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Talk Title: Interest Rate Term Structures with Roll-Over Risk

Talk Abstract:

We develop a dynamical no-arbitrage term structure approach that accommodates, aside from interest rate risk and credit risk, chiefly roll-over risk. When refinancing a financial position over fixed periods of time, roll-over risk is a significant source of funding cost, particularly in markets with reduced liquidity. The consistent inclusion of various kinds of risks in our framework is obtained by use of a foreign exchange analogy that assists with understanding the economics behind the construction of the no-arbitrage pricing and hedging models. The ``exchange rates' ', produce the associated risk premia, each of which accounts for the exposure to a specific risk type. One of the intriguing results is a non-standard model for an inter-bank offered rate based on a quanto-adjustment between two (artificial) economies subject, or not, to roll-over risk. Our view is that this approach to incorporating roll-over risk in interest rate term structures produces flexible models for both, the IBOR-OIS spread and the basis-spread dynamics, anchored in a sound financial and mathematical ground. The spreads have an element of endogeneity, that is, the model can be used to extrapolate basis spreads for bespoke tenors, a feature we consider helpful in markets with low liquidity.

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