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# Facilitating On-Demand Risk and Actuarial Analysis in MATLAB

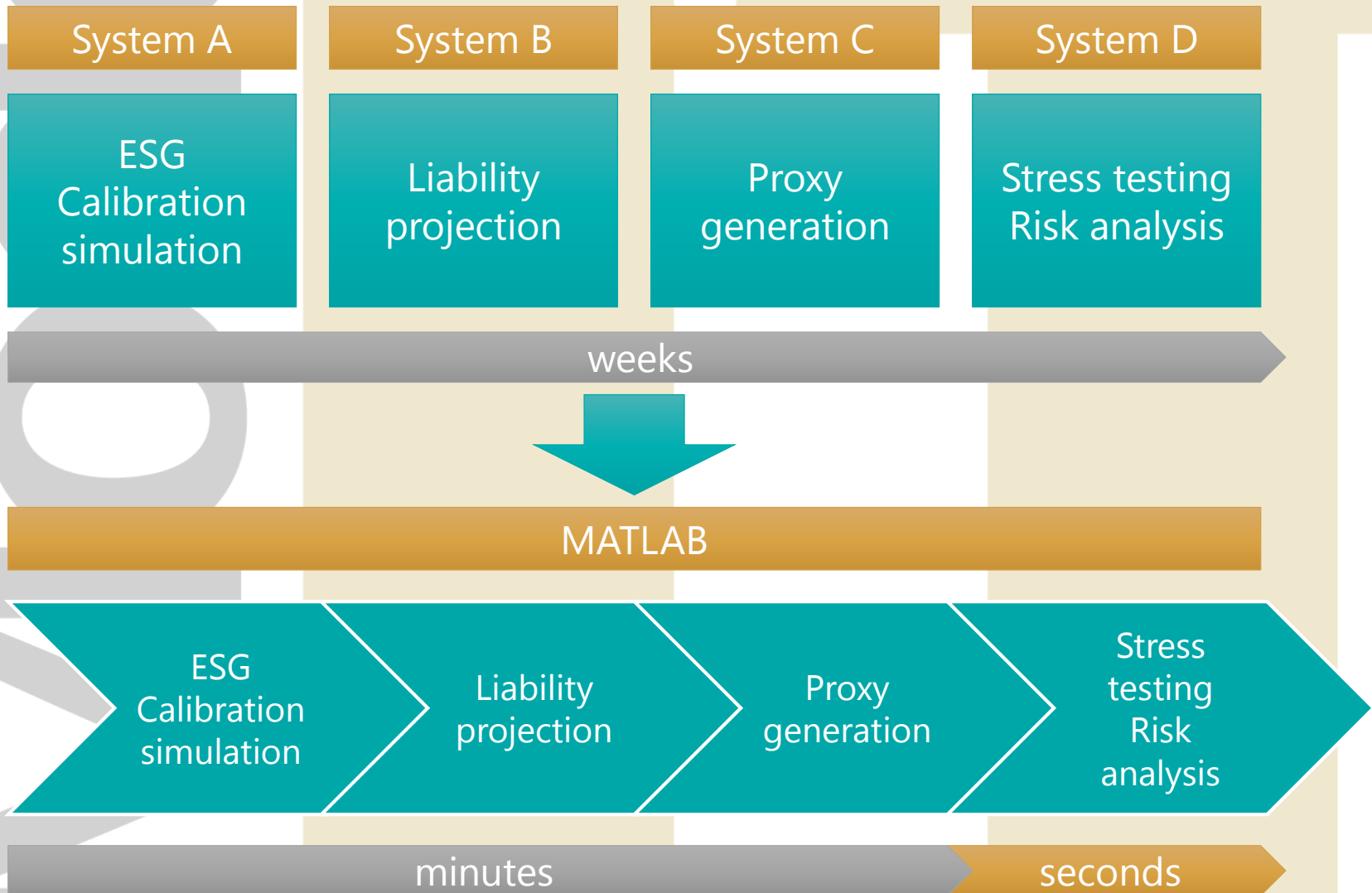
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# Introduction

- It is common that insurance companies can value 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

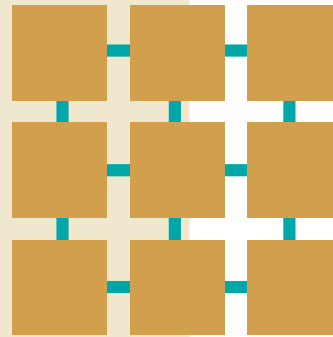
## Building blocks for on-demand analysis

Building models with  
Business Language

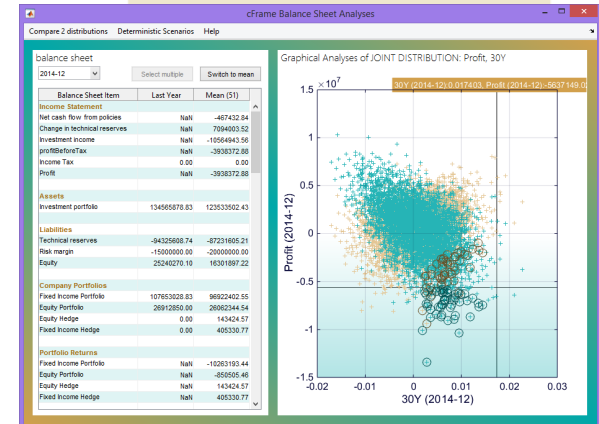
```
%% Define Variable Annuity product terms
myVAProduct_2007 = ...
cFrame.CashFlowEngine.ContractType(...
'Name', 'VA Terms 2B/2007');

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

High-Performance  
Simulation of the model



Interactive  
visualization



Case: Life Insurance

Policy-by-policy simulation

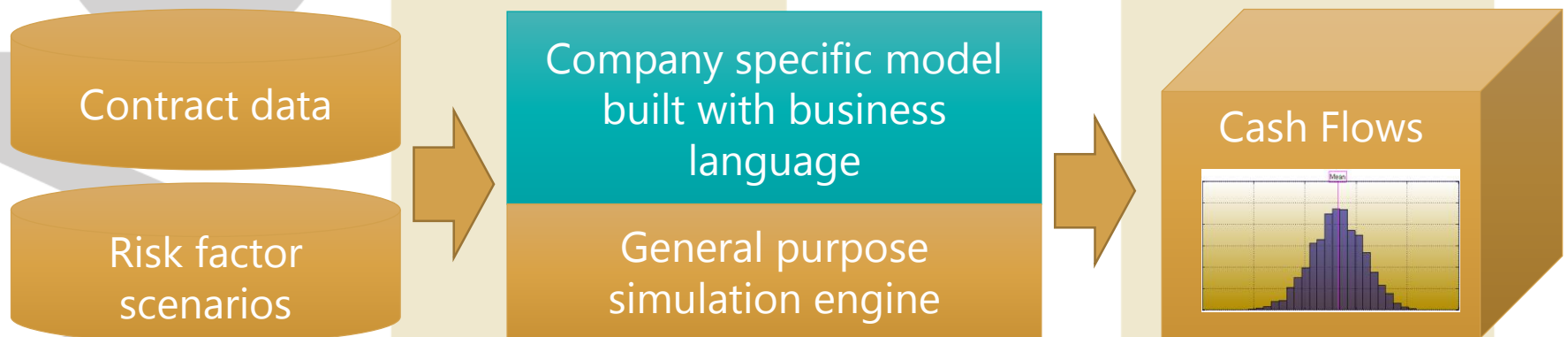
Proxy Modeling

# Model

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));
```

# Example: Defining the death event

**Event:**  
Death

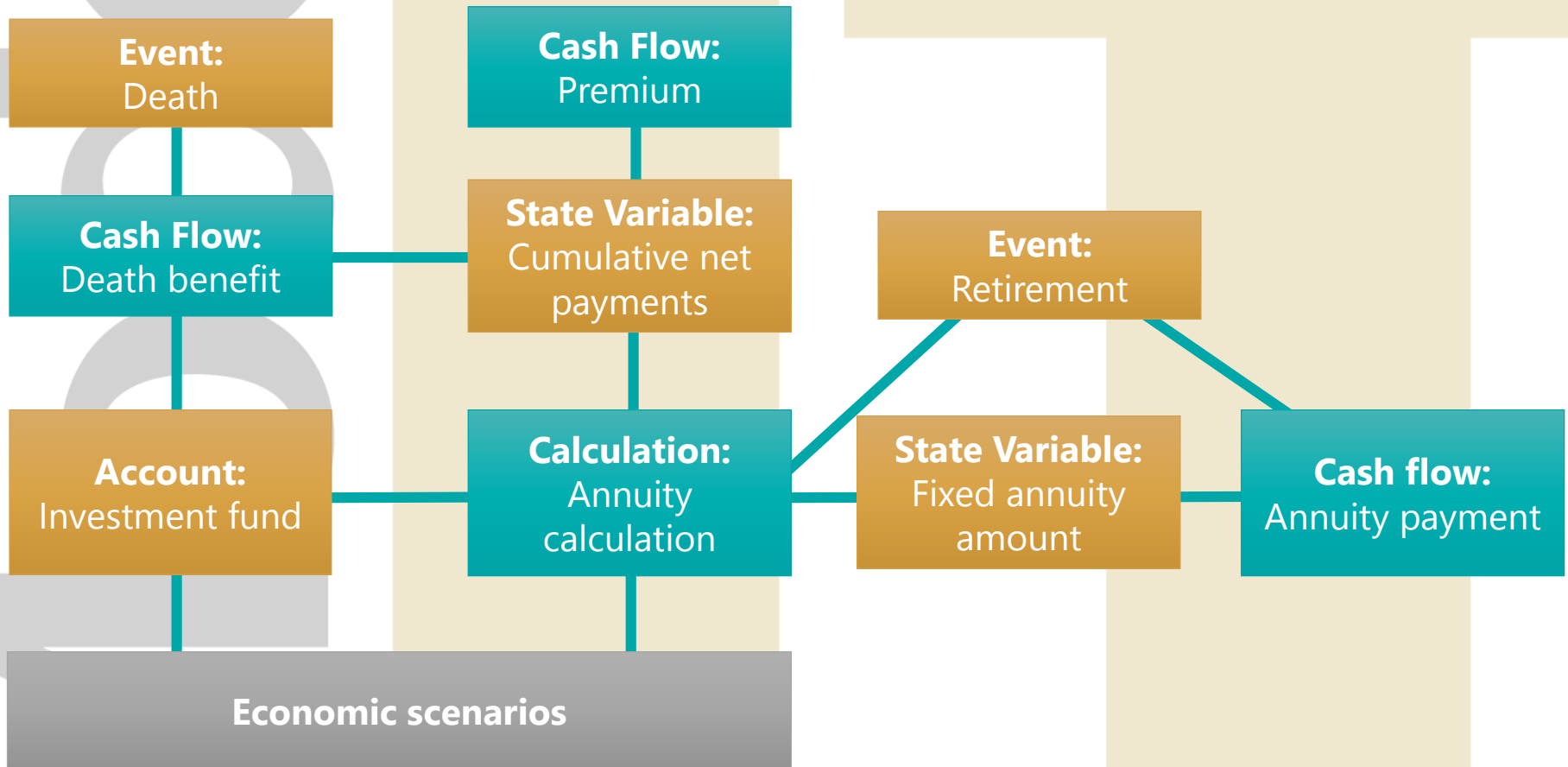
**Cash Flow:**  
Death benefit

```
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

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Help'. The address bar contains 'file:///E:/MATLAB/cFrame Testing/NY cFrame VA/html/VA\_FullSim.html'. The browser has a single tab titled 'Variable Annuity Definition'. On the left side, there is a 'Contents' sidebar with a tree view. The tree view is expanded to 'Product Terms', and 'Variable Annuity Definition' is selected and highlighted in blue. Other items in the tree include 'N/A (Supplemental Software)', 'Proxy Fitting', and 'Real World Model'. The main content area has a search bar at the top with the text 'Search Documentation'. Below the search bar, the page title 'Define death benefit payment' is displayed. Underneath, there is a section titled 'The cash flow' followed by a bulleted list of four items: 'is paid by company and received by the customer', 'is triggered by death event (defined earlier)', 'is paid only before retirement period', and 'amount is greater of cumulative net investments and current investment account value'. Below the list is a code block containing MATLAB code for 'myProduct.AddCashFlow(...)'. The code includes comments and function arguments: 'Id', 'Name', 'Payer', 'Receiver', 'TriggerEvent', and 'Amount'. The 'Amount' argument is a complex expression involving 'max' functions and 'eventdata' variables. At the bottom of the page, the text 'Surrender cash flow' is visible. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the file path.

Variable Annuity Definition

Search Documentation

## Define death benefit payment

### The cash flow

- is paid by company and received by the customer
- is triggered by death event (defined earlier)
- is paid only before retirement period
- amount is greater of cumulative net investments and current investment account value

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    ... Long name makes analyzing results easier
    'Name',        'Death Benefit payment', ...
    ... Company pays the claim, the amount is also reduced from savings
    'Payer',        'company', ...
    ... Customer receives the claim
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);
```

Surrender cash flow

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# Making contract-by-contract possible

Comparison using 10 000 scenarios, n computation nodes

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

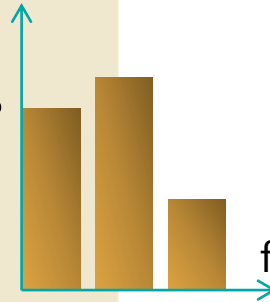
# Use Case: Fennia Life



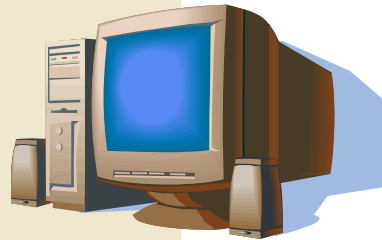
**60 000 policies**

With profit annuity  
30 cash flow and balance  
sheet items

**1 000  
scenarios**



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



**1 desktop  
computer**

12 cores  
24 GB RAM  
~ EUR 3 000



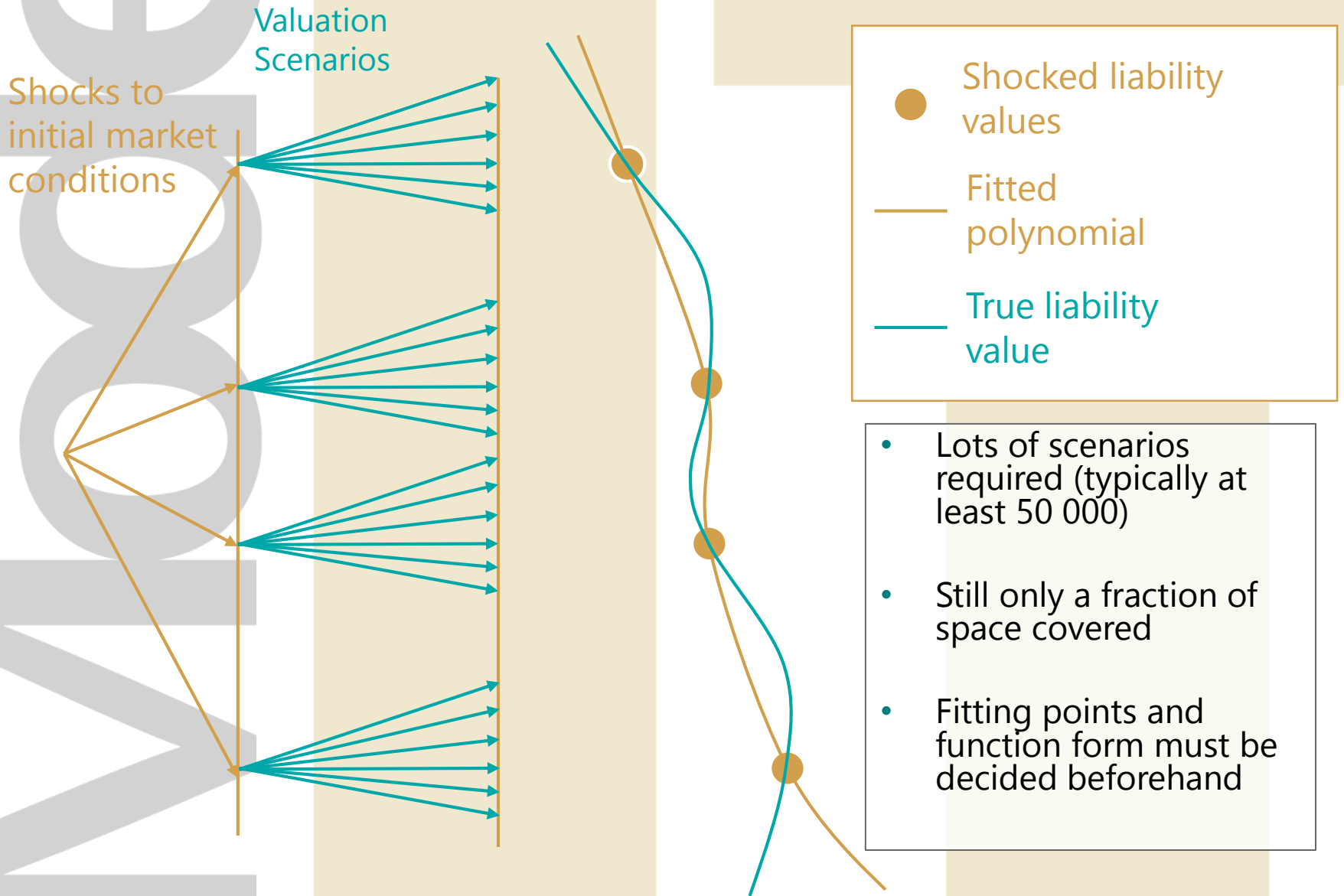
**30 minutes**

# Proxy modeling

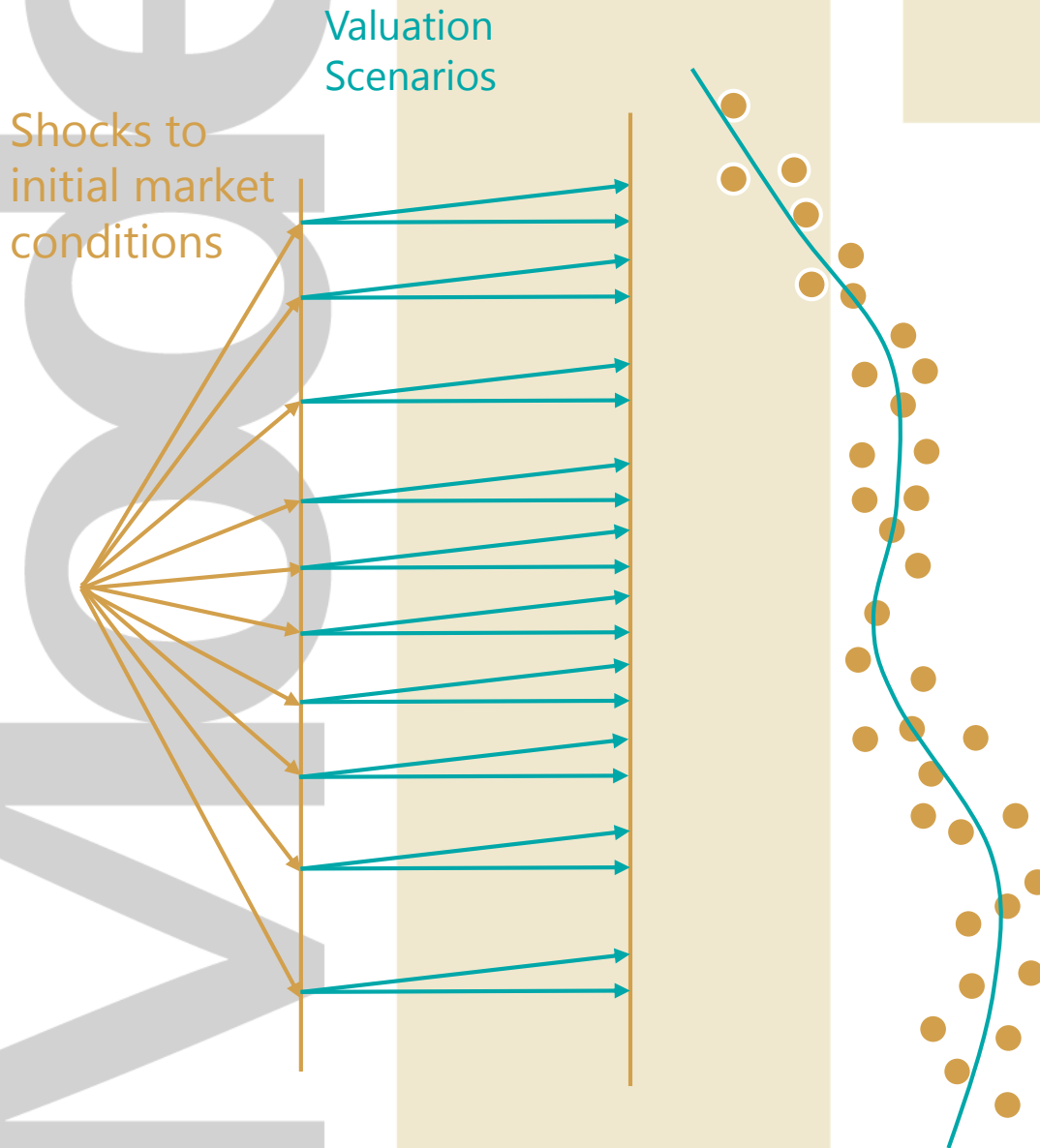
- Still calculating market (consistent) value for liabilities takes minutes or even hours
- For risk analysis, we need thousands of valuations in seconds → Proxy modeling



# Traditional way: Regression Analysis



# Least Squares Monte Carlo



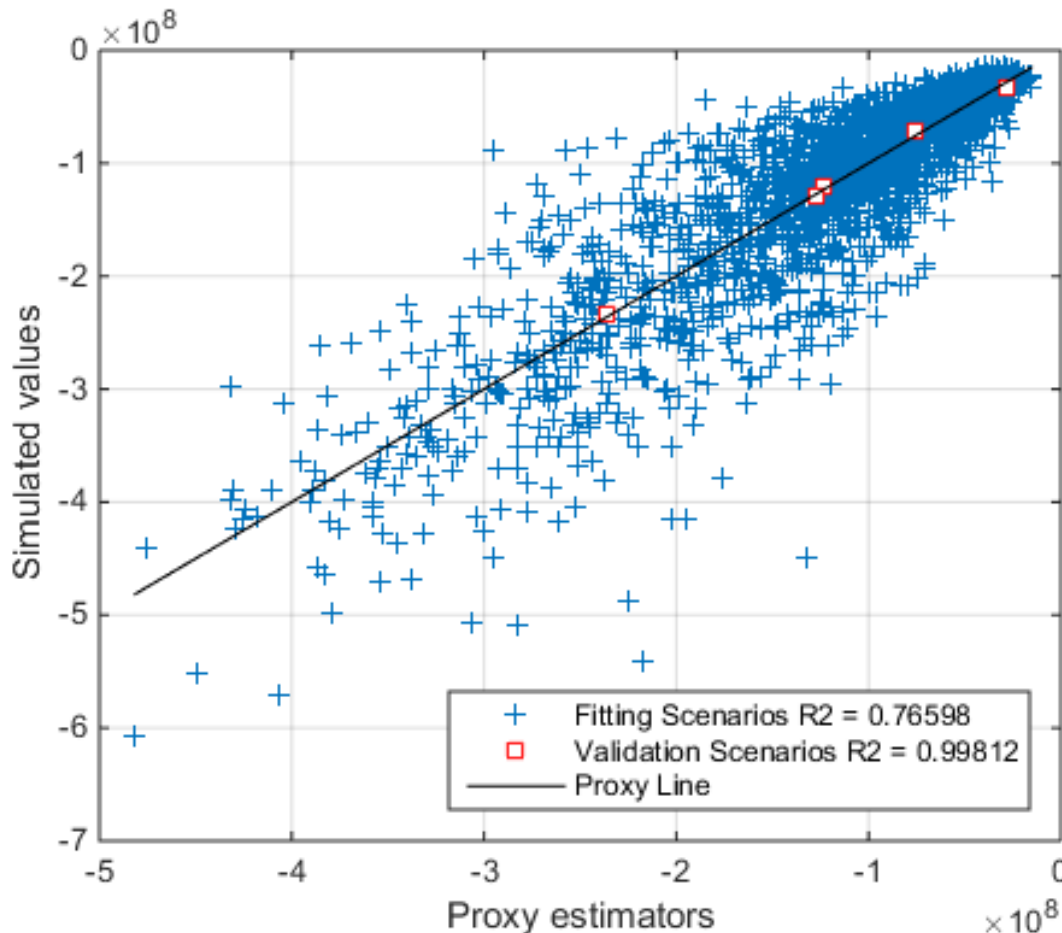
- Shocked liability values
- Fitted polynomial

- 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

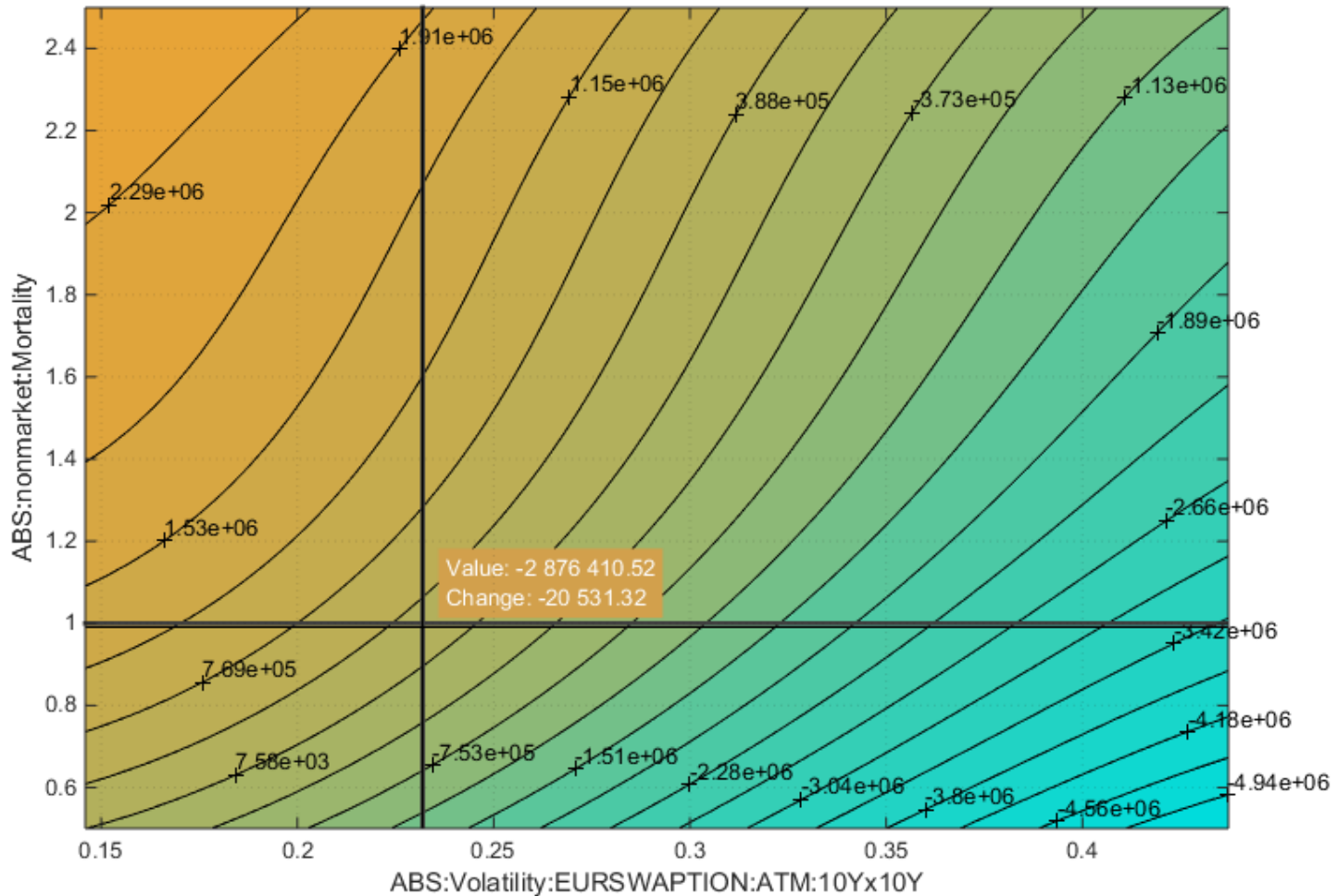
- Proxy model can be always validated by running full valuations at selected validation points and comparing results to proxy value



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

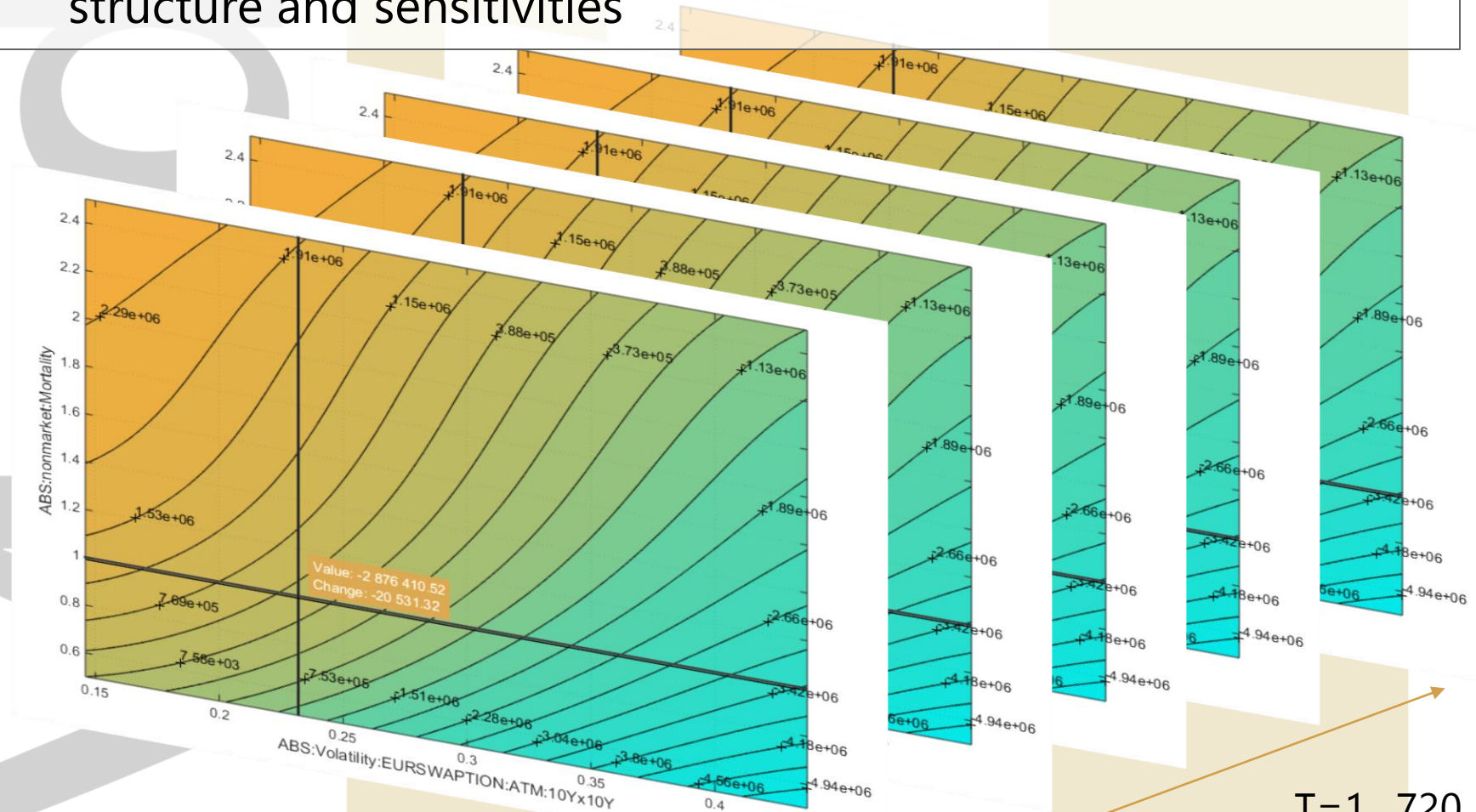
# Result

- 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



T=1...720

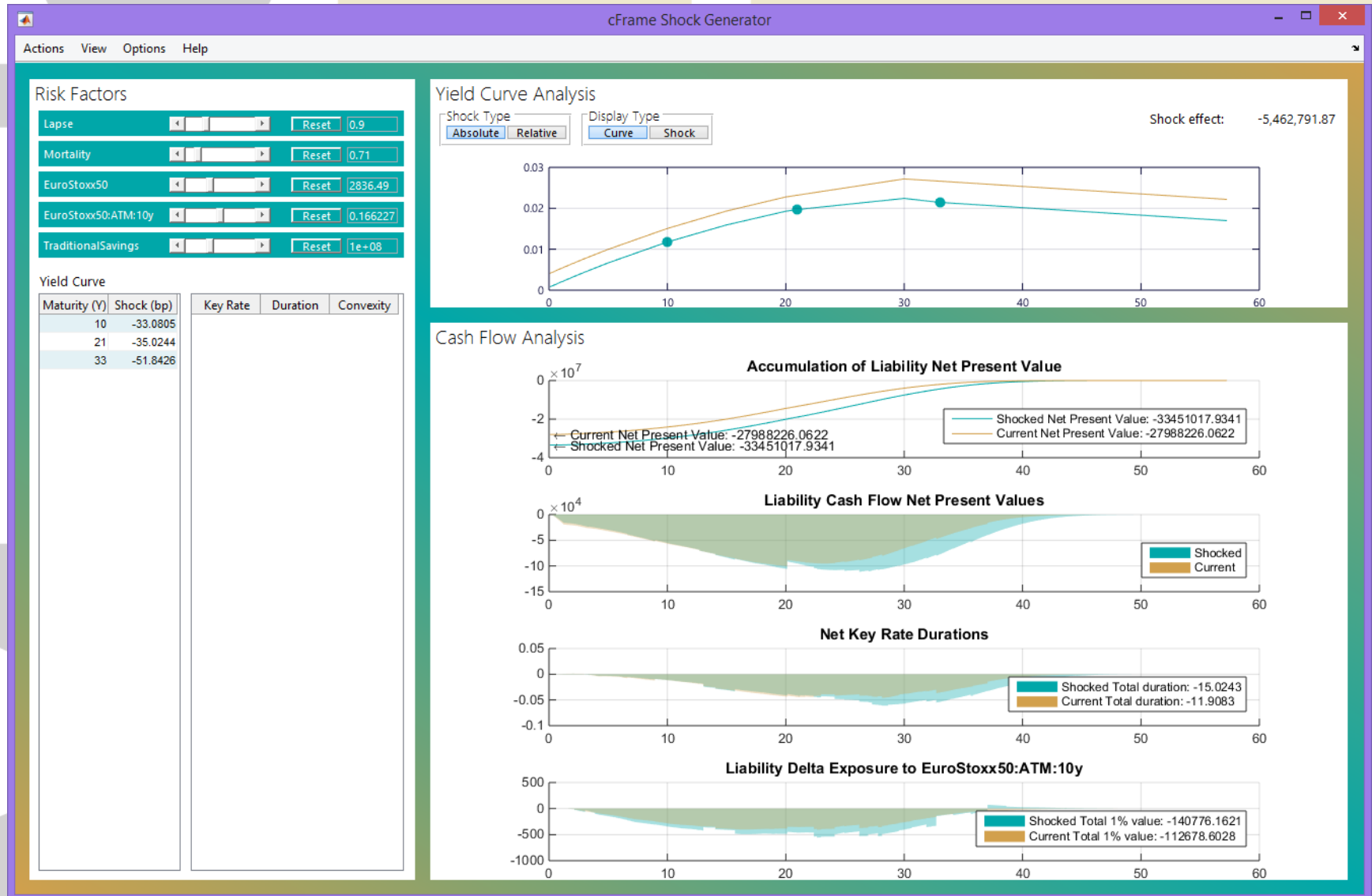
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Shock Generation

DEMO

# 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



Asset portfolio



Real World Scenarios



Liability sensitivity analysis



Balance sheet sensitivity analysis



Full Balance sheet risk analysis and projections

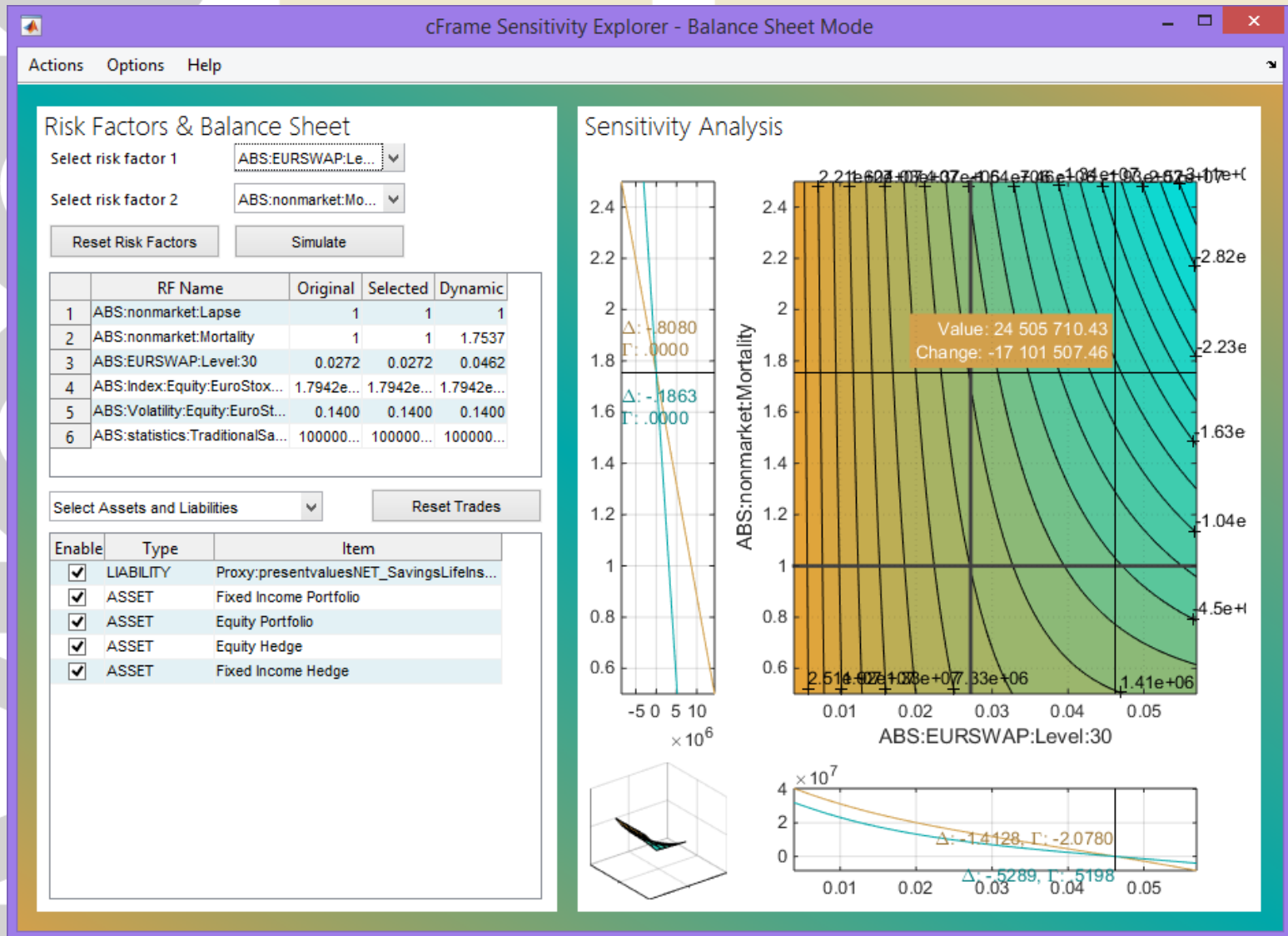
Model

Visualization

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# Example: Balance Sheet sensitivities

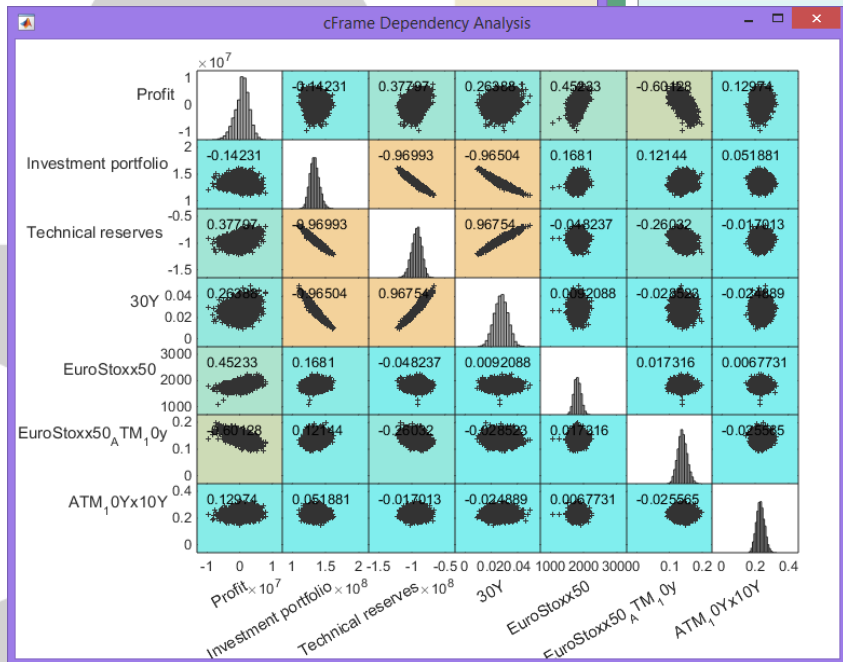
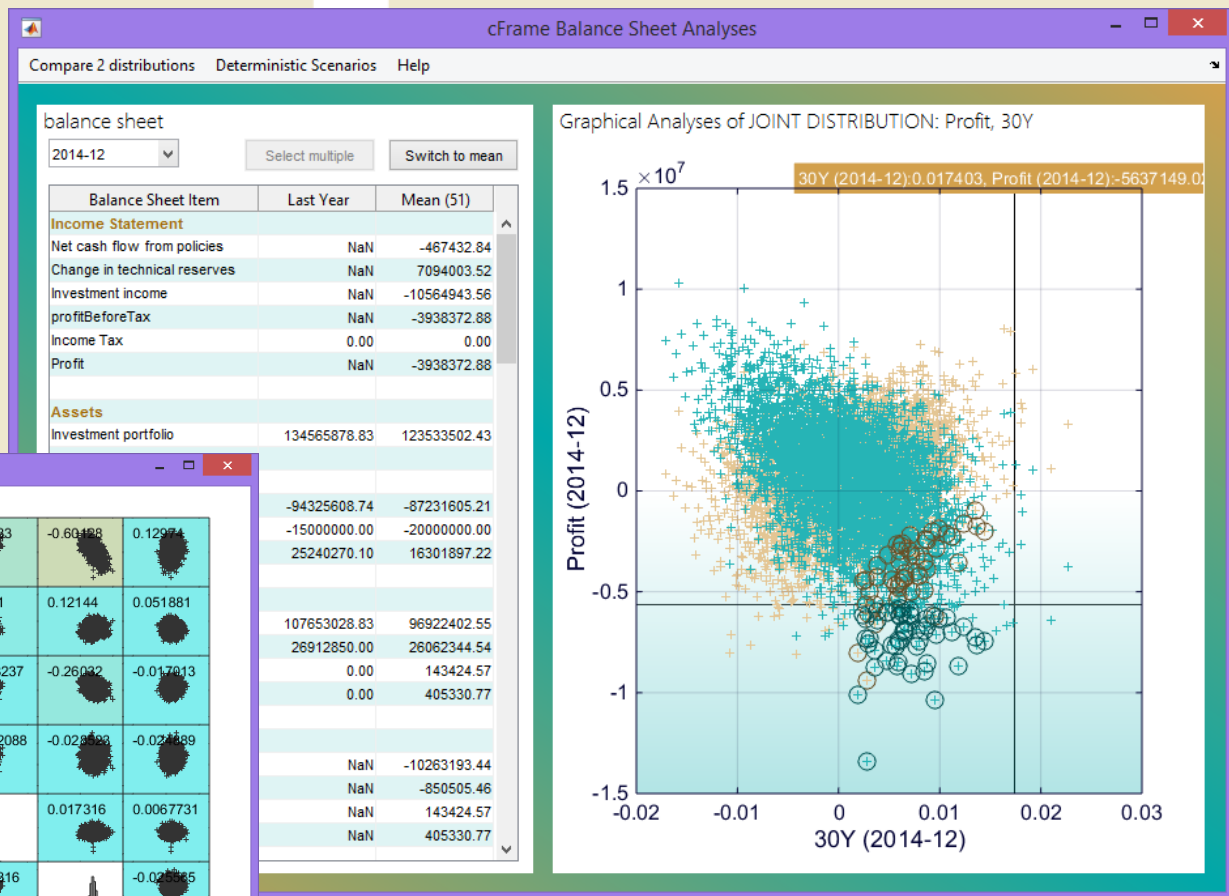
## Net exposure to joint shocks in mortality and interest rates





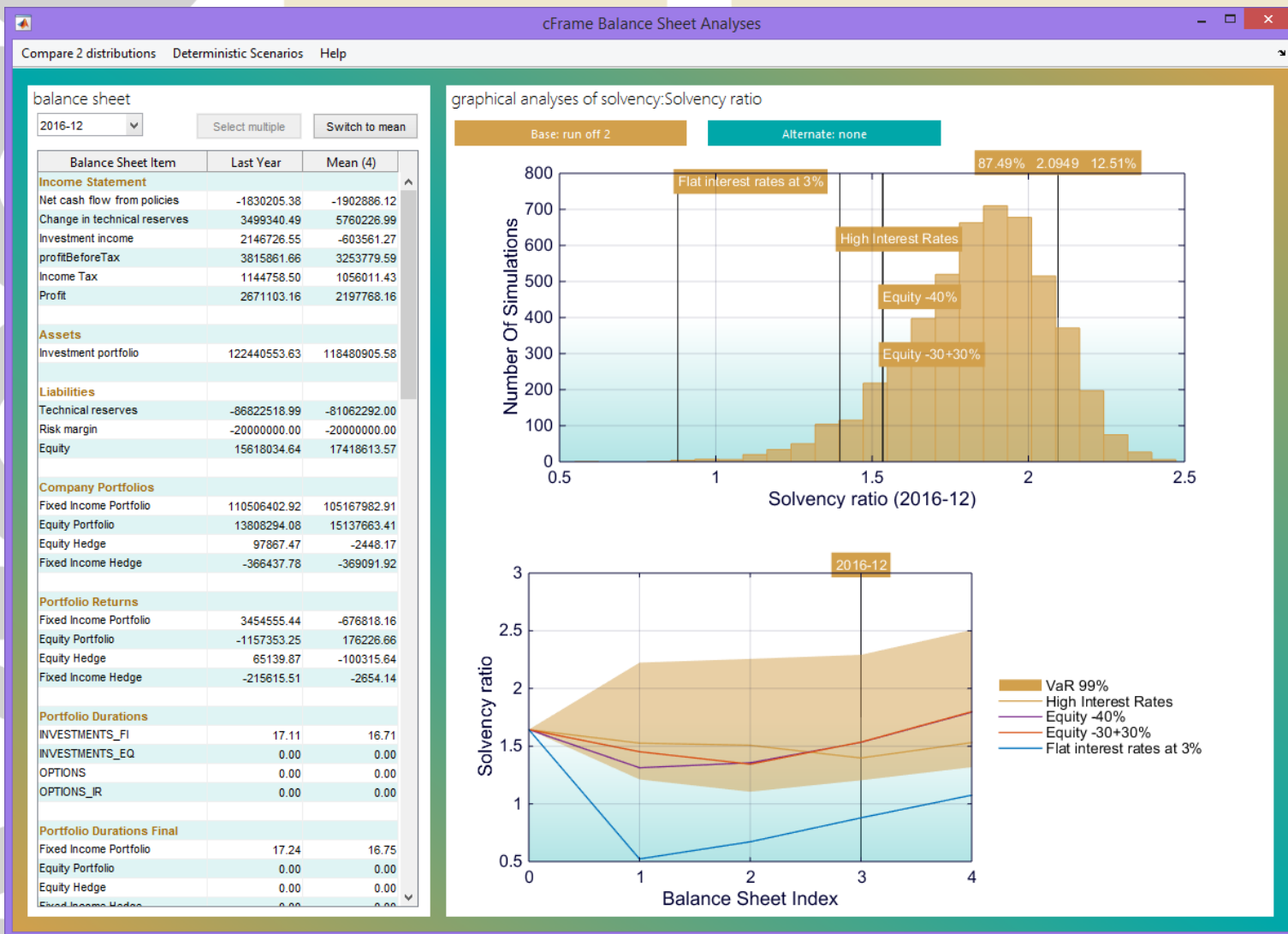
# Example: Balance Sheet Correlations

## 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



# 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

Model

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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