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## The Unhedgeables

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  - Inflation
  - Property
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## Unhedgeables in Solvency II

- The RM “is intended to capture ‘non-hedgeable risks’, such as longevity”,  
Sam Woods, November 2015
- DA, Article 138: RM includes
  - underwriting risks
  - credit risks
  - operational risks
  - where material, market risk, other than interest rate risk, assuming assets are selected to minimise market risk

$$RM = CoC \sum_i SCR_i \cdot df_i$$



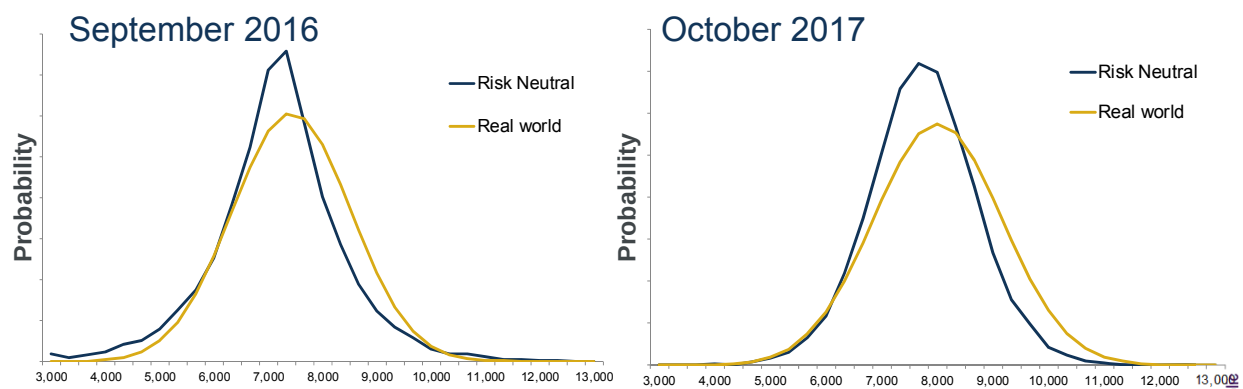
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## Equity | Risk Neutral vs Real World



Deep, liquid & transparent market. Fat tails

Real world may be more static, contain a risk premium



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## Case Studies

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### Market Risk | EIOPA Consultation

- Don't link CoC to IG credit spreads – should reflect equity & non-senior debt
- CoC should be **higher** than 6%
- No justification for:
  - Adding a rate component
  - Varying with rate level
  - Capping at 100% SCR
  - Scaling through time
- **Market risk should be included but...**

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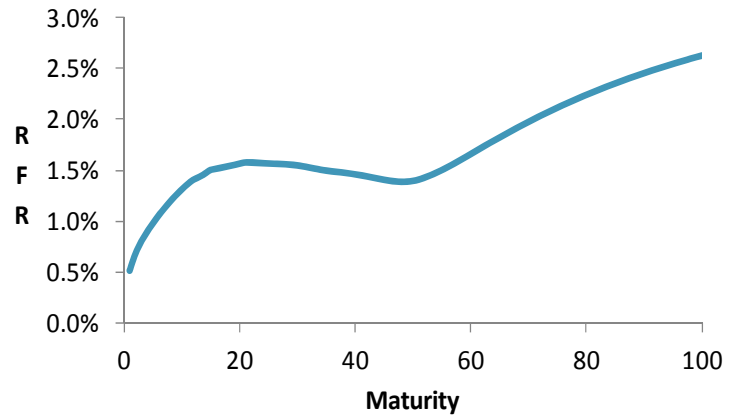
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## Rates | UFR

- Hedging beyond 50Y
- Delta of points > 50Y
- Slope at 49Y/50Y
- Roll down

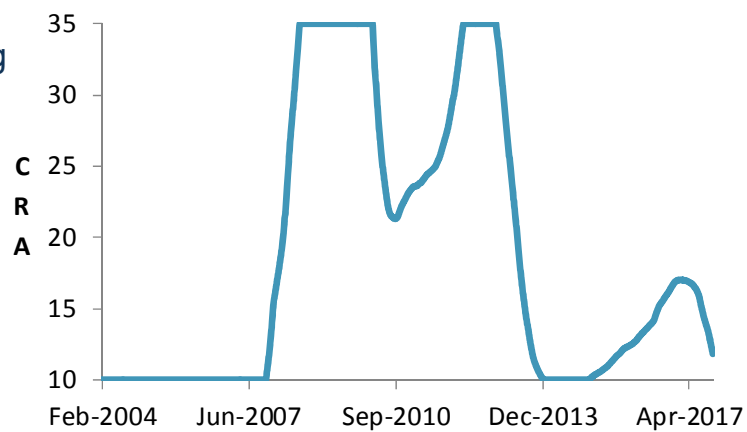


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## Rates | CRA

- 12M Averaging
- 6M Spread
- Capped
- Floored

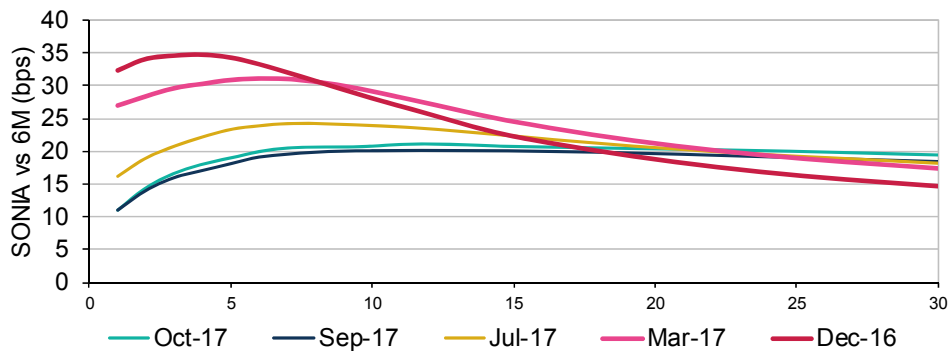


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## Rates | Sonia Benchmark Risk-Free Rate

- Reformed SONIA preferred RFR
- Official sponsorship of LIBOR ends in 2021



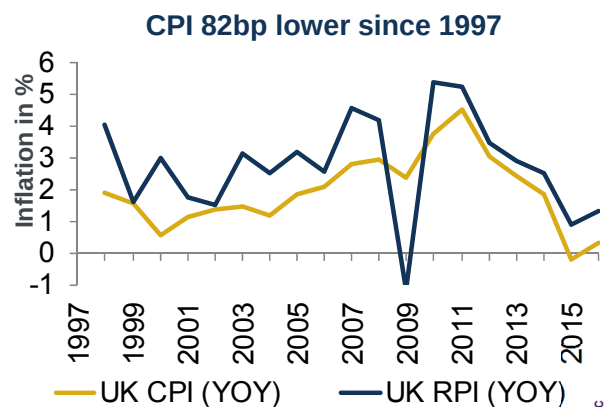
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## Inflation | CPI

- Common in deferred annuities
- High / Low inflation:
  - wide / narrow RPI/CPI wedge
  - Vol used in LPI not the same for CPI as RPI
- Increase in available CPI assets
  - Regulatory change to utilities => increased supply
- Increased demand?



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## Inflation | LPI Case Study

- Phoenix acquired first LPI linked liabilities
  - via buy-in of pension scheme
- Liability LPI linkage defined:

$$\prod_{i=0}^t \left[ 1 + \max \left( \min \left\{ \frac{I(t)}{I(t-1)} - 1, cap\% \right\}, floor\% \right) \right]$$

- Such structures are path dependent
- Valuation would require modelling of the entire inflation term structures



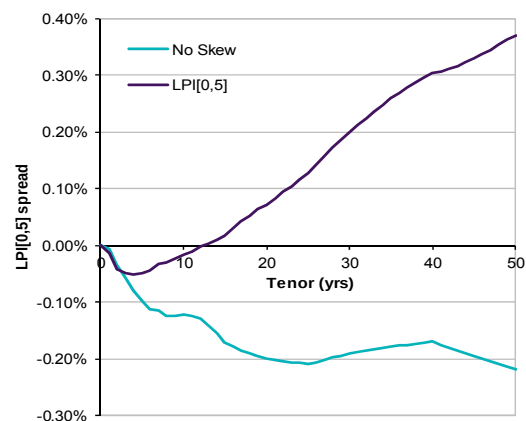
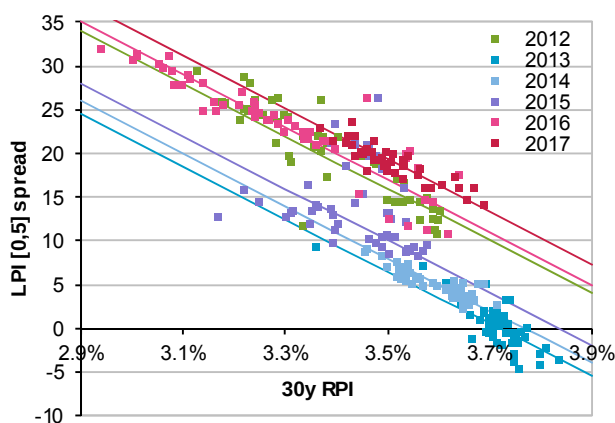
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## Inflation | LPI Case Study



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## Inflation | LPI Case Study

### Hull White (2 factor) within Jarrow Yildirim

- One potentially suitable no arbitrage model Phoenix initially considered
- **PROs:** Time dependent parameters allow fitting to co-related nominal and inflation term structures and capture LPI path dependency
- **CONS:** 5 parameters to calibrate, only one of which directly related to inflation. No analytic pricing

### SABR

- Popular model amongst LPI market participants
- **PROs:** Tractable stochastic volatility model capable of fitting smile well
- **CONS:** Not a term structure model so incapable of handling path dependency
- Calibration to empirical “pseudo-market”



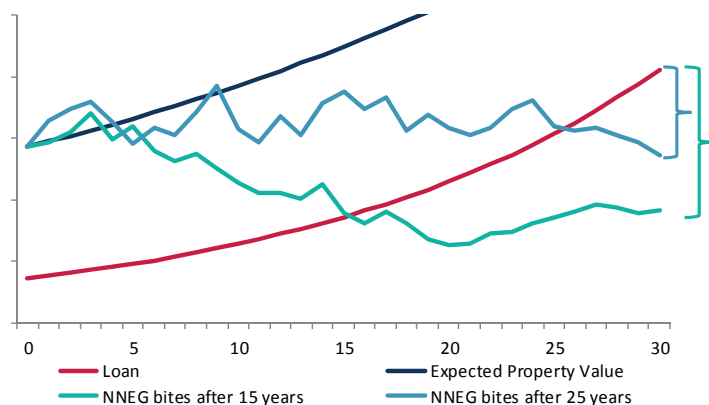
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## Property | ERM NNEG



### NNEG

- No Negative Equity Guarantee
- Hedge with Property Derivatives?



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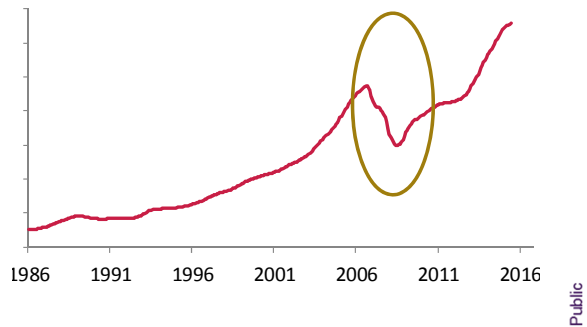
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## Property | NNEG Case Study

- House price curve projected by blending
  - Short: market forecasts (e.g. OBR)
  - Medium: national average earnings
  - Long: RPI linkage
- Black Scholes NNEG valuation
- Empirical model input volatility
- Internal model consistent stresses and simulation for capital



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## Longevity | Is it hedgeable?

- SII perspective  strictly no
- Commercial reality  potentially
  - Active and Competitive market
    - Phoenix has £13bn gross longevity exposure, of which we hedge ~55%
  - Relatively short transaction lead time



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## Longevity | Is it hedgeable?

- Clear market segmentation: immediates vs deferreds
- Bespoke contracts
- Lack of secondary market
- Counterparty risk
  - Depends on collateral quality / frequency of posting
  - Secondary liquidity drag and risk of large moves

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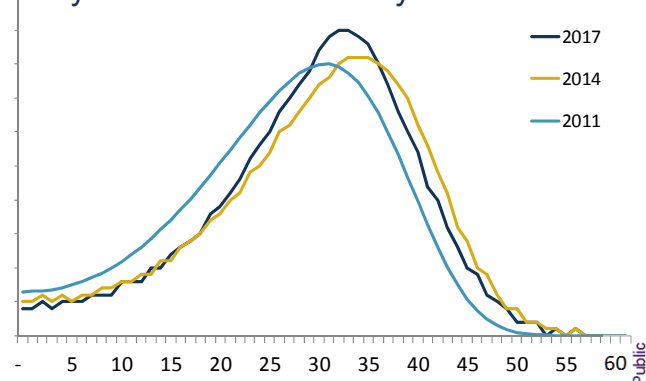
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## Longevity | Potential Future developments

- Pass-through arrangements and/or captives?
- Comeback for index-based solutions?

60-year old male mortality distribution



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## Non-Market Risk | EIOPA Consultation

- Allowing for hedgeability of longevity risk
  - “It is not clear why the reference undertaking should apply more (or less) risk-mitigation than the original undertaking.”
- Alternatives to EIOPA / SII:
  - Current IFRS – addition of prudence, not RM
  - IFRS 17 – what should RM look like?



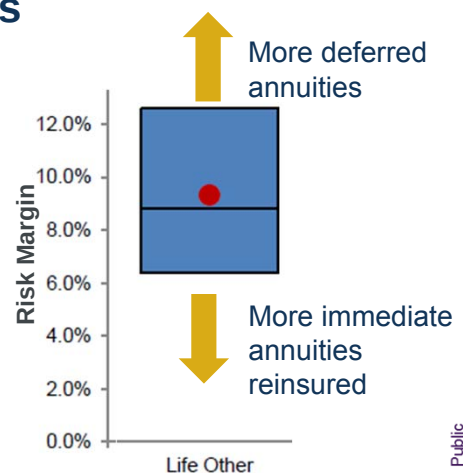
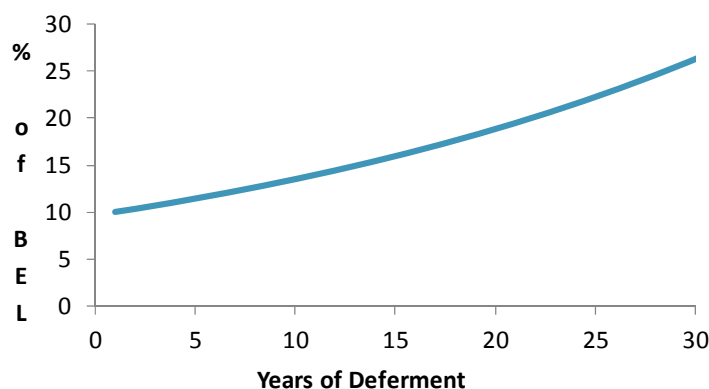
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## Longevity | Deferreds vs immediates



<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prd/Documents/publications/reports/idr181017.pdf>



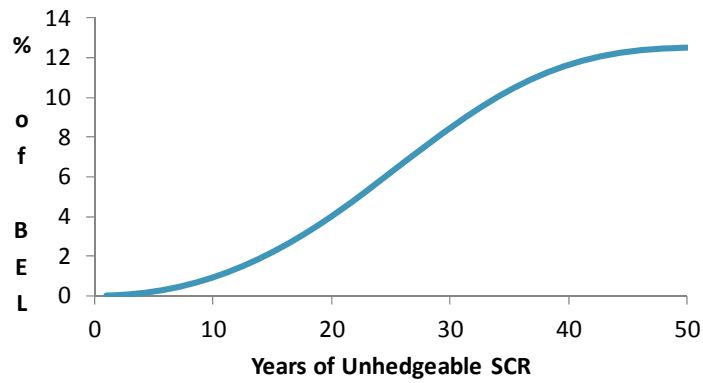
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## Longevity | How long to hedge / reinsure?



$$RM = 6\% \sum_i SCR_i \cdot df_i$$

$$SCR_i \approx \sum_{j>i} K_j \cdot \frac{df_j}{df_i}$$

$$RM \approx 6\% \sum_i \sum_{j>i} K_j \cdot df_{ji}$$

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## Conclusions



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## Summary

|           | Solvency II | Economically | Future? |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| UFR       |             |              |         |
| CRA       |             |              |         |
| CPI       |             |              |         |
| LPI       |             |              |         |
| Property  |             |              |         |
| Longevity |             |              |         |

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## Questions

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