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SWAPS and SWAPTIONS Interest Rate Risk Exposures

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Outline

Cash flow structure, optionality and pay-off
Overview of the OTC market in 2008
Valuation methodologies – models of the yield curve
Black's formula
Implied volatilities
Data sources – the swap curve
Hedging interest sensitive liabilities with swap and swaptions
Rho, rhoga, vega, volga, rhova
Exotic swaps
GAO hedges: impact of mortality
Liability valuation basis impact: marked to market calibration of yield curve and volatility. Evidence from WP insurers





- Guaranteed Annuity Options ⇔ Mortality linked receiver swaption with an asset linked nominal
 Annuities ⇔ Mortality linked bond portfolios
- •Liability matching strategies utilise opposite exposures

 - Gilts
 Corporate Bonds
 - Receiver Swaps
 - Receiver Swaptions
- The relevance of swaps and swaption is therefore two fold
 - As hedging instruments
 As reference instruments for marked to market calibration

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Receiver/Payer Relationships

Payer Swap + Receiver Swap =0
Receiver Swaption - Payer Swaption =Deferred Receiver Swap

•ATM: Receiver Swaption = Payer Swaption

ATM Strike = Forward Swap Rate

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	Max	Min
Receiver Swap	# Payments x Strike x Nominal	Nominal
Receiver Swaption	# Payments x Strike x Nominal	0





























Swap Valuation

$$V_{swap} = N * (g * [\sum_{i}^{i:x_i=S} ZCB(s_i)] + ZCB(S) - 1)$$

$$V_{swap} = 0$$

$$g_{ATM} = (1 - ZCB(S)) / [\sum_{i}^{i:x_i=S} ZCB(s_i)]$$















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Interest Rate Exposures	Volat	tility S	Sensit	ive	
		Long Position/ Asset	Short Position/ Liability		
Receiver Swap		x	x		
Payer Swap		x	x		
Bonds/Annuities		x	x		
Receiver Swaption/GAO		•	•		
Payer Swaption		•	•		
Net value moves in the opposite direct Losses when volatility goes up	ion to volatility	Net Los	value moves in t ses when volatilit	he same directio y goes down making fra	n to volatility























































Conclusions

- Non-dealer financial companies are important players in the UK swap market
- Insurers' interest rate sensitive exposures can be profoundly manipulated with OTC long term interest rate derivatives
- Hedging schemes must be carefully evaluated
- Yield curve is the single most significant valuation input

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