

# Calibration of Chaos Models for Interest Rates

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# Axiomatic Interest Rate Theory, Hughston and Rafailidis (2005)

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- Writing  $B_t = B_0 e^{\int_0^t r_s ds}$  for an adapted process  $r_t > 0$  and

$$d(B_t V_t) = -(B_t V_t) \lambda_t dW_t,$$

for an adapted vector process  $\lambda_t$ , we have that the dynamics for  $V_t$  is

$$dV_t = -r_t V_t dt - V_t \lambda_t dW_t. \quad (2)$$

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- It then follows from the Ito isometry that

$$V_t = E_t [(X_\infty - X_t)^2], \quad (3)$$

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- It is well known that any  $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, P)$  can be represented as a **Wiener chaos expansion**

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- The deterministic functions  $\phi_n \in L^2(\Delta_n)$  are called the chaos coefficients and are uniquely determined by the random variable  $X$ .

# First order chaos

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- The remaining asset prices can be stochastic, however. Indeed, for a derivative with payoff  $H_T$  we have

$$H_t = \frac{E_t[V_T H_T]}{V_t} = \frac{V_T}{V_t} E_t[H_T] = P_{tT} E_t[H_T]$$

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- Notice that the scalar random variable  $R_t$  is the sole state variable for the interest rate model at time  $t$ , even in the case of a multidimensional Brownian motion  $W_t$ .

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$$c(0, t, T, K) = \frac{1}{A(0)\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{p(y) \geq 0} p(y) e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy,$$

which can be calculated explicitly in terms of the roots of the polynomial  $p(y)$ .

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- Similarly, option prices can be found explicitly by integrating a 4th-order polynomial of a standard normal random variable.



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- We also use weekly data at 157 dates (every Friday) from December 2002 to December 2005 with about 120 maturities for each date.

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- Special cases in this family are the Nelson-Sigel (87), Svensson (94) and Cairns (98) models:

$$f_{NS}(s) = b_0 + (b_1 + b_2 s) e^{-c_1 s}$$

$$f_{Sv}(s) = b_0 + (b_1 + b_2 s) e^{-c_1 s} + b_3 s e^{-c_2 s}$$

# Descriptive fit for yield curves

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# Calibration results: bonds from Jan/98 to Feb/99

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|----|------------------------|---|------|-----------|-------|
| Sv | Svensson               | 6 | 160  | 0.70      | -     |
| NS | Nelson–Siegel          | 4 | 2101 | 2.67      | -4.45 |
| 2  | 1st chaos              | 5 | 250  | 0.86      | -3.54 |
| 3  | one-var 2nd chaos      | 6 | 162  | 0.82      | -2.26 |
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| 11 | one-var 3rd chaos      | 6 | 168  | 0.72      | -1.24 |
| 13 | one-var 3rd chaos      | 7 | 152  | 0.72      | -1.19 |
| 14 | one-var 3rd chaos      | 7 | 149  | 0.76      | -1.43 |

# Calibration results: bonds from Dec/01 to Dec/05

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| Sv | Svensson               | 6 | 442 | 0.76      | -     |
| NS | Nelson–Siegel          | 4 | 541 | 0.97      | -1.76 |
| 2  | 1st chaos              | 5 | 438 | 0.99      | -1.99 |
| 3  | one-var 2nd chaos      | 6 | 388 | 0.89      | -1.23 |
| 4  | one-var 2nd chaos      | 7 | 388 | 0.80      | -0.38 |
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| 9  | factorizable 2nd chaos | 7 | 365 | 0.82      | -0.78 |
| 10 | factorizable 2nd chaos | 7 | 323 | 0.72      | 0.36  |
| 11 | one-var 3rd chaos      | 6 | 388 | 0.87      | -1.06 |
| 13 | one-var 3rd chaos      | 7 | 367 | 0.68      | 1.24  |
| 14 | one-var 3rd chaos      | 7 | 325 | 0.69      | 0.60  |



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- We also consider a similar data set from May 2004 to May 2006 (not shown in this talk but included in the paper).

# A short rate model and a model in the potential approach

- Hull–White model with Svensson term structure (8 parameters):

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- Rational lognormal model with Nakamura-Yu parametrization and Svensson term structure (9 parameters):

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$$G_1(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma + 1}(P_{0t})^{\gamma+1}, G_2(t) = P_{0t} - G_1(t)$$

$$M_t = e^{\beta W_t - \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 t}$$

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- Lognormal forward LIBOR model with Rebonato volatility, Schoenmakers and Coffey correlation and Svensson term structure (13 parameters):

$$dF_t^j = \sigma_j(t) F_t^j dZ_t^j$$

$$\sigma_j(t) = a_1 + (a_2 + a_3(T_{i-1} - t))e^{-d_1(T_{i-1}-t)}$$

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# Hull–White fit for yields and caplets

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|-----|-------------------|----|--------|--------|------|------|
| 1   | one-var 2nd chaos | 6  | 5.1    | 2.0    | 4.6  | 14.9 |
| 2   | one-var 2nd chaos | 7  | 3.3    | 1.7    | 2.7  | 16.3 |
| 3   | factorizable 2nd  | 6  | 3.8    | 2.1    | 3.1  | 26.5 |
| 4   | one-var 3rd chaos | 6  | 4.2    | 2.0    | 3.5  | 15.5 |
| 5   | one-var 3rd chaos | 7  | 3.2    | 1.3    | 2.9  | 15.7 |
| 6   | one-var 3rd chaos | 9  | 2.6    | 1.1    | 2.3  | 17.0 |
| I   | Hull-White        | 8  | 8.7    | 0.6    | 8.7  | 25.8 |
| II  | Rational-log      | 9  | 9.2    | 0.6    | 9.2  | 13.9 |
| III | LFM               | 10 | 3.0    | 0.6    | 3.0  | -    |

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| 3   | factorizable 2nd  | 6  | 7.1    | 2.1    | 6.8  | 14.3 |
| 4   | one-var 3rd chaos | 6  | 5.3    | 2.9    | 4.1  | 10.2 |
| 5   | one-var 3rd chaos | 7  | 3.8    | 1.5    | 3.4  | 8.6  |
| 6   | one-var 3rd chaos | 9  | 3.5    | 1.5    | 3.1  | 9.1  |
| I   | Hull-White        | 8  | 10.2   | 0.6    | 10.2 | 17.6 |
| II  | Rational-log      | 9  | 8.4    | 0.6    | 8.4  | 15.3 |
| III | LFM               | 13 | 5.0    | 0.6    | 5.0  | 8.1  |



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| 1   | one-var 2nd chaos | 6  | 12.5   | 2.2    | 9.3  | 7.9  |
| 2   | one-var 2nd chaos | 7  | 12.1   | 2.4    | 9.3  | 7.3  |
| 3   | factorizable 2nd  | 6  | 12.1   | 2.6    | 8.4  | 8.2  |
| 4   | one-var 3rd chaos | 6  | 8.2    | 4.3    | 4.4  | 5.2  |
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| 6   | one-var 3rd chaos | 9  | 5.9    | 2.2    | 4.1  | 3.4  |
| I   | Hull-White        | 8  | 18.4   | 0.6    | 12.2 | 13.7 |
| II  | Rational-log      | 9  | 14.6   | 0.6    | 10.0 | 10.6 |
| III | LFM               | 13 | 6.5    | 0.6    | 5.5  | 3.1  |

Table: AIC model selection relative frequency

| Model              | Cpl             | SW              | JT              |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| One-var 3rd, 7 par | $\frac{2}{53}$  | $\frac{50}{53}$ | $\frac{23}{53}$ |
| LIBOR              | $\frac{51}{53}$ | $\frac{3}{53}$  | $\frac{30}{53}$ |
| Model              | Cpl             | SW              | JT              |
| One-var 3rd, 9 par | $\frac{36}{53}$ | $\frac{53}{53}$ | $\frac{39}{53}$ |
| LIBOR              | $\frac{17}{53}$ | $\frac{0}{53}$  | $\frac{14}{53}$ |

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