Facilitating On-Demand Risk and Actuarial Analysis in MATLAB

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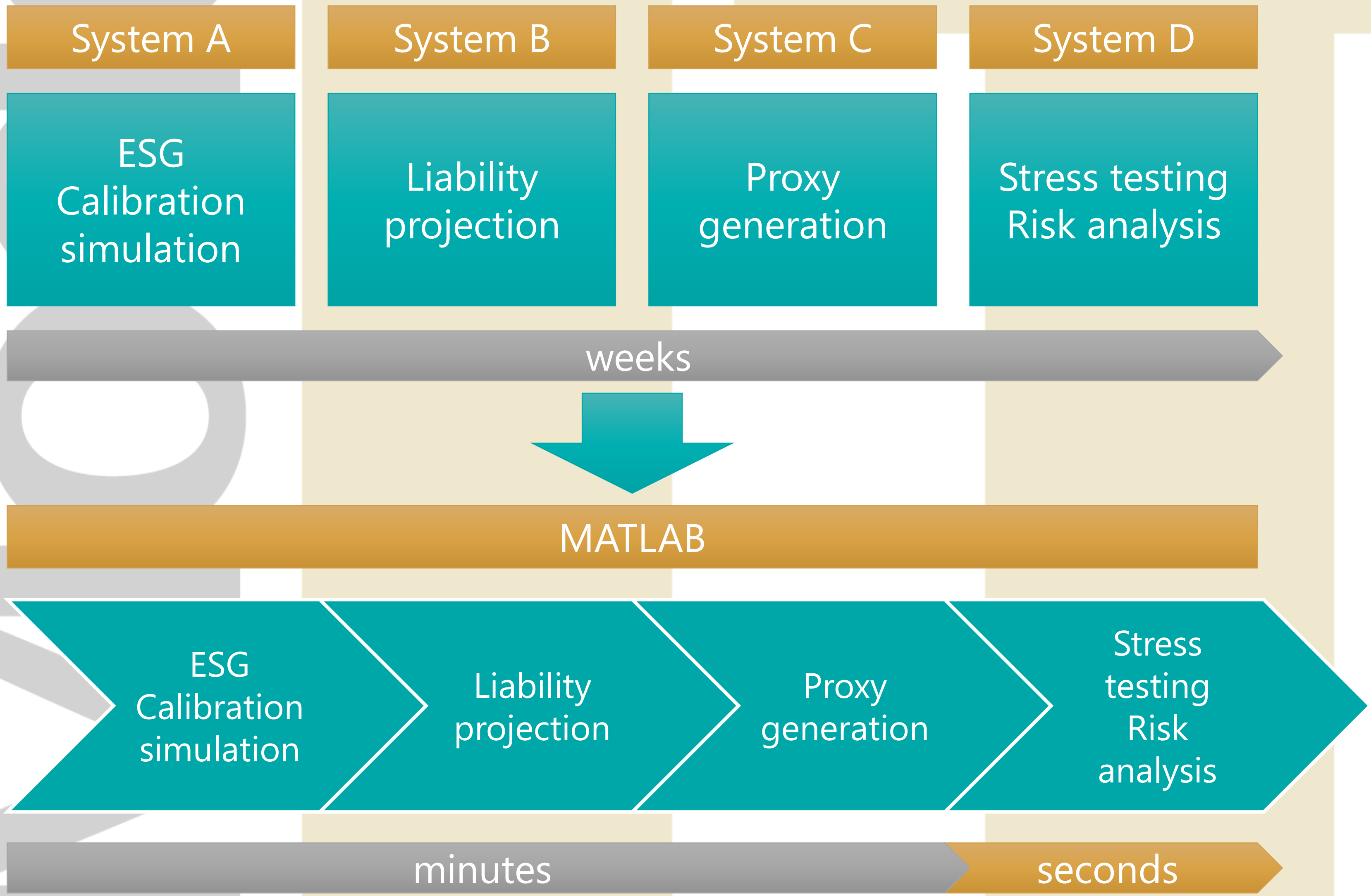
Introduction

- It is common that insurance companies can valuate their liabilities only quarterly
  - Sufficient for official valuation and capital calculations

- Market (consistent) value of liabilities can be quite volatile

- Need for
  1. knowing liability / equity value today
  2. risk analysis and stress testing
  3. hedge planning / re-balancing
  4. business forecasting

Facilitating on-demand calculations
Current challenges



Agenda
Building blocks for on-demand analysis

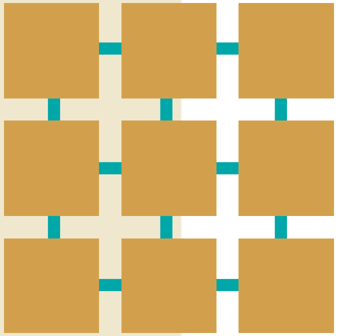
Building models with Business Language

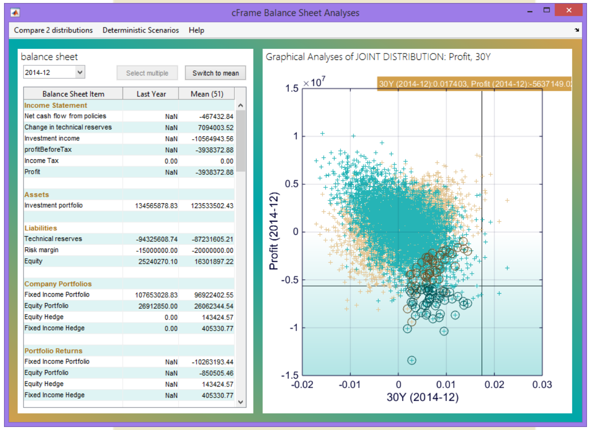
High-Performance Simulation of the model

Interactive visualization

```
%% Define Variable Annuity product terms
myVAProduct_2007 = ...
    cFrame.CashFlowEngine.ContractType(...
    'Name', 'VA Terms 2B/2007');

%% Add claim cash flow
life.AddCashFlow(...
    'Id',           'CLAIM_DEATH',...
    'Name',         'Death claim', ...
    'Payer',        'company', ...
    'Receiver',     'customer', ...
    'TriggerEvent', 'death_of_customer', ...
    'Amount',       @vaClaimAmountFcn
    );
```





Case: Life Insurance

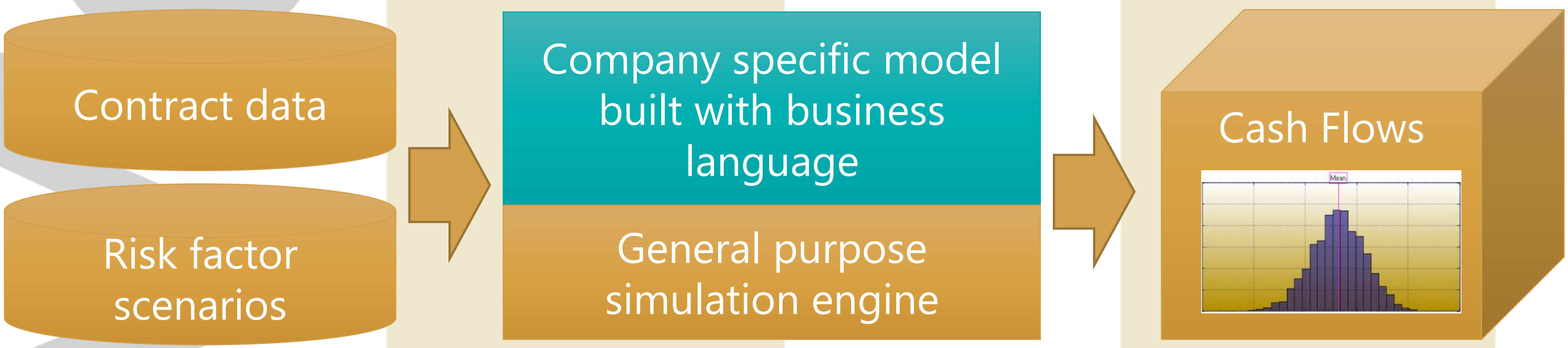
Policy-by-policy simulation

Proxy Modeling

Building models with “business language”

Business language

- Natural language designed to create realistic contract-by-contract cash flow simulation models
  - 100% replication of real-life contract terms
  - Ability to use real data
- Define all financial contracts as cash-flow exchange agreements
  - Cash flows depend on stochastic events



Example: Defining the death benefit

max(savings account, cumulative net payments)

Cash Flow:
Death benefit

```
myProduct.AddCashFlow(...
    ... Cash flow ID links cash flow to balance sheet
    'Id',           'DEATH_BENEFIT',...
    ... Long name makes analyzing results easier
    'Name',         'Death Benefit payment', ...
    ... Company pays the claim
    'Payer',        'company', ...
    ... Customer receives the claim
    'Receiver',     'customer', ...
    ... Cash flow is triggered when event 'death' occurs
    'TriggerEvent', 'death', ...
    ... The amount function can be any MATLAB function
    'Amount', @(model, customer, contract, eventdata)...
        max(eventdata.investmentFund, eventdata.cumNetPayments));
```

Model

Example: Defining the death event

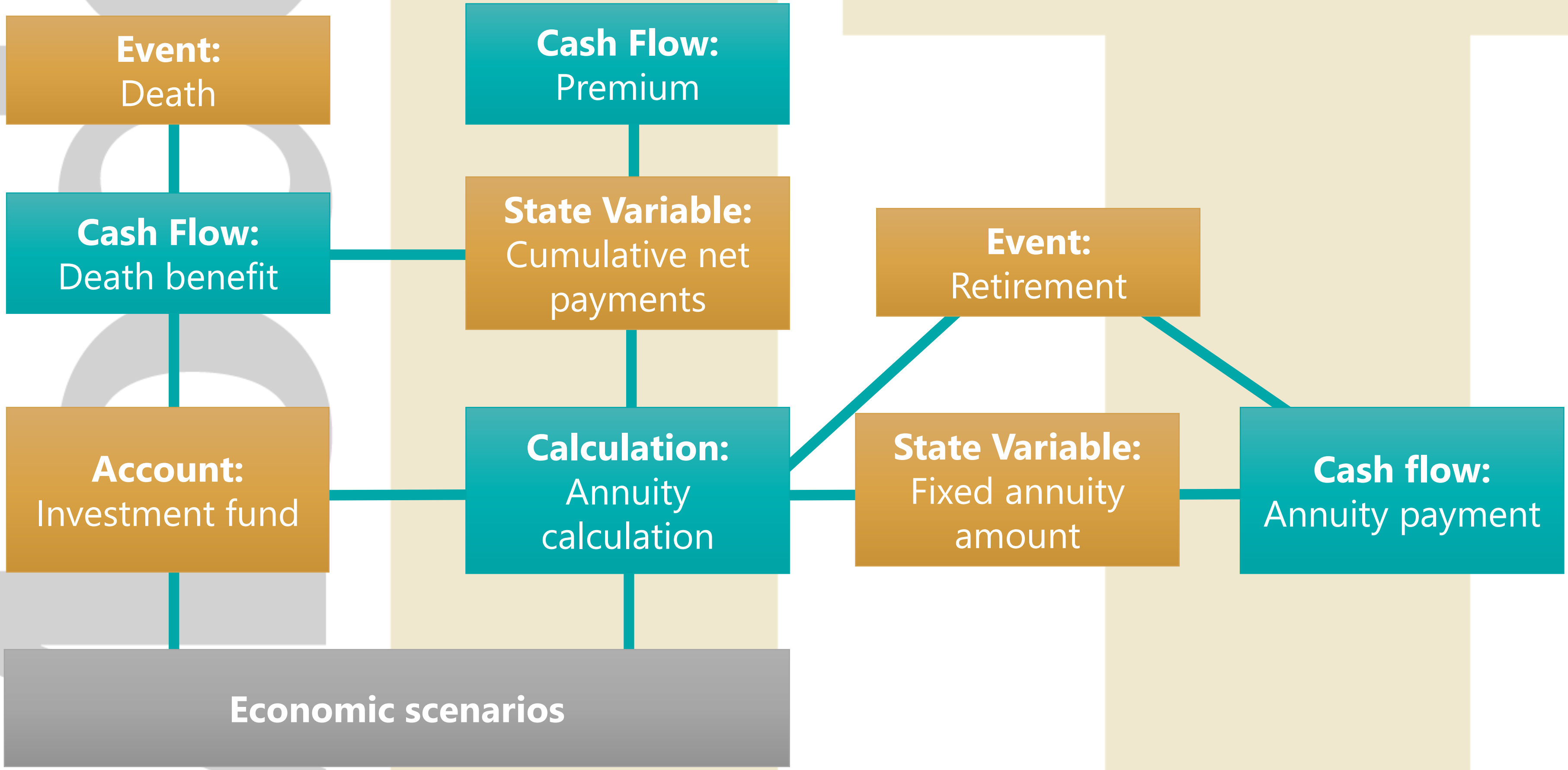
Event: Death

Cash Flow: Death benefit

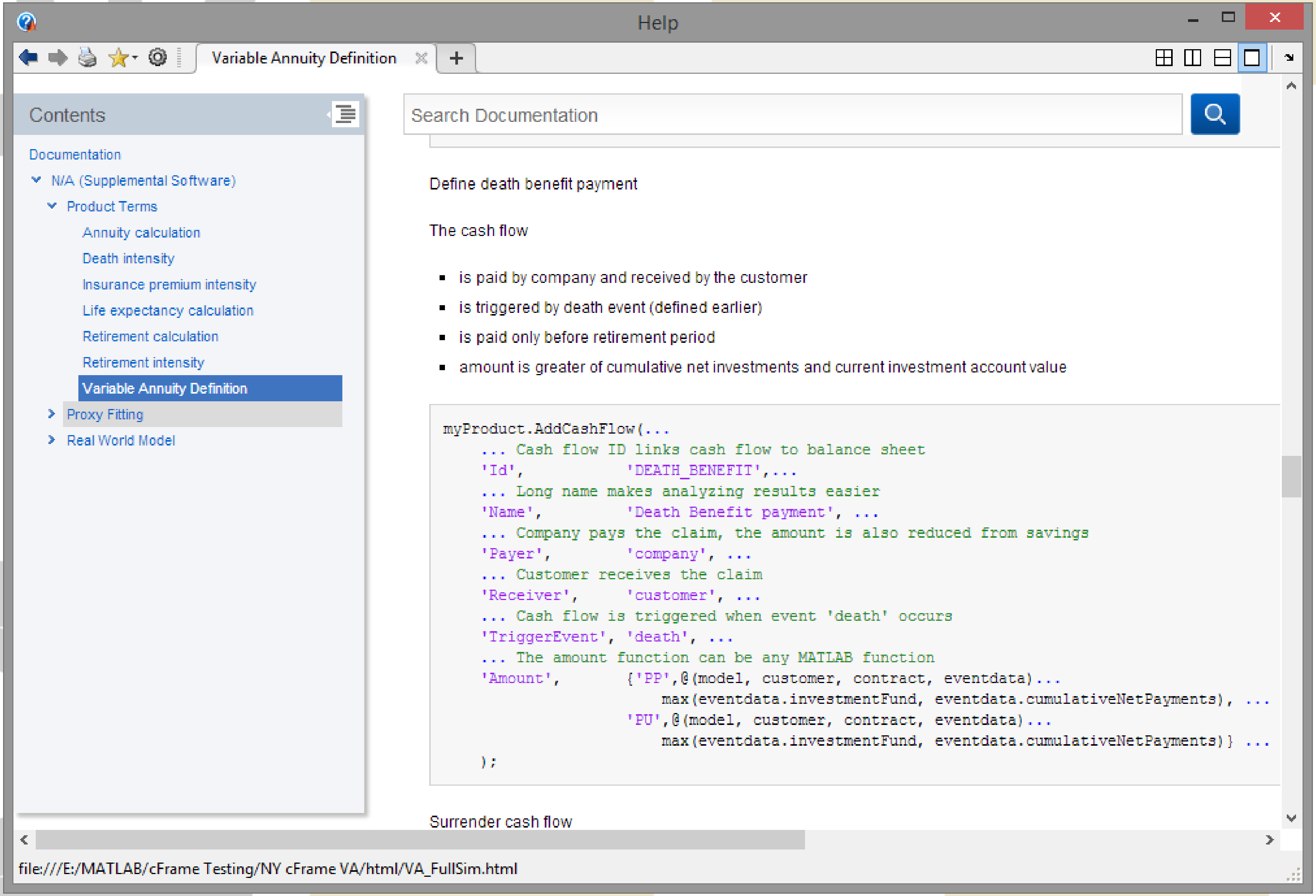
```
cfModel.DefineRandomVariable(...
    ... This links this random variable to product definitions<html>
    'Name',          'death', ...
    ... This event "happens" to customer and affects all customer's
contracts
    'Target',        'customer', ...
    ... This is a event (can also be a process)
    'Type',          'event', ...
    ... This event can happen only once
    'Occurence',     'single', ...
    ... A function that returns monthly intensities for this event
    'IntensityFun', @deathIntensity;
```

Completing the model

some example objects



Documentable



Making contract-by-contract possible

Comparison using 10 000 scenarios, n computation nodes

	Traditional systems **Designed for deterministic modelling**	Our approach **Designed for stochastic modelling**
Model is run	**10 000 times** With full overhead for each scenario	**1 time** Overhead from model logic and contract terms only once Stochastic items (accounts, state variables) are handled efficiently with matrix mathematics
One node handles	**All contracts** Close to impossible to use real data of millions of contracts	**1/n of policies** Any number of contracts can be handled with distributed computing

Parallel computing

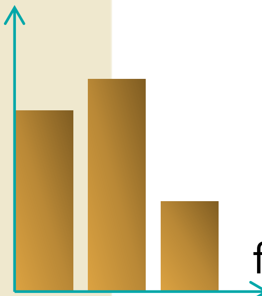
- Distributable to clusters and Amazon EC2 cloud using MATLAB Distributed Computing Server
  - Accessible from MATLAB workspace
  - Close to linear speedup

- However, contracts may not be independent
  - e.g. company profit sharing to policies depends on performance of the total liability portfolio
  - need to synchronize all policies between company decision points (typically 60)

- MATLAB provided “synchronization” functions (gop) gather results very efficiently
  - Still each second spent increases total time by 60 seconds!
  - Usually not efficient to target simulation times of under 10 minutes.

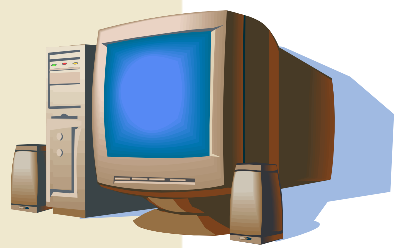
Use Case: Fennia Life

1 000 scenarios



60 years
150 Variable time steps from 1 month to 1 year

60 000 policies
With profit annuity
30 cash flow and balance sheet items



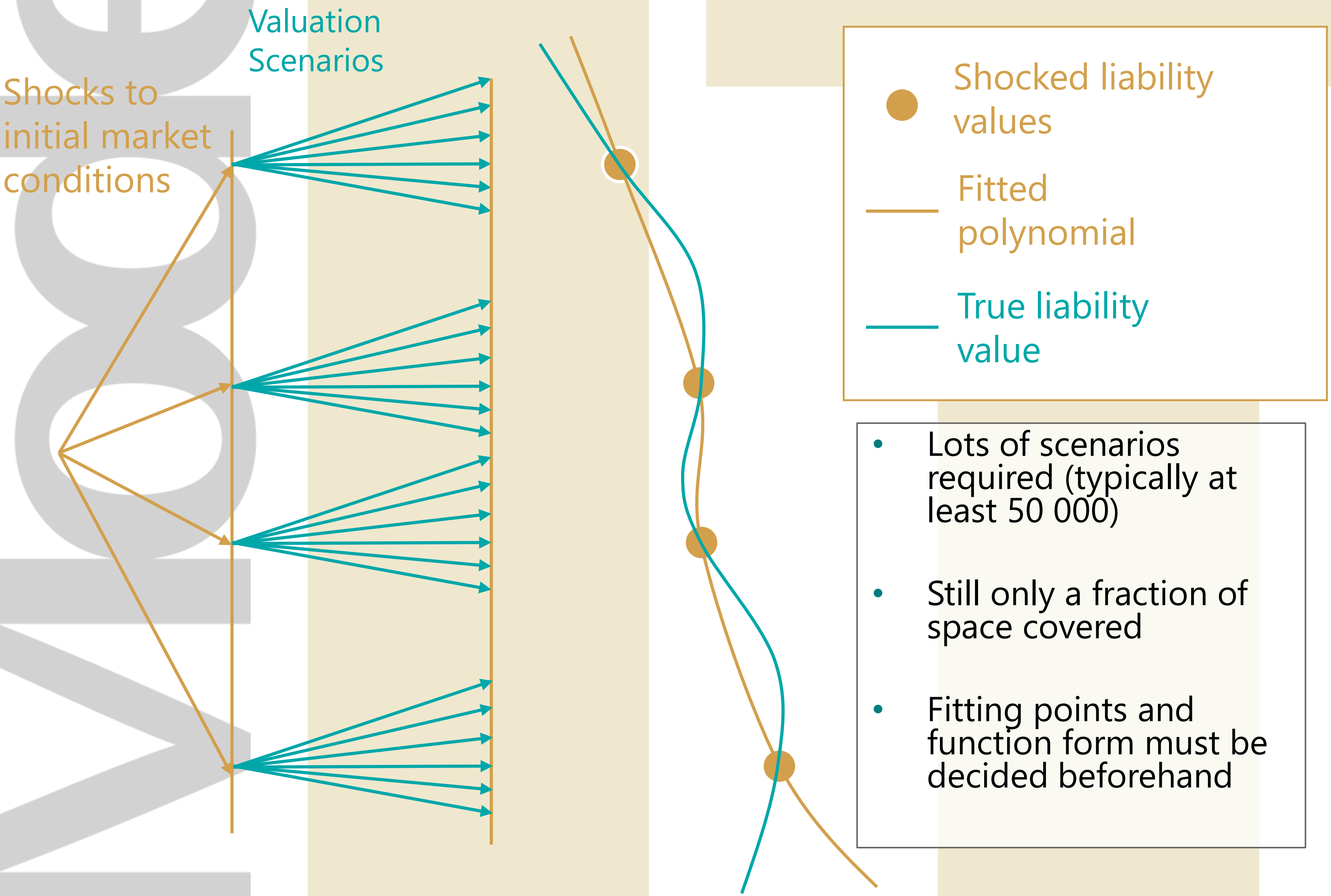
1 desktop computer
12 cores
24 GB RAM
~ EUR 3 000

30 minutes

Proxy modeling

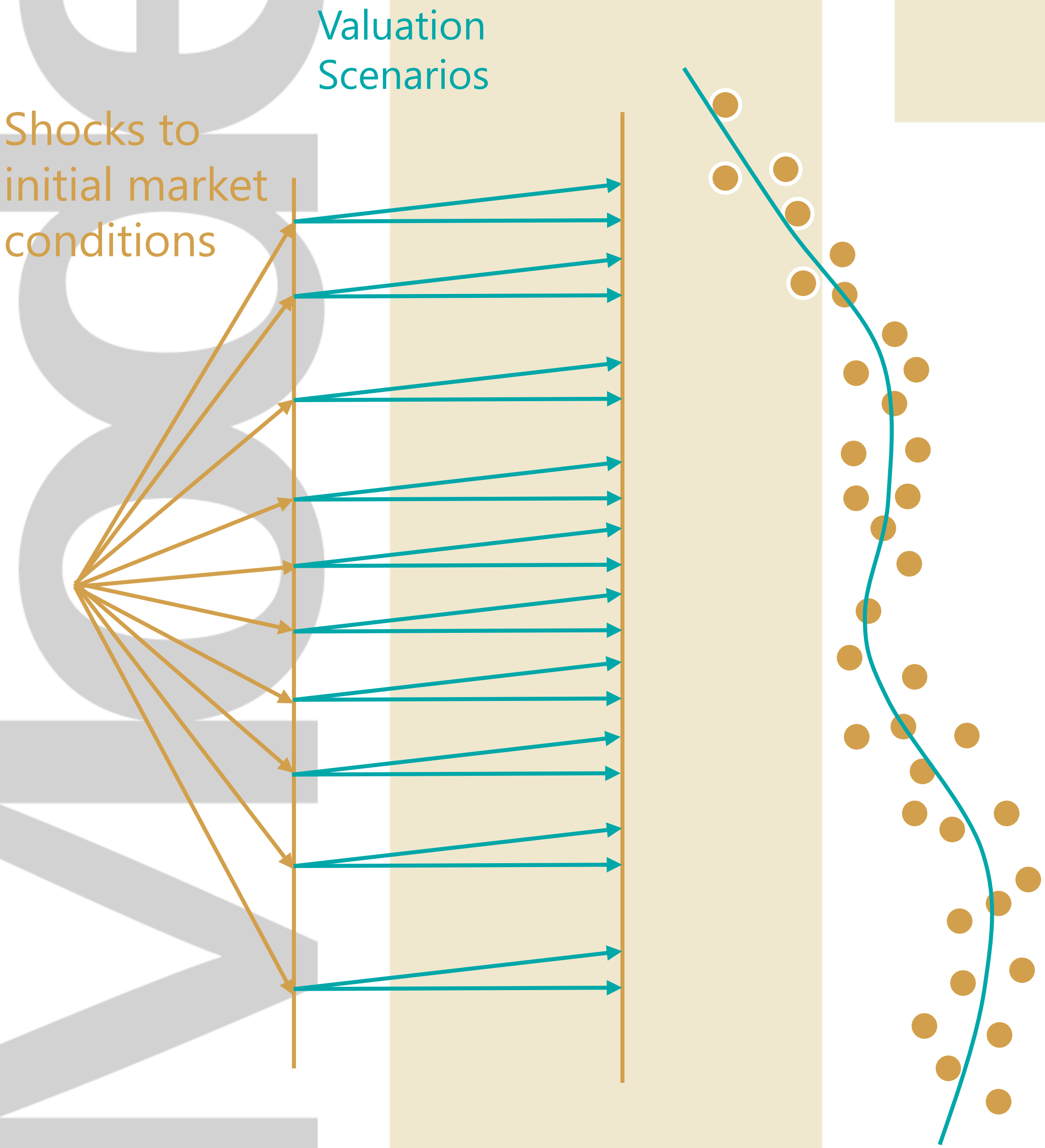
- Still calculating market (consistent) value for liabilities takes minutes or even hours
- For risk analysis, we need thousands of valuations in seconds ➔ Proxy modeling

Traditional way: Regression Analysis



- Lots of scenarios required (typically at least 50 000)
- Still only a fraction of space covered
- Fitting points and function form must be decided beforehand

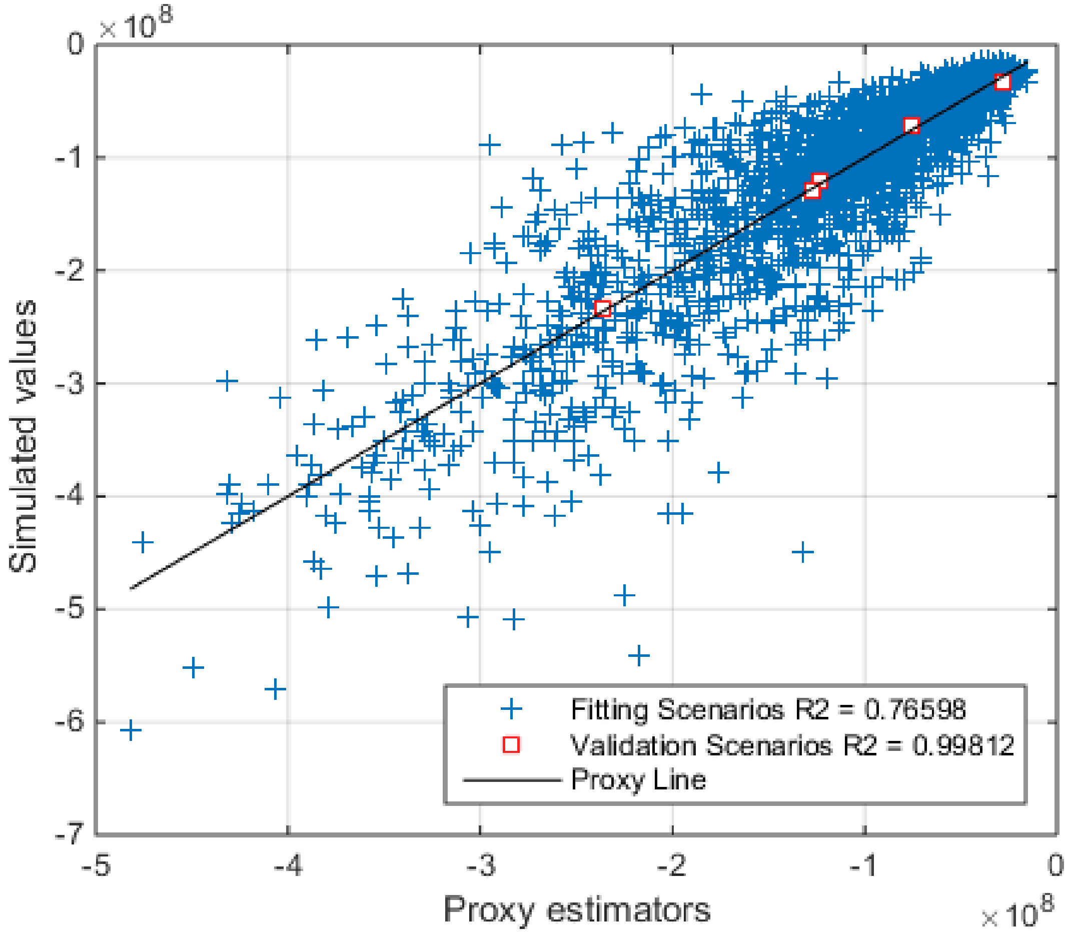
Least Squares Monte Carlo



- Independent error terms with zero expected value
- Much less scenarios required (typically 5 000)
- No need for selecting fitting points or function form beforehand

Validation

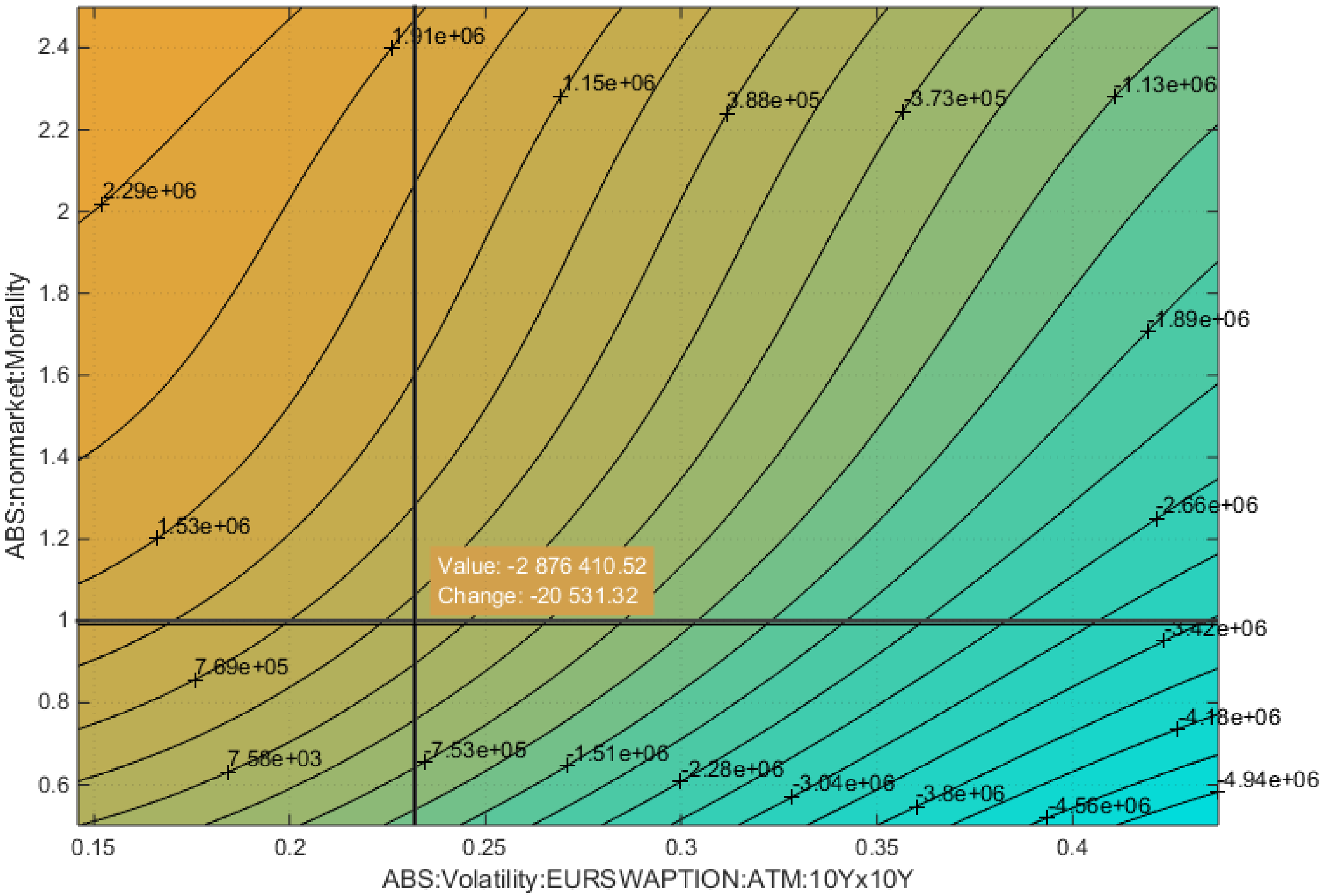
- Proxy model can be always validated by running full valuations at selected validation points and comparing results to proxy value



- 2500 shocks
- 5 validation points
- On proxy line, cash flow model and proxy model produce the same result

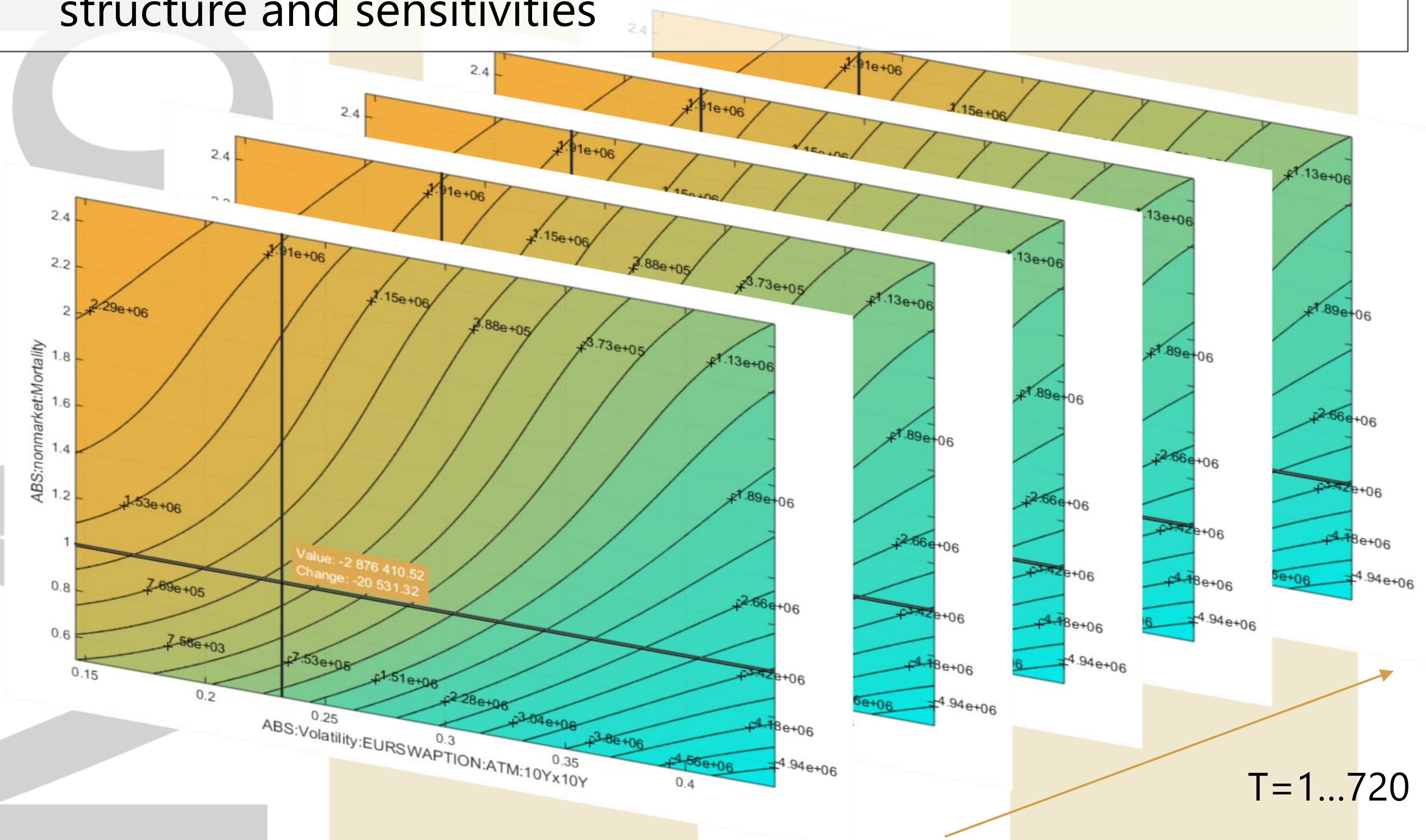
Result

- Liability value as a function of risk drivers



Time-decomposition

- Fitting an independent polynomial for each future time step provides a new level information about the liability time structure and sensitivities



Shock Generation

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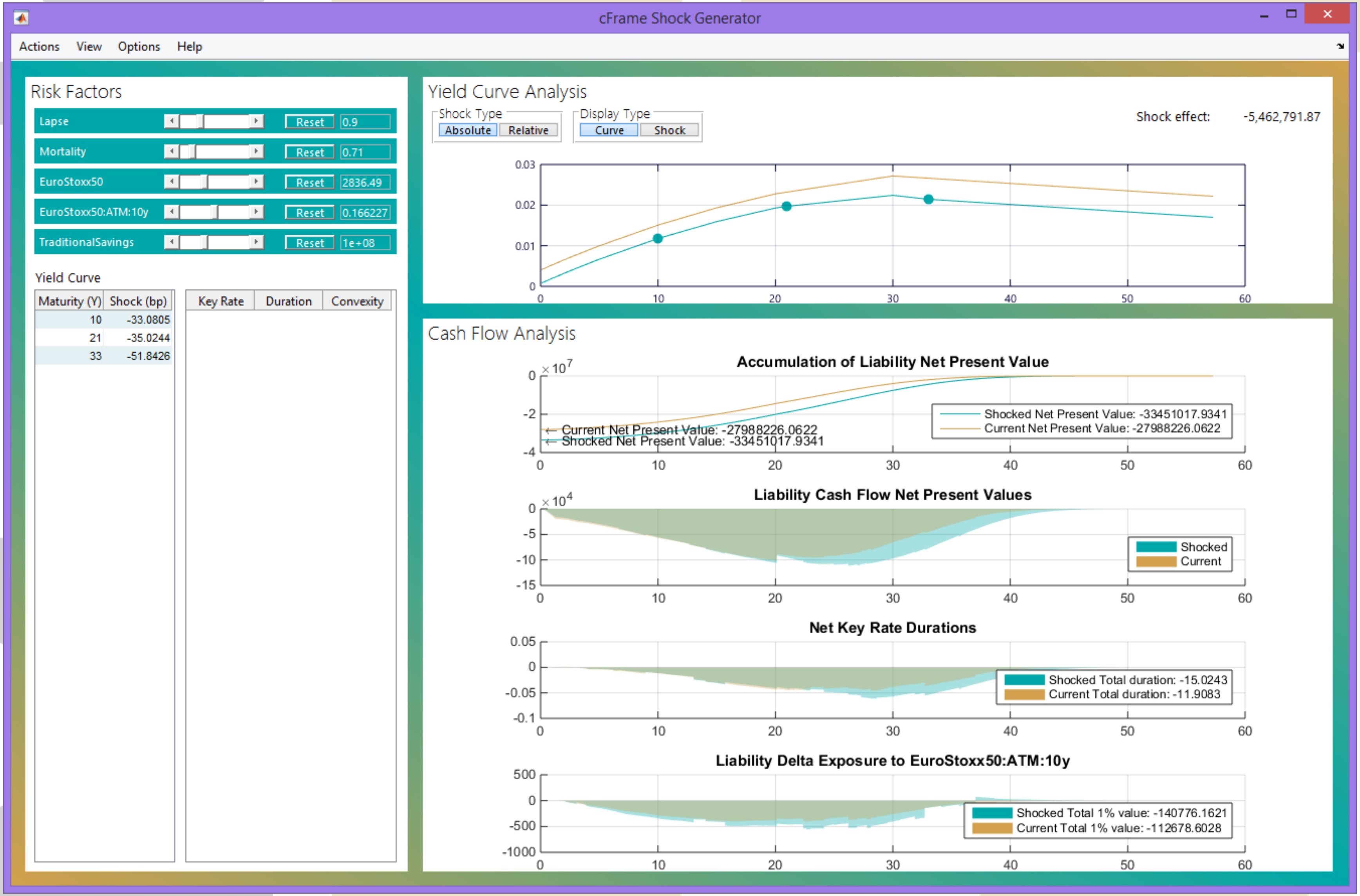
Stress generation

See how fully customizable interest rate shocks combined with other market and non-market shocks affect liability exposure (greeks) and profit



Combining pieces

Proxy Model → Liability sensitivity analysis

\+ Asset portfolio → Balance sheet sensitivity analysis

\+ Real World Scenarios → Full Balance sheet risk analysis and projections

Visualization

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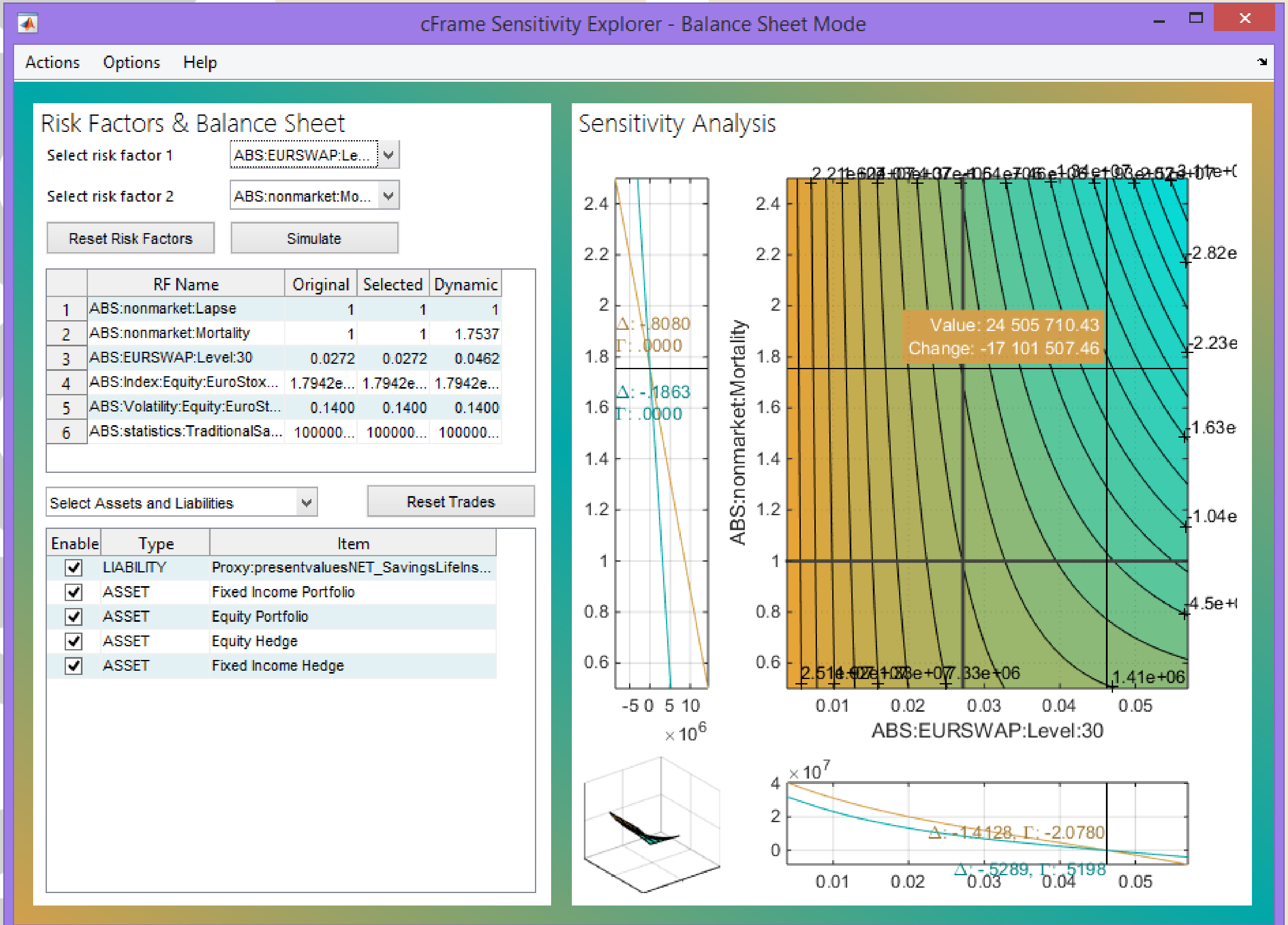
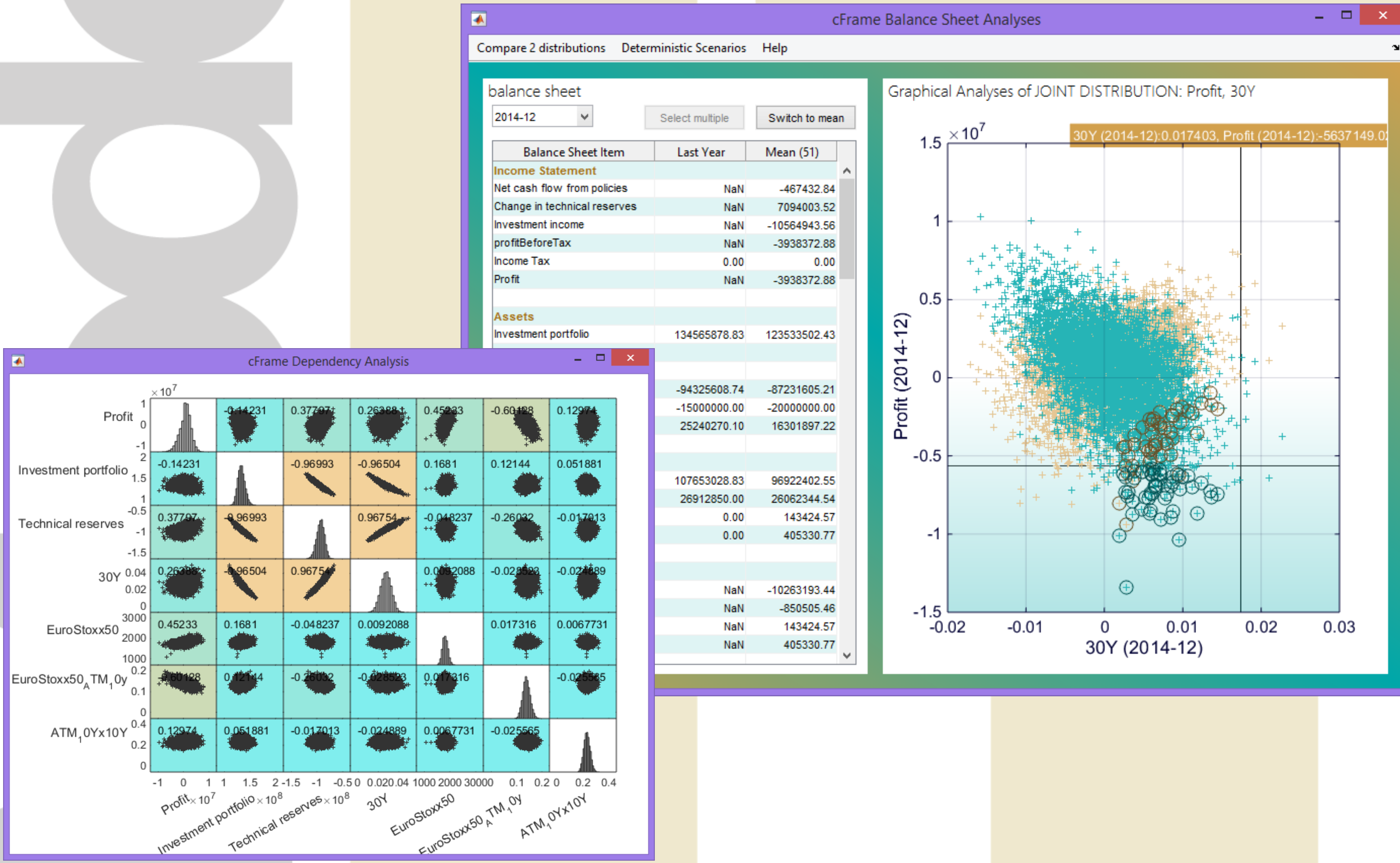
Example: Balance Sheet sensitivities

Net exposure to joint shocks in mortality and interest rates



Example: Balance Sheet Correlations

Net interest rate sensitivity with two different investment strategies



Example: Balance Sheet projections

Stochastic path dependent multi-year projection of solvency ratio including deterministic stress scenarios

Balance Sheet Item	Last Year	Mean (4)
Income Statement		
Net cash flow from policies	-1830205.38	-1902886.12
Change in technical reserves	3499340.49	5760226.99
Investment income	2146726.55	-603561.27
profitBeforeTax	3815861.66	3253779.59
Income Tax	1144758.50	1056011.43
Profit	2671103.16	2197768.16
Assets		
Investment portfolio	122440553.63	118480905.58
Liabilities		
Technical reserves	-86822518.99	-81062292.00
Risk margin	-20000000.00	-20000000.00
Equity	15618034.64	17418613.57
Company Portfolios		
Fixed Income Portfolio	110506402.92	105167982.91
Equity Portfolio	13808294.08	15137663.41
Equity Hedge	97867.47	-2448.17
Fixed Income Hedge	-366437.78	-369091.92
Portfolio Returns		
Fixed Income Portfolio	3454555.44	-676818.16
Equity Portfolio	-1157353.25	176226.66
Equity Hedge	65139.87	-100315.64
Fixed Income Hedge	-215615.51	-2654.14
Portfolio Durations		
INVESTMENTS_FI	17.11	16.71
INVESTMENTS_EQ	0.00	0.00
OPTIONS	0.00	0.00
OPTIONS_IR	0.00	0.00
Portfolio Durations Final		
Fixed Income Portfolio	17.24	16.75
Equity Portfolio	0.00	0.00
Equity Hedge	0.00	0.00

Summary

- Business Language
  - Rapid development, separate the model and the engine
  - Documentable, auditable
- High-Performance simulation
  - Use real contract data
  - Get results in minutes
- Proxy modeling
  - Run thousands of valuations in seconds
  - On-Demand risk analysis for complex balance sheets
- Visualization
  - Interactive drill down into results
  - Create stress tests, change asset allocation

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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