

Musings on Long Run Climate Risk Modelling for Banks

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Notes:

- This 'Climate Musings' Draft discussion was presented at the ESG Europe conference on April 27, 2022:
 - We summarize key aspects of current research on developing climate risk stress testing approaches for quantifying 'transition risk' for banks (physical risks to be added later)
 - The Z-Risk Engine solution is a multi-factor solution which assesses PIT/TTC ratings using region and industry sector systematic credit risk cycles
 - Our plan is to develop 'Climate Z' systematic risk factors to add long-run climate risk to the ZRE short-run credit cycle framework
 - ZRE is used currently to support more accurate IFRS9 and Stress Test projections for corporate and commercial bank portfolios
 - The expanded ZRE Climate Z module will be designed to support internal bank, portfolio-wide climate stress tests using a variety of external, regulatory and internal scenarios applied to bank portfolios leveraging bank's IRB credit models
 - The next step will be to publish a more detailed methodology paper for the proposed approach



Presentation Overview

- Climate Change Risk Modelling Overview:
 - Climate is Complicated
 - Uncertainty & Downside Risks
 - 'Paradigm Shift' is Required
 - Climate Risk Horizons Vary
 - Structural Change sunrise industries vs sunset industries
- A General Climate Risk Modelling Framework:
 - Unexpected Carbon Policy (Tax/Price) Shocks Drives Transition Risks
 - Sector Differentiation by Carbon Footprint
 - Integrating Technology/Demand Elasticity/Consumer Preferences Etc Using a 'Structured Mixed Model
- Adapting PIT/TTC Ratings to Model Climate Credit Risks for Banks:
 - PIT/TTC Credit Risk Approach Review adding predictions of systematic factors to individual ratings
 - Integrating Systematic Climate Zs
 - Adapting the Z-Risk Engine Platform
- Appendices, Bibliography, Our Credit Risk Publications Bibliography

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Key 'Musing' Presentation Points

- Focus on Transition Risk credit risk metric for corporate/commercial firms
- Physical Climate Risk may be easier to incorporate in company-specific risk ratings (detailed knowledge of firm plus insurance helps some)
- Modeling long-run climate-driven credit risks requires models with multiple systematic factors
- Unexpected carbon policy shocks drives future LR climate credit risks short-run economic shocks drives large credit losses (see 'Great Recession')
- Climate risk modelling is in it's **INFANCY** historical data is extremely limited
- 'Jury' is out on whether climate driven credit risks in the future are '**bigger or** smaller than a breadbox'
- Modelling climate credit risks can be integrated into **PIT/TTC ratings frameworks** that utilize **systematic risk factors**



- 'Climate Change is Complicated ('CCIC'):
 - IPCC PARIS 2015 BIS ECB EBA BoE ESG TCFD UNFCCC –
 CO2 GHG LtG ACPR BdF NiGEM
 - NGFS GtCO2e/year CDR Scope 1 2 3 NACE COP21 US\$/tCO2
 - AnaCredit Four Twenty Seven Data Orbis Urgentum
 - WIOD ExioBase CPRS CDP TruCost LIMITS
 - 'Sunrise Sunset' Industries IAM CGE ECM EMK EABM
 - 'Paradigm Shift' 'Stranded Assets' 'Green Swan'
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Scott's 'Climate Research' Dining Room – Jar Jar Binks as a Climate Research Observer





200 Years of 'Carbon Addiction' Requires Substantial Carbon Policy Intervention 'Green Swans' Are Extremely Complex – With Substantial Uncertainty/'Fat Tails'

Climate risks stem from classic market-failure 'writ planetary':

'the aim is to correct [a 200-year] externality using <u>deliberate policy intervention</u> rather than let a more or less evolutionary trajectory guide the transition'.

See Semieniuk et al, (2020), p 5, 'Low-carbon transition risks for finance'.

Bolton et. al., (2020) has characterised climate change as a 'Green Swan':

'our framing of the problem is that climate change represents a <u>green swan</u>, it is a new type of systemic risk that involves interacting, nonlinear, fundamentally unpredictable, environmental, social, economic and geopolitical dynamics....climate risks are not just black swans, i.e.., tail risk events,....climate change represents a colossal and potentially irreversible risk of staggering complexity'.

See P. Bolton et. al., (2020), page 6, 'The Green Swan', (BIS/Banque de France)



Estimates of Climate 'Fat Tails' from Wagner/Weitzman reach 10% for the possibility of major temperature increases:

'here's what you get: about a 10 percent chance of eventual temperatures exceeding 6C (11F) unless the world acts much more decisively than it has'.

G. Wagner & M Weitzman, 'Climate Shock', page 53.



Climate Change Uncertainty is Massive – How Bad is the 'Downside Risk'





Thomas Kuhn, 'The Structure of Scientific Revolutions' (1962) Science Doesn't Evolve in a Continuous Cycle of Smaller Improvements

'Epistemological Break'

- 'Scientific progress requires radical breaks from previous ideological conceptions'
- Forward not Backward Looking
- Minimal Historical Data for model estimation
- 'Structured mixed model'
- Vey long run horizons to 2100?





Climate Risk Stakeholder/Research Map

REGULATORS	MISC ORGANISATIONS	ACAD	DEMICS	MA	ASSET ANAGEMENT
STRESS TESTING	STRESS TESTING	MERTON DD	BOND VAL	EQUITIES	BONDS
(1) ECB	(1) NGFS	Capasso et al (2020) Ag	liardi & Agliardi	Battiston et al (2017)	Capasso et al (2021)
(2) BANC de FRANCE	(2) BIS		(2021)		
(3) DUTCH	(3) I4CE	Reinders et al (2	2020)	Bouchet et al (2020)	5
(4) BoE	(4) CEP	Monaste	rolo et al (2019)		Battiston et al (2019)
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Baldassarri et al S&P (2	.020)			Monasterolo	o (2020)
Allen et al BdF (2020)					
Carbone et al ECB (202	0)	Caban-Equirat at al (2021)		Bolton et al (2021))
Krogstrup/Oman IMF, IMF (2019)		Capital Stranding Multipliers Carbon Risk Premiums		ns	
Jung et al FRBNY (2021))				



Climate Risk Modelling Horizons Vary Across the Research 2100 Probably Preferred To Get Beyond 'Net Zero'



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200 Years of 'Wrong-Way Carbon' Structural Change Suggests Different Structural Change is a Key Part of Modelling Climate Risk Going Forward

- Key Paper:
 - G. Semieniuk et al, (2020) 'Low-carbon transition risks for finance'
 - Low-carbon transition 'entails large-scale' structural change asset revaluation shocks, debt default, and the creation of 'bubbles' in rising 'sunrise industries'
 - Rapid, large-scale change (real economy) could substantially impact financial side of the economy
 - Traditional financial 'bubbles/manias' (1929 Crash, radio, airplanes, electricity etc.) usually in sunrise industries
 - Aggressive low-carbon policy shocks to 'sunset industries' would be a new risk phenomenon
 - Substantial stranding of carbon assets, carbon capital equipment can create substantial 'sunset' financial risks
- Other key academic papers:
 - T. Ciarli & M. Savona, (2019) 'Modelling the Evolution of Structure and Climate Change: A Review'
 - Review of various developing models for Climate Risk and interrelationships between the environment & the economy
- Projected Carbon Asset Stranding (general estimates):
 - 33% of oil reserves
 - 50% of natural gas reserves
 - 80% of coal reserves

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Modelling Climate Risk – Stress Tests With Forward-Looking Scenarios – Volatile Climate Change POLICY Produces Unexpected Shocks

FORMULATE FORWARD-LOOKING SCENARIOS



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Modelling Climate Credit Risks – Key Carbon Building Blocks





Summarizing Examples from Climate Modelling Literature

- Examples of climate 'shocks' in literature:
 - 2015 Paris Agreement as 'policy shock'
 - 100% fossil fuel Equity value drop
 - Bond value shocks difference between adverse and very adverse climate scenarios
 - Various deterministic carbon price shocks
- Price Elasticity of Demand Influences Ability to Pass-Through Climate Costs (Baldassarri et al (2020) industry examples):
 - Highly inelastic food, staples, household & personal products, utilities
 - Inelastic energy, capital good, retailing
 - Elastic transportation, professional services, apparel
 - Highly elastic consumer services, media & entertainment, automobiles
- Various Modelling Metrics:
 - 'Transition Vulnerability Factor' TVF 'Climate Beta' (Cost increase sensitivity)
 - Carbon Footprint CO2 and GHG emission data by sector, firm etc. absolute measure
 - Carbon Price Elasticity Expressed in % Response (Delta)
 - Carbon Intensity CO2/GHG emissions/Firm Turnover relative measure

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Summarizing Climate/Credit Risk Modelling Literature - 'Infancy'

CLIMATE RISK MODELLING 'BUILDING BLOCKS'



- Lots more work to extend and integrate macro models & sector/region models
- Most modelling focused on corporate credit risk uses Merton Model Approach (Default Distance) - 'Homegrown' default distance research on limited firm samples usually less than 1000
- Unexpected Carbon Policy Shocks Range of Assumptions in their infancy
- Short-Run Systematic Credit Cycle Risk (PIT) NOT Integrated With Long-Run Systematic Climate Risk

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Extending PIT/TTC Systematic Factors to Predict LR Climate Risk for Corp/Commercial Portfolios

- PIT/TTC Credit Risk Approach is a Solid Foundation integrates predictions of systematic credit cycle industry/region systematic factors to individual ratings
- Next Step: Integrating Systematic Climate Zs
- Adapting the Z-Risk Engine Platform
- 'Green RWA' (www.greenrwa.org) also using this multi-factor credit risk approach we developed over the last 20 years at BarCap, RBS, ZRE for PIT/TTC Ratings for their climate risk modelling - https://www.greenrwa.org/the-cerm
- Garnier, J., J. Baptiste-Gaudemet & A. Gruz, 'The Climate Extended Risk Model (CERM)' April 12, 2022, https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.03275



Determinants of Integrated Corporate/Commercial Credit Risks



Source: Moody's EDFs & Z-Risk Engine



Z Adjusted NA Corporate PIT PDs Varied **3X From TTC Credit Conditions** During Last 2 Recessions

TTC As An Average of PIT Calculated PDs – NA Corporates



Source: Moody's EDFs & Z-Risk Engine Research



Z Cycle Factors Used to Adjust TTC Starting BBB Rating to Higher & Lower PIT Credit Ratings/PDs At Different Points in the Cycle



ASSET VALUE



European Corporates Credit Cycle Example – Estimated From Moody's EDFs



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PIT/TTC Ratings Approach Adds Z Systematic Factors for Accurate PIT Coupled With Mean Reversion to LR TTC PDs for Individual Firms or Portfolios



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Carbon Policy Shocks Create Differential Systematic Credit Risk for 'Brown' vs 'Green' Industries – 'Brown' (Negative Cost Shocks) 'Green' (Positive Tech Improvements)





Multiple Carbon Policy Shock Scenarios Can Test Stranded Asset Impacts Or Run 'Reverse Climate Stress Test' - What Carbon Price Shocks Mimic 'Great Recession'

CLIMATE UNCERTAINTY IS LARGE – IT'S NOT CLEATR AT ALL YET WHETHER IT'S 'BIGGER OR SMALLER THAN A BREADBOX' – THEREFORE NEED A FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK



ZRE – Solid Risk Factor Foundation to Add Climate Z Factors



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Z-Risk Engine Solution Offering Overview

- Centralized automated E2E batch process for corporate & commercial portfolios
- Available as SAS or Python cloud managed service or source code with perpetual IP license
- Supports IFRS9 & Stress Testing with plan to add Climate Risk in 2022
- Utilizes each bank's own IRB PD, LGD & EAD models as inputs
- Automated architecture provides substantial cost savings compared to most bank internal two-stage IRB-IFRS9 models
- Calibrated & implemented on a custom basis for each bank's specific portfolio & regional/industry risk factors
- Integrated with custom or regulatory stress scenarios
- Calibrated to 37k public-firm EDFs through Z region/sector credit cycle indices



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- Need flexible, multi-factor approach to assess the substantial climate uncertainty that currently exists



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APPROACH	 Credit Risk Top-Down & Bottom-Up Physical (primary) & Transition Risk 4 mil firms assessed Uses NGFS Scenarios Emissions for Scope 1, 2 & 3 30-year horizon primarily Derives firm and sector specific PDs 	 Credit Risk 3 key carbon price scenarios 30-Year Horizon to 2050 S&P Merton PD Model (PDMS) DD 'Carbon Price Risk Premium' for Scope 1 & Scope 2 Carbon price scenarios impact firm costs with various price elasticity assumptions sector on possible cost pass-through
SCOPE/DATA	 1600 Euro Banks included Multiple public & private data sets used Probably most extensive top-down & granular 4 mil firms climate stress conducted to-date Some data sources: Urgentem scope 1-3 methodology Four Twenty Seven – for physical & specific location risk 	 Emissions data source: TruCost 'Carbon Intensity': Carbon Emissions per \$ firm revenue 739 firms with \$1bil used for emissions data aggregated to sector Fast Transition 7X carbon prices to 2030 at \$120 in OECD
IMPACTS	 'High risk' corp portfolios see roughly 30% rise in average PDs 'Low-Risk' firms see smaller PD increases 	 Aggregate public company PDs rise across the board Utilities, martials, energy and consumer staples sectors present the highest default rates
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Dutch National Bank

APPROACH	 Vermuelen et al (2019, 2021) Top-down stress test + sector details Carbon price + technology shocks by sector 5-Year Horizon Derive 'TVF' - Transition Vulnerability Factor - Beta Scale Factor Credit Risk + Market Risk Equity return drops trigger credit rating notch downgrades 	•	Credit risk – stre IAM/NGFS/NiGE 2020-2050 horiz Carbon prices sh Sector model use I/O model Static multi-cour Equilibrium
SCOPE/DATA	 Aggregate Dutch banking system 80 Banks, Insurers + Pension Funds EXIOBase Emissions + I/O VA Data 56 Industry Sectors 	•	About 15 key ma 56 Industry Sect France/Rest oif E
IMPACTS	 Up to 11% portfolio value drop Up to 4.3% CET drop compared to roughly similar capital impacts from recent stress test 'Sizable impacts but Manageable' 	•	Largest PD increa Largest sector VA Largest GDP dec in adverse scena
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- ntry, multi-sector General
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- A declines of 20-40% roughly
- line for France of about 5-6% rio to baseline



Rouchat at al (2020)

		Adenot
APPROACH	 Credit Risk (debt) focus 5-Year & 40-Year Horizons (2060) Range of IPCC Carbon Price Scenarios with increases in the \$200-700 range Credit Risk PD Changes from EBITDA Impacts on Firm Cash-Flows No 'Adaptation' or technology changes assumed 	 'Cascading Carbo Chain & Individua Focus on Cross-Se price shocks using model Utilizes 40-Year Horizon t \$50, \$100 & \$300 consistent with o scenarios EBITDA shocks from
SCOPE/DATA	 MSCI World Index 1644 start data 795 Large-Mid Corps in 23 countries with Scope 1 Data Emissions Data: Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), TruCost (Benchmarking) 	 applied direct/ind MSCI World Index countries WIOD – World I/0
IMPACTS	 Biggest sector impacts on Utilities, Materials & Energy Sectors 40 Year Cumulative PD Impacts above 'Carbon Price Threshold' at roughly 75% 	 Worst case shock reduction in Utilit Less carbon inten sector suffers up
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Adenot et al (2022)

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- ector diffusion of carbon g I/O global cross-country
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- x 1552 firms across 23
- O Database
- impact up to 47% enrings ties
- sive Information Technology to 23% earnings reduction

Battiston et al (2017)

APPROACH

Equities & debt stress tests

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- 'Network approach' to interdependent financial system risks – looks at direct & indirect effects
- Focus Banking systemic losses both direct and indirect using 'Climate VaR'
- Primary shocks defined as climate-relevant firms losing 100% of their equity
- Banking debt impacts flow from equity shocks
- Euro & USA listed firms roughly 15k firms & 65k shareholders
- Array firms/shareholders by 'climate relevant' sectors
- Includes analysis of top 50 EU Banks
- Direct effects not that big, indirect effects large
- 'Portion of bank's loan portfolios exposed to 'climate relevant sectors' is roughly equal to bank's capital' (Battiston 2017, p283)

Monasterolo – CLIMAFIN (2019)

- Financial stress test framework IAM macro shocks defined as differences between 'adverse' & 'very adverse' climate scenarios
- Shocks impact Risk-Neutral PDs on financial contracts (Sov Bonds) – Climate VaR
- One version assesses Defaultable Sovereign Bonds – direct & indirect effects
- LIMITS Scenario data Global CO2 Emissions
- 'CPRS' 'Climate Relevant Policy Sectors' includes Fossil fuel, utilities, energy-intensive, housing & transport
- Major bank equity exposures

IMPACTS

SCOPE/DATA



APPROACH	 Reinders et al (2020) Finance 'valuation' approach + Merton Aggregate industry focus Carbon price asset value shocks coupled with pass-through assumptions of zero & 50% EU100 & EU200 carbon price shocks Overnight and phased in price shocks Horizon unclear2050 ? 	 Capasso et al (2020) Uses Merton DD approach to assess climate change & firm credit risk High 'climate footprints'' or 'climate intensity' cet par increases credit risk (PDs)
		 Climate 'exogenous' shock defined as 2015 Paris agreement as major 'climate policy change' DD Model F(Carbon Intensity)
	 Corporate debt & residential mortgages Dutch banking system – exposure data for 	Partial, comparative static model
SCOPE/DATA	 2017 2,346 Listed firms from EU15 index to calibrate Merton DD model Carbon 'vulnerability' ('intensity') assessed using Eurostat SBS data on emissions 	 458 listed firms with bonds 2007-2017 data Considered Scope 1 direct emissions only sourced from Asset4
IMPACTS	 Bank asset value declines up to 63% worst case EU200 shock yields up to 63% decline in Dutch Banking CET capital 	 Higher emissions footprint/intensity reduces firm default distance set par

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