CECL Methodologies: Loss Rate Model and Cohort Analysis

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Agenda

- 1. What is Cohort Level Analysis?
- 2. What are Loss Rate Models?
- 3. Examples Showing ECL Calculation





What is Cohort-Level Analysis?





Different Types of Analysis



Aggregate level

Historical time series of performance variables is available

The performance variable is linked to macro variables



Cohort level

Loan age is included in the model

Adding loan age makes it a more granular approach relative to aggregate level model



Loan Level

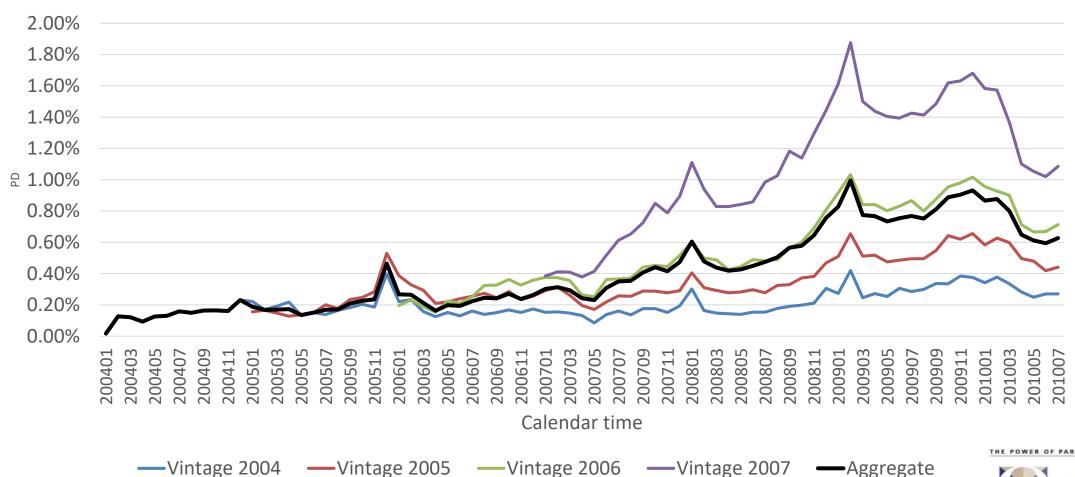
All available borrower attributes are included in the model in addition to loan age. The most granular approach





Aggregate vs Cohort Level Analysis

PD rate for first mortgages – Aggregate vs different vintages







Pros and Cons of Different Types of Analysis



Aggregate level

Simple data cleaning

Easy to implement

Could be inaccurate if loan characteristics are changing thru time



Cohort level

More complex than aggregate level model

Vintage differences are captured

Still easy to implement



Loan Level

More thorough data cleaning is needed

Very complex in terms of estimation

More accurate by including all loan attributes

More applicable to different types of portfolios

More difficult to implement





Pick Cohorts by Similar Risk Characteristics

Like:

- » Product type
- » Vintage
- » Risk score
- » Geography
- » Collateral Type
- » Materiality
- » Term
- » Historical or Expected loss Patterns



Too granular cohorts can result in too few loan counts and statistically insignificant results



What are Loss Rate Models?

Models which predict future loss rates based on historical loss data







Loss Rate Model Pros and Cons

PROS	CONS
 Transparent calculation. Simpler data requirements. If sourced from a statistical model, it can capture the effect of key risk drivers such as credit rating, loan age, size, industry, and other loan characteristics Can incorporates the dependence on macroeconomic scenario Possible to calibrate losses to institution's historical experience 	 Does not incorporate the cash flow schedule Does not separate default risk from recovery risk Cannot incorporate prepayment as a separate input; must be factored into the loss rate or remaining life



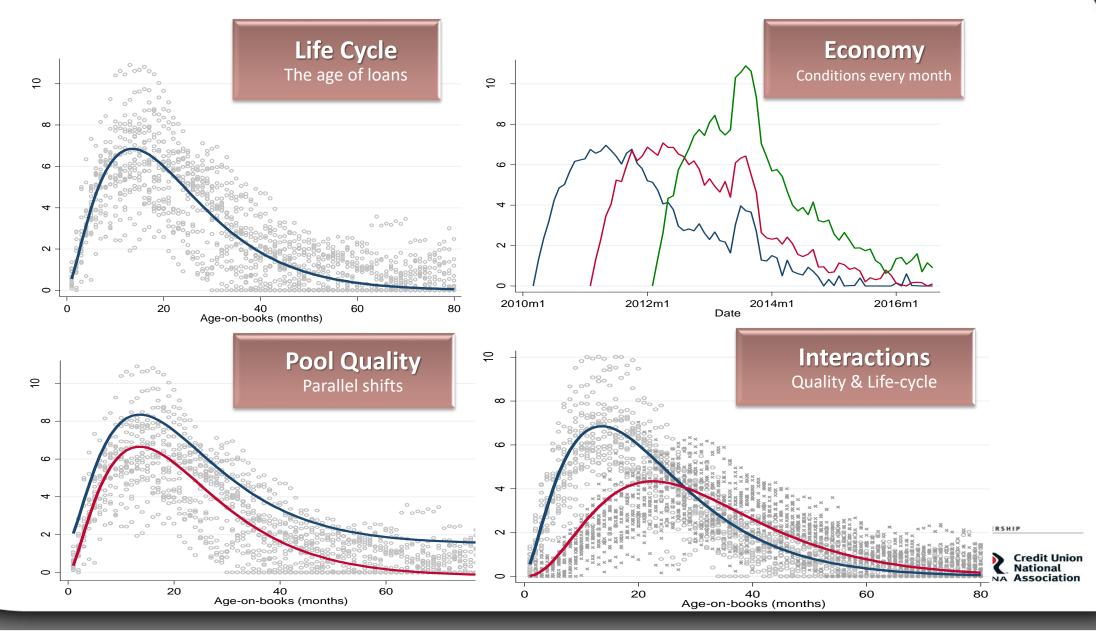


Modeling Loss Rates





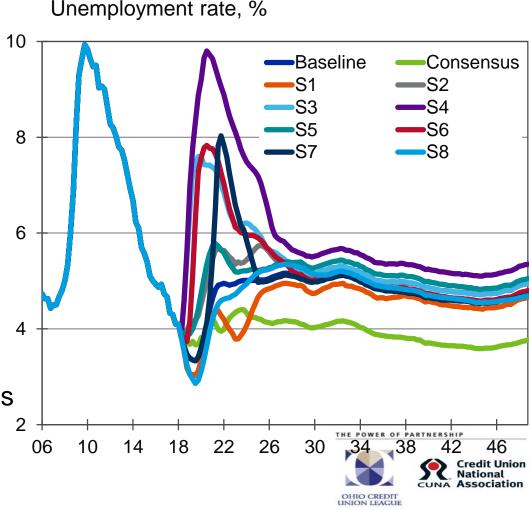
Common Drivers of Loss Rate Models



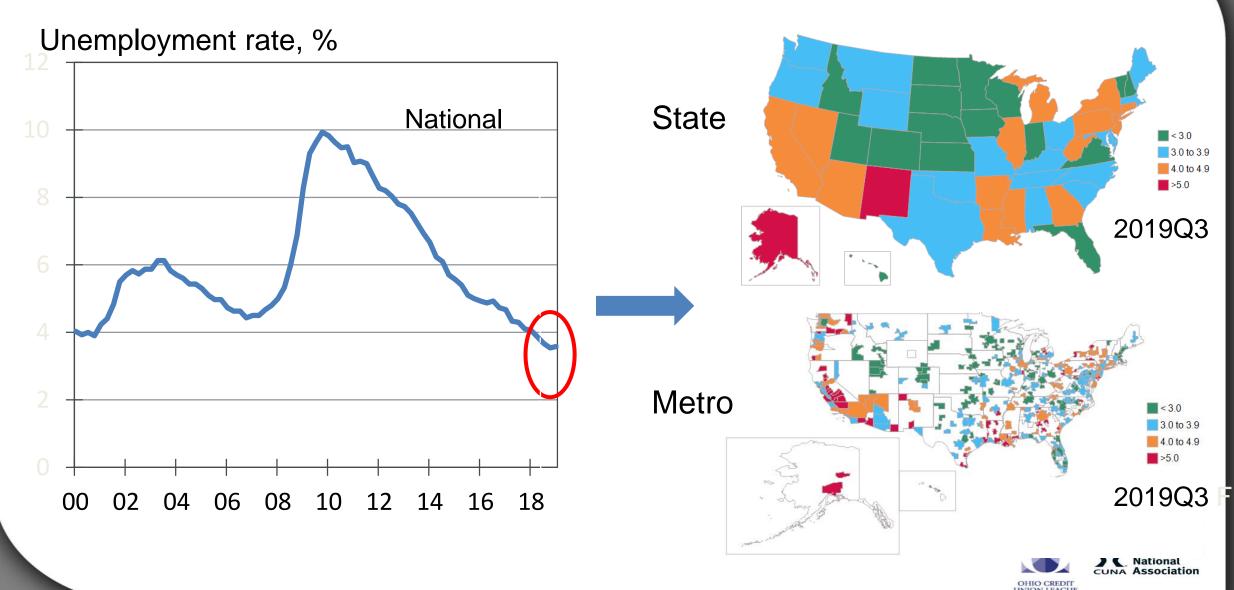
Incorporate R&S Future Economic Conditions

Include both national and regional forecast economic factors:

- Economic PerformanceGDP Growth, Disposable Income Growth
- » Labor Markets Unemployment, Job/Wage/Salary Growth
- DemographicsPopulation, Number of Households, Migrations etc.
- » Real Estate Markets Home Prices, Home Sales, Housing Starts, Permits
- » Financial Markets
 Federal Reserve Interest Rates, Equity Mark Indexes



Capture Local Economic Conditions



Which metro area has the LOWEST unemployment rate?











Which metro area has the HIGHEST unemployment rate?









Using Loss Rates in CECL Calculation





Using Loss Rates to Calculate ECL

- » Unpaid Principal Balance = \$1,000,000
- » Amortized Cost = \$ 986,732
- » Remaining maturity = 5 years
- » Fixed Coupon Rate = 5%
- » Effective Interest Rate = 5.5%
- » Amortization type = Linear
- » Payment Frequency = Annual
- » Annual Prepayment Rate= 5%







Loss Rate Annualized Approach

Assumptions	Formula	Output
 Amortized Cost = \$ 986,732 Remaining maturity = 5 years Fixed Coupon Rate = 5% Amortization type = Linear Annualized Loss Rate = 0.25% 	Allowance = EAD X Annualized Loss Rate X Remaining Lifetime	Allowance = 986,732 x 0.0025 x 5 = 12,334







Loss Rate Lifetime Approach

Assumptions	Formula	Output
 Amortized Cost = \$986,732 Remaining maturity = 5 years Amortization type = Linear Lifetime Loss Rate = 4.2% 	= EAD X Lifetime Loss Rate	Allowance = 986,732 x 0.042 = 41,443





