

# An Efficient SSP-based Methodology for Assessing Climate Risks of a Large Credit Portfolio

based on joint work with

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## Objective

To model and sample the cumulative credit loss

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \Lambda^i \times \mathbf{1}_{\{X^i \leq d^i\}}$$

where

- $\Lambda^i = \text{EAD}^i \times \text{LGD}^i$  and large  $n$  ( $\approx 1E6$ ) of obligors,
- $d^i$  represents the default barrier of the  $i$ th obligor,
- $X^i$  is the obligor's default-relevant variable.

⚠ How to include climate risks in the picture?

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## Building Forward-looking scenarios

- Since 1988, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published Special Reports summarizing different **potential macro-scenarios RCPs (Representative Concentration Pathways)** of global warming and related risks.

These scenarios are based on **IAMs (Integrated Assessment Models)**, developed by scientists and economists.

**Examples:** possible increases of global temperature by 2100 are **0.3°C-1.7°C (RCP2.6)**, **1.1°C-2.6°C (RCP4.5)**, **1.4°C-3.1°C (RCP6.0)**, and **2.6°C-4.8°C (RCP8.5)**.

- Many other possible scenarios are being developed in the scientific literature subject to different ecological transition trajectories, sectors, countries, etc.

### Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSP)

See [**RvVK<sup>+</sup>17**] for an overview.

Data available on the SSP Public Database

<https://tntcat.iiasa.ac.at/SspDb>

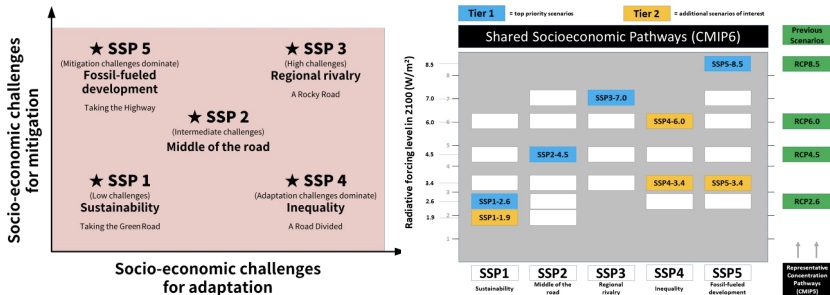
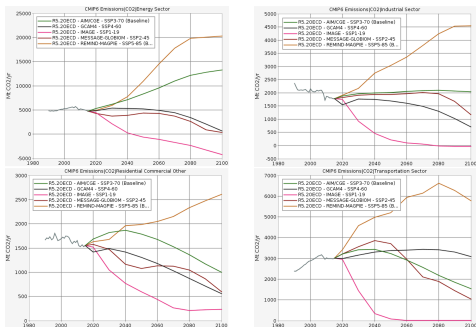
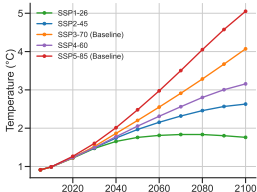


Figure: Left: SSPs narratives overview. Right: RCP/SSP combinations.

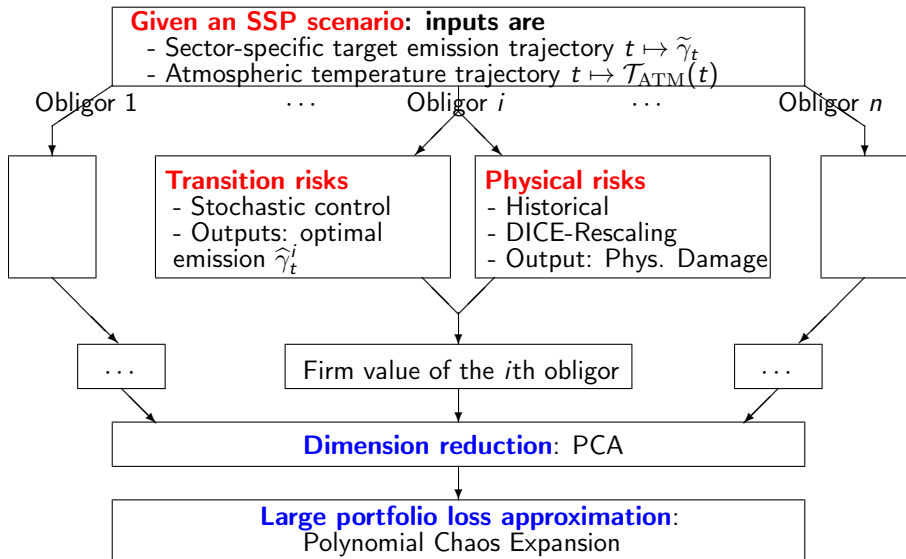
## Examples of SSP



**Figure:** Historical and scenario-based CO<sub>2</sub> emission, from 1980 to 2100, in Mt/yr in the OECD, according to the activity sectors: Energy (top left), Industry (top right), Residential Commercial (bottom left), Transportation (bottom right).



**Figure:** Global average temperature increase  $\mathcal{T}_{ATM}$  relative to the pre-industrial era (year 1750) for different SSPs.





## Modeling transition risks

▷ We model how the obligor production can be impacted by the future policies of CO2 emission. Stochastic model with energy parameters as inputs.

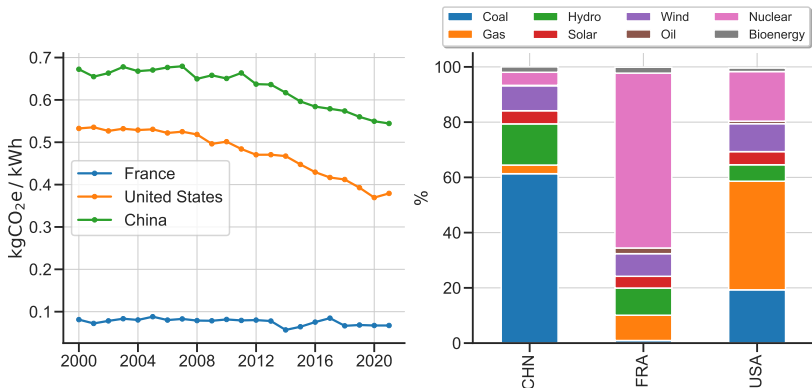
Depending on how and where these energy sources are produced, their climate impact and price are different.

Source of Energy	Emission factors (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e per kWh)
Electricity (Coal)	0.820
Electricity (Gas)	0.490
Electricity (Wind)	0.011
Electricity (Nuclear)	0.012
Electricity (Hydro)	0.024
Charcoal	0.403
Crude Oil	0.264
Natural Gas	0.202

**Table:** A few examples of emission factors (sometimes called emission intensity or carbon output rate).

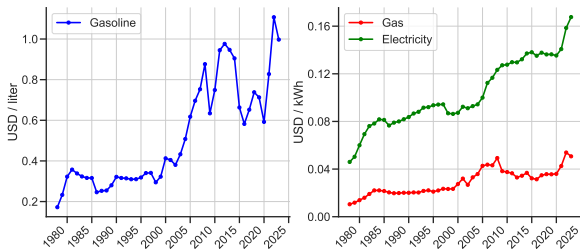


## ▷ Impact of location and date



**Figure:** Left: emission factors of electricity in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh as a function of time for France, the USA, and China. Right: Bar plots of the electricity mix as of 2022 for the same countries.

## ► Impact of energy price



**Figure:** Left: Yearly US average price of Gasoline in USD/liter. Right: Yearly US average prices of household gas and electricity in USD/kWh.

## Stochastic model for the production

- $n$  obligors
- $n + 1$  independent standard Brownian motions
- one common systemic factor  $B$ ,  $n$  independent idiosyncratic risk factors  $B^i$
- Log-production  $p_t^i = \log(P_t^i)$  solves:

$$dp_t^i = (a^i - b^i p_t^i + c_{\bullet,t}^{i,\theta} \cdot \gamma_{\bullet,t}^i) dt + \sigma^i \left( \rho^i dB_t + \sqrt{1 - (\rho^i)^2} dB_t^i \right),$$

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where  $\theta_{e,t}^i$  are inverse emission factors.

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## Solutions

- Under mild conditions, we have existence/uniqueness results (see the paper for details).
- Optimal emission paths may be deterministic.

### Theorem 1

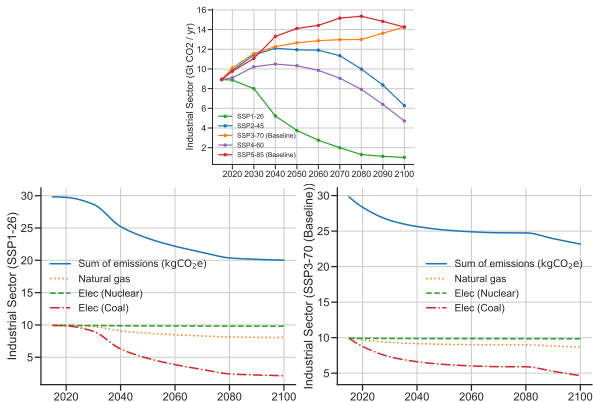
Assume  $\ell_1^i(x) = \omega_1^i x_+^2$  and  $\ell_2^i(x) = \omega_2^i x_+^2$ . For any  $t \geq 0$ , define

$$\Gamma_t^i := \frac{\mathbf{1}}{2\beta_{\bullet,t}^{i,\theta}} \left( \frac{\text{AP}^i c_{\bullet,t}^{i,\theta}}{r + b^i} - \alpha_{\bullet,t}^{i,\theta} \right), \quad \xi_{1,t}^i := \omega_1^i \left( \mathbf{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta_{\bullet,t}^{i,\theta}} \right), \quad \xi_{2,t}^i := \omega_2^i \left( \mathbf{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta_{\bullet,t}^{i,\theta}} \right).$$

Under a small parameter condition (...), the optimal emission strategy for the energy source  $e$  has the explicit form

$$\hat{\gamma}_{e,t}^i = \frac{1}{2\beta_{e,t}^{i,\theta}} \left( \frac{\text{AP}^i c_e^{i,\theta}}{r + b^i} - \alpha_{e,t}^{i,\theta} - \frac{2\omega_1^i}{1 + \xi_{1,t}^i} (\Gamma_t^i - \tilde{\gamma}_t^i)^+ - \frac{2\omega_2^i}{1 - \xi_{2,t}^i} (\tilde{\gamma}_t^i - \Gamma_t^i)^+ \right).$$

# Optimal emissions for three types of energy (natural gas, electricity from nuclear and from coal)



**Figure:** Parameters:  $r = 0.05$ ,  $a = b = 0$ ,  $c = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\omega_1 = 10^{-4}$ ,  $\omega_2 = 0$ ,  
 $\alpha = (0.05, 0.16, 0.16)$ ,  $\beta = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\theta = (1/0.202, 1/0.012, 1/0.820)/3600$ .



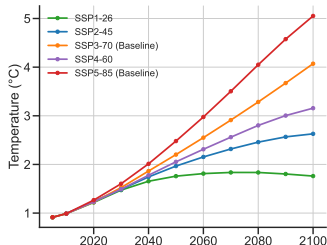




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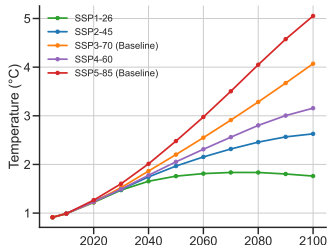
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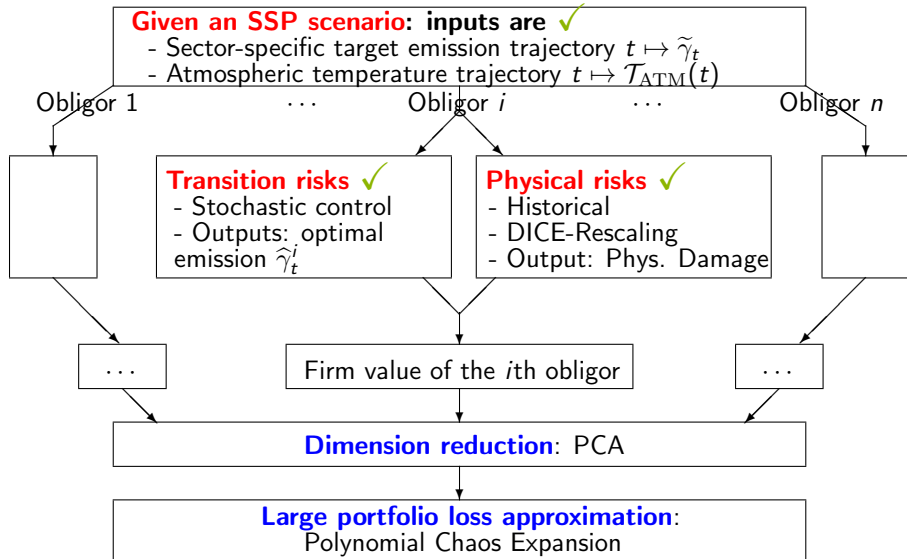
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## Alternative to EPL

- Purpose: to better capture the full distribution of physical losses
- Using Value-at-Risk-based measure at risk level  $\alpha$
- Define  $PL_u^i := \sum_{cw,l} \int_{u-1}^u Z_s^{i,cw,l} dN_s^{cw,l} ds$  for the physical loss incurred by the  $i$ th obligor over a one-year period ending at time  $u$ .
- Replace  $EPL^i$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VaR}_\alpha\text{-PL}^i(t) &= \int_t^\infty e^{-r(u-t)} \text{VaR}_\alpha \left[ \sum_{cw,l} \int_{u-1}^u Z_s^{i,cw,l} dN_s^{cw,l} ds \right] du \\ &\approx \text{VaR}_\alpha [PL_{t_{\text{ref}}}^i] \int_t^\infty e^{-r(u-t)} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{ATM}}(u))}{\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{ATM}}(t_{\text{ref}}))} du. \end{aligned}$$



## Portfolio loss

Recall

$$\mathcal{L}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \Lambda^i \times \mathbf{1}_{\{\widehat{V}_t^i \leq L^i(t)\}}$$

where  $\Lambda^i = \text{EAD}^i \times \text{LGD}^i$  and large  $n$  ( $\approx 1E6$ ).  
 Obligor firm value:

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After some computations:  $\mathcal{L}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \Lambda^i \mathbf{1}_{\{A_t^i \leq X_t^i\}}$  with

$$A_t^i := \sqrt{1 - (\rho^i)^2} \int_0^t e^{-b^i(t-s)} dB_s^i + \text{deterministic function of time } t,$$

$$X_t^i := -\rho^i \int_0^t e^{-b^i(t-s)} dB_s.$$

**⚠ Time consuming to sample.**

# PCA approximation

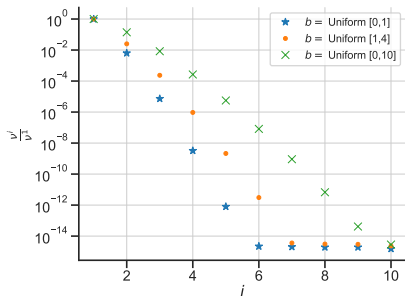
Consider  $X_t := (X_t^i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  with covariance matrix

$$(K_{X_t})^{i,j} := \text{Cov}(X_t^i, X_t^j) = \rho^i \rho^j \int_0^t e^{-b^i(t-s)} e^{-b^j(t-s)} ds = \rho^i \rho^j \frac{1 - e^{-(b^i+b^j)t}}{b^i + b^j}.$$

Spectral decomposition:

$$K_{X_t} = \sum_{k=1}^n \nu^k u^k (u^k)^\top.$$

Figure: Ratio  $\frac{\nu^k}{\nu^1}$  for  $k$  from 1 to 10 with  $n = 1000$ ,  $\rho \sim \mathcal{U}[-1, 1]$  and  $b \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{U}[1, 4]$ , and  $\mathcal{U}[0, 10]$ .



Mostly, only two eigenvalues matter !! So far, lack of quantitative estimates.



# PCA error bound

Approximate PCA model:

$$\mathcal{L}_t \approx \mathcal{L}_t^{\text{PCA}} := \sum_{i=1}^n \Lambda^i \mathbf{1}_{\{A_t^i \leq \sqrt{\nu^1} G^1 u^{1,i} + \sqrt{\nu^2} G^2 u^{2,i}\}}.$$

## Theorem 2

The  $L_1$  error between the original and approximated loss is bounded as follows:

$$\mathbb{E} [|\mathcal{L}_t - \mathcal{L}_t^{\text{PCA}}|] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\Lambda^i}{\pi} \frac{|\rho^i|}{\sqrt{1 - (\rho^i)^2}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{k=3}^n \nu^k (u^{k,i})^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n \nu^k (u^{k,i})^2}}.$$

# Polynomial chaos expansion

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# Computational gain

$n = 10,000$  obligors,  $n_{mc} = 10^5$  Monte Carlo samples

**Algorithm 1:** Crude Monte Carlo:  
 Sampling of the portfolio loss  $\mathcal{L}_t$

**Output:**  $n_{mc}$  i.i.d. samples of  $\mathcal{L}_t$ ;

for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n_{mc}$  do

    Compute vector of optimal  
     emissions  $(\hat{\gamma}_t^1, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_t^n)$ ;

    Sample Gaussian vector  
      $(\hat{p}_t^1, \dots, \hat{p}_t^n)$ ;

    Compute vector of optimal  
     values  $(\hat{V}_t^1, \dots, \hat{V}_t^n)$ ;

    Compute the portfolio loss  
      $\mathcal{L}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \Lambda^i \times \mathbf{1}_{\{\hat{V}_t^i \leq L^i(t)\}}$ .

- Algorithm 1  $\approx 75$  seconds

- Algorithm 2  $\approx 2$  seconds.

**Algorithm 2:** Monte Carlo: Sampling of the  
 PCA-PCE portfolio loss with Gaussian approximation

**Output:**  $n_{mc}$  i.i.d. samples of  $\mathcal{L}_t^{\text{PCA,PCE,G}}$ ;

**Offline computation:**

Find PCA decomposition of  $K_{X_t}$ ;  
 Compute parameters for the PCE;

for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n_{mc}$  do

    Sample

$(\varepsilon_{n,m_1,m_2}^G)_{m_1+m_2=m, 0 \leq m \leq M} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K})$ ;

    Sample two independent  $G^1, G^2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ;

    Compute PCA-PCE portfolio loss

$\mathcal{L}_t^{\text{PCA,PCE,G}} =$

$\sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2 \geq 0 \\ m_1+m_2=m}} \varepsilon_{n,m_1,m_2}^G \text{He}_{m_1}(G^1) \text{He}_{m_2}(G^2)$ ;

## Numerical experiments

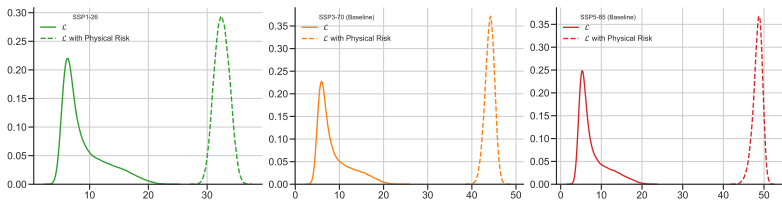
We focus on three distinct SSP scenarios: SSP1-26, SSP3-70 (Baseline), and SSP5-85 (Baseline) for the transportation sector.

The portfolio loss maturity is set at  $t = 5$  years, where  $t = 0$  corresponds to 2015. We take  $n_{\text{MC}} = 10^5$  Monte Carlo samples for our analysis.

We study the fictitious portfolio with parameters:

- $t = 5$  years,  $n = 1,000$ ,  $r = 2\%$ ,
- 3 different energy sources for  $\mathbf{e}$ ,  $c_{\mathbf{e}}^i = (0.01, 0.01, 0.01)$ ,  
 $\alpha_{\bullet,t}^i = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\beta_{\bullet,t}^i = (0.1, 0.5, 0.8)$ ,  $\theta_{\bullet,t}^i = (1, 1, 1)$ ,
- $\omega_1 = 0.05$ ,  $\omega_2 = 0.02$ ,
- $P_0 = 1$ ,  $\sigma^i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{U}[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $a^i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{U}[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $b^i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{U}[1, 4]$ ,  
 $\rho^i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{U}[-1, 1]$ ,  $\Lambda^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}}$ ,  $\text{AP}^i = 1$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{ref}} = 3\%$ .
- Initial physical damage:  $0.001\% \times \hat{V}_0^i$ .

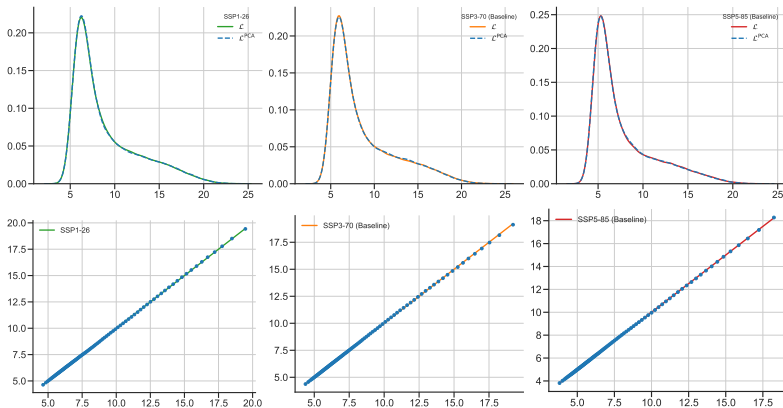
## Impact of physical risks



**Figure:** Portfolio losses with and without physical risk for the scenarios SSP1-26, SSP3-70, and SSP5-85.

⚠ As expected, incorporating a physical risk term significantly shifts the portfolio loss distribution upward.

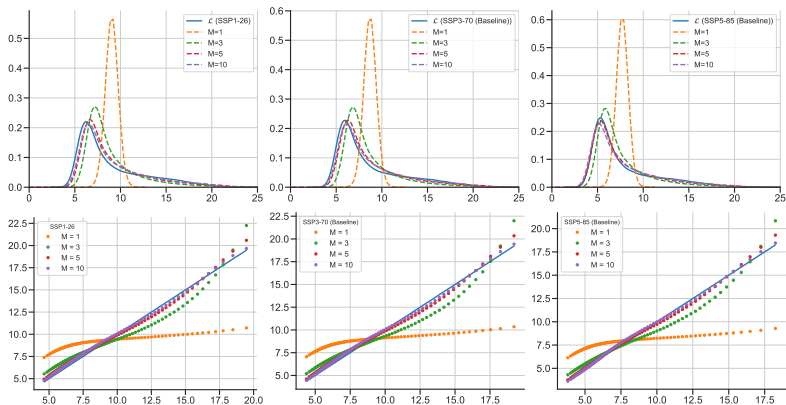
# Impact of Principal Component Analysis



**Figure:** Portfolio loss  $\mathcal{L}$  and two-factor-PCA-approximated loss  $\mathcal{L}^{PCA}$  for the scenarios SSP1-26, SSP3-70, and SSP5-85 (top figures) and associated Q-Q plots (bottom figures).



# Impact of Polynomial Chaos Expansion



**Figure:** Comparison of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PCA,PCE,G}}$  (left figures) and associated Q-Q plots (right figures) with  $M = 1, 3, 5, 10$  for the scenarios SSP1-26, SSP3-70, and SSP5-85.

## Conclusion

- End-to-end methodology to assess the credit risk of a large portfolio of obligors
- Impact of transition and physical climate risks, given a SSP scenario
- Efficient computations using two steps-reduction techniques (Principal Component Analysis and Polynomial Chaos Expansion)
- Work-in-progress: dealing with real data

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