M^0 Protocol Engineering Specification v1.1

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Overview

M^0 is an EVM-compatible, immutable protocol that enables minting and burning of the ERC20 token \$M. It also allows for \$M distributions to yield earners and governance token (\$ZERO) holders. There are three main types of actors in the protocol - Minters, Validators, and Yield Earners - all of which are permissioned via governance. Protocol variables are also managed by governance and are stored in a Registrar configuration contract.

Main Invariants

1. totalOwedM >= totalMSupply

Reasonable parameter bounds:

30 days with no calls for *protocol.updateIndex*MinterRate - up to 100% (10_000 BPS APY)
EarnerBaseRate - up to 100% (10_000 BPS APY)

2. totalOwedM = totalActiveOwedM + totalInactiveOwedM

3. totalMSupply = totalNonEarningMSupply + totalEarningMSupply

TTG-controlled variables

Name	Definition	Notes & Examples
MintersList	The list of Minters' addresses.	TTG name: MINTERS_LIST
		[0xbCcA4494d525008f70Ba72Ac8D1A57B4D1908F cF,]
ValidatorsList	The list of Validators' addresses.	TTG name: VALIDATORS_LIST
		[0xbCcA4494d525008f70Ba72Ac8D1A57B4D1908F cF,]
EarnersList	The list of whitelisted Yield Earner's addresses.	TTG name: EARNERS_LIST
		[0xbCcA4494d525008f70Ba72Ac8D1A57B4D1908F cF,]

mintRatio MR	The ratio that defines the amount of $owedM_{minter}$ a Minter may maintain relative to their ($collateralValue_{minter}$ - $totalRetrievalAmount$)	TTG name: mint_ratio There is \$9,000 of CV and the MR is 90%. The Minter may mint up to 8,100 \$M without incurring penalty charges.
minterInterestRateModel	Yearly Interest rate that continuously accrues on \$M owed to the protocol.	TTG name: minter_rate_model
minterRate	Smart contract that implements logic for calculation of <i>minterRate</i> .	APY % in BPS
	It implements $getRate()$ method that returns value of $minterRate$ in BPS.	minterRate = 400 bps
earnerInterestRateModel	Yearly Interest rate that continuously accrues on \$M owned by earners.	TTG name: earner_rate_model
earnerRate	Smart contract that implements the logic for calculation of safe $earnerRate$. It implements $getRate()$ method that returns value of	APY % in BPS earnerRate = 300 bps
	earnerRate in BPS.	
penaltyRate	A discrete fee that is levied on:	TTG name: penalty_rate
	 owedM inter if CV was not updated on time. Penalty is charged only once per every 	penalty = 0.1% in BPS
		penaltyRate = 10 bps

	missed $updateCollateralInterval$. 2. $excessiveOwedM_{minter}$ if it is present after the CV_{minter} was updated.	
mintDelay	The amount of time that mint request is delayed by before it can be executed.	TTG name: mint_delay
		mintDelay = 14400 sec
mintTTL	The amount of time that mint request can remain live before it can no longer be executed.	TTG name: mint_ttl
		mintTTL = 18000 sec
minterFreezeTime	The amount of time that <i>Minter</i> stays frozen after one <i>freeze</i> call.	TTG name: minter_freeze_time
		minterFreezeTime = 86400 sec
updateCollateralInterval	The length of time in seconds that <i>Minter</i> has to call <i>updateCollateral</i> , from the previous time it was called	TTG name: update_collateral_interval
	by that minter, before they will incur the penalty.	updateCollateralInterval = 86400 sec
update Collateral Validator Threshol	The number of validators required to verify the validity of $updateCollateral$ l data.	TTG name: update_collateral_threshold
		updateCollateralThreshold = 2
isEarnersListIgnored	Reserved for future use to be able to drop any whitelisting checks for earners.	TTG name: earners_list_ignored earnersListIgnored = false

Protocol variables and definitions

Name	Definition	Notes & Example
collateral minter	The current value of t-bills in the Minter's SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle).	There are \$10,000 of t-bills in the SPV.
CV minter	Regularly verified by Validators: $CV_{minter} = Eligible \ Collateral$	The <i>CV</i> is \$10,000.
$lastUpdate_{minter}$	The timestamp of last collateral update by Minter.	
	The minimum of all <i>Validators</i> ' timestamps provided to verify the validity of collateral update.	
$penalizedUntil_{minter}$	The timestamp of the end of the last penalization interval.	
activeOwedM _{minter}	The amount of \$M that <i>Minter</i> owes and has to repay to the protocol including accrued interest and penalties at any moment in time.	Penalties are charged due to • late collateral updates • maintaining excessiveActiveOwedM minter
inactiveOwedM _{minter}	The amount of \$M that deactivated <i>Minter</i> owes to the protocol.	

$maxAllowedActiveOwedM_{minter}$	The maximum amount of \$M that is allowed to be owed to the protocol before it begins to accrue penalty charges after .	Mint requests are not accepted if this condition is not fullfilled.
	$maxAllowedActiveOwedM_{minter} = MCR * (CV_{minter} - total)$	There is \$9,000 of CV_{minter} and the MCR is 90%. The $Minter$ may mint up to 8,100 \$M without incurring penalty charges
totalActiveOwedM	The total amount of activeOwedM for all Minters.	
totalInactiveOwedM	The total amount of inactiveOwedM for all Minters	
pendingCollateralRetrieval _{minter} , Id	Pending collateral retrievals for <i>Minter</i> with their ids and amounts.	
$total Pending Collateral Retrievals_{\it minter}$	The total amount of all retrieval requests for Minter	

Protocol variables used for interest accruals

Name	Definition	Notes & Example
MinterGateway index	The current value of global protocol index used for calculations of $activeOwedM_{minter}$	

	$MinterGateway\ index_{t1} = fn(index_{t0},\ minterRate,\ t1-t0)$	
MinterGateway indexLatestUpdateTime	The last timestamp when <i>index</i> was updated and stored.	
MT oken index	The current value of the global MToken index used for calculations of $balanceOf_{\it earner}$	
	$MToken index_{t1} = fn(index_{t0}, earnerRate, t1 - t0)$	
MToken indexLatestUpdateTimestamp	The last timestamp when MToken index was updated and stored.	
$principal Of Active Owed M_{minter}$	The principal value of \$M adjusted to $index_t$ where t is the timestamp of minting action:	
	$principalOfActiveOwed_{minter,t} += mintAmount / index_t$	
totalPrincipalOfActiveOwedM	The total value of principalOfActiveOwedM across all Minters	
principalOf Earning Supply earner	The principal value of \$M that earns yield for Earner.	
total Principal Of Earning Supply	The total principal value of \$M that earns yield for all Earners	

Protocol and M Token actors and actions

Actors	Allowed actions
Minter	 updateCollateral proposeMint mintM burnM proposeRetrieval
Validator	freezeMintercancelMint
Earner	startEarningstopEarning
Anyone	 activateMinter burnM [for Minter] deactivateMinter updateIndex

Core functions

updateCollateral(collateral, retrievalIds[], metadata, validators[], timestamps[], signatures[]): minimumTimestamp

- Closes all pending retrievalIds[] requests
- Updates CV minter
- Accrues penalty for missed update collateral intervals and/or excessiveOwedM if present after CV was updated
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{Called} \text{ at least once per } update \textit{CollateralInterval} \text{ by } \textit{Minter} \text{ or the entire } \textit{activeOwedM}_{\textit{minter}} \text{ imposes the } \textit{penalty}.$
 - Calculate updateCollateral message digest for each validator signature.
 - **Verify** that each signature is valid, unique, and is not in the future, and is coming from TTG-approved *Validator*
 - **Verify** that at least *updateCollateralThreshold* of valid unique signatures of TTG-approved *Validators* were Provided and **Find** the minimum of given *Validators timestamps*[].
 - $\textbf{Resolve} \text{ pending retrievals. Deduct the amount of retrieval from } total Pending Collateral Retrievals_{minter} \text{ for every retrieval. } \textbf{Delete} \ retrievalId \ \text{ from } pending Collateral Retrievals_{minter} \\ total Pending Collateral Retrievals_{minter} \ -= \ \sum_{i} retrieval_{minter, retrievalId[i]}$

Re-calculate current activeOwedM_{minter}, and Impose penalty_{minter} for every missed and not yet penalized update collateral interval. Update penalizedUntilTimestamps_{minter} if a penalty was imposed.

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penalty_{minter} = activeOwedM_{minter} * missedIntervalsNum * penalty where \\ missedIntervalsNum = now - max(lastCollateralUpdate_{minter}, lastPenalizedUntil_{minter}) / updateCollateralInterval \\ penalizedUntilTimestamps_{minter} = max(\\ lastCollateralUpdate_{minter}, lastPenalizedUntil_{minter}) + missedIntervalsNum * updateCollateralInterval
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 $\begin{array}{lll} \bullet & \textbf{Add} \text{ penalty to } principalOfActiveOwedM_{minter} \text{ and } totalPrincipalOfActiveOwedM \\ & principalOfActiveOwedM_{minter} \text{ } += \text{ } penalty_{minter} \text{ } / \text{ } index_{now} \text{ } , \\ & totalPrincipalOfActiveM \text{ } += \text{ } penalty_{minter}, \\ & \textbf{After penalization new } activeOwedM_{minter,\,t1} = activeOwedM_{minter,\,t0} \text{ } + \text{ } penalty_{minter}, \\ & \textbf{} \end{array}$

- \circ **Verify** $minimum\ of\ timestamps[]$ is greater than previous collateral update's $timestamp_{minter}$.
- $\begin{array}{ll} \circ & \textbf{Update} \ \textit{CV}_{minter} \\ & \textit{CV}_{minter} = \textit{collateral} \end{array}$
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{Re-calculate} \text{ current } \textit{activeOwedM}_{\textit{minter}} \text{ and } \textbf{Impose} \textit{ penalty}_{\textit{minter}} \text{ for } \textit{excessiveActiveOwedM}_{\textit{minter}} \text{ if it is present after setting new } \textit{collateral} \text{ and resolving } \textit{retrievalIds}[]$

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penalty_{minter} = excessiveActivedOwedM_{minter} * penalty, where \\ excessiveActiveOwedM_{minter} = activeOwedM_{minter} - maxAllowedActiveOwedM_{minter}
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• **Call** *updateIndex*.

• **Returns** *minimum of timestamps*[]

proposeMint(amount, destination): mintId

- **Proposes** new \$M mint and returns id of pending mint proposal.
- Called by Minter approved by TTG who is not frozen at the moment.
- **Specifies** the amount of \$M to mint and the *destination* address to which they'd like it to be minted.
- Any *Validator* can cancel this transaction within *mintDelay* + *mintTTL* until it is executed.
- Only one active proposal per *Minter*. New mint proposal replaces the existing one.
 - \circ **Re-calculate** current $activeOwedM_{minter}$
 - Check that mint request is sufficiently collateralized:

$$(\mathit{CV}_{\mathit{minter}} \ - \ \mathit{totalPendingCollateralRetrievals}_{\mathit{minter}}) \ ^* \ \mathit{MR} \ >= \ \mathit{owedM}_{\mathit{minter}} \ + \ \mathit{amount},$$

NOTE: If the CV_{minter} was not updated on time, the protocol assumes that it is set to 0.

- Create pending for mintDelay time Mint proposal
- **Return** unique *mintId* of Mint proposal.

mintM(mintId)

- **Executes** the *mintId* proposed mint created by *proposeMint()*.
 - Check that *mintId* request delay time is over and it is not expired yet

- **Check** that *Minter* is still approved by TTG and is not frozen.
- \circ Re-calculate current $owedM_{minter}$
- $\begin{array}{lll} \bullet & \textbf{Check} \text{ that minter is still sufficiently collateralized:} \\ & (\textit{CV}_{minter} \textit{totalPendingCollateralRetrievals}_{minter}) * \textit{MCR} >= \textit{owedM}_{minter} + \textit{amount} \\ & \textbf{NOTE: If the } \textit{CV}_{minter} \text{ was not updated on time, the protocol assumes that it is set to 0.} \\ \end{array}$
- Delete mintId proposal
- Mint \$M to destination address.
- o **Call** updateIndex.

cancelMint(minter, mintId)

- Cancels valid pending *mintId* proposal. **Deletes** *mintId* proposal.
- Can be called any time until mint request is executed by *Minter*: within a maximum of *mintDelay* + *mintTTl*.
- Can be called by any Validator approved by TTG.

freezeMinter(minter)

- Called by any Validator to temporarily freeze proposeMint and mintM for freezeTime on a specific minter.
- **Can be called** at any time again during the frozen period to extend the frozen period by an additional *freezeTime*.

 frozenUntil = block.timestamp + minterFreezeTime
- **Does not** freeze any functions besides *proposeMint* and *mint*.

burnM(minter, maxPrincipalAmount, maxAmount)

- ullet Decreases $owedM_{minter}$ by amount. \$M is subtracted from the caller of this function.
 - \circ Re-calculate current $activeOwedM_{minter}$ and impose penalty for missed update collateral intervals if applicable.
 - Reduce $activeOwedM_{minter}$ by $min(amount, activeOwedM_{minter})$ if Minter is active totalPrincipalOfActiveOwedM —= $min(amount, activeOwedM_{minter})$ / $index_{now}$ $principalOfActiveOwedM_{minter}$ —= $min(amount, activeOwedM_{minter})$ / $index_{now}$

OR

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 \begin{array}{lll} \textbf{Reduce} & inactiveOwedM_{minter} & \textbf{by} & min(amount, inactiveOwedM_{minter}) & \textbf{if} & Minter & \textbf{was} & \textbf{deactivated} \\ & totalInactiveOwedM & -= & min(amount, inactiveOwedM_{minter}) & \\ & inactiveOwedM_{minter} & -= & min(amount, inactiveOwedM_{minter}) & \\ \end{array}
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o **Burn** $min(amount, activeOwedM_{minter})$ or $min(amount, inactiveOwedM_{minter})$ of \$M from the caller of the function, e.g. msg.sender.

Call updateIndex.

burnM(minter, maxAmount)

- Decreases owedM_{minter} by amount. \$M is subtracted from the caller of this function.
- Calculates maxPrincipalAmount to burn given current value of MinterGateway index
- **Call** burnM(minter, maxPrincipalAmount, maxAmount)

proposeRetrieval(amount): retrievaldId

- **Allows** *Minter* to retrieve t-bills from the SPV. Called only by *Minter*
 - **Re-calculate** current *activeOwedM*.
 - o Check that the retrieval proposal does not put Minter into under collateralization zone

$$activeOwedM_{minter} \ <= \ (\textit{CV}_{minter} - \ totalPendingCollateralRetrievals_{minter} \ - \ amount) \ * \ MR$$

- \circ **Check** that the retrieval proposal and current retrieval proposal won't exceed collateral $totalPendingCollateralRetrievals_{minter}$ + amount < CV
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bullet & \textbf{Add} \ amount \ \textbf{to} \ total Retrieve Amount}_{minter}. \\ & total Pending Collateral Retrievals_{minter} += \ amount \end{tabular}$
- $\circ \quad \mathbf{Save} \ pendingRetrievals_{minter} \\ pendingRetrievals_{minter, retrievalId} = \ amount \\$

• **Return** unique *retrievalId* for a retrieval proposal.

activateMinter(minter)

- **Demonstrates** that *minter* has been added to the *Minters* list by TTG governance.
 - **Check** that *minter* is in *Minters* TTG list and has not been activated yet.
 - \circ **Set** is Active $_{minter} = true$.

deactivateMinter(minter)

- **Demonstrates** that *minter* has been removed from the *Minters* list by TTG governance.
- **Required** to adjust *totalActiveOwedM* and *totalInactiveOwedM*.
 - \circ Check that minter is not in Minters list but has $activeOwedM_{minter}$ accruing interest.
 - $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Subtract} \ \textit{minter's} \ \textit{activeOwedM}_{\textit{minter}, \textit{now}} \ \textit{from} \ \textit{totalActiveOwedM} \ \textit{and} \ \textit{add} \ \textit{it} \ \textit{to} \ \textit{totalInactiveOwedM}_{\textit{minter}} + \ \textit{penalty}_{\textit{minter}} \ \textit{for} \ \textit{missed} \ \textit{collateral} \ \textit{updates} \ \textit{if} \ \textit{any}; \\ \textit{totalActiveOwedM} \ -= \ \textit{inactiveOwedM}_{\textit{minter}} \\ \textit{totalInactiveOwedM} \ += \ \textit{inactiveOwedM}_{\textit{minter}}. \end{array}$
 - \circ **Set** is Active $_{minter} = false$.
 - \circ **Set** is Deactivated = false.
 - Reset minter's protocol state.
 - **Call** updateIndex.

M Token

startEarning()

- ullet Allows a user to start earning yield on their \$M balance. $balanceOf_{user}$ will be rewritten to store $principalOfEarningSupply_{MToken.\,earner}$.
 - **Check** that *msg. sender* is on the Approved by TTG *Earners* List.
 - $\circ \quad \textbf{Save} \ balanceOf_{MToken, \, earner} = \ principalOfEarningSupply_{MToken, \, earner} = \ balanceOf_{MToken, \, earner} \ / \ index_{now}$
 - \circ Save totalPrincipalOfEarningSupply += balanceOf_{M,earner} / index_{now}
 - \circ **Save** $totalNonEarningSupply -= balanceOf_{MToken, earner}$

stopEarning()

- **Allows** a user to stop earning yield on their \$M balance. $balanceOf_{user}$ after the call of this function will be rewritten to store $balanceOf_{now,MToken,earner} = principalOfEarningSupply_{MToken,earner} * index_{now}$.
 - $\circ \quad \textbf{Save} \ balanceOf_{MToken, \, earner} \ = \ principalOfEarningSupply_{MToken, \, earner} \ ^* \ index_{now}$
 - \circ Save totaNonEarningSupply += balanceOf_{MToken, earner}

 $\circ \quad \textbf{Save} \ total Principal Of Earning Supply \ -= \ balance Of_{\underline{MToken, earner}} \ / \ index_{\underline{now}}$

transfer(sender, recipient, amount)

- Allows a user to transfer \$M between both yield earning and non-yield earning participants.
 - **Deduct** amount from sender and **Add** to recipient

0

 \circ If sender and recipient are both yield earning or non-yield earning participants

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balanceOf_{MToken, sender} -= amount

balanceOf_{MToken, recipient} += amount
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• If sender is yield earning and recipient is non-yield earning participant

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balanceOf_{MToken,\,sender} -= principalOfEarningSupply_{MToken,\,sender} = amount / index_{now} totalPrincipalOfEarningSupply -= amount / index_{now} balanceOf_{MToken,\,recipient} += amount totaNonEarningSupply += amount
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o If sender is non-yield earning and recipient is yield earning participant

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balanceOf_{MToken,\,sender} -= amount totaNonEarningSupply -= amount balanceOf_{MToken,\,recipient} += principalOfEarningSupply_{MToken,\,recipient} = amount / index_{now} totalPrincipalOfEarningSupply += amount / index_{now}
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Call updateIndex.

Interest Calculations and Indices

MinterGateway.updateIndex()

- Calculates and updates minterIndex and earnerIndex to their current values.
 - Distribute Excess \$M to ZERO Vault holders
 excessM = totalOwedM totalSupply of M Token, if totalOwedM > totalSupply of M
 - \circ Calculate and update minterIndex: $minterIndex_{now} = fn(minterIndex_{minterIndexLastUpdatedITimestamp})$, rate, now minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp)
 - **Set** latestMinterRate = minterInterestRateModel.getRate()
 - $\begin{array}{l} \circ \quad \text{Calculate and update } \textit{earnerIndex}: \\ \textit{earnerIndex}_{\textit{now}} = \textit{fn}(\textit{earnerIndex}_{\textit{earnerIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp}}, \textit{rate, now } \textit{earnerIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp}) \end{array}$
 - o Set latestEarnerRate = earnerInterestRateModel.getRate()
 - o Set minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp = now
 - \circ **Set** earnerIndexLastUpdatedlTimestamp = now.

NOTE: index2 = index1 * e(rate * timeElapsed), using Pade(4, 4) approximation. timeElapsed = now - indexLastUpdatedTimestamp, $e(x) = (1 + x/2 + 3(x^2)/28 + x^3/84 + x^4/1680) / (1 - x/2 + 3(x^2)/28 - x^3/84 + x^4/1680)$

MinterGateway.currentIndex()

• Calculates and returns current value of *minterIndex*.

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minterIndex_{now} = fn(\ minterIndex_{minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp},\ now\ -\ minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp) 
E.g. minterIndex_{now} = minterIndex_{minterIndexLastUpdatedlTimestamp} *\ e^{minterRate\ *(now\ -\ minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp)}
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MToken.updateIndex()

- Calculates and updates *earnerIndex* to their current values.
 - $\begin{array}{l} \circ \quad \textbf{Calculate and update} \; earnerIndex : \\ earnerIndex \\ _{now} = fn(\; earnerIndex \\ earnerIndex \\ earnerIndex \\ LastUpdatedTimestamp) \end{array} , \; rate, \; now \; \; earnerIndex \\ LastUpdatedTimestamp) \\ \end{array}$
 - o Set latestRate = earnerInterestRateModel.getRate()
 - \circ **Set** earnerIndexLastUpdatedlTimestamp = now.

MToken.currentIndex()

• Calculates and returns current value of *earnerIndex*.

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earnerIndex_{now} = fn(\ earnerIndex_{earnerIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp},\ now\ -\ earnerIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp) \textbf{E.g.}\ \ earnerIndex_{now} = earnerIndex_{earnerIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp} *\ e^{earnerRate\ *\ (now\ -\ earnerIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp)}
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activeOwedMOf(minter)

- Calculates and returns the current value of owed \$M per minter.
 - $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \circ & {\bf Calculate} \ minterIndex: \\ minterIndex & minterIndex & minterIndex & minterIndex & minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp, \\ now & \ minterIndexLastUpdatedTimestamp, \\ \hline \end{tabular}$
 - $\circ \quad \textbf{Returns:} \ principalOfActiveOwedM_{minter} \quad * \ minterIndex_{now}$

Interest Rate Models

Stable Earner Interest Rate model contract

earnerRateModel.rate()

• Returns current earner rate in basis points.

$$P1 * e^{r1*t} - P1 = P2 * e^{r2*t} - P2$$

- o If totalActiveOwedM <= totalEarningSupply,
 r2 = minterRate * totalActiveOwedM / totalEarningSupply,</pre>
- o Otherwise, calculate equilibrium rate

$$P1 * e^{r1*t} - P1 = P2 * e^{r2*t} - P2$$

 $r2 = ln(1 + (P1 * e^{r1*t} - P1) / P2),$

P1 = totalActiveOwedM, P2 = totalEarningSupply, t = confidence interval

○ **Return** min(baseEarnerRate, MULTIPLIER * r2),

where baseEarnerRate and minterRate are APY in basis points.

Minter Interest Rate model contract

minterRateModel.rate()

• **Returns** current constant *minterRate* in basis points.