

The LIBOR market model

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Abstract

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The LIBOR market model

An interest rate derivative is a contract whose value depends on an underlying interest rate. The valuation of such a derivative may be dependent on the value of the underlying rate at several different future dates. Whilst models such as the Black model assume log-normality for a single forward rate or swap rate when pricing such derivatives as, caplets and swaptions respectively, many interest rate derivatives have future payoffs dependent on several underlying rates.

The LIBOR Market model also referred to, as the “BGM/J model” is a multi-factor term structure model that allows for future volatility patterns to be considered. The LIBOR Market framework uses LIBOR rates for modeling, which are market observable and has therefore become very popular among traders. Existing interest rate models are limited by the fact that, first, they model non-market observable quantities and, secondly, often use one factor.

Black model

The standard model for valuing interest rate options, caps/floors and European swaptions, is the Black model. The Black model is used by traders in the market to price these derivatives and as will be seen later on, the analytical Black formulas will play a key role when calibrating the LIBOR Market model.

Before attempting to calculate values (prices) for these interest rate derivatives it is necessary to make certain assumptions about the underlying rates.

The basic assumptions under the Black model are:

- ☞ the underlying forward rate or swap rate is a log normally distributed random variable;
- ☞ the volatility of the underlying is constant;
- ☞ prices are arbitrage free;
- ☞ there is continuous trading in all instruments.

Forward rates

Before defining the underlying variables, the rates, it is important to introduce the concept of discount bonds. Discount bonds are traded in the market but more commonly are so called coupon-bearing bonds. These have several guaranteed future cash flows instead of just one. The coupon-bearing bonds can be reduced to a set of ordinary discount bonds. In fact, to get the price of a discount bond one often imputes this price from (suitable) coupon-bearing bonds.

A contract, which gives the holder an amount 1 at some future date T , is referred to as **discount bond**. 1 is called the **notional** or **face value** and T is referred to as the **maturity date**. The price at time t of a discount bond with maturity T and face value 1 is denoted by $P(t, T)$.

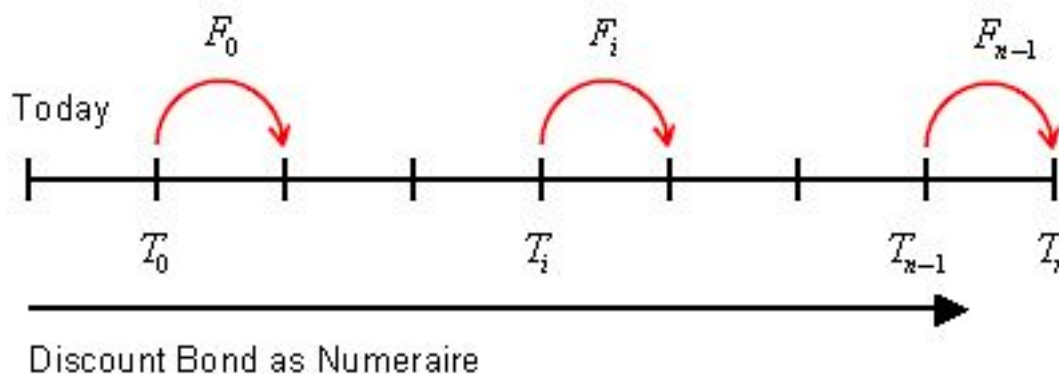
To deal with this assumption of a continuum of prices (also known as the discount function), in practice one selects a set of *discount bond prices* (the benchmark instruments) and then simply interpolates between them. For theoretical purposes

it is (almost) always assumed that there is a discount bond available for every maturity date T .

The **simply compounded forward rate** at time t spanning the future period $[T_1, T_2]$, $F(t, T_1, T_2)$ is defined by

$$\frac{P(t, T_2)}{P(t, T_1)} = \frac{1}{1 + F(t, T_1, T_2)(T_2 - T_1)}.$$

The following diagram illustrates a set of forward rates spanning the set of dates $\{T_i\}$:



These simply compounded forward rates also define the LIBOR rates (London Inter Bank Offer Rates). There are equivalents to LIBOR in other countries for example the Swedish version referred to as STIBOR (Stockholm Inter Bank Offer Rate).

Because the LIBOR rates are expressed in terms of discount bonds it is easy to see that

these could be an alternative to the discount bonds when building the discount function in certain circumstances. More explicitly, where one was receiving money at a discrete set of known future dates T_1, \dots, T_n , and wanted to calculate today's value of these future cash flows, then it would be sufficient to know the value of the discount function at these dates given by a discrete set of LIBOR rates.

Caps and floors

A **caplet** connected with the forward rate $F(T_i, T_i, T_i + \tau_i)$ and with strike k , is a contract, which at time $T_i + \tau_i$ gives the holder the cash flow:

$$\tau_i \max\{F(T_i, T_i, T_i + \tau_i) - k, 0\}.$$

A **cap** is a set of caplets. The price of a caplet using the Black model is given by:

$$V_i(0) = P(0, T_{i+1})N_i\tau_i(F_i(0)\Phi(a_{1i}) - k\Phi(a_{2i})),$$

where

- k the strike of an interest rate cap
- V_i value of i th caplet
- τ_i time to maturity of the i th caplet
- T_i reset dates of forward rate
- P discount factor
- N_i notional principal of each caplet
- F forward rate
- τ_i tenor or $T_{i+1} - T_i$.

a_{1i} and a_{2i} are given by

$$a_{1i} = \frac{\ln(F_i(0)/k) + \sigma_i^2 T_i / 2}{\sigma_i \sqrt{T_i}},$$

$$a_{2i} = a_{1i} - \sigma_i \sqrt{T_i},$$

and σ_i denotes the volatility for the i th caplet.

A **floorlet** connected with the forward rate $F(T_i, T_i, T_i + \tau_i)$ and with strike k , is a contract, which at time $T_i + \tau_i$ gives the holder the cash flow:

$$\tau_i \max\{k - F(T_i, T_i, T_i + \tau_i), 0\}.$$

A **floor** is a set of floorlets. The price of a floorlet using the Black model is given by:

$$V_i(0) = P(0, T_{i+1}) N_i \tau_i (k \Phi(-a_{2i}) - F_i(0) \Phi(-a_{1i})),$$

LIBOR Market Model

Let the tenor structure be $0 = T_0 < T_1 < \dots < T_n$ and i an integer ranging over the resets of the rates, e.g. $1 \leq i \leq n$.

We define $\eta(t)$ to be the unique index such that $T_{\eta(t)}$ is the next tenor date after t .

The (one factor) model is given by the following stochastic differential equation (SDE) for the underlying rates (swap or forward):

$$\frac{df_i}{f_i} = \mu_i(f_i(t), t) dt + \sigma_i(t) dz(t),$$

where

- f_i forward/swap rate at time i
- μ_i drift term
- σ_i volatility of rate i
- $z(t)$ Wiener process.

The solution to this SDE is:

$$f_i(t) = f_i(0) \exp \left(\int_0^t \left(\mu_i(s) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i^2(s) \right) ds + \int_0^t \sigma_i(s) dz(s) \right).$$

The drift terms μ_i depend on the choice of numeraire and can be determined by applying the assumption of no arbitrage. Suppose we have forward rates as the underlying rates and choose $P(T_0, T_{i+1})$ as the numeraire. Then the drift terms become

$$\mu_i(t) = \sigma_i(t) \sum_{k=\eta(t)}^i \frac{\tau_i f_i(t) \sigma_k(t)}{1 + \tau_i f_i(t)}.$$

A one-factor model means that all the rates are perfectly instantaneously correlated. In this case, a single Wiener process is sufficient to evolve the rates. This is not often a reasonable assumption, and eliminates one of the advantages of employing the LIBOR Market model. A m -factor model is one where m independent Wiener processes are used to evolve the rates. In this case the equation becomes

$$\frac{df_i}{f_i} = \mu_i(f_i(t), t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^m \sigma_{i,k}(t) dz_k(t).$$

where $\sigma_{i,k}(t)$ is the component of the volatility of $f_i(t)$

attributable to the k th factor. They must satisfy

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \sigma_{i,k}^2(t) = \sigma_i^2(t).$$

The solution of the SDE is

$$f_i(t) = f_i(0) \exp \left(\int_0^T \left(\mu_i(s) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i^2(s) \right) ds + \sum_{k=1}^m \int_0^T \sigma_{i,k}(s) dz_k(s) \right).$$

Cap volatility calibration

Assume that each underlying rate $f_i(t)$ has a lognormal distribution with variance equal to $\sigma_B^2 t$, where σ_B^2 is the implied Black volatility, which can be read from the market. Then the instantaneous volatility at reset for each rate is related to the above expression in the following way:

$$\int_0^{T_i} \sigma_i^2(t) dt = \sigma_B^2 T_i. \quad (1)$$

There are (infinitely) many solutions to these equations, and our goal is to pick one that fits our needs. Let

$$\sigma(t) = (a + bt)e^{-ct} + d$$

and

$$\sigma_i(t) = k_i \sigma(T_i - t).$$

The calibration proceeds as follows.

- ① Find values on the constants a , b , c , and d such that equation (1) fit as close as possible.

② Set values of the k_i as

$$k_i = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_B^2 T_i}{\int_0^{T_i} \sigma_i^2(t) dt}}.$$

The second step ensures equality for the equations in (1), that is, the instantaneous volatility and the implied Black volatility is equal at each reset. This completes the volatility calibration for caps.

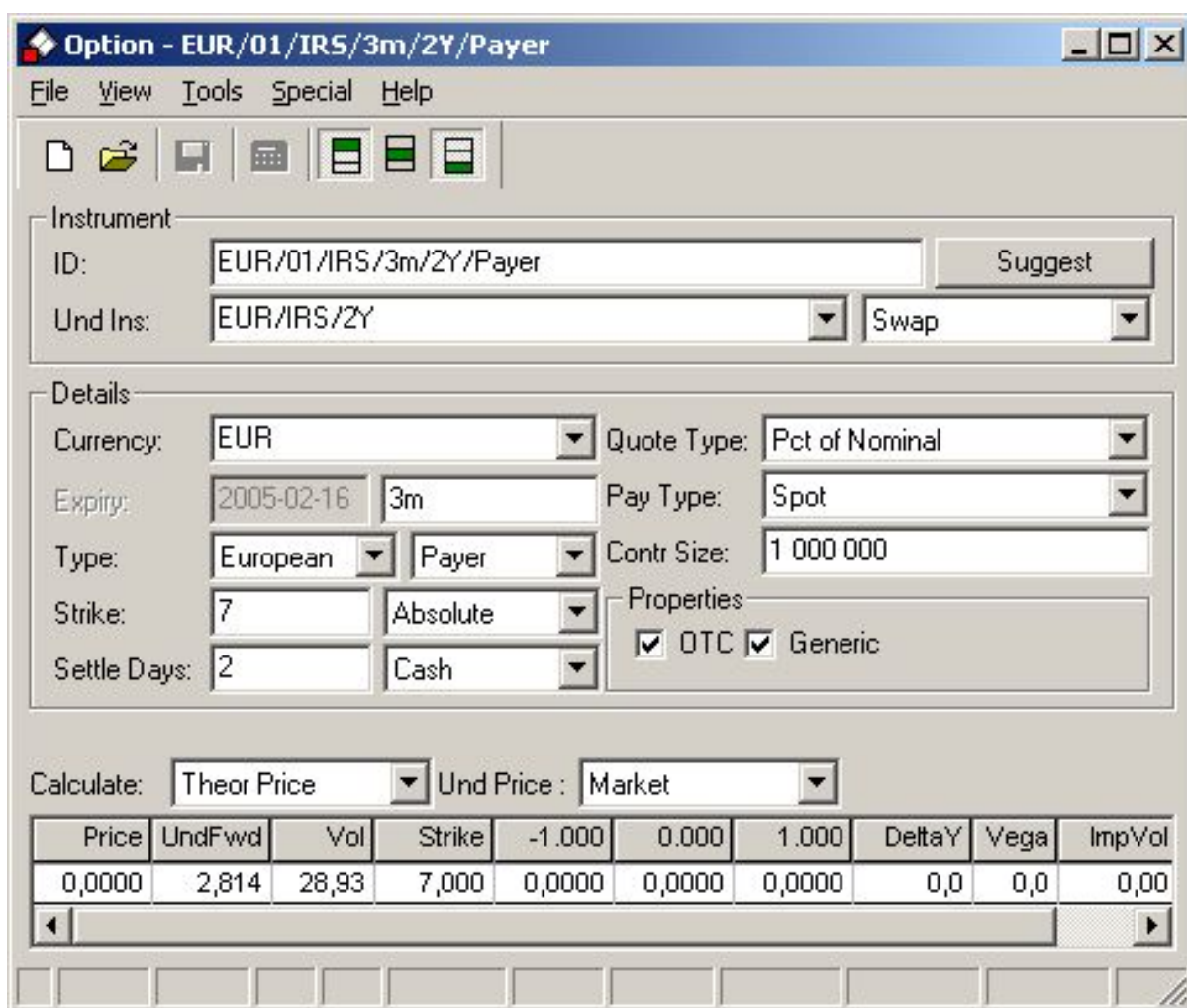
Context mapping

In order to use the LIBOR Market Model when valuing instruments the following context mappings must be performed:

- ① Map the instrument to the **Core Valuation Function > LIBOR Market Model**. This mapping tells FRONT ARENA to value the instrument with the LIBOR Market Model.
- ② Map the instrument to an appropriate correlation matrix. The LIBOR Market Model requires a correlation matrix as input, and this mapping makes sure it gets one.
- ③ Map the instrument to an appropriate volatility Landscape. If the instrument is a Cap/Floor it suffices to map a volatility Landscape to the rate index. If the instrument is a Swaption, we must, in addition, map a volatility Landscape to the instrument itself. The LIBOR Market Model then uses these volatilities (or this volatility if the instrument is a Cap/Floor) in its calibration step.

These mappings are specific for the LIBOR Market Model. There are also some general valuation mappings that must be done.

To illustrate this mapping process lets consider the following Swaption:



It has the following underlying swap:

Swap - EUR/IRS/2Y

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ID: EUR/IRS/2Y Generic

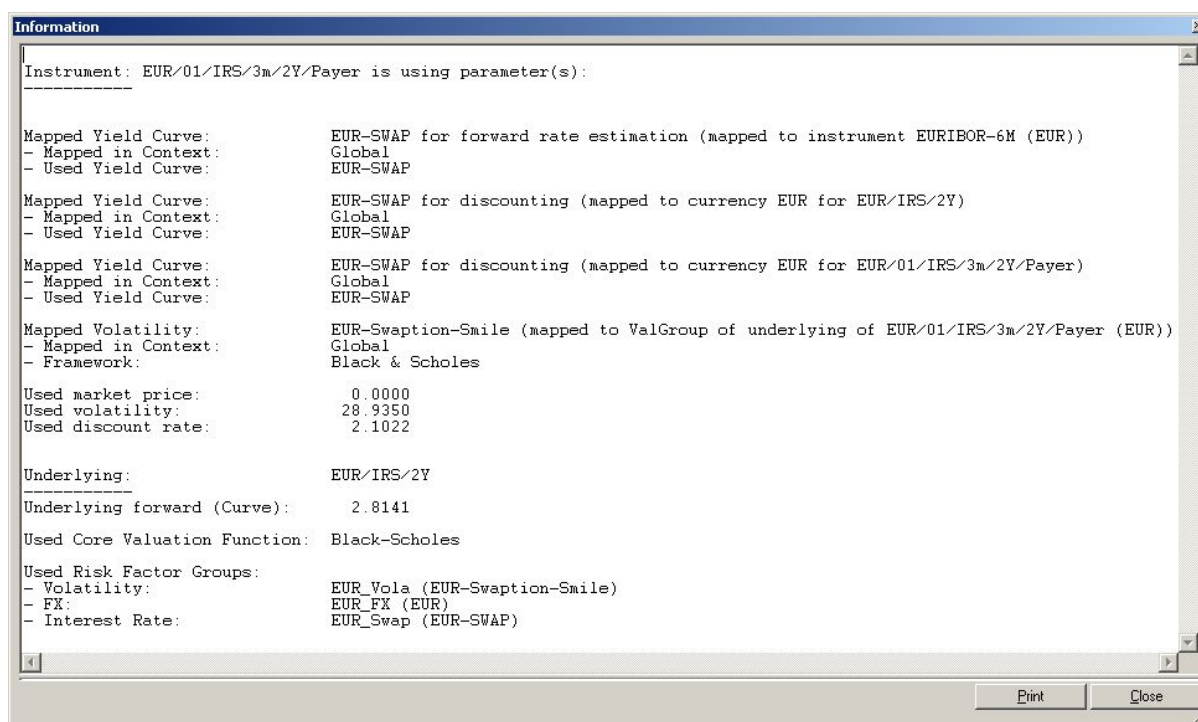
Start: 2004-11-18 0d Yield Curve: EUR-SWAP Trade No:

End: 2006-11-20 2y Pay/Receive: Receive Status: FO Confirmed

Receive		Pay	
Fixed/Float:	Fixed	Fixed/Float:	Float
Currency:	EUR	Currency:	EUR
Nominal:	1 000 000	Nominal:	1 000 000
Fixed Rate:	2.815	Fixed Rate:	0
Float Ref:	<input type="text"/>	Float Ref:	EURIBOR-6M
Spread:	0	Spread:	0
Daycount:	30/360 <input type="button" value="Dates..."/>	Daycount:	Act/360 <input type="button" value="Dates..."/>
Rolling:	1y 2005-04-24	Rolling:	6m 2005-04-24
Compounding:	0d None <input type="text"/>	Compounding:	0d Single <input type="text"/>
Pay Offset:	0d Mod. Following <input type="text"/>	Pay Offset:	0d Mod. Following <input type="text"/>
PV:	0	PV:	0

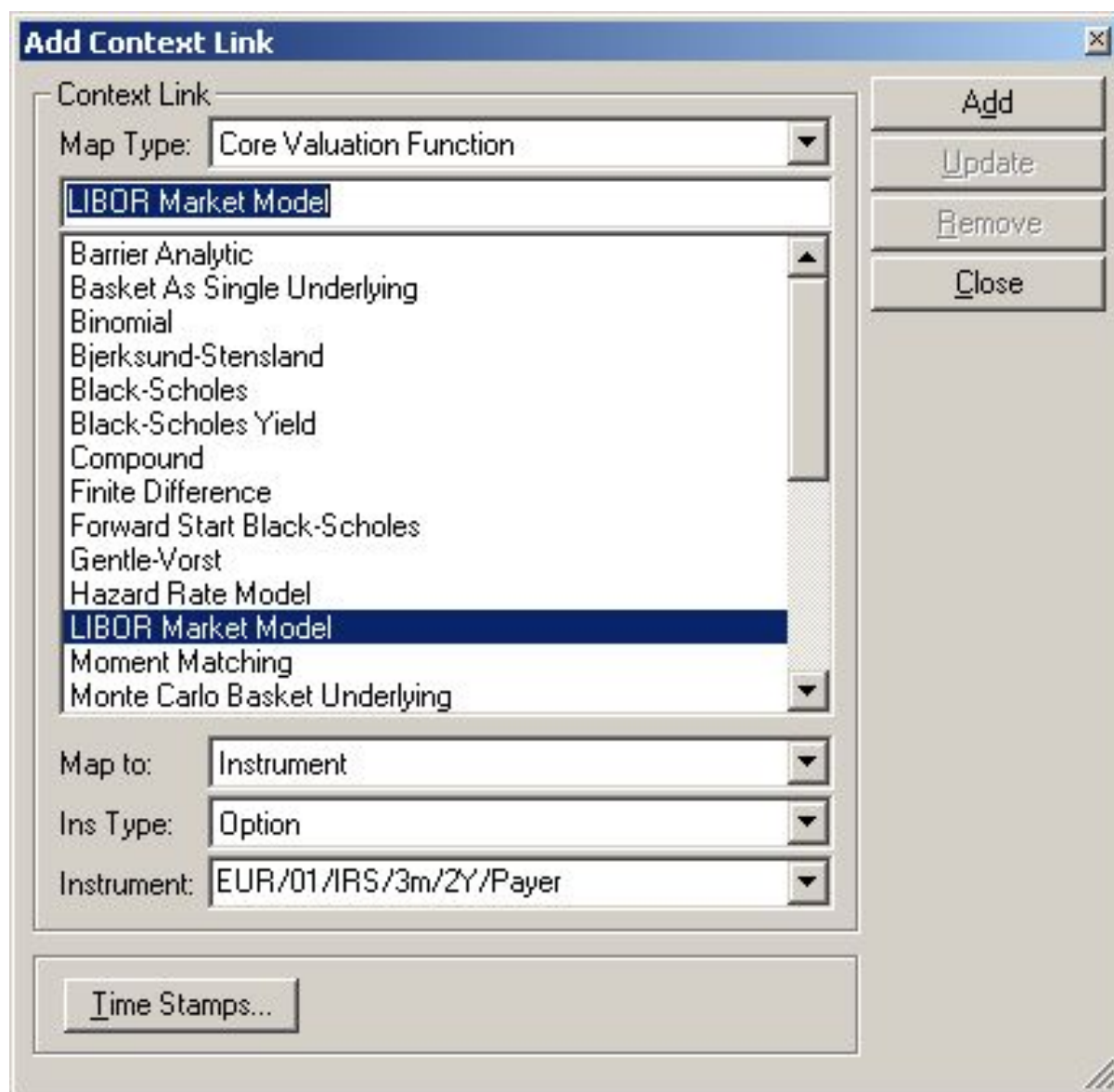
Counterparty: Commerzbank Frank Portfolio: IR300

In the **Special > Information** window of the Swaption we can see the mappings that apply. They are as follows:



In order to value the Swaption with the LIBOR Market Model, it must first be mapped to the **Core Valuation Function** LIBOR Market Model in the **Context** application.

First, open an appropriate context in **File > Open**. In this example it is 'Global'. To add a context link select **Edit > Add ContextLink** as follows:



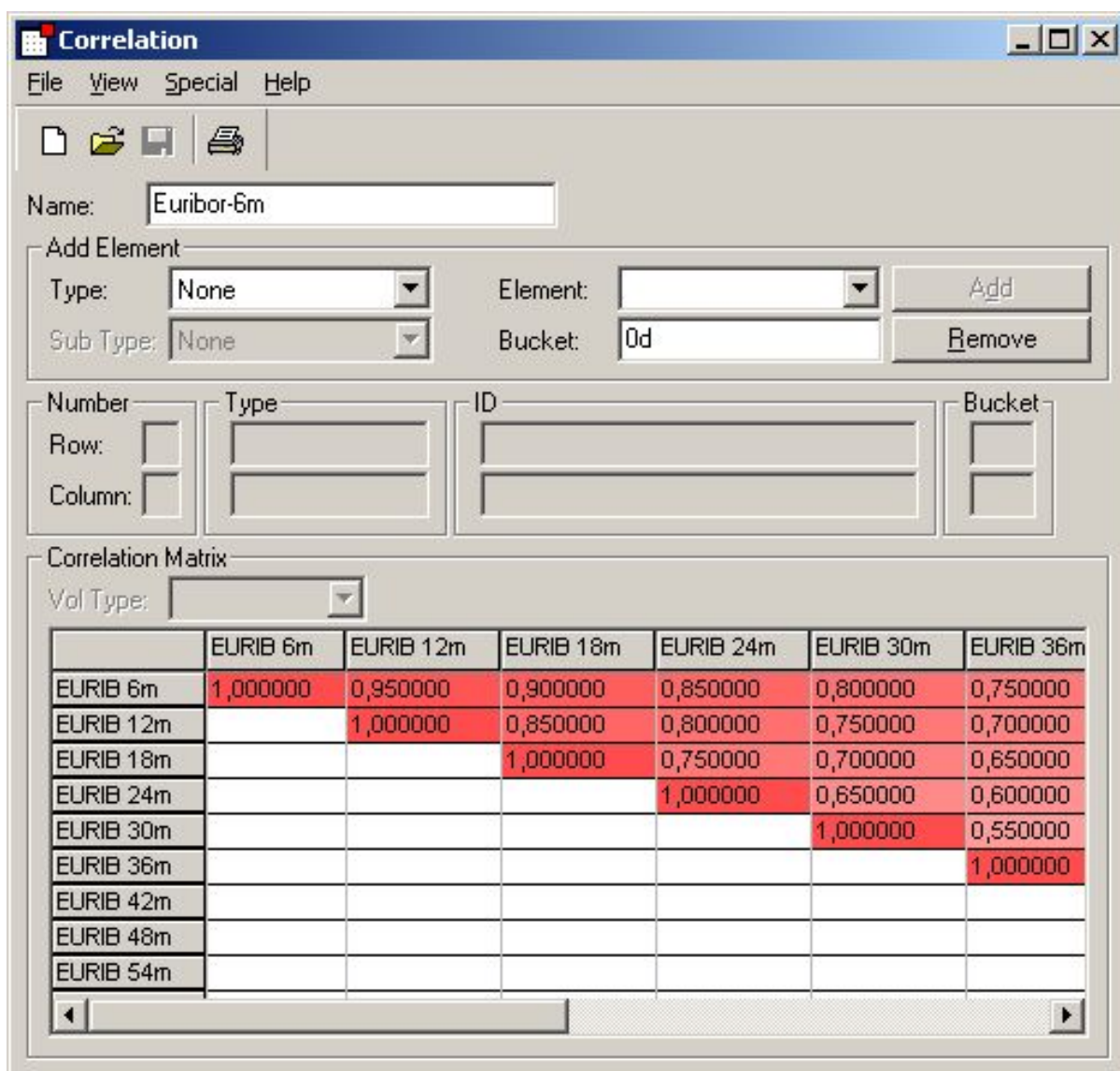
Once the ContextLink has been added it will appear in the **Context** application window as displayed in the following figure:

Context: Global

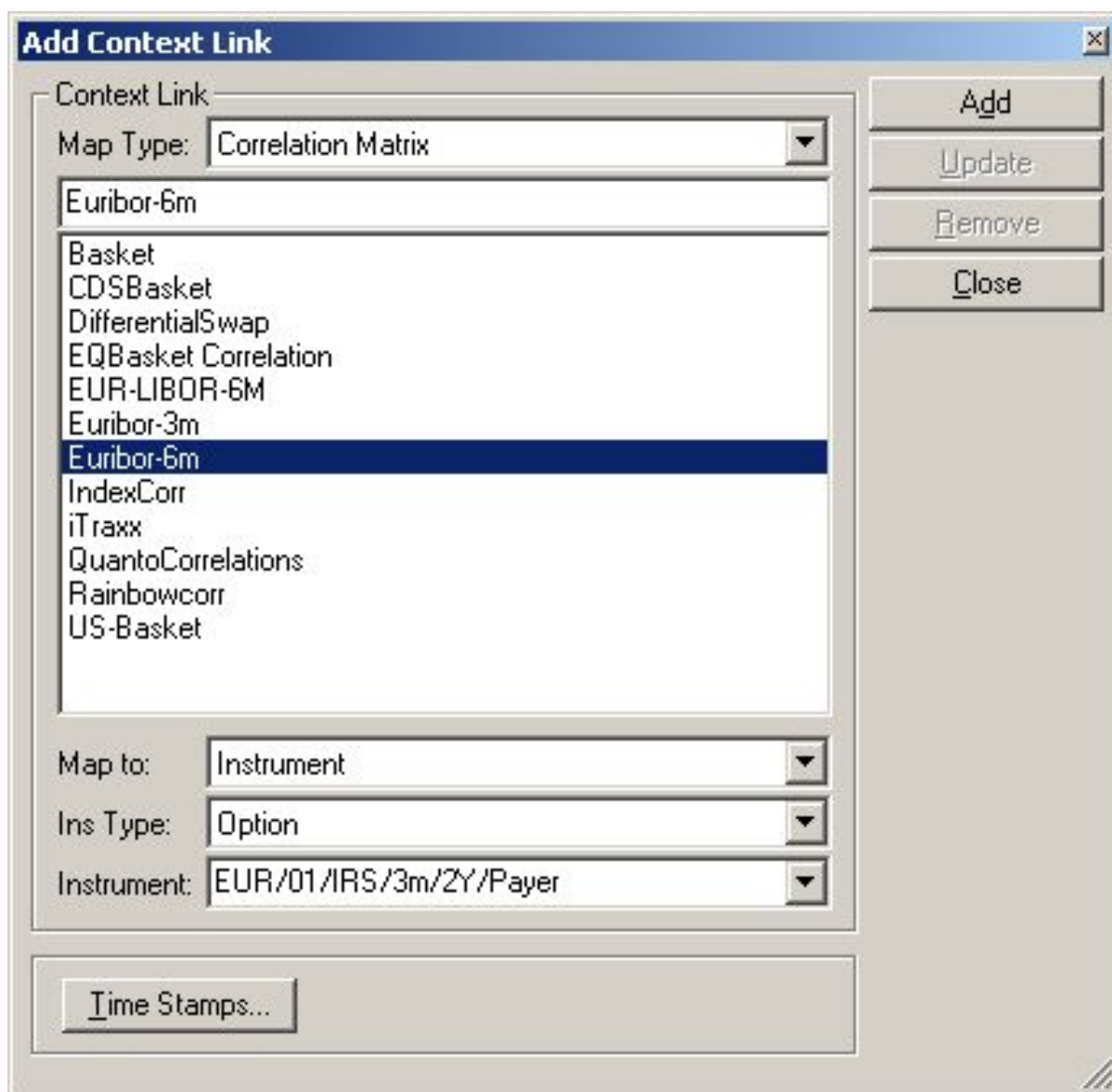
Instrument	Group	Curr	Attr 1	Attr 2	Attr 3	Mapping Type	Parameter Name
CPI-U (NSA) USA						Instrument	cpi.usd_interp
ZAR/CPI						Instrument	cpi.zar_interp
	CreditProp					Val Group	Hazard Rate h
	LMM					Val Group	LIBOR Market
	LMM-Cap/Floor					Val Group	LIBOR Market
A EUR/01/IRS/3m/2Y/Payer						Instrument	LIBOR Market
		AUD				Instrument	AUD-SWAP
	Government	CAD				Val Group	CAD-GOV
		CAD				Instrument	CAD-SWAP
	CCS	CHF				Val Group	CHF-Basis-SV
	Government	CHF				Val Group	CHF-GOV

In the above illustration it can be seen that the “EUR/01/IRS/3m/2Y/Payer” instrument is associated with the “LIBOR Market Model” Core Valuation Function. Therefore, this Core Valuation Function will be used in the valuation.

An integral part of the LIBOR Market valuation process is setting the correlations between the rates, which are user defined. Correlations matrices are set up using the **Correlation** application, which is accessed by selecting **Data > Correlation** from the PRIME. The correlation matrix used by “EUR/01/IRS/3m/2Y/Payer” is illustrated in the figure below:



To add this context link select **Edit > Add ContextLink** as the following figure shows:



Once the ContextLink has been added it will appear in the **Context** application window as displayed in the following figure:

Instrument	Group	Curr	Attr 1	Attr 2	Attr 3	Mapping Type	Parameter Name	Parameter Type
	BondOptAm	ZAR				Val Group	ZAR-BondOptionAm	Volatility
	CapFloor	ZAR				Val Group	ZAR-CAPFLOOR	Volatility
		ZAR				Instrument	ZAR-OTC	Volatility
	Swap	ZAR				Val Group	ZAR-Swaption-Smile	Volatility
	QuantoSwap					Val Group	DifferentialSwap	Correlation Matrix
EUR-LIBOR-6M						Instrument	EUR-LIBOR-6M	Correlation Matrix
EURIBOR-3M						Instrument	Euribor-3m	Correlation Matrix
	LMM					Val Group	Euribor-6m	Correlation Matrix
	LMM-Cap/Floor					Val Group	Euribor-6m	Correlation Matrix
EURIBOR-6M						Instrument	Euribor-6m	Correlation Matrix
A EUR/01/IRS/3m/2Y/Payer						Instrument	Euribor-6m	Correlation Matrix

To enable the calibration process to take place it is necessary to map a volatility Landscape to the underlying rate index used by “EUR/01/IRS/3m/2Y/Payer”, in our case “Euribor-6m”. The mapping procedure is performed in the same way as for the correlation matrix mapping and the result is pictured in the following figure:

Instrument	Group	Curr	Attr 1	Attr 2	Attr 3	Mapping Type	Parameter Name	Parameter Type
	LMM-Cap/Floor	EUR				Val Group	EUR-CAPFLOOR	Volatility
EURIBOR-3M		EUR				Instrument	EUR-CAPFLOOR	Volatility
EUR-LIBOR-6M		EUR				Instrument	EUR-CAPFLOOR	Volatility
	BondFuture	EUR				Val Group	EUR-FutureOption	Volatility
	QuantoSwap	EUR				Val Group	EUR-HullWhite	Volatility
U EURIBOR-6M		EUR				Instrument	EUR-Swaption	Volatility
	Swap	EUR				Val Group	EUR-Swaption-Smile	Volatility
	LMM	EUR				Val Group	EUR-Swaption-Smile	Volatility
STOXX50		EUR				Instrument	EuroSTOXX50	Volatility
EUR		USD				Instrument	FX/EURUSD	Volatility
DCX		EUR				Instrument	Flat Vol	Volatility

Once more, to enable the calibration to take place it is also necessary to map “EUR/01/IRS/3m/2Y/Payer” to an appropriate volatility Landscape. In this

example the volatility Landscape 'EUR-Swaption' is chosen as illustrated in the following figure:

The screenshot shows a window titled 'Context - Global' with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Tools, Special, Help) and a toolbar. Below the toolbar is a 'Context:' field set to 'Global'. The main area is a table titled 'Context Links' with the following data:

Instrument	Group	Curr	Attr 1	Attr 2	Attr 3	Mapping Type	Parameter Name	Parameter Type
	LMM-Cap/Floor	EUR				Val Group	EUR-CAP/FLOOR	Volatility
EURIBOR-3M		EUR				Instrument	EUR-CAP/FLOOR	Volatility
EUR-LIBOR-6M		EUR				Instrument	EUR-CAP/FLOOR	Volatility
	BondFuture	EUR				Val Group	EUR-FutureOption	Volatility
	QuantoSwap	EUR				Val Group	EUR-HullWhite	Volatility
U EURIBOR-6M		EUR				Instrument	EUR-Swaption	Volatility
A EUR/01/IRS/3m2Y/Payer		EUR				Instrument	EUR-Swaption	Volatility
	Swap	EUR				Val Group	EUR-Swaption-Smile	Volatility
	LMM	EUR				Val Group	EUR-Swaption-Smile	Volatility
STOXX50		EUR				Instrument	EuroSTOXX50	Volatility
EUR		USD				Instrument	FX/EURUSD	Volatility

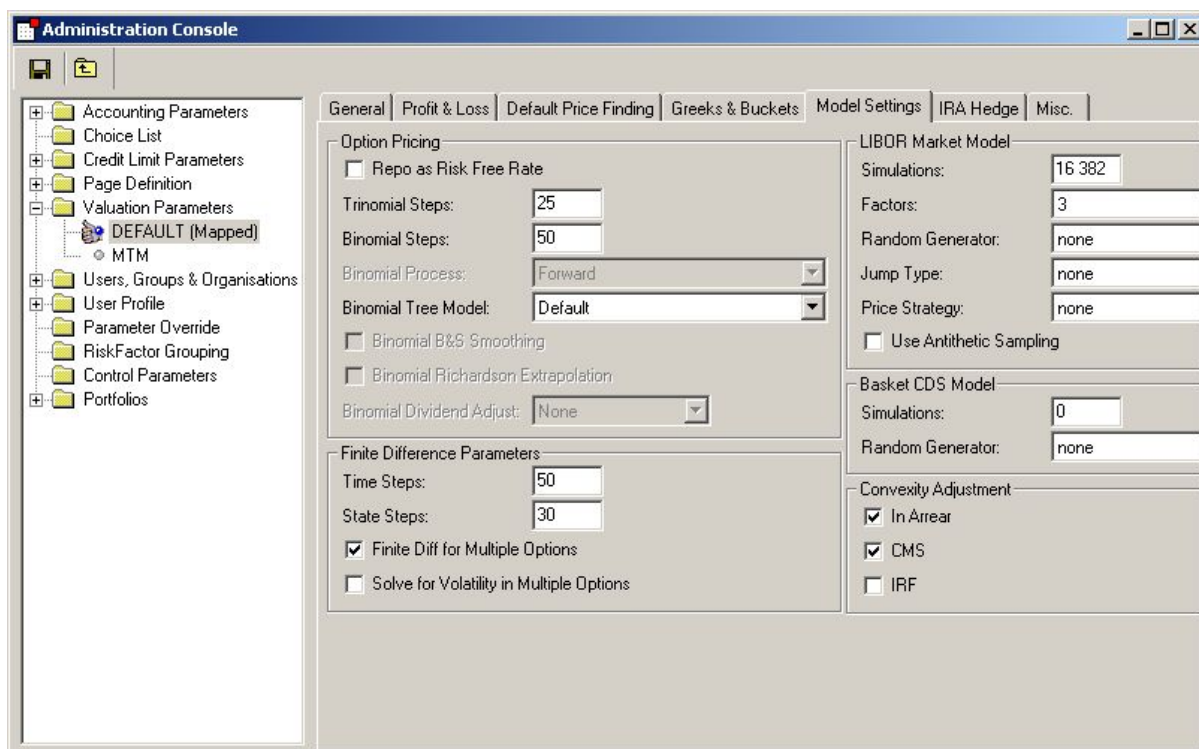
There is one difference between how you map a Swaption and a Cap/Floor. For a Cap/Floor it is sufficient (and necessary) to map a volatility Landscape to the rate index.

A Swaption needs in addition, one volatility Landscape mapped to the instrument itself. The other mappings are necessary for both Swaptions and Caps/Floors.

Valuation parameters

Before running the LIBOR Market Model in FRONT ARENA, it is necessary to specify the number of Monte Carlo simulations and the number of factors to be used by the model. This is done in **Admin > Administration Console** application.

In the illustration below the number of simulations used is 16,382 and the number of factors is 3:



Caps and floors

It is assumed that all the necessary settings, as discussed before, have been taken care of. The different Caps/Floors that can be valued in FRONT ARENA using the LIBOR Market Model are plain vanilla, “Ratchet”, “Sticky”, “Momentum”, “Flexi”, and “Chooser”.

All are described there, with the exception of a plain vanilla. Assuming that the correct settings have been done, entering a plain vanilla Cap/Floor and value it with the LIBOR Market Model is no different had it been valued with Black’s Model.

From hereon we only discuss Caps. Definitions of the Floors can easily be derived from the corresponding Cap definitions.

Notation

$T_1 < T_1 < \dots < T_n$ the reset dates of the cap
 K_i the strike at the i th reset
 L_i the LIBOR with reset at T_i .

The following table maps the different fields in the Cap definition in FRONT ARENA to a variable name that is more appropriate to use in the mathematical formulas.

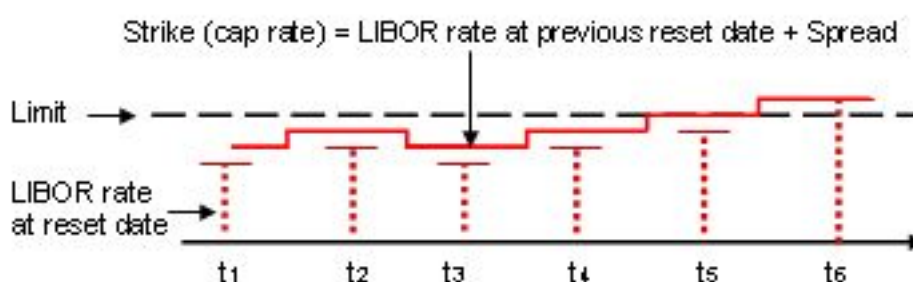
Field	Variable
Spread	X
Limit	m
Strike	K
Barrier	b

Ratchet cap

A Ratchet Cap is like a plain vanilla Cap except that the strike is given by:

$$K_i = \begin{cases} \min\{K, m\}, & i = 1 \\ \min\{K_{i-1} + X, m\}, & i > 1. \end{cases}$$

Ratchet Caps incorporate rules for determining how the cap rate for each caplet is set. The cap rate equals the LIBOR rate at the previous reset date plus a spread. A limit is then set on the strike level, above which a strike cannot be set.



Entering a Ratchet Cap involves setting three additional fields in the Cap definition compared to entering a plain vanilla Cap. To start with, we have to set **Exotic Type** > **Ratchet**. This makes the

fields **Spread** and **Limit** appear in the Cap definition. Finally, we need to set **Spread** and **Limit**.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Cap - EUR/RatchetCAP/031113-181113/4-0.25-10". The window contains a menu bar (File, View, Tools, Special, Help) and a toolbar. Below the toolbar, there is an "Instrument" section with a text field containing the ID "EUR/RatchetCAP/031113-181113/4-0.25-10" and a "Suggest" button. The main area is divided into "Details" and "Properties" sections. The "Details" section includes fields for Currency (EUR), Strike (4), Absolute (dropdown), Start (2003-11-13, -53w), End (2018-11-13, 15y), Val Group (LMM-Cap/Floor), Price Find (dropdown), Category (dropdown), Quote Type (Pct of Nominal), Float Ref (EURIBOR-6M), Day Count (Act/360), Pay Cal 1 (Target), Pay Cal 2 (dropdown), Rolling (6m, 2018-11-13), Pay Offset (0d, Mod. Following), Exotic type (Ratchet), Spread (0,25), and Limit (10). The "Properties" section has checkboxes for Generic, Exclude 1st, Long Stub, Callable, Digital, and Putable, along with buttons for Resets..., Exercises..., and Break....

Note that the **Strike** field in the Cap definition has a different meaning in a Ratchet Cap than in a plain vanilla Cap. In a Ratchet Cap it decides the initial value on the strike.

Sticky cap

A Sticky Cap is like a plain vanilla Cap except that the strike is given by:

$$K_i = \begin{cases} \min\{K, m\}, & i = 1 \\ \min\{\min\{K_{i-1}, L_{i-1}\} + X, m\}, & i > 1. \end{cases}$$

In a Sticky Cap, the cap rate equals the previous capped rate plus a spread. A limit is then set on the strike level, above which a strike cannot be set.

Entering a Sticky Cap involves setting three additional fields in the Cap definition compared to entering a plain vanilla Cap. To start with, it is necessary to set **Exotic Type** > **Sticky**. This makes the fields **Spread** and **Limit** appear in the Cap definition. Finally, we need to set **Spread** and **Limit**.

Note that the **Strike** field in the Cap definition has a different meaning in a 'Sticky' Cap than in a plain vanilla Cap. In a 'Sticky' Cap it decides the initial value on the strike.

Cap - EUR/StickyCAP/030813-090813/3-0.5-7

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Instrument
 ID: EUR/StickyCAP/030813-090813/3-0.5-7 Suggest

Details

Currency: EUR Strike: 3 Absolute

Start: 2003-08-13 -327d End: 2009-08-13 6y

Float Ref: EURIBOR-6M Day Count: Act/360

Pay Cal 1: Target Properties
 Generic Exclude 1st

Rolling: 6m 2009-08-13

Exotic type: Sticky

Spread: 0,5

Limit: 7

Calculate: Theor Price

Price	Vol	Strike	-1.000	0.000	1.000	DeltaY	Vega	ImpVol	ImpStr	Z
0,0000	16,58	3,000	3,6709	3,7495	3,8291	15,8	790,8	0,00	0,000	

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Momentum cap

A Momentum Cap is like a plain vanilla Cap except that the strike is given by:

$$K_i = \begin{cases} \min\{K, m\}, & i = 1 \\ \min\{K_{i-1} + X, m\}, & i > 1, L_i - b > L_{i-1} \\ \min\{K_{i-1}, m\}, & i > 1, L_i - b \leq L_{i-1}. \end{cases}$$

Entering a Momentum Cap involves setting four additional fields in the Cap definition compared to entering a plain vanilla Cap. To start with, we have to set **Exotic Type** > **Momentum**. This makes the fields **Barrier**, **Spread** and **Limit** appear in the Cap definition. Finally, we need to set **Barrier**, **Spread** and **Limit**.

Note that the **Strike** field in the Cap definition has a different meaning in a Momentum Cap than in a plain vanilla Cap. In a Momentum Cap it decides the initial value on the strike.

Cap - EUR/MomentumCAP/031205-131205/4-6-0.25-

File View Tools Special Help

Instrument
 ID: EUR/MomentumCAP/031205-131205/4-6-0.25- Suggest

Details

Currency: EUR Strike: 4 Absolute

Start: 2003-12-05 -50w End: 2013-12-05 10y

Float Ref: EURIBOR-6M Day Count: Act/360

Pay Cal 1: Target Properties
 Generic Exclude 1st

Rolling: 6m 2013-12-05

Exotic type: Momentum

Barrier: 6

Spread: 0,25

Limit: 7

Calculate: Theor Price

Price	Vol	Strike	-1.000	0.000	1.000	DeltaY	Vega	ImpVol	ImpStr	ZCC
0,0000	0,00	4,000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0	0,0	0,00	0,000	0

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Flexi cap

Let a be a positive integer less than or equal to the number of resets, i.e. $0 < a \leq n$. A Flexi Cap is like an ordinary Cap except that only the a first in-the-money Caplets are exercised.

Cap - EUR/FlexiCAP13/031205-131205/4

File View Tools Special Help

Instrument
ID: EUR/FlexiCAP13/031205-131205/4 Suggest

Details

Currency: EUR Strike: 4 Absolute

Start: 2003-12-05 -50w End: 2013-12-05 10y

Float Ref: EURIBOR-6M Day Count: Act/360

Pay Cal 1: Target Properties
 Generic Exclude 1st

Rolling: 6m 2013-12-05

Exotic type: Flexi

Exercises: 13

Calculate: Theor Price

Price	Vol	Strike	-1.000	0.000	1.000	DeltaY	Vega	ImpVol	ImpStr	ZCC
0,0000	0,00	4,000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0	0,0	0,00	0,000	0

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Entering a Flexi Cap involves setting two additional fields in the Cap definition compared to

entering a plain vanilla Cap. To start with, we have to set **Exotic Type** > **Flexi**. This makes the field **Exercises** appear in the Cap definition, which corresponds to the integer a seen above. Finally, we need to set this field.

Chooser cap

Let a be a positive integer less than or equal to the number of resets, i.e. $0 < a \leq n$. A chooser Cap is like a Flexi Cap except that the contract holder can choose which a Caplets to exercise. Once the reset of a Caplet has taken place, it can no longer be chosen.

This is how the LIBOR Market Model in FRONT ARENA values a chooser Cap. Of course, it includes all the chosen Caplets. Suppose that c Caplets have been chosen, and that $c < a \leq n$. This means that there are still $a - c$ Caplets that can be chosen. In this case it picks $a - c$, or as many as possible but no more than $a - c$, of the remaining Caplets with highest present value. In other words, it employs an optimal strategy for the remaining of the Cap.

Initially, entering a chooser Cap involves setting two additional fields in the Cap definition compared to entering a plain vanilla Cap. To start with, we have to set **Exotic Type** > **Chooser**. This makes the field **Exercises** appear in the Cap definition, which corresponds to the integer a seen above. Finally, we

need to set this field.

During the life of the chooser Cap we must choose which of the a Caplets to exercise. We choose a Caplet by entering a non-zero value in the record **fixed_time** of the database table **CashFlow**.

The screenshot shows the 'Cap' software interface with the following configuration:

- Instrument ID:** EUR/ChooserCAP13/031205-131205/4
- Currency:** EUR
- Strike:** 4
- Strike Type:** Absolute
- Start:** 2003-12-05
- End:** 2013-12-05
- Float Ref:** EURIBOR-6M
- Day Count:** Act/360
- Pay Cal 1:** Target
- Rolling:** 6m
- Exotic type:** Chooser
- Exercises:** 13
- Properties:** Generic, Exclude 1st
- Calculate:** Theor Price

Price	Vol	Strike	-1.000	0.000	1.000	DeltaY	Vega	ImpVol	ImpStr	ZCC
0,0000	0,00	4,000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0	0,0	0,00	0,000	0

At the bottom of the window, the word 'exotic' is visible in a small box.

Now we have defined the chooser Cap. Let us take a look at the **Tools > Cash Flow Table** when we have not chosen any Caplet to exercise.

Cashflow Table - EUR/ChooserCAP13/031205-131205/4

Name: EUR/ChooserCAP13/031205-131205/4

Cashflows

Type	Nominal	Start Day	End Day	Days	Pay Day	Strike	Forw	Exclude	Vol	Proj	PV
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2003-12-05	2004-06-07	185	2004-06-07	4,000000	2,2310	No	13,61	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2004-06-07	2004-12-06	182	2004-12-06	4,000000	2,1670	No	13,61	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2004-12-06	2005-06-06	182	2005-06-06	4,000000	2,1090	No	13,61	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2005-06-06	2005-12-05	182	2005-12-05	4,000000	2,2213	No	13,61	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2005-12-05	2006-06-05	182	2006-06-05	4,000000	2,8369	No	14,18	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2006-06-05	2006-12-05	183	2006-12-05	4,000000	3,3076	No	15,09	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2006-12-05	2007-06-05	182	2007-06-05	4,000000	3,5803	No	15,08	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2007-06-05	2007-12-05	183	2007-12-05	4,000000	3,8679	No	15,11	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2007-12-05	2008-06-05	183	2008-06-05	4,000000	4,1342	No	15,55	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2008-06-05	2008-12-05	183	2008-12-05	4,000000	4,3368	No	15,98	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2008-12-05	2009-06-05	182	2009-06-05	4,000000	4,4893	No	16,42	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2009-06-05	2009-12-07	185	2009-12-07	4,000000	4,6465	No	16,81	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2009-12-07	2010-06-07	182	2010-06-07	4,000000	4,8135	No	16,87	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2010-06-07	2010-12-06	182	2010-12-06	4,000000	4,9717	No	16,94	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2010-12-06	2011-06-06	182	2011-06-06	4,000000	5,0872	No	17,00	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2011-06-06	2011-12-05	182	2011-12-05	4,000000	5,1629	No	17,04	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2011-12-05	2012-06-05	183	2012-06-05	4,000000	5,2493	No	16,82	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2012-06-05	2012-12-05	183	2012-12-05	4,000000	5,3127	No	16,60	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2012-12-05	2013-06-05	182	2013-06-05	4,000000	5,3510	No	16,37	0,00	0,00
Caplet	1 000 000,00	2013-06-05	2013-12-05	183	2013-12-05	4,000000	5,3865	No	16,15	0,00	0,00

Resets

What is interesting is the PV column. We see that the second Caplet is worth 0 although it has a Pay Day in the future. This is because we have not chosen to exercise this Caplet. We will return to this example in the lecture about ARENA SQL.

Example: Bermudan call swaption

Bermudan Swaptions are defined in the Option application by selecting the **Type** > **Bermudan**. The exercise dates are entered in the **Exercise Events** dialog accessed by clicking the **Exercises...** button. This is illustrated in the following figure:

Option - EUR/BermudanSwaption/Receiver

File View Tools Special Help

Instrument

ID: EUR/BermudanSwaption/Receiver Suggest

Und Ins: EUR/IRS/020827-070827/5.5 Swap

Details

Currency: EUR Quote Type: Pct of Nominal

Expiry: 2007-08-23 1009d Pay Type: Spot

Type: Bermudan Receiver Contr Size: 1 000 000

Strike: 5,5 Absolute

Settle Days: 2 Cash

Properties

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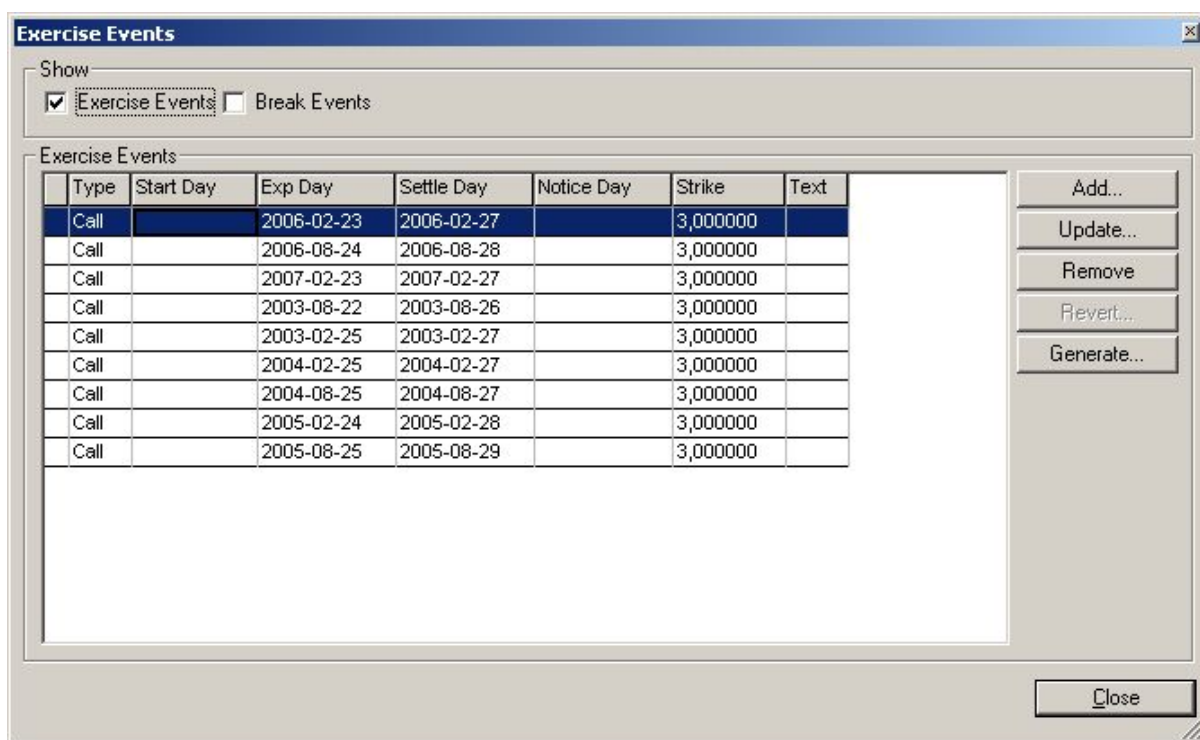
Exercises...*

Calculate: Theor Price Und Price: Market

Price	UndFwd	Vol	Strike	-1.000	0.000	1.000	DeltaY	Vega	ImpVc
0,0000	1,878	22,56	3,000	1,6737	1,7066	1,7416	-159,0	347,4	0,0

exercise

Before proceeding, the underlying instrument must be selected. In this example the instrument EUR/IRS/020827-070827/5.5 has been chosen. The next step is to enter the relevant exercise dates and strike rates. Click the **Exercises...** button to display the **Exercise Events** window:



The underlying swap has the following details:

Swap - EUR/IRS/020827-070827/5.5

File View Tools Special Help

ID: Generic

Start: Yield Curve: Trade No:

End: Pay/Receive: Status:

Receive	Pay
Fixed/Float: <input type="text" value="Fixed"/>	Fixed/Float: <input type="text" value="Float"/>
Currency: <input type="text" value="EUR"/>	Currency: <input type="text" value="EUR"/>
Nominal: <input type="text" value="1 000 000"/>	Nominal: <input type="text" value="1 000 000"/>
Fixed Rate: <input type="text" value="5,5"/>	Fixed Rate: <input type="text" value="0"/>
Float Ref: <input type="text"/>	Float Ref: <input type="text" value="EURIBOR-6M"/>
Spread: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Spread: <input type="text" value="0"/>
Daycount: <input type="text" value="30/360"/> <input type="button" value="Dates..."/>	Daycount: <input type="text" value="Act/360"/> <input type="button" value="Dates..."/>
Rolling: <input type="text" value="12m"/> <input type="text" value="2007-08-27"/>	Rolling: <input type="text" value="6m"/> <input type="text" value="2007-08-27"/>
Compounding: <input type="text" value="0d"/> <input type="text" value="None"/>	Compounding: <input type="text" value="0d"/> <input type="text" value="Single"/>
Pay Offset: <input type="text" value="0d"/> <input type="text" value="Mod. Following"/>	Pay Offset: <input type="text" value="0d"/> <input type="text" value="Mod. Following"/>
PV: <input type="text" value="0"/>	PV: <input type="text" value="0"/>

Counterparty: Portfolio:

Exercises

- ① Calculate the theoretical price of the ratchet floor with the following parameters

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Floor - EUR/RatchetFloor/031205-061205/4-0.5-3". The window contains a menu bar (File, View, Tools, Special, Help) and a toolbar with icons for file operations and data visualization. Below the toolbar is an "Instrument" section with a text field containing the instrument ID "EUR/RatchetFloor/031205-061205/4-0.5-3" and a "Suggest" button. The "Details" section is divided into two columns. The left column contains: Currency: EUR; Start: 2003-12-05 with a "-50w" modifier; Float Ref: EURIBOR-6M; Pay Cal 1: New York; Rolling: 6m with a "2006-12-05" date; Exotic type: Ratchet; Spread: 0,5; Limit: 3. The right column contains: Strike: 4 with an "Absolute" dropdown; End: 2006-12-05 with a "3y" modifier; Day Count: Act/360; Properties: Generic and Exclude 1st. At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with the word "exotic" and several empty boxes.

using the LIBOR market model.

- ② Calculate the theoretical price of the sticky cap with the following parameters

Cap - EUR/StickyCAP/031113-061113/4-0.25-6

File View Tools Special Help

Instrument
ID: EUR/StickyCAP/031113-061113/4-0.25-6 Suggest

Details

Currency: EUR Strike: 4 Absolute

Start: 2003-11-13 -261d End: 2006-11-13 3y

Float Ref: EURIBOR-6M Day Count: Act/360

Pay Cal 1: Target

Rolling: 6m 2006-11-13

Exotic type: Sticky

Spread: 0,25

Limit: 6

Properties
 Generic Exclude 1st

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using the LIBOR market model.

- ③ Calculate the theoretical price of the flexi cap with the following parameters

Cap - EUR/FlexiCAP4/030513-070514/3.00

File View Tools Special Help

Instrument
ID: EUR/FlexiCAP4/030513-070514/3.00 Suggest

Details

Currency: EUR Strike: 3 Absolute

Start: 2003-05-13 -384d End: 2007-05-14 4y

Float Ref: EURIBOR-6M Day Count: Act/360

Pay Cal 1: Frankfurt Properties
 Generic Exclude 1st

Rolling: 6m 2007-05-13

Exotic type: Flexi

Exercises: 4

exotic

using the LIBOR market model.

④ The underlying swap has the following details:

Swap - EUR/IRS/020827-070827/5.5			
File View Tools Special Help			
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
ID:	EUR/IRS/020827-070827/5.5		Suggest <input type="checkbox"/> Generic
Start:	2002-08-27	-565d	Yield Curve: EUR-SWAP Trade No: <input type="text"/>
End:	2007-08-27	5y	Pay/Receive: Receive Status: FO Confirmed
Receive		Pay	
Fixed/Float:	Fixed	Fixed/Float:	Float
Currency:	EUR	Currency:	EUR
Nominal:	1 000 000	Nominal:	1 000 000
Fixed Rate:	5,5	Fixed Rate:	0
Float Ref:		Float Ref:	EURIBOR-6M
Spread:	0	Spread:	0
Daycount:	30/360	Daycount:	Act/360
Rolling:	12m	Rolling:	6m
Compounding:	0d	Compounding:	0d
Pay Offset:	0d	Pay Offset:	0d
PV:	0	PV:	0
Counterparty: Commerzbank Franl		Portfolio: IR300	
		Simulate Save New	
add info			

The corresponding Bermudan swaption has the following parameters

Option - EUR/BermudanSwaption/Payer

File View Tools Special Help

Instrument

ID: EUR/BermudanSwaption/Payer

Und Ins: EUR/IRS/020827-070827/5.5 Swap

Details

Currency: EUR Quote Type: Pct of Nominal

Expiry: 2007-08-23 1009d Pay Type: Spot

Type: Bermudan Payer Contr Size: 1 000 000

Strike: 5.5 Absolute

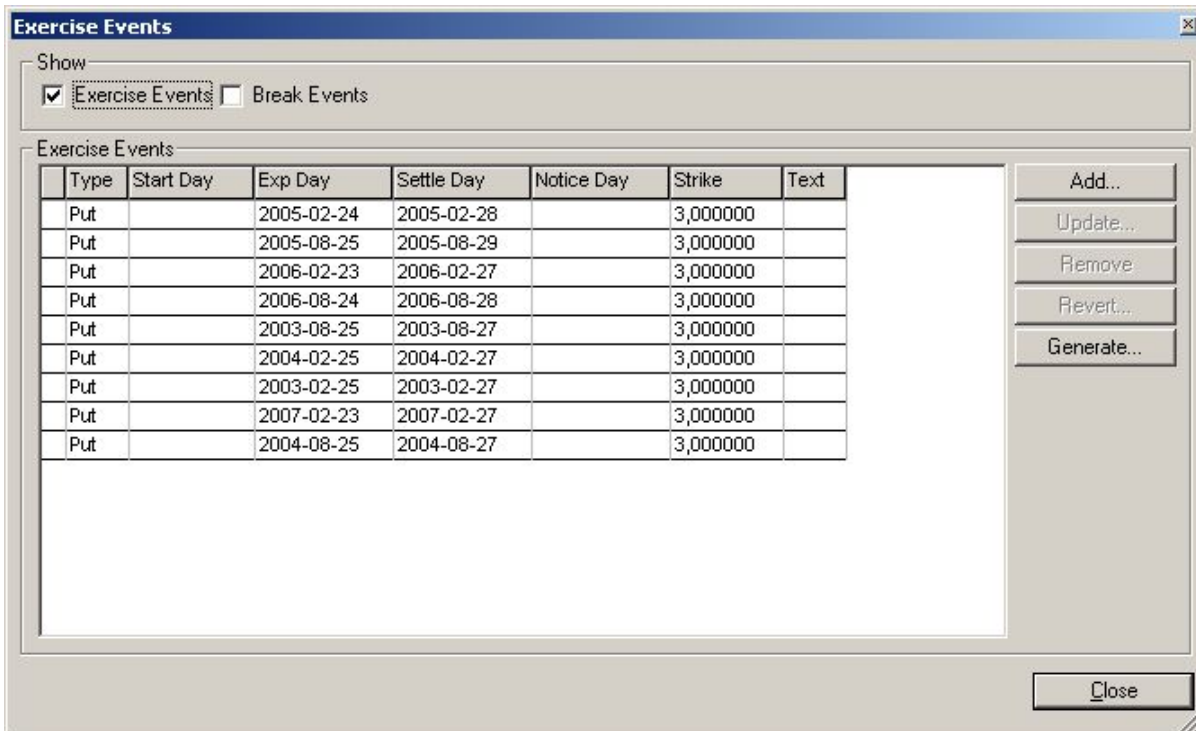
Settle Days: 2 Cash

Properties

OTC Generic

exercise

and the following exercise dates:



Exercise Events

Show

Exercise Events Break Events

Exercise Events

Type	Start Day	Exp Day	Settle Day	Notice Day	Strike	Text
Put		2005-02-24	2005-02-28		3,000000	
Put		2005-08-25	2005-08-29		3,000000	
Put		2006-02-23	2006-02-27		3,000000	
Put		2006-08-24	2006-08-28		3,000000	
Put		2003-08-25	2003-08-27		3,000000	
Put		2004-02-25	2004-02-27		3,000000	
Put		2003-02-25	2003-02-27		3,000000	
Put		2007-02-23	2007-02-27		3,000000	
Put		2004-08-25	2004-08-27		3,000000	

Add...
Update...
Remove
Revert...
Generate...

Close

Calculate the theoretical price of the swaption, using the LIBOR market model.