

# Pricing Adverse Development Cover with option pricing methods

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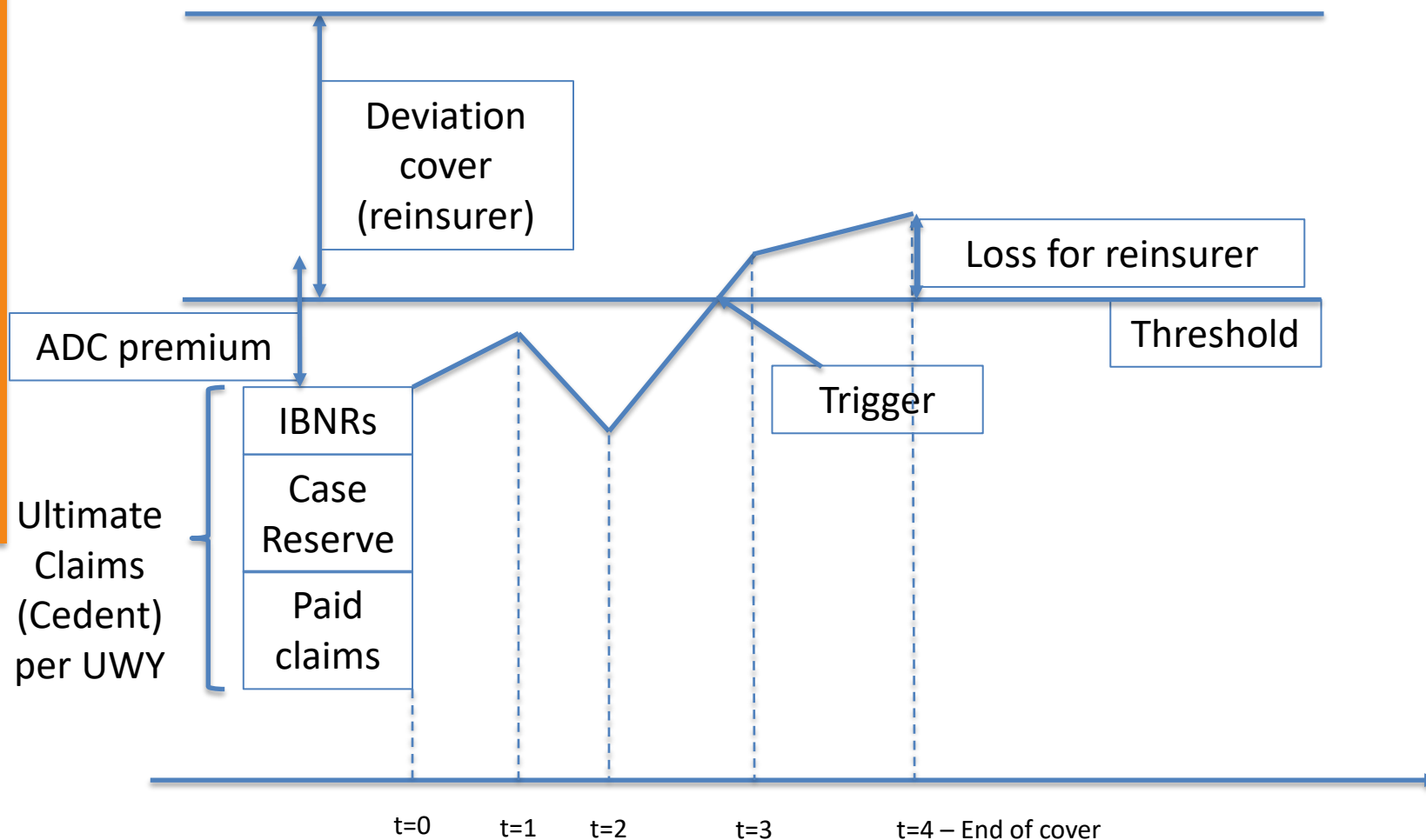
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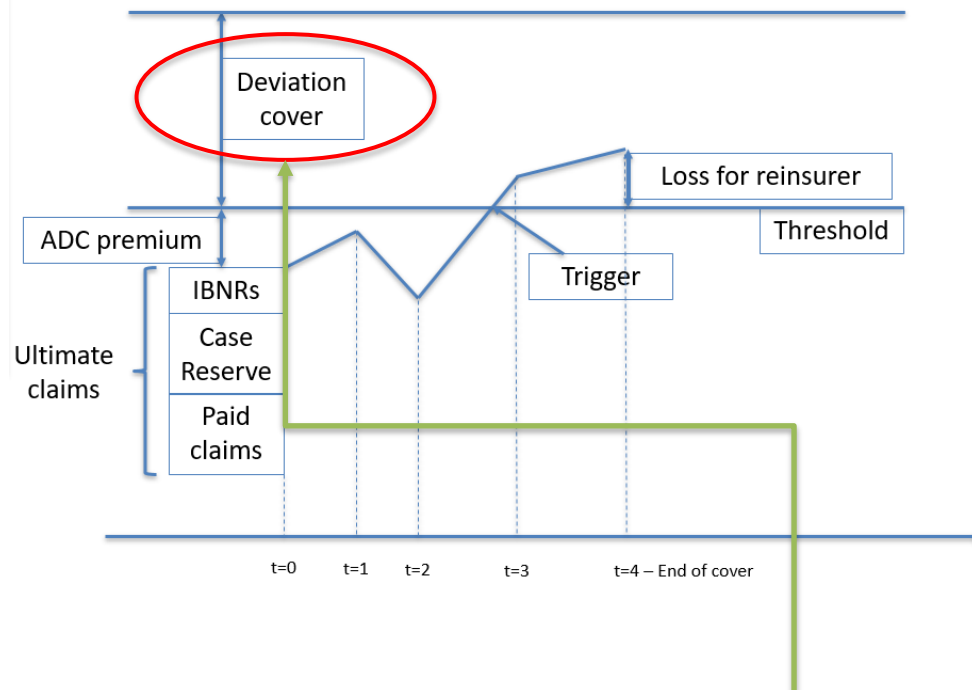
- Introduction to Adverse Development Covers (“ADC”)
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# Introduction to Adverse Development Cover

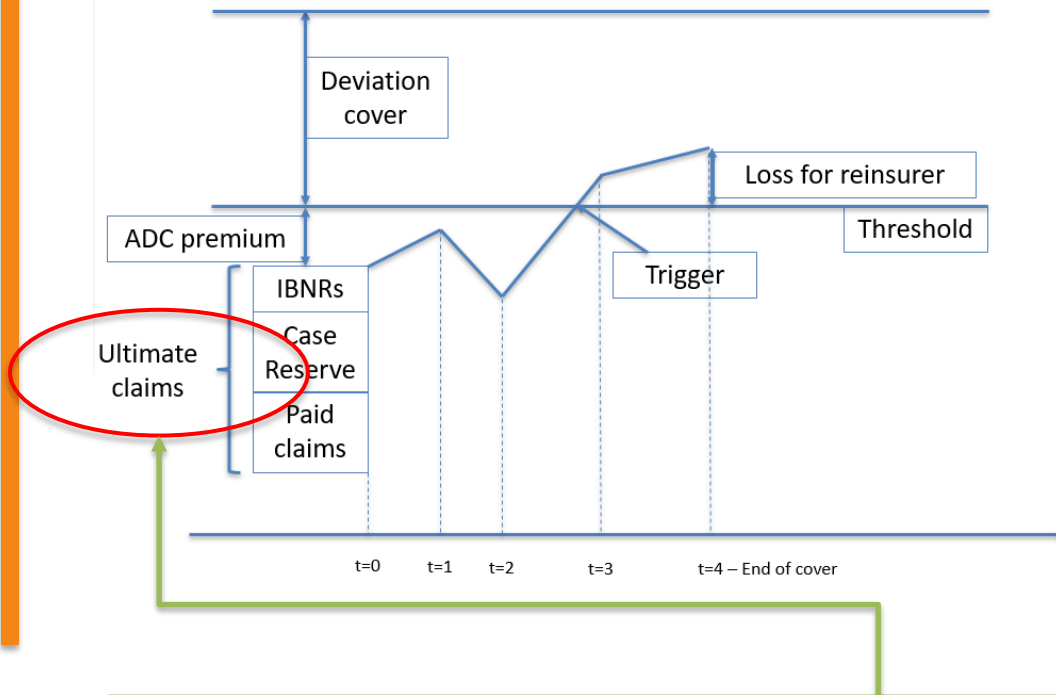


# Introduction to Adverse Development Cover



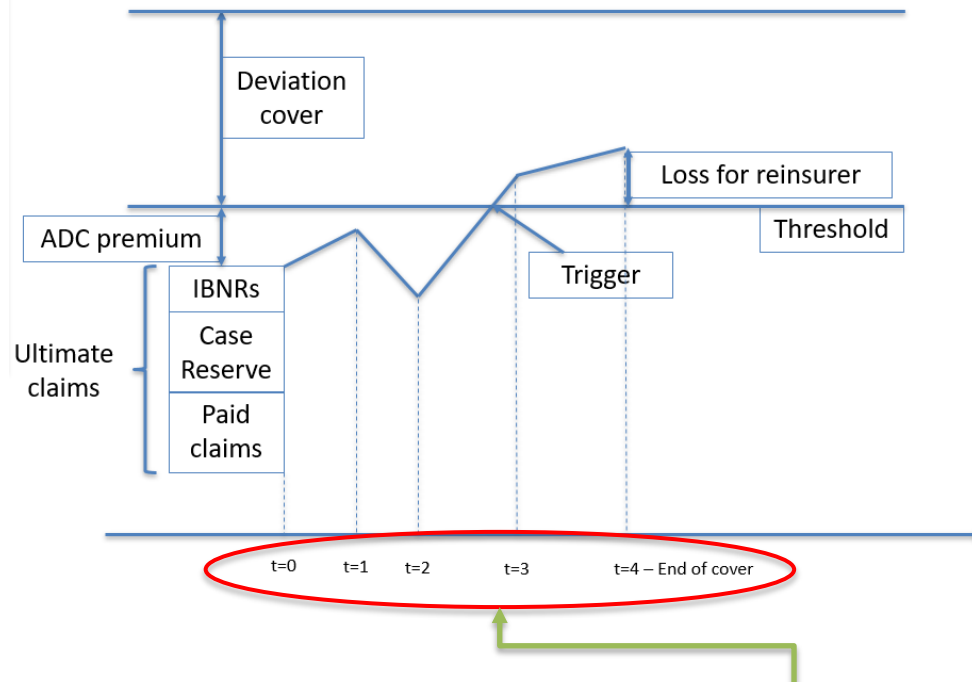
- Deviation cover usually limited
- For this presentation, to ease calculations, it will be considered unlimited

# Introduction to Adverse Development Cover



- Ultimate claims refer to a few Underwriting Years
- Consider independence between the covered Underwriting Years
- Not all the reserve portfolio is covered by the ADC
- Reserves = Case reserve + IBNR

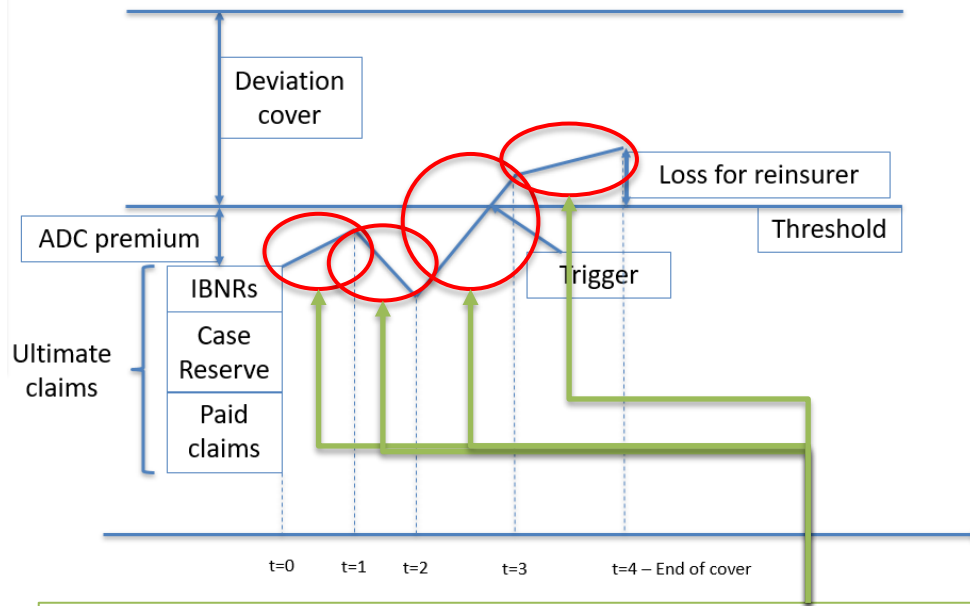
# Introduction to Adverse Development Cover



- Covered deviation of ultimate claims limited in time
- Usually:
  - First 2 or 3 years, no commutation possible by the cedent
  - After 2/3 years, each year, commutation possible
  - Cover ends after a few years

To ease calculation, we consider a possible commutation each year.

# Introduction to Adverse Development Cover



- European option
  - Term = 1 year (commutation each year)
  - Trigger = Threshold
  - Underlying asset = Ultimate claims
- Questions
  - Which option model to use ?
  - What calibration ?

# P&C triangles and the Mack model

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TRIANGLE of ULTIMATES !



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# Mack model vs Constant Elasticity of Variance model

$$C_{i,k+1} = f_k C_{i,k}$$


Translation in continuous time

$$\Delta C_{i,k} = C_{i,k+1} - C_{i,k} = f_k C_{i,k} - C_{i,k} = (f_k - 1) C_{i,k}$$

$$dC_{i,k} = \log(f_k) C_{i,k}$$

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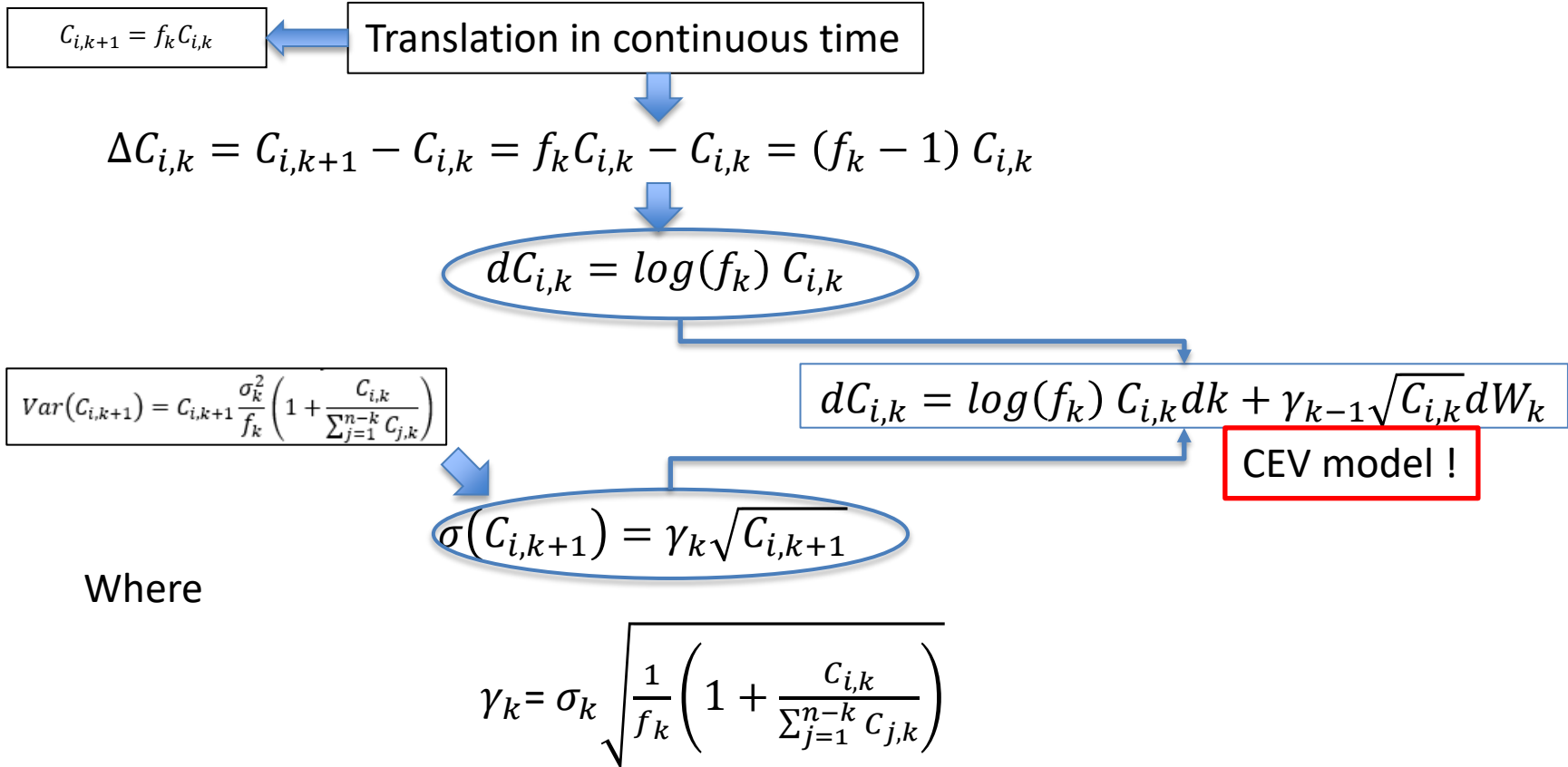
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$$\sigma(C_{i,k+1}) = \gamma_k \sqrt{C_{i,k+1}}$$

Where

$$\gamma_k = \sigma_k \sqrt{\frac{1}{f_k} \left( 1 + \frac{C_{i,k}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n-k} C_{j,k}} \right)}$$

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Mack Volatility

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# Mack model vs Constant Elasticity of Variance model

- Implementation in R - Packages “Sim.Diffproc” and “ChainLadder”

```
mack<-MackChainLadder(tri, est.sigma="Mack")
```

```
MackSigma<-mack$sigma^2
```

Mack Sigma from ChainLadder package

```
for(k in 1:m1) {
```

```
  S<-S0[k]
```

Latest diagonal of the triangle

```
  for(i in k:m1){
```

```
    fi<-r[i]
```

Chain-Ladder coefficient from ChainLadder package

```
    f <- expression( log(fi)*x )
```

```
    s <- MackSigma[i] *(1+S/SumCol[i])
```

```
    g <- expression( sqrt(s*x/fi) )
```

Expression for  $\gamma_k$

```
mod <- snsde1d(N=simul,drift=f,diffusion=g,x0=S,M=simul,T=1)
```

Stochastic Differential Equation

# Mack model

vs

# Constant Elasticity of Variance model



- Tests

Triangle 1 - Expected Value (000's)	UWY	Mack projection									Mack vs CEV								
		Development year									Development year								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54'448									0.0%	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26'864	26'841							-0.1%	-0.1%	
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54'120	54'259	54'213							-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%
4	-	-	-	-	-	31'627	36'991	37'086	37'054						0.4%	0.5%	-0.3%	-0.4%	
5	-	-	-	-	39'486	40'224	47'046	47'167	47'127					0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	
6	-	-	-	35'872	37'387	38'086	44'546	44'660	44'622				1.0%	0.9%	0.6%	-0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	
7	-	-	33'330	35'093	36'575	37'259	43'579	43'691	43'653			0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	1.0%	1.0%	
8	-	32'532	34'189	35'998	37'518	38'220	44'702	44'817	44'779		0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%	-1.1%	-1.4%	-0.8%	-1.8%	-1.8%	
9	36'222	37'466	39'374	41'456	43'208	44'015	51'481	51'613	51'569	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	-1.7%	-1.7%	

Triangle 1 - Std Deviation (000's)	UWY	Mack projection									Mack vs CEV								
		Development year									Development year								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33									-1.1%	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	276	276							-0.8%	-0.9%	
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6'968	6'999	6'994							1.2%	1.1%	1.7%	
4	-	-	-	-	-	2'926	6'432	6'457	6'452						-1.9%	2.8%	2.4%	1.8%	
5	-	-	-	-	6'226	7'189	10'538	10'572	10'563					3.2%	2.4%	3.9%	0.6%	0.8%	
6	-	-	-	4'374	7'558	8'365	11'546	11'582	11'572				3.8%	2.5%	-2.3%	-1.5%	-2.3%	-2.3%	
7	-	-	2'829	5'247	8'081	8'843	11'979	12'016	12'006			-3.6%	-0.1%	1.4%	3.1%	3.2%	6.6%	6.6%	
8	-	5'298	6'264	7'919	10'227	10'923	14'176	14'218	14'205		-0.8%	-0.6%	3.2%	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%	3.7%	3.4%	
9	1'652	5'985	7'017	8'788	11'273	12'028	15'599	15'645	15'632	-1.1%	0.8%	2.4%	5.1%	4.8%	3.7%	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%	



# ADC as a call option

For one Underwriting Year:

$$dC_{i,k} = \log(f_k)C_{i,k} dk + \gamma_k C_{i,k}^\beta dW_k \quad \text{where } \beta=0.5$$

Closed-form formula for a call option based on the following parameters:

- $C_{i,k}$  is the price of the asset at time k,
- K is the strike,
- $g_k$  is defined as:  $g_k = \frac{1}{2}(C_{i,k} + K)$
- $a_k$  is defined as:

$$a_k = \gamma_k \sqrt{\frac{\exp(2(1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^k \log(f_i)) - 1}{2(1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^k \log(f_i)}}$$

The Black and Scholes model can be used on replacing an implied volatility defined as:

$$\sigma_{Bk} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i}{g_k^{1-\beta}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{24}(1-\beta)(2+\beta) \left( \frac{C_{i,k} - K}{g_k} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{24} \frac{(1-\beta)^2 (\sum_{i=1}^k a_i)^2}{g_k^{2(1-\beta)}} \right)$$

For the period k – k+1 (i.e. one year), the value VC of the Call option is then calculated using the standard Black and Scholes formula:

$$VC_k = C_{i,k} N(d_1) - K e^{-\log(f_k)} N(d_2)$$

- where:

$$d_{1/2} = \frac{\log\left(\frac{C_{i,k}}{K}\right) + /- \left(\log(f_k) + \frac{\sigma_{Bk}^2}{2}\right)}{\sigma_{Bk}}$$

# ADC as a call option

For one development period  $i$ , over the period of the Adverse Development Cover (e.g.  $n$  years), the value of the contract will be estimated as:

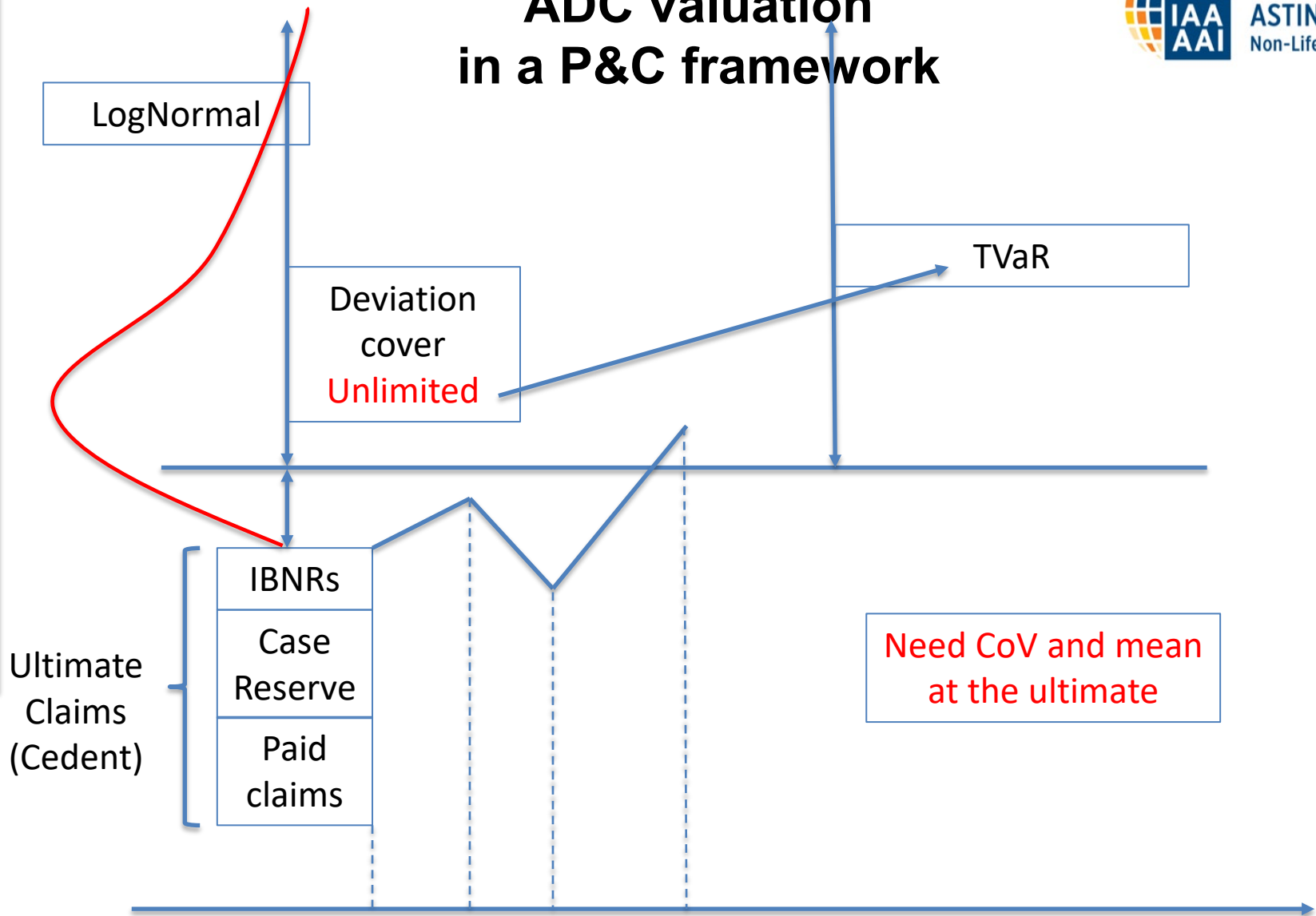
- $$\text{Contract value} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{VC_j}{(1+ZC_j)^j}$$

where  $ZC_j$  corresponds to the Zero-Coupon interest rate at time  $j$ .

Adverse Development Cover – Simplifications:

- Cedent can commute the contract at the end of each development period.
- Usually, an Adverse Development Cover will first have
  - a period of 2 to 3 years where the cedent can not commute
  - followed by a period of a few years where the cedent can commute at each anniversary date or whenever it wants.
- Zero-Coupon interest rate is nil at any time.

# ADC valuation in a P&C framework



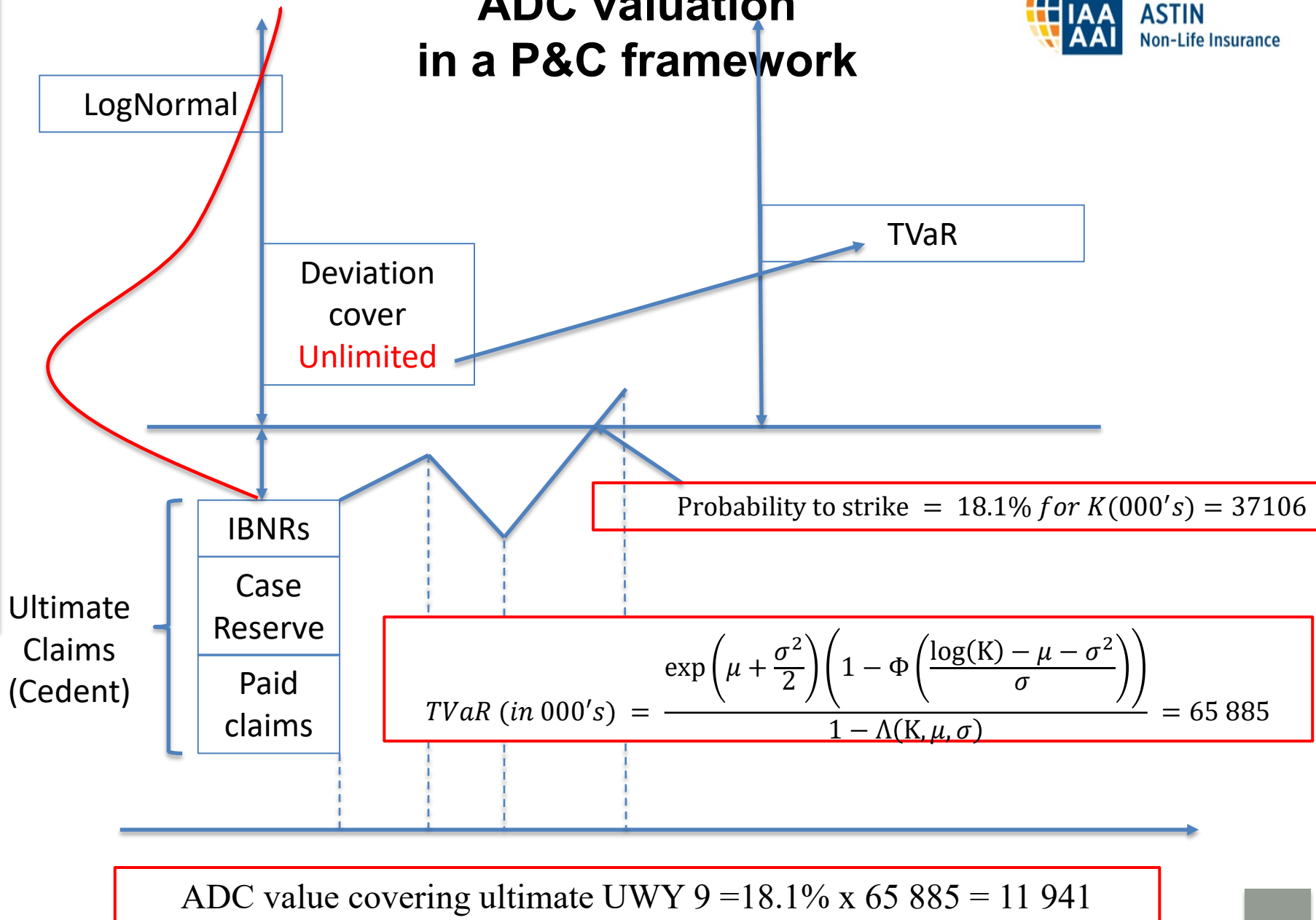
# ADC valuation in a P&C framework

## INCURRED TRIANGLE (in 000's)

UWY i	Development year k									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	352	1 119	2 122	2 561	3 578	5 199	5 503	15 484	16 272	16 417
2	305	7 185	23 764	23 731	27 389	27 694	27 629	33 920	37 876	
3	1 464	2 761	4 011	3 451	4 282	5 344	5 446	6 905		
4	3 833	5 147	5 880	21 458	21 771	30 403	29 849			
5	1 603	3 345	4 605	5 970	7 278	8 356				
6	312	3 682	4 219	5 934	7 565					
7	1 619	4 480	3 865	5 714						
8	2 949	4 233	5 485							
9	10 292	6 928								
10	183									

- Mack model for UWY 9
  - Coefficient of variation on IBNR (ultimate) = 108%
  - Ultimate = 31 452
  - IBNR = 31 452 – 6928=24 525
- Strike = 37 106
- Lognormal distribution
  - $\sigma = \sqrt{\log(1 + CoV^2)} = 87.78\%$
  - $\mu = \log(24525) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} = 16.63$
  - Probability to strike = 18.1%

# ADC valuation in a P&C framework



# Numerical examples

	UWY	Ultimate	Strike Ultimate	IBNR	Strike IBNR	CoV IBNR	Proba. Strike	TVaR	Price GI	Price SDE
Triangle 1	6	37'885'292	53'039'409	30'320'074	45'474'191	137%	18.2%	91'403'012	16'618'857	5'802'242
	7	34'069'353	47'697'094	28'355'471	41'983'212	132%	18.6%	82'955'332	15'427'436	10'252'025
	8	31'714'670	44'400'538	26'230'117	38'915'985	146%	18.3%	81'021'253	14'837'265	14'605'261
	9	31'452'444	44'033'422	24'524'838	37'105'816	108%	18.1%	65'884'921	11'941'273	21'342'187
Tri. 2	10	35'291'175	42'349'410	19'382'543	26'440'778	78%	21.3%	41'593'210	8'869'135	39'575
	11	38'571'224	46'285'469	14'229'060	21'943'305	59%	14.4%	30'039'732	4'321'144	55'298
	12	36'800'886	44'161'063	31'106'955	38'467'132	114%	24.5%	74'726'799	18'325'642	230'282
Tri. 3	9	28'166'178	45'065'885	5'221'849	22'121'556	134%	2.7%	35'032'246	935'208	26'487
	10	22'481'268	35'970'029	5'761'423	19'250'184	90%	2.5%	26'795'430	679'105	589'042
	11	19'206'010	30'729'616	9'465'070	20'988'676	78%	6.7%	29'540'552	1'965'631	800'161

- For the triangles 1 and 3, both methods seem to provide prices which are in the same order of magnitude.
- However, for triangle 2, the differences are significant.

# Numerical examples

	UWY	CoV development as %ultimate											
Triangle 1	6				12%	20%	22%	26%	26%	26%			
	7			8%	15%	22%	24%	27%	28%	28%			
	8		16%	18%	22%	27%	29%	32%	32%	32%			
	9	5%	16%	18%	21%	26%	27%	30%	30%	30%			
Tri. 2	10			5%	9%	11%	14%	16%	18%	19%	21%	23%	26%
	11		5%	7%	11%	13%	15%	17%	19%	19%	22%	24%	27%
	12	7%	9%	10%	13%	14%	16%	18%	20%	20%	22%	24%	27%
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	10		6%	20%	21%	26%	36%	51%	52%	53%	53%	53%	
	11	18%	19%	25%	26%	29%	36%	49%	49%	50%	51%	51%	

- Triangle 2: Such differences are explained by the relatively **slow increase of the volatility** along the development years

⇒ The price of the cover should be smaller in the first years of the ADC.

# Conclusions

- The market of ADC/Loss Portfolio Transfer is increasing.
- Application of option pricing for ADC requires **Triangles of ultimates**
  - **NEW REQUIREMENT !**
- The **volatility pattern** affects the value of the ADC
  - Like for option pricing !





# Model and data

- Model and data available at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=16wPMzdZQtpccDi2bFhTYE-uYpMBI0UOo>

- Article available in [www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com)
- The article is currently under peer-review for possible publication in the Journal of Derivatives.

Questions ?



Thank you



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