

# SRA Chapter Event on Model Risk

## Model Risk Mitigation in Banking

Patrick Schüepf

June 22, 2017

# Topics

- Definitions
- Historic Context
- Regulatory Regime
- Model Risk Mitigation
  - Transparency & Model Inventory
  - Validation
  - Oversight Accountability & Governance
  - Active Measures

# Model Risk Management in Banking

## Definitions

### Definition of Model and Model Risk (extracts from SR11-7\*) EXTRACT from July 4,2016 SRA RISK DINNER

**A Model** is a “quantitative method, system or approach that applies statistical, economic, financial, or mathematical theories, techniques, and assumptions to process input data into quantitative estimates.”

**Model Risk** is “the potential for adverse consequences from decisions based on incorrect or misused model outputs and reports. Model Risk can lead to financial loss, poor business and strategic decision making, or damage to a bank’s reputation.”

### Dimensions of Model Risk (...also on Wikipedia)

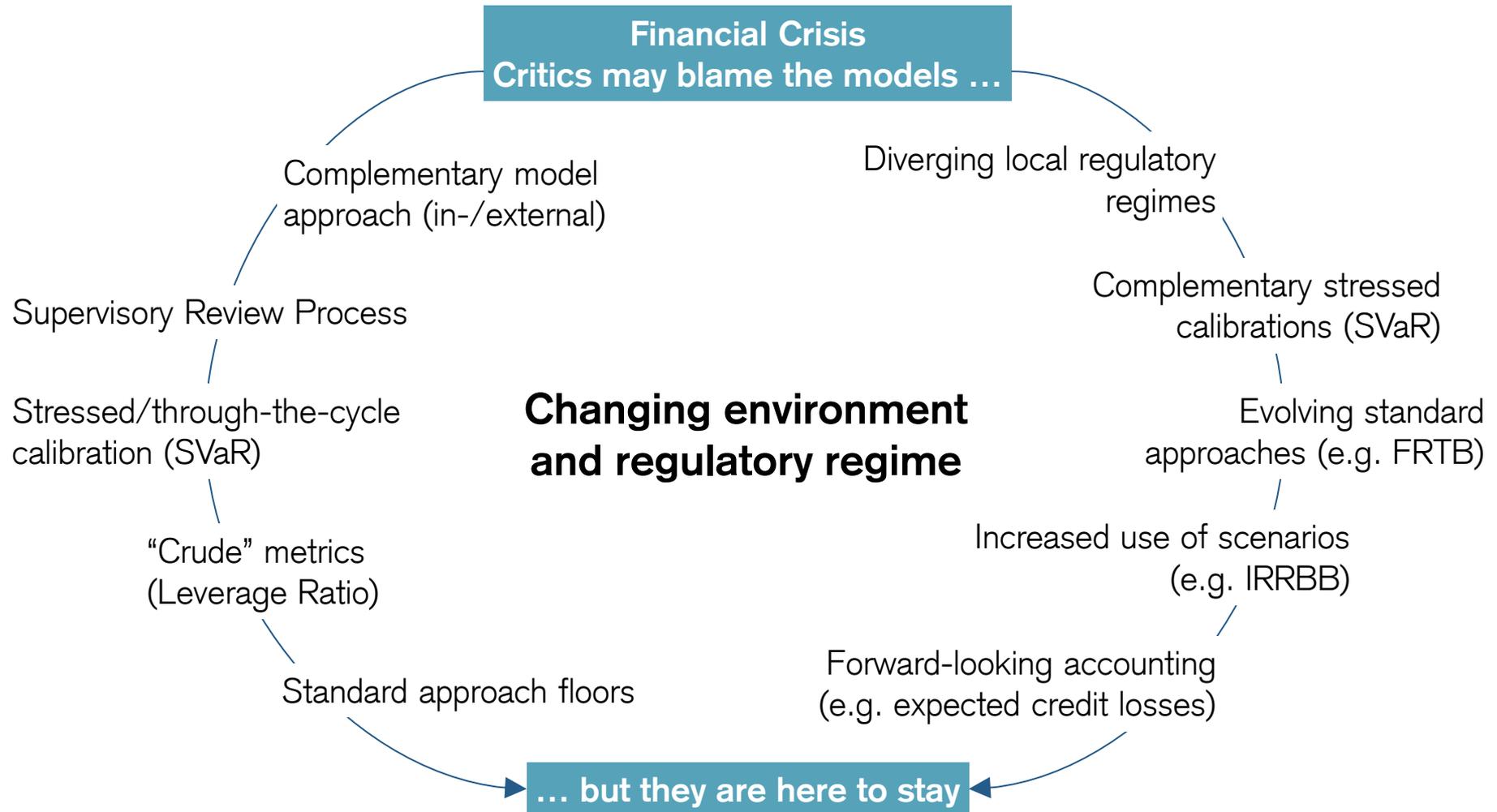
1. **Intrinsic uncertainty.** The innate risk from models that reflect theories, judgments and assumptions, even when designed and calibrated to a best practice standard.
2. **Model design risk.** The risk that models may have poor design, be inaccurately calibrated, incorporate outdated or inappropriate assumptions, or implementation errors.
3. **Model use risk.** The risk that models may be used other than for their intended purpose or outside their intended scope, or by users who are not suitably trained

\* SR11-7: Supervisory Guidance on Model Risk Management, Federal Reserve Bank Letter 11-7, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/bankinforeg/srletters/sr1107a1.pdf>

**To state the obvious: Models permeate any major banking operation**

# Model Risk Management in Banking

## Historic Context



# Model Risk Management in Banking

## Regulatory Regime

### U.S. Supervisory Guidance SR11-7

Comprehensive guidance for banks on effective model risk management describing principles and best practice for model development, implementation and use, and model governance including validation.

### Global industry implications

- Firm-wide model risk management approach
- Board of Directors responsibility
- Initial US focus
- Increasingly adopted by other regulators

### Requirements

- Scope: all impactful models
- Firm-wide Model Inventory
- Model Risk Management Framework
- Model Risk Reporting

- **Raising bar over last 5 years**
- **Initial 2<sup>nd</sup> line of defense focus**
  - Model validation
  - Internal model risk mgt function
  - Model risk governance
- **Increasing engagement of wider organization**
  - Model owners (1<sup>st</sup> line of defense)
  - Model users (1<sup>st</sup> line of defense); and
  - Local businesses/entities

# Model Risk Management in Banking

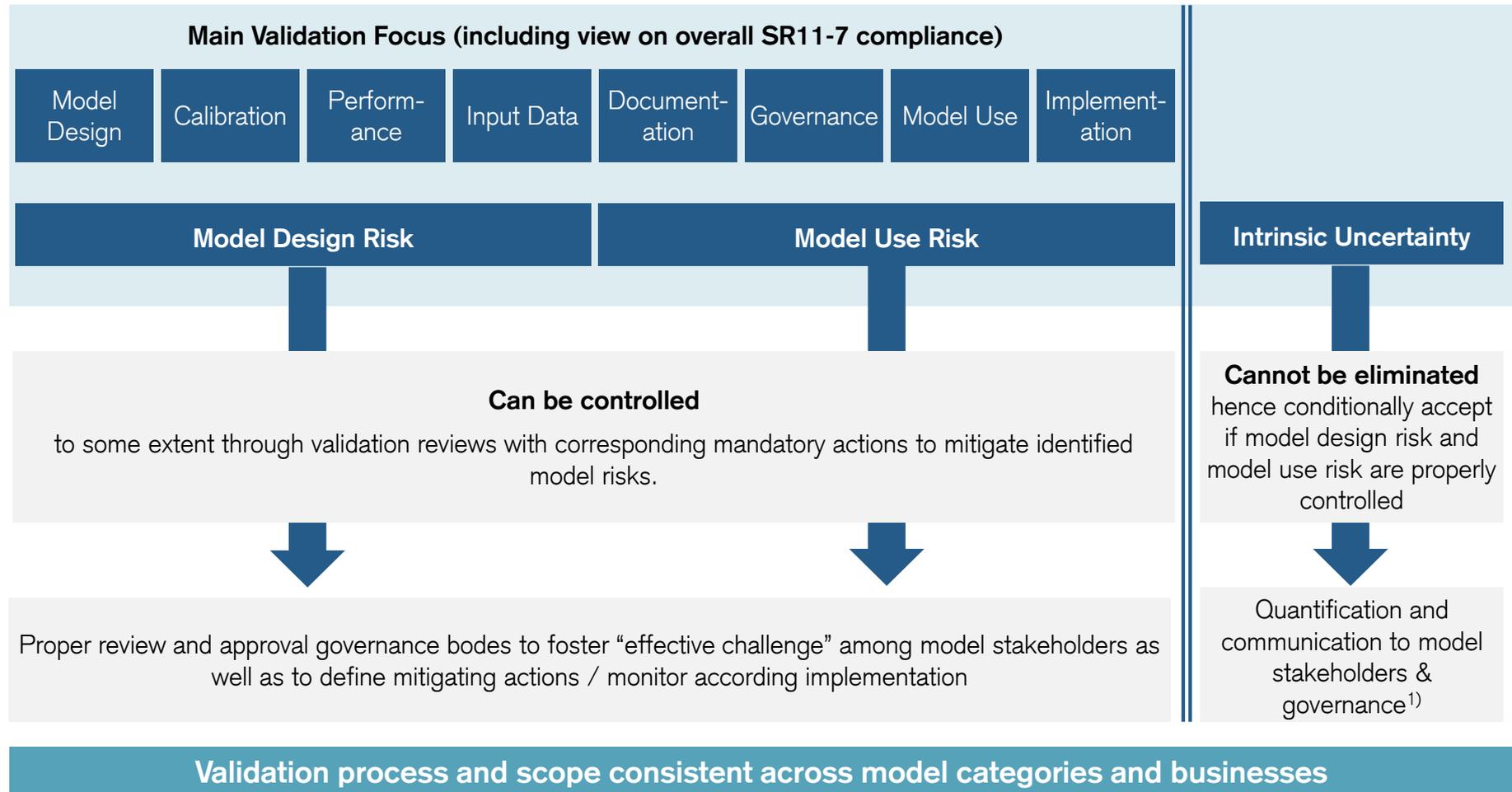
## Model Risk Mitigation (I): Transparency & Model Inventory

Model Category	Description	Examples	CS Group	whereof CS CH) relevant	
Pricing	Models feeding daily P&L and risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Derivatives pricing</li> <li>Market data e.g. yield curve construction</li> <li>Sensitivities for listed products</li> </ul>	~600	10%	Focused trading book franchise (only)
Risk Capital	Models feeding regulatory and internal capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market, credit and OpRisk regulatory capital</li> <li>Internal capital</li> </ul>	~400	50%	Regulatory models in credit (AIRB), market (IMA) and op. risk (AMA) Internal economic risk capital models (Pillar II)
Stress Testing	Scenarios, stress tests, economic and business projection modelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firm-wide stress testing</li> <li>Regulatory stress tests (LPA, CCAR, ICAAP)</li> </ul>	~300	5-10%	Primarily internal stress testing models
Others	All other business-impactful models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liquidity</li> <li>Investment suitability</li> <li>Electronic trading</li> <li>AML</li> <li>Trader tools</li> <li>M&amp;A</li> </ul>	~1,000	5%	Key areas include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasury modelling,</li> <li>Investment suitability</li> <li>Liquidity</li> <li>Expected credit losses (2018 onwards)</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>			<b>~2,200</b>	<b>~300</b>	

Transparency on and monitoring of status /use across all businesses (not IB-only) and entities is key

# Model Risk Management in Banking

## Model Risk Mitigation (II): Validation



1) More accentuated if working with high quantiles or in case of no possible historic backtesting like in stress testing; quantification may be quantitative (benchmarking, confidence intervals etc.) or qualitative (assessment of conservatism/aggressiveness in model assumptions)

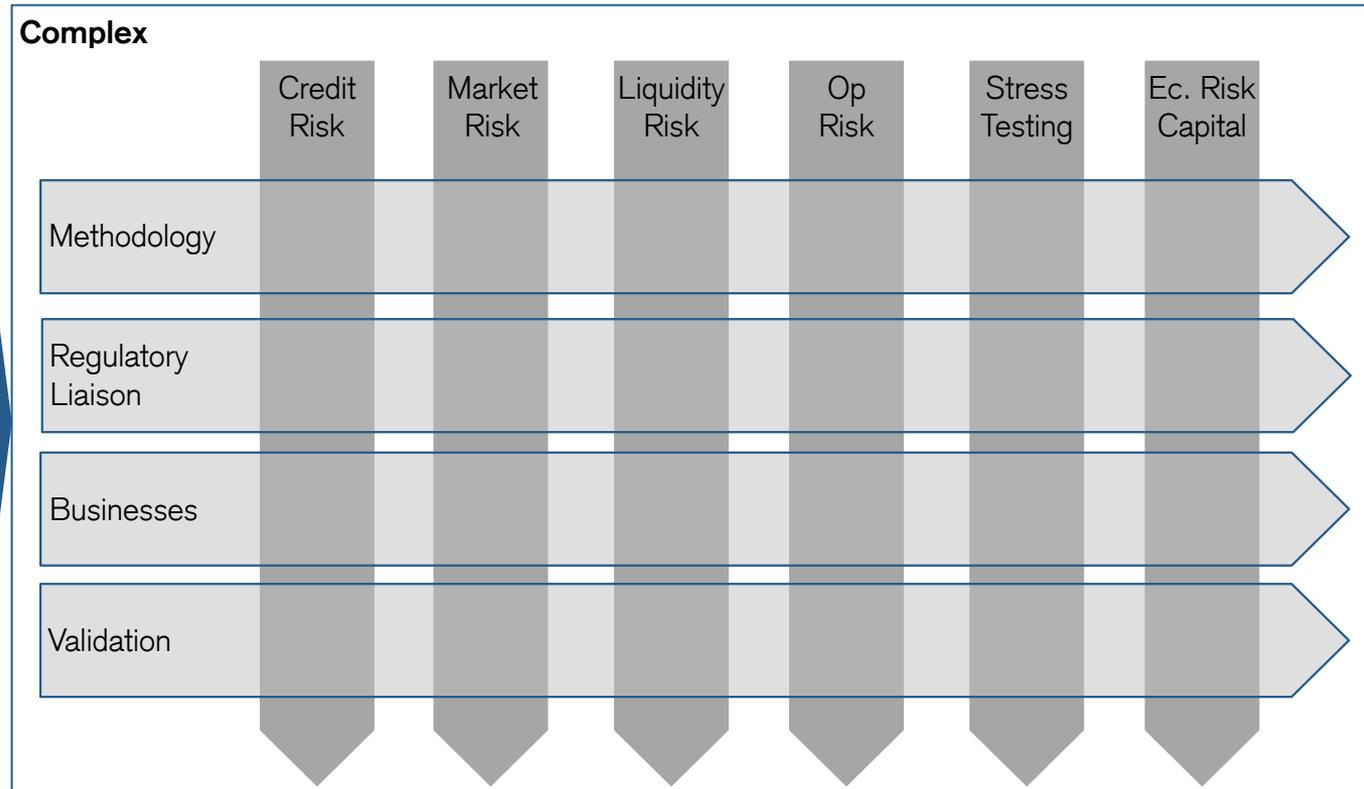
# Model Risk Management in Banking

## Mitigation (III): Oversight Accountability & Governance

### Massive increase of risk methodology- and model-decisions (CS 2016 vs. 2014)

- Number of formal approvals more than doubled
- Documentation of approval requests doubled to tripled

**Model risk management as considerable cost of doing business should not be underestimated**



**Strike the right balance between**

- Cross-functional exchange and challenge
- Cross-regional alignment and/or harmonization
- Expert focus and model user involvement
- Formal documentation and “effective challenge”

Different solutions for different organizations

# Model Risk Management in Banking

*This document was produced by and the opinions expressed are those of Credit Suisse as of the date of writing and are subject to change. It has been prepared solely for information purposes and for the use of the recipient. It does not constitute an offer or an invitation by or on behalf of Credit Suisse to any person to buy or sell any security. Any reference to past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The information and analysis contained in this publication have been compiled or arrived at from sources believed to be reliable but Credit Suisse does not make any representation as to their accuracy or completeness and does not accept liability for any loss arising from the use hereof.*