



# XVA, scaling up to Big Data

**Case Study:** How to establish innovative partnerships with Fintech companies in order to develop new IT models and solutions that compliment in-house legacy systems ?

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# **FinTech Solutions**

Win-Win Partnership

# Conclusions





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## - Quant Work

## **Traditional Quant Work**

### "Localized" data

- Trade level simplified data as inputs
- Low dimensional output data (MtM + greeks ~ 50 data)

## "Localized" computation

- Dedicated pricer / model / numerical method
- Isolated call, end of the supply chain

## High level simple aggregation

 MtM and greeks can be arbitrarily aggregated by a simple sum as long as a common set of independent variables is maintained

## **XVA Quant Work**

#### **Data chaos**

 Trade data is not enough, need booking details, portfolio description, CSA... that are usually not available at the pricing system level

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- Decentralized interconnected computation
  - Need to expose internal computation status to the rest of the system
  - High dimensionality
  - Ensure consistency across the board

## Complex high level aggregation

- Non linear post treatment (embedded VA option, CSA...)
- Increasing number of sensitivities

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# - XVA Challenges

## **Data Challenge**

A natural approach consists in storing computation cubes

#### Example of data for a basic XVA book:

- 500k trades
- 100 time steps
- 10k simulations
- 500 greeks
- 5 metrics

#### **Order of a PetaByte**

Thing is, a bank is not Google, or is it?

## **Computation Challenge**

- A naïve approach consists in calling billion of million times your standard pricer
- **Standard pricers too slow, with issues on:** 
  - Model consistency
  - Path dependency
  - Monte Carlo of Monte Carlo
  - Greeks precision
- And integration / function call is probably just not meant to be called repeatedly
- Need an integrated solution with optimized pricers
  - Regenerate only required risk factors
  - Use of regression / already computed cashflows
  - Generic greeks fwd/bwd propagation
  - General splitting techniques





## **Solutions**

#### QUANT

American Monte Carlo

AAD

Splitting

#### **NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

#### Fast evolving technology

- Zoo of Big Data technologies, difficult to choose from
- Do not want to get stuck with deprecated technology
- "Nobody ever got fired by choosing IBM" effect

#### **Global community**

- Mature technologies, used by Tech industries
- Open source code, forums, online help
- Hiring issues
  - How to get "experts"?
  - Competition with the Tech industry
  - Image

# Software / Hardware Just HARDWARE OPTIONS

#### CPU

- **GPU**, vectorized data but need to recode to OpenCL or equivalent
- Intel Xeon Phi, alternative using almost standard compilers
- **FPGA** (Field Programmable Gate Array), but complex to maintain and to evolve

#### PARALLELIZING SOLUTIONS

Grid computing (Datasynapse...)
Cluster computing (Spark...)
In house vs cloud





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