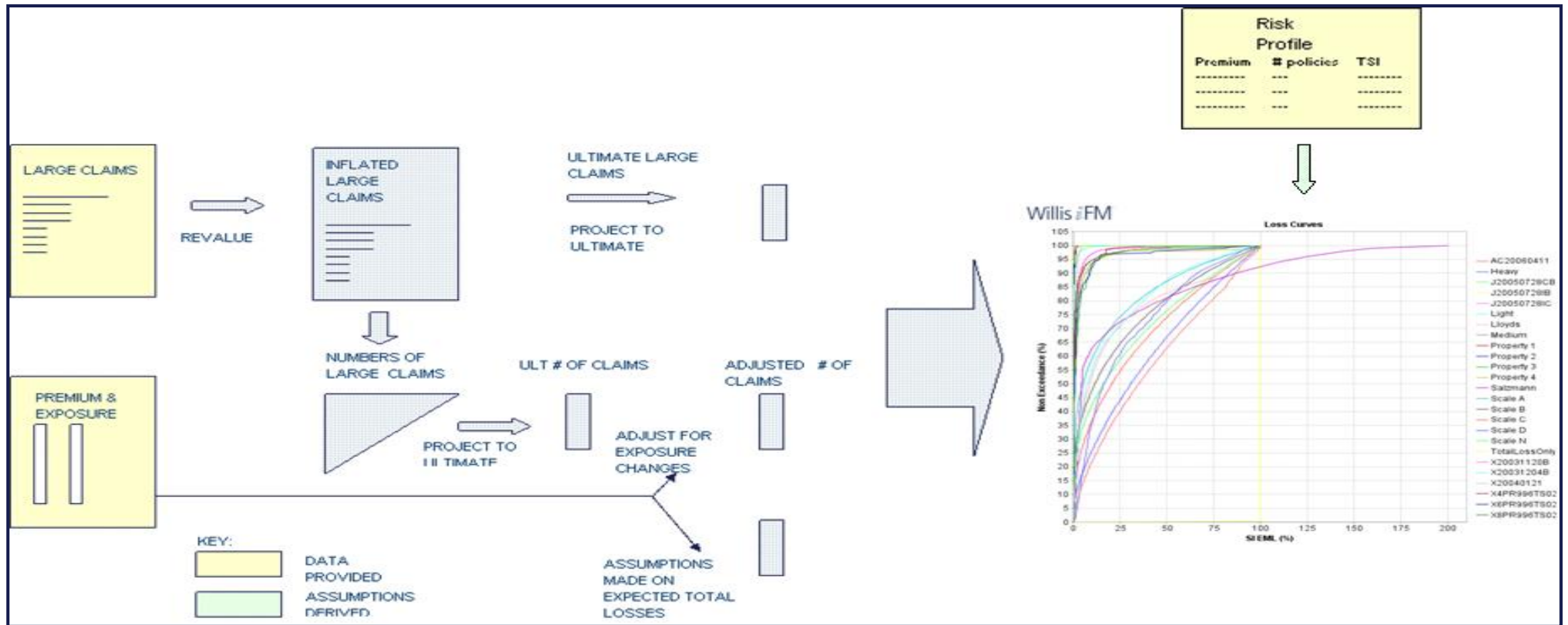
### Band calculation



Expense Loading X%

Gross Loss Model - Stochastically Simulated in iFM

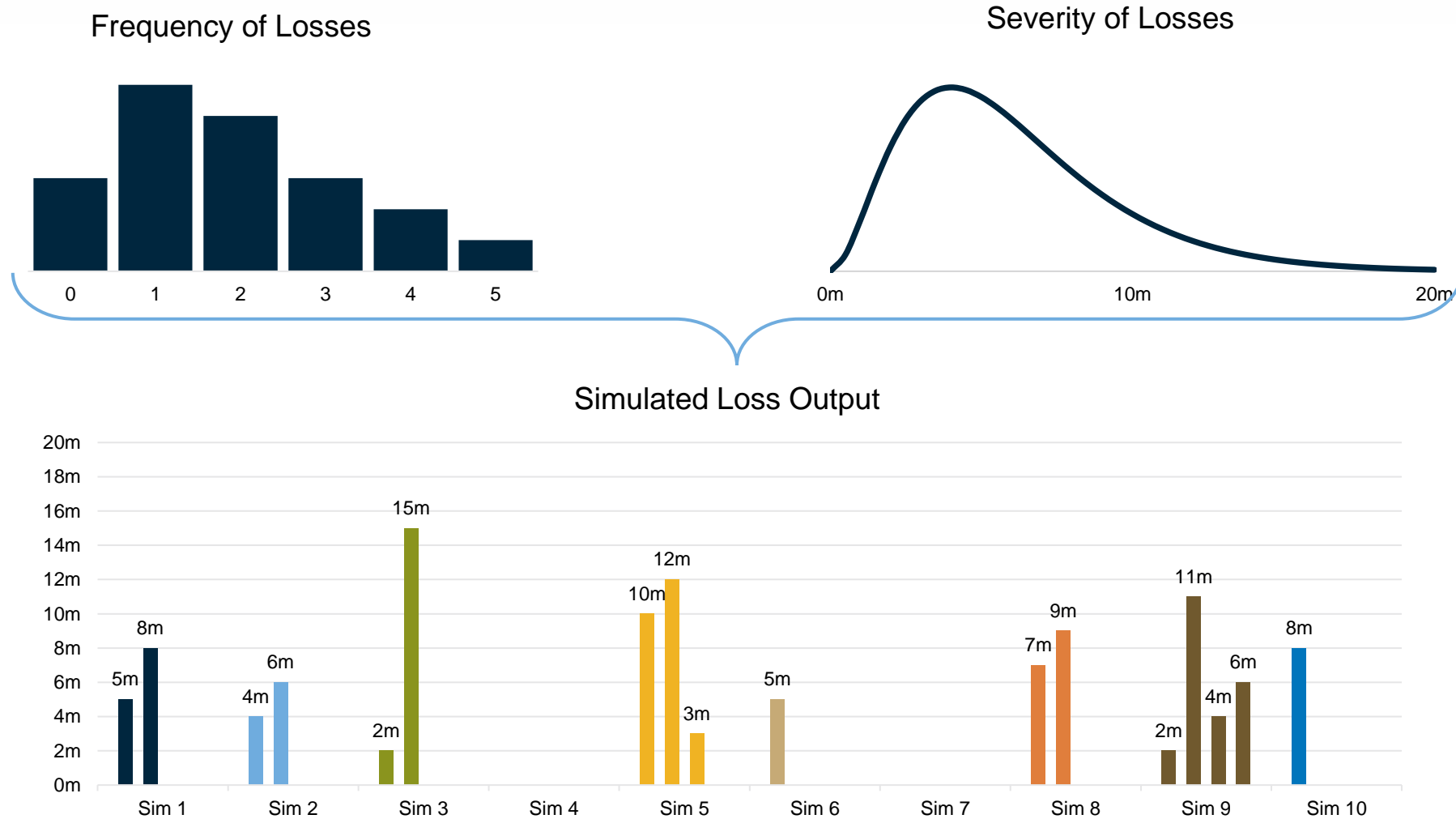
# Gross Loss Modelling – Methodology (Risk Profile & Loss Curve)



# Stochastic Modelling

- Form of financial modelling for estimating probability distribution of potential outcome by allowing for random variation in one or more inputs
- iFM simulates losses for a given number of years / simulations to apply a reinsurance structure
- The output is a distribution of outcomes summarised in key metrics
  - Pricing and reinsurance optimisation

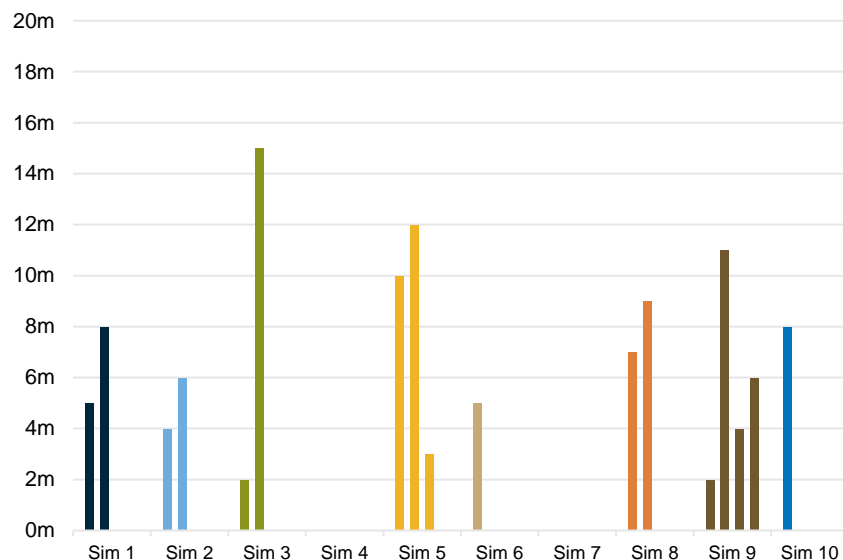
# Inside the Black Box





# Inside the Black Box

Simulated Loss Output



Simulation Details

Sim Year	Loss Size
1	5m
1	8m
2	4m
2	6m
3	2m
3	15m
5	10m
5	12m
5	3m
6	5m
8	7m
8	9m
9	2m
9	11m
9	4m
9	6m
10	8m

Results per Simulated Year

Sim Year	Annual Losses (AEP)	Max Loss (OEP)	Number of Losses (Frequency)
1	13m	8m	2
2	10m	6m	2
3	17m	15m	2
4	0m	0m	0
5	25m	12m	3
6	5m	5m	1
7	0m	0m	0
8	16m	9m	2
9	23m	11m	4
10	8m	8m	1

## Occurrence Exceedance Probability (OEP)

- Maximum individual loss within each simulation

## Aggregate Exceedance Probability (AEP)

- Total (aggregate) loss within each simulation

# Inside the Black Box

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10	8m	8m	1

## Percentile Summary

Percentile	Annual Losses (AEP)	Max Loss (OEP)	Number of Losses (Frequency)
10%	0m	0m	0
20%	0m	0m	0
30%	5m	5m	1
40%	8m	6m	1
50%	10m	8m	2
60%	13m	8m	2
70%	16m	9m	2
80%	17m	11m	2
90%	23m	12m	3
99.9%	25m	15m	4

# Return Period vs Percentiles

- Output from stochastic models are distributions
- To summarise these, certain points along the distribution are shown, typically **emphasizing downside risk**
- Return periods and Percentiles are ways of expressing points in the distribution
  - 1 in 10 years = 10% probability
  - 1 in 100 years = 1% probability
  - 1 in 200 years = 0.5% probability

## Return Period Translator

Return Period	Percentile	Probability
999 in 1000	0.1%	99.9%
499 in 500	0.2%	99.8%
199 in 200	0.5%	99.5%
99 in 100	1%	99%
49 in 50	2%	98%
19 in 20	5%	95%
9 in 10	10%	90%
4 in 5	20%	80%
3 in 4	25%	75%
1 in 2	50%	50%
1 in 4	75%	25%
1 in 5	80%	20%
1 in 10	90%	10%
1 in 20	95%	5%
1 in 50	98%	2%
1 in 100	99%	1%
1 in 200	99.5%	0.5%
1 in 500	99.8%	0.2%
1 in 1000	99.9%	0.1%

# Introduction to Catastrophe Modelling

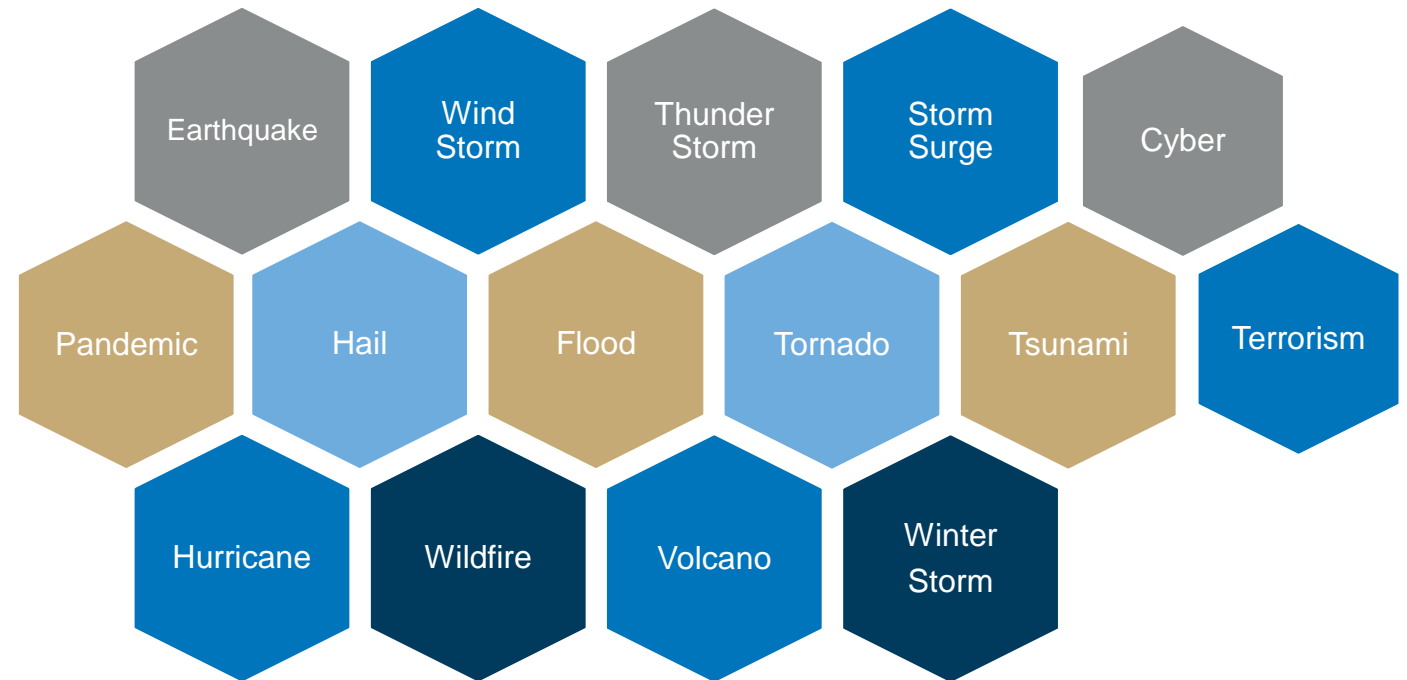
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# What is Catastrophe Modelling?

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A process assisting **insurers, reinsurers** and **governments** to **identify, quantify** and **manage risk** from **catastrophic events** (natural and manmade).

”



# Catastrophe Modelling in Context

Why do we need catastrophe modelling in the (re)insurance industry?

**Catastrophic events  
(including natural  
disasters) can cause  
huge economic losses**

**They are often  
unpredictable**

If events could be  
predicted with complete  
certainty, there would be  
no need for (re)insurance.

**Catastrophe Modelling  
allows (re)insurance  
industry to quantify  
potential losses**

**Utilises scientific  
knowledge & insured  
details in order to  
generate loss estimates**

Statistics/Probability  
Physical Sciences  
Engineering/Tech  
Actuarial Science

# How Cat Analytics is used to improve financial strength

Different parties within re/insurance will have different needs when it comes to catastrophe analytics

## Underwriting

- Screen large risks to improve loss ratio, avoiding adverse risk selection
- Ensuring cat risk is appropriately priced

## Exposure Management

- Assessing top drivers that are influential on a loss basis
- Identifying risk concentrations and accumulations

## Reinsurance

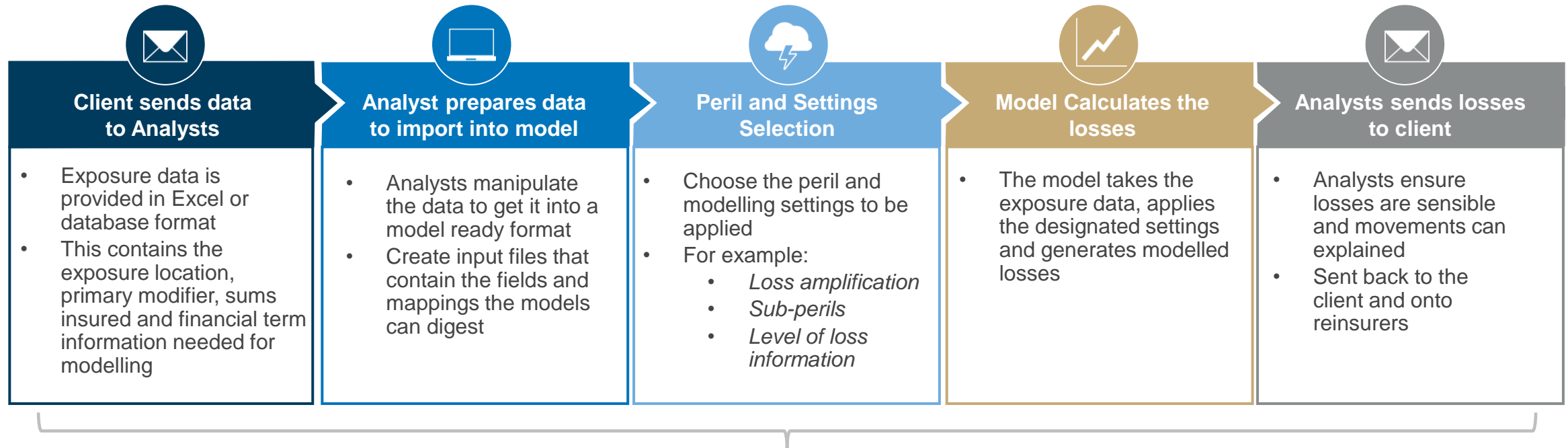
- Ensure risk transfer structure reflects latest risk and growth potential
- Ensure reinsurance is aligned to strategic objectives

## Capital and Governance

- Justifying model choice
- Understanding capital adequacy and demonstrating this to regulators

# Modelling Process

Using the models to calculate modelled losses forms a small part of the overall process once we receive the data information from the client



Data Quality has an impact at each stage of the process

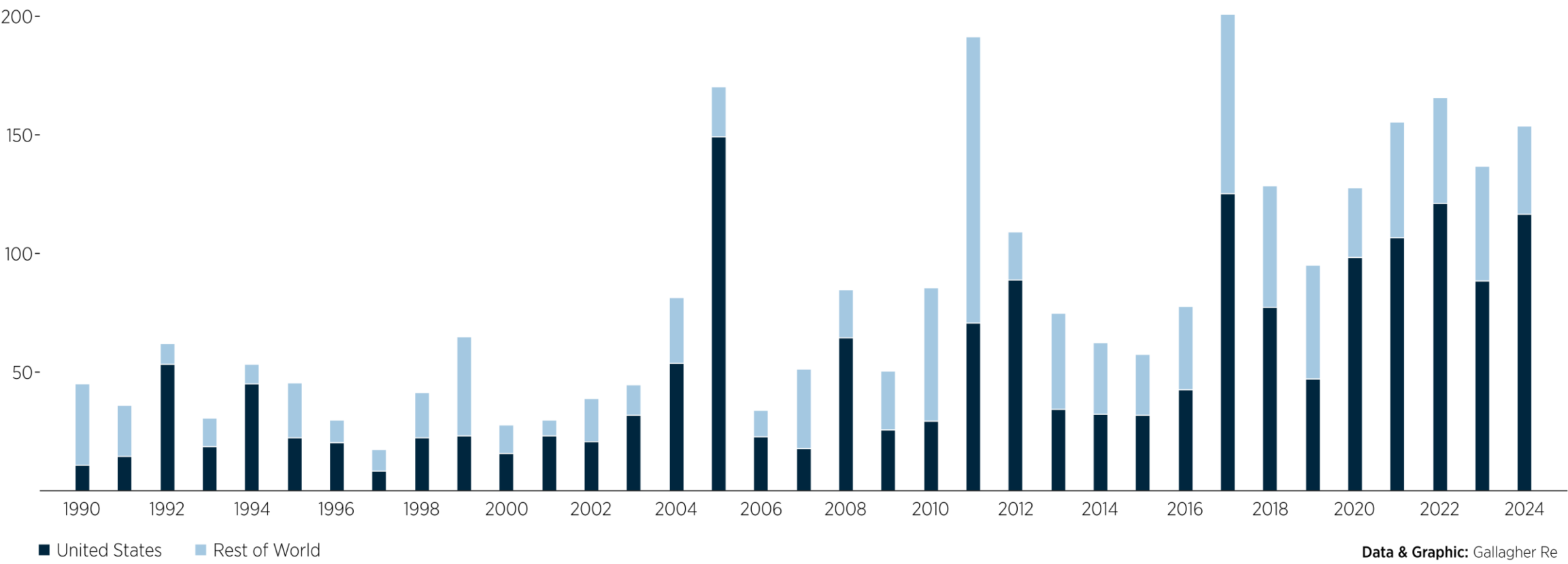


# Market Catastrophe Losses

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# Nat Cat Losses

Total Global Insured Loss: USD154 billion (International / Non-US Portion: USD37 billion)



Data & Graphic: Gallagher Re

# 2024 Nat Cat Takeaways

- Private insurance market covered USD135 billion; public insurance entities covered USD19 billion
- 30 individual billion-dollar insured loss events; 22 occurred in the United States
- Record 22 multi-billion-dollar (>USD2 billion) events; 15 occurred in the United States
- Costliest individual insured events: Hurricane Helene (USD20 billion) and Hurricane Milton (USD20 billion)
- Severe Convective Storms accounted for 41% (USD64 billion) of global insured losses; USD56 billion from the United States

## International Takeaways

- Several significant industry loss events in non-traditional insurance markets for major catastrophe events
  - Eastern Spain Floods (DANA): USD3.7 billion
  - Arabian Gulf Flash Floods: USD2.8 billion
  - Brazil Floods (Rio Grande do Sul): USD1.5 billion
  - Hualien Earthquake (Taiwan): USD1.0 billion
  - Typhoon Yagi (China / Vietnam): USD1.0 billion

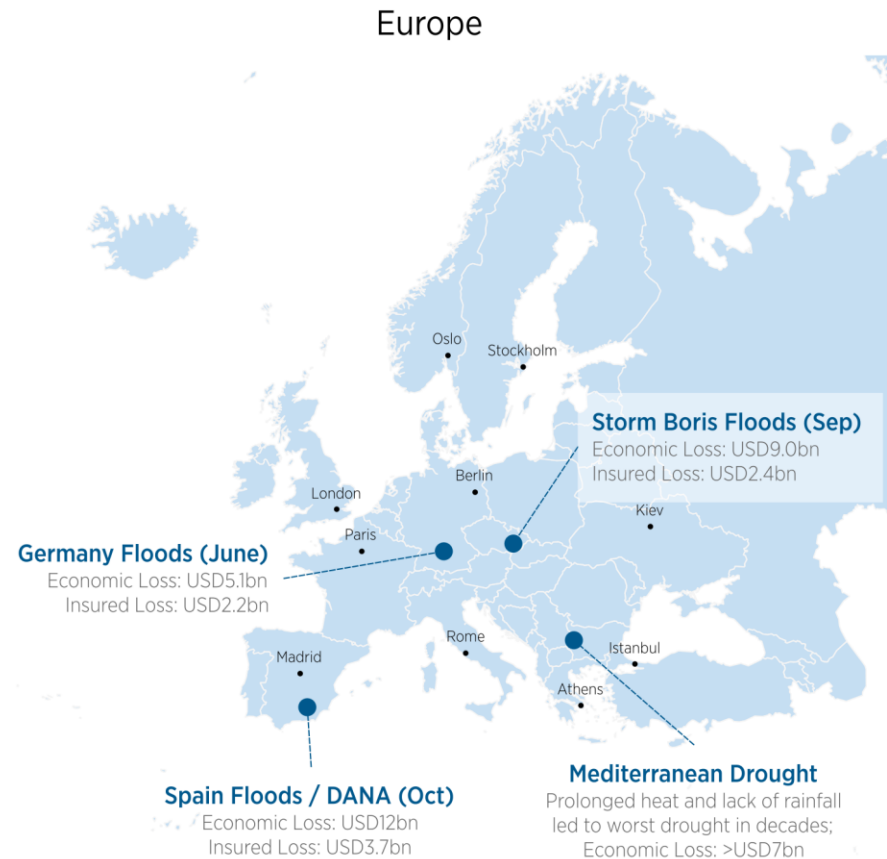
# Nat Cat Events: Canada / LAC

Canada: USD6.2 billion insured loss; costliest year for the industry on record



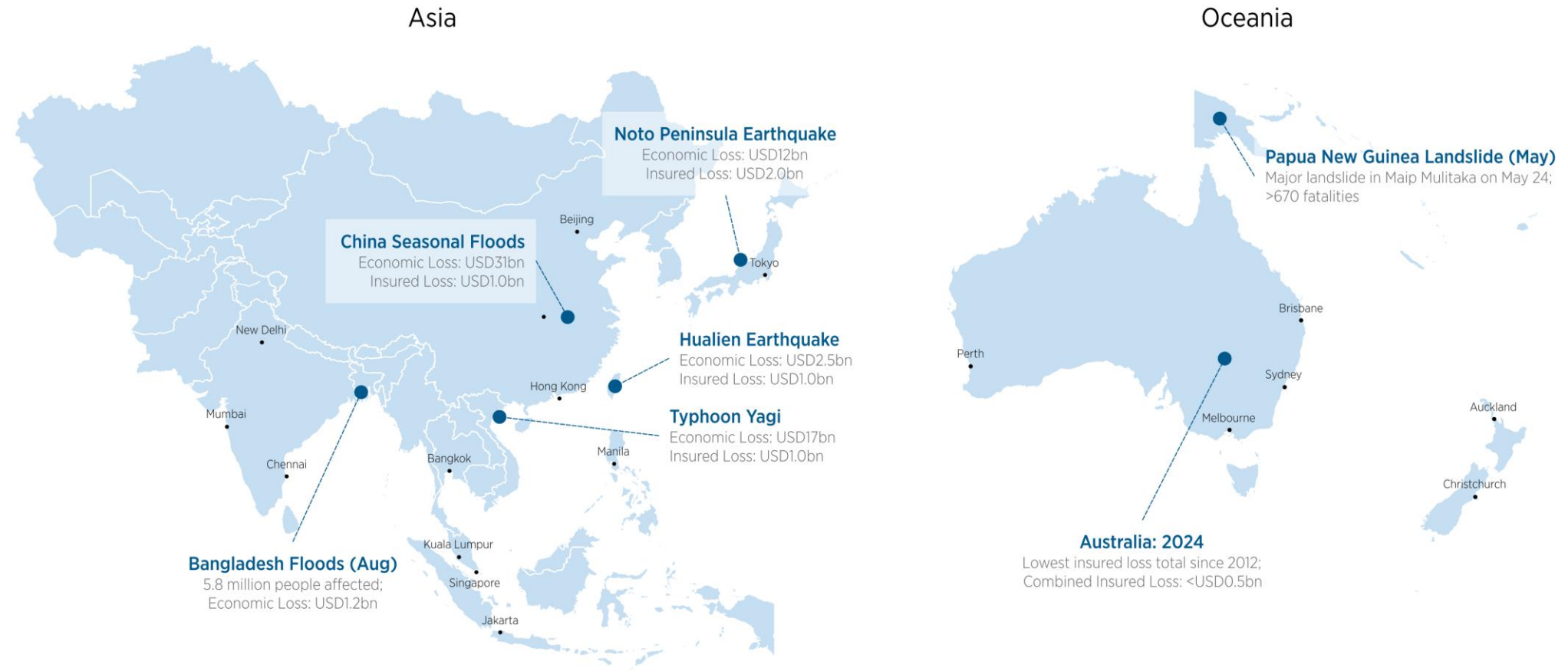
# Nat Cat Events: EMEA

Flood and drought events dominated EMEA loss totals in 2024



# Nat Cat Events: APAC

Below average year for Asia-Pacific; Typhoon Yagi the most consequential regional event







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