

# ACTUARIAL MODERNIZATION: WHY BOTHER?

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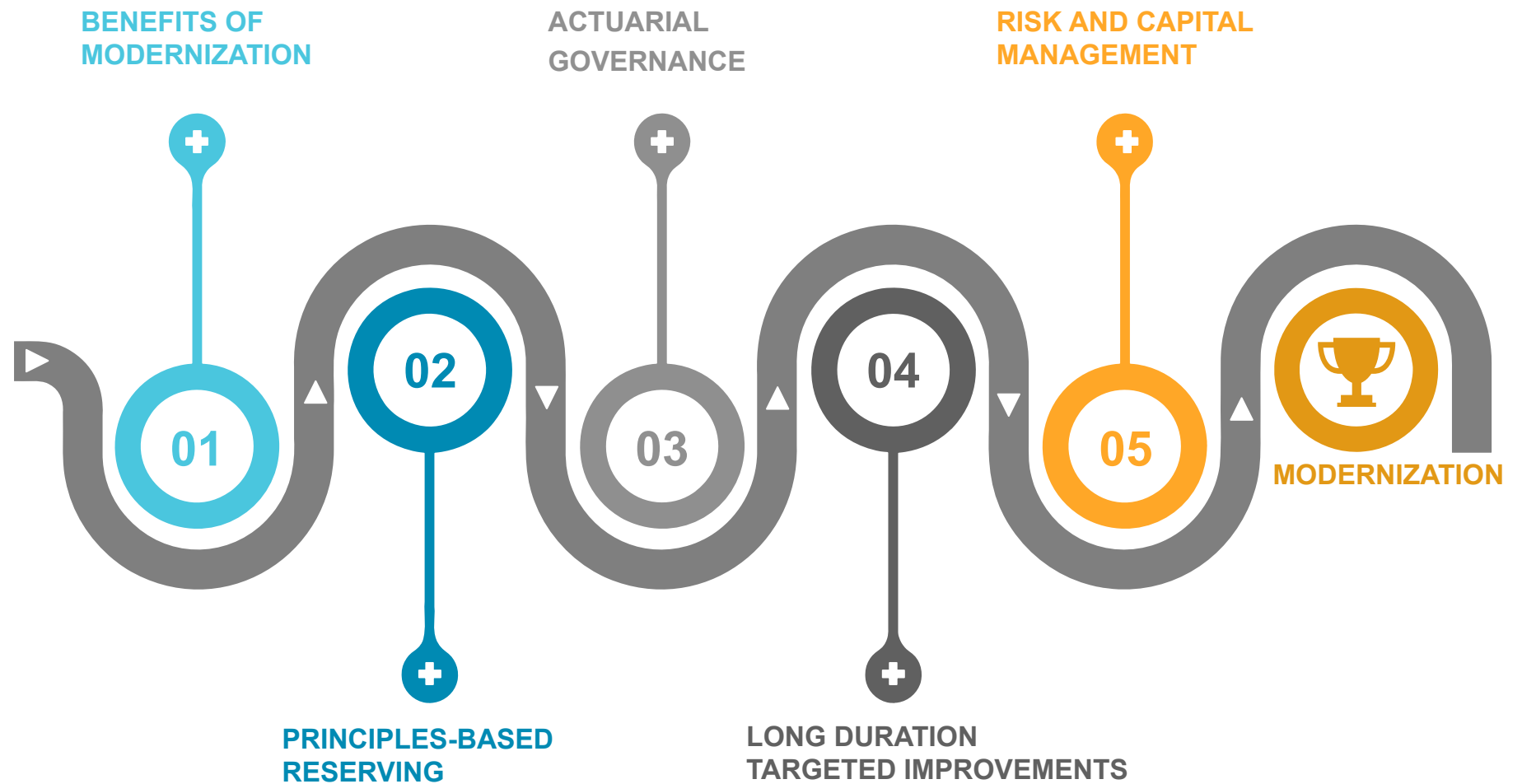
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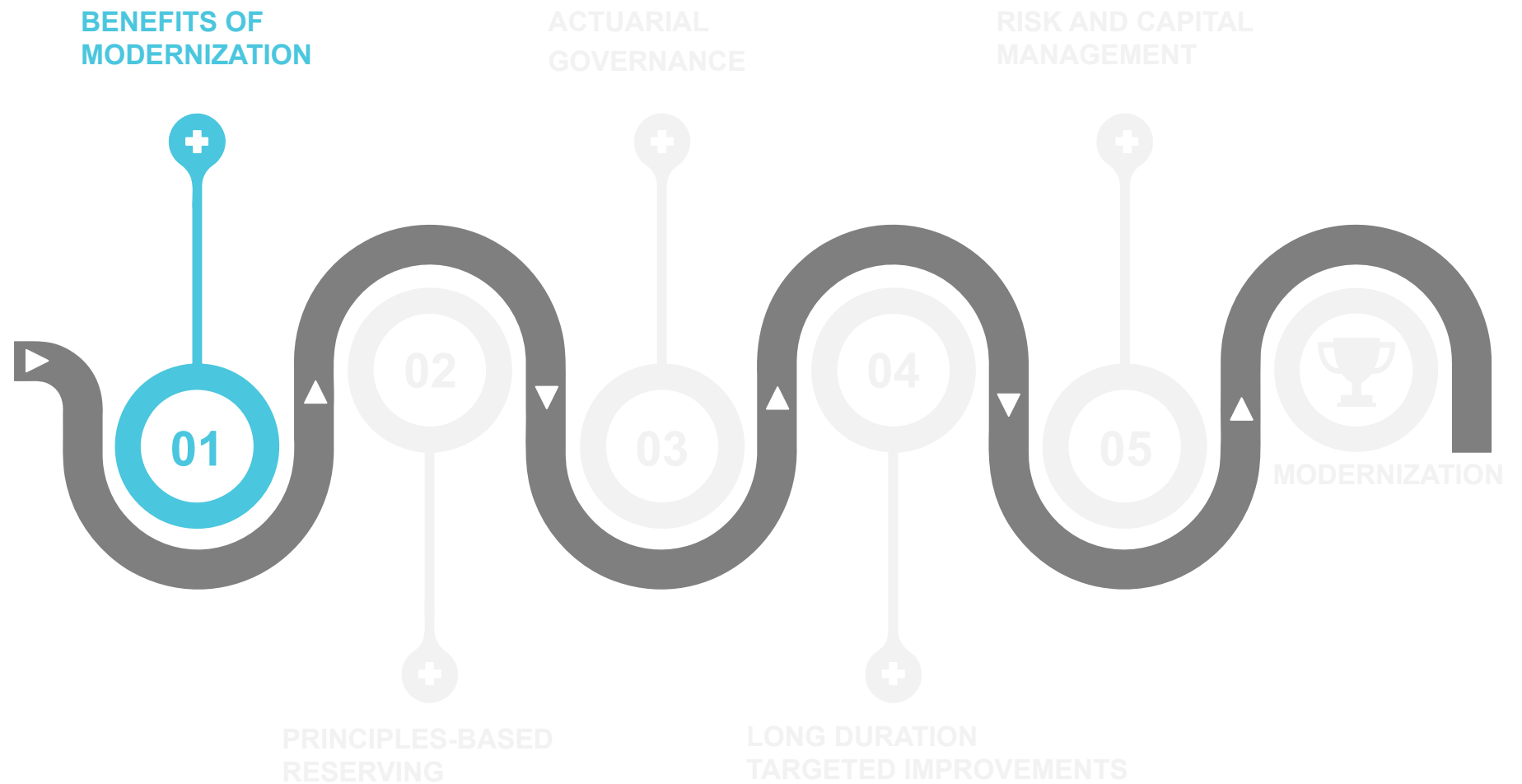
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# Roadmap to modernization

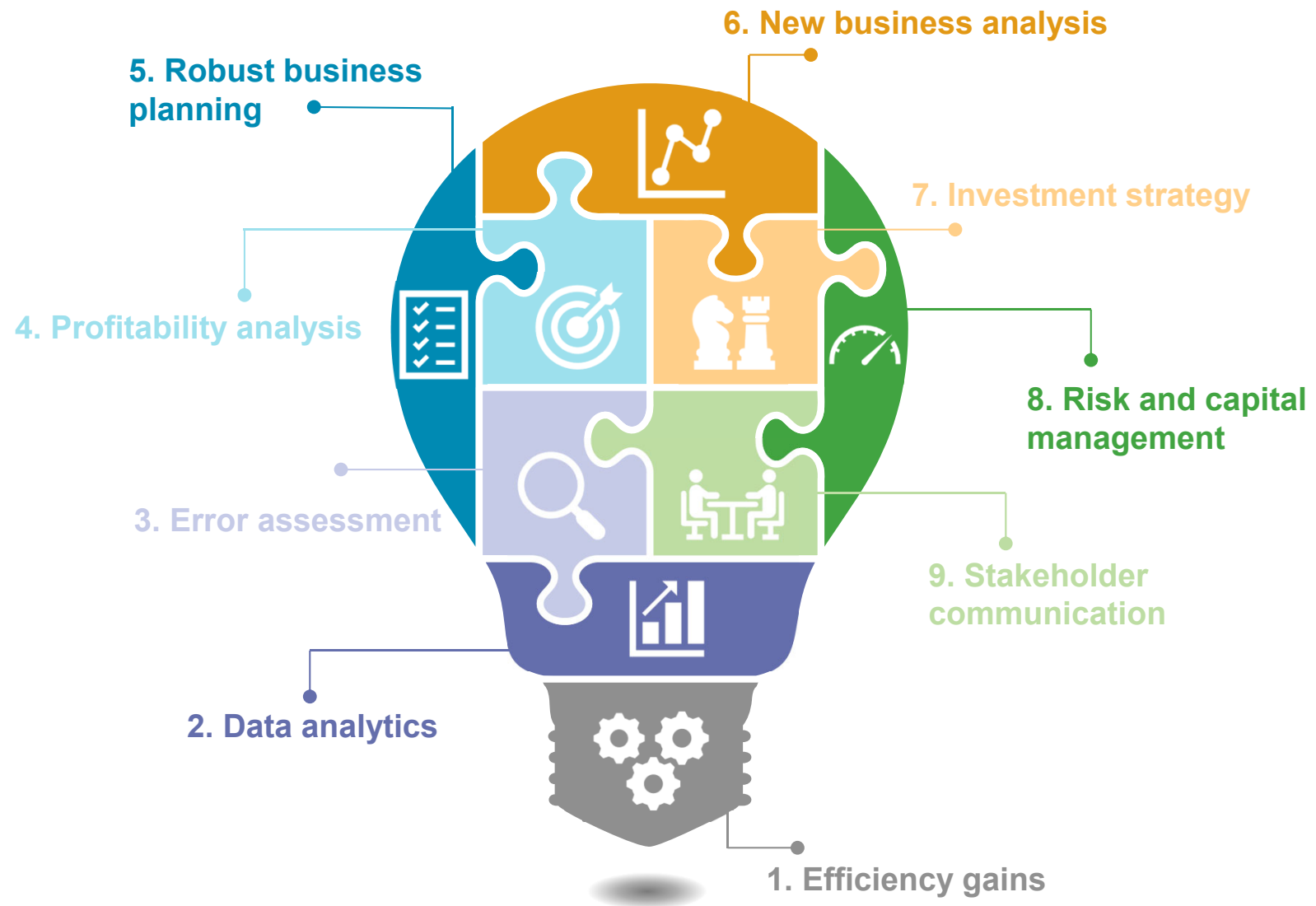


# 1 | Benefits of modernization

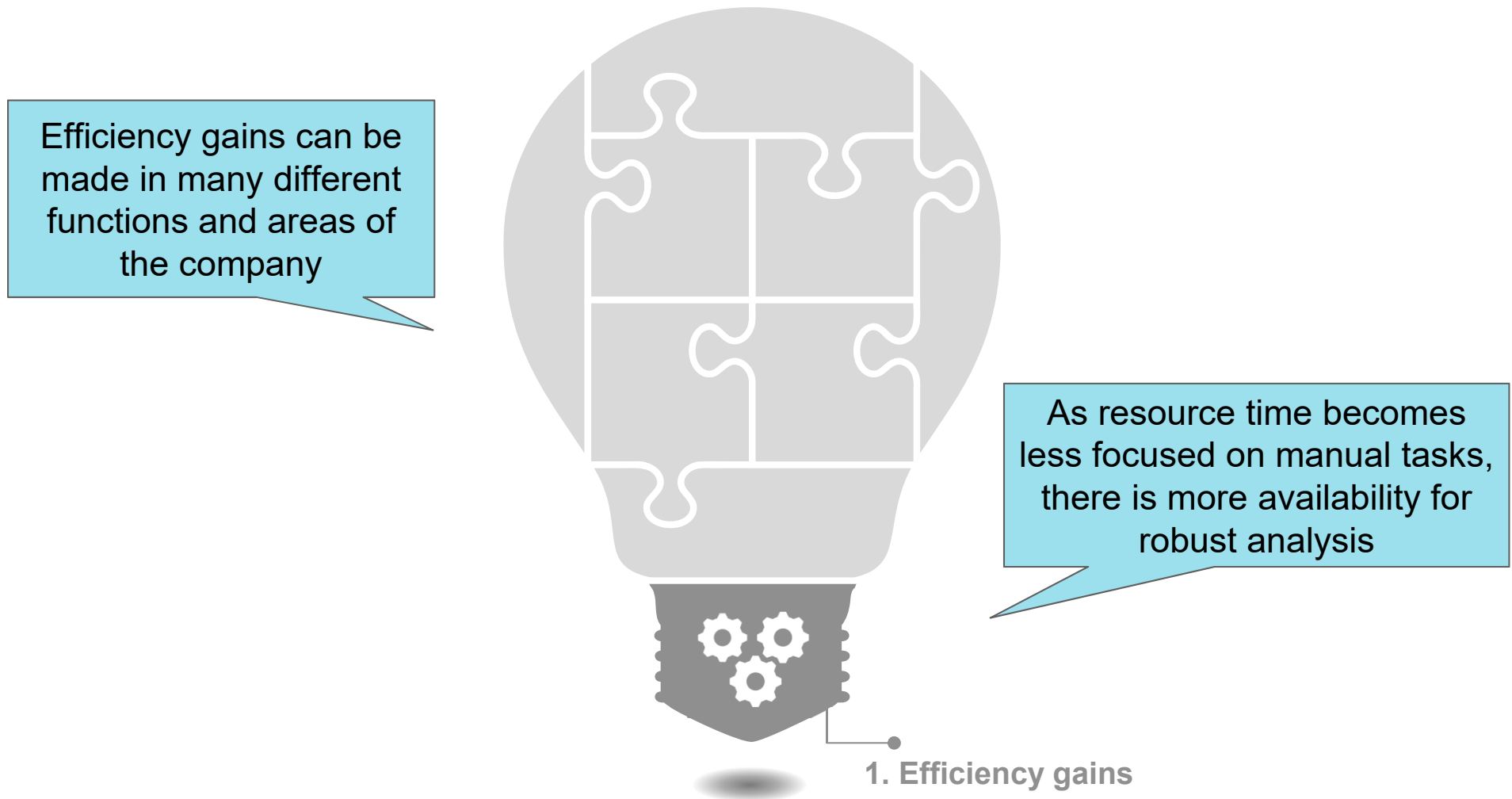
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# Benefits of actuarial modernization

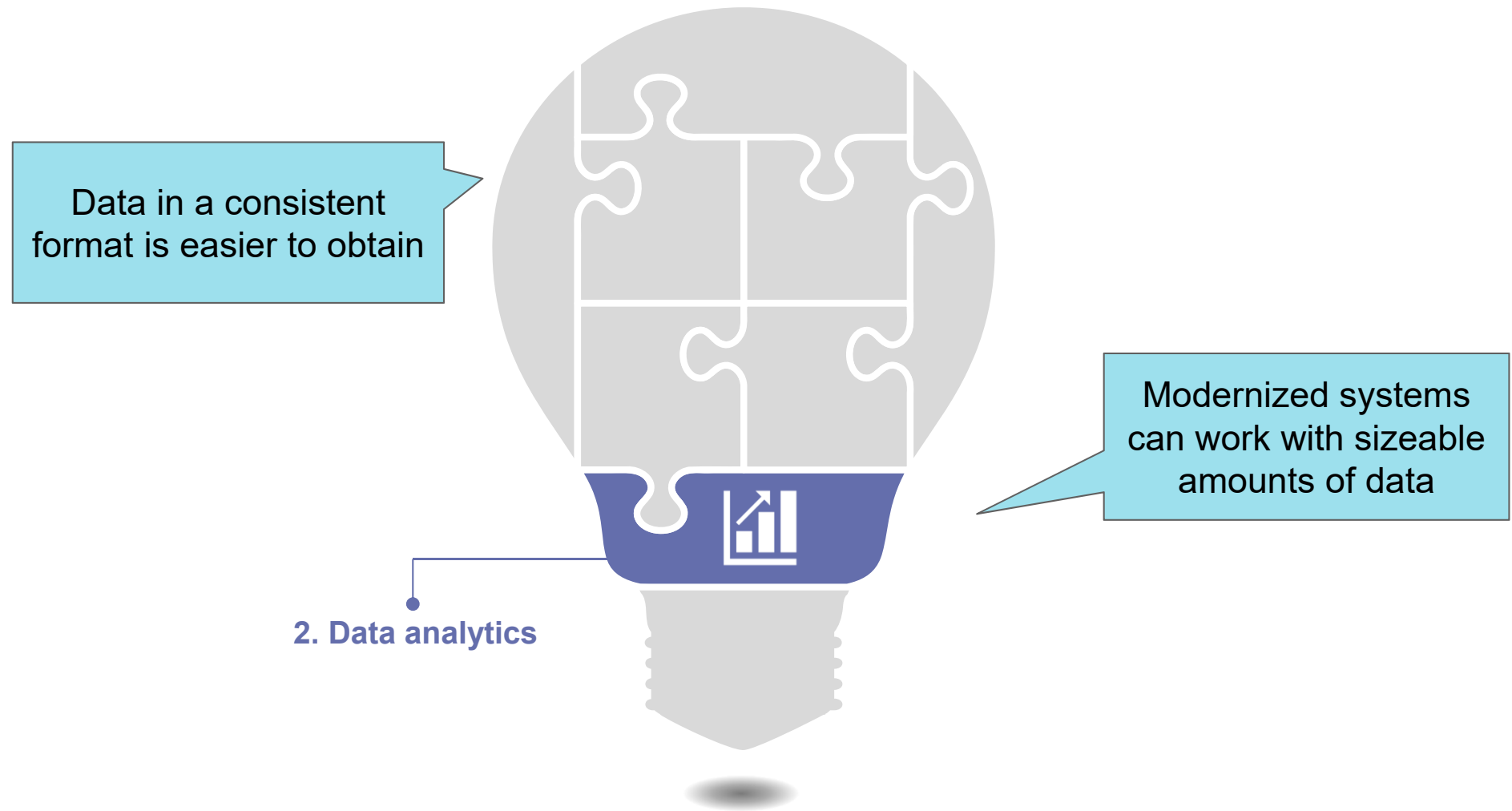


# Efficiency gains are the fundamental benefit of an actuarial modernization

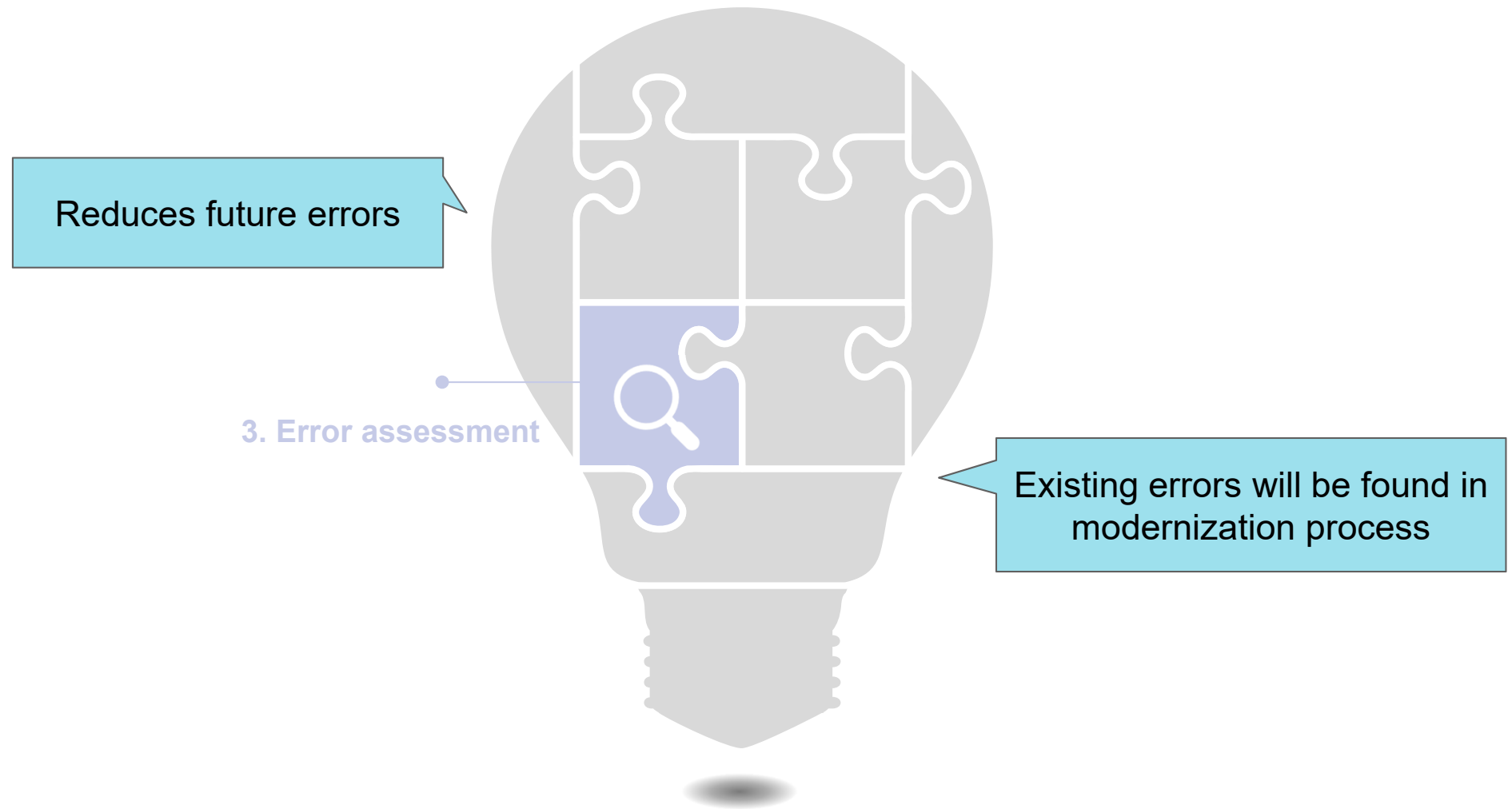




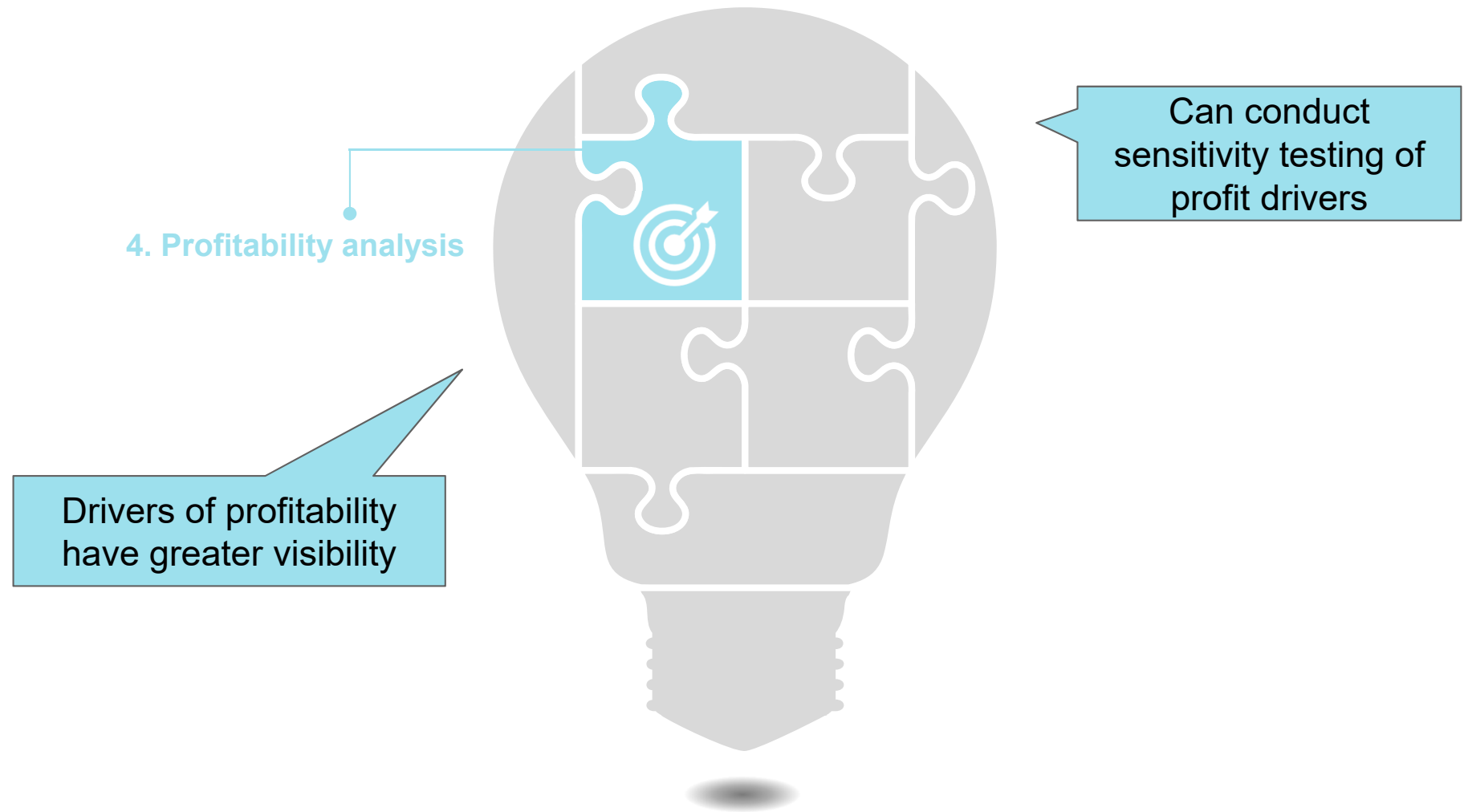
# Improved data analytics allows companies to use the data for more robust and informed decision-making



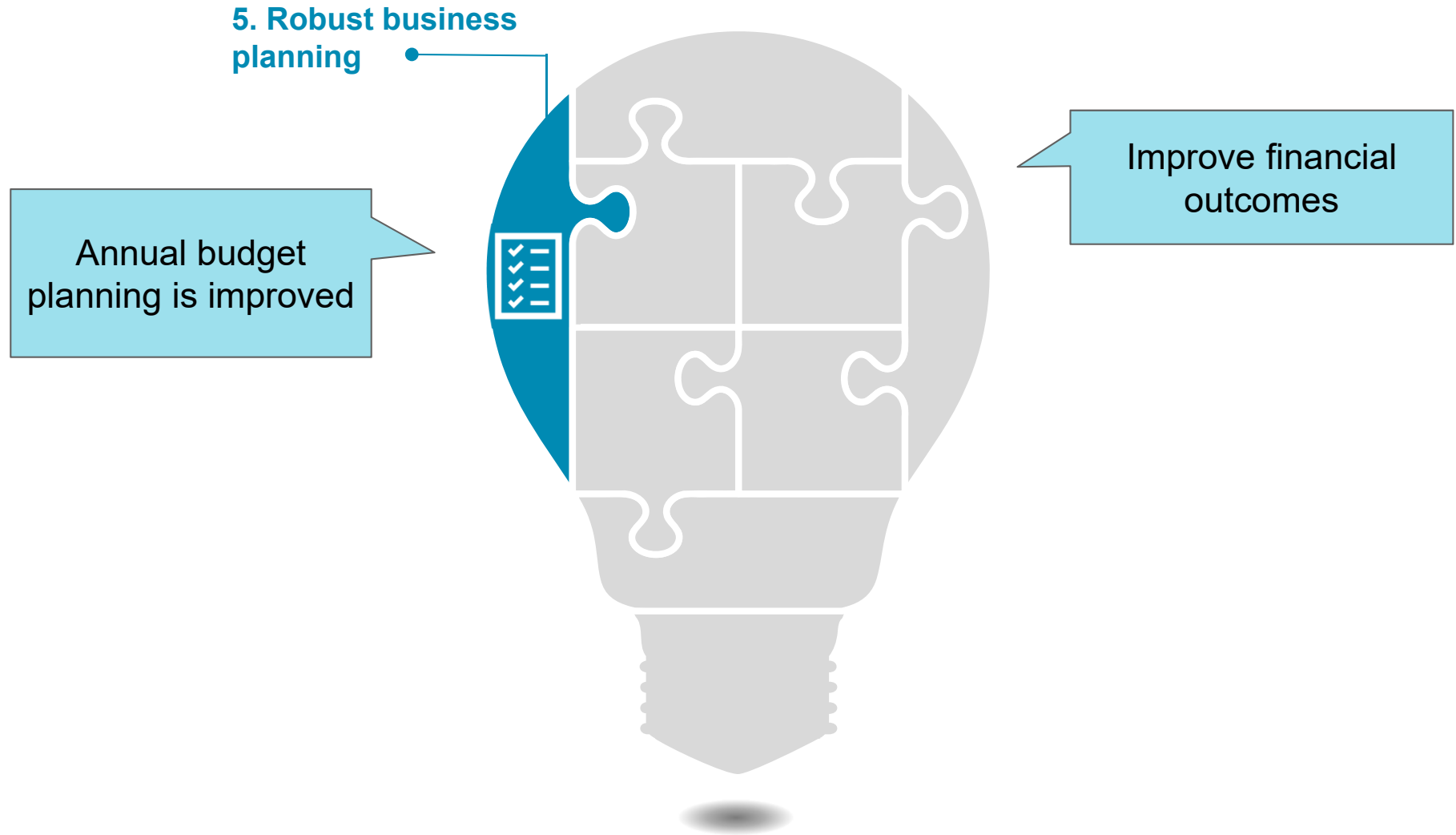
# Modernization can help identify and reduce errors in your processes



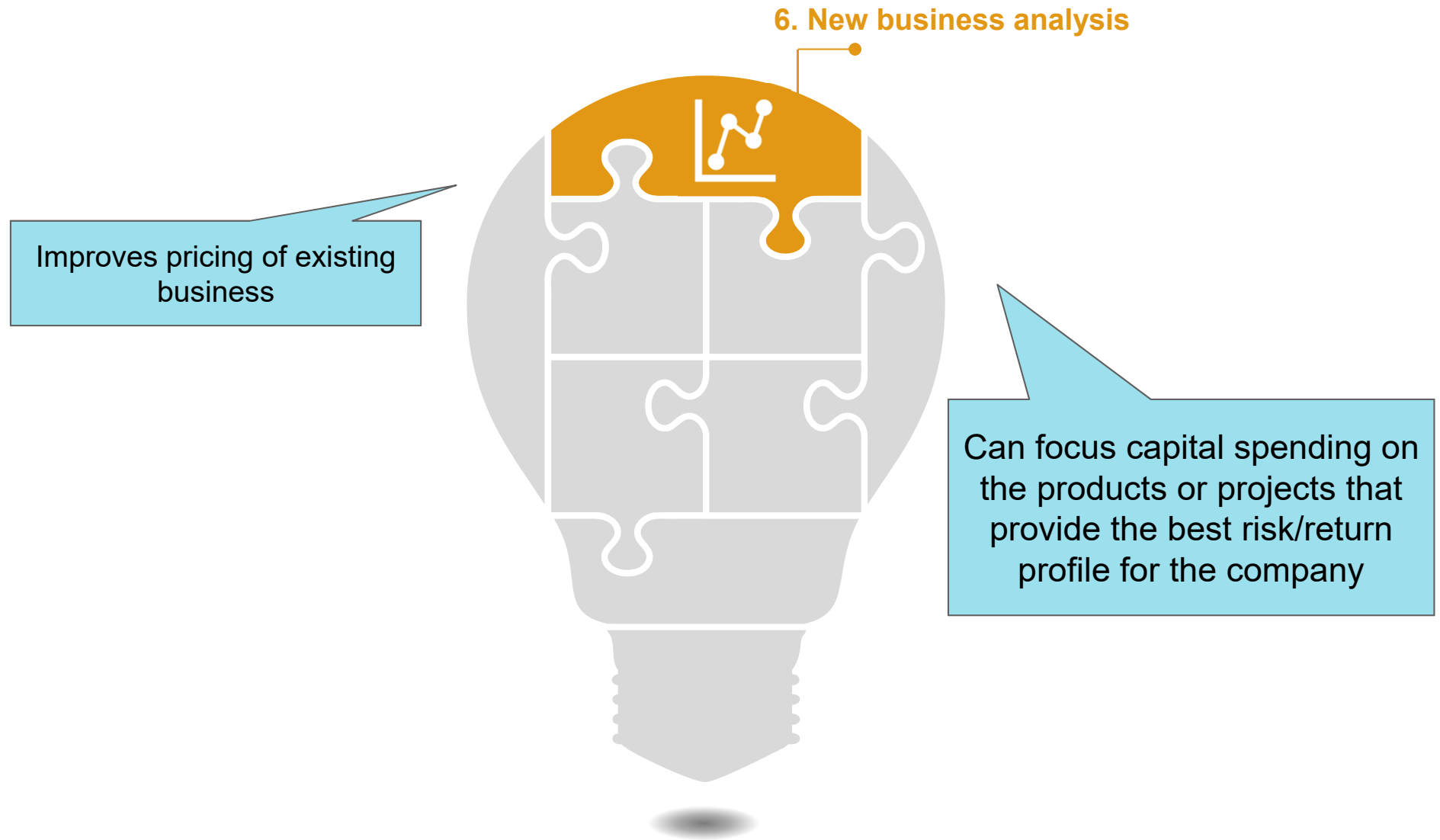
# Profitability analysis becomes easier and more transparent



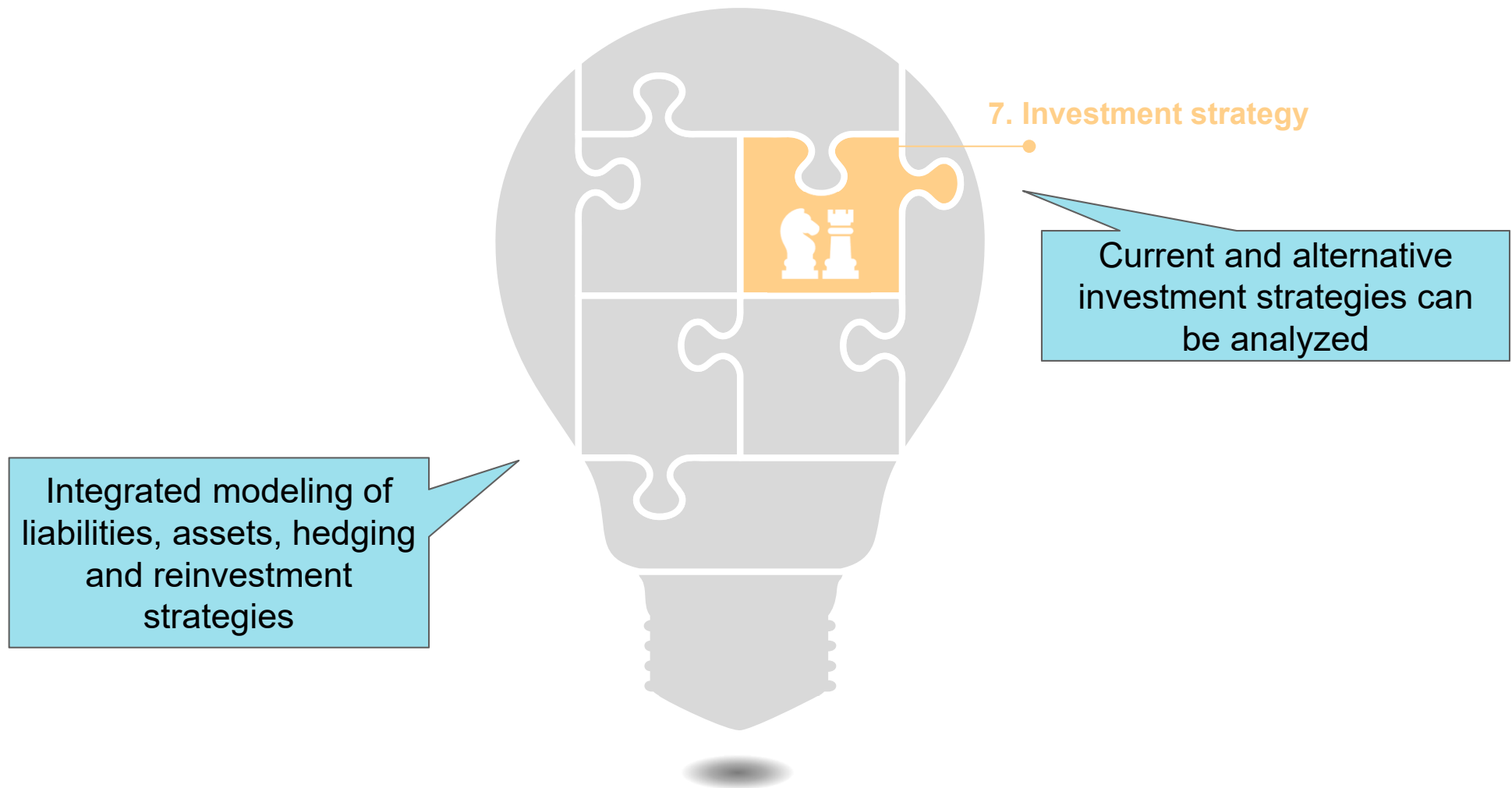
## Business planning can become more robust and integrated



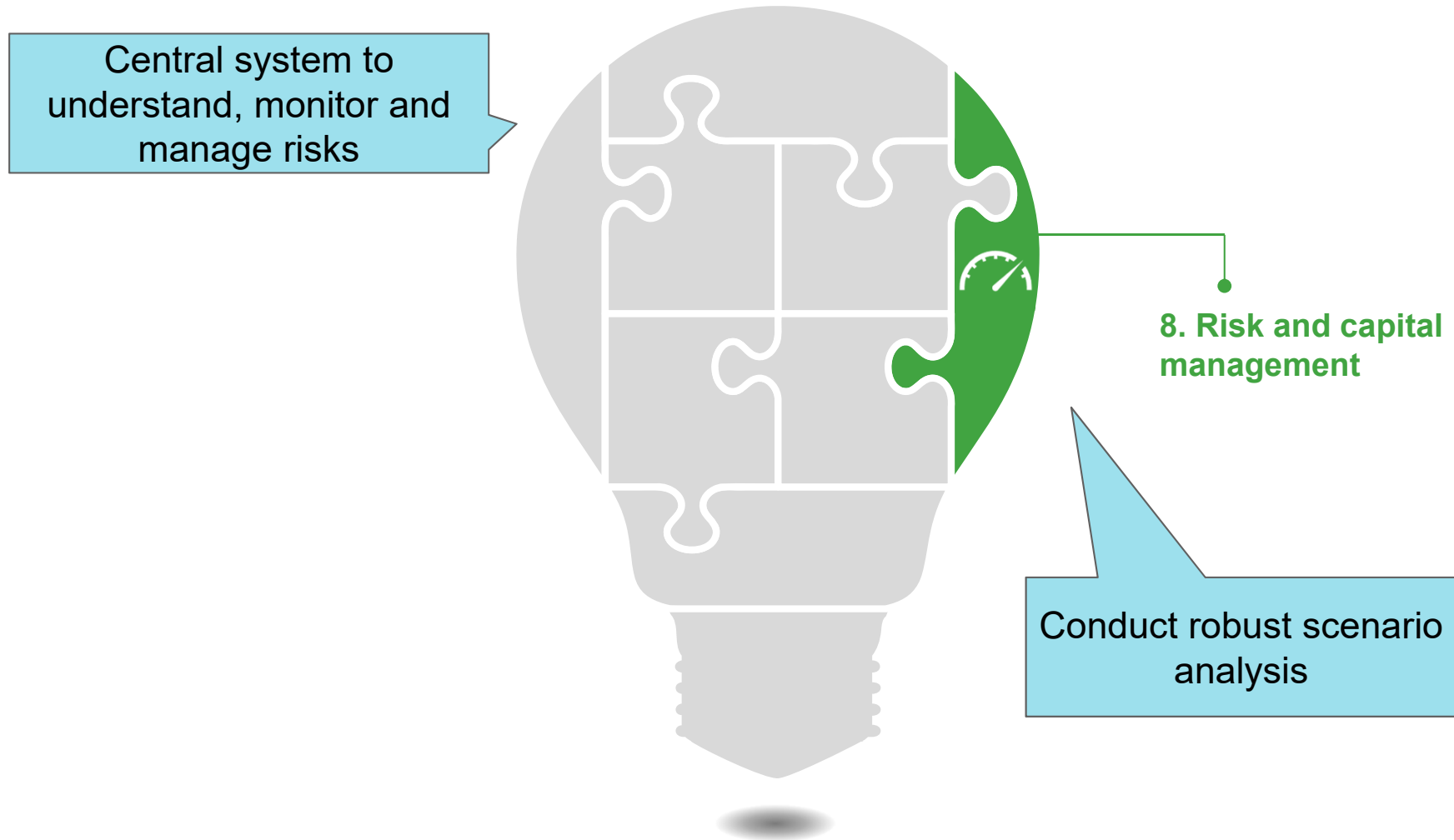
## Improvements to new business analytics and help companies manage their product suite and risk/return profile



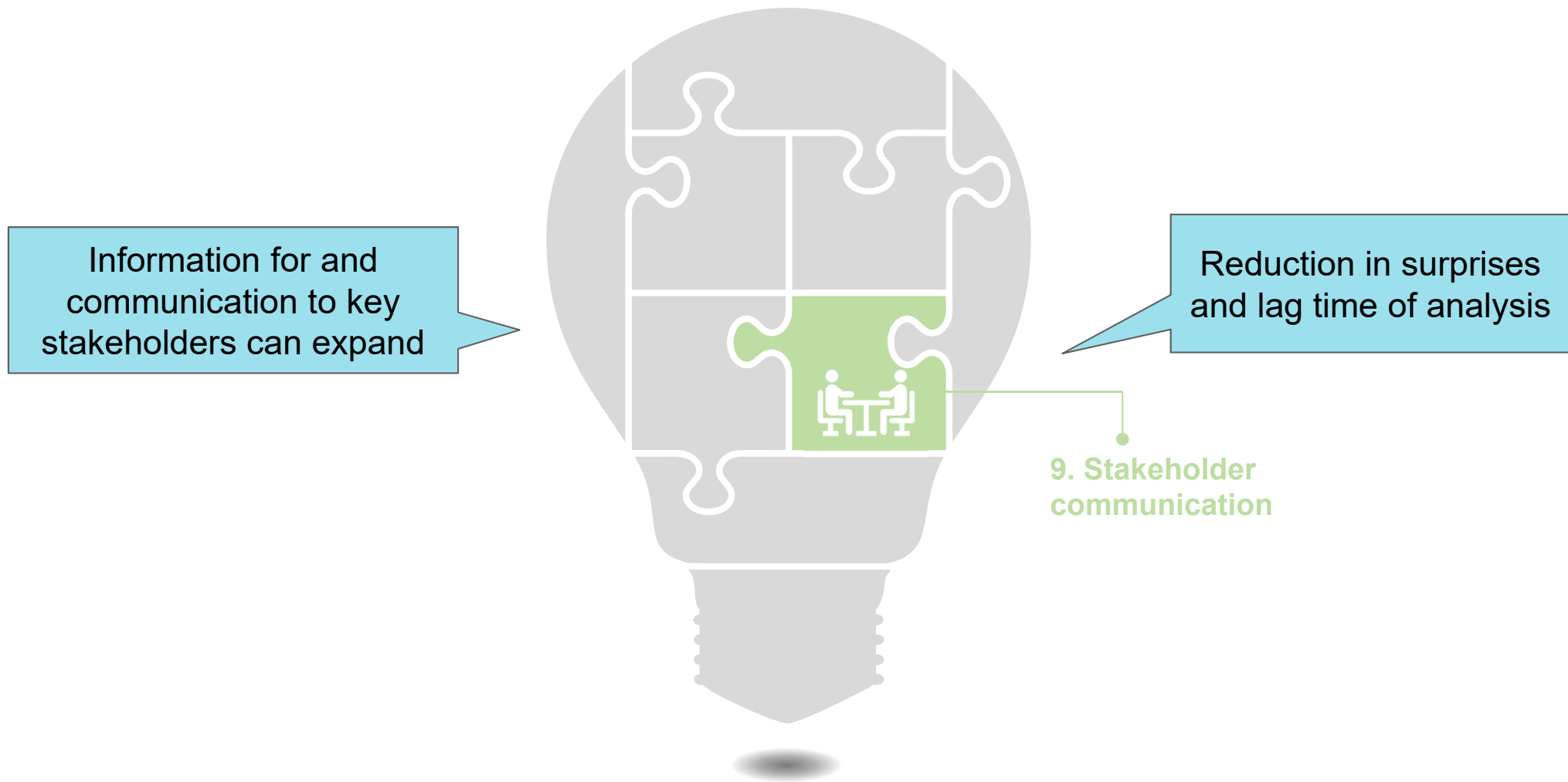
## Modernization can inform refinements to the investment strategy



Risk and capital management becomes more transparent and information is more readily available for decision making

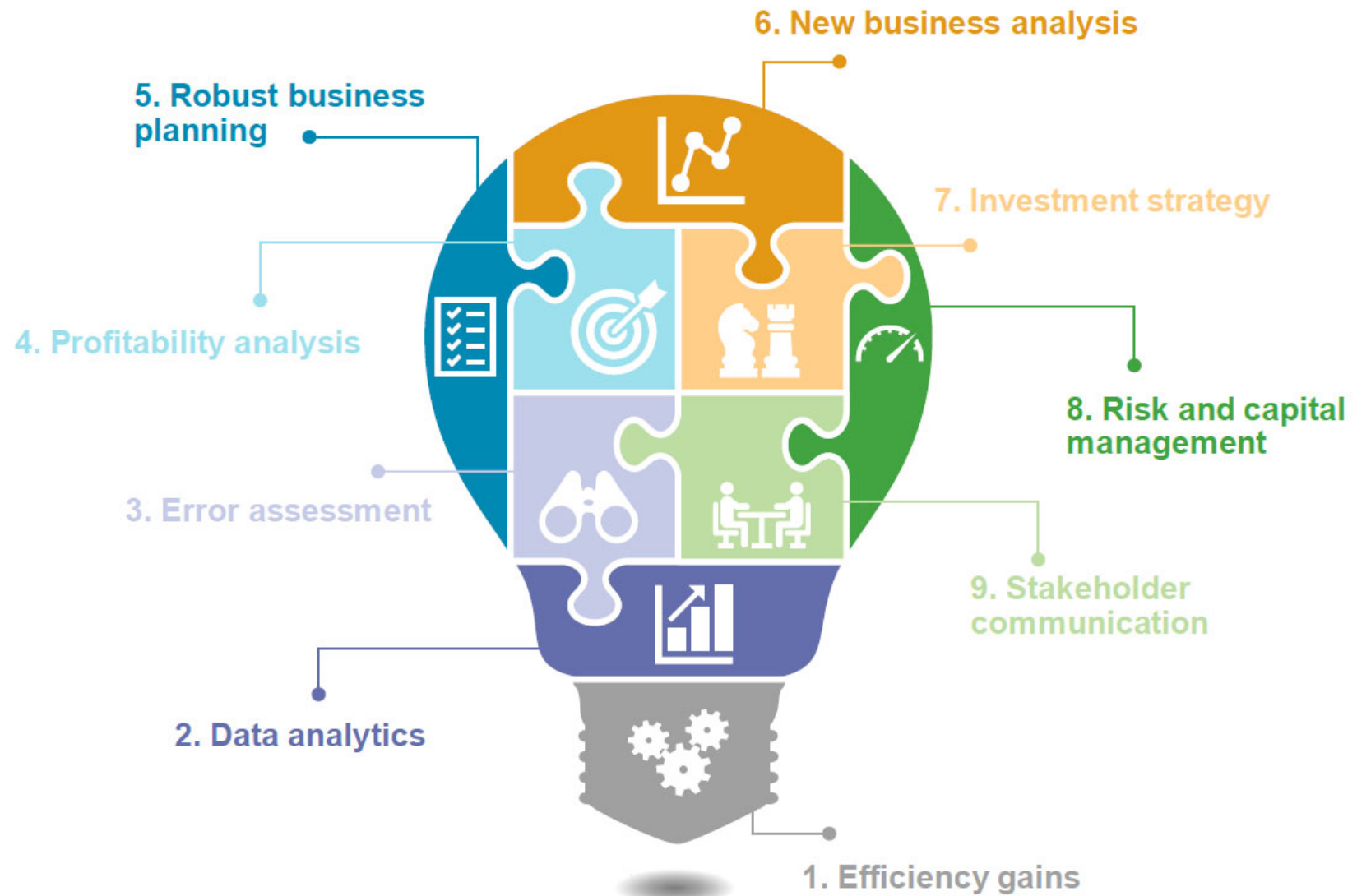


## Modernization improves communication with all stakeholders



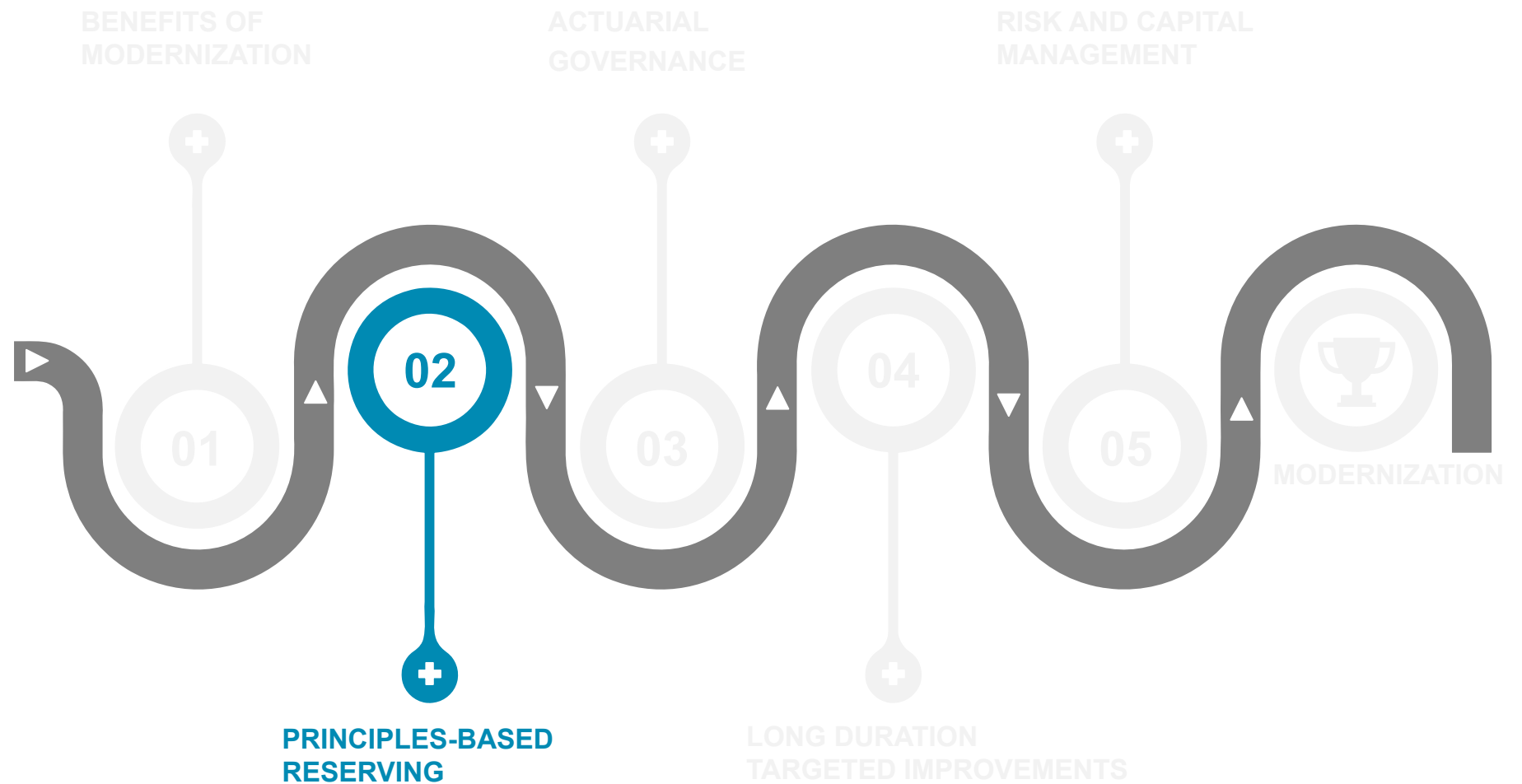


# Benefits of actuarial modernization



2 | Life PBR: It's here, now what?

# Roadmap to modernization



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**Background and key findings**



**Analysis to date**



**Assumptions and margins**

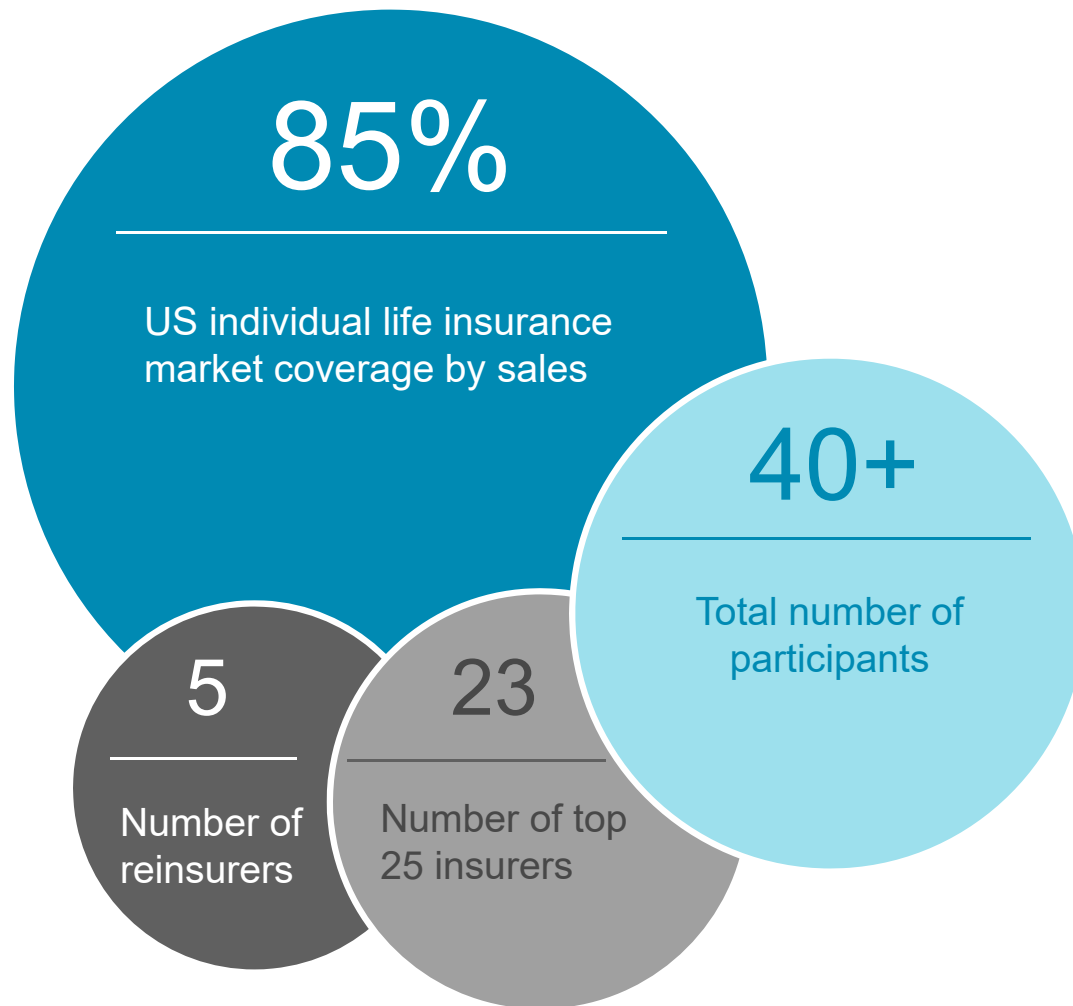


**Emerging topics**

## 2.1 | Background and key findings

## Background

This presentation contains select results from a survey that Oliver Wyman conducted in 2019 related to PBR implementation plans and emerging topics



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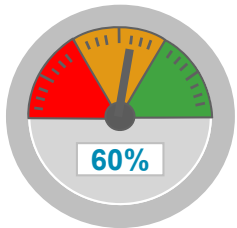
Respondents were asked to describe their practices as of December 31, 2018

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## 2.2 | Analysis to date

## All products

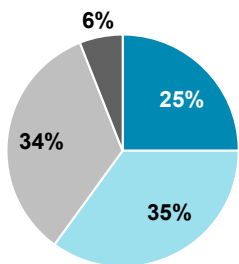
PBR has been analyzed on more than half of survey participants' products and implementations are heavily back-loaded



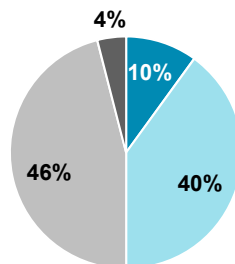
# 60%

Life writers have analyzed the impact of PBR on more than half their products

**Impact on reserves**  
% of Life products



**Impact on profitability**  
% of Life products



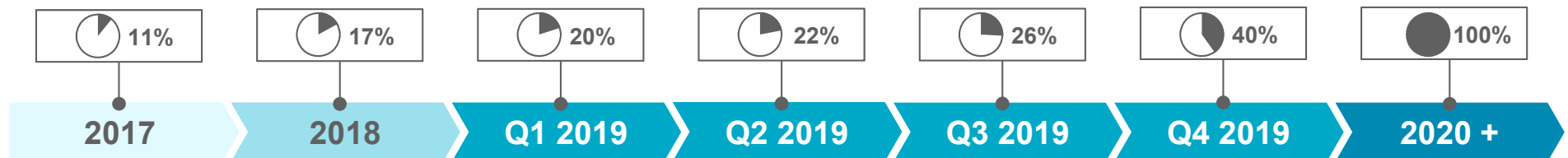
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**Exclusion testing**  
% of Life products

**50%** of products for which writers anticipate passing stochastic exclusion tests

**23%** of products for which writers anticipate passing deterministic exclusion tests

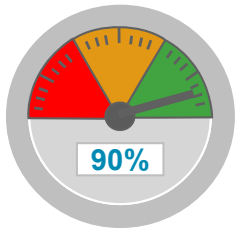
**% of Life products on PBR**  
Across all participants





## Term

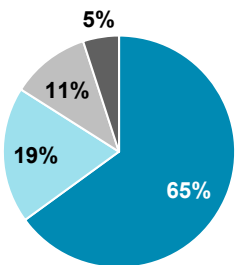
A large majority of writers have analyzed PBR on their Term products and tend to see large reserve decreases



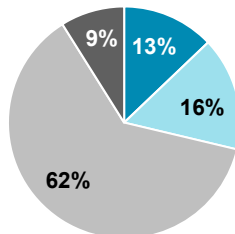
90%

of Term writers have analyzed the impact of PBR on their offerings

Impact on reserves  
% of Term writers



Impact on profitability  
% of Term writers



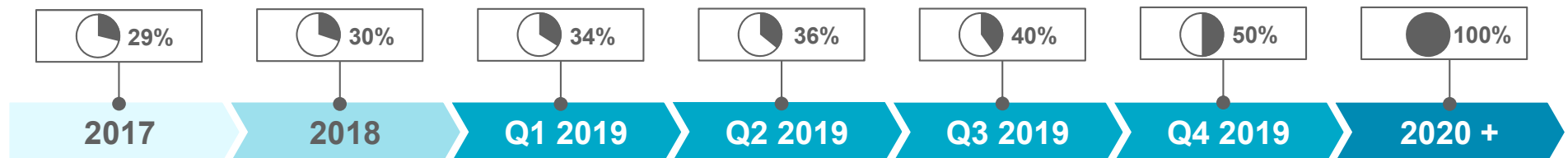
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Exclusion testing  
% of Term writers

85% of writers anticipate passing stochastic exclusion tests

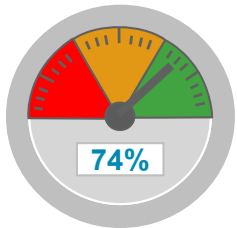
0% of writers anticipate passing deterministic exclusion tests

% of Term products on PBR  
Across all participants%



# Universal life with secondary guarantee (ULSG)

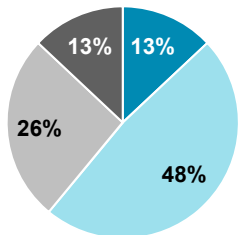
PBR readiness for ULSG is the second highest and most participants are seeing small changes in profitability under PBR



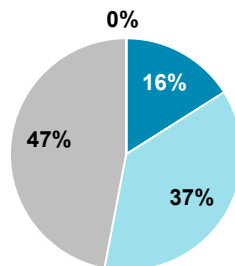
**74%**

of ULSG writers have analyzed the impact of PBR on their offerings

**Impact on reserves**  
% of ULSG writers



**Impact on profitability**  
% of ULSG writers



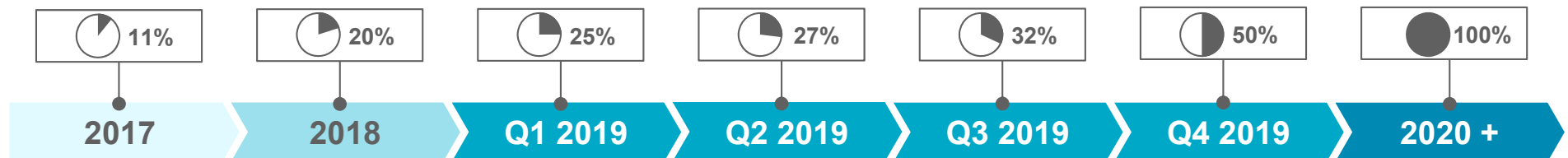
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- Large Increase (+)

**Exclusion testing**  
% of ULSG writers

**21%** of writers anticipate passing stochastic exclusion tests

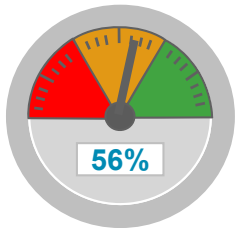
**0%** of writers anticipate passing deterministic exclusion tests

**% of ULSG products on PBR**  
Across all participants



## Whole Life (WL)

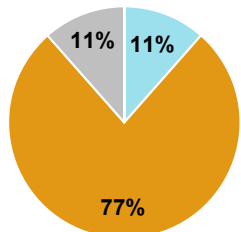
Adoption is delayed to Q4 2019 and beyond for a majority of WL writers and most expect to be exempt from modeled reserve requirements



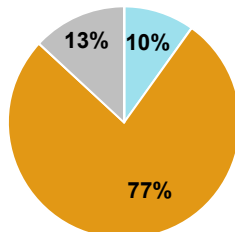
**56%**

of WL writers have analyzed the impact of PBR on their offerings

**Impact on reserves**  
% of WL writers



**Impact on profitability**  
% of WL writers

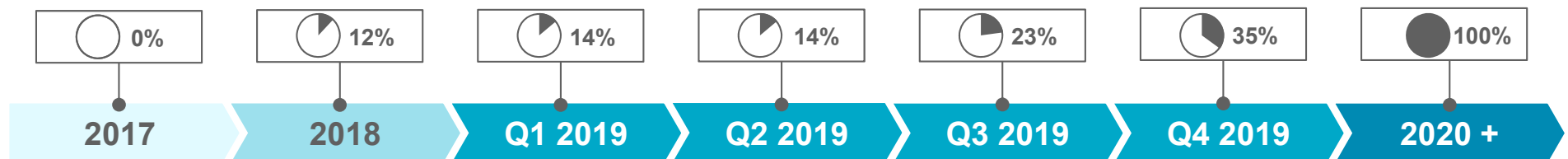


**Exclusion testing**  
% of WL writers

**87%** of writers anticipate passing stochastic exclusion tests

**77%** of writers anticipate passing deterministic exclusion tests

**% of WL products on PBR**  
Across all participants



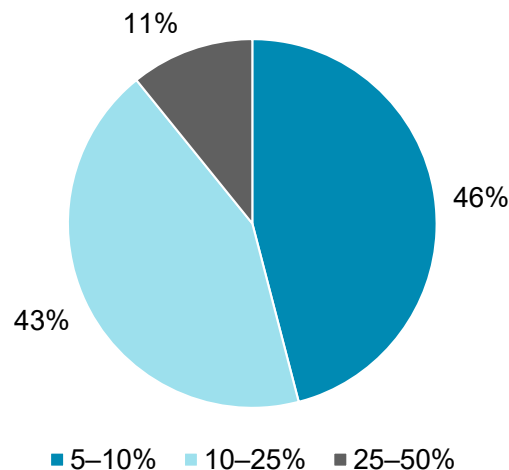
## 2.3 | Assumptions and margins

## Aggregate margin levels

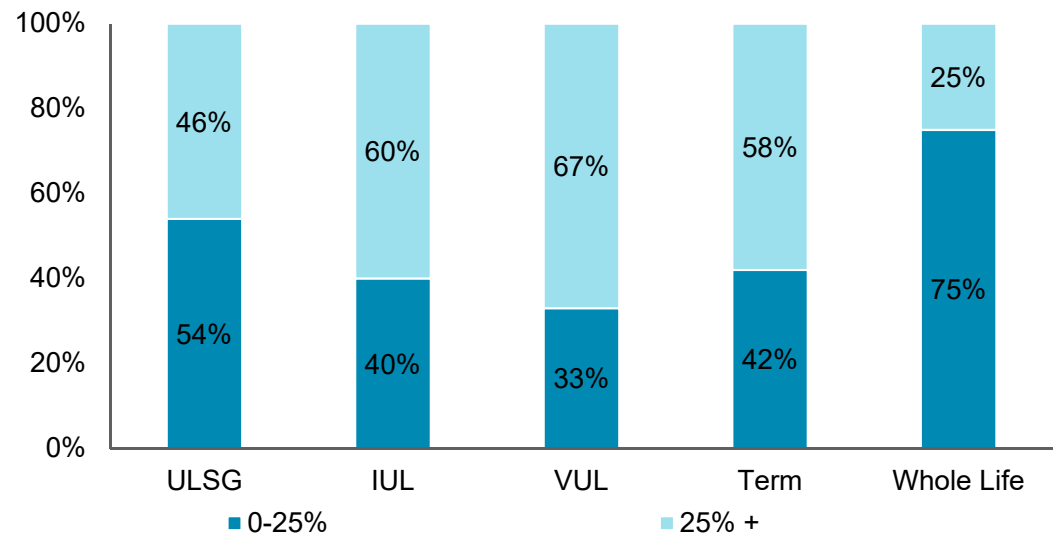
Reserve margins are more than double what participants feel is an appropriate level for Term, ULSG, IUL, and VUL

**89%** of participants think an appropriate level of aggregate margin is less than 25%

Appropriate level of aggregate margin



Actual level of aggregate margin



Note: ULSG includes IUL SG and VUL SG

Observed margins in excess of 25% are common across all product types

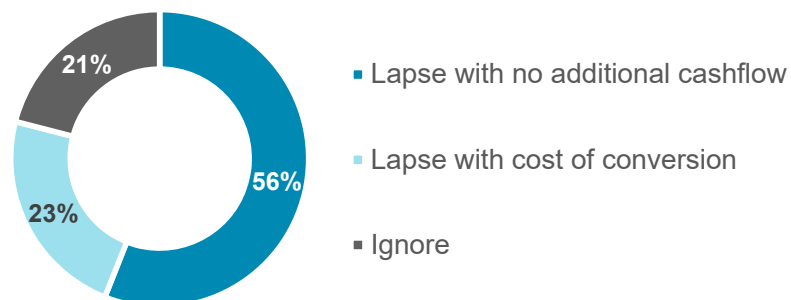
## 2.3 | Emerging topics

# Conversions

## A wide range of practice exists for the incorporation of conversion options into PBR

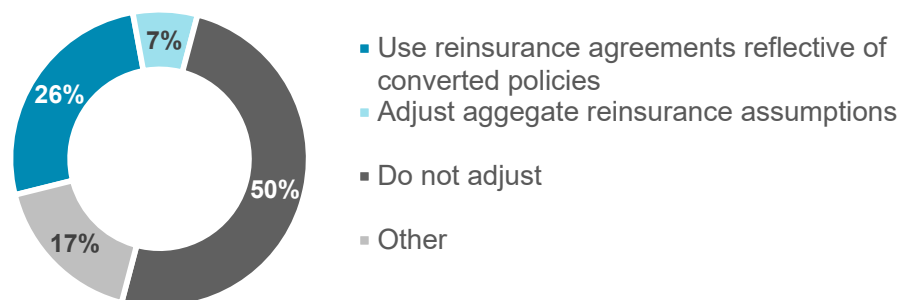
### Methodology: Term reserves

Which of the following best describes your approach to recognizing Term conversions in your Term reserves (DR and if applicable, SR)?



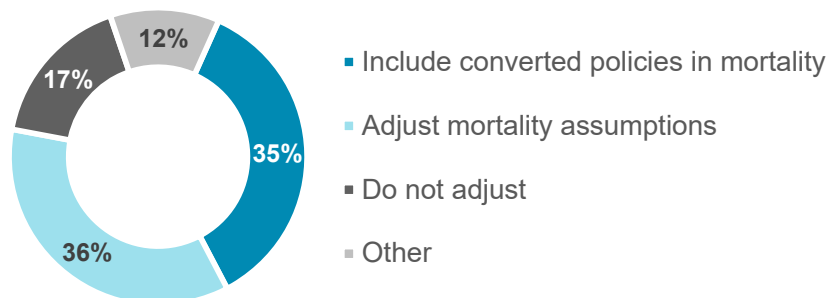
### Methodology: Permanent reserves

Which of the following are you doing to reflect conversions in your permanent product reserves (DR and if applicable, SR)?



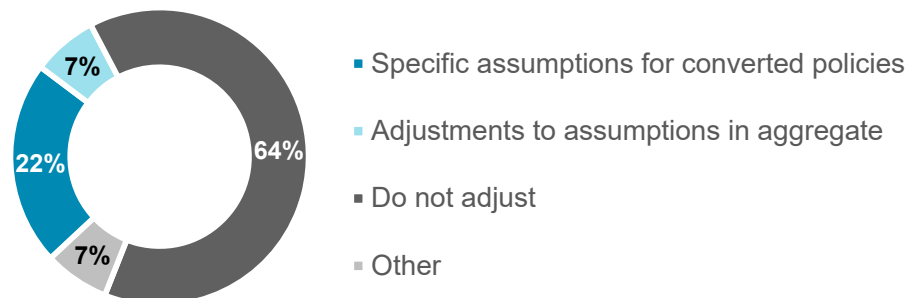
### Assumptions: Mortality

How are conversions treated with respect to mortality?



### Assumptions: Other updates for conversions

Are other adjustments made to assumptions to account for conversions?

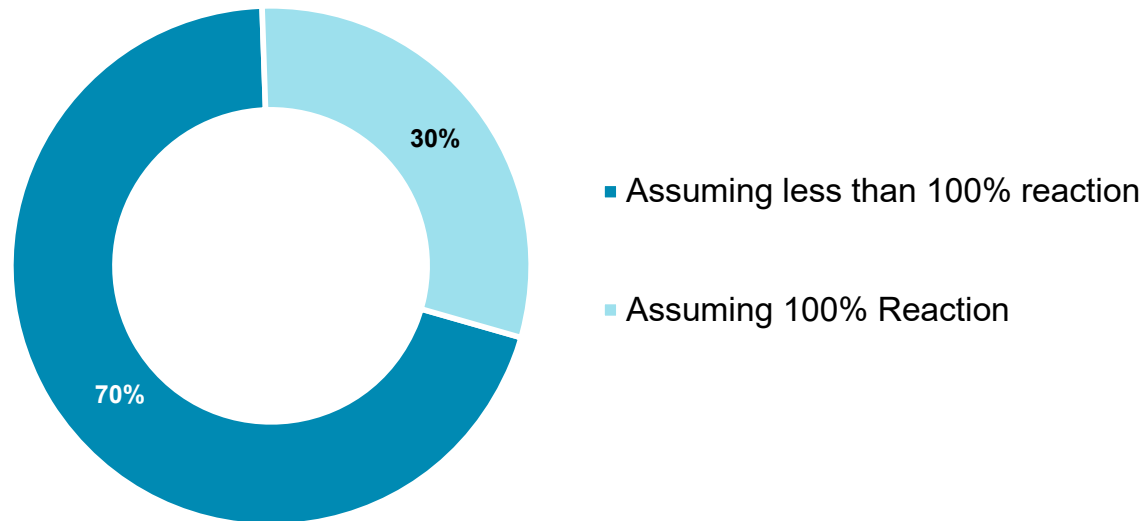


## Reinsurance

PBR has necessitated robust modeling of reinsurance and may have an impact on reinsurance treaties

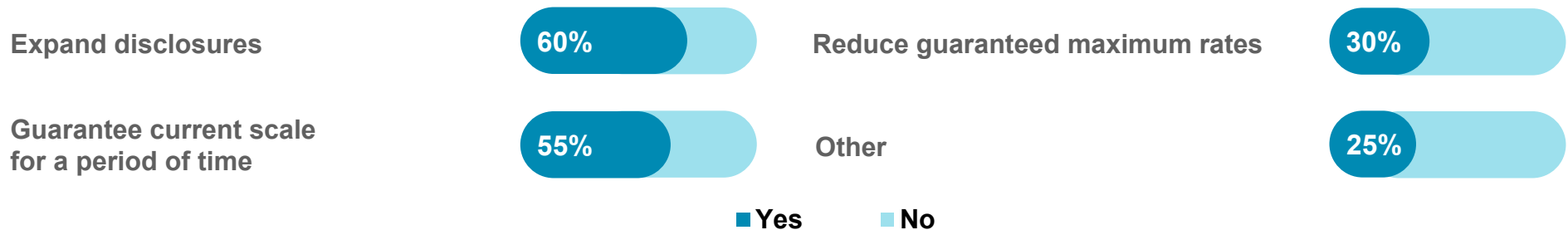
### YRT modeling approach

Nearly three-quarters of companies are assuming less than 100% reaction to adverse mortality under PBR



### Potential changes to reinsurance arrangements

Close to a third of companies anticipate making changes to their reinsurance agreements because of PBR, with the prevalence of various changes summarized below (as a percent of those that anticipate making changes)





# Reinsurance

## June 2019 LATF decision on non-guaranteed reinsurance

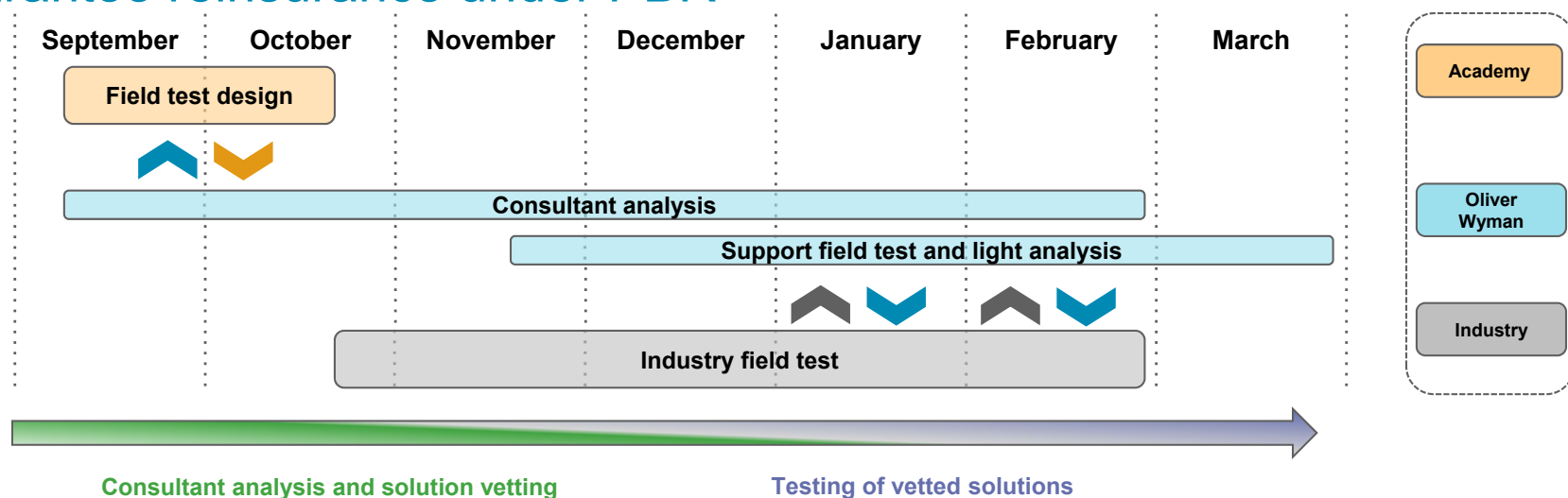
<b>APF number</b>	APF 2019-39
<b>Applicability</b>	Business issued in 2020 and beyond; optional to business on PBR in 2017-19
<b>Modeling of reinsurance</b>	Not required
<b>Reserve credit for reinsurance</b>	$\frac{1}{2} C_x$
<b>Solution</b>	Temporary



Link to APF: [https://naic.org/documents/cmte\\_a\\_latf\\_exposure\\_apf\\_2019-39\\_revised.docx](https://naic.org/documents/cmte_a_latf_exposure_apf_2019-39_revised.docx)

# Reinsurance

## Field testing will inform a long-term solution on the treatment of non-guarantee reinsurance under PBR



### Consultant analysis and solution vetting

- Field test participants will prepare their models for the field test. Analysis across a range of products and reinsurer-action scenarios to provide regulators with representative results which inform the impacts from potential solutions on an apples-to-apples basis
- The industry field test will commence; initially the focus will be on model preparation and testing of simple solutions with a goal of identifying model challenges and testing the integrity and range variability



### Testing of vetted solutions

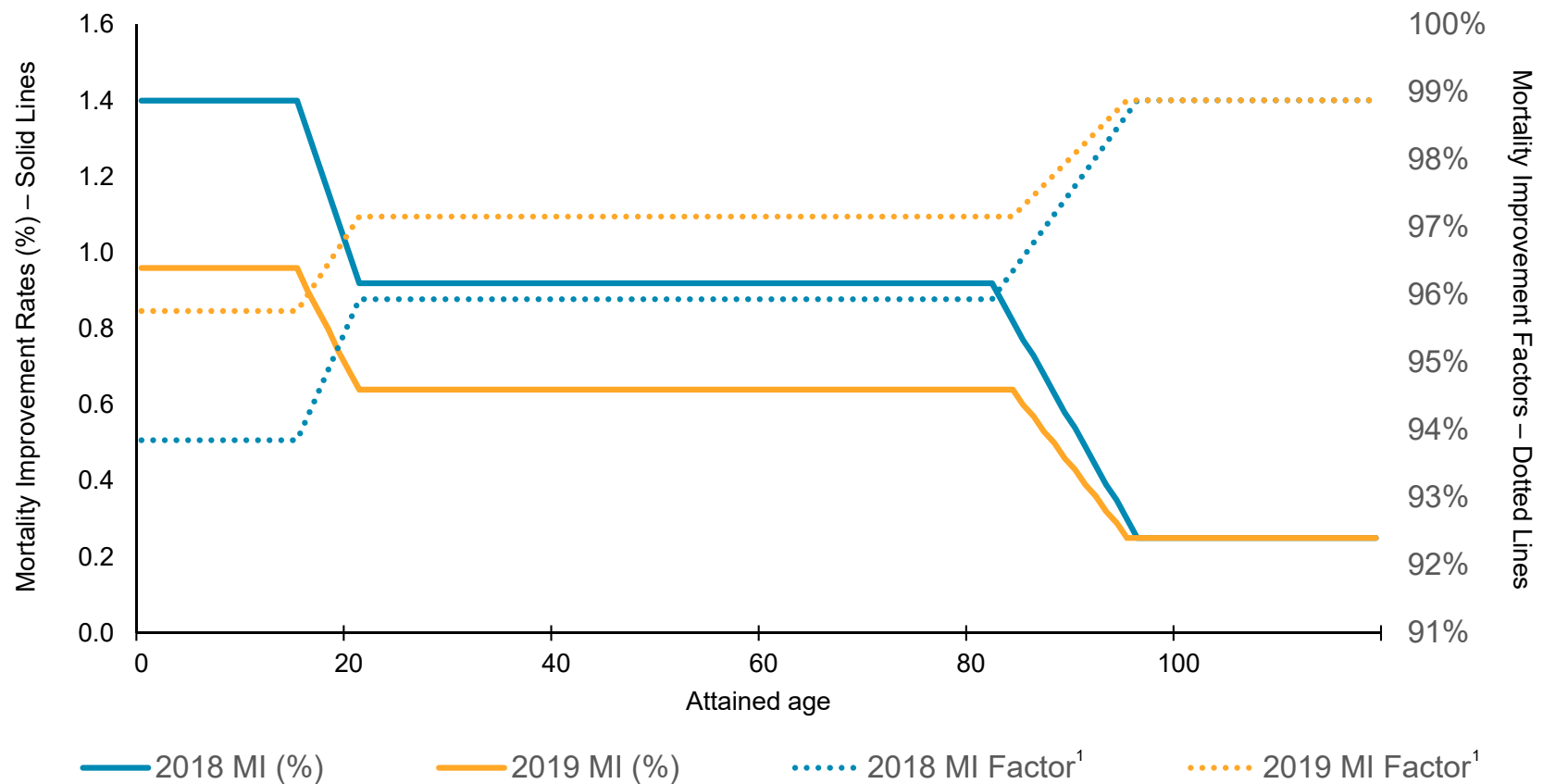
- Field test participants will produce results for the various solutions. The results of this test will give regulators additional comfort with the analysis by extending the range of results for optionality and variation not previously captured.

The goal is to allow regulators to make a decision in time for inclusion in the 2021 Valuation Manual

# Mortality

Prescribed industry mortality improvement rates have been reduced up to age 95, resulting in higher PBR mortality rates

Male

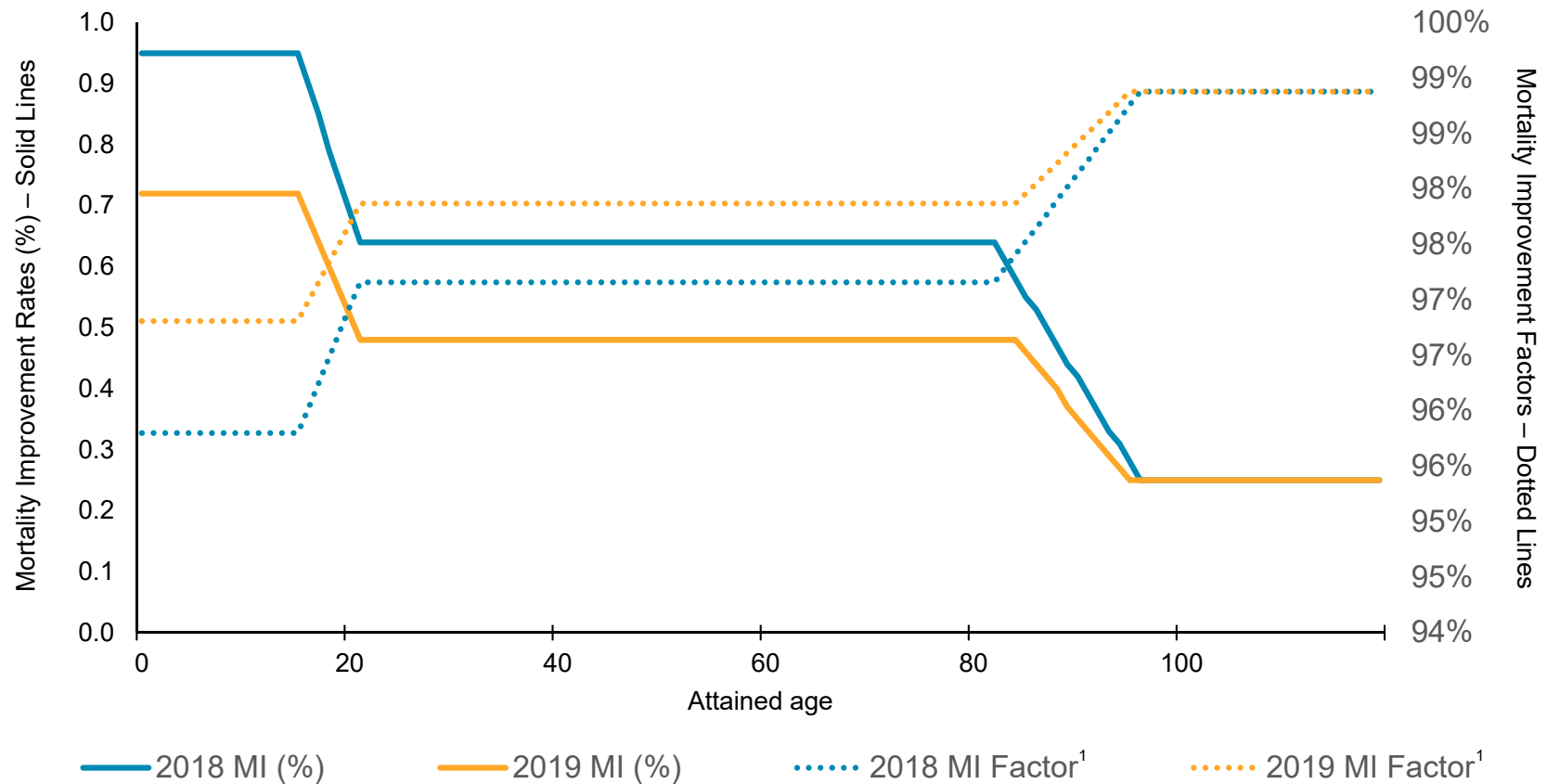


<sup>1</sup> Mortality improvement factors reflect historic improvement from the “as of” date of the 2015 VBT tables to 12/31/2019

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Female



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## Mortality

The mortality assumption uses prescribed margins and incorporates grading to an industry table for durations at which credible data no longer exists

### PBR Mortality Assumption

	Applicable Duration*	Assumption Structure	
1. 100% Experience Phase	Duration < Sufficient data period + maximum years before grading start	Experience Best Estimate	$\times$ (1 + Experience Margin**)
2. Grading to Industry Phase	Duration between 1) and 2)	Linearly Grade from 100% of Company (1) to 100% of Industry (2)	
3. 100% Industry Phase	Duration > Sufficient data period + maximum end point for grading	2015 VBT	$\times$ (1 + Industry Margin)

\*Sufficient data period and other grading parameters are a function of the credibility of the underlying experience

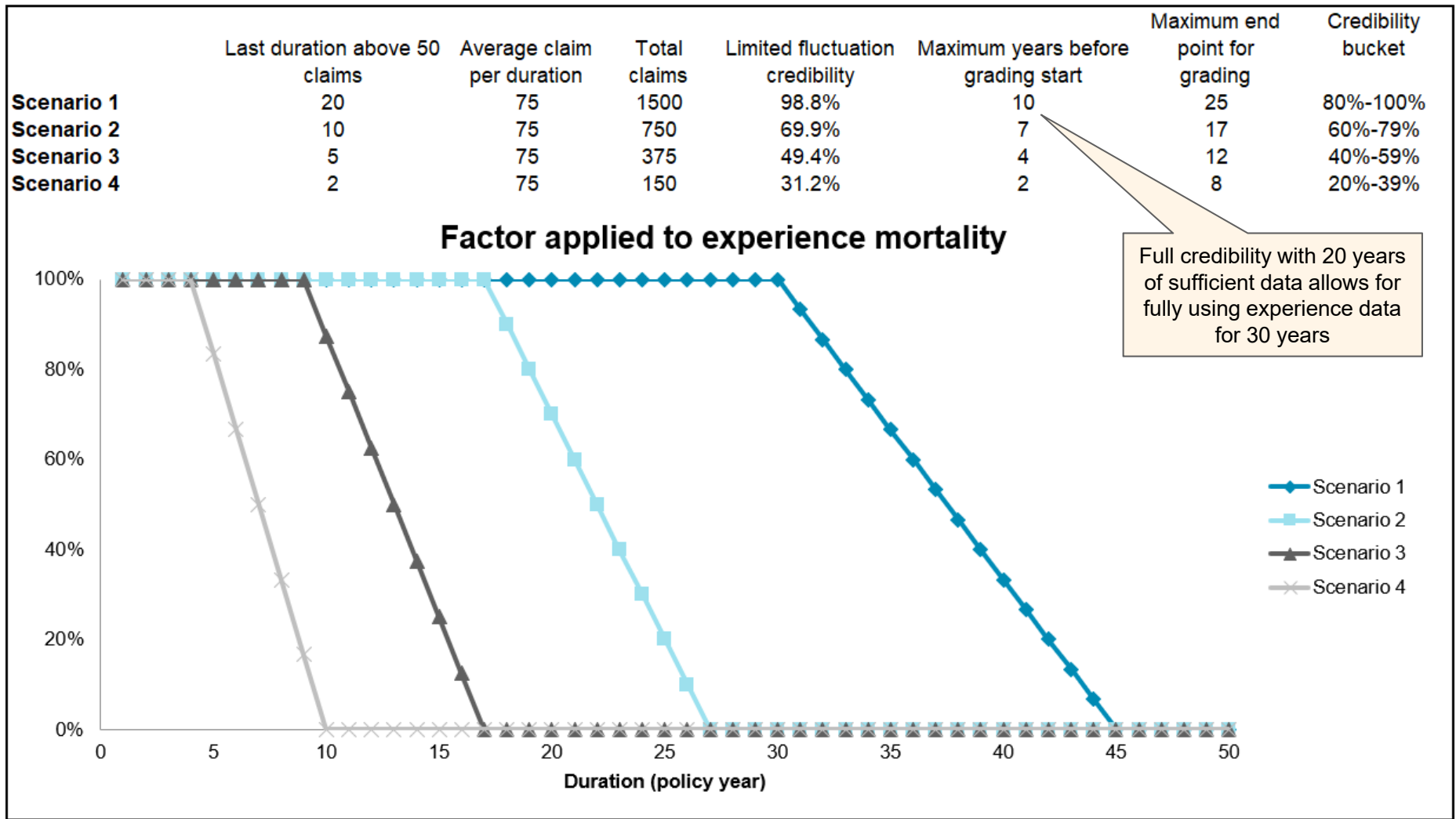
\*\*Experience margin is a function of credibility of experience (Limited Fluctuation or Bühlmann) and attained age

Examples of grading are provided on the next slide for varying levels of credibility

# Mortality

The grading to the industry table is a source of margin which is minimized at higher credibility levels and longer sufficient data periods

## Grading Factors (Experience)



## Key takeaways

The industry is in the final stretch of the phase-in period and regulators continue to weigh in on areas where significant discretion exists

### PBR Emerging Practices



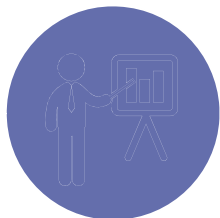
#### Analysis to date

- PBR implementations are heavily back-loaded, with 75% of participants' products moving to PBR in Q3 2019 and later
- Less than 20% of participants' products were on PBR at the end of 2018 with delayed implementation more prevalent for accumulation oriented products (WL, UL, IUL, VUL)



#### Assumptions and margins

- Reserve margins are more than double what participants believe to be an appropriate level for Term, UL, IUL, and VUL
- Before the LATF decision, a third of the surveyed companies anticipated making changes to reinsurance agreements as a result of PBR. In general, participants had trended toward more conservative modeling approaches compared to our prior years survey.



#### Emerging topics

- The recent temporary prescription on non-guaranteed YRT rates sets a precedent of regulatory intervention where significant discretion exists
- VM-20 allows for changes that will impact prudent estimate assumptions, even in cases where the underlying company experience has not changed

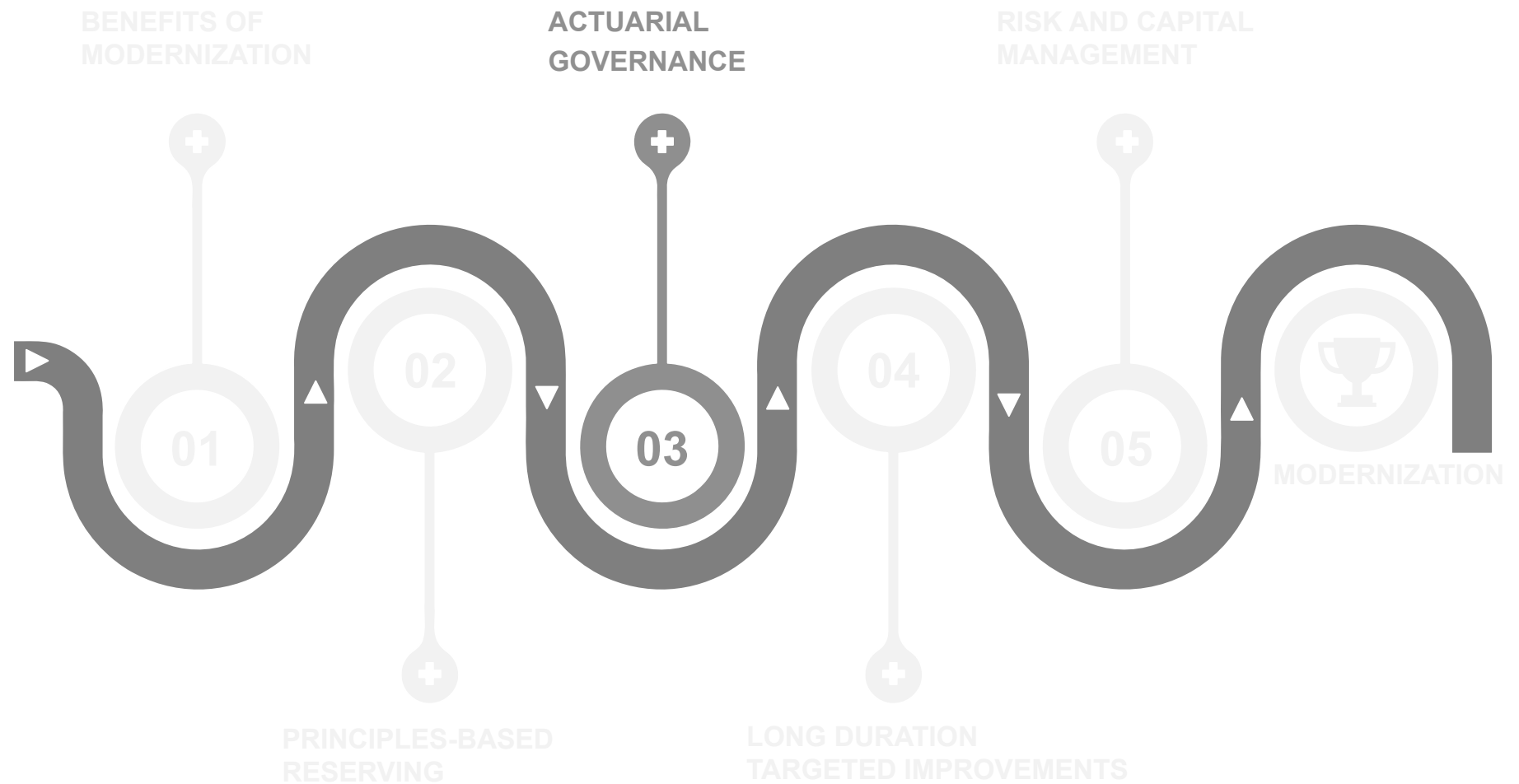
## Questions





## 3 | Actuarial governance

# Roadmap to modernization



# Actuarial governance

## Governance supports actuarial modernization



**Model governance**



**Assumption governance**



**Data governance**

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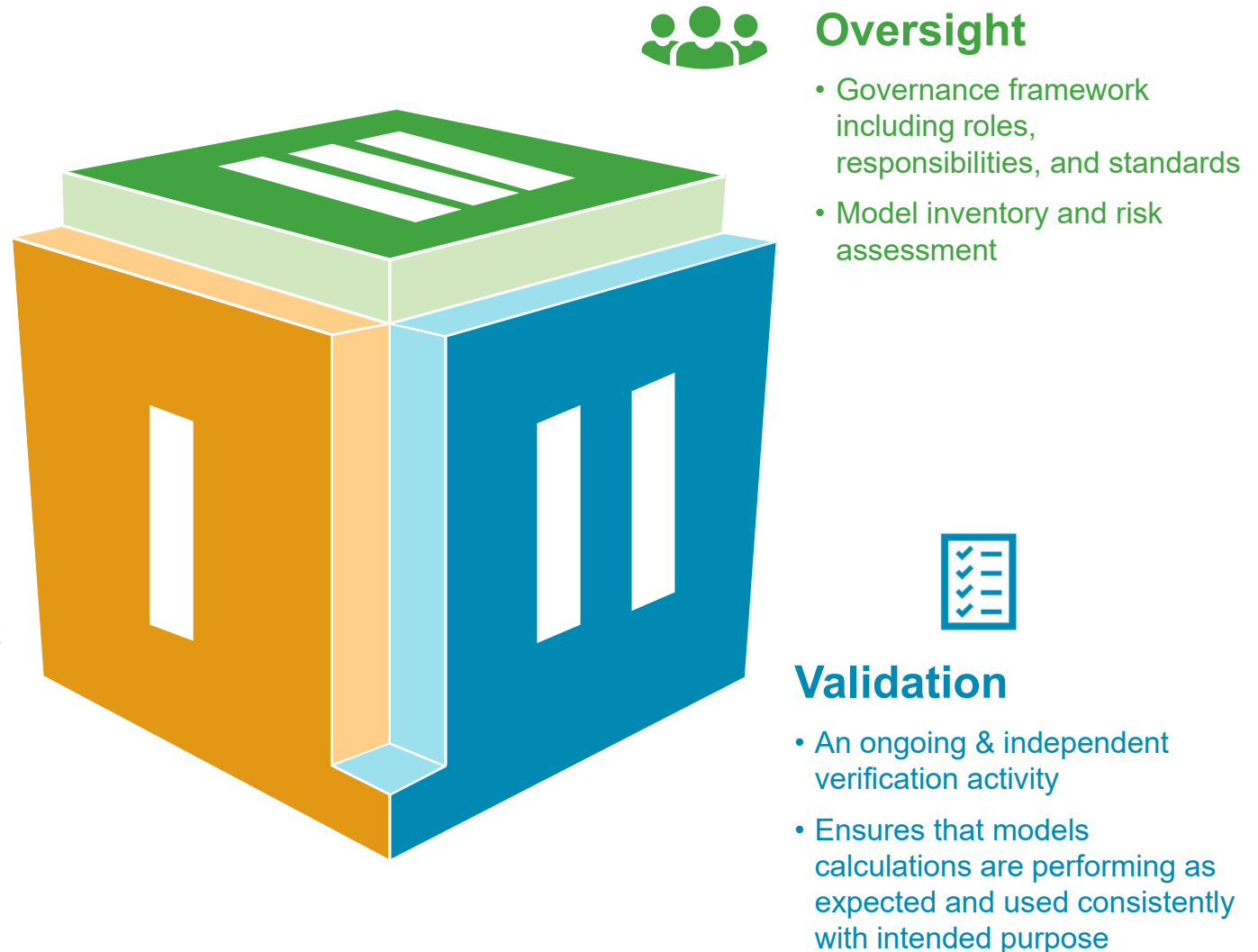
Ongoing review procedures, clear controls, and a risk mitigation framework make modernization efforts last

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## 3.1 | Model governance

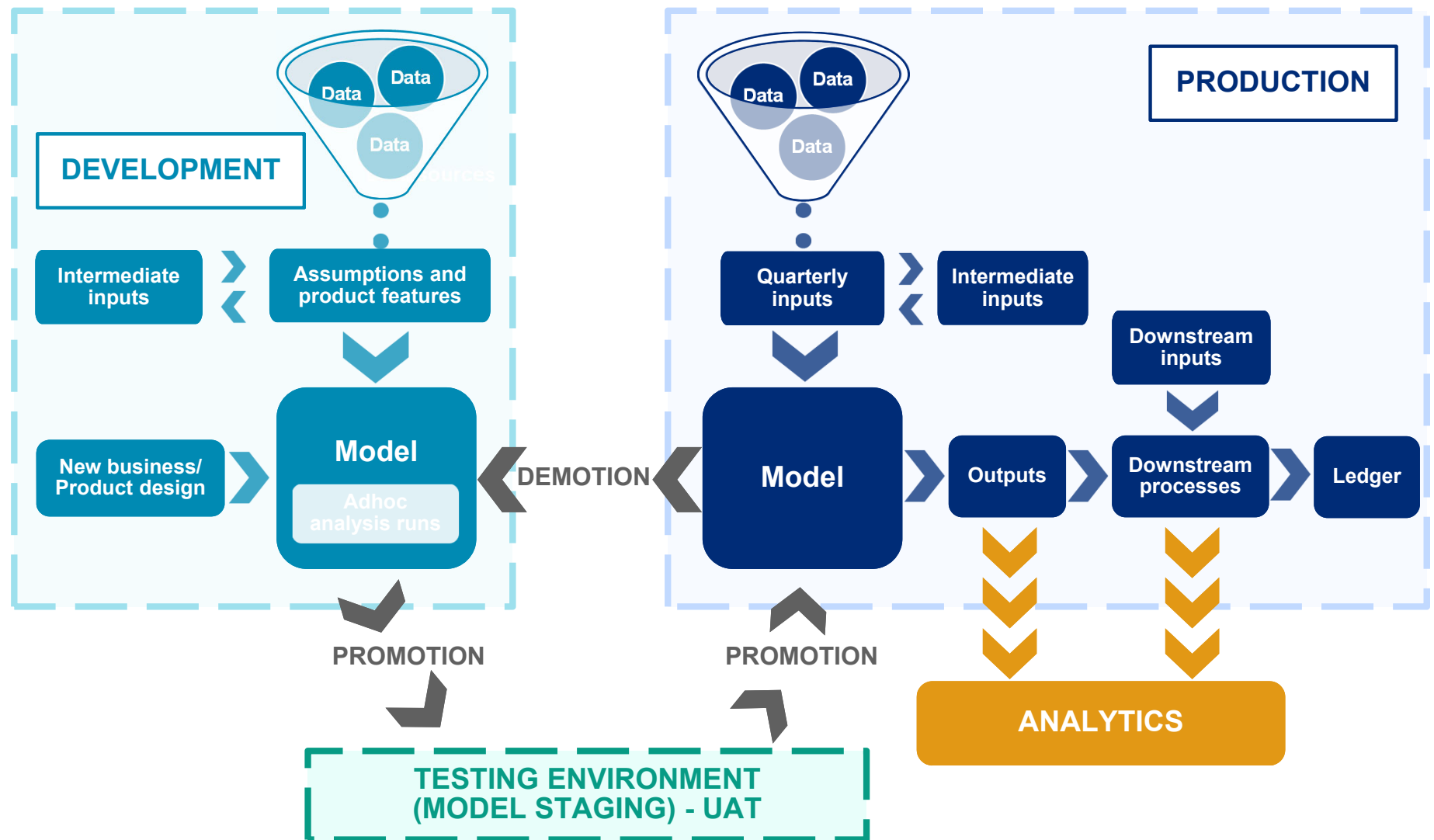
# Model governance helps manage risk

Three dimensions of governance reduce the risk that models are misused or not working as intended



## Model development and use

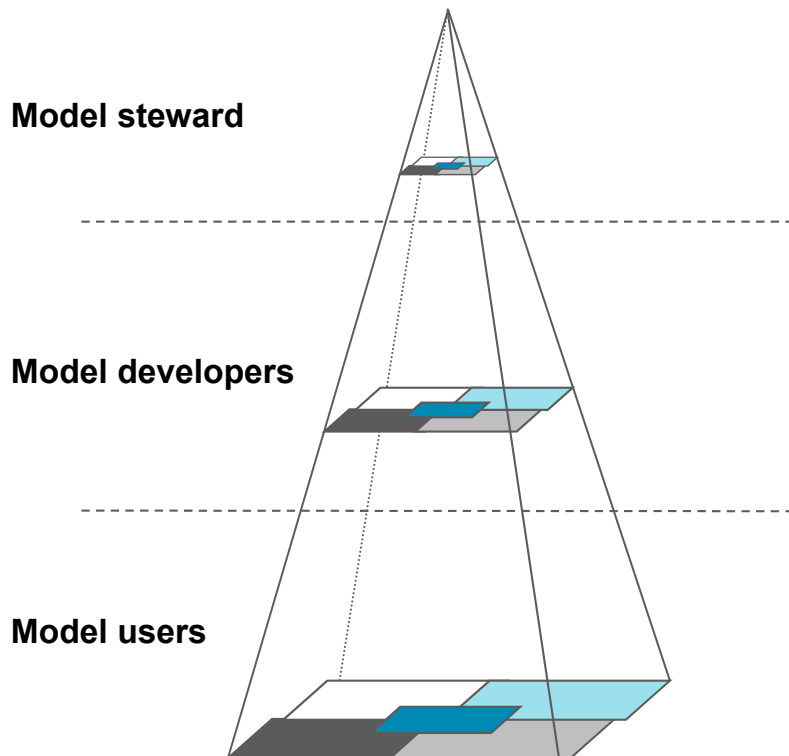
Separate production and development environments plus analytic tools that do not affect results are sensible architecture components



# Model oversight

## How are roles defined and who is responsible?

### Roles



### Framework

- Who at the company is responsible for governance? Is the function centralized or decentralized?
- If a central vetting team is used, is it reasonable to expect the team to be experts across all lines of business and valuation bases? If not, then can they fully assess the “fit for purpose”?
- Is the same group responsible for implementation and execution of the policy?
- Should the model standards give guidance for other specific roles, e.g., model developers, model testers, model users?

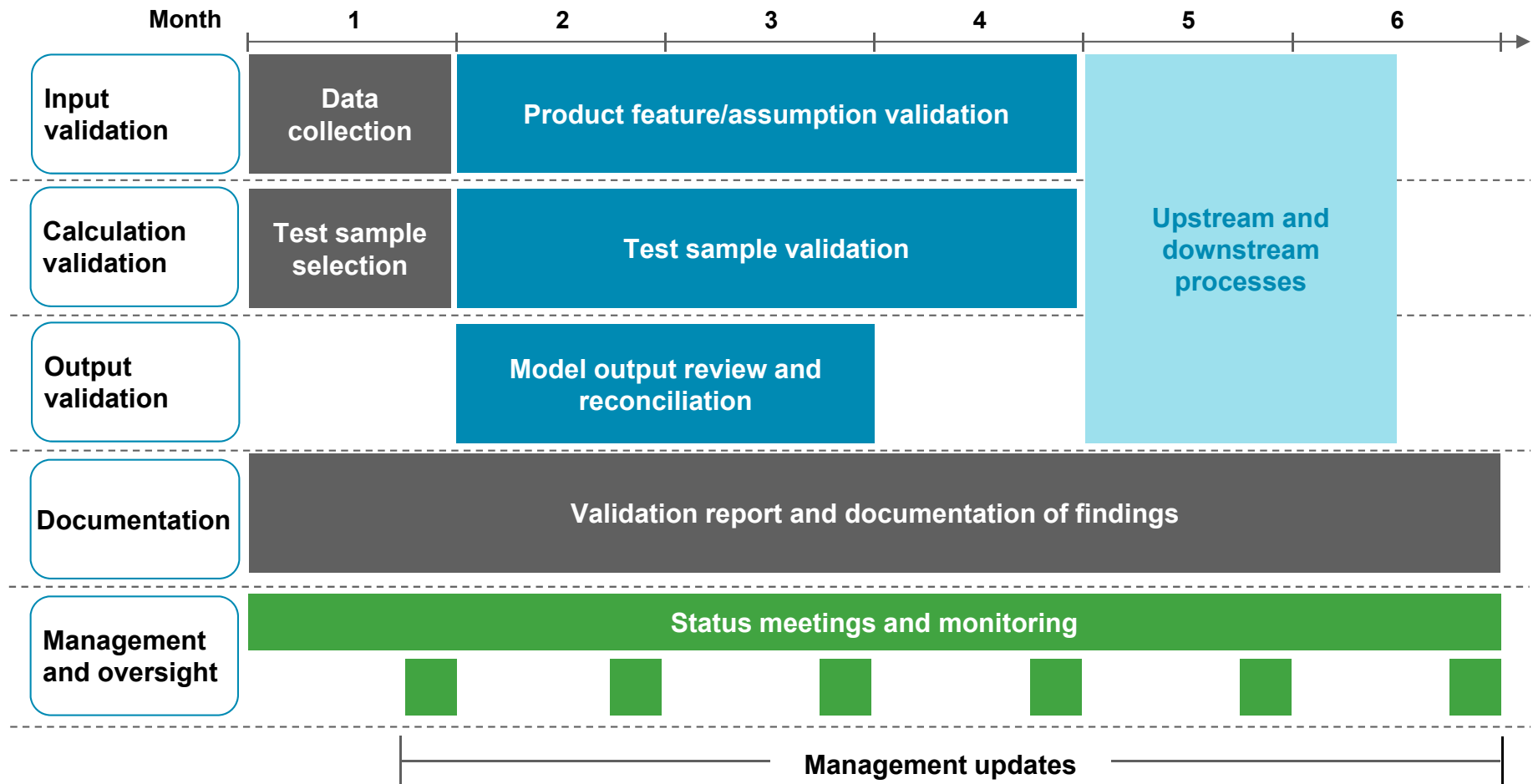
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Clearly assigned responsibilities promote accountability and reduce duplicated effort

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## Model validation

Elements that affect a validation project timeline include purpose, complexity, degree of uncertainty, breadth of use, materiality



Validating a high risk model is a stand-alone activity and should be integrated into a continuous validation framework covering all major modeling activities

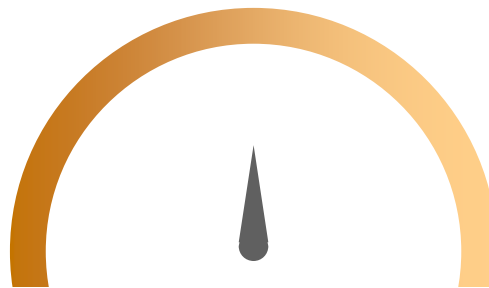


# Common pitfalls in applying model governance

These themes are practical barriers to effective model risk management



“IT’S NOT A  
MODEL”



CHAMPIONS WITH  
LIMITED INFLUENCE



ONEROUS  
STANDARDS

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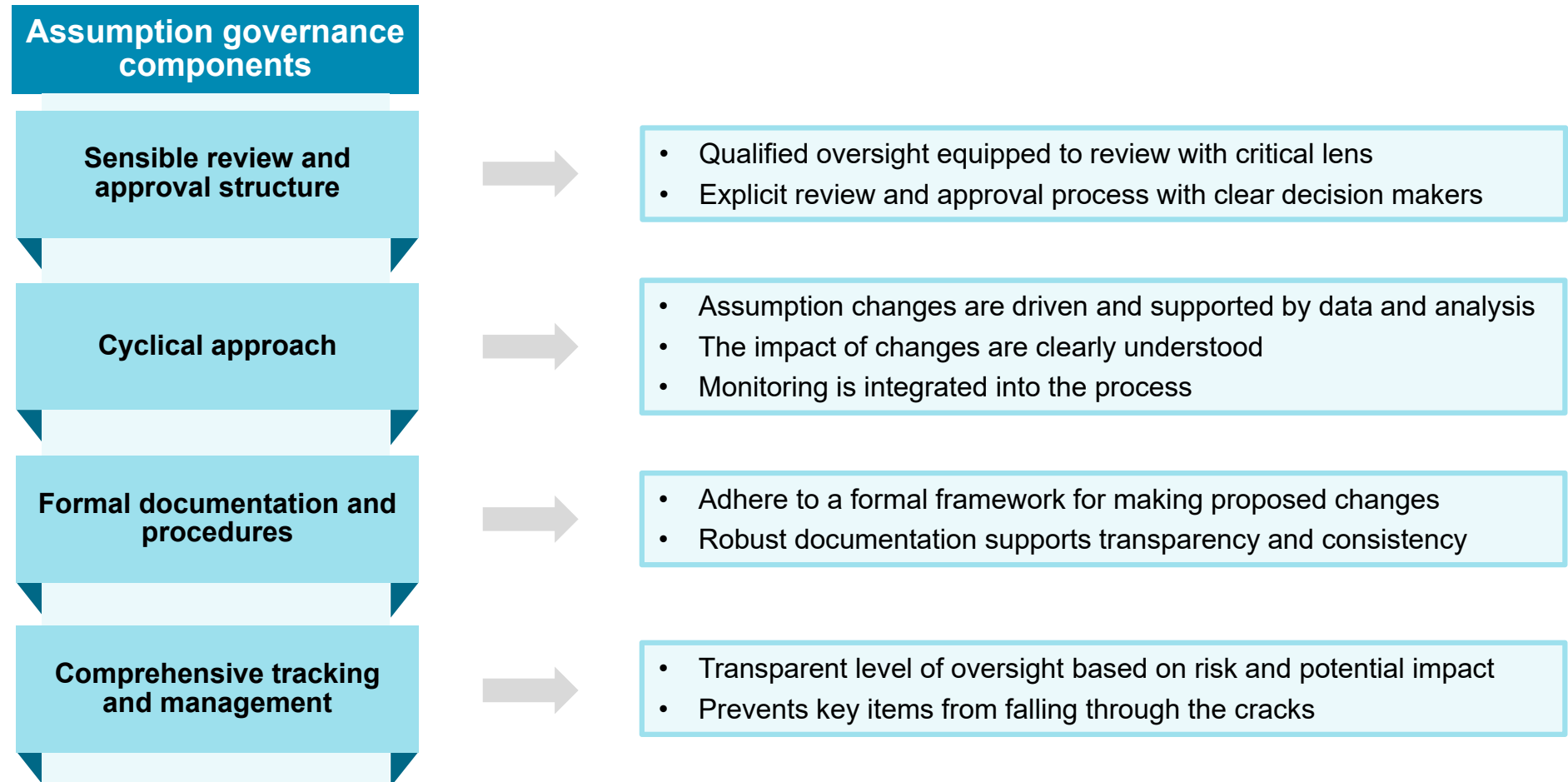
Addressing the human and practical elements of model risk management supports more effective oversight, validation, and use

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## 3.2 | Assumption governance

## Assumption governance

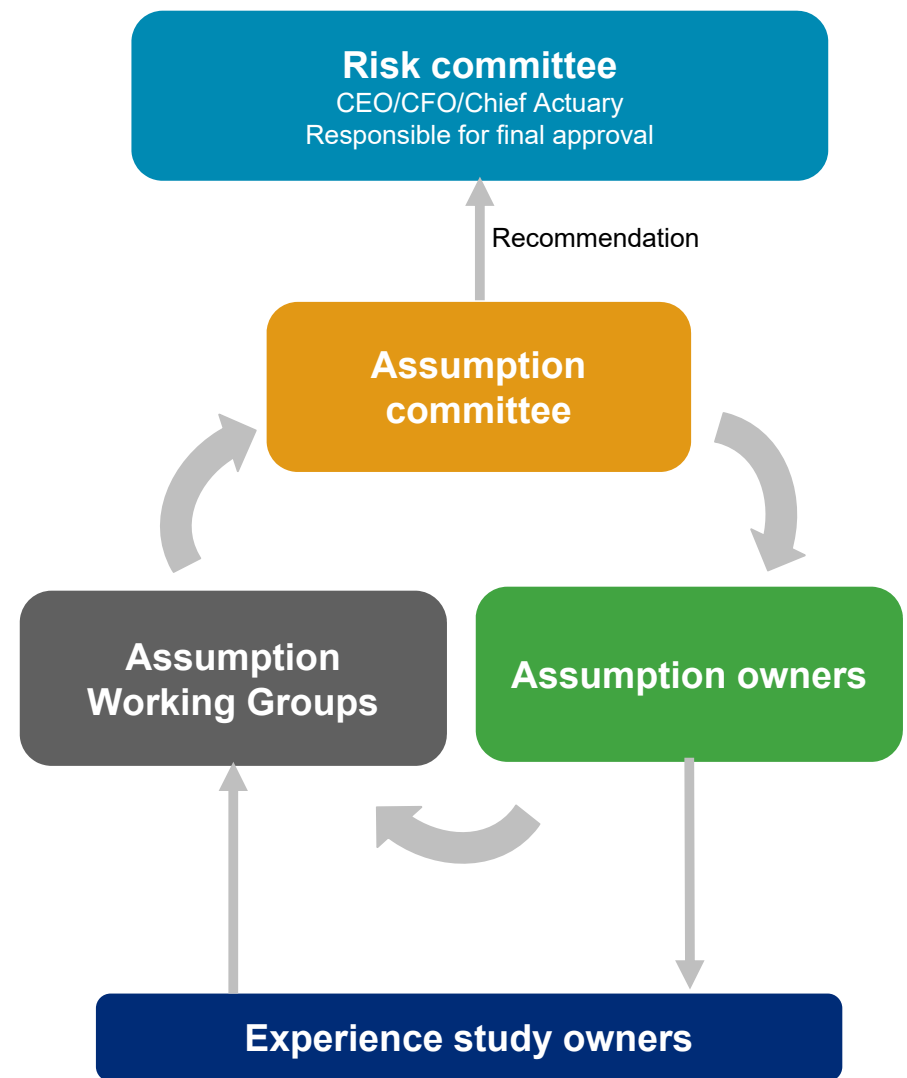
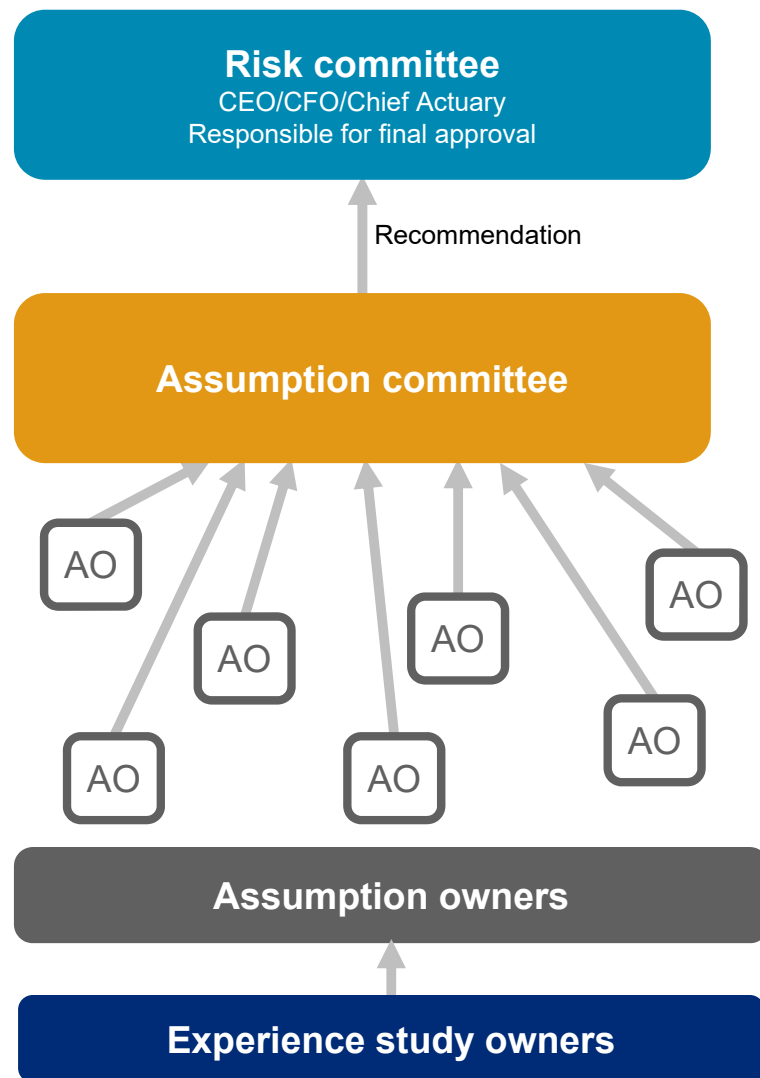
Increased internal complexity and regulatory scrutiny has driven the industry towards reinventing how assumptions are managed



These are components of a well-controlled assumption governance

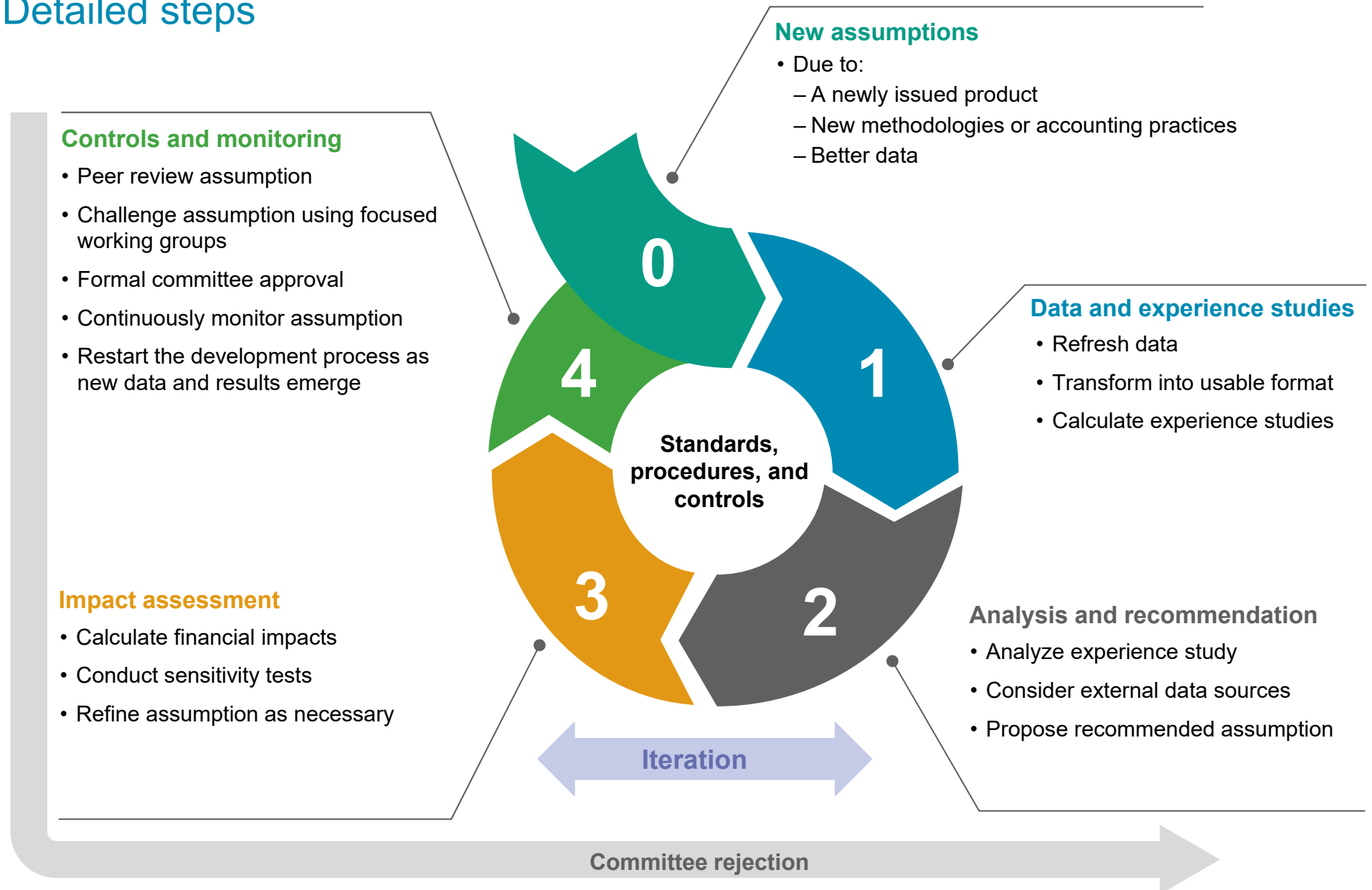
## Assumption review and approval structure

Diverse practices have emerged in the industry to address the challenges of complexity, materiality, and scale



# Assumption governance cycle

## Detailed steps



# Assumption proposal process and documentation requirements

## Formal documentation and proposal process supports changes that are transparent, fully understood, and hold up to independent scrutiny

[MAI ID#]

[Assumption Name]\_[yyyy Qq]

### Executive Summary

*[High level description of the data and justification for change (or lack thereof)]*

### Ownership and Review

Role <sup>1</sup>
Proposer
Peer Reviewer(s), if different than Assumption Owner
Oversight Committee

### Assumption Proposer Confirmation of Data Review Procedures

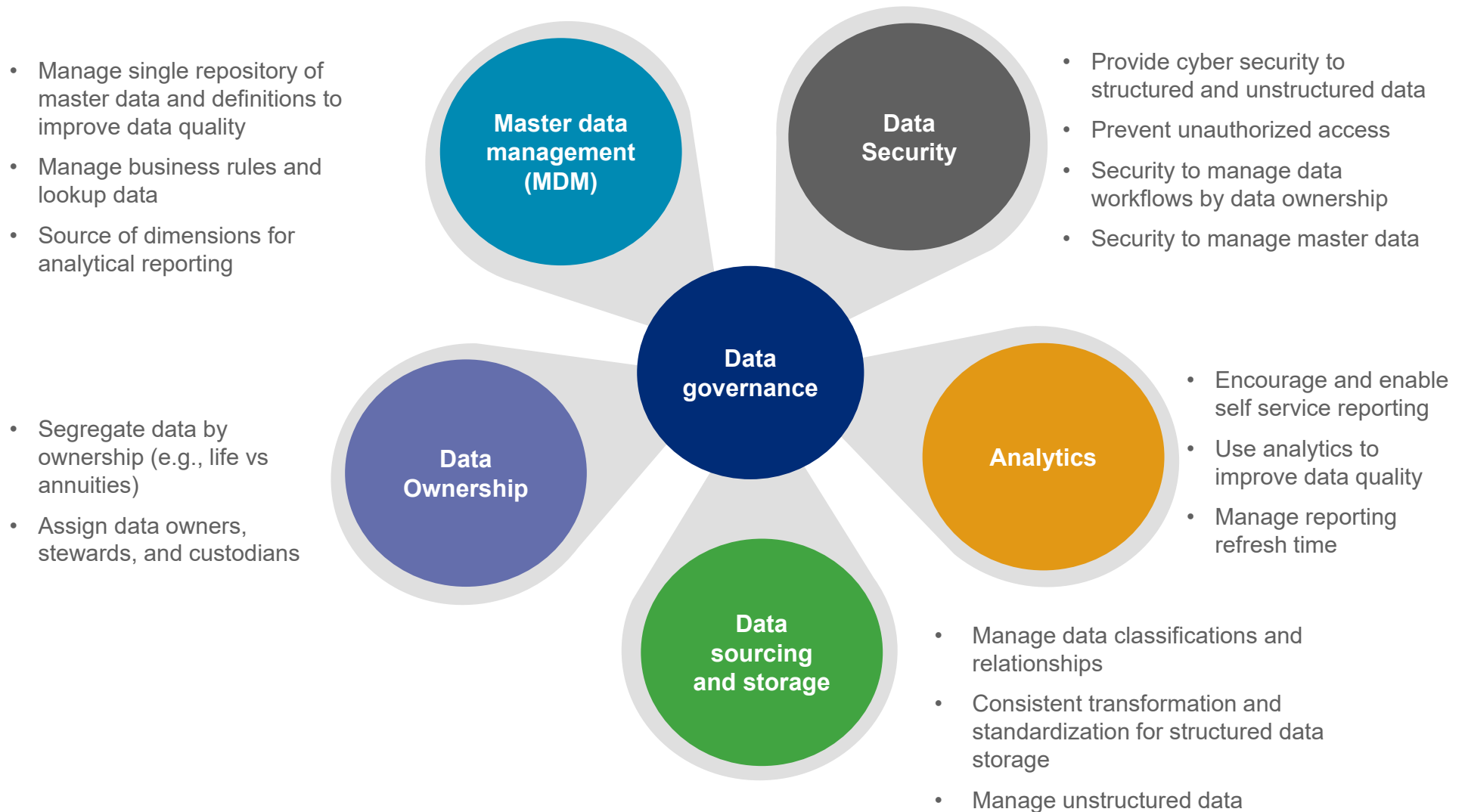
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I confirm that the data is sufficiently current	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
I confirm that I reviewed the data for reasonableness and comprehensiveness, with particular attention to internal and external consistency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
I confirm that there are no material limitations to the data.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
I confirm that there is no alternative data source better suited to this analysis that could be obtained for both a reasonable cost and in a reasonable time frame.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
I confirm that any sampling methods used were implemented appropriately and adequately justified.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
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### 3.3 | Data governance

# Data governance

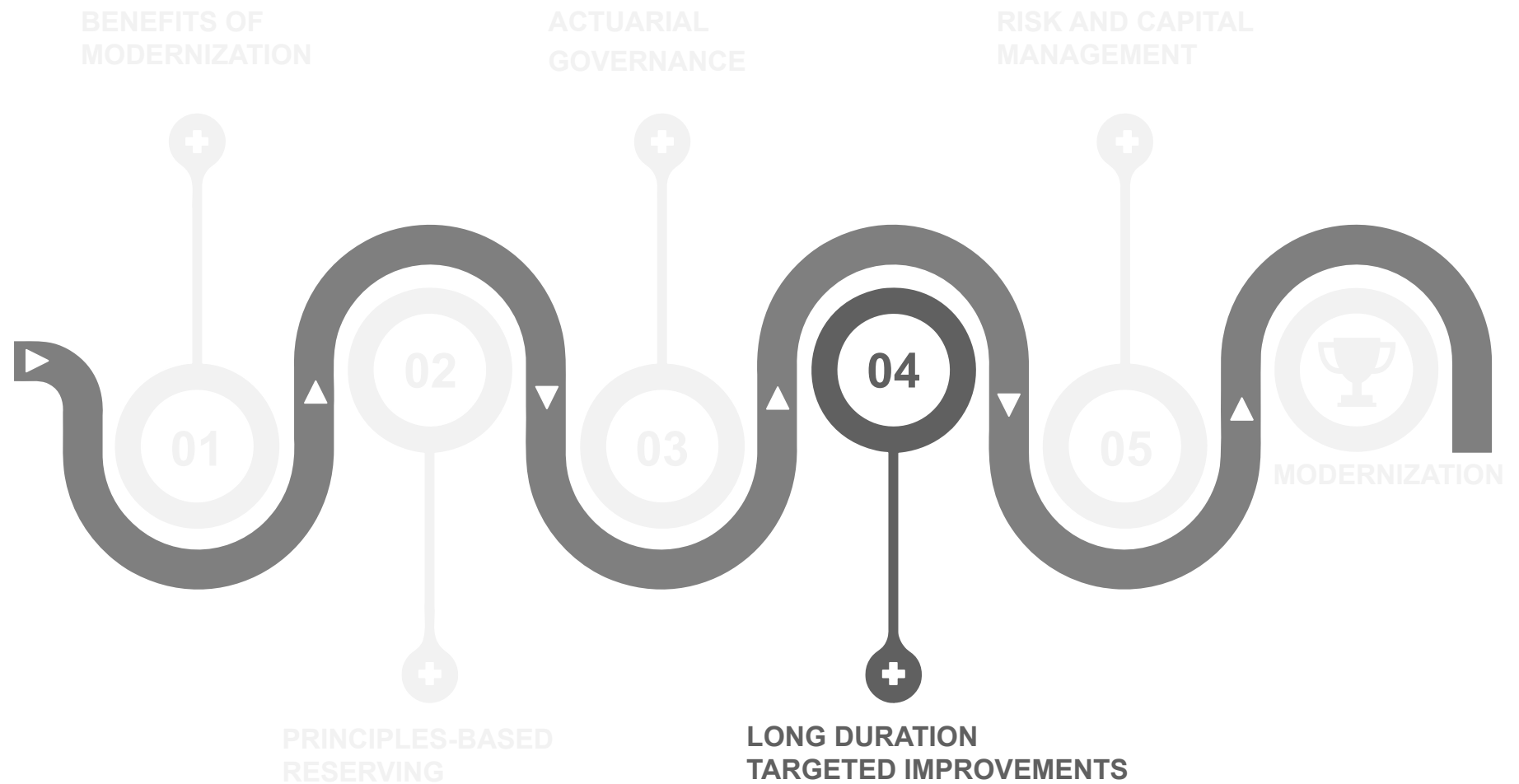
Increasing demand for data is driving governance frameworks that focus on the effectiveness of managing, securing, storing, and using data





## 4 | LTDI: improving more than just GAAP

# Roadmap to modernization



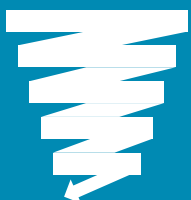
# Agenda

- 1 Overview of LDTI**
- 2 Implementation considerations – spotlight on DAC and AP factors**
- 3 Organizational considerations**

## 4.1 | Overview of LTDI

# GAAP Long Duration Targeted Improvements objectives

## Revisions to simplify and enhance financial reporting



**Simplify amortization of deferred acquisition costs**



**Improve timeliness by recognizing changes in expected traditional and limited pay future liability payments**



**Simplify reporting of market-based guarantees through consistent fair value accounting**



**Enhance effectiveness of required disclosures**

## Summary of LDTI changes

	DAC	Traditional liabilities	Market risk Benefits	Disclosures
UL type	✓	✗	✗	✓
Market based guarantees	✓	✗	✓	✓
Long duration traditional type	✓	✓	✗	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Straight-line”</li> <li>• No longer tested for impairment</li> <li>• No shadow OCI</li> <li>• Similar changes to “DAC-like” balances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlocking</li> <li>• Best estimate assumptions</li> <li>• Market bond yield discount rates<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Interest rate risk to OCI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All other-than-nominal market risks that provide protection to contract holder measured at fair value</li> <li>• Instrument specific credit risk to OCI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAC and liability roll-forwards</li> <li>• Assumptions updates and judgements</li> <li>• LRT/NP cap details</li> <li>• And more...</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Cash flows are discounted using upper-medium grade (low credit risk) fixed-income instrument yields.

# Opportunities for improvement with LDTI

## Data and assumptions



- Modernize data architecture and processes to extract, transform, and load
- Refine assumptions and align with other projection bases

## Modeling and validation



- Enhance model functionality, remove simplifications, and adopt new software features
- Review modeling standards and methodology decisions

## Output and reporting



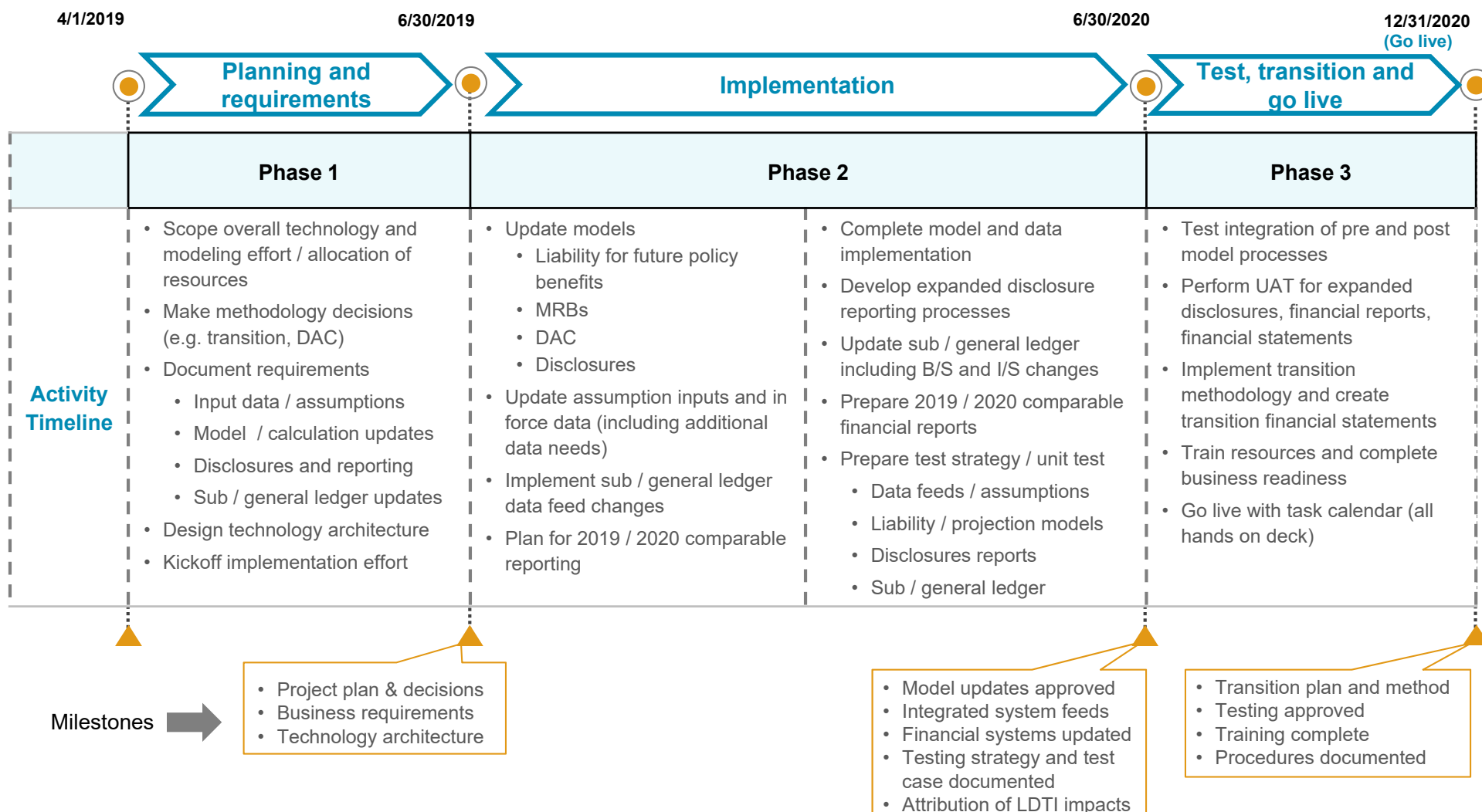
- Streamline reporting process and minimize downstream processing
- Enhance business decisions through strategic analytics

## 4.2 | Implementation considerations



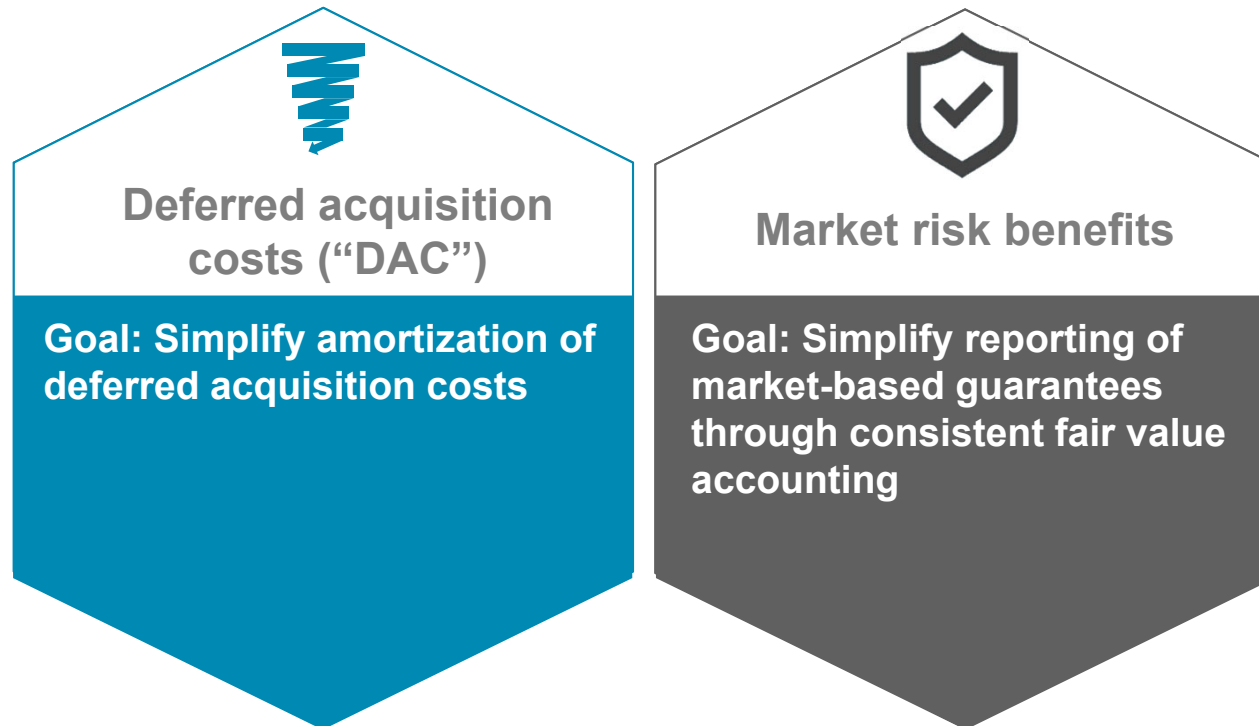
# Illustrative LDTI implementation timeline<sup>1</sup>

Implementing changes to comply with ASU 2018-12 will be a multi-year process that will require significant planning, model development, and testing



## LDTI implementation considerations – DAC and AP factors

Significant model and data development efforts are required



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Simplifying may not be so simple...

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# LDTI implementation considerations

## Deferred acquisition costs (“DAC”)

### Calculation engine methodology

- Change amortization method to constant-level basis over the expected term of the liability
- Reflect assumption revisions prospectively with measurement starting at beginning of period balance
- Remove future capitalizations from DAC

### Input and assumption data

- Update data feeds and assumptions to include actual and projected persistency experience
- Add input fields to facilitate policy grouping (if applicable)
- Make similar updates for unearned revenue and deferred sales inducements

### Disclosures and output data

- Update model output, reporting processes and systems for DAC, unearned revenue and deferred sales inducement rollforwards
- Remove shadow DAC AOCI related adjustments from ledger / sub ledger feeds (captured in catch-up adjustment)

# LDTI implementation considerations

## Market risk benefits (“MRB”) – attributed fee ratio recalculations

### Calculation engine methodology

- Include fees and claims related to DB and GMIB
- Reflect PV discounting method at time of issue

$$AP\ Factor = \frac{PV\ (LB\ claims + DB\ claims)_0}{PV\ (LB\ fees + DB\ fees)_0}$$

$$MRB_t = PV(LB\ claims + DB\ claims)_t - PV(LB\ fees + DB\ fees)_t * AP\ Factor$$

### Input and assumption data

- Consider granularity of factor cohorts and assumption update frequency
- For each issue period, gather and implement
  - Historical policyholder behavior assumptions
  - Historical economic assumptions
  - At-issue seriatim data
- For newly classified MRBs, develop appropriate fair value assumptions at time of issue

### Disclosures and output data

- Produce PVs at the seriatim level and aggregate based on original cohort groupings
- Implement recalculated factors into MRB calculation

## 4.3 | Organizational considerations

## Organizational impacts of LDTI

Implementation will bring additional responsibilities to different areas of the actuarial department



### Valuation & modeling

- Front lines of implementation
- Evaluate systems
- Develop new cash flow models
- Additional effort under LDTI during quarter close (model runs, assumptions)



### Financial reporting

- Create new reporting processes
- Understand and explain new guidance and results
- Respond to new audit requirements
- Revise operating earnings framework and non-GAAP measures



### Other corporate

- Updates to model governance
- Changes to control framework
- Evaluate risk management strategies (exit market, hedging, reinsurance)
- Experience studies
- Pricing updates

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Additional effort and need for actuaries may be managed through planning and taking advantages of opportunities

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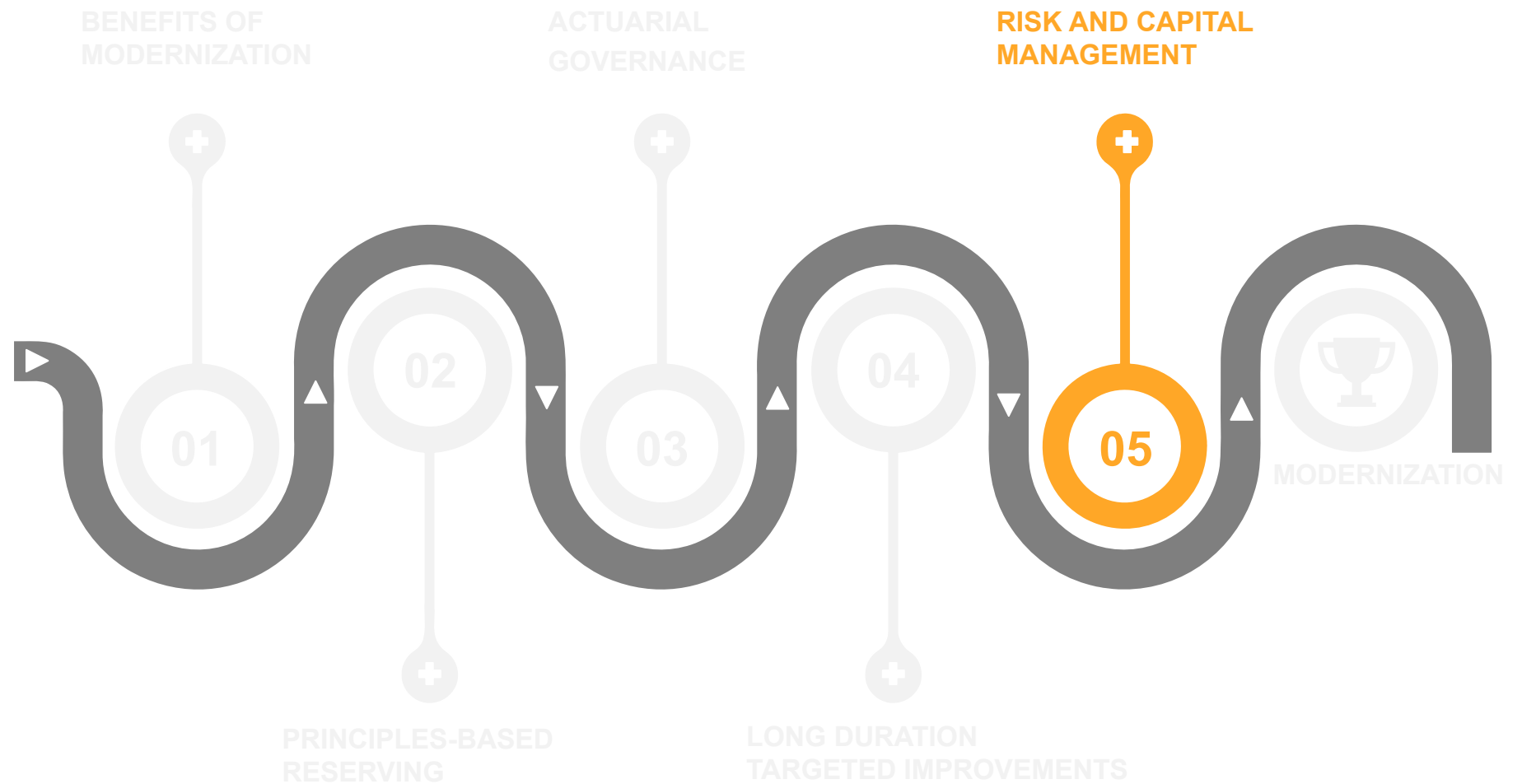
## Questions



## 5 | Risk and capital management



# Roadmap to modernization



# Benefits from modernization can apply across the entire landscape of risk and capital management

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## Capital management and forecasting

Putting together the pieces of a forecast for a complex corporate structure

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## Risk management

Improving visibility into complex risks and their interactions

03



## Multiple valuation frameworks

Navigating the differences between Stat, GAAP, IFRS, and economic frameworks

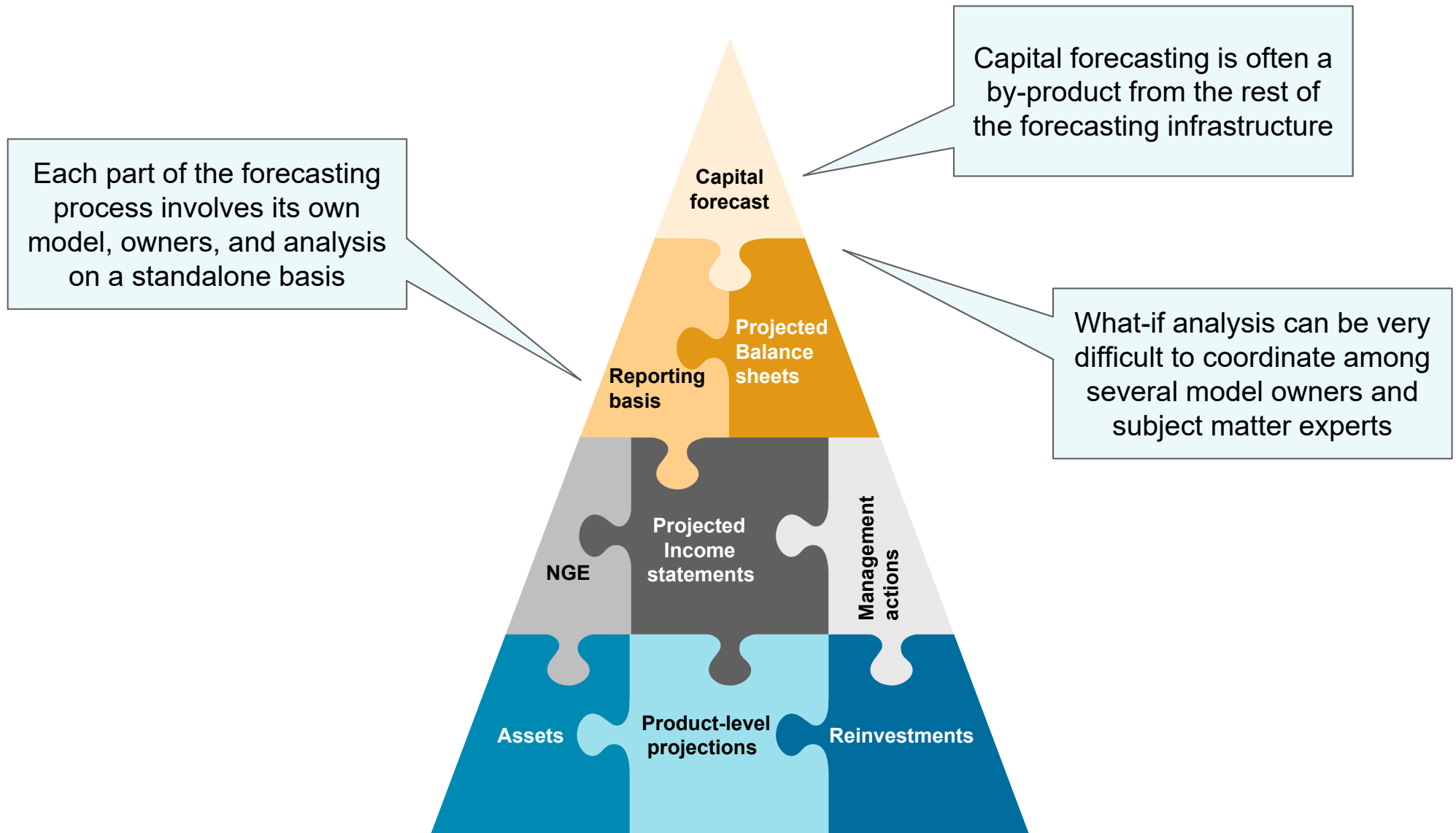
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## Cross-functional coordination

Coordinating with professionals on multiple teams to meet needs

# Capital forecasting process is often the last piece in a complicated puzzle



# Transformation benefits – capital forecasting

## Today

1 Scenario

8 Different models to aggregate

40 Hours to complete each scenario

Few Hours available for detailed analysis and what-if testing

Little Confidence in using the model to make decisions

## Tomorrow

10+ Scenarios possible

1 Consistent model

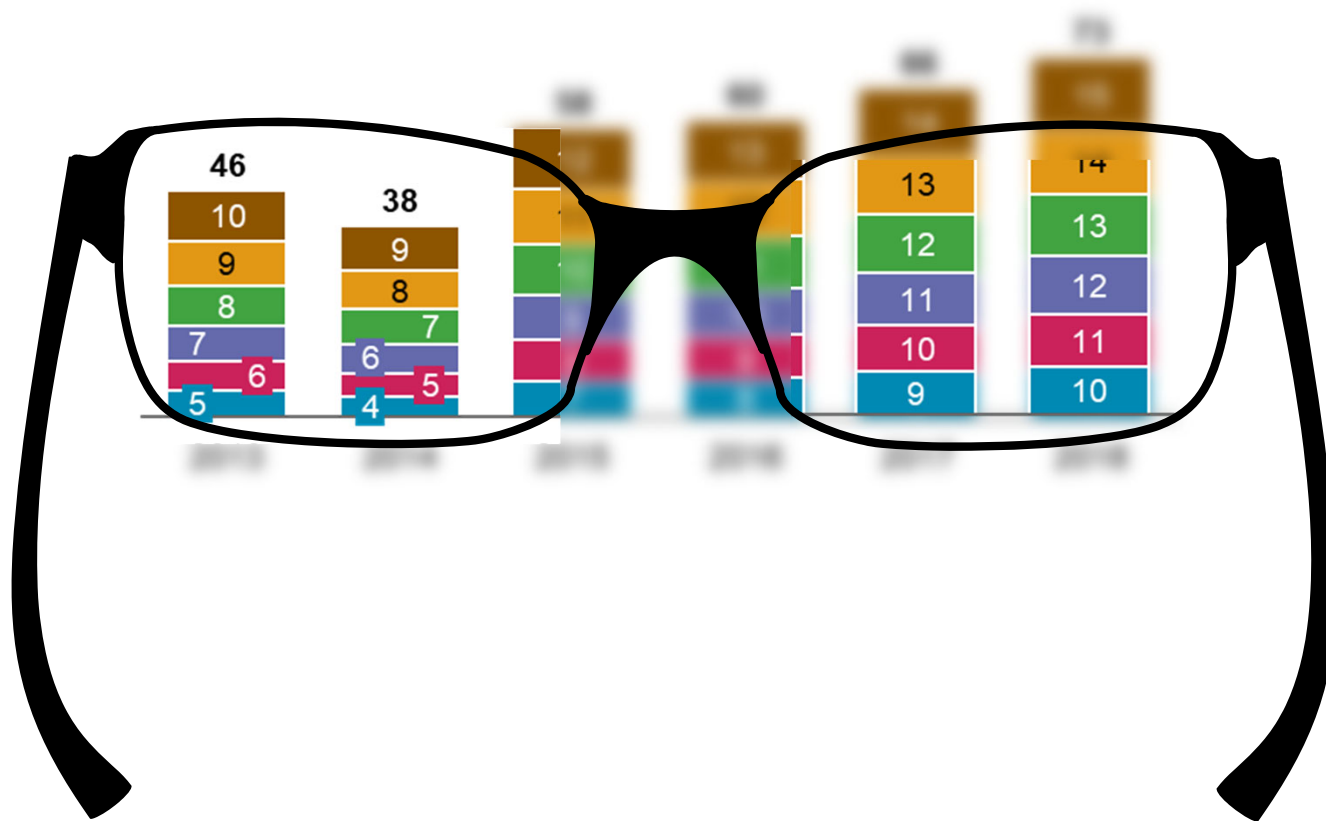
1 Hour to complete each scenario

Many Hours available for detailed analysis and what-if testing

More Confidence in using the model to make decisions



What risks might you see if you had modernized systems?  
Modernized framework provides a clearer view of risks and their interactions



# Connecting multiple reporting frameworks becomes easier

## Decision-making becomes more robust with visibility into impacts in all reporting bases

- Reserve differences can be approximated or calculated more accurately
- Asset and discount rate differences quantified
- Modernized system allows companies to produce results efficiently and consistently
- Primary metrics and constraints can be analyzed concurrently



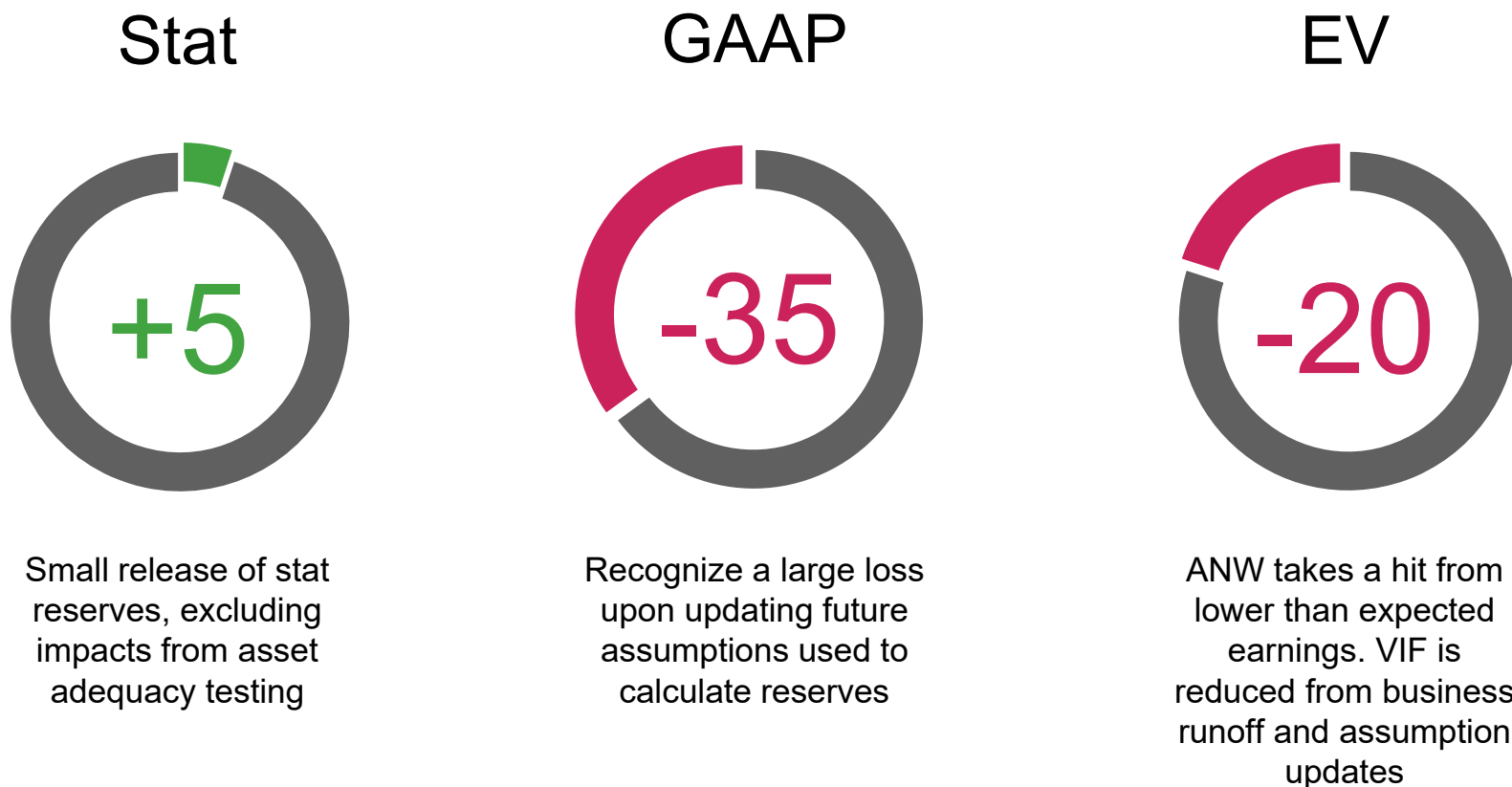
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Even if you don't use a certain reporting basis today, certain risks or transactions may make that reporting basis important in the future

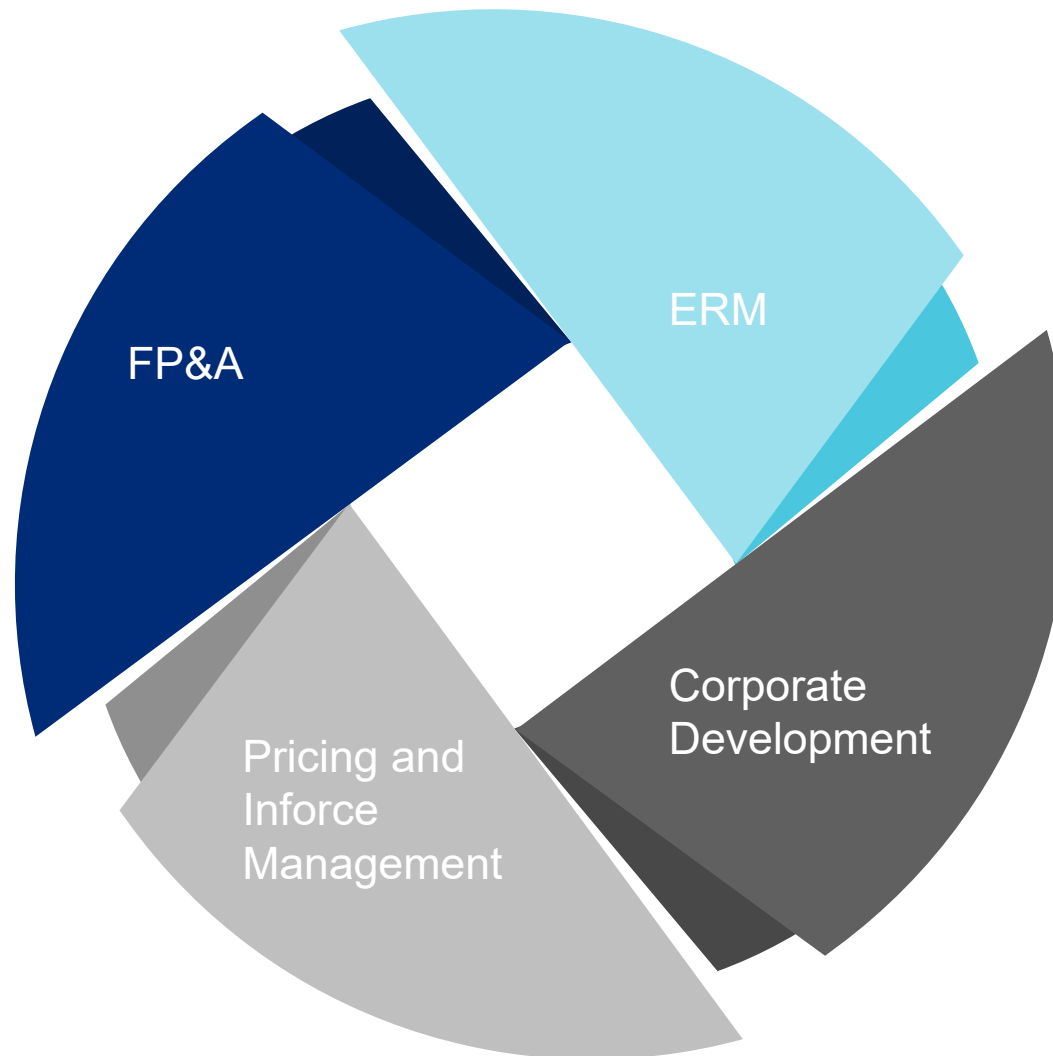
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## Robust what-if analysis can be performed concurrently in multiple reporting frameworks

It no longer takes multiple rules-of-thumb and simplifications to develop impacts under multiple reporting frameworks

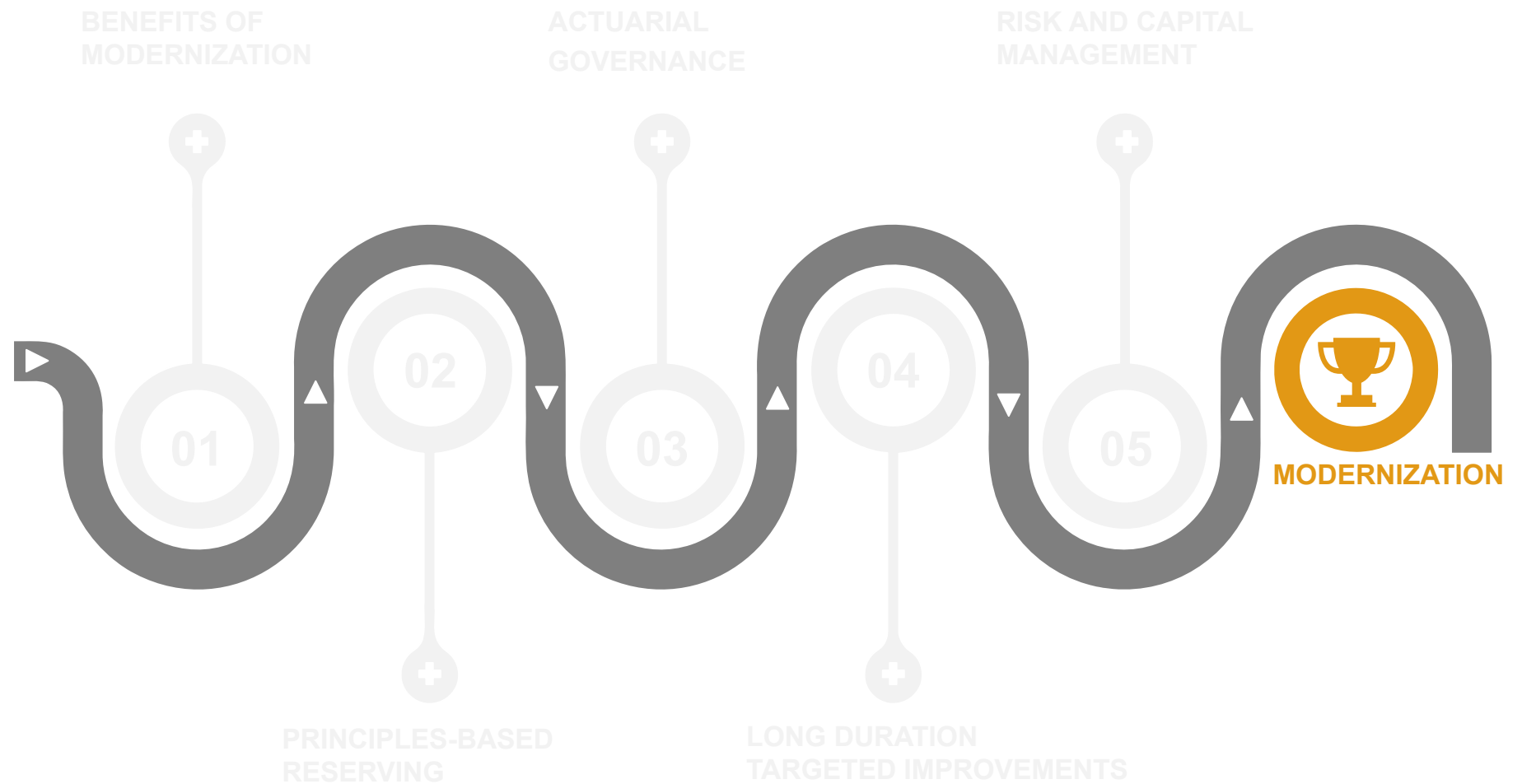


Coordination is important in getting the most value out of your models  
Modernization can bring together more valuable insights into risks and capital  
if coordinated effectively between all stakeholders

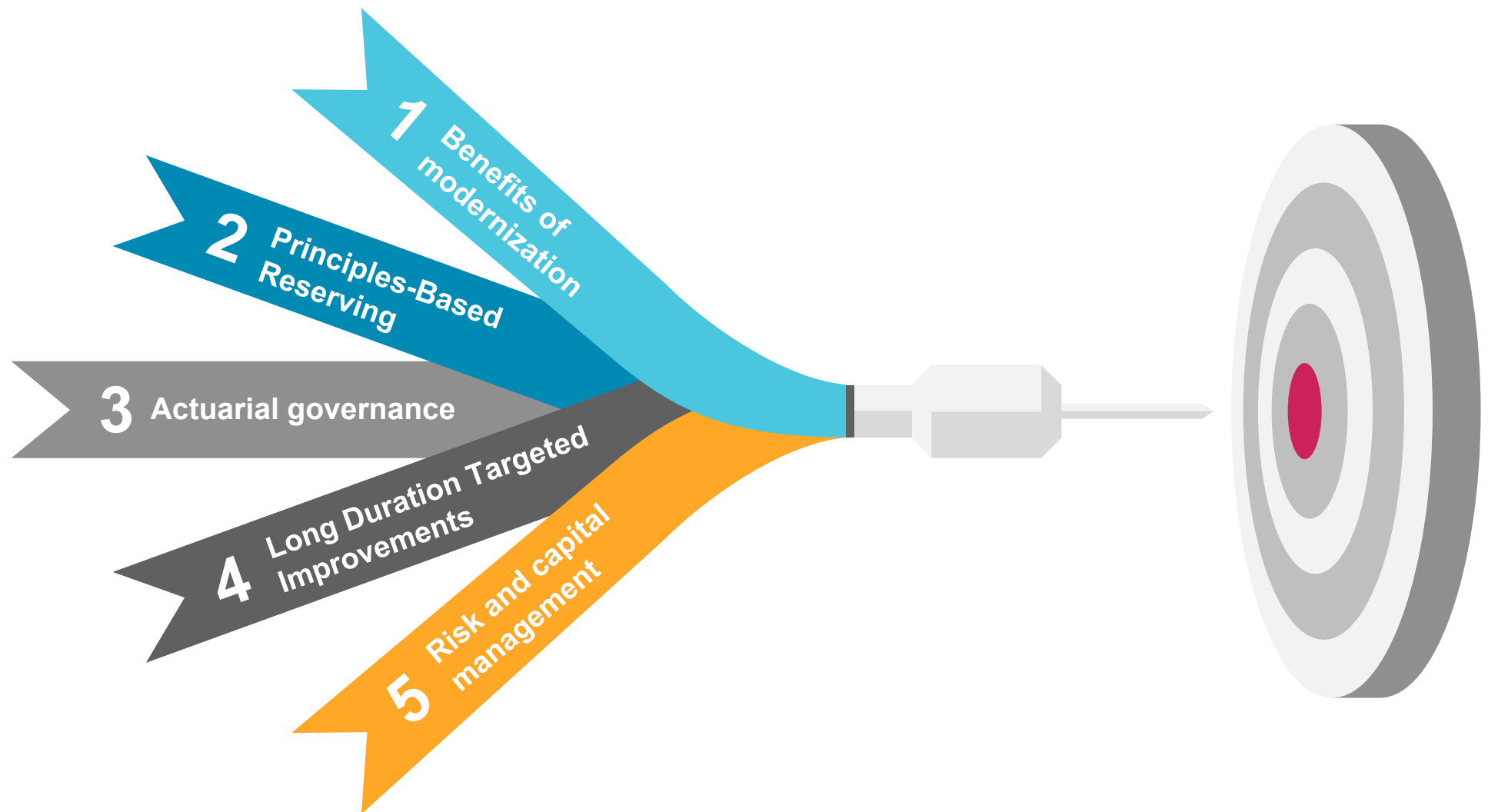




# Roadmap to modernization



Now that we've modernized, what's next?



## Questions



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