

# Investment Guarantee Product Risk Management

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### **Investment Guarantee Building Blocks**

Guaranteed Minimum
Death Benefit
(GMDB)

Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit (GMIB)

Guaranteed Minimum Accumulation Benefit (GMAB)

Guaranteed Minimum Withdrawal Benefit (GMWB)

Investment funds

#### **US: AXA Financial/MONY Accumulator**

Main Benefits	Description	Current Charges
Basic GMDB	Return of contribution	Included as standard
Enhanced GMDB	Greater of annual ratchet or roll-up (0%, 3%, 6%, 6.5%)	25 to 85 bps
GMAB	Return of 100% or 125% of principal after 10 years	50 or 75 bps
GMIB	Guaranteed roll-up of 6% or 6.5% and guaranteed lifetime annuity rates	65 or 80 bps
GMWB	Guaranteed lifetime withdrawals subject to an annual maximum, with or without an annual ratchet, single or joint life	65 to 95 bps

- Limited benefit combinations are permitted, particularly GMIB with enhanced GMDB with same roll-up rate
- The base guarantee level for the GMWB increases 7% per annum for each of the first 10 years where no withdrawal is made, continuing to the time of first withdrawal if no withdrawals are made within the first 10 years
- 76 investment funds



## Japan: Tokio Marine and Nichido Financial Life Three-in-One

Main Benefits	Description
GMDB	Return of contribution, with additional 30% of contribution in case of accidental death
Fund exceeds target level	Fund value as immediate lump sum or as deferred annuity certain at current rates (at any time after policy year 3)
Fund exceeds contribution but not target level	Fund value as lump sum or as immediate annuity certain at current rates
Fund less than contribution (GMAB/GMIB)	Greater of fund value or 90% of single premium, as either a lump sum or a 15-year immediate annuity certain, with a minimum annuity payment of 1/15 <sup>th</sup> of the single premium

- Target level from 110% to 200% of contribution selected at outset but may be altered
- No investment choice
- Fixed charge structure, including allowance for the guarantee



### **Europe: Aegon 5 for Life**

Main Benefits	Description	Current Charges
GMIB	5% of initial contribution for life, ratchet every three years if taking income, otherwise annual ratchet	50 to 150 bps
GMDB	Greater of initial contribution or 100.1% of cash value	
GMAB	Guarantee of 100% of initial contribution after 10 years	

- Fixed benefit structure
- 55 investment funds

#### **Australia: AXA North**

Main Benefits	Description	Current Charges
GMAB	Return of contributions, with annual ratchet	70 to 245 bps
GMDB/GMWB	Account value plus percentage of excess of protected balance over the account value	

- Fixed structure, with choice of guarantee period (10, 15 or 20 years)
- Over 40 investment funds with the protection option, but must select from one of three investment strategies
- Superannuation and pension product
- Product offered by N.M. Super, with guarantee provided by NMFM

#### **Product observations**

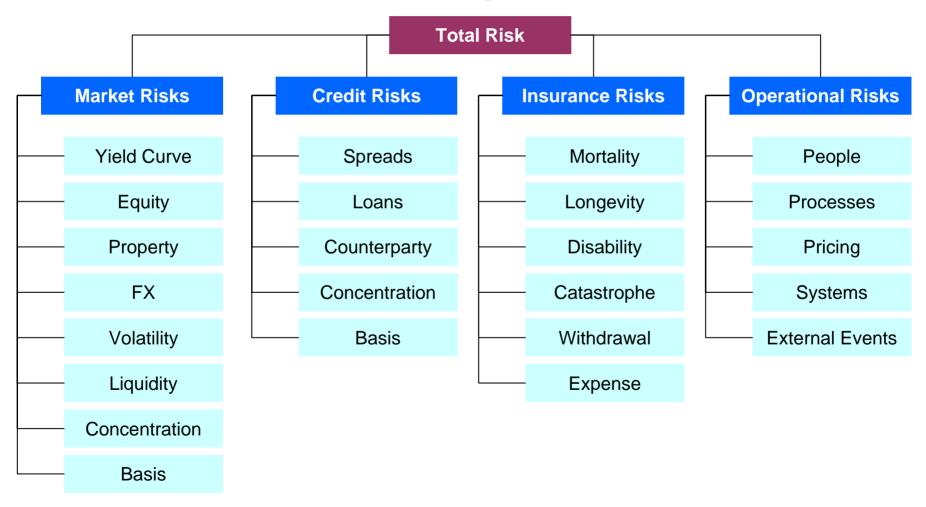
- Small number of building blocks but significant variation
- Generally charges are not guaranteed, but may be subject to maximum
- Investment restrictions

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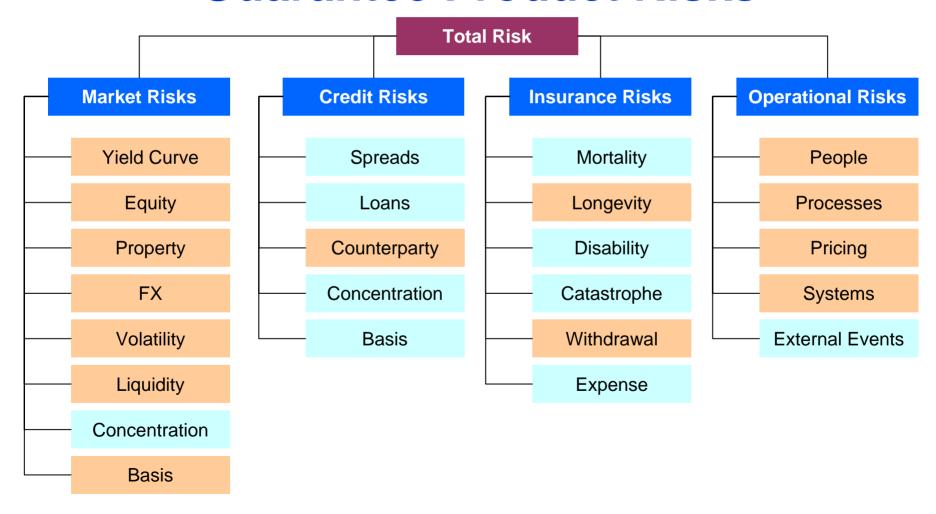


#### Risk





#### **Guarantee Product Risks**



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### Financial Risk Management

Stay Naked	Not recommended for companies that wish to participate in this market in the long term
Purchase Static Protection	Investment banks could tailor protection to the particular needs of an investment guarantee provider
Internal Dynamic Hedging	Regular (daily) monitoring of the hedge position against pre-defined limits
Outsource the Hedging	Outsource the hedging process to a specialist
Outsource the Guarantee	Use an investment bank to provide the investment guarantee
Reinsure	May be a viable way of transferring any unwanted risk
Hold Capital	Cover residual risk or risk that cannot be hedged

Source: Brennan, Nicholls and Roberts (2007)



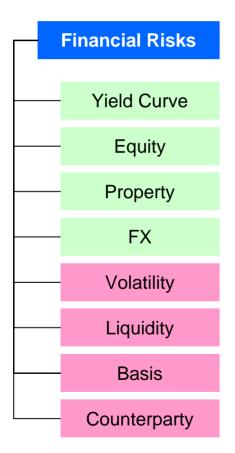
### Financial Risk Management



- Understand the risk divested and retained
  - Stochastic analysis
  - Stress analysis
- Capital
- Value



### **Financial Risk Analysis**

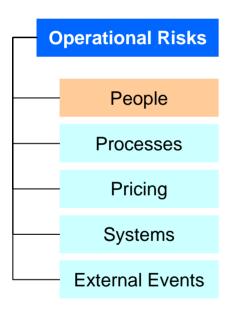


 Actuaries are accustomed to dealing with these elements

 Traditional analysis often does not consider these



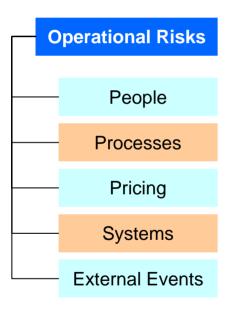
### **Operational Risks**



- People risks are not unique to guarantee products
  - New area with more limited knowledge
  - Backup support
  - Training, training tools, documentation
- Outsourcing
- Reinsurance



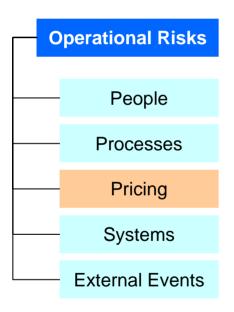
### **Operational Risks**



- New processes and systems may be required
  - Timely (e.g. rebalance hedge before final unit prices are available)
  - Accurate and robust
  - Checks and balances
  - Assigned responsibility
  - Deal with both known and unusual events



### **Operational Risks**



#### Assumptions

- No local experience for new product
- Data from overseas to be used with caution
- Sensitivity analysis
- Consistent with actual product conditions
- Alternative product features

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### **Example Product Analysis**

#### GMAB

- single premium of \$100,000
- 5 year term
- guarantee return of 0%
- annual ratchet
- 75% equity/25% fixed interest
- total asset based charges of
   4.1% per annum (2.8% without ratchet)
- no taxes considered
- Hedge delta, rho and vega

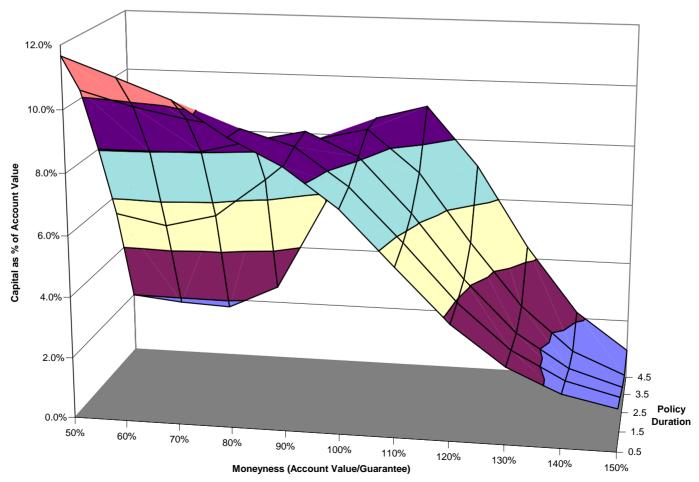
#### Stress analysis

- 25% fall in asset values
- yield curve fall of 200 basis points
- 250 basis point increase in volatility
- withdrawals at 50% of baselevel



### **GMAB Stress Analysis**

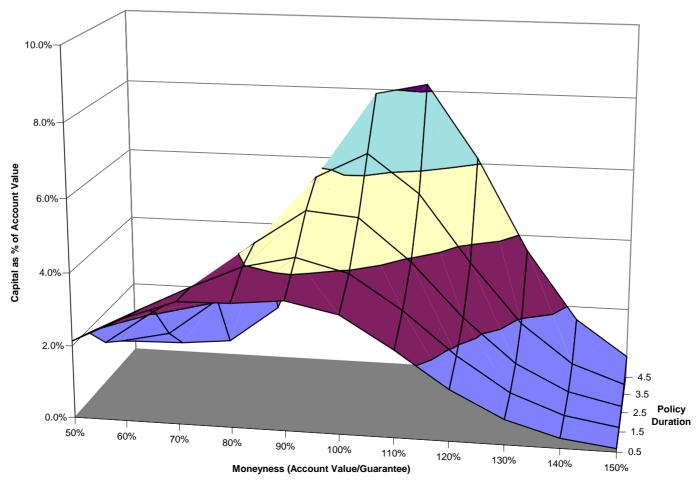
Combined Stress - Delta, Vega, Rho Hedged





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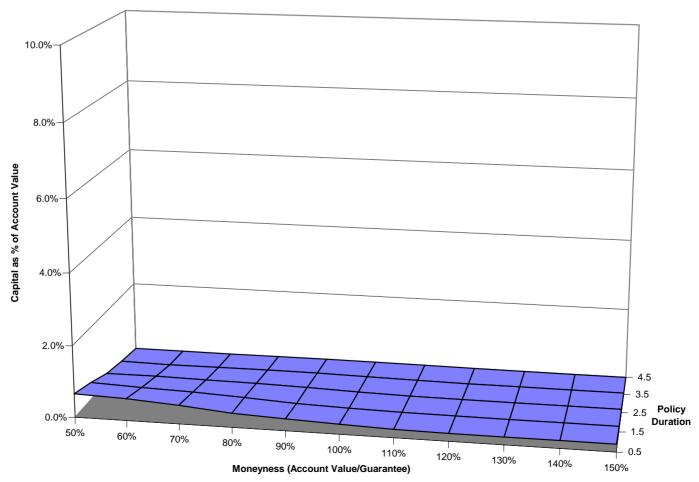
Price Stress - Delta Hedged





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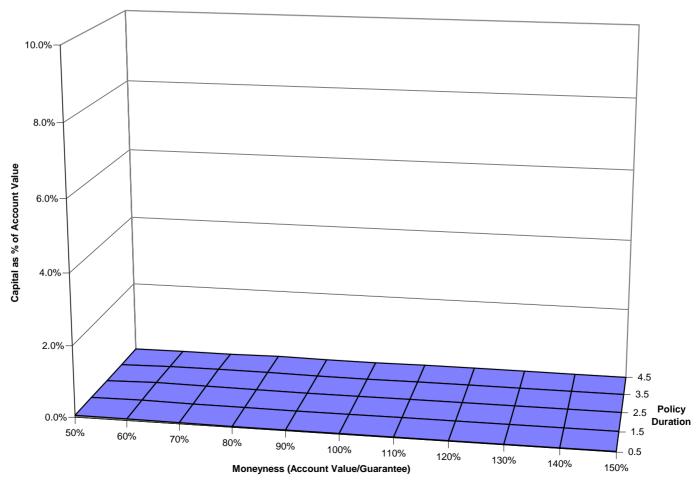
Yield Stress - Rho Hedged





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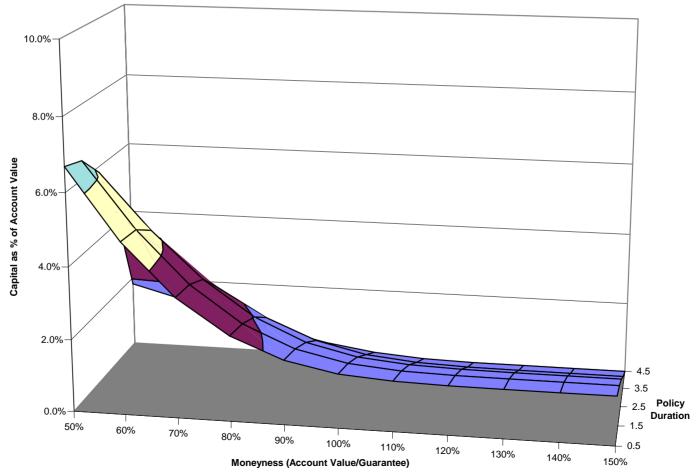
Volatility Stress - Vega Hedged





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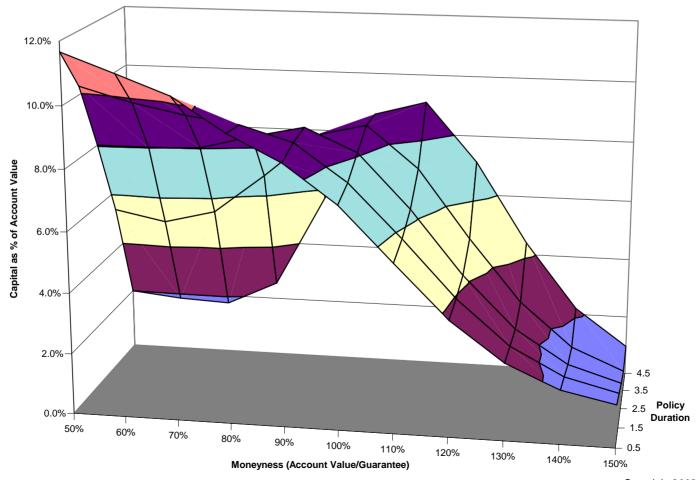
Lapse Stress - No Hedge





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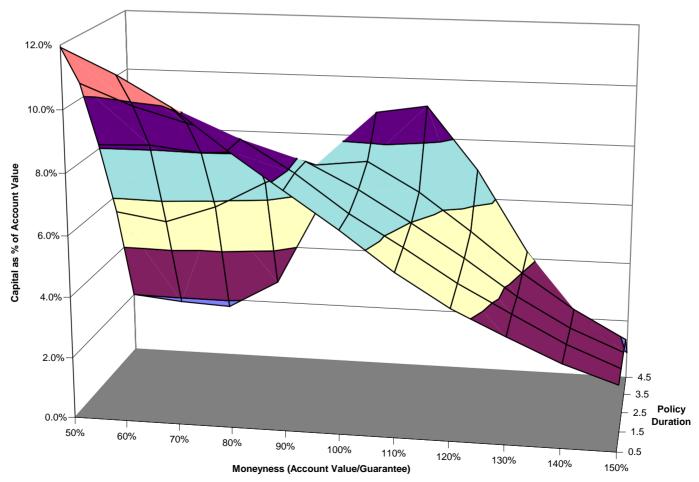
Combined Stress - Delta, Vega, Rho Hedged





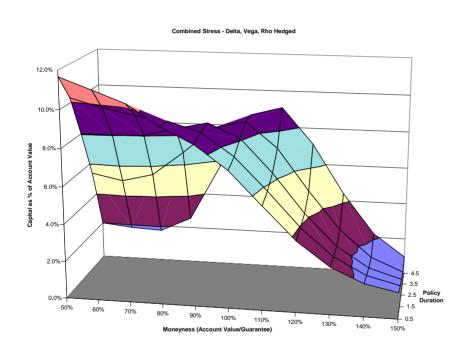
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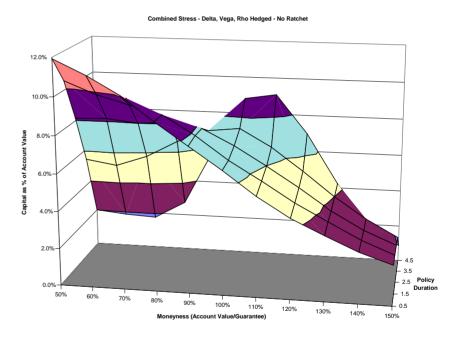
Combined Stress - Delta, Vega, Rho Hedged - No Ratchet





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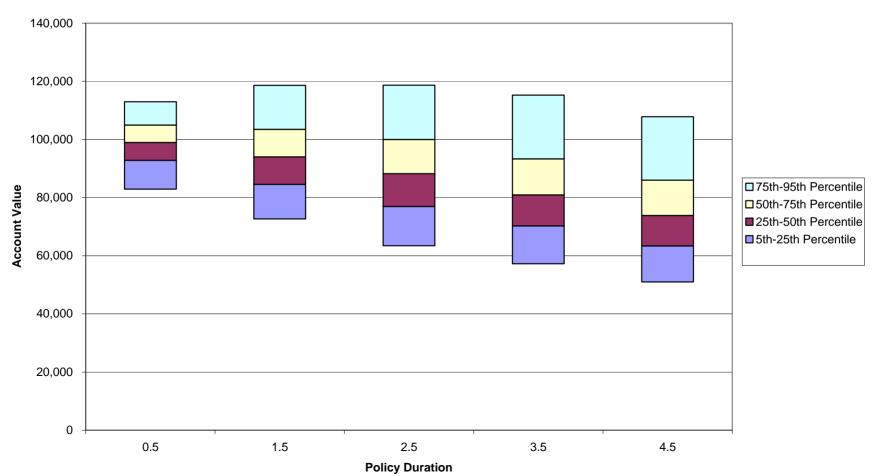






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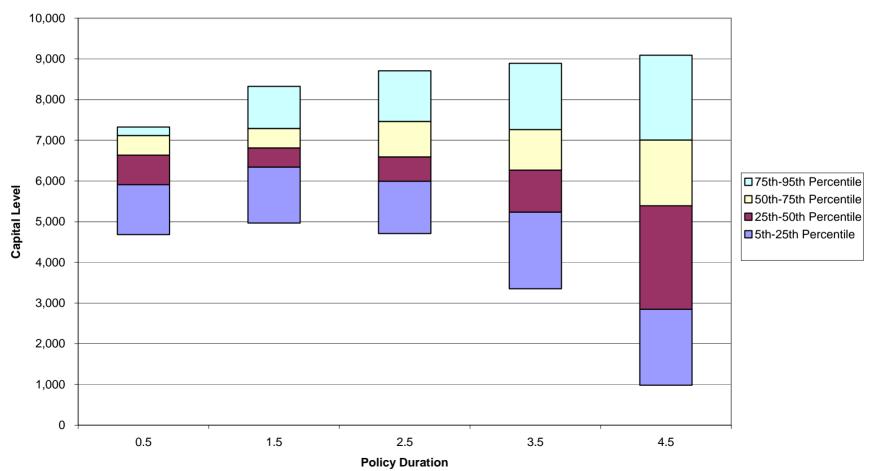
**Account Value Distribution (Per Policy Issued)** 





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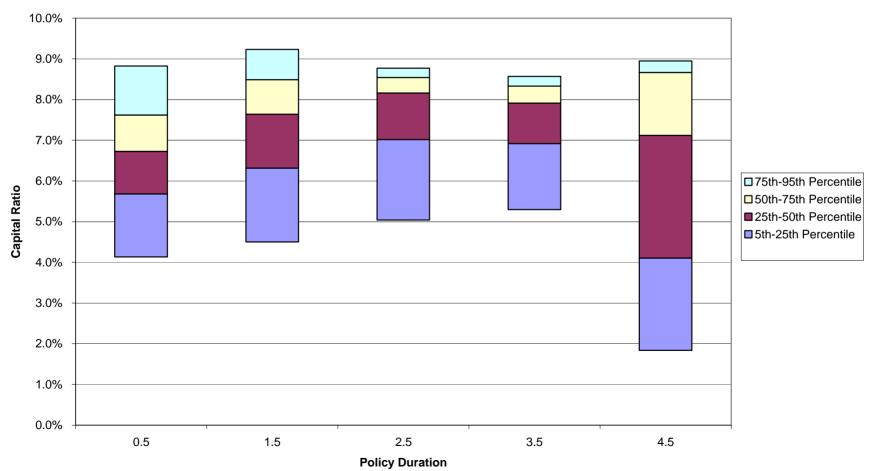
**Capital Distribution (Per Policy Issued)** 





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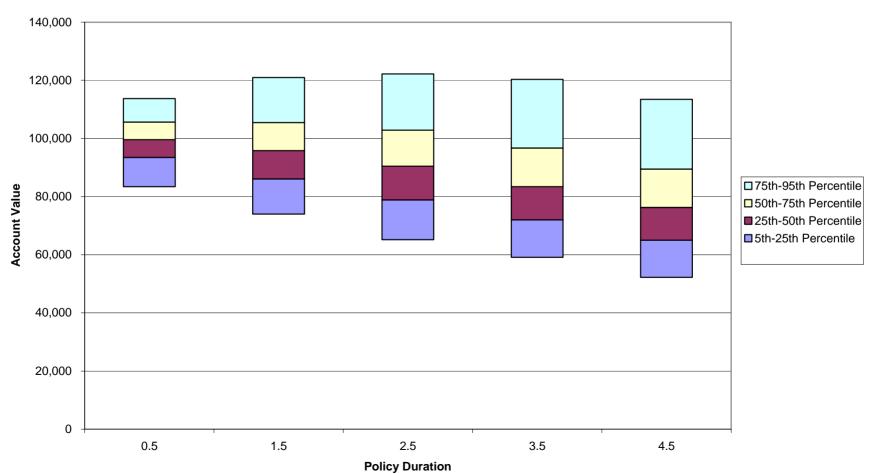
**Capital Ratio Distribution** 

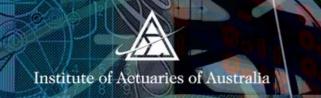




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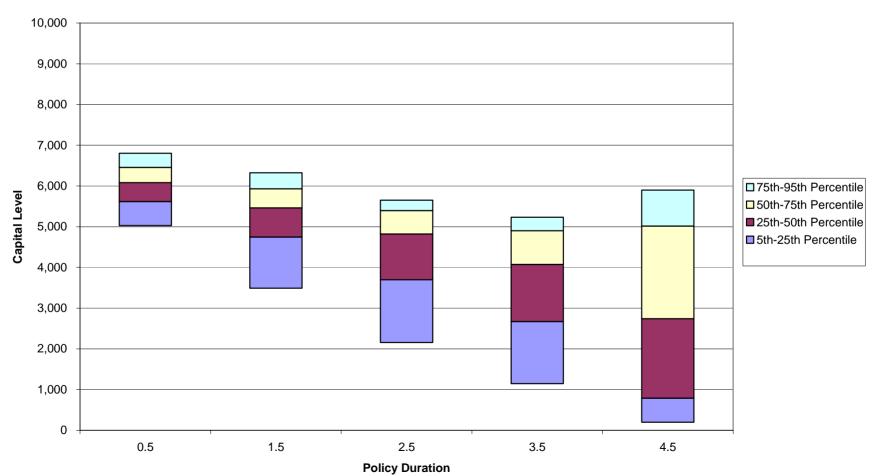
Account Value Distribution (Per Policy Issued) - Without Ratchet





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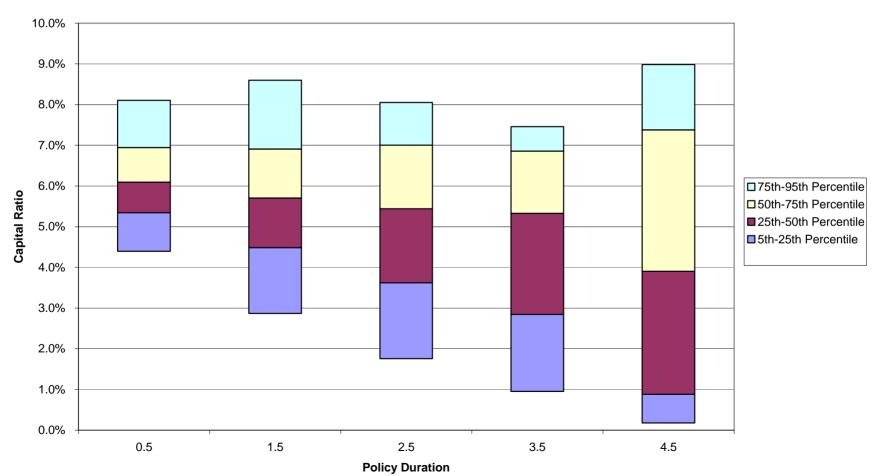
Capital Distribution (Per Policy Issued) - GMAB Without Ratchet





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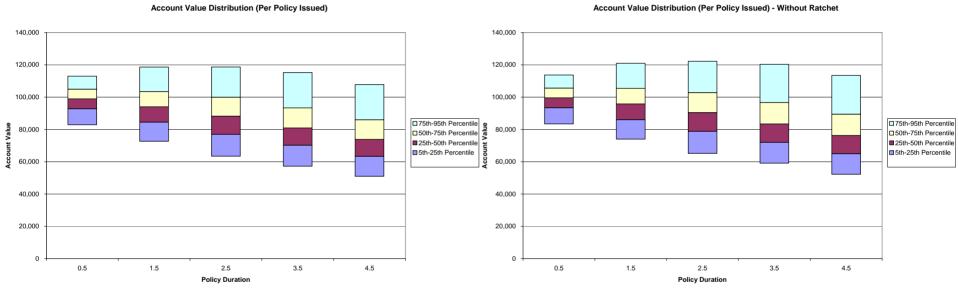
**Capital Ratio Distribution - Without Ratchet** 





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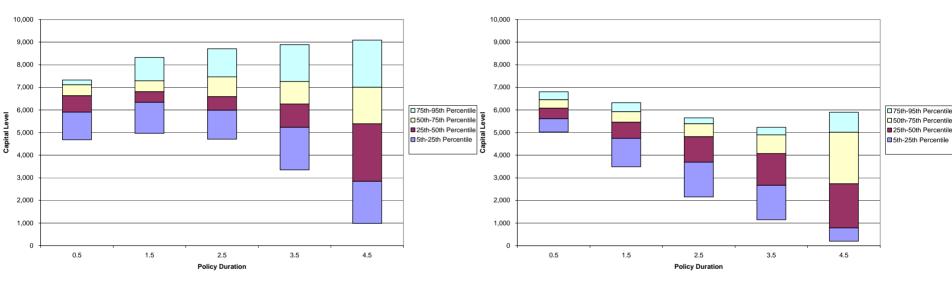




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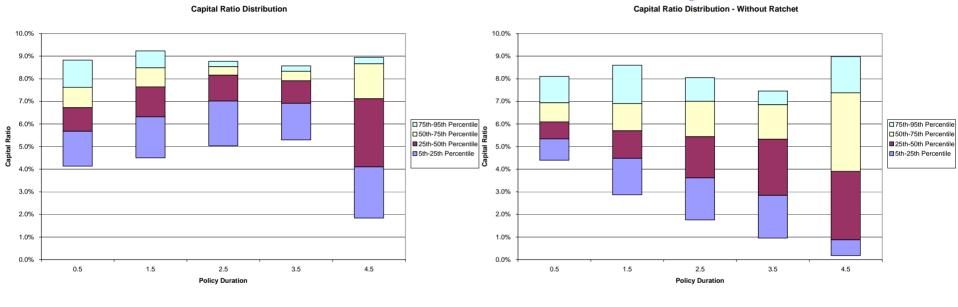


Capital Distribution (Per Policy Issued) - GMAB Without Ratchet





### **GMAB Stochastic Analysis**





### **Economic Capital Model**

Risk Measure Definition

Risks Covered

**Impact Measure** 

**Aggregation** 

Time Horizon Risk Measure Risk Appetite

Risk Factors and Choice of Model (Stoch. vs Stress)

**Risk Bearing Value** 

**Dependence Structure**