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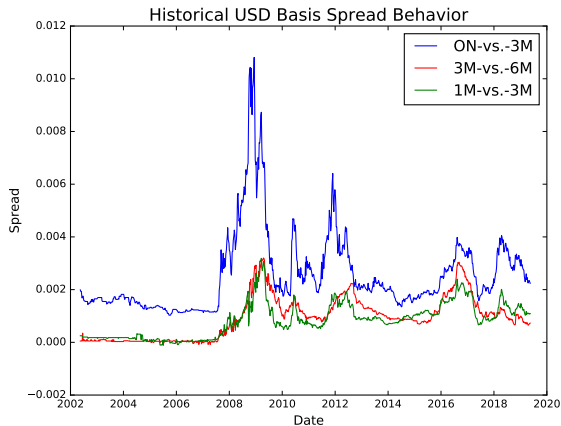


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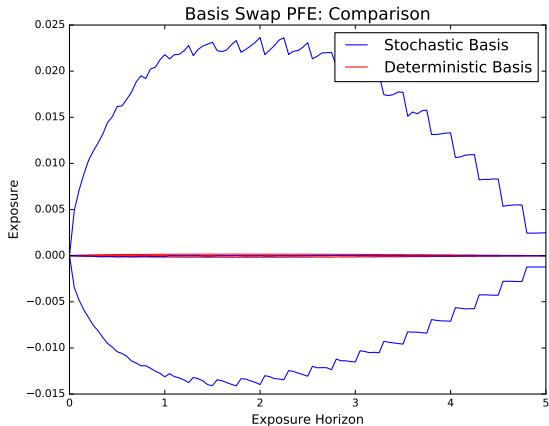


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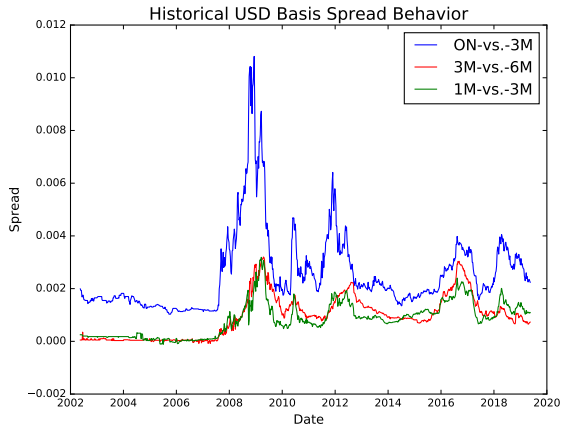


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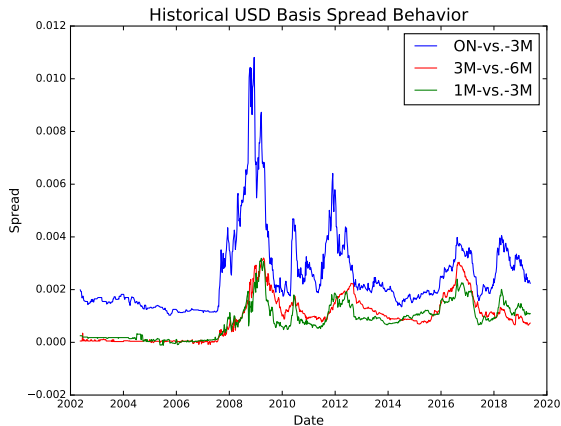


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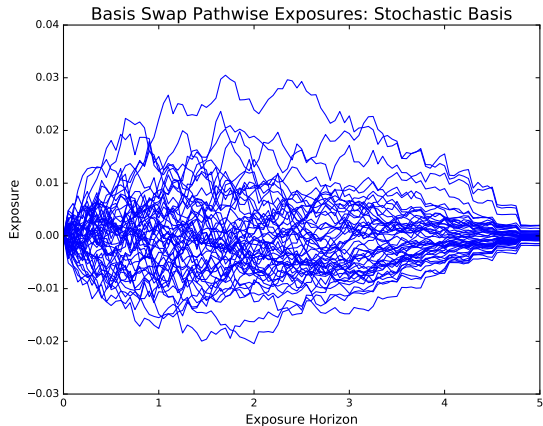


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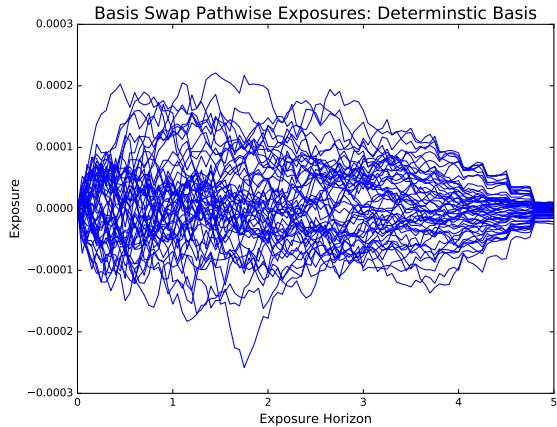


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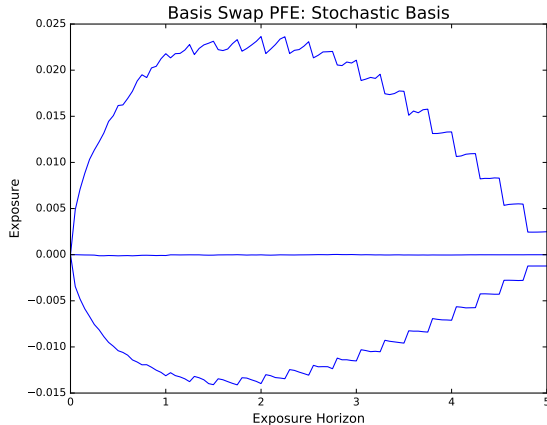


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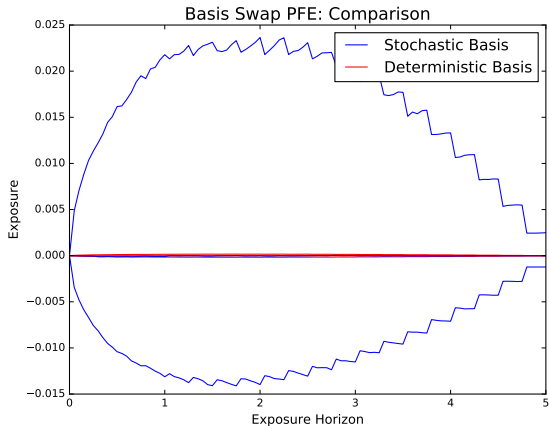


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Modeling the Overnight Curve

- ON curve is “base” curve, modeled outright, used for $R_0(t, T, \tau_n)$
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$$P(t, T) = e^{-\int_t^T f_0(t, u) du}$$

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- Risk-neutral model with Cheyette ('96) dynamics, *a.k.a.* Markovian HJM dynamics

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- Encounter “usual” HJM no-arbitrage drift condition

$$\int_t^T \mu_0(t, u) du = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_t^T \psi_0(t) e^{-\kappa_0(u-t)} du \right)^2 \implies \mu_0(t, T) = \frac{1}{\kappa_0} \psi_0^2(t) (e^{-\kappa_0(T-t)} - e^{-2\kappa_0(T-t)})$$

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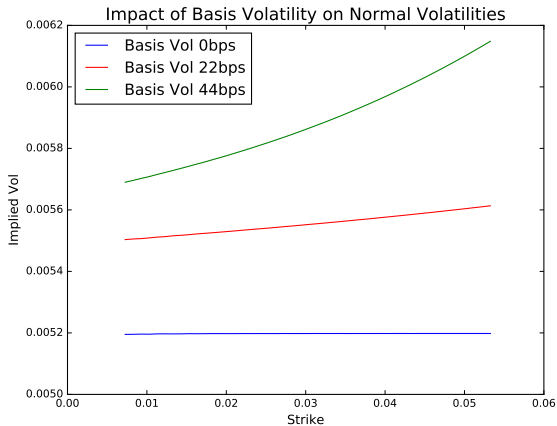
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CVA for Tenor Basis Swaps

Appendix A – Mapping of major interest rate benchmarks to alternative reference rates

Currency	Interest rate benchmark	Alternative reference rate (candidates)	Type of alternative reference rate	Remarks	Key milestones
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Figure: 5Y ON-3M Basis Swap PFEs: Stochastic vs. Deterministic Basis

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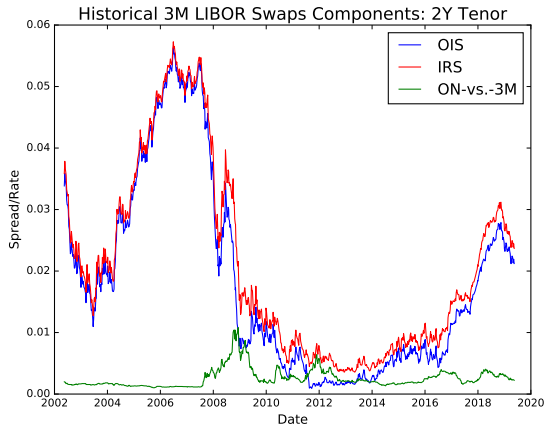


Figure: 2002-2019 Historical Swap and Basis Swap Volatilities: 2Y Tenor

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