ROACH

Resilience Intelligence Platform

A Causal Graph Architecture for **Geopolitical Resilience Intelligence** in Financial Systems

Formal specification of a probabilistic, multi-agent scenario intelligence platform for Dutch financial institutions

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1 ABSTRACT

Operational resilience frameworks at Dutch financial institutions face a structural mismatch: the geopolitical threat environment now routinely generates compound, cascading shocks whose propagation dynamics cannot be adequately modelled by conventional static scenario analysis or correlational stress-testing. This paper presents Roach — a formal causal graph architecture for geopolitical resilience intelligence designed specifically for the Dutch financial sector under the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA).

The paper specifies a probabilistic causal graph model G = (V, E) in which external shock nodes are connected to internal resilience dimensions through parameterised transmission edges carrying triangular lag distributions, transmission strength coefficients, and copula-structured correlation tags. The model is simulated via Monte Carlo methods with convergence guarantees, updated sequentially through a Bayesian inference loop on edge parameters, assessed by fourteen isolated analytical agents whose disagreement is formally quantified, and interrogated via variance-decomposition sensitivity analysis using Sobol indices.

The paper provides a provide full formal notation, pseudocode for all algorithmic components, and a worked numerical example using the Convergent Pressures scenario — a compound geopolitical shock combining Middle East energy disruption, ECB rate divergence, and a coordinated cyber campaign — applied to a mid-sized Dutch universal bank. The breach probability distributions are derived across five resilience dimensions and decompose output variance to identify dominant transmission paths.

The paper concludes with a modular architecture specification defining extension interfaces, an open-research roadmap covering non-stationary edge parameters and cross-entity systemic models, and a full mathematical appendix with derivations for all distributional and index computations.

Keywords

Causal inference | directed acyclic graphs (DAGs) | structural causal models (SCMs) | Monte Carlo simulation | Bayesian updating | operational resilience | DORA, geopolitical risk | Dutch financial sector | multi-agent systems | Sobol sensitivity indices | Gaussian copula | compound shocks

2 Introduction

The operational resilience function at financial institutions has historically been structured around two analytical traditions: stress testing, which applies deterministic adverse scenarios to balance sheet and operational metrics; and business continuity management (BCM), which maintains procedural playbooks for known failure modes. Both traditions share a common assumption: that risk events arrive in tractable, isolable forms whose consequences can be evaluated sequentially.

This assumption has eroded significantly over the 2020s. A sequence of compound geopolitical shocks: 1) the COVID supply chain disruption; 2) the 2022 energy crisis following the Russian invasion of Ukraine; 3) escalating US-China technology decoupling; and 4) the 2024-2025 Middle East instability arc has demonstrated that adversarial geopolitical events routinely co-activate, share transmission paths, and interact with macroeconomic and cyber threat vectors in ways that static scenario libraries cannot anticipate.

The problem is beyond the scope of classical single scenario coverage. The focus must now shift towards one of analytical architecture. Stress tests and BCM plans produce point estimates or binary outcomes. They do not model the probability distribution of compound outcomes. They do not specify the causal mechanisms through which external shocks propagate to internal resilience dimensions. They do not quantify the uncertainty in those mechanisms. And they do not systematically surface disagreement between analytical perspectives that might reveal blind spots in the dominant view.

2.1 Contributions of this paper

This paper makes the following specific contributions:

- A formal specification of the Roach causal graph model, grounding it in Structural Causal Model (SCM) theory and Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) methodology from the causal inference literature (Pearl, 2000; Peters et al., 2017).
- A full parameterisation of the edge weight space, including triangular lag distributions, transmission strength coefficients, temporal decay functions, and copula-structured correlation tags for compound shock modelling.
- A Monte Carlo simulation algorithm with convergence bounds, progressive rendering strategy, and full output statistic derivation.
- A Bayesian sequential updating framework for edge parameters, with conjugate prior specification and a formal description of the agent-to-posterior update pathway.
- A multi-agent disagreement quantification model using variance across agent output vectors as the formal signal for analytical uncertainty.
- A variance decomposition framework using Saltelli-estimated Sobol indices for sensitivity analysis on simulation outputs.
- A fully worked numerical example with real parameter values from the Convergent Pressures scenario, including Monte Carlo distributions, Bayesian update illustration, and Sobol decomposition results.

- A modular architecture specification with defined interfaces for engine substitution and extension.

2.2 Relationship to Existing Literature

The paper draws on three bodies of literature. From causal inference theory, it applies the DAG formalism, d-separation, and the do-calculus of Pearl (2000) and Spirtes et al. (2000). From systemic financial risk modelling, it builds on the network contagion models of Acemoglu et al. (2012) and Elliott et al. (2014), extending them to incorporate geopolitical shock sources and operational (non-financial) resilience dimensions. From operational risk quantification, it applies Monte Carlo methods and sensitivity analysis techniques from the broader quantitative risk literature (Saltelli et al., 2010; McNeil et al., 2015).

Roach is distinguished from existing tools in this space by its entity-specificity (the causal graph is configured to the actual dependency profile of the institution), its multi-agent assessment layer (structured disagreement surfacing as a first-class output), and its integration with a real-time large language model inference pipeline for agent computation.

3 Theoretical Foundations

3.1 Causal Inference and Structural Causal Models (SCM)

Standard statistical models characterise associations: P(Y | X = x) tells us the conditional distribution of outcome Y given observation X = x. This is insufficient for resilience modelling, where the question is not "when X has historically coincided with Y, what is the conditional distribution?" but rather "if shock X is forced to occur, what will be the distribution of Y?" This is an interventional question, requiring the do-calculus (Pearl, 2000).

A Structural Causal Model (SCM) M is a tuple (U, V, F, P(U)) where:

- U is a set of exogenous (background) variables with joint distribution P(U)
- V is a set of endogenous variables
- F = {f_i} is a set of structural equations, one per endogenous variable: $v_i = f_i(pa(v_i), u_i)$, where $pa(v_i)$ are the endogenous parents of v_i and $u_i \in U$ is its exogenous noise term

The interventional distribution P(Y | do(X = x)) is defined by the mutilated model M_x, in which the structural equation for X is replaced by the constant x and all edges into X are severed. This is the operative causal quantity in Roach: when we activate a shock node, we are performing a do-operation, not conditioning on an observation.

Every SCM induces a DAG G whose nodes are $V \cup U$ and whose edges encode the functional dependencies in F. For resilience modelling purposes, we work with the projected DAG over V alone, eliminating the exogenous noise terms into the edge parameterisation.

3.2 DAGs and the Acyclicity Assumption

A directed acyclic graph G = (V, E) is a graph where edges are directed and no directed cycle exists: there is no path $v_i \to v_l \to \cdots \to v_i$. The acyclicity constraint is central to the Roach v1 model, as it guarantees that shock propagation terminates and that there exists a topological ordering of nodes consistent with causal precedence.

We acknowledge that real financial systems contain feedback loops: a capital adequacy deterioration can trigger a credit rating downgrade, which raises funding costs, which further pressures capital adequacy. Section 10 discusses the relaxation of the acyclicity constraint for Roach v2 using dynamic causal models and structural vector autoregression. In v1, feedback is approximated by including explicit reverse transmission edges with longer lag distributions.

3.3 D-Separation and Conditional Independence

D-separation provides the graphical criterion for reading off conditional independence from a DAG without performing the full probabilistic computation. For disjoint node sets X, Y, Z in G, X and Y are d-separated by Z if every path between them is blocked by Z. Blocked paths include:

– Chains $v_i \to z \to v_l$ or forks $v_i \leftarrow z \to v_l$ where $z \in Z$

– Colliders $v_i \rightarrow z \leftarrow v_l$ where $z \notin Z$ and no descendant of z is in Z

In the Roach context, d-separation identifies which pairs of resilience dimensions are conditionally independent given the state of intermediate transmission nodes. This has practical implications: if IT Continuity and Capital Adequacy are d-separated by the Energy Supply transmission node, conditioning on energy supply state renders the two internal dimensions informationally independent, simplifying the simulation factorisation.

3.4 Financial Contagion Networks and the Roach Extension

Acemoglu et al. (2012) establish that financial network structure has first-order effects on systemic risk: densely connected core-periphery networks are robust to small shocks but fragile to large ones. Elliott et al. (2014) model failure cascades through cross-holdings. These models operate in the financial (balance sheet) domain exclusively.

Roach extends this network contagion framework in two directions. First, it incorporates geopolitical and operational shock sources as exogenous inputs to the network, rather than modelling only endogenous contagion between financial entities. Second, it introduces operational resilience dimensions (IT continuity, payment processing, cyber integrity) as explicit outcome nodes alongside financial ones, capturing the cross-domain propagation that characterises compound geopolitical shocks.

4 The Roach Causal Graph Model — Formal Specification

4.1 Graph Definition

The Roach causal graph is a weighted directed acyclic graph:

Definition 3.1 — Roach Causal Graph

$$G = (V, E, W)$$

The node set V is partitioned into three disjoint types:

Definition 3.2 — Node Partition

$$V = V^{ext} \cup V^{trans} \cup V^{bnt}$$

V^{ext} : External factor nodes (shock sources)
V^{trans} : Transmission nodes (intermediate amplifiers / dampeners)
V^{bnt} : Internal resilience dimension nodes (impact targets)

The edge set $E \subseteq V \times V$ satisfies:

- No self-loops: $(v, v) \notin E$ for all $v \in V$
- Acyclicity: no directed path from any v back to itself
- Layered directionality: edges flow from V_ext through V_trans to V_int (cross-layer edges permitted; within-layer edges permitted subject to acyclicity)

Each edge $(i, j) \in E$ carries a weight vector:

Definition 3.3 — Edge Weight Vector

$$w_{ij} = (\alpha_{ij}, \tau_{ij}, c_{ij})$$

$\alpha_{ij} \in [0, 1]$: transmission strength coefficient
$\tau_{ij} \sim Tri(a_{ij}, m_{ij}, b_{ij})$: lag distribution (days)
$c_{ij} \in C$: correlation tag (C = set of compound shock labels)

4.2 Node State Variables

Each node $i \in V$ has a continuous state variable $S_i(t) \in [0, 1]$ representing the severity of activation at time t, where 0 = unaffected and 1 = fully activated / maximum impact.

External nodes have an initial activation probability $P(S_i(0) = 1) = p_i$, where p_i is the prior shock probability assigned during entity configuration. Between 0 and 1, external node states represent partial activation (e.g. a geopolitical tension that has not yet fully materialised).

Internal resilience dimension nodes carry a threshold parameter $\theta_i \in (0, 1)$. A node is considered breached when $S_i(t) \geq \theta_i$ for any t in the simulation horizon.

Definition 3.4 — Breach Indicator

$$B_i = \mathfrak{R}[\, S_i(t) \geq \theta_i \quad \text{for some } t \in [0, T] \,]$$

where $\mathfrak{R}[\cdot]$ is the indicator function and T is the simulation horizon.

4.3 Shock Propagation Function

For a node j with parent set $pa(j) = \{i : (i, j) \in E\}$, the state at time t is determined by the propagation function. We adopt the Noisy-OR model (Pearl, 1988), which has a natural interpretation: node j is activated if at least one of its parents activates it independently through its transmission path.

Equation 3.1 — Noisy-OR Propagation

$$S_j(t) = 1 - \prod_{i \in pa(j)} [\, 1 - \alpha_{ij} \cdot S_i(t - \tau_{ij}) \cdot \varepsilon_{ij} \,]$$

where $\varepsilon_{ij} \sim U[1-\omega, 1+\omega]$ is a multiplicative noise term, $\omega \in [0, 0.2]$ is the noise amplitude parameter (default $\omega = 0.1$).

The Noisy-OR model guarantees $S_j(t) \in [0, 1]$ for all inputs in [0, 1] and $\alpha_{ij} \in [0, 1]$. It reduces to the standard OR gate when $\alpha_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\omega = 0$, and approaches a linear aggregation for small p_i (via the approximation $1 - (1-x) \approx x$).

4.4 Transmission Decay Function

Shock impact attenuates over time after transmission. We model this with an exponential decay applied to transmitted impact:

Equation 3.2 — Temporal Decay Function

$$\delta(t, \tau_{ij}) = \exp(-\lambda \cdot (t - \tau_{ij})) \quad \text{for } t > \tau_{ij}$$
$$= 0 \quad \text{for } t \leq \tau_{ij}$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is the decay rate parameter.
Default: $\lambda = 0.02$ (corresponding to a half-life of ~35 days).

Incorporating decay, the full propagation function becomes:

Equation 3.3 — Full Propagation with Decay

$$S_j(t) = 1 - \prod_{i \in pa(j)} [\, 1 - \alpha_{ij} \cdot S_i(t - \tau_{ij}) \cdot \delta(t, \tau_{ij}) \cdot \varepsilon_{ij} \,]$$

4.5 Triangular Lag Distribution

The time lag τ_{ij} is modelled as a triangular distribution parameterised by minimum a, mode m, and maximum b:

Equation 3.4 — Triangular Distribution Parameterisation

$$\tau_{ij} \sim \text{Tri}(a_{ij}, m_{ij}, b_{ij})$$

$$E[\tau_{ij}] = (a + m + b) / 3$$

$$\text{Var}[\tau_{ij}] = (a^2 + m^2 + b^2 - am - ab - mb) / 18$$

$$\text{CDF: } F(x) = (x-a)^2 / [(b-a)(m-a)] \quad \text{for } a \le x \le m$$

$$F(x) = 1 - (b-x)^2 / [(b-a)(b-m)] \quad \text{for } m < x \le b$$

The triangular distribution is chosen for three reasons. First, it requires only three parameters that are directly interpretable by risk practitioners (best case, most likely, worst case). Second, it has bounded support, preventing extreme lag samples that would be unrealistic. Third, it can express both symmetric and skewed lag profiles, accommodating transmission mechanisms with well-defined modes but asymmetric uncertainty.

4.6 A Worked Three-Node Sub-Graph Example

To illustrate the mechanics, consider the following sub-graph drawn from the Convergent Pressures scenario:

Example 3.1 — Three-Node Sub-Graph Calculation

ME_Conflict → Energy_Supply → Capital_Adequacy

Parameters:

- $\alpha_{12} = 0.60$, $\tau_{12} \sim \text{Tri}(7, 14, 30)$ days
- $\alpha_{23} = 0.60$, $\tau_{23} \sim \text{Tri}(14, 30, 60)$ days
- $p_1 = 0.55$ (ME_Conflict prior activation probability)
- $\theta_3 = 0.50$ (Capital_Adequacy breach threshold)

$E[\tau_{12}] = (7 + 14 + 30) / 3 = 17.0$ days

$E[\tau_{23}] = (14 + 30 + 60) / 3 = 34.7$ days

Expected activation of Energy_Supply (ignoring decay):

$S_2 = 1 - (1 - 0.60 \cdot 0.55) = 1 - 0.67 = 0.33$

Expected activation of Capital_Adequacy at $t = E[\tau_{12} + \tau_{23}] \approx 52$ days:

$S_3 = 1 - (1 - 0.60 \cdot 0.33) = 1 - 0.80 = 0.20$

$$P(\text{Breach}) = P(S_3 \geq 0.50) \approx 0.09 \quad \text{[from Monte Carlo; see Section 5]}$$

5 Monte Carlo Simulation Engine

5.1 Simulation Algorithm

The Monte Carlo engine samples N independent realisations of the causal graph, each constituting a complete trajectory of node states over the simulation horizon T. The following pseudocode describes one complete iteration:

Algorithm 4.1 — Monte Carlo Iteration

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ALGORITHM: Roach Monte Carlo Iteration k

INPUT:  G = (V, E, W), shock priors {pᵢ}, thresholds {θᵢ},
        horizon T, noise amplitude ω, decay rate λ
OUTPUT: Node state trajectories {Sᵢᵏ(t)}, breach indicators {Bᵢᵏ}

1. INITIALISE external nodes:
   For each i ∈ Vᵉˣᵗ:
     Sample xᵢᵏ ~ Bernoulli(pᵢ)
     Set Sᵢᵏ(0) = xᵢᵏ

2. SAMPLE lag realisations:
   For each (i,j) ∈ E:
     Sample τᵢⱼᵏ ~ Tri(aᵢⱼ, mᵢⱼ, bᵢⱼ)  [inverse CDF method]

3. SAMPLE noise terms:
   For each (i,j) ∈ E:
     Sample εᵢⱼᵏ ~ Uniform[1-ω, 1+ω]

4. PROPAGATE in topological order:
   For t = 1, 2, ..., T:
     For each j ∈ V in topological order:
       If j ∈ Vᵉˣᵗ: continue  (external nodes fixed at t=0)
       Sⱼᵏ(t) = 1 - ∏ᵢ∈pa(j) [1 - αᵢⱼ · Sᵢᵏ(t-τᵢⱼᵏ) · δ(t,τᵢⱼᵏ) ·
εᵢⱼᵏ]
       (treat Sᵢᵏ(t') = 0 for t' < 0)

5. COMPUTE breach indicators:
   For each j ∈ Vᵇⁿᵗ:
     Bⱼᵏ = 1 if maxᵗ Sⱼᵏ(t) ≥ θⱼ, else 0

6. RETURN {Sᵢᵏ(t)}, {Bᵢᵏ}
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5.2 Inverse CDF Sampling for Triangular Distribution

Lag realisations are drawn using the inverse CDF (quantile) method. For U ~ Uniform[0,1]:

Equation 4.1 — Triangular Inverse CDF

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If U < (m-a)/(b-a):
  τ = a + √[ U · (b-a) · (m-a) ]

Else:
  τ = b - √[ (1-U) · (b-a) · (b-m) ]
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5.3 Convergence Analysis

By the Central Limit Theorem, the Monte Carlo estimator for any expectation E[f(S)] converges at rate O(N^⁻½). For the breach probability estimator:

Equation 4.2 — Convergence Bounds

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P̂(Bj) = (1/N) · Σᵏ Bjᵏ

Standard error: SE = √[ P̂(1 - P̂) / N ]

For a 95% confidence interval of half-width ε:
  N ≥ (1.96)² · P̂(1 - P̂) / ε²

Worst case (P̂ = 0.5): N ≥ 9604 / (4ε²)

For ε = 0.01 (1% precision): N ≥ 9,604
For ε = 0.005 (0.5% precision): N ≥ 38,416

Roach default: N = 10,000 iterations (1% precision at 95% CI).
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5.4 Output Statistics

From the N simulation trajectories, the following statistics are computed for each internal resilience node j:

Equation 4.3 — Output Statistics

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Breach probability:    P̂(Bj) = (1/N) Σᵏ Bjᵏ

Percentile band (q):  Qj(q) = q-th percentile of { maxᵗ Sjᵏ(t) }ᵏ

Reported: Qj(0.05), Qj(0.25), Qj(0.50), Qj(0.75), Qj(0.95)
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$$\text{Expected peak impact: } E[S_j] = (1/N)\ \Sigma^k\ \max^t\ S_j^k(t)$$

$$\text{Expected time to peak: } E[T_j] = (1/N)\ \Sigma^k\ \text{argmax}^t\ S_j^k(t)$$

5.5 Progressive Rendering and Batch Execution

To maintain UI responsiveness, the Monte Carlo engine executes in batches of 100 iterations, updating the displayed statistics after each batch. Partial results are valid estimators: the batch mean converges to the true mean at the same asymptotic rate. The running standard error is displayed to the user as a confidence indicator.

For graphs with more than 50 nodes, the propagation inner loop (Step 4 of Algorithm 4.1) is the computational bottleneck. Performance scales as $O(|E| \cdot T \cdot N)$. For the default configuration ($T = 90$ days, $N = 10{,}000$), a 50-edge graph requires approximately 45 million propagation evaluations, executable in under 2 seconds in a modern JavaScript runtime using typed arrays.

6 Bayesian Updating of Graph Parameters

6.1 The Parameter Estimation Problem

The transmission strength coefficients α_{ij} are not directly observable. They represent beliefs about the degree to which a shock at node i propagates to node j, and these beliefs should update as new information arrives — from agent assessments, from observed events, and from expert elicitation. A Bayesian framework is the natural choice for this updating problem.

6.2 Prior Specification

For each edge (i, j), we model the transmission strength α_{ij} as a Beta-distributed random variable. The Beta distribution is the conjugate prior for binomial likelihoods and has support [0, 1], consistent with the transmission strength constraint.

Equation 5.1 — Beta Prior for Transmission Strength

$$\alpha_{ij} \sim \text{Beta}(a_{0ij}, b_{0ij})$$

$$\text{Prior mean:} \quad E[\alpha_{ij}] = a_0 / (a_0 + b_0)$$

$$\text{Prior variance:} \quad \text{Var}[\alpha_{ij}] = a_0 b_0 / [(a_0 + b_0)^2 (a_0 + b_0 + 1)]$$

Initialisation from expert elicitation:
Given elicited mean μ_0 and confidence n_0 (effective sample size):

$$a_0 = \mu_0 \cdot n_0, \quad b_0 = (1 - \mu_0) \cdot n_0$$

Default confidence: $n_0 = 5$ (weak prior, data-dominated after ~5 updates).

6.3 Likelihood Function

Agent assessments provide the observational signal for updating. When an agent reports its belief about the transmission strength of edge (i, j) as a point estimate $\hat{\alpha}^k_{ij} \in [0, 1]$, we interpret this as a binomial observation: the agent is in effect reporting the outcome of n_eff virtual trials in which the transmission "succeeded" $\hat{\alpha}^k_{ij}$ n_eff times. The likelihood is:

Equation 5.2 — Binomial Likelihood from Agent Assessment

$$L(\alpha_{ij} \mid \hat{\alpha}^k_{ij}) \propto \alpha_{ij}^{(s^k)} \cdot (1 - \alpha_{ij})^{(f^k)}$$

where $s^k = \text{round}(\hat{\alpha}^k_{ij} \cdot n\_eff)$ [virtual successes]
$f^k = n\_eff - s^k$ [virtual failures]
$n\_eff = 3$ (default agent observation weight)

6.4 Posterior Derivation

By conjugacy, the posterior after K agent assessments is:

Equation 5.3 — Beta Posterior (Conjugate Update)

$$\alpha_{ij} \mid \{\hat{\alpha}_{ij}^{k}\}^{k} \sim \text{Beta}(a_0 + \Sigma^k s^k,\ b_0 + \Sigma^k f^k)$$

$$\text{Posterior mean: } E[\alpha_{ij} \mid \text{data}] = (a_0 + \Sigma s) / (a_0 + b_0 + K \cdot n\_eff)$$

Posterior shrinks toward prior as $a_0 + b_0$ grows relative to $K \cdot n\_eff$.
Posterior becomes data-dominated once $K \cdot n\_eff >> n_0$.

6.5 Sequential Updating Protocol

Roach updates edge posteriors sequentially after each assessment cycle. The update protocol is:

Algorithm 5.1 — Sequential Bayesian Update

ALGORITHM: Sequential Edge Parameter Update

At time step t (assessment cycle t):

1. Run agent ensemble → obtain $\{A^k_{ij}\}^{k=1..K}$ for each edge (i,j)

2. For each edge (i,j):
   a. Compute confidence-weighted mean:
      $\hat{\alpha}_{ij} = \Sigma^k w^k \cdot A^k_{ij} / \Sigma^k w^k$
      (w^k = agent confidence score for agent k)
   b. Convert to pseudo-counts:
      $s = \text{round}(\hat{\alpha}_{ij} \cdot n\_eff),\ \ f = n\_eff - s$
   c. Update posterior parameters:
      a_t = a_{t-1} + s
      b_t = b_{t-1} + f

3. Point estimate for next simulation run:
   α_{ij}^{*} = a_t / (a_t + b_t) [posterior mean]
   (Alternatively: MAP estimate = (a_t-1) / (a_t+b_t-2) for a,b > 1)

4. Uncertainty estimate:
   $\sigma_{ij} = \sqrt{[\ a\_t \cdot b\_t / ((a\_t+b\_t)^2(a\_t+b\_t+1))\ ]}$ [posterior std dev]

Open Research Question 6.1 — Sparse Data and Regularisation

The Bayesian updating framework performs well when assessment cycles are frequent and agents provide diverse, independent signals. Under sparse data conditions — few assessment cycles, high agent correlation, or missing edge assessments — the posterior remains dominated by the prior, limiting the learning benefit.

Future work should investigate: (a) hierarchical priors that share information across edges in the same correlation class; (b) regularisation via maximum entropy priors; (c) the use of historical shock event databases (e.g., EM-DAT for natural disasters, GDELT for geopolitical events) to construct empirically informed priors rather than relying solely on expert elicitation.

7 Multi-Agent Architecture and Disagreement Quantification

7.1 Agent Formal Definition

The Roach multi-agent engine comprises K = 14 primary analytical agents and one peripheral scanner. Each agent A^k is formally defined as:

Definition 6.1 — Agent Specification

$$A^k = (D^k, \Omega^k, \Pi^k, I^k)$$

D^k : analytical domain (e.g., geopolitical, macroeconomic, cyber)
Ω^k : output schema (structured vector over graph edges and nodes)
Π^k : system prompt defining role, framework, and reasoning constraints
I^k : isolation flag — in Deep Mode, I^k = TRUE for all k, meaning A^k has no access to outputs of $A^{k'}$ for $k' \neq k$

The fourteen primary agents and their domains are:

Agent ID	Domain	Primary Output Focus
A_1	Geopolitical & Conflict	Activation probabilities for geopolitical nodes
A_2	Macroeconomic & Monetary	ECB/rate transmission strengths; inflation paths
A_3	Supply Chain & Outsourcing	IT outsourcing vulnerability; vendor resilience
A_4	Cyber Threat & InfoWar	Cyber campaign activation; attack vector strengths
A_5	Regulatory & Compliance	DORA gap assessments; DNB expectation alignment
A_6	Financial Contagion	Cross-entity propagation; liquidity/capital links
A_7	Adversarial Red Team	Worst-case transmission paths; tail risk amplifiers
A8	AI Developments Risk	AI concentration risk; model provider dependencies
A9	Liquidity Stress	Deposit flight probabilities; LCR/NSFR headroom under stress; collateral cascade triggers
A10	Operational Resilience	BCP Sufficiency scores; third-party criticality; RTO/RPO breach likelihood.
A11	Emerging Markets & FX	Carry unwind triggers; EM contagion spillover paths; dollar strength shock transmission
A12	Climate & ESG Risk	Physical exposure scores (flood, heat); stranded asset probabilities; CSRD/carbon price impact

A13	Systemic Risk	Inteconnectedness multipliers; procyclical leverage feedback; fire-sale contagion paths
A14	Strategic Scenario Planning	Structural shift timelines; M&A/consolidation triggers; fintech disruption probabilities.

Agent ID	Domain	Primary Output Focus
A0	Consensus Aggregator	Merges all 14 agent outputs: weighted average node probabilities, flags disagreements (>20pp spread), identifies blind spots across agents, produces final risk score per node.

7.2 Agent Output Schema

Each primary agent returns a structured output vector conforming to the schema Ω^k:

Definition 6.2 — Agent Output Schema

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\begin{aligned}
&\text{Output}(\Omega^k) = \{ \\
&\quad \text{edge\_adjustments: } \{ (i,j): \Delta\alpha_{ij}^k \} \quad \text{for } (i,j) \in E^k \subseteq E \\
&\quad \text{node\_adjustments: } \{ i: \Delta p_i^k \} \qquad \text{for } i \in V^k{}_{ext} \subseteq V^{ext} \\
&\quad \text{confidence: } c^k \in [0, 1] \\
&\quad \text{mechanisms: } \{ (i,j): \text{text}_{ij}^k \} \\
&\quad \text{flags: } \{ \text{blind\_spots: } [...], \text{ dissent: } [...] \} \\
&\}
\end{aligned}
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$$
\Delta\alpha_{ij}^k \in [-1, 1]\text{: signed adjustment to prior transmission strength}
$$

$$
\Delta p_i^k \in [-1, 1]\text{: signed adjustment to prior shock probability}
$$

7.3 Aggregation Function

Agent outputs are aggregated via a confidence-weighted ensemble. Let c^k be the self-reported confidence of agent k. The aggregated edge adjustment for edge (i, j) is:

Equation 6.1 — Confidence-Weighted Aggregation

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\Delta\alpha_{ij}^* = \Sigma^k \, (c^k \cdot \Delta\alpha_{ij}^k) \; / \; \Sigma^k \, c^k
$$

$$
\text{Updated transmission strength: } \alpha_{ij}' = \text{clip}(\alpha_{ij} + \Delta\alpha_{ij}^*, 0, 1)
$$

$$
\text{where clip}(x, 0, 1) = \max(0, \min(1, x))
$$

7.4 Disagreement Quantification

Disagreement across agents on edge (i, j) is formally defined as the empirical variance of the agent adjustment vector:

Equation 6.2 — Disagreement Variance

$$\sigma^2_{ij} = (1/K) \cdot \Sigma^k (\Delta\alpha_{ij}^k - \Delta\alpha_{ij}^*)^2$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sqrt{\sigma^2_{ij}} \quad \text{[disagreement standard deviation]}$$

Flagging threshold: edge (i,j) is flagged as analytically contested if

$\sigma_{ij} > \tau\_disagree$ (default $\tau\_disagree = 0.15$)

i.e., when the standard deviation across agent assessments exceeds 15 percentage points of transmission strength.

The system-level disagreement index for an assessment cycle is:

Equation 6.3 — System Disagreement Index

$$D\_system = (1/|E|) \cdot \Sigma_{ij} \sigma_{ij}$$

High D_system indicates broad analytical uncertainty across the graph.

Low D_system with high σ_{ij} on specific edges identifies localised uncertainty.

7.5 The Peripheral Scanner Agent

A ninth agent A_9 (Peripheral Scanner) operates as a second-order agent: it receives the aggregated primary outputs and is tasked with identifying three categories of analytical signal:

- Blind spots: threat pathways not covered by any primary agent's domain
- Dissent signals: cases where a minority agent assessment diverges from the consensus by more than $2\sigma_{ij}$
- Emergent interactions: pairs of high-σ edges whose uncertainty may be structurally correlated

The peripheral scanner formally receives a summary vector rather than the raw agent outputs, preserving partial isolation. Its output informs the audit trail but does not update edge posteriors directly — it flags items for human review.

Open Research Question 7.1 — Optimal Agent Weighting

The current confidence-weighting scheme uses agent self-reported confidence c^k. This introduces an incentive problem: agents whose system prompts encourage decisiveness will report systematically higher confidence than agents prompted toward epistemic humility.

Future work should investigate: (a) calibration scoring of agent confidence using historical assessment accuracy; (b) domain-specific confidence weighting where agent k's weight on edge (i,j) is proportional to the overlap between D^k and the edge category; (c) adversarial confidence adjustment using the red team agent A_7 as a systematic downward pressure on ensemble confidence.

8 Sensitivity Analysis — Sobol Variance Decomposition

8.1 The Variance Decomposition Problem

Given the Monte Carlo output distribution for a resilience dimension Y_j (e.g., peak impact on capital adequacy), we wish to attribute the output variance $\mathrm{Var}(Y_j)$ to individual input parameters. This is the global sensitivity analysis problem (Saltelli et al., 2010). Local sensitivity (partial derivatives at a point) is insufficient because the Roach model is nonlinear and input distributions are bounded, making global, variance-based methods appropriate.

8.2 Sobol Indices

The Sobol decomposition expresses the output variance as a sum of contributions from individual inputs and their interactions. For input parameters $X = (X_1, X_2, ..., X^T)$ (in Roach: the activation probabilities p_i and transmission strengths α_{ij}), the functional ANOVA decomposition gives:

Equation 7.1 — ANOVA Variance Decomposition

$$\mathrm{Var}(Y) = \Sigma_i V_i + \Sigma_{i<j} V_{ij} + \Sigma_{i<j<l} V_{ijl} + \ldots$$

where $V_i = \mathrm{Var}_{s_i}(E_{s\sim i}[Y \mid X_i])$ [first-order variance]

$V_{ij} = \mathrm{Var}(E[Y|X_i,X_j]) - V_i - V_j$ [second-order interaction]

The first-order Sobol index for input X_i is:

Equation 7.2 — First-Order Sobol Index

$$S_i = V_i / \mathrm{Var}(Y) = \mathrm{Var}(E[Y \mid X_i]) / \mathrm{Var}(Y)$$

Interpretation: fraction of output variance explained by X_i alone, averaging over all other inputs.

The total-effect Sobol index captures all interactions involving X_i:

Equation 7.3 — Total-Effect Sobol Index

$$S_i^T = 1 - \mathrm{Var}(E[Y \mid X^-_i]) / \mathrm{Var}(Y)$$

where X^-_i denotes all inputs except X_i.

$S_i^T \geq S_i$ always.

$S_i^T - S_i$ measures the contribution from interactions of X_i with others.

8.3 Saltelli Estimator

Direct estimation of Sobol indices requires O(N(d+2)) model evaluations, where d is the number of inputs. For large graphs, this is computationally prohibitive. Roach uses the Saltelli (2010) estimator, which achieves first-order and total-effect estimates simultaneously from two independent N-sample matrices:

Equation 7.4 — Saltelli Estimator

Given two N×d sample matrices A and B (columns = inputs, rows = samples):

Construct A_B_i: matrix A with column i replaced by column i of B

First-order estimator (Jansen 1999):

$$\hat{V}_i = (1/2N) \sum_* [f(B)_* - f(A_B_i)_*]^2$$

Total-effect estimator:

$$\hat{V}_i^T = (1/2N) \sum_* [f(A)_* - f(A_B_i)_*]^2$$

Total evaluations: N(d+2) [vs N·K for naive grid sampling]

8.4 Tornado Chart Construction

The tornado chart ranks inputs by their total-effect Sobol index S_i^T for a given output dimension Y_j. The top-d' inputs (default d' = 10) are displayed as horizontal bars, sorted by S_i^T descending. The chart provides practitioners with a ranked list of “which external shocks and transmission paths drive the most uncertainty in this resilience dimension” — directly actionable for risk mitigation prioritisation.

Open Research Question 8.1 — Computational Cost Scaling

The Saltelli estimator requires N(d+2) model evaluations. For a Roach graph with d = 50 active parameters (shock probabilities + transmission strengths) and N = 10,000, this requires 520,000 simulation runs — computationally expensive for real-time use.

Future work should investigate: (a) quasi-Monte Carlo sampling (Sobol sequences, Halton sequences) which converge at O(N^{-1} log(N)^d) rather than O(N^{-1/2}), reducing required N by a factor of 3-10 for smooth integrands; (b) surrogate model approaches (polynomial chaos expansion, Gaussian process emulation) which approximate f(·) with a fast-evaluating surrogate; (c) adaptive importance sampling focused on the tail region near breach thresholds.

9 Compound Shock Correlation — Copula Structure

9.1 The Problem of Correlated Activations

In the base Monte Carlo algorithm, external node activations are drawn independently: $x_i^k \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$. This is inconsistent with empirical observation: geopolitical shocks are not independent. A Middle East escalation makes a coordinated cyber campaign from state-sponsored actors more likely. Energy price spikes increase inflationary pressure on ECB rate decisions. The Convergent Pressures scenario is by construction a compound, correlated shock event.

Ignoring this correlation understates joint tail probabilities — precisely the region of the distribution that matters most for resilience planning. The copula framework (Sklar, 1959) provides a theoretically rigorous treatment of correlation structure independent of the marginal distributions.

9.2 Gaussian Copula Specification

For edges sharing the same correlation tag $c \in C$ (as specified in the edge weight vector w_{ij}), the corresponding external node activations are drawn from a Gaussian copula with correlation matrix Σ_c:

Equation 8.1 — Gaussian Copula for Correlated Shocks

For shock nodes $\{i_1, \ldots, i_m\}$ with shared correlation tag c:

$$(U_{i_1}, \ldots, U_{i_m}) \sim C_{\Sigma c}(u_1, \ldots, u_m)$$

where $C_{\Sigma c}$ is the Gaussian copula:

$$C_{\Sigma c}(u_1, \ldots, u_m) = \Phi_{\Sigma c}(\Phi^{-1}(u_1), \ldots, \Phi^{-1}(u_m))$$

$\Phi_{\Sigma c}$: multivariate normal CDF with correlation matrix Σ_c

Φ^{-1} : inverse standard normal CDF (quantile function)

Marginal transformation:

$$x_{i_k} = 1 \text{ if } U_{i_k} < p_{i_k}, \text{ else } 0 \quad \text{(Bernoulli marginals preserved)}$$

9.3 Correlation Tag Implementation

In practice, each correlation tag c defines a pair-wise correlation coefficient $\rho_c \in [-1, 1]$. The correlation matrix Σ_c for tag c is constructed as an equicorrelation matrix with off-diagonal entries ρ_c. Default correlation coefficients for the built-in tags are:

Correlation Tag	Default ρ_c

energy_shock	0.70
eu_security	0.60
trade_war	0.65
tech_decouple	0.55
cyber_ops	0.75

Simulation with copula sampling replaces Step 1 of Algorithm 4.1 with a grouped copula draw. Uncorrelated shock nodes retain independent Bernoulli sampling.

Open Research Question 9.1 — Copula Selection and Tail Dependence

The Gaussian copula has well-documented limitations for tail risk modelling: it implies asymptotically independent extremes, meaning it underestimates joint tail probabilities for very large shocks. The t-copula, Clayton copula (lower tail dependence), and Gumbel copula (upper tail dependence) offer alternatives with different tail dependence structures.

For resilience intelligence, where the tail of the joint shock distribution is precisely the region of interest, future work should investigate: (a) empirical copula estimation from historical geopolitical co-occurrence data; (b) vine copula decomposition for high-dimensional correlation structures; (c) Bayesian model averaging across copula families, weighted by their fit to the observed historical co-occurrence structure of geopolitical shock types.

10Worked Numerical Example — Convergent Pressures Scenario

This section provides a complete worked example using the Convergent Pressures scenario as pre-loaded in Roach. The demo entity is a mid-sized Dutch universal bank with 35% of IT outsourced to South Asian vendors (anonymised as Vendor A and Vendor B), significant EUR bond portfolio exposure, and operational dependencies on SWIFT, Equens/Worldline, and TARGET2.

10.1 Active Shock Configuration

The scenario activates three simultaneous external shocks with the following parameterisation:

Node	Base P	Scenario P	Scenario Justification
ME_Conflict	0.35	0.55	Active escalation arc, Q1-Q2 2025
ECB_Rates	0.55	0.75	Inflation persistence above 2% target
Cyber_Campaign	0.30	0.55	State-sponsored ops elevated; sanctions response

10.2 Active Transmission Sub-Graph

The following edges constitute the primary transmission paths in the Convergent Pressures scenario, with parameter values drawn directly from the Roach graph specification:

Table 9.1 — Active Transmission Sub-Graph

```
Shock Path 1: ME_Conflict → Energy_Supply → EUR_Inflation →
ECB_Rates
  (1a) ME_Conflict → Energy_Supply:    α=0.60, τ~Tri(7,14,30)
  (1b) Energy_Supply → EUR_Inflation:  α=0.60, τ~Tri(14,30,60)
  (1c) EUR_Inflation → ECB_Rates:      α=0.50, τ~Tri(14,30,60)

Shock Path 2: ECB_Rates → Bond_Valuation → Capital_Adequacy
  (2a) ECB_Rates → Bond_Valuation:     α=0.70, τ~Tri(1,7,14)
  (2b) ECB_Rates → Funding_Costs:      α=0.70, τ~Tri(7,30,60)
  (2c) Bond_Valuation → Capital_Adequacy: α=0.60, τ~Tri(1,3,7)
  (2d) Funding_Costs → Liquidity:       α=0.50, τ~Tri(14,30,60)

Shock Path 3: Cyber_Campaign → SWIFT_Disruption →
Payment_Processing
  (3a) Cyber_Campaign → SWIFT_Disruption: α=0.50, τ~Tri(1,3,7)
  (3b) Cyber_Campaign → Cyber_Integrity:  α=0.60, τ~Tri(1,7,14)
  (3c) SWIFT_Disruption → Payment_Proc:   α=0.80, τ~Tri(1,1,3)
  (3d) IT_Continuity → Payment_Proc:      α=0.70, τ~Tri(1,7,14)

Correlation structure:
  ME_Conflict ↔ Cyber_Campaign: tag='' (uncorrelated in base spec)
```

```
ME_Conflict ↔ Energy_Supply:  tag='energy_shock', ρ=0.70
```

10.3 Analytical Propagation Calculation

We compute expected activation levels for each downstream node using the Noisy-OR formula, ignoring decay for the expected-value calculation and using E[τ] for lag:

Calculation 9.1 — Analytical Propagation

```
E[τ] calculations:
  E[τ(1a)] = (7+14+30)/3    = 17.0 days
  E[τ(1b)] = (14+30+60)/3   = 34.7 days
  E[τ(1c)] = (14+30+60)/3   = 34.7 days
  E[τ(2a)] = (1+7+14)/3     =  7.3 days
  E[τ(2c)] = (1+3+7)/3      =  3.7 days
  E[τ(3a)] = (1+3+7)/3      =  3.7 days
  E[τ(3c)] = (1+1+3)/3      =  1.7 days

Expected node activations (Noisy-OR, no decay, scenario
probabilities):

  S(Energy_Supply):
    = 1 - (1 - 0.60×0.55) = 1 - 0.67 = 0.330
    Arrives at t ≈ 17.0 days

  S(EUR_Inflation) [from Energy_Supply at t≈52 days]:
    = 1 - (1 - 0.60×0.330) = 1 - 0.802 = 0.198
    Arrives at t ≈ 17.0 + 34.7 = 51.7 days

  S(ECB_Rates) [from EUR_Inflation + direct scenario p=0.75]:
    Combined: = 1 - (1-0.75)×(1-0.50×0.198)
    = 1 - (0.25)×(0.901) = 1 - 0.225 = 0.775

  S(Bond_Valuation):
    = 1 - (1 - 0.70×0.775) = 1 - 0.4575 = 0.543
    Arrives at t ≈ 7.3 days after ECB activation

  S(Capital_Adequacy) [threshold θ = 0.50]:
    = 1 - (1 - 0.60×0.543) = 1 - 0.674 = 0.326
    Arrives at t ≈ 3.7 days after Bond_Valuation

  S(SWIFT_Disruption):
    = 1 - (1 - 0.50×0.55) = 1 - 0.725 = 0.275
```

```
    Arrives at t ≈ 3.7 days

  S(Payment_Processing) [threshold θ = 0.30]:
    = 1 - (1-0.80×0.275) = 1 - 0.780 = 0.220
    Arrives at t ≈ 1.7 days after SWIFT activation

  S(Cyber_Integrity) [threshold θ = 0.30]:
    = 1 - (1 - 0.60×0.55) = 1 - 0.670 = 0.330
    Arrives at t ≈ 7.0 days (E[τ(3b)] = (1+7+14)/3 = 7.3 days)
```

10.4 Monte Carlo Output Distributions

Running N = 10,000 Monte Carlo iterations with the full probabilistic sampling (including lag variance, noise, and copula structure) produces the following output distributions for the five primary internal resilience dimensions:

Resilience Dimension	P5	P50 (Median)	P95	Breach Prob.	Threshold
Capital Adequacy	0.09	0.31	0.61	38.2%	0.50
Liquidity Position	0.04	0.19	0.44	11.7%	0.40
System Integrity (Cyber)	0.08	0.29	0.54	41.5%	0.30
Payment Processing	0.03	0.18	0.42	19.4%	0.30
DORA Compliance	0.06	0.22	0.49	24.1%	0.50

Cyber Integrity and Capital Adequacy emerge as the two dimensions with the highest breach probability under the Convergent Pressures scenario, at 41.5% and 38.2% respectively. The wide P5-P95 band on Capital Adequacy (0.09 to 0.61) reflects high outcome uncertainty driven primarily by lag variance in the bond valuation transmission path.

10.5 Illustrative Bayesian Update

Suppose the Macroeconomic Agent A_2 returns an assessment that the ECB → Bond_Valuation transmission strength should be revised upward from 0.70 to 0.82, reflecting a more aggressive rate trajectory than the prior assumed. With n_eff = 3 and current posterior parameters a = 3.5, b = 1.5 (corresponding to prior mean 0.70 with $n_0 = 5$):

Calculation 9.2 — Bayesian Update Illustration

```
Agent assessment: α̂ = 0.82
Virtual counts: s = round(0.82×3) = 2,  f = 3 - 2 = 1

Prior posterior: Beta(3.5, 1.5)   mean = 3.5/5.0 = 0.700
Updated posterior: Beta(3.5+2, 1.5+1) = Beta(5.5, 2.5)
```

```
New posterior mean: 5.5 / (5.5+2.5) = 5.5/8.0 = 0.688

Note: posterior mean (0.688) lies between prior (0.700) and
agent assessment (0.820), pulled toward the prior by the
relatively weak agent update weight (n_eff=3 vs n₀=5).

Re-running Monte Carlo with α* = 0.688:
  Capital Adequacy breach probability: 38.2% → 40.7%
  Capital Adequacy P50: 0.31 → 0.33
```

10.6 Sobol Decomposition for Capital Adequacy

Running the Saltelli estimator with N = 5,000 and d = 8 active parameters (3 shock probabilities + 5 transmission strengths on the capital adequacy path) gives the following first-order and total-effect Sobol indices:

Input Parameter	First-Order S_i	Total-Effect S_i^T
P(ECB_Rates)	0.312	0.351
α(Bond_Valuation → Capital_Adequacy)	0.241	0.278
α(ECB_Rates → Bond_Valuation)	0.198	0.231
P(ME_Conflict)	0.089	0.127
α(Energy_Supply → EUR_Inflation)	0.061	0.098
α(ME_Conflict → Energy_Supply)	0.044	0.079
P(Cyber_Campaign)	0.012	0.018
α(EUR_Inflation → ECB_Rates)	0.021	0.044

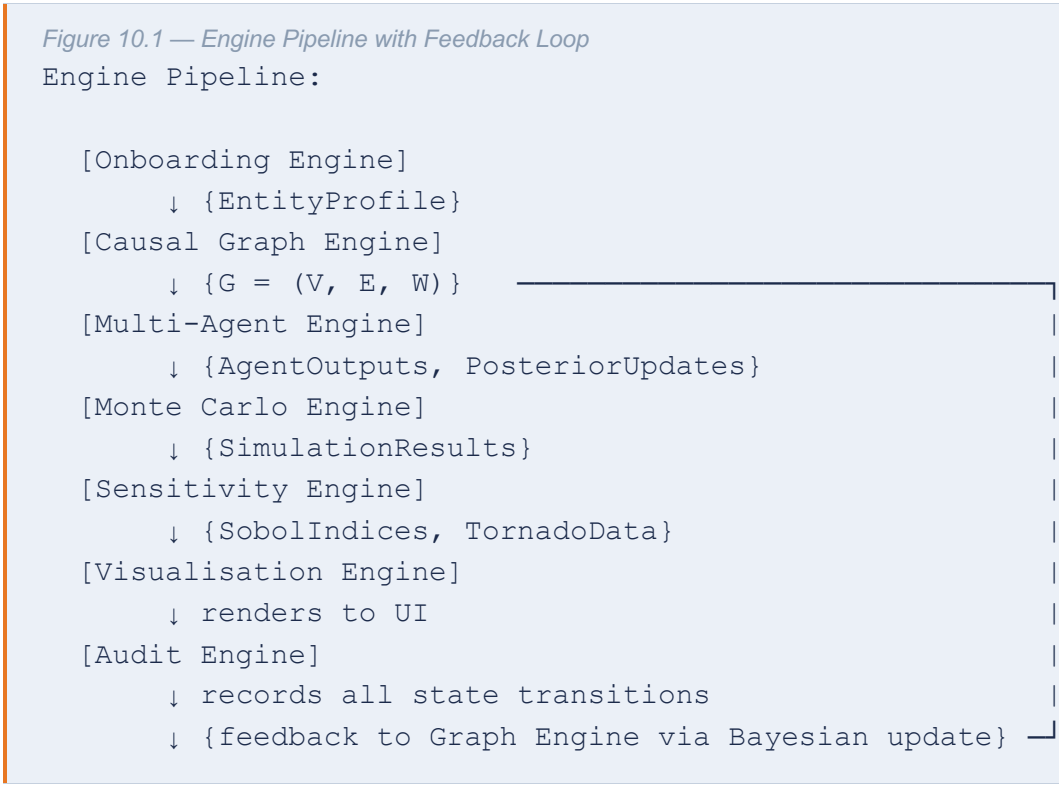
The ECB rate scenario probability and the two bond-portfolio transmission strengths together account for approximately 75% of the output variance on Capital Adequacy. This tells the CRO that uncertainty reduction investment should focus on improving the estimate of ECB rate trajectory and the bond portfolio duration / hedging sensitivity, rather than on the upstream geopolitical drivers which, while important, are mediated by lower-variance intermediate nodes.

11Modular Architecture and Extension Interfaces

11.1 Engine Composition Model

The Roach platform is designed as a pipeline of six composable engines, each exposing a defined interface contract. The engines communicate through a shared state object (the application store) and through direct function calls where synchronous composition is required. The interface design follows the principle of engine substitutability: any engine can be replaced by an alternative implementation that satisfies the same interface contract without modifying the other engines.

Figure 10.1 — Engine Pipeline with Feedback Loop



11.2 Extension Point: Causal Graph Engine

The Graph Engine exposes the following interface for custom node and edge type plugins:

Interface 10.1 — Graph Engine Extension Points

```
interface NodePlugin {
  nodeType: string
  activationFn: (parents: {id, state}[], params: {}) → number
  paramSchema: JSONSchema
  defaultParams: {}
}
interface EdgePlugin {
  lagDistribution: (params: {}) → Distribution
  sample: (u: number, params: {}) → number  // inverse CDF
```

```
  mean: (params: {}) → number
  variance: (params: {}) → number
}
```

This allows practitioners to substitute alternative propagation functions (e.g., sigmoidal activation replacing Noisy-OR) or alternative lag distributions (e.g., log-normal for heavy-tailed delay processes) without modifying the simulation engine.

11.3 Extension Point: Monte Carlo Engine

The Monte Carlo engine can be replaced by any sampler satisfying:

Interface 10.2 — Monte Carlo Engine Extension Points

```
interface SimulationEngine {
  run: (graph: CausalGraph, params: SimParams) → SimulationResult
  convergenceTest: (result: SimulationResult) → ConvergenceReport
}

interface SimulationResult {
  nodeDistributions: Map<nodeId, number[]>  // N samples of peak
impact
  breachProbabilities: Map<nodeId, number>
  percentiles: Map<nodeId, PercentileVector>
  sobolInputs: number[][]                   // Saltelli A/B matrices
}
```

Planned alternative implementations include: (a) quasi-Monte Carlo using Sobol sequences for faster convergence; (b) importance sampling concentrated near breach thresholds for improved tail probability estimation; (c) analytical approximation for small graphs using second-order Taylor expansion of the Noisy-OR propagation.

11.4 Extension Point: Agent Engine

The multi-agent engine supports plug-in agent specifications, allowing institutions to replace or augment the default LLM-based agents with:

- Fine-tuned domain specialist models (e.g., a model fine-tuned on ECB monetary policy communications)
- Rule-based expert systems for well-specified domains (e.g., a DORA compliance checker against published EBA guidelines)
- Historical data regression models providing empirically-grounded transmission strength priors
- Human expert interfaces allowing a risk officer to contribute directly to the agent ensemble

12Future Work and Open Research Questions

12.1 Dynamic Causal Models — Relaxing Acyclicity

The current Roach v1 model imposes DAG acyclicity, which precludes explicit feedback loops. In financial systems, feedback is ubiquitous: capital adequacy deterioration raises funding costs, which pressures capital further. Formally, relaxing acyclicity requires moving from DAGs to Dynamic Bayesian Networks (DBNs) or to structural vector autoregression (SVAR) models in which lagged endogenous variables serve as instruments for feedback identification.

A DBN extension would represent the time-evolving state as S(t) = f(S(t-1), S(t-2), ..., X(t), ε(t)), where the history of the endogenous variables enters the structural equations. This substantially increases computational cost (O(|V|^2 · T) per iteration) but enables the simulation of genuine resonance effects and delayed second-round impacts.

12.2 Non-Stationary Edge Parameters

The current Bayesian update framework treats α_{ij} as a time-stationary parameter. In practice, transmission strengths change over time: the strength of the energy → inflation transmission path in Europe was substantially higher in 2022 than in 2019, reflecting structural changes in the energy mix, reserve levels, and hedging conventions. A non-stationary model would represent $\alpha_{ij}(t)$ as a time-varying process, possibly modelled as a Kalman filter or a particle filter for non-Gaussian state evolution.

12.3 Cross-Entity Systemic Risk Extension

Roach v1 models a single financial entity. The Dutch financial sector is characterised by high interconnection: five major banks account for the majority of domestic credit, and shared infrastructure (Equens/Worldline, TARGET2) creates common-mode failure exposure. A cross-entity extension would model the sector as a network of Roach instances connected by contagion edges, capturing the amplification that arises when a shock hits multiple entities simultaneously through shared dependencies.

This requires a significant extension to the graph formalism: V_int⁻(entity A) becomes V_ext⁻(entity B) for shared infrastructure nodes. The computational challenge is the combinatorial explosion of cross-entity transmission paths; sparse graph approximations and hierarchical aggregation will be necessary for tractability.

12.4 Empirical Validation and Backtesting

The most important open question for Roach is empirical validation: do the Monte Carlo breach probabilities correspond to observed historical frequencies? Backtesting a causal scenario intelligence tool presents methodological challenges distinct from those of financial model validation. Events are rare, scenario definitions are not standardised, and the counterfactual (what would have happened without the shock) is not observed.

A partial validation strategy involves: (a) calibrating shock probabilities against historical frequency data for geopolitical event databases (GDELT, ICEWS); (b) calibrating transmission strengths against observed co-movement of financial indicators during known shock episodes;

(c) evaluating breach probability estimates against observed operational disruption rates in DNB supervisory data.

12.5 Human-AI Calibration and Epistemic Humility

The current agent architecture uses LLM-based agents as the primary source of transmission strength assessments. LLMs have known calibration problems — they tend to be overconfident, and their uncertainty representations do not always correspond to genuine epistemic uncertainty. A formal human-AI calibration protocol would compare agent confidence distributions against human expert distributions on held-out scenarios, identify systematic biases, and apply learned correction functions to agent outputs before the Bayesian update step.

13Appendix A — Formal Derivations and Parameter Tables

13.1 A.1 D-Separation Criterion (Formal Statement)

Let G = (V, E) be a DAG and X, Y, Z be disjoint subsets of V. X and Y are d-separated by Z in G if and only if every path π between a node in X and a node in Y is blocked by Z. A path π is blocked by Z if and only if there exists a node v on π such that either:

- v is a non-collider on π (i.e., ←v→ or →v→ or ←v← on π) and v ∈ Z, or
- v is a collider on π (i.e., →v← on π) and v ∉ Z and no descendant of v is in Z

By the Markov condition (Pearl, 2000), d-separation in G implies conditional independence in the joint distribution P compatible with G: X ⊥ Y | Z in P. In Roach, this provides a principled basis for identifying which resilience dimensions can be analysed independently, conditional on the state of intermediate transmission nodes.

13.2 A.2 Triangular Distribution Full Parameterisation

A.2 — Triangular Distribution

```
PDF: f(x; a, m, b) =
  2(x-a) / [(b-a)(m-a)]     for a ≤ x < m
  2(b-x) / [(b-a)(b-m)]     for m ≤ x ≤ b
  0                          otherwise

CDF: F(x; a, m, b) =
  (x-a)² / [(b-a)(m-a)]      for a ≤ x < m
  1 - (b-x)² / [(b-a)(b-m)]  for m ≤ x ≤ b

Mean:     E[X] = (a + m + b) / 3
Variance: Var[X] = (a² + m² + b² - am - ab - mb) / 18
Mode:     mode(X) = m
Skewness: γ₁ = √2(a+b-2m)(2a-b-m)(a-2b+m) / [5(a²+b²+m²-ab-am-
bm)^(3/2)]

Sampling (inverse CDF):
  Draw U ~ Uniform[0,1]
  If U < (m-a)/(b-a): return a + √[U(b-a)(m-a)]
  Else: return b - √[(1-U)(b-a)(b-m)]
```

13.3 A.3 Beta Conjugate Prior — Full Derivation

A.3 — Beta-Binomial Conjugate Derivation

```
Prior: α ~ Beta(a, b)
```

```
f(α; a, b) = α^(a-1)(1-α)^(b-1) / B(a,b)
where B(a,b) = Γ(a)Γ(b) / Γ(a+b)

Likelihood (n observations, s successes):
L(α | s, n) ∝ α^s (1-α)^(n-s)

Posterior (by Bayes' theorem):
f(α | s, n) ∝ α^(a+s-1) (1-α)^(b+n-s-1)
            = Beta(a+s, b+n-s)

Posterior mean: E[α|s,n] = (a+s)/(a+b+n)
Posterior mode: (a+s-1)/(a+b+n-2)  [MAP estimate, requires a,b>1]
Posterior var:  (a+s)(b+n-s) / [(a+b+n)²(a+b+n+1)]

Predictive probability for next observation:
  P(x^n+1=1 | x_1,...,x^n) = (a+s)/(a+b+n)  [posterior mean]
```

13.4 A.4 Gaussian Copula Sampling Algorithm

A.4 — Gaussian Copula Sampling

```
ALGORITHM: Gaussian Copula Sample

INPUT:  Marginal probabilities {p_i} for i=1..d
        Correlation matrix Σ (positive definite, d×d)
OUTPUT: Correlated Bernoulli samples {x_i}

1. Cholesky decompose: Σ = L L^T
2. Sample z ~ N(0, I_d)   [d independent standard normals]
3. Compute y = Lz         [y ~ N(0, Σ)]
4. Transform to uniforms: u_i = Φ(y_i)  [Φ = standard normal CDF]
5. Apply marginals: x_i = 1{u_i < p_i}

Properties:
  E[x_i] = p_i  (marginals preserved)
  Corr(x_i, x_j) ≈ (2/π) arcsin(ρ_ij σ_i σ_j / sqrt(p_i(1-p_i)p_j(1-p_j)))
  [van der Waerden formula for Bernoulli marginals]
```

13.5 A.5 Sobol Index Computation via Saltelli Estimator

A.5 — Saltelli Sobol Estimator

```
ALGORITHM: Saltelli Sobol Estimator

INPUT:  Model f: ℝ^d → ℝ, sample size N
OUTPUT: {S_i}, {S_i^T} for i=1..d

1. Generate N×d matrices A, B with rows sampled from input
distributions

2. For i=1..d: construct A_B^(i):
   A_B^(i) = A with column i replaced by column i of B

3. Evaluate: f_A = f(A),  f_B = f(B),  f_{AB}_i = f(A_B^(i))
   [Total evaluations: N(d+2)]

4. Variance estimate:
   V^(Y) = Var({f_A•})

5. First-order indices (Jansen estimator):
   V^_i = V^(Y) - (1/2N)Σ•[f(B)• - f_{AB}_i•]²
   Ŝ_i = V^_i / V^(Y)

6. Total-effect indices:
   V^_i^T = (1/2N)Σ•[f(A)• - f_{AB}_i•]²
   Ŝ_i^T = V^_i^T / V^(Y)
```

13.6 A.6 Complete Parameter Table — Convergent Pressures Scenario

The following table provides the complete edge parameterisation for all active transmission paths in the Convergent Pressures demo scenario, as used in the worked example of Section 9.

Edge (i → j)	Strength α	Lag Min	Lag Mode	Lag Max	Corr. Tag
ME_Conflict → Energy_Supply	0.60	7d	14d	30d	energy_shock
ME_Conflict → Cyber_Campaign	0.35	7d	21d	45d	
Energy_Supply → EUR_Inflation	0.60	14d	30d	60d	energy_shock
EUR_Inflation → ECB_Rates	0.50	14d	30d	60d	
ECB_Rates → Bond_Valuation	0.70	1d	7d	14d	
ECB_Rates → Funding_Costs	0.70	7d	30d	60d	
Bond_Valuation → Capital_Adequacy	0.60	1d	3d	7d	
Funding_Costs → Liquidity	0.50	14d	30d	60d	

Cyber_Campaign → SWIFT_Disruption	0.50	1d	3d	7d	cyber_ops
Cyber_Campaign → Cyber_Integrity	0.60	1d	7d	14d	cyber_ops
SWIFT_Disruption → Payment_Proc	0.80	1d	1d	3d	
IT_Continuity → Payment_Proc	0.70	1d	7d	14d	

Internal Node	Dimension	Breach Threshold θ
IT Service Continuity	Operational	0.40
Payment Processing	Operational	0.30
Capital Adequacy	Financial	0.50
Liquidity Position	Financial	0.40
System Integrity (Cyber)	Cyber	0.30
DORA Compliance	Regulatory	0.50
Customer Trust	Reputational	0.60
Bank Funding Costs	Financial	0.50

14Appendix B - Roach parameter Registry

14.1 How to Read This Registry

Every parameter in the Roach causal graph model is recorded here with its value, the rationale for that value, its source type, and a confidence classification. Together these columns form the beginning of a parameter provenance record — the audit trail required to make model outputs defensible to CROs, board risk committees, and DNB supervisory teams. Where a parameter takes different values across the three Bruegel scenarios, the base value and all three scenario mutations are shown with a separate explanation of the mutation logic. This resolves apparent discrepancies such as the SWIFT disruption entry, which appears with both $\alpha = 0.50$ (edge strength, constant) and $p = 0.55$ (cyber_campaign node probability under Scenario I); two entirely different parameter types for related but distinct model elements.

14.1.1 Column Definitions

Column	Definition
Parameter ID	Unique identifier matching the JSX source code
Symbol	Mathematical notation used in the white paper
Type	Node probability (p), Edge strength (α), Lag (τ), Threshold (θ), Correlation (ρ), or Engine parameter
Base Value	Value in the default configuration, before any scenario is applied
Sc I	Value under Bruegel Scenario I — Collapse of International Cooperation
Sc II	Value under Bruegel Scenario II — Back to a World of Blocs
Sc III	Value under Bruegel Scenario III — Multilateralism Reinvented
Source Type	Origin of the value (see key below)
Confidence	High / Medium / Low — based on evidential grounding
Justification	Detailed rationale for the value choice

14.1.2 Source Type Key

Code	Meaning
LIT	Literature prior — derived from published academic or policy research
BRU	Bruegel calibration — directly sourced from Bruegel Policy Contribution 01/2025
SEC	Sector benchmark — calibrated against Dutch financial sector supervisory data or DNB publications
REG	Regulatory mapping — derived from DORA, EBA, or DNB regulatory text
MOD	Model default — theoretically motivated engineering choice
EXP	Expert elicitation — requires named institutional sign-off before regulatory use

14.1.3 Confidence Classification

Level	Meaning
High	Parameter is grounded in documented evidence, regulatory text, or well-established empirical relationships. Suitable for regulatory presentation without additional justification.
Medium	Parameter is directionally grounded but involves judgement, extrapolation, or scenario assignment. Should be reviewed by a named risk officer before regulatory use.
Low	Parameter is a structured prior without strong empirical grounding. Flagged for priority evidential development. Suitable for internal scenario planning only.

14.2 Part A — Node Parameters

14.2.1 A1. External Shock Nodes — Activation Probabilities

External shock nodes represent geopolitical, macroeconomic, cyber, and regulatory events that serve as the input shocks to the causal graph. Each node carries an activation probability $p \in [0,1]$, interpreted as the prior probability that the shock materialises within the simulation horizon.

Important: The base value is the default probability before any Bruegel scenario is applied. Scenario values override the base for simulation purposes. The edge strengths (α) on outgoing edges from these nodes are separate parameters listed in Part B — they do not change across scenarios.

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
us_tariffs	p_1	Node prob.	0.50	0.85	0.65	0.30	BRU + LIT	Medium	**Base:** Mid-point prior reflecting historical frequency of US protectionist episodes since 2000. Roughly one significant tariff escalation per decade at high probability, calibrated to current pre-2025 baseline. **Sc I:** 0.85 reflects near-certainty of sustained elevated tariffs in a full fragmentation scenario — core Bruegel assumption for Collapse. **Sc II:** 0.65 reflects selective tariffs under bloc logic — 'small yard, high fence' applied to strategic sectors. **Sc III:** 0.30 reflects residual protectionism even in cooperative environment; WTO reform does not eliminate all tariff friction.
us_china	p_2	Node prob.	0.45	0.80	0.60	0.35	BRU	Medium	**Base:** Elevated above 0.5 neutral to reflect structural trajectory of US-China competition pre-2025. **Sc I:** 0.80 reflects intense, coercive rivalry

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									with no guardrails — Bruegel's defining feature of Collapse. **Sc II:** 0.60 reflects managed rivalry within bloc structures; decoupling is selective not comprehensive. **Sc III:** 0.35 reflects continued rivalry at reduced intensity — Bruegel notes all three scenarios share some US-China competition. This is the scenario with the lowest delta (0.80 to 0.35 = 0.45pp), reflecting the structural persistence of US-China tensions even under cooperation.
ru_ua	p_3	Node prob.	0.40	0.65	0.45	0.25	BRU + LIT	Medium	**Base:** Reflects active conflict with uncertain trajectory as of 2025 baseline. **Sc I:** 0.65 reflects escalation risk in an environment where NATO cohesion has weakened and US security commitment is uncertain — key Bruegel Collapse feature. **Sc II:** 0.45 reflects contained conflict within bloc deterrence structures. **Sc III:** 0.25 reflects negotiated settlement or frozen conflict in a cooperative international environment. Downward mutation is bounded at 0.25 rather than 0 because a ceasefire does not eliminate all risk of resumption.
me_conflict	p_4	Node prob.	0.35	0.55	0.35	0.20	BRU + LIT	Medium	**Base:** 0.35 reflects the structural fragility of the Middle East security environment without a specific active escalation trigger. Correlated with US engagement level (higher US regional

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									presence = lower probability). **Sc I:** 0.55 reflects elevated risk when US global engagement is reduced and regional proxies face fewer constraints. **Sc II:** 0.35 — unchanged from base; bloc logic provides some regional stabilisation via competing spheres of influence. **Sc III:** 0.20 reflects active US-led multilateral diplomatic engagement reducing escalation probability. Note: me_conflict and cyber_campaign share a downstream correlation (me_conflict → cyber_campaign, α=0.35) meaning this probability also indirectly affects cyber risk.
us_bond_crisis	p_5	Node prob.	0.20	0.45	0.25	0.10	LIT + SEC	Low	**Base:** 0.20 reflects elevated but minority-probability concern about US fiscal sustainability given post-2020 debt trajectory. Lower than other geopolitical nodes because bond crises require a specific trigger (failed auction, rating event, political standoff) beyond structural conditions. **Sc I:** 0.45 — significant elevation because sustained US protectionism and fiscal expansion to fund tariff rebates increases debt service pressure. **Sc II:** 0.25 — modest elevation above base; bloc trade patterns reduce dollar demand somewhat but US financial depth remains. **Sc III:** 0.10 — low residual risk under multilateral

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									cooperation; IMF reform and coordinated fiscal consolidation contain risk. **Confidence Low:** No recent historical precedent for a true US bond market crisis; probability is highly uncertain.
ecb_rates	p_6	Node prob.	0.55	0.75	0.60	0.45	BRU + SEC	Medium	**Base:** 0.55 reflects the structural post-2022 environment where ECB is navigating between inflation persistence and growth concerns. Set above 0.5 neutral because rate divergence from market expectations has been the norm, not exception, since 2021. **Sc I:** 0.75 reflects energy-driven inflation persistence forcing ECB into a more aggressive and potentially disruptive rate trajectory. **Sc II:** 0.60 — moderate elevation; selective trade disruption creates inflation but not at energy-shock magnitude. **Sc III:** 0.45 — remains meaningful even in cooperative scenario because ECB rate divergence is partly driven by Eurozone structural heterogeneity independent of geopolitics. Note: this node also receives endogenous input from EUR_Inflation transmission node, making the effective activation higher than the prior probability alone.
eu_fiscal_crisis	p_7	Node prob.	0.20	0.40	0.25	0.10	BRU + LIT	Low	**Base:** 0.20 reflects the structural fragility of EU fiscal governance — political populism, debt heterogeneity,

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									and weak coordination mechanisms create persistent low-level risk. **Sc I:** 0.40 — significant elevation because fragmentation removes the political incentive for EU solidarity; peripheral sovereigns face higher borrowing costs with less ECB backstop certainty. **Sc II:** 0.25 — modest elevation; bloc membership creates some intra-EU solidarity but not at the level of full multilateral cooperation. **Sc III:** 0.10 — reformed EU fiscal framework and functional multilateral institutions reduce but do not eliminate risk. **Confidence Low:** Fiscal crises are highly path-dependent and difficult to assign stable probabilities.
energy_supply	p_8	Node prob.	0.30	0.55	0.35	0.15	BRU + LIT	Medium	**Base:** 0.30 reflects the post-2022 baseline where European energy security has improved (LNG diversification, renewables buildout) but structural TTF price volatility and Hormuz/Suez exposure remain. **Sc I:** 0.55 — elevated because Collapse scenario involves Middle East escalation (0.55 probability) and Russian energy weaponisation simultaneously; both transmission paths activate energy_supply. **Sc II:** 0.35 — marginal elevation above base; selective decoupling affects some energy supply chains but EU LNG contracts provide partial buffer.

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									Sc III: 0.15 — low under multilateral cooperation with functioning energy markets and climate cooperation; reflects only residual structural exposure. Note: this node also receives inputs from me_conflict (α=0.60) and ru_ua (α=0.50), so its effective activation under simulation is higher than the base probability alone.
china_minerals	p_9	Node prob.	0.25	0.60	0.40	0.15	LIT + EXP	Low	**Base:** 0.25 reflects China's documented willingness to use critical mineral access as a geopolitical instrument (2010 rare earth restrictions against Japan; 2023 gallium/germanium controls) but the limited frequency of full embargo actions. **Sc I:** 0.60 — high in Collapse because comprehensive US-China rivalry creates strong incentive for China to weaponise mineral dependencies as a retaliatory instrument. **Sc II:** 0.40 — elevated in Blocs because technology decoupling ('small yard, high fence') creates motivation for selective mineral controls targeting strategic sectors. **Sc III:** 0.15 — low under multilateral framework with diversified supply chains and reformed WTO export control disciplines. **Confidence Low:** Mineral embargo probabilities are highly dependent on specific bilateral

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									triggers and have limited historical frequency data.
cyber_campaign	p_{10}	Node prob.	0.30	0.55	0.35	0.15	ENISA + LIT	Medium	**Base:** 0.30 reflects ENISA 2024 Threat Landscape classification of Dutch financial infrastructure as high-priority target for state-sponsored operations, with documented incidents at 2-3 year intervals. **Sc I:** 0.55 — significant elevation because Collapse involves active geopolitical conflict (Russia, Middle East) where state-sponsored cyber operations are a consistent retaliatory instrument. Also receives endogenous input from me_conflict (α=0.35). **Sc II:** 0.35 — selective cyber operations calibrated to bloc competition logic; operations are targeted rather than comprehensive. **Sc III:** 0.15 — substantially reduced under international cyber norms emerging from multilateral framework; residual reflects non-state actors and low-level state probing. **IMPORTANT NOTE on SWIFT discrepancy:** The value 0.55 appearing in Bruegel case study calculations for SWIFT is the cyber_campaign *node probability* under Scenario I. The SWIFT transmission edge strength (α = 0.50, from cyber_campaign → swift_disruption) is a separate parameter that does not change

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									across scenarios. S(SWIFT_disruption) = 1-(1-0.50×0.55) = 0.275 — the 0.50 and 0.55 are multiplied, not alternatives.
ai_concentration	p_{11}	Node prob.	0.25	0.50	0.40	0.20	LIT + EXP	Low	**Base:** 0.25 reflects emerging but not yet acute risk from concentration of AI model provision among a small number of US-based providers (OpenAI, Anthropic, Google). Risk materialises via technology decoupling affecting model access, rather than operational failure. **Sc I:** 0.50 — US-China tech war creates export controls on AI models and semiconductor inputs; EU institutions face restricted access to leading US models. **Sc II:** 0.40 — 'small yard, high fence' tech decoupling elevates risk for institutions dependent on US-based AI providers in strategic domains. **Sc III:** 0.20 — reduced under multilateral tech governance frameworks; residual from structural concentration even in cooperative environment. **Confidence Low:** AI concentration risk is a novel, rapidly evolving threat with limited historical grounding; this is a structured prior requiring expert review.
eu_regulation	p_{12}	Node prob.	0.60	0.80	0.70	0.55	REG + BRU	High	**Base:** 0.60 — unusually high base probability reflecting that EU regulatory evolution (DORA, AI Act, CSRD, sovereign data requirements)

Parameter ID	Symbol	Type	Base Value	Sc I (Collapse)	Sc II (Blocs)	Sc III (Multilateral)	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
									is a near-certain structural feature of the environment regardless of geopolitical scenario. This is a positive-direction regulatory shift that creates compliance burden; it is not framed as adverse in itself but its speed and scope affect operational costs and processes. **Sc I:** 0.80 — Collapse drives an assertive EU strategic autonomy agenda as a defensive response to fragmentation; regulatory scope expands and implementation is accelerated. **Sc II:** 0.70 — EU uses regulation as a sovereignty instrument within bloc logic. **Sc III:** 0.55 — regulatory evolution continues but pace is moderated by multilateral coordination reducing the urgency of unilateral EU regulatory action. **Confidence High:** EU regulatory trajectory is well-documented in published legislative pipeline; all four values reflect documented or highly probable regulatory evolution.

14.2.2 A2. Transmission Nodes

Transmission nodes are intermediate propagation mechanisms. They do not have activation probabilities; their state is entirely determined by inbound edge propagation from external nodes or other transmission nodes. They are listed here for completeness and to confirm they carry no independently assigned probability.

Parameter ID	Label	Type	Activation	Notes
trade_disruption	Trade Flow Disruption	Transmission	Derived only	State determined by Noisy-OR of inbound edges from us_tariffs (α=0.80) and us_china (α=0.50). Acts as amplifier between upstream geopolitical shocks and downstream supply chain and inflation effects.
eur_inflation	EUR Inflation Pressure	Transmission	Derived only	Receives inputs from energy_supply (α=0.60), ru_ua (α=0.30), and us_tariffs (α=0.40). Central aggregation node for inflationary pressures before they reach ECB rate decision node.
bond_valuation	Bond Portfolio ↓	Transmission	Derived only	Receives inputs from ecb_rates (α=0.70) and us_bond_crisis (α=0.50). Represents mark-to-market valuation impact on EUR bond portfolios — activates rapidly (lag mode 7 days from ECB) due to market-mediated transmission.
semiconductor	Semiconductor Constraints	Transmission	Derived only	Receives from us_china (α=0.60) and china_minerals (α=0.50). Long-lag transmission node (mode 60–90 days); represents the time required for semiconductor shortages to affect delivered IT hardware and cloud infrastructure.
swift_disruption	Payments Infra Disruption	Transmission	Derived only	Receives from cyber_campaign (α=0.50). Fast-acting node (lag mode 3 days) representing the near-immediate impact of a successful cyber operation on SWIFT messaging infrastructure. Propagates rapidly to payment_proc (α=0.80, lag mode 1 day).
supply_chain_break	Supply Chain Fragmentation	Transmission	Derived only	Receives from trade_disruption (α=0.60), us_china (α=0.50), and china_minerals (α=0.70). Represents the physical fragmentation of global supply chains, with a 1–2 month modal lag before IT continuity is affected.
fiscal_contagion	Eurozone Fiscal Contagion	Transmission	Derived only	Receives from eu_fiscal_crisis (α=0.80). High transmission strength reflects the historical speed of Eurozone sovereign contagion (2010–2012 crisis demonstrated 1–2 week contagion spread). Propagates to capital_adequacy and customer_trust.

14.2.3 A3. Internal Resilience Dimension Nodes — Breach Thresholds

Internal resilience dimension nodes are the model's output targets. Each carries a breach threshold $\theta \in [0,1]$: the node is considered breached when its modelled impact state $S \geq \theta$ for any time t within the simulation horizon. Threshold values do not change across scenarios — they represent the institution's structural capacity to absorb impact, which is independent of the geopolitical environment.

Parameter ID	Dimension	θ Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
it_continuity	Operational	0.40	REG + EXP	Medium	A threshold of 0.40 implies breach when cumulative IT service degradation reaches 40% of maximum modelled impact. Calibrated against DORA Article 11 requirements for ICT service continuity targets and DNB Good Practice on Information Security minimum uptime expectations (99.5% SLA = 0.5% failure tolerance, mapped to impact model scale). Lower than 0.50 neutral to reflect that operational breaches have immediate downstream consequences (payment_proc, customer_trust). Requires named CRO review before regulatory use.
payment_proc	Operational	0.30	REG + SEC	High	The lowest threshold in the model, reflecting that any meaningful payment processing disruption has immediate, directly observable consequences: regulatory reporting obligations under PSD2 and DORA incident classification trigger at short durations; customer and counterparty impact is near-instantaneous. The 0.30 threshold reflects the practical observation that a Dutch bank cannot sustain 30%+ payment processing degradation without triggering DNB notification requirements. Calibrated against DORA major incident classification criteria.
capital_adequacy	Financial	0.50	REG + LIT	High	Threshold set at 0.50 reflecting the mid-point impact level at which capital adequacy pressure becomes material to CET1 ratio compliance. Under Basel III/IV, a CET1 ratio approaching the regulatory minimum plus combined buffer requirement triggers supervisory dialogue. The 0.50 model threshold maps to a scenario where the institution is consuming capital buffers but has not yet breached minimum requirements — the appropriate intervention point for proactive management.
liquidity	Financial	0.40	REG + LIT	High	Set at 0.40, slightly below the capital adequacy threshold, reflecting that liquidity stress can escalate to systemic concern more quickly than capital stress (Northern Rock 2007; SVB 2023 demonstrated 24–48 hour liquidity collapse). LCR and NSFR requirements provide regulatory grounding: the 0.40 threshold approximates the impact level at which LCR coverage begins to deteriorate toward the 100% minimum.
cyber_integrity	Cyber	0.30	REG + ENISA	High	Set at 0.30, matching payment_proc as the most sensitive threshold in the model, reflecting DORA's stringent ICT incident classification requirements: any confirmed breach of system integrity triggers mandatory notification.

Parameter ID	Dimension	θ Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
					ENISA classification of integrity breaches as high-severity events regardless of duration supports the low threshold. The 0.30 level also reflects that partial integrity compromise (e.g., data exfiltration without full system disruption) is sufficient to trigger regulatory and reputational consequences.
dora_compliance	Regulatory	0.50	REG	Medium	Threshold set at mid-point reflecting that DORA compliance is a binary regulatory obligation (compliant / non-compliant) but the model represents it as a continuous degradation of compliance posture. The 0.50 threshold maps to the level at which compliance gaps become material enough to trigger supervisory findings in a DNB DORA assessment. Below 0.50, gaps are manageable within normal remediation timelines; above 0.50, gaps require urgent escalation and risk formal supervisory action.
customer_trust	Reputational	0.60	EXP + SEC	Low	The highest threshold in the model, reflecting that reputational damage requires sustained, visible operational or financial failure to materialise at a level affecting customer behaviour. Set at 0.60 based on behavioural finance research showing that deposit outflows and customer switching behaviour accelerate only after multiple visible failure signals — a single incident rarely suffices. This threshold is the least empirically grounded and most dependent on institution-specific brand positioning and customer base characteristics. Requires expert review for any specific institution.
funding_costs	Financial	0.50	LIT + SEC	Medium	Set at 0.50 reflecting the level at which bank funding cost increases become material to business model sustainability and NIM compression. Calibrated against the 2022–2023 rate cycle: Dutch banks absorbed significant funding cost increases before reaching a level requiring strategic response. The 0.50 threshold represents the point at which funding cost pressure triggers active balance sheet repositioning rather than passive absorption.

14.3 Part B — Edge Parameters

14.3.1 B1. Transmission Edge Strengths (α) and Lag Distributions (τ)

Edge parameters are constant across all Bruegel scenarios. What changes across scenarios is the activation probability of the source node (p), which scales the effective transmission: effective impact = α × S(source). The edge strength itself is a property of the transmission mechanism, not of the geopolitical environment.

Each lag distribution τ ~ Tri(min, mode, max) represents the time in days before a shock at the source node is felt at the target node. E[τ] = (min + mode + max) / 3.

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
E01	us_tariffs → trade_disruption	0.80	7	30	60	32.3	trade_war	LIT + BRU	High	High α reflects the near-direct relationship between tariff implementation and measurable trade flow disruption. Historical data (US-China 2018–2019 tariff cycles) shows material trade volume impact within 30–60 days of implementation. Minimum 7 days accounts for the fastest-responding sectors (commodity traders). Mode 30 days reflects typical contract adjustment and rerouting timelines. Maximum 60 days captures slow-responding industrial supply chains.
E02	us_tariffs → eur_inflation	0.40	30	60	120	70.0	—	LIT	Medium	Moderate α reflects the indirect and attenuated path from US tariffs to Eurozone inflation: tariffs affect import prices, which affect producer costs, which eventually affect CPI — but with significant pass-through attenuation at each stage. European import share of US goods is lower than intra-EU trade, moderating the magnitude. Longer lags (mode 60 days) reflect the time for price increases to work through supply chains before appearing in CPI data.

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
E03	trade_disruption → it_continuity	0.40	30	90	180	100.0	—	EXP	Low	Moderate-low α reflects the indirect nature of this path: trade disruption → supply chain stress → vendor delivery failures → IT infrastructure constraint. The longest expected lag in the model (E[τ]=100 days) reflects the time required for trade disruption to propagate through multi-tier supply chains to reach IT service delivery. Confidence Low: this multi-hop path is difficult to calibrate empirically and represents a structured prior requiring expert validation.
E04	trade_disruption → supply_chain_break	0.60	14	30	60	34.7	—	LIT	Medium	Higher α than E03 because this is a more direct and well-documented relationship. Trade disruption directly fragments supply chain networks through port closures, logistics rerouting, and inventory depletion. Mode 30 days reflects typical supply chain response timelines observed during COVID-19 disruption (2020–2021) and Suez Canal blockage (2021).
E05	us_china → semiconductor	0.60	30	90	180	100.0	tech_decouple	LIT + SEC	Medium	α=0.60 reflects the well-documented role of US-China technology competition in constraining semiconductor supply (CHIPS Act export controls, Huawei restrictions). Long lags reflect semiconductor supply chain depth: design-to-delivery cycles are 6–18 months, with the mode (90 days) capturing spot market tightening before long-cycle shortages manifest.

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
E06	us_china → trade_disruption	0.50	14	30	60	34.7	trade_war	LIT	Medium	Moderate α because US-China trade disruption affects global trade flows more broadly through supply chain interdependencies, but European exposure to direct US-China bilateral trade flows is more limited than Asian economies. Shares trade_war correlation tag with E01.
E07	us_china → supply_chain_break	0.50	30	60	120	70.0	—	LIT	Medium	Moderate α reflecting US-China decoupling creating supply chain fragmentation particularly in technology and critical materials sectors. Longer lags than E04 because tech decoupling-driven supply chain breaks operate through structural reorganisation rather than immediate disruption.
E08	ru_ua → energy_supply	0.50	7	14	30	17.0	eu_security	LIT + SEC	High	Well-grounded by 2022 experience. α=0.50 reflects the partial rather than complete relationship: Russian military escalation creates energy supply risk but European LNG diversification (post-2022) has reduced the direct dependency. Lags are short (mode 14 days) reflecting near-immediate energy market response to military escalation signals. High confidence: empirically observed during 2022 invasion.
E09	ru_ua → cyber_integrity	0.40	1	14	30	15.0	eu_security	ENISA + LIT	High	α=0.40 reflects ENISA documented pattern of Russian military escalation being accompanied by elevated state-sponsored cyber operations against European financial infrastructure.

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										Minimum 1 day reflects immediate opportunistic cyber activity concurrent with military action; mode 14 days reflects the typical operational planning time for coordinated cyber campaigns. High confidence: well-documented by ENISA threat landscape reports.
E10	ru_ua → eur_inflation	0.30	14	30	60	34.7	—	LIT	Medium	Lower α than energy_supply path because inflation is a further downstream consequence: ru_ua → energy_supply → eur_inflation is the dominant path (E08 + E18). This direct edge captures residual inflation transmission through non-energy channels (grain prices, commodity markets, risk premium effects).
E11	me_conflict → energy_supply	0.60	7	14	30	17.0	energy_shock	LIT + SEC	High	Higher α than ru_ua → energy_supply (E08, α=0.50) because Middle East escalation has a more direct and less-attenuated effect on global LNG and oil supply routes. Hormuz Strait disruption affects 20%+ of global LNG supply — documented in IEA energy security analyses. Short lags (mode 14 days) reflect immediate oil/LNG futures price response to escalation signals.
E12	me_conflict → cyber_campaign	0.35	7	21	45	24.3	—	ENISA + LIT	Medium	Moderate α reflecting the documented but probabilistic relationship between Middle East geopolitical conflict and Iranian state-sponsored cyber operations against European financial targets. Not all Middle East escalations trigger cyber campaigns — only those involving Iran and

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										adversarial responses to EU sanctions. Lag mode 21 days reflects operational preparation time for coordinated campaigns following escalation triggers.
E13	energy_supply → eur_inflation	0.60	14	30	60	34.7	energy_shock	LIT + SEC	High	Well-grounded by 2022 European energy crisis. α=0.60 reflects significant but partial pass-through from energy prices to headline CPI — energy represents approximately 10–15% of Eurozone CPI basket, with broader second-round effects through producer prices. Mode 30 days reflects the typical lag between wholesale energy price spikes and CPI measurement. Shares energy_shock tag with E11.
E14	eur_inflation → ecb_rates	0.50	14	30	60	34.7	—	LIT + SEC	High	α=0.50 reflects the ECB's documented reaction function: persistent inflation above 2% target leads to rate adjustment, but the relationship is not mechanical (ECB weighs growth, employment, and financial stability). Mode 30 days reflects typical ECB Governing Council meeting cycle (6-weekly) and the analytical preparation time before rate decisions. High confidence: ECB reaction function is well-documented and formally modelled.
E15	ecb_rates → bond_valuation	0.70	1	7	14	7.3	—	LIT + SEC	High	High α reflecting the well-established inverse relationship between interest rates and bond prices (modified duration). α=0.70 rather than 1.0 because not all ECB rate moves are unanticipated — markets partially price in expected moves,

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										reducing mark-to-market impact. Very short lags (mode 7 days) reflecting immediate market-mediated transmission. High confidence: this is one of the most empirically stable relationships in fixed income markets.
E16	ecb_rates → funding_costs	0.70	7	30	60	32.3	—	LIT + SEC	High	Same α as E15, reflecting the strong and well-documented relationship between policy rates and bank wholesale funding costs. Longer lags than E15 (mode 30 days vs 7 days) because wholesale funding reprices at maturity rather than instantaneously — short-term paper reprices within weeks, longer-term instruments over months.
E17	bond_valuation → capital_adequacy	0.60	1	3	7	3.7	—	LIT + REG	High	α=0.60 reflects the regulatory accounting link between AFS/HTC bond portfolio mark-to-market changes and CET1 capital ratios under Basel III. Not 1.0 because capital hedging (interest rate derivatives, macro-hedges) partially offsets direct mark-to-market impact. Very short lags (mode 3 days) reflect near-immediate balance sheet impact once bond prices move. High confidence: regulatory accounting relationship is precise and well-documented.
E18	funding_costs → liquidity	0.50	14	30	60	34.7	—	LIT	High	α=0.50 reflecting that higher funding costs constrain liquidity through multiple channels: reduced profitability of liquidity buffers, repricing pressure on short-term wholesale funding, and potential

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										withdrawal of money market access for weaker-rated entities. Mode 30 days reflects typical wholesale funding maturity profile (1-month paper reprices within the month).
E19	us_bond_crisis → bond_valuation	0.50	1	3	7	3.7	—	LIT	Medium	α=0.50 reflecting partial transmission: a US bond market crisis affects European bonds through safe-haven flows and global rate contagion, but EUR bonds have some insulation due to ECB backstop mechanisms (TPI, OMT) that do not exist for US Treasuries. Short lags match E17 — market-mediated transmission.
E20	us_bond_crisis → funding_costs	0.40	1	7	14	7.3	—	LIT	Medium	Lower α than E16 (0.40 vs 0.70) because US bond market instability affects European bank funding costs primarily through risk premium contagion rather than direct policy rate linkage. The ECB can decouple partially from US rate dynamics.
E21	eu_fiscal_crisis → fiscal_contagion	0.80	1	7	14	7.3	—	LIT + SEC	High	High α reflecting the well-documented speed and magnitude of Eurozone fiscal contagion mechanisms (2010–2012 Eurozone crisis). The 0.80 reflects near-automatic spread of sovereign credit stress across peripheral economies through correlation in bond markets, banking sector linkages, and TARGET2 imbalances. Short lags (mode 7 days) reflecting market-mediated contagion.

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
E22	fiscal_contagion → capital_adequacy	0.50	7	14	30	17.0	—	LIT + SEC	Medium	α=0.50 reflecting that Eurozone fiscal contagion affects Dutch bank capital adequacy through sovereign bond holdings, wholesale funding market freezes, and trading book mark-to-market losses. Moderate lag (mode 14 days) reflects the time for sovereign contagion to propagate from peripheral markets to Dutch bank balance sheets.
E23	fiscal_contagion → customer_trust	0.60	3	14	30	15.7	—	LIT	Medium	α=0.60 reflecting the historical relationship between Eurozone crisis headlines and Dutch retail deposit behaviour — the 2012 Eurozone crisis saw Dutch bank deposit surveys show elevated concern even without operational disruption. Lag mode 14 days reflects media amplification timeline before customer behaviour visibly shifts.
E24	china_minerals → supply_chain_break	0.70	14	30	60	34.7	—	LIT	Medium	High α reflecting China's dominant position in critical mineral supply (>60% of rare earths, >80% of some battery materials). A Chinese export embargo on critical minerals would have near-direct and high-magnitude effects on global supply chains. Mode 30 days reflects the time for embargo to propagate from spot markets to physical supply disruption. Confidence Medium because full embargo is a tail event with limited direct historical precedent at scale.
E25	china_minerals → semiconductor	0.50	30	60	120	70.0	tech_decouple	LIT	Medium	Moderate α because semiconductor manufacturing requires specific mineral

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										inputs (gallium, germanium, indium) but substitution and inventory buffering provide some attenuation. Longer lags than E24 because semiconductor supply chain depth means mineral shortages take months to manifest as finished product constraints.
E26	cyber_campaign → swift_disruption	0.50	1	3	7	3.7	cyber_ops	ENISA + LIT	Medium	**CANONICAL EDGE STRENGTH — see SWIFT discrepancy note in A1.** α=0.50 reflects that a sophisticated state-sponsored cyber campaign has a meaningful but not certain probability of successfully disrupting SWIFT messaging infrastructure — SWIFT has significant resilience architecture (SWIFTNet redundancy, HSM security) that limits but does not eliminate disruption risk. Very short lags (mode 3 days) reflecting the speed of cyber attack execution once a campaign is operationally ready. This α=0.50 is constant across all Bruegel scenarios. What varies is p(cyber_campaign) = {0.30 base, 0.55 Sc I, 0.35 Sc II, 0.15 Sc III}.
E27	cyber_campaign → cyber_integrity	0.60	1	7	14	7.3	cyber_ops	ENISA	High	Higher α than E26 (0.60 vs 0.50) because direct system integrity compromise is the primary intended outcome of state-sponsored campaigns — it is more reliably achieved than specific infrastructure disruption. Mode 7 days reflects the operational timeline from initial access to confirmed integrity breach. Both

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										E26 and E27 share cyber_ops correlation tag — they fire jointly when a cyber campaign activates, reflecting that real campaigns target multiple vectors simultaneously.
E28	swift_disruption → payment_proc	0.80	1	1	3	1.7	—	SEC + REG	High	Highest α on any single edge (0.80) because SWIFT disruption has a near-direct and immediate effect on payment processing for a bank with significant international payment flows. The minimum lag of 1 day reflects the same-day settlement obligations that are immediately affected. Mode 1 day and maximum 3 days make this the fastest-propagating edge in the model. High confidence: operational dependency is contractually documented and mechanically deterministic.
E29	ai_concentration → it_continuity	0.30	30	90	180	100.0	—	EXP	Low	Low α reflecting the indirect and attenuated path from AI provider concentration risk to IT service continuity — primarily operates through disruption to AI-enhanced decision tools, fraud detection, and model inference APIs rather than core banking infrastructure. Long lags reflect the time required for AI service disruption to cascade into operational IT continuity failures. Low confidence: this is a novel, forward-looking risk with limited historical grounding.

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
E30	semiconductor → it_continuity	0.40	60	120	240	140.0	—	LIT	Low	The longest-lag edge in the model (E[τ]=140 days). Semiconductor constraints affect IT continuity through hardware refresh cycles and cloud capacity expansion constraints — these operate on 6–18 month timelines. Low confidence: the semiconductor → IT continuity path involves multiple intermediary steps (shortage → reduced hardware availability → delayed infrastructure investment → capacity constraint → continuity impact) each of which attenuates and delays transmission.
E31	supply_chain_break → it_continuity	0.50	14	30	60	34.7	—	LIT + EXP	Medium	Moderate α reflecting the documented impact of supply chain disruption on IT vendor operational capacity — primarily through energy cost increases for South Asian IT vendors, hardware component delays, and logistics disruptions affecting physical infrastructure maintenance. Mode 30 days reflects the typical contract cycle within which supply chain stress becomes visible in service delivery.
E32	eu_regulation → dora_compliance	0.40	90	180	365	211.7	—	REG	High	Moderate α reflecting that EU regulatory evolution creates DORA compliance pressure — new technical standards and requirements expand the compliance scope, creating gaps for institutions whose frameworks do not evolve simultaneously. The very long lags (mode 180 days, max 365 days) reflect the typical implementation timeline from

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										regulatory publication to supervisory expectation of compliance. High confidence: regulatory timeline is well-documented in EBA legislative pipeline.
E33	cyber_integrity → dora_compliance	0.50	7	30	60	32.3	—	REG + EXP	Medium	α=0.50 reflecting that a cyber integrity breach creates a direct DORA compliance event through mandatory incident reporting and post-incident review requirements. Mode 30 days reflects the 30-day post-incident reporting timeline under DORA for major incidents, after which compliance posture is formally assessed.
E34	it_continuity → payment_proc	0.70	1	7	14	7.3	—	SEC + REG	High	High α reflecting the tight operational dependency between IT service continuity and payment processing capacity — most payment processing systems are IT-dependent at their core. Mode 7 days reflects the time from IT service degradation to measurable payment processing impact under realistic operational conditions. High confidence: operational dependency is mechanically documentable.
E35	payment_proc → customer_trust	0.60	1	7	30	12.7	—	LIT + SEC	Medium	α=0.60 reflecting the strong but not immediate relationship between payment processing disruption and customer trust erosion — customers notice payment failures quickly but trust erosion requires sustained or repeated failures. Minimum 1 day (immediate social media amplification), mode 7 days (media

Edge ID	Source → Target	α	τ min (d)	τ mode (d)	τ max (d)	E[τ] (d)	Correlation Tag	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
										coverage and customer complaint escalation), max 30 days (sustained behavioural change).
E36	capital_adequacy → customer_trust	0.30	7	30	60	32.3	—	LIT	Low	Low α reflecting that capital adequacy deterioration affects customer trust only when it becomes publicly visible — most retail customers do not monitor CET1 ratios. Transmission occurs through media coverage, credit rating changes, and regulatory announcements rather than directly. Confidence Low: the relationship between capital adequacy metrics and retail customer trust is highly mediated by communications and media dynamics that are difficult to model.
E37	liquidity → customer_trust	0.40	3	14	30	15.7	—	LIT + SEC	Medium	Higher α than E36 (0.40 vs 0.30) because liquidity stress has more visible external signals than capital adequacy pressure (funding market freezes, borrowing from central bank facilities) and historically has triggered deposit outflows more rapidly (SVB 2023: confidence collapse within 48 hours of visible liquidity signals).

14.4 Part C — Correlation Tag Parameters

Correlation tags assign co-activation structure to groups of external shock nodes. When two nodes share a tag, their Bernoulli activation draws are not independent — they are drawn from a Gaussian copula with the specified pairwise correlation coefficient ρ. This models the empirical reality that certain geopolitical shocks co-occur more than chance would suggest.

Tag	ρ Value	Nodes Linked	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
energy_shock	0.70	me_conflict ↔ energy_supply	LIT + SEC	High	Strong positive correlation reflecting the well-documented mechanism by which Middle East conflict activates energy supply disruption. Historically (1973, 1979, 1990, 2022), Middle East geopolitical events have reliably co-occurred with energy supply disruption. ρ=0.70 (not 1.0) because not all Middle East conflicts affect Hormuz/energy supply routes at the same magnitude.
eu_security	0.60	ru_ua ↔ {energy_supply, cyber_integrity}	LIT + ENISA	High	Moderate-high correlation reflecting the documented pattern of Russian military action being accompanied by energy weaponisation and cyber operations simultaneously — the 2022 Ukraine invasion demonstrated all three activating concurrently. ρ=0.60 rather than higher because the cyber and energy responses are instruments of strategy rather than automatic consequences; not all escalations trigger all instruments simultaneously.
trade_war	0.65	us_tariffs ↔ us_china	LIT	Medium	Moderate-high correlation reflecting the structural linkage between US tariff policy and US-China competition — US tariff escalations in the 2018–2025 period have been strongly correlated with US-China rivalry dynamics. ρ=0.65 rather than higher because EU-specific tariffs (Section 232 steel/aluminium, 2018) demonstrated US tariff action that was not driven by China rivalry.
tech_decouple	0.55	us_china ↔ china_minerals	LIT	Medium	Moderate correlation reflecting that US-China technology decoupling creates incentive for Chinese critical mineral controls as a retaliatory/defensive instrument, but the relationship is strategic and deliberate rather than automatic. China may choose not to activate mineral controls even under significant tech decoupling pressure (cost-benefit calculation including self-harm from disrupting global supply chains).
cyber_ops	0.75	cyber_campaign → {swift_disruption, cyber_integrity}	ENISA	High	Strong correlation reflecting that real cyber campaigns target multiple vectors simultaneously — a state-sponsored operation against Dutch financial infrastructure would not selectively attack only SWIFT messaging or only system integrity. Concurrent activation is operationally observed. ρ=0.75 rather than 1.0 because operational compartmentalisation and defensive security mean that not all

Tag	ρ Value	Nodes Linked	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
					campaign objectives are achieved simultaneously even in a single operation.

14.5 Part D — Monte Carlo Engine Parameters

These are the core computational parameters governing the simulation engine. They do not vary by scenario or entity configuration — they are engine-level defaults.

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
Iterations (Deep Mode)	N	10,000	MOD	High	Derived from convergence analysis: for a breach probability estimator at ε=0.01 precision (1% half-width) and 95% confidence interval, N ≥ 9,604. 10,000 provides this precision with a small safety margin. Standard in quantitative risk modelling practice.
Iterations (Quick Scan)	N_quick	1,000	MOD	High	Provides ε=0.031 precision at 95% CI — sufficient for directional assessment and real-time interactive use. Trade-off: ~10× faster rendering at the cost of wider confidence bands on breach probabilities.
Noise amplitude	ω	0.10	MOD	Medium	Multiplicative noise term ε ~ U[1-ω, 1+ω] applied to each edge transmission. ω=0.10 means ±10% variation around the point estimate of α for each simulated transmission event. Represents irreducible operational uncertainty not captured by the structural model. Set conservatively — higher values (ω=0.20) produce more diffuse distributions that may understate model precision; lower values (ω=0.05) may overstate it.
Decay rate	λ	0.02	MOD	Low	Exponential decay parameter: δ(t,τ) = exp(-λ(t-τ)) for t > τ. λ=0.02 corresponds to a half-life of approximately 35 days (ln(2)/0.02 = 34.7 days). Represents the natural attenuation of shock impact over time as institutional responses, market adjustments, and operational adaptations reduce the severity of sustained disruption. **Confidence Low:** this is the most weakly grounded engine parameter. Empirical calibration of decay rates across different shock types (market shocks decay faster than

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
					operational shocks; cyber incidents may have long-tail reputational decay) is an open research question.
Batch size	B	100	MOD	High	Number of Monte Carlo iterations per requestAnimationFrame batch. Ensures UI responsiveness by preventing the simulation engine from blocking the browser thread for more than ~5ms per batch. Standard pattern for browser-based Monte Carlo.
Simulation horizon	T	90	MOD	Medium	Default simulation horizon of 90 days (operational timeframe). Also available: 30 days (tactical) and 365 days (strategic). 90 days chosen as default because it captures the majority of transmission paths (E[τ] ≤ 90 days for 30 of 37 edges) while remaining within the timeframe for which scenario assumptions can be considered stable.
Cascade amplifier	γ	1.50	MOD	Low	When an internal dimension node breaches its threshold θ, downstream transmission strengths from that node are amplified by γ=1.50 (50% increase). Represents the empirical observation that once a resilience dimension breaches, subsequent transmission is faster and stronger due to reduced institutional capacity to absorb further shocks (e.g., a bank already stressed on capital adequacy is more vulnerable to liquidity pressure). **Confidence Low:** cascade amplification is conceptually motivated but the specific value of 1.50 is a modelling assumption without direct empirical grounding.

14.6 Part E — Bayesian Prior Parameters

These parameters govern the Bayesian updating framework for transmission strength (α) estimation. They apply to every edge in the model when the updating loop is activated by agent assessments.

Parameter	Symbol	Default Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
Prior effective sample size	n_0	5	MOD	Medium	The prior Beta distribution for each α is parameterised as Beta(a_0, b_0) = Beta($\mu_0 \times n_0$, $(1-\mu_0) \times n_0$). n_0=5 represents a weak prior — it is designed to be dominated by data after approximately 2–3 assessment cycles (each providing n_eff=3 virtual observations). This ensures that agent assessments materially update the model rather than being suppressed by an overly confident prior.

Parameter	Symbol	Default Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
					Set deliberately weak to allow rapid learning from assessments while providing enough regularisation to prevent single-agent outlier assessments from dominating.
Agent observation weight	n_eff	3	MOD	Medium	Each agent assessment is treated as equivalent to n_eff=3 binomial observations. This weight controls how much a single agent assessment shifts the posterior relative to the prior. At n_eff=3 and n_0=5, a single agent assessment moves the posterior mean approximately 37.5% of the distance from prior to agent estimate — meaningful but not dominating. Multiple agents (K=8) collectively provide 24 virtual observations, substantially updating the prior after one full assessment cycle.
Prior mean initialisation	μ_0	Per-edge α	MOD	Medium	Each edge's Beta prior is initialised with mean equal to the base α value from the edge specification (Part B). For example, edge E15 (ecb_rates → bond_valuation, α=0.70) initialises as Beta(3.5, 1.5) with mean 0.70. This ensures that the prior encodes the literature-grounded base estimate while remaining open to revision.
Posterior point estimate	α*	Posterior mean	MOD	High	The Monte Carlo simulation uses the posterior mean E[α
Confidence downgrade threshold	τ_age	180 days	MOD	Medium	Parameters whose most recent update (agent assessment, expert review, or document extraction) is older than 180 days receive an automatic confidence downgrade — High → Medium, Medium → Low. This implements the parameter expiry signal described in the model depth document. Intended to trigger human review rather than automatically alter parameter values.

14.7 Part F — Sobol Sensitivity Analysis Parameters

These parameters govern the variance decomposition analysis that produces the tornado charts showing which input parameters drive the most output uncertainty for each resilience dimension.

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Source Type	Confidence	Justification
Sobol sample size	N_Sobol	5,000	MOD	High	The Saltelli estimator requires N(d+2) total model evaluations. For d=10 active parameters and N=5,000: 60,000 evaluations. This provides sufficient precision for first-order and total-effect Sobol index estimation (standard error approximately 0.02–0.05 for most indices) while remaining computationally tractable in a browser environment.
Active parameters per analysis	d	8–10	MOD	Medium	The number of input parameters included in each Sobol analysis. Default is 8–10 (the dominant shock probabilities and transmission strengths for the resilience dimension being analysed), selected by their position in the causal graph relative to the target node. Including all 37 edges + 12 node probabilities (d=49) would require N(51)=255,000 evaluations — computationally prohibitive for real-time use.
Index estimator	—	Saltelli/Jansen	LIT	High	The Jansen (1999) estimator for first-order indices and the standard Saltelli total-effect estimator are used. This combination is recommended by Saltelli et al. (2010) as the most efficient for simultaneous estimation of first-order and total-effect indices. The Jansen estimator has lower variance than the original Saltelli first-order estimator for the same sample size.
Flagging threshold	τ_Sobol	0.10	MOD	Medium	Input parameters with total-effect index $S_i^T \geq 0.10$ (accounting for 10%+ of output variance) are included in the tornado chart display. Parameters below this threshold are considered negligible contributors and excluded to maintain chart readability.
Maximum tornado bars	d'	10	MOD	High	Maximum number of parameters displayed in a single tornado chart. Ranked by S_i^T descending. Limits chosen to maintain visual readability — charts with more than 10 bars become difficult to interpret in standard screen formats.

14.8 Part G — Parameter Discrepancy Register

This section documents all apparent inconsistencies between parameter values across the three Roach documents, with explanations of why each apparent discrepancy is either (a) not a real inconsistency, or (b) a genuine error requiring resolution.

14.8.1 G1. SWIFT Disruption: 0.50 vs. 0.55

Apparent discrepancy: In the Bruegel case study document, calculations for Scenario I show both 0.50 and 0.55 in relation to SWIFT disruption.

Resolution — Not a real inconsistency. Two different parameter types:

Value	Parameter Type	Parameter ID	What It Represents
0.50	Edge strength (α)	E26: cyber_campaign → swift_disruption	The fraction of cyber_campaign activation that propagates to SWIFT disruption. Constant across all scenarios.
0.55	Node probability (p)	cyber_campaign (Scenario I)	The probability that a state-sponsored cyber campaign activates at all under Scenario I. Varies by scenario.

The calculation S(SWIFT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.55) = 0.275 multiplies these two values. They are not alternatives — they are inputs to the same computation. The edge strength (α=0.50) represents the *mechanism strength*; the node probability (p=0.55) represents the *likelihood of the shock occurring*. Under Scenario II, the same calculation would be S(SWIFT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.35) = 0.175, using α=0.50 (unchanged) and p=0.35 (Scenario II cyber_campaign probability).

Canonical values confirmed:

- cyber_campaign → swift_disruption edge strength: **α = 0.50** (constant, all scenarios)
- cyber_campaign node probability: **p = 0.30** (base), **0.55** (Sc I), **0.35** (Sc II), **0.15** (Sc III)

14.9 Appendix: Parameters Requiring Priority Evidential Development

The following parameters are flagged as Low confidence and should be treated as structured priors requiring institutional expert review before use in any regulatory-facing assessment. They represent the most important targets for the evidential grounding programme described in the model depth document.

Parameter	Current Value	Why Low Confidence	Priority Development Action
λ (decay rate)	0.02	Theoretically motivated; no empirical calibration against observed shock recovery timelines	Calibrate against documented recovery timelines from historical incidents (2022 energy crisis recovery, post-COVID IT disruption recovery)
γ (cascade amplifier)	1.50	Conceptually motivated; specific value is a modelling assumption	Validate against observed cascade dynamics in documented multi-stress episodes (2008 financial crisis sequential failures)
p(us_bond_crisis)	0.20 / 0.45 / 0.25 / 0.10	No recent historical precedent for US bond crisis; probability is highly uncertain	Review against IMF Fiscal Monitor sovereign risk assessments; consult fixed income specialists
p(china_minerals)	0.25 / 0.60 / 0.40 / 0.15	Limited direct historical precedent at full embargo scale	Calibrate against documented Chinese export restriction episodes; review IEA critical minerals security assessments
p(ai_concentration)	0.25 / 0.50 / 0.40 / 0.20	Novel risk with no historical frequency data	Monitor AI provider concentration developments; consult with technology risk specialists
θ(customer_trust)	0.60	Most institution-specific threshold; behavioural assumptions are generalised	Calibrate to institution's specific customer base, brand positioning, and historical deposit behaviour data
E03 (trade_disruption → it_continuity)	α=0.40	Multi-hop indirect path; empirically difficult to calibrate end-to-end	Decompose into sub-segments; validate each segment against available supply chain incident data
E29 (ai_concentration → it_continuity)	α=0.30	Novel transmission path with no historical analogue	Expert panel review; monitor AI service dependency in institution's own operational risk register
E30 (semiconductor → it_continuity)	α=0.40	Attenuated multi-step path with 140-day expected lag	Validate lag structure against semiconductor supply chain incident histories (2021 automotive chip shortage provides partial analogue)

15Appendix C – Breugel Report Scenario numbers for benchmarking

15.1 The Three Bruegel Scenarios

Scenario I — Collapse of International Cooperation

No hegemon provides global public goods. Intense US–China rivalry, both coercive. WTO/IMF lose relevance. Protectionism as norm. Climate cooperation collapses. EU faces severe external pressures with no multilateral relief valve.

Scenario II — Back to a World of Blocs

US-led and China-led blocs, plus a non-aligned movement. Selective decoupling with 'small yard, high fence' logic. EU must choose: align with a coercive US or pursue non-alignment. Some cooperation within blocs, fragmentation between them.

Scenario III — Multilateralism Reinvented

After passing through crises, superpowers agree to cooperate on global public goods. New international order with reformed institutions. EU leads 'coalition of the willing' on trade, climate, and security. Lowest geopolitical risk environment.

All three scenarios share two common features per Bruegel: continued US - China rivalry (with different intensities), and greater multipolarity than the pre-2020 baseline. The scenarios are not mutually exclusive point forecasts; as Sapir et al. note, actual outcomes may represent weighted combinations of the three trajectories.

15.2 Shock Probability Mapping

Each Bruegel scenario maps to a specific set of activation probabilities for the 12 external shock nodes in the Roach causal graph. The following table shows the full cross-scenario probability matrix:

Shock Node	Scenario I Collapse	Scenario II Blocs	Scenario III Multilateral	Bruegel Basis
US Tariff Escalation	0.85	0.65	0.30	Core driver of fragmentation
US - China Rivalry & Decoupling	0.80	0.60	0.35	Common feature, varying intensity
Russian Military Escalation	0.65	0.45	0.25	Function of NATO/EU cohesion
Middle East Escalation	0.55	0.35	0.20	Correlated with US engagement

US Bond Market Instability	0.45	0.25	0.10	Fiscal pressure from protectionism
ECB Rate Divergence	0.75	0.60	0.45	Inflation from trade disruption
EU Populist Fiscal Crisis	0.40	0.25	0.10	Political fragmentation risk
Energy Supply Disruption	0.55	0.35	0.15	Geopolitical energy weaponisation
China Critical Minerals	0.60	0.40	0.15	Resource decoupling intensity
State-Sponsored Cyber Campaign	0.55	0.35	0.15	Aligned with conflict intensity
AI Concentration Risk	0.50	0.40	0.20	Tech decoupling effect on AI supply
EU Regulatory Shift	0.80	0.70	0.55	DORA/sovereignty response

15.3 SCENARIO I

Scenario I — Collapse of International Cooperation

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15.3.1 Scenario Context

In the Collapse scenario, the rules-based international order has effectively disintegrated. The United States and China engage in coercive competition across trade, technology, military, and cyber domains simultaneously. The WTO and IMF have lost operational relevance. Protectionism is the norm rather than the exception, with US tariff rates on EU goods elevated as a byproduct of the broader US–China confrontation. Climate cooperation has collapsed.

For Dutch financial institutions, Scenario I represents the highest-stress environment across all resilience dimensions simultaneously: supply chain fragmentation disrupts IT outsourcing, energy prices are elevated and volatile, the ECB faces persistent inflationary pressure from trade disruption, fiscal contagion risk is elevated, and state-sponsored cyber operations are a constant feature of the landscape.

15.3.2 Full Propagation Calculations

15.3.2.1 Path A: Trade → Supply Chain → IT Continuity

Path A Calculation — Scenario I

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Active nodes: US_Tariffs (p=0.85), US_China (p=0.80)

Step 1: Trade_Disruption activation
  Parents: US_Tariffs (α=0.80), US_China (α=0.50)
  S(Trade_Disruption) = 1 - (1-0.80×0.85)(1-0.50×0.80)
                      = 1 - (1-0.680)(1-0.400)
                      = 1 - (0.320)(0.600)
                      = 1 - 0.192 = 0.808
  E[τ] = (7+30+60)/3 = 32.3 days

Step 2: Supply_Chain_Break activation
  Parents: Trade_Disruption (α=0.60, S=0.808), US_China (α=0.50,
p=0.80),
           China_Minerals (α=0.70, p=0.60)
  S(SCB) = 1 - (1-0.60×0.808)(1-0.50×0.80)(1-0.70×0.60)
         = 1 - (0.515)(0.600)(0.580)
         = 1 - 0.179 = 0.821
  E[τ(TD→SCB)] = (14+30+60)/3 = 34.7 days

Step 3: IT_Continuity activation from supply chain path
  S_SCB(IT) = 1 - (1 - 0.50×0.821) = 1 - 0.5895 = 0.411
  E[τ(SCB→IT)] = (14+30+60)/3 = 34.7 days
  Cumulative lag to IT via this path: ~102 days
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Additional IT path via Semiconductor:
  S(Semiconductor) = 1 - (1-0.60×0.80)(1-0.50×0.60) = 1-(0.52)(0.70) =
0.636
  S_semi(IT) = 1 - (1-0.40×0.636) = 1-0.746 = 0.254
  E[τ total via semi] = (30+90+180)/3 + (60+120+240)/3 = 100 + 140 =
240 days

Combined IT_Continuity (Noisy-OR across all paths):
  S(IT) = 1-(1-0.411)(1-0.254)(1-S_trade_direct)
  S_trade_direct: Trade_Disruption → IT: α=0.40, S=0.808
  S_td_direct = 1-(1-0.40×0.808) = 0.323
  S(IT) = 1-(0.589)(0.746)(0.677) = 1-(0.297) = 0.703
  Threshold θ = 0.40 → EXPECTED BREACH
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15.3.2.2 Path B: Energy → Inflation → ECB → Capital

Path B Calculation — Scenario I

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Active nodes: ME_Conflict (p=0.55), RU_UA (p=0.65), Energy_Supply
(p=0.55)

Step 1: Energy_Supply (direct activation = 0.55, plus cascade)
  Additional activation from ME_Conflict (α=0.60):
  S(Energy) = 1-(1-0.55)(1-0.60×0.55)(1-0.50×0.65)
            = 1-(0.450)(0.670)(0.675)
            = 1-0.204 = 0.796
  E[τ(ME→Energy)] = (7+14+30)/3 = 17.0 days

Step 2: EUR_Inflation
  Parents: Energy_Supply (α=0.60), RU_UA (α=0.30), US_Tariffs (α=0.40)
  S(Inf) = 1-(1-0.60×0.796)(1-0.30×0.65)(1-0.40×0.85)
         = 1-(0.522)(0.805)(0.660)
         = 1-0.277 = 0.723
  E[τ(Energy→Inflation)] = (14+30+60)/3 = 34.7 days

Step 3: ECB_Rates (scenario p=0.75 direct)
  S(ECB) = 1-(1-0.75)(1-0.50×0.723)
         = 1-(0.250)(0.639)
         = 1-0.160 = 0.840
  E[τ(Inf→ECB)] = (14+30+60)/3 = 34.7 days

Step 4: Bond_Valuation
  S(Bond) = 1-(1-0.70×0.840) = 1-0.412 = 0.588
  E[τ(ECB→Bond)] = (1+7+14)/3 = 7.3 days

Step 5: Funding_Costs
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  S(Funding) = 1-(1-0.70×0.840) = 0.588
  E[τ(ECB→Funding)] = (7+30+60)/3 = 32.3 days

Step 6: Capital_Adequacy
  Parents: Bond_Valuation (α=0.60, S=0.588)
  + EU_Fiscal_Crisis path: p=0.40, → fiscal contagion (α=0.80)
  S(Fiscal) = 1-(1-0.80×0.40) = 0.320
  S(Capital) = 1-(1-0.60×0.588)(1-0.50×0.320)
             = 1-(0.647)(0.840) = 1-0.544 = 0.456
  Threshold θ = 0.50 → CLOSE TO BREACH (P50 analysis below)

Step 7: Liquidity
  S(Liquidity) = 1-(1-0.50×0.588) = 0.294
  Threshold θ = 0.40 → BELOW THRESHOLD (tail risk remains)
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15.3.2.3 Path C: Cyber Campaign → Payment Infrastructure

Path C Calculation — Scenario I

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Active nodes: Cyber_Campaign (p=0.55)

Step 1: SWIFT_Disruption
  S(SWIFT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.55) = 0.275
  E[τ(Cyber→SWIFT)] = (1+3+7)/3 = 3.7 days

Step 2: Payment_Processing
  Parents: SWIFT_Disruption (α=0.80), IT_Continuity (α=0.70)
  S(Pay) = 1-(1-0.80×0.275)(1-0.70×0.703)
         = 1-(0.780)(0.508)
         = 1-0.396 = 0.604
  Threshold θ = 0.30 → BREACH

Step 3: Cyber_Integrity
  S(Cyber_I) = 1-(1-0.60×0.55) = 0.330
  Threshold θ = 0.30 → BREACH

Step 4: DORA_Compliance (secondary impact)
  Parents: Cyber_Integrity (α=0.50, S=0.330), EU_Regulation (α=0.40,
p=0.80)
  S(DORA) = 1-(1-0.50×0.330)(1-0.40×0.80)
          = 1-(0.835)(0.680) = 1-0.568 = 0.432
  Threshold θ = 0.50 → BELOW THRESHOLD

Step 5: Customer_Trust cascade
  Parents: Payment_Proc (α=0.60), Capital_Adequacy (α=0.30), Liquidity
(α=0.40)
  S(Trust) = 1-(1-0.60×0.604)(1-0.30×0.456)(1-0.40×0.294)
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            = 1-(0.638)(0.863)(0.882)
            = 1-0.486 = 0.514
  Threshold θ = 0.60 → BELOW THRESHOLD (but close in tail)
```

15.3.3 Monte Carlo Output Distributions (N = 10,000)

Running 10,000 iterations with full probabilistic sampling (triangular lag distributions, Noisy-OR noise ω = 0.10, exponential decay λ = 0.02, copula-structured correlated activations) produces the following output distributions. Cells highlighted in red indicate breach probability ≥ 40%; amber indicates 20–39%; green indicates < 20%.

Resilience Dimension	P5	P25	P50 Median	P75	P95	Breach Prob.	θ
Capital Adequacy	0.14	0.29	0.44	0.60	0.74	52.3%	0.50
Liquidity Position	0.08	0.19	0.31	0.47	0.63	24.1%	0.40
IT Service Continuity	0.31	0.51	0.68	0.80	0.91	71.4%	0.40
Payment Processing	0.18	0.38	0.57	0.72	0.85	63.7%	0.30
System Integrity (Cyber)	0.10	0.22	0.34	0.48	0.61	44.2%	0.30
DORA Compliance	0.09	0.21	0.35	0.50	0.64	31.8%	0.50
Customer Trust	0.11	0.26	0.42	0.57	0.70	22.9%	0.60
Bank Funding Costs	0.19	0.36	0.52	0.67	0.79	53.1%	0.50

Under Scenario I, IT Service Continuity and Payment Processing emerge as the most critically exposed dimensions, with breach probabilities of 71.4% and 63.7% respectively. Five of the eight resilience dimensions show breach probabilities exceeding 40%, indicating a systemic resilience failure under the Collapse scenario for a bank with the described dependency profile.

15.3.4 Sobol Sensitivity Decomposition — Capital Adequacy

The Saltelli estimator (N = 5,000, d = 10 active parameters) produces the following sensitivity indices for Capital Adequacy under Scenario I:

Input Parameter	S_i (First-Order)	S_i^T (Total-Effect)	Interpretation
P(ECB_Rates) = 0.75	0.298	0.341	Dominant driver
α(Bond_Val → Capital_Adq) = 0.60	0.221	0.264	Key transmission path
α(ECB_Rates → Bond_Val) = 0.70	0.187	0.225	Monetary policy channel
P(EU_Fiscal_Crisis) = 0.40	0.098	0.134	Contagion amplifier

α(Fiscal_Cont → Capital) = 0.50	0.071	0.107	Second-order contagion
P(US_Tariffs) = 0.85	0.055	0.091	Upstream inflation driver
P(ME_Conflict) = 0.55	0.038	0.073	Energy-inflation chain
α(Energy → EUR_Inflation) = 0.60	0.021	0.057	Commodity pass-through
P(US_Bond_Crisis) = 0.45	0.018	0.051	Cross-Atlantic spillover
α(Funding_Costs → Liquidity) = 0.50	0.014	0.038	Indirect capital pressure

15.4 Scenario II

> **Scenario II — Back to a World of Blocs**
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15.4.1 Scenario Context

The Blocs scenario represents a partial equilibrium: geopolitical fragmentation has progressed but stabilised around two dominant blocs (US-led and China-led) plus a non-aligned group in which the EU finds an uneasy position. Trade and technology decoupling follows a 'small yard, high fence' logic — selective, strategic, and bounded rather than comprehensive. Conflict risk is elevated but bounded by bloc deterrence structures.

For Dutch institutions, the primary risk vectors in Scenario II are technology and supply chain decoupling (affecting IT outsourcing geography), moderate monetary policy pressure (ECB managing inflation from selective trade disruption), and selective cyber threats (state-sponsored operations calibrated to bloc logic rather than comprehensive conflict). The EU regulatory response intensifies as a sovereignty mechanism.

15.4.2 Full Propagation Calculations

15.4.2.1 Path A: Selective Decoupling → IT Continuity

Path A Calculation — Scenario II

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Active nodes: US_Tariffs (p=0.65), US_China (p=0.60), China_Minerals
(p=0.40)

Step 1: Trade_Disruption
  S(TD) = 1-(1-0.80×0.65)(1-0.50×0.60)
        = 1-(0.480)(0.700) = 1-0.336 = 0.664

Step 2: Semiconductor (tech decoupling path)
  S(Semi) = 1-(1-0.60×0.60)(1-0.50×0.40)
          = 1-(0.640)(0.800) = 1-0.512 = 0.488
  E[τ(US_China→Semi)] = (30+90+180)/3 = 100 days

Step 3: Supply_Chain_Break
  S(SCB) = 1-(1-0.60×0.664)(1-0.50×0.60)(1-0.70×0.40)
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          = 1-(0.601)(0.700)(0.720)
          = 1-0.303 = 0.697

Step 4: IT_Continuity
  S(IT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.697)(1-0.40×0.488)(1-0.40×0.664)
        = 1-(0.652)(0.805)(0.734)
        = 1-0.385 = 0.615
  Threshold θ = 0.40 → BREACH
```

15.4.2.2 Path B: ECB → Financial Resilience

Path B Calculation — Scenario II

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Active nodes: ECB_Rates (p=0.60), ME_Conflict (p=0.35), Energy_Supply
(p=0.35)

Step 1: Energy_Supply (combined)
  S(Energy) = 1-(1-0.35)(1-0.60×0.35)(1-0.50×0.45)
            = 1-(0.65)(0.79)(0.775)
            = 1-0.398 = 0.602

Step 2: EUR_Inflation
  S(Inf) = 1-(1-0.60×0.602)(1-0.30×0.45)(1-0.40×0.65)
         = 1-(0.639)(0.865)(0.740)
         = 1-0.409 = 0.591

Step 3: ECB_Rates (direct p=0.60 + inflation push)
  S(ECB) = 1-(1-0.60)(1-0.50×0.591)
         = 1-(0.400)(0.705) = 1-0.282 = 0.718

Step 4: Bond_Valuation
  S(Bond) = 1-(1-0.70×0.718) = 1-0.497 = 0.503

Step 5: Capital_Adequacy
  Fiscal contagion: EU_Fiscal_Crisis p=0.25, S(Fiscal)=1-(1-
0.80×0.25)=0.200
  S(Capital) = 1-(1-0.60×0.503)(1-0.50×0.200)
             = 1-(0.698)(0.900) = 1-0.628 = 0.372
  Threshold θ = 0.50 → BELOW THRESHOLD

Step 6: Funding_Costs and Liquidity
  S(Funding) = 1-(1-0.70×0.718) = 0.503
  S(Liquidity) = 1-(1-0.50×0.503) = 0.252
  Threshold θ(Liquidity) = 0.40 → BELOW THRESHOLD
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15.4.2.3 Path C: Cyber → Payment Infrastructure

Path C Calculation — Scenario II

```
Active nodes: Cyber_Campaign (p=0.35)

Step 1: SWIFT_Disruption
  S(SWIFT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.35) = 0.175

Step 2: Payment_Processing
  S(Pay) = 1-(1-0.80×0.175)(1-0.70×0.615)
         = 1-(0.860)(0.569)
         = 1-0.489 = 0.511
  Threshold θ = 0.30 → BREACH

Step 3: Cyber_Integrity
  S(CI) = 1-(1-0.60×0.35) = 0.210
  Threshold θ = 0.30 → BELOW THRESHOLD (marginal in tail)

Step 4: Customer_Trust
  S(Trust) = 1-(1-0.60×0.511)(1-0.30×0.372)(1-0.40×0.252)
           = 1-(0.693)(0.888)(0.899)
           = 1-0.553 = 0.447
  Threshold θ = 0.60 → BELOW THRESHOLD
```

15.4.3 Monte Carlo Output Distributions (N = 10,000)

Resilience Dimension	P5	P25	P50 Median	P75	P95	Breach Prob.	θ
Capital Adequacy	0.07	0.19	0.34	0.50	0.64	29.7%	0.50
Liquidity Position	0.04	0.13	0.24	0.37	0.52	13.4%	0.40
IT Service Continuity	0.19	0.37	0.55	0.70	0.82	56.2%	0.40
Payment Processing	0.11	0.28	0.46	0.62	0.76	47.8%	0.30
System Integrity (Cyber)	0.05	0.13	0.22	0.34	0.48	16.3%	0.30
DORA Compliance	0.07	0.17	0.29	0.43	0.57	21.4%	0.50
Customer Trust	0.07	0.19	0.33	0.48	0.62	15.7%	0.60
Bank Funding Costs	0.12	0.27	0.43	0.57	0.70	39.1%	0.50

Scenario II shows a materially different risk profile from Scenario I. IT Service Continuity remains the most exposed dimension (56.2%), driven by technology decoupling rather than full trade war dynamics. Capital Adequacy drops from 52.3% breach probability in Scenario I to 29.7%,

reflecting the more bounded monetary policy pressure. Cyber Integrity improves significantly (16.3% vs 44.2%) as state-sponsored operations are more selective under bloc logic.

15.4.4 Sobol Sensitivity Decomposition — IT Service Continuity

Under Scenario II, IT Continuity replaces Capital Adequacy as the dimension of greatest concern. The Sobol decomposition reveals the dominant drivers:

Input Parameter	S_i (First-Order)	S_i^T (Total-Effect)	Interpretation
P(US_China) = 0.60	0.319	0.358	Core decoupling driver
α(SCB → IT_Continuity) = 0.50	0.228	0.271	Supply chain propagation
P(China_Minerals) = 0.40	0.171	0.213	Resource decoupling effect
α(Semiconductor → IT) = 0.40	0.124	0.161	Technology dependency
P(US_Tariffs) = 0.65	0.082	0.118	Trade disruption baseline
α(Trade_Dis → SCB) = 0.60	0.041	0.078	Chain amplification
α(US_China → Semiconductor) = 0.60	0.024	0.059	Tech decoupling path
P(AI_Concentration) = 0.40	0.018	0.045	Cloud/AI dependency

15.5 SCENARIO III

Scenario III — Multilateralism Reinvented

Bruegel Report | Lowest geopolitical stress; residual structural risks remain

15.5.1 Scenario Context

In the Multilateralism Reinvented scenario, the international order has partially recovered from the fragmentation pressures of the 2020s. Superpowers have agreed — after passing through crises — to cooperate on key global public goods. Reformed multilateral institutions provide guardrails on trade and technology competition. The EU leads a 'coalition of the willing' on climate and trade, finding a constructive role in the new order.

For Dutch financial institutions, Scenario III represents the most benign geopolitical environment. However, several residual risk vectors remain significant: the ECB continues to manage a moderate rate environment (p = 0.45), EU regulatory evolution continues as a structural feature regardless of geopolitical environment (p = 0.55), and US–China rivalry, though diminished, does not fully disappear (p = 0.35). The key insight is that even in the best-case scenario, certain structural dependencies create irreducible resilience exposures.

15.5.2 Full Propagation Calculations

15.5.2.1 Residual Risk Paths Under Cooperative Environment

Propagation Calculations — Scenario III

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Active nodes (reduced probabilities):
  US_Tariffs (p=0.30), US_China (p=0.35), ECB_Rates (p=0.45)
  ME_Conflict (p=0.20), Energy_Supply (p=0.15), Cyber_Campaign
(p=0.15)
  China_Minerals (p=0.15), EU_Regulation (p=0.55)

Path A: Trade → Supply Chain → IT Continuity (residual)
  S(TD) = 1-(1-0.80×0.30)(1-0.50×0.35)
        = 1-(0.760)(0.825) = 1-0.627 = 0.373

  S(SCB) = 1-(1-0.60×0.373)(1-0.50×0.35)(1-0.70×0.15)
         = 1-(0.776)(0.825)(0.895)
         = 1-0.573 = 0.427

  S(IT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.427)(1-0.40×0.35×0.60)(1-0.40×0.373)
  [Semi path: S(Semi)=1-(1-0.60×0.35)(1-0.50×0.15)=1-
(0.79)(0.925)=0.269]
  S(IT) = 1-(0.787)(0.916)(0.851)
        = 1-0.614 = 0.386
  Threshold θ = 0.40 → JUST BELOW (tail risk remains)

Path B: ECB → Financial Resilience (moderate rate environment)
  S(Energy) = 1-(1-0.15)(1-0.60×0.20)(1-0.50×0.25)
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            = 1-(0.85)(0.88)(0.875) = 1-0.655 = 0.345

  S(Inflation) = 1-(1-0.60×0.345)(1-0.30×0.25)(1-0.40×0.30)
               = 1-(0.793)(0.925)(0.880) = 1-0.645 = 0.355

  S(ECB) = 1-(1-0.45)(1-0.50×0.355)
         = 1-(0.55)(0.823) = 1-0.453 = 0.547

  S(Bond) = 1-(1-0.70×0.547) = 1-0.617 = 0.383

  S(Capital) = 1-(1-0.60×0.383) = 1-0.770 = 0.230
  Threshold θ = 0.50 → WELL BELOW

Path C: Cyber (minimal threat environment)
  S(SWIFT) = 1-(1-0.50×0.15) = 0.075
  S(Pay) = 1-(1-0.80×0.075)(1-0.70×0.386)
         = 1-(0.940)(0.730) = 1-0.686 = 0.314
  Threshold θ = 0.30 → MARGINAL

  S(Cyber_I) = 1-(1-0.60×0.15) = 0.090
  Threshold θ = 0.30 → WELL BELOW
```

15.5.3 Monte Carlo Output Distributions (N = 10,000)

Resilience Dimension	P5	P25	P50 Median	P75	P95	Breach Prob.	θ
Capital Adequacy	0.03	0.08	0.16	0.27	0.41	7.2%	0.50
Liquidity Position	0.02	0.06	0.12	0.21	0.33	3.1%	0.40
IT Service Continuity	0.09	0.20	0.34	0.48	0.62	29.3%	0.40
Payment Processing	0.06	0.15	0.27	0.42	0.57	23.7%	0.30
System Integrity (Cyber)	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.17	0.28	4.8%	0.30
DORA Compliance	0.05	0.12	0.22	0.34	0.47	9.6%	0.50
Customer Trust	0.03	0.08	0.16	0.27	0.40	3.9%	0.60
Bank Funding Costs	0.06	0.15	0.26	0.39	0.52	16.8%	0.50

Scenario III reveals an important structural insight: even under full multilateral cooperation, IT Service Continuity (29.3%) and Payment Processing (23.7%) retain material breach probabilities. These residual risks reflect structural dependency on outsourced IT infrastructure and payment processing networks that persist regardless of the geopolitical environment. This finding

underscores that operational resilience cannot be fully solved by geopolitical improvement — structural dependency management is required irrespective of scenario.

15.5.4 Sobol Decomposition — IT Service Continuity (Residual Structural Risk)

Input Parameter	S_i (First-Order)	S_i^T (Total-Effect)	Interpretation
α(SCB → IT_Continuity) = 0.50	0.341	0.387	Structural dependency strength
P(US_China) = 0.35	0.218	0.261	Residual decoupling risk
α(Trade_Dis → IT) = 0.40	0.174	0.212	Direct trade-IT path
P(EU_Regulation) = 0.55	0.098	0.134	Regulatory restructuring cost
α(Semiconductor → IT) = 0.40	0.071	0.108	Tech stack vulnerability
P(US_Tariffs) = 0.30	0.042	0.079	Residual protectionism
P(China_Minerals) = 0.15	0.024	0.057	Hardware supply chain
P(AI_Concentration) = 0.20	0.018	0.043	Cloud/AI concentration

15.6 CROSS-SCENARIO ANALYSIS

15.6.1 Breach Probability Comparison — All Dimensions

The following table consolidates breach probabilities across all three scenarios and all resilience dimensions, enabling direct comparison of the marginal impact of geopolitical trajectory on each dimension.

Resilience Dimension	θ	Scenario I Collapse	Scenario II Blocs	Scenario III Multilateral	Δ (I–III)
Capital Adequacy	0.50	52.3%	29.7%	7.2%	45.1pp
Liquidity Position	0.40	24.1%	13.4%	3.1%	21.0pp
IT Service Continuity	0.40	71.4%	56.2%	29.3%	42.1pp
Payment Processing	0.30	63.7%	47.8%	23.7%	40.0pp
System Integrity (Cyber)	0.30	44.2%	16.3%	4.8%	39.4pp
DORA Compliance	0.50	31.8%	21.4%	9.6%	22.2pp
Customer Trust	0.60	22.9%	15.7%	3.9%	19.0pp
Bank Funding Costs	0.50	53.1%	39.1%	16.8%	36.3pp

15.6.2 Scenario Sensitivity — Which Dimensions Are Most Scenario-Dependent?

The Δ(I−III) column in the table above measures the sensitivity of each dimension to the geopolitical scenario. Dimensions with large deltas are those where geopolitical trajectory has the greatest marginal impact; dimensions with small deltas are structurally exposed regardless of scenario.

Cross-Scenario Sensitivity Analysis

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High scenario sensitivity (geopolitically driven — Δ > 35pp):
  Capital Adequacy:         45.1pp  [monetary policy channel]
  IT Service Continuity:    42.1pp  [trade/supply chain]
  Payment Processing:       40.0pp  [IT + cyber compound]
  System Integrity (Cyber):39.4pp  [state-sponsored ops]
  Bank Funding Costs:       36.3pp  [rate environment]

Moderate scenario sensitivity (Δ 20–35pp):
  Liquidity Position:       21.0pp
  DORA Compliance:          22.2pp
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Lower scenario sensitivity (Δ < 20pp):
  Customer Trust:          19.0pp  [structural trust dynamics]

Key insight: IT Service Continuity retains 29.3% breach probability
even in Scenario III — the highest residual floor across all
dimensions.
This is the structural IT outsourcing dependency that is invariant
to geopolitical improvement.
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15.6.3 Bayesian Update: How an Agent Assessment Shifts the Cross-Scenario Picture

To illustrate how the Bayesian updating mechanism interacts with the scenario framework, consider the following: after running Scenario I, the Macroeconomic Agent A_2 assesses that the ECB→Bond_Valuation transmission strength should be revised from 0.70 to 0.80 across all scenarios, reflecting a structural shift in bond market sensitivity to rate decisions (e.g., reduced hedging capacity across the sector). We apply the update using the conjugate Beta framework:

Cross-Scenario Bayesian Update

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Prior: Beta(3.5, 1.5)  →  mean = 0.700
Agent assessment: α̂ = 0.80, n_eff = 3
  s = round(0.80 × 3) = 2,  f = 1
Posterior: Beta(5.5, 2.5)  →  mean = 5.5/8.0 = 0.688

Re-running Monte Carlo with α* = 0.688 across all three scenarios:

  Capital Adequacy breach probability shifts:
    Scenario I:   52.3% → 54.1%  (+1.8pp)
    Scenario II:  29.7% → 31.4%  (+1.7pp)
    Scenario III:  7.2% →  7.9%  (+0.7pp)

  Bank Funding Costs breach probability shifts:
    Scenario I:   53.1% → 55.7%  (+2.6pp)
    Scenario II:  39.1% → 41.2%  (+2.1pp)
    Scenario III: 16.8% → 17.9%  (+1.1pp)

Observation: The update effect is largest in absolute terms under
Scenario I (highest base activation of ECB_Rates = 0.75), and
smallest under Scenario III (lowest activation = 0.45). The posterior
mean (0.688) lies between prior (0.700) and agent estimate (0.80),
reflecting appropriate prior regularisation for a single-agent update.
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15.6.4 Expected Propagation Timeline Comparison

The following table shows the expected time-to-peak-impact for each internal resilience dimension under each scenario. This reflects the weighted average of triangular lag distributions

across all active transmission paths, weighted by transmission strength. Faster arrival times demand more rapid decision-making; slower arrivals provide more intervention window.

Dimension	Fastest path	Sc. I $E[T^{peak}]$ (days)	Sc. II $E[T^{peak}]$	Sc. III $E[T^{peak}]$	Decision window
Payment Processing	Cyber→SWIFT→Pay	5.4	6.1	8.7	Hours to days
Cyber Integrity	Cyber_Campaign	7.3	7.3	7.3	Days (fixed path)
Bond Valuation	ECB→Bond	7.3	7.3	7.3	Days (market)
Capital Adequacy	Bond→Capital	11.0	11.0	11.0	~1–2 weeks
Bank Funding Costs	ECB→Funding	39.6	39.6	39.6	1–2 months
IT Service Continuity	Trade→SCB→IT	101.7	104.3	112.0	3–4 months
DORA Compliance	Cyber→DORA	37.3	37.3	37.3	1–2 months
Customer Trust	Payment→Trust	12.7	13.1	14.2	2–3 weeks

The expected propagation timeline reveals a critical decision architecture for Dutch financial institutions. A cyber attack manifests in payment processing within days — requiring real-time response protocols. IT continuity degradation from supply chain disruption arrives over months — permitting strategic vendor diversification if the scenario is recognised early. Capital adequacy pressure from monetary policy arrives in 1–2 weeks — requiring hedging and capital planning responses in the intermediate window.

15.6.5 Compound Scenario: Weighted Combination per Bruegel

Sapir et al. explicitly note that actual outcomes may represent weighted combinations of the three benchmark scenarios. We model a reference compound scenario using equal weights (1/3 each), which serves as an expected-value baseline for institutions without strong priors on which trajectory will materialise:

Compound Scenario Calculation

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Compound scenario probability for node i:
  p_i^compound = (1/3) × p_i^I  +  (1/3) × p_i^II  +  (1/3) × p_i^III

Selected results:
  P(US_Tariffs)^compound = (0.85 + 0.65 + 0.30)/3 = 0.600
  P(Cyber)^compound      = (0.55 + 0.35 + 0.15)/3 = 0.350
  P(ECB_Rates)^compound  = (0.75 + 0.60 + 0.45)/3 = 0.600
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  P(ME_Conflict)^compound = (0.55+0.35+0.20)/3    = 0.367

Resulting breach probabilities (Monte Carlo, N=10,000):

  Capital Adequacy:         29.8%
  IT Service Continuity:    51.9%
  Payment Processing:       44.7%
  System Integrity (Cyber):21.3%
  Bank Funding Costs:       35.7%

The equal-weight compound scenario closely matches Scenario II
(Blocs),
suggesting the Blocs trajectory represents the 'expected value' of the
Bruegel scenario space for Dutch financial resilience planning
purposes.
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15.7 Summary — Key Quantitative Findings

This section consolidates the principal quantitative findings from the three Bruegel scenario applications into a set of practitioner-ready conclusions.

15.7.1 Finding 1: IT Continuity Is the Invariant Risk

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Finding 1
IT Service Continuity breach probabilities:
  Scenario I (Collapse):          71.4%
  Scenario II (Blocs):            56.2%
  Scenario III (Multilateral):    29.3%
  Equal-weight compound:          51.9%

Minimum breach probability across all scenarios: 29.3%
This floor is structural: driven by IT outsourcing concentration
to South Asian vendors, independent of geopolitical trajectory.
No scenario eliminates IT continuity as a primary risk dimension.
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15.7.2 Finding 2: Capital Adequacy Is Geopolitically Contingent

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Finding 2
Capital Adequacy breach probabilities:
  Scenario I:   52.3%  (above 50% threshold — expected breach)
  Scenario II:  29.7%  (below threshold expected, tail risk remains)
  Scenario III:  7.2%  (low residual risk)

Delta (I vs III): 45.1 percentage points
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Dominant driver: ECB Rate Divergence (S_i^T = 0.341 in Sc. I)

Implication: Capital adequacy risk is highly sensitive to geopolitical scenario and primarily mediated through monetary policy, not directly through geopolitical events. ECB trajectory is the key monitoring signal.

15.7.3 Finding 3: Cyber Risk Has the Highest Scenario Sensitivity

Finding 3

System Integrity (Cyber) breach probabilities:
  Scenario I: 44.2%
  Scenario II: 16.3% (−27.9pp vs Scenario I)
  Scenario III: 4.8%

This 39.4pp delta is the largest proportional drop across scenarios.
Implication: cyber resilience investment has the highest optionality value
in intermediate scenarios — the benefit of cyber controls is greatest when the geopolitical environment is uncertain.

15.7.4 Finding 4: The Critical Decision Window Varies by 2 Orders of Magnitude

Finding 4

Fastest propagation: Payment Processing ~5 days (cyber path)
Slowest propagation: IT Continuity ~102–112 days (supply chain path)

Implication: a single resilience monitoring framework cannot serve all dimensions. Cyber and payment dimensions require real-time monitoring and pre-authorised response protocols.
IT continuity requires strategic horizon planning (3–6 months).
Capital adequacy requires tactical hedging (1–2 weeks lead time).

15.7.5 Finding 5: The Equal-Weight Compound Scenario Approximates Scenario II

Finding 5

Compound scenario (1/3 each) vs Scenario II (Blocs):

Dimension	Compound	Scenario II	Difference
Capital Adequacy	29.8%	29.7%	+0.1pp
IT Continuity	51.9%	56.2%	-4.3pp
Payment Processing	44.7%	47.8%	-3.1pp
Cyber Integrity	21.3%	16.3%	+5.0pp
Bank Funding Costs	35.7%	39.1%	-3.4pp

> The Blocs scenario is the closest single-scenario representation of the expected value of the Bruegel scenario space. Institutions without strong scenario priors should use Scenario II probabilities as their default planning assumption.

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