

## Olivier-Smith Model

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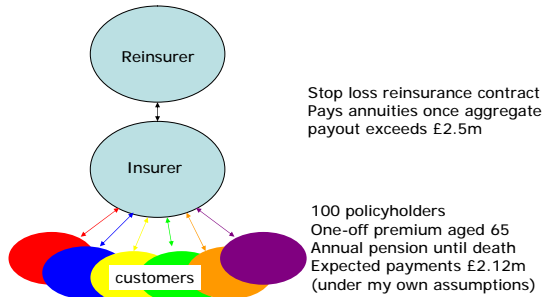
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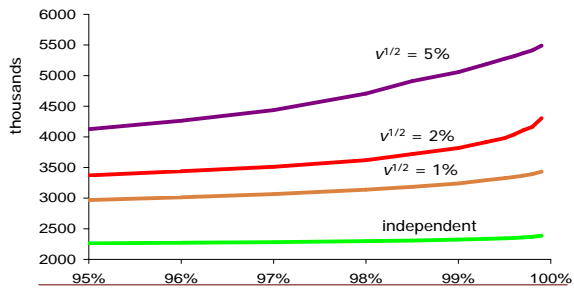
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## Example Olivier-Smith Model Output




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## Olivier-Smith Model

- Start with initial mortality curve, including best estimate of future improvements
- Revise each survival probability,  $p$ , as time passes according to the following formula:
  - $p_{new} = p_{old} \wedge \text{deterioration factor}$
  - $p_{new}$  is the probability measured at the current valuation date,  $p_{old}$  is the survival probability measured at the previous valuation date
- Deterioration factor is stochastic, following a Gamma distribution with mean 1, variance  $v$
- Applied inductively for multiple time horizons
- This model produces bias, which we will later correct

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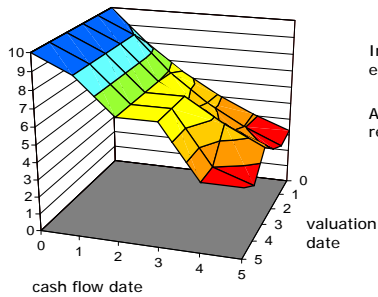
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## Olivier-Smith Model: Sample Output



Initial valuation based on expected table

Assumptions gradually replaced by reality

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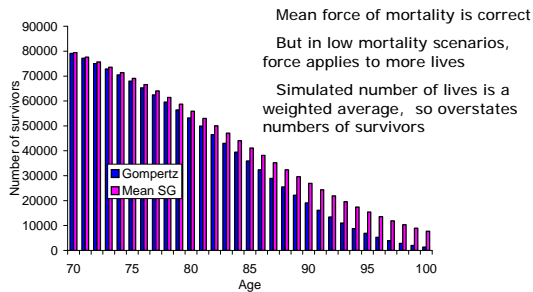
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## Stochastic Bias



Mean force of mortality is correct

But in low mortality scenarios, force applies to more lives

Simulated number of lives is a weighted average, so overstates numbers of survivors

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## Olivier-Smith Model

### Mathematical Specification

- Notation:
  - Take a homogeneous cohort
  - $L(t)$  = number of survivors at time  $t$
  - $L(s,t) = \mathbf{E}_s\{L(t)\}$
  - Conditional on information at time  $s$

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## Olivier-Smith Model

$$L(s, s) \sim \text{Bin}\left[L(s-1, s-1), \frac{L(s-1, s)}{L(s-1, s-1)}\right] \quad \text{binomial model}$$

$$\frac{L(s, t)}{L(s, t-1)} = \left(\frac{L(s-1, t)}{L(s-1, t-1)}\right)^{\beta(s,t)G(s)} \quad \text{gamma deterioration factor}$$

$$G(s) \sim \Gamma(v^{-1}, v^{-1}) \quad \text{gamma mean 1, variance } v$$

$$\beta(s, t) = v^{-1} \ln\left(\frac{L(s-1, t-1)}{L(s-1, t)}\right)^{-1} \left\{ \left(\frac{L(s-1, s)}{L(s-1, t)}\right)^v - \left(\frac{L(s-1, s)}{L(s-1, t-1)}\right)^v \right\}$$

Bias correction so that  $L(s,t)$  is a martingale in  $s$

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## Olivier-Smith Model

### Multiple cohorts

- Split population by age, sex, smoking status and all other required underwriting factors.
- Project separately for each cohort, using initial best estimate for each cohort separately.
- BUT use the same deterioration factor in a given calendar year for all cohorts
- Mortality improves or deteriorates for everyone at once.
- Multi-factor extensions using principal components analysis

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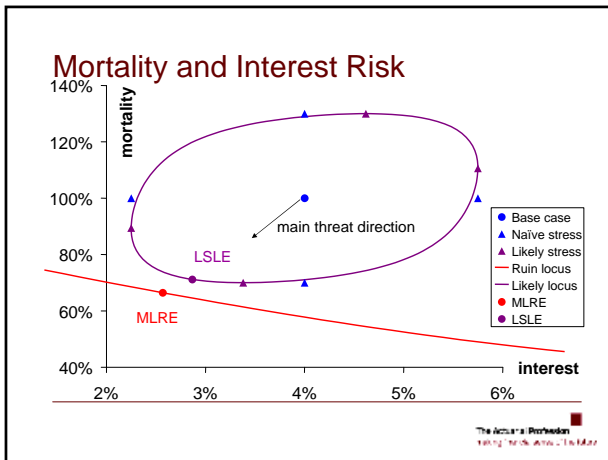
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### Conclusion

Problem	Olivier-Smith Model
I can't use my mean mortality assumptions.	✓ Initial mortality curves are used as input.
I need to project future balance sheets.	✓ Models the experience cash flows as well as estimates of future mortality rates.
I don't get the same mean number of survivors.	✓ Bias correction factor introduced to ensure cash flows are unbiased.

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### Conclusion

Problem	Olivier-Smith Model
I need to model multiple cohorts.	✓ Different assumptions can easily be used for different cohorts, by using different initial mortality tables for different cohorts as required.
I need to look at all my risks together.	✓ Perform smarter stress tests to determine which combinations of interest rates and longevity (and other risks) have the most significant impact.

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