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1 Introduction

The *Open Source Risk Project* [1] aims at providing a transparent platform for pricing and risk analysis that serves as

- a benchmarking, validation, training, and teaching reference,
- an extensible foundation for tailored risk solutions.

Its main software project is *Open Source Risk Engine* (ORE), an application that provides

- a Monte Carlo simulation framework for contemporary risk analytics and value adjustments
- simple interfaces for trade data, market data and system configuration
- simple launchers and result visualisation in Jupyter, Excel, LibreOffice
- unit tests and various examples.

ORE is open source software, provided under the Modified BSD License. It is based on QuantLib, the open source library for quantitative finance [2].

Audience

The project aims at reaching quantitative risk management practitioners (be it in financial institutions, audit firms, consulting companies or regulatory bodies) who are looking for accessible software solutions, and quant developers in charge of the implementation of pricing and risk methods similar to those in ORE. Moreover, the project aims at reaching academics and students who would like to teach or learn quantitative risk management using a freely available, contemporary risk application.

Contributions

Quaternion Risk Management [3] has been committed to sponsoring the Open Source Risk project through ongoing project administration, through providing an initial release and a series of subsequent releases in order to achieve a wide analytics, product and risk factor class coverage. Since Quaternion's acquisition by Acadia Inc. in February 2021, Acadia [4] is committed to continue the sponsorship. The Open Source Risk project works will continue with former Quaternion now operating as Acadia's Quantitative Services unit.

The community is invited to contribute to ORE, for example through feedback, discussions and suggested enhancement in the forum on the ORE site [1], as well as contributions of ORE enhancements in the form of source code. See the FAQ section on the ORE site [1] on how to get involved.

Scope and Roadmap

ORE currently provides portfolio pricing, cash flow generation, sensitivity analysis, stress testing and a range of contemporary derivative portfolio analytics. The latter are based on a Monte Carlo simulation framework which yields the evolution of various **credit exposure** measures:

- EE aka EPE (Expected Exposure or Expected Positive Exposure)
- ENE (Expected Negative Exposure, i.e. the counterparty's perspective)
- 'Basel' exposure measures relevant for regulatory capital charges under internal model methods
- PFE (Potential Future Exposure at some user defined quantile)

and **derivative value adjustments**

- CVA (Credit Value Adjustment)
- DVA (Debit Value Adjustment)
- FVA (Funding Value Adjustment)
- COLVA (Collateral Value Adjustment)
- MVA (Margin Value Adjustment)

for portfolios with netting, variation and initial margin agreements.

The sensitivity framework yields further **market risk measures** such as ORE's parametric Value at Risk which takes deltas, vegas, gammas and cross gammas into account. This may be used to benchmark initial margin models such as ISDA's Standard Initial Margin Model.

Subsequent ORE releases will also compute **regulatory capital charges** for counterparty credit risk under the standardised approach (SA-CCR), and the market risk measures will be extended , e.g. for benchmarking various initial margin calculation models applied in cleared and non-cleared derivatives business.

In September 2022 Acadia announced to contribute a wide range of financial instruments (currently in its proprietary extension of ORE) in a series of quarterly releases:

- Commodity products (Swaps, Basis Swaps, Av. Price Options, Swaptions), released December 22 with ORE v8
- Credit products (Index CDS and Index CDS Options, Credit-Linked Swaps, Synthetic CDOs), released March 23 with ORE v9
- Bond products and Hybrids (Bond Options, Bond Repos, Bond TRS, Convertible Bonds, Generic TRS with mixed basket underlyings, CFDs), to be released in June 23
- Exotics (Scripted trade framework for modelling highly structured hybrid payoffs such as Accumulators, TARFs, PRDCs, etc.), to be released in September 23

These contributions were (and will be) accompanied by analytics extensions to enhance ORE usability:

- Credit exposure including Commodity and American Monte Carlo for Exotics, released in December 22 with ORE v8
- Market Risk including multi-threaded sensitivities, par sensitivity, delta/gamma VaR, released in March 23 with ORE v9

- Portfolio Credit Model, to be released in June 23

The product coverage of the 9th release of ORE in March 2023 is sketched in Table 1.

Product	Pricing and Cashflows	Sensitivity Analysis	Stress Testing	Exposure Simulation & XVA
Fixed and Floating Rate Bonds/Loans	Y	Y	Y	N
Interest Rate Swaps	Y	Y	Y	Y
Caps/Floors	Y	Y	Y	Y
Swaptions	Y	Y	Y	Y
Constant Maturity Swaps, CMS Caps/Floors	Y	Y	Y	Y
FX Forwards and Average Forwards	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cross Currency Swaps	Y	Y	Y	Y
FX European and Asian Options	Y	Y	Y	Y
FX Exotic Options (see below)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Equity Forwards	Y	Y	Y	Y
Equity Swaps	Y	Y	Y	N
Equity European and Asian Options	Y	Y	Y	Y
Equity Exotic Options (see below)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Equity Future Options	Y	Y	Y	Y
Commodity Forwards and Swaps	Y	Y	Y	Y
Commodity European and Asian Options	Y	Y	Y	Y
Commodity Digital Options	Y	Y	Y	Y
Commodity Swaptions	Y	Y	Y	Y
CPI Swaps	Y	Y	N	Y
CPI Caps/Floors	Y	Y	N	N
Year-on-Year Inflation Swaps	Y	Y	N	Y
Year-on-Year Inflation Caps/Floors	Y	Y	N	N
Credit Default Swaps, Options	Y	Y	N	Y
Index Credit Default Swaps, Options	Y	Y	N	Y
Credit Linked Swaps	Y	Y	N	Y
Index Tranches, Synthetic CDOs	Y	Y	N	Y

Table 1: ORE product coverage. FX/Equity Exotics include Barrier, Digital, Digital Barrier (FX only), Double Barrier, European Barrier, KIKO Barrier (FX only), Touch and Double Touch Options.

The simulation models applied in ORE’s risk factor evolution implement the models discussed in detail in *Modern Derivatives Pricing and Credit Exposure Analysis* [21]: The IR/FX/INF/EQ risk factor evolution is based on a cross currency model consisting of an arbitrage free combination of Linear Gauss Markov models for all interest rates and lognormal processes for FX rates and EQ prices, Dodgson-Kainth (or Jarrow-Yildirim) models for inflation. The model components are calibrated to cross currency discounting and forward curves, Swaptions, FX Options, EQ Options and CPI caps/floors. With the 8th release, Commodity simulation has been added, as well as the foundation for a multi-factor Hull-White based IR/FX/COM simulation model.

Further Resources

- Open Source Risk Project site: <http://www.opensourcerisk.org>
- Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.opensourcerisk.org/faqs>
- Forum: <http://www.opensourcerisk.org/forum>
- Source code and releases: <https://github.com/opensourcerisk/engine>
- Language bindings: <https://github.com/opensourcerisk/ore-swig>
- Follow ORE on Twitter @OpenSourceRisk for updates on releases and events

Organisation of this document

This document focuses on instructions how to use ORE to cover basic workflows from individual deal analysis to portfolio processing. After an overview over the core ORE data flow in section 3 and installation instructions in section 4 we start in section 5 with a series of examples that illustrate how to launch ORE using its command line application, and we discuss typical results and reports. We then illustrate in section 6 interactive analysis of resulting 'NPV cube' data. The final sections of this text document ORE parametrisation and the structure of trade and market data input.

2 Release Notes

This section summarises the notable changes between release 8 (December 2022) and 9 (March 2023).

INSTRUMENTS

- roll out of Credit derivatives, thanks to Acadia Inc., as announced in September 22:
 - Bond Option
 - Bond Repo
 - Bond Total Return Swap
 - Credit-Linked Swap
 - Index Credit Default Swap
 - Index Credit Default Swap Option
 - Credit Index Tranche, Synthetic CDO

including related models and pricing engines

- optimize performance for the analytical Commodity Swaption engine
- add missing FxIndex registrations in Commodity APO and Commodity Indexed Average Cashflows
- include leg NPVs in additional results of CDS products
- fix LGM Swaption pricing for cases where fixing date < exercise date

MARKETS & TERM STRUCTURES

- fix shifted lognormal Swaption vol surface (SwaptionVolCubeWithATM, add missing shift)

ANALYTICS

- integrate American Monte Carlo simulation, see the **new Example 39**
- add Par Sensitivity Analysis, see the **new Example 40**

- add more parametric VaR types (delta-gamma normal, delta-gamma Saddlepoint)
- support multi-threading in sensitivity analysis
- support multi-threading in exposure simulation, see the **new Example 41**
- fix exposure/XVA analytics with simulation of fixings for ceased IBOR indices

TESTS

- QuantExt: 263 test functions (vs 242 in the previous release)
- OREData: 203 test functions (vs. 199 in the previous release)
- OREAnalytics: 68 test functions (vs. 66 in the previous release)

DOCUMENTATION

- The user guide has grown from 440 to 486 pages, mainly due to the migration of Credit derivative instruments into ORE, as well as new examples 39 - 42.

LANGUAGE BINDINGS

- Upgrade to QuantLib-SWIG-1.29
- The SWIG wrapper has been extended to provide access to ORE input construction in memory and to query in-memory results (reports etc), in line with the refactoring mentioned below. See the new **Example 42**.
- To facilitate access to ORE Python, we are providing Python wheels for various OS types and Python versions starting with this release, thanks to Eric Ehlers's effort and Luigi Ballabio's support to get in up and running using github actions. Build instructions for the Python wheels are included in this user guide, see sections [4.4](#), [4.5](#), [4.6](#). See the new **Example 42** on how to use the published wheels.

OTHER

- Upgrade to QuantLib-1.29
- Refactor the serialization of NPV cube and market cube (aggregation scenario data)
- Refactor OREAnalytics/orea/app by separating input construction from processing and persisting results. This is to facilitate re-using the processing element (analyticsManager->runAnalytics(...)) in different applications, a command line application such as ore[.exe] that reads/writes from/to files, an ORE Python wrapper that receives input and provides results in memory (see language bindings above), or a REST service built around ORE. Results (reports, cubes etc) are stored in memory and only saved to files on demand. Inputs for the ORE processor can be assembled in memory, or read from files.

3 ORE Data Flow

The core processing steps followed in ORE to produce risk analytics results are sketched in Figure 1. All ORE calculations and outputs are generated in three fundamental process steps as indicated in the three boxes in the upper part of the figure. In each of these steps appropriate data (described below) is loaded and results are generated, either in the form of a human readable report, or in an intermediate step as pure data files (e.g. NPV data, exposure data).

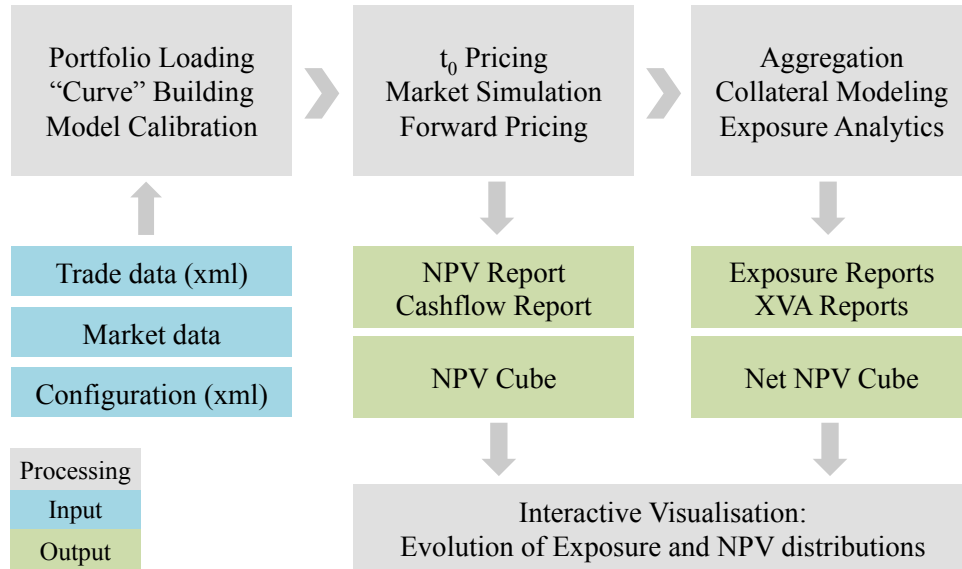


Figure 1: Sketch of the ORE process, inputs and outputs.

The overall ORE process needs to be parametrised using a set of configuration XML files which is the subject of section 7. The portfolio is provided in XML format which is explained in detail in sections 8 and 9. Note that ORE comes with 'Schema' files for all supported products so that any portfolio xml file can be validated before running through ORE. Market data is provided in a simple three-column text file with unique human-readable labelling of market data points, as explained in section 10.

The first processing step (upper left box) then comprises

- loading the portfolio to be analysed,
- building any yield curves or other 'term structures' needed for pricing,
- calibration of pricing and simulation models.

The second processing step (upper middle box) is then

- portfolio valuation, cash flow generation,
- going forward - conventional risk analysis such as sensitivity analysis and stress testing, standard-rule capital calculations such as SA-CCR, etc,
- and in particular, more time-consuming, the market simulation and portfolio valuation through time under Monte Carlo scenarios.

This process step produces several reports (NPV, cashflows etc) and in particular an **NPV cube**, i.e. NPVs per trade, scenario and future evaluation date. The cube is

written to a file in both condensed binary and human-readable text format. The third processing step (upper right box) performs more 'sophisticated' risk analysis by post-processing the NPV cube data:

- aggregating over trades per netting set,
- applying collateral rules to compute simulated variation margin as well as simulated (dynamic) initial margin posting,
- computing various XVAs including CVA, DVA, FVA, MVA for all netting sets, with and without taking collateral (variation and initial margin) into account, on demand with allocation to the trade level.

The outputs of this process step are XVA reports and the 'net' NPV cube, i.e. after aggregation, netting and collateral.

The example section 5 demonstrates for representative product types how the described processing steps can be combined in a simple batch process which produces the mentioned reports, output files and exposure evolution graphs in one 'go'.

Moreover, both NPV cubes can be further analysed interactively using a visualisation tool introduced in section 6.1. And finally, sections 6.2 and 6.3 demonstrate how ORE processes can be launched in spreadsheets and key results presented automatically within the same sheet.

4 Getting and Building ORE

You can get ORE in two ways, either by downloading a release bundle as described in section 4.1 (easiest if you just want to use ORE) or by checking out the source code from the github repository as described in section 4.2 (easiest if you want to build and develop ORE).

4.1 ORE Releases

ORE releases are regularly provided in the form of source code archives, Windows executables `ore.exe`, example cases and documentation. Release archives will be provided at <https://github.com/opensourcerisk/engine/releases>.

The release contains the QuantLib source version that ORE depends on. This is the latest QuantLib release that precedes the ORE release including a small number of patches.

The release consists of a single archive in zip format

- `ORE-<VERSION>.zip`

When unpacked, it creates a directory `ORE-<VERSION>` with the following files respectively subdirectories

1. `App/`
2. `Docs/`
3. `Examples/`

4. FrontEnd/
5. OREAnalytics/
6. OREData/
7. ORETest/
8. QuantExt/
9. QuantLib/
10. ThirdPartyLibs/
11. tools/
12. xsd/
13. userguide.pdf

The first three items and `userguide.pdf` are sufficient to run the compiled ORE application on the list of examples described in the user guide (this works on Windows only). The Windows executables are located in `App/bin/Win32/Release/` respectively `App/bin/x64/Release/`. To continue with the compiled executables:

- Ensure that the scripting language Python is installed on your computer, see also section 4.3 below;
- Move on to the examples in section 5.

The release bundle contains the ORE source code, which is sufficient to build ORE from sources as follows (if you build ORE for development purposes, we recommend using git though, see section 4.2):

- Set up Boost as described in section 4.2.2, unless already installed
- Build QuantLib, QuantExt, OREData, OREAnalytics, App (in this order) as described in section 4.2.3
- Note that ThirdPartyLibs does not need to be built, it contains RapidXml, header only code for reading and writing XML files
- Move on to section 4.3 and the examples in section 5.

Open `Docs/html/index.html` to see the API documentation for QuantExt, OREData and OREAnalytics, generated by doxygen.

4.2 Building ORE

ORE's source code is hosted at <https://github.com/opensourcerisk/engine>.

4.2.1 Git

To access the current code base on GitHub, one needs to get git installed first.

1. Install and setup Git on your machine following instructions at [6]

2. Fetch ORE from github by running the following:

```
% git clone https://github.com/opensourcerisk/engine.git ore
```

This will create a folder 'ore' in your current directory that contains the codebase.

3. Initially, the QuantLib subdirectory under ore is empty as it is a submodule pointing to the official QuantLib repository. To pull down locally, use the following commands:

```
% cd ore
% git submodule init
% git submodule update
```

Note that one can also run

```
% git clone -recurse-submodules https://github.com/opensourcerisk/engine.git ore
```

in step 2, which also performs the steps in 3.

4.2.2 Boost

QuantLib and ORE depend on the boost C++ libraries. Hence these need to be installed before building QuantLib and ORE. On all platforms the minimum required boost version is 1_63 as of ORE release 5.

Windows

1. Download the pre-compiled binaries for MSVC-14 (MSVC2015) from [7]
 - 32-bit: [7]\VERSION\boost_VERSION-msvc-14.0-32.exe\download
 - 64-bit: [7]\VERSION\boost_VERSION-msvc-14.0-64.exe\download
2. Start the installation file and choose an installation folder (the “boost root directory”). Take a note of that folder as it will be needed later on.
3. Finish the installation by clicking Next a couple of times.

Alternatively, compile all Boost libraries directly from the source code:

1. Open a Visual Studio Tools Command Prompt
 - 32-bit: VS2015/VS2013 x86 Native Tools Command Prompt
 - 64-bit: VS2015/VS2013 x64 Native Tools Command Prompt
2. Navigate to the boost root directory
3. Run bootstrap.bat
4. Build the libraries from the source code
 - 32-bit:
.\b2 -stagedir=. \lib\Win32\lib -build-type=complete toolset=msvc-14.0 \address-model=32 -with-test -with-system -with-filesystem \-with-serialization -with-regex -with-date_time stage

- 64-bit:
`.\b2 -stagedir=.\lib\x64\lib -build-type=complete toolset=msvc-14.0 \
address-model=64 -with-test -with-system -with-filesystem \
-with-serialization -with-regex -with-date_time stage`

Unix

1. Download Boost from [8] and build following the instructions on the site
2. Define the environment variable BOOST that points to the boost directory (so includes should be in BOOST and libs should be in BOOST/stage/lib)

4.2.3 ORE Libraries and Application

Windows

1. Download and install Visual Studio Community Edition (Version 2013 or later). During the installation, make sure you install the Visual C++ support under the Programming Languages features (disabled by default).
2. Configure boost paths:

Since the release of Visual Studio 2019, the user property files 'Microsoft.Cpp.Win32.user' and 'Microsoft.Cpp.x64.user' are no longer created on installation. There are now 2 ways to configure the boost paths for Visual Studio.

(a) Set environment variables:

- %BOOST% pointing to your directory, e.g, C:\boost_1_72_0
- %BOOST_LIB32% pointing to your Win32 lib directory, e.g,
C:\boost_1_72_0\lib32msvc14.0
- %BOOST_LIB64% pointing to your x64 lib directory, e.g,
C:\boost_1_72_0\lib64msvc14.0

These are used by the ore user.props files.

- (b) Create you own property file and add as a property sheet following the instructions at <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/build/create-reusable-property-configurations?view=msvc-160&viewFallbackFrom=vs-2019>

For older versions of Visual Studio you can use the Microsoft user property files. Open any of the Visual Studio solution files in item 3 below and select View → Other Windows → Property Manager. It does not matter which solution you open, if it is for example the QuantExt solution you should see two Projects 'QuantExt' and 'quantexttestsuite' in the property manager. Expand any of them (e.g. QuantExt) and then one of the Win32 or x64 configurations. The settings will be specific for the Win32 or x64 configuration but otherwise it does not matter which of the projects or configurations you expand, they all contain the same configuration file. You should now see 'Microsoft.Cpp.Win32.user' respectively 'Microsoft.Cpp.x64.user' depending on whether you chose a Win32 or a x64 configuration. Click on this file to open the property pages. Select VC++ Directories and then add your boost directory to the 'Include Directories'

entry. Likewise add your boost library directory (the directory that contains the *.lib files) to the 'Library Directories' entry. If for example your boost installation is in `C:\boost_1_72_0` and the libraries reside in the `stage\lib` subfolder, add `C:\boost_1_72_0` to the 'Include Directories' entry and `C:\boost_1_72_0\stage\ lib` to the 'Library Directories' entry. Press OK. (Alternatively, create and use an environment variable `%BOOST%` pointing to your directory `C:\boost_1_72_0` instead of the directory itself.) If you want to configure the boost paths for Win32 resp. x64 as well, repeat the previous step for 'Microsoft.Cpp. Win32.user' respectively 'Microsoft.Cpp.x64.user'. To complete the configuration just close the property manager window.

3. Open the `oreEverything_*.sln` and build the entire solution (again, make sure to select the correct platform in the configuration manager first).

Generate Visual Studio Projects with CMake

ORE 1.8.9 and later will be shipped without the Visual Studio project and solution files. The Visual Studio projects can be auto-generated from the CMake project files.

1. Download and install Visual Studio Community Edition (Version 2013 or later). During the installation, make sure you install the Visual C++ support under the Programming Languages features (disabled by default).
2. Download and install CMake for Windows (<https://cmake.org/download/>). Visual Studio Community Edition 2019 or later supports CMake and you can install the feature 'C++ CMake Tools for Windows' instead of installing CMake as standalone program.
3. Set environment variables:
 - `%BOOST%` pointing to your directory, e.g, `C:\boost_1_72_0`
 - `%BOOST_LIB32%` pointing to your Win32 lib directory, e.g, `C:\boost_1_72_0\lib32msvc14.0`
 - `%BOOST_LIB64%` pointing to your x64 lib directory, e.g, `C:\boost_1_72_0\lib64msvc14.0`
4. Generate MSVC project files from CMake files:
 - Open a Visual Studio Tools Command Prompt
 - 32-bit: VS2022/x86 Native Tools Command Prompt for VS 2022
 - 64-bit: VS2022/x64 Native Tools Command Prompt for VS 2022
 - Navigate to the ORE root directory
 - Run CMake command:
 - 32-bit:


```
cmake -G "Visual Studio 17 2022" -A x64
-DBOOST_INCLUDEDIR=%BOOST% -DBOOST_LIBRARYDIR=%BOOST_LIB64%
-DQL_ENABLE_SESSIONS=ON -DMSVC_LINK_DYNAMIC_RUNTIME=true -B
build
```

```

- 64-bit:
  cmake -G "Visual Studio 17 2022" -A x32
  -DBOOST_INCLUDEDIR=%BOOST% -DBOOST_LIBRARYDIR=%BOOST_LIB32%
  -DQL_ENABLE_SESSIONS=ON -DMSVC_LINK_DYNAMIC_RUNTIME=true -B
  build

```

Replace the generator "Visual Studio 17 2022" with the actual installed version. The solution and project files will be generated in the `<ORE_ROOT>\build` subdirectory.

5. Open the `build\ORE.sln` and build the entire solution (again, make sure to select the correct platform in the configuration manager first).

Unix

With the 5th release we have discontinued automake support so that ORE can only be built with CMake on Unix systems, as follows.

1. set environment variable to locate the boost include and boost library directories

```

export BOOST_LIB=path/to/boost/lib
export BOOST_INC=path/to/boost/include

```

2. Change to the ORE project directory that contains the `QuantLib`, `QuantExt`, etc, folders; create subdirectory `build` and change to subdirectory `build`

3. Configure CMake by invoking

```

cmake -DBOOST_ROOT=$BOOST_INC -DBOOST_LIBRARYDIR=$BOOST_LIB
-DQL_ENABLE_SESSIONS=ON ..

```

where the `QL_ENABLE_SESSIONS` variable is set to `ON` in order to enable some multi-threading applications in ORE.

Alternatively, set environment variables `BOOST_ROOT` and `BOOST_LIBRARYDIR` directly and run

```

cmake ..

```

4. Build all ORE libraries, `QuantLib`, as well as the doxygen API documentation for `QuantExt`, `OREData` and `OREAnalytics`, by invoking

```

make -j4

```

using four threads in this example.

5. Run all test suites by invoking

```

ctest -j4

```

6. Run Examples (see section 5)

Note:

- If the boost libraries are not installed in a standard path they might not be found during runtime because of a missing `rpath` tag in their path. Run the script `rename_libs.sh` to set the `rpath` tag in all libraries located in `$BOOST/stage/lib`.

- Unset `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` respectively `DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` before running the ORE executable or the test suites, in order not to override the `rpath` information embedded into the libraries built with CMake
- On Linux systems, the 'locale' settings can negatively affect the ORE process and output. To avoid this, we recommend setting the environment variable `LC_NUMERIC` to `C`, e.g. in a bash shell, do

```
% export LC_NUMERIC=C
```

before running ORE or any of the examples below. This will suppress thousand separators in numbers when converted to strings.

- Generate `CMakeLists.txt`:

The `.cpp` and `.hpp` files included in the build process need to be explicitly specified in the various `CMakeLists.txt` files in the project directory. The python script (in `Tools/update_cmake_files.py`) can be used to update all `CMakeLists.txt` files automatically.

Building on Windows with CMake

One advantage of the CMake build system is that it covers both Unix and Windows builds. The same set of `CMakeLists.txt` files as above allows building ORE on Windows. The following instructions use the Ninja build system (ninja-build.org) that covers the role of `make` on Unix systems and calls the Visual Studio C++ compiler and linker.

1. Set environment variables:
 - `%BOOST%` pointing to your directory, e.g, `C:\boost_1_72_0`
 - `%BOOST_LIB32%` pointing to your Win32 lib directory, e.g, `C:\boost_1_72_0\lib32msvc14.0`
 - `%BOOST_LIB64%` pointing to your x64 lib directory, e.g, `C:\boost_1_72_0\lib64msvc14.0`
2. Open a command prompt, change to directory `C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 14.0\VC` and run
`vcvarsall.bat x64`
 to initialize the compiler-related environment.
3. Change to the ORE project directory that contains the `QuantLib`, `QuantExt`, etc, folders; create subdirectory `build` and change to subdirectory `build`
4. Configure CMake e.g. by invoking

```
cmake -D BOOST_INCLUDEDIR=%BOOST% \
      -D BOOST_LIBRARYDIR=%BOOST_LIB64% \
      -D CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release \
      -D MSVC_LINK_DYNAMIC_RUNTIME=true \
      -D QL_ENABLE_SESSIONS=ON \
      -G Ninja ..
```

where the `-G` option allows choosing the desired build system generator.

5. Build all ORE libraries including QuantLib by invoking

```
ninja
```

Ninja automatically utilizes all available threads, unless specified with the `-j` option.

6. Run all test suites by invoking

```
ctest -j4
```

4.3 Python and Jupyter

Python (version 3.5 or higher) is required to use the ORE Python language bindings in section 4.4, or to run the examples in section 5 and plot exposure evolutions.

Moreover, we use Jupyter [9] in section 6 to visualise simulation results. Both are part of the 'Anaconda Open Data Science Analytics Platform' [10]. Anaconda installation instructions for Windows, OS X and Linux are available on the Anaconda site, with graphical installers for Windows¹, Linux and OS X.

With Linux and OS X, the following environment variable settings are required

- set `LANG` and `LC_ALL` to `en_US.UTF-8` or `en_GB.UTF-8`
- set `LC_NUMERIC` to `C`.

The former is required for both running the Python scripts in the examples section, as well as successful installation of the following packages.

The full functionality of the Jupyter notebook introduced in section 6.1 requires furthermore installing

- jupyter_dashboards: <https://github.com/jupyter-incubator/dashboards>
- ipywidgets: <https://github.com/ipython/ipywidgets>
- pythreejs: <https://github.com/jovyan/pythreejs>
- bqplot: <https://github.com/bloomberg/bqplot>

With Python and Anaconda already installed, this can be done by running these commands

- `conda install -c conda-forge ipywidgets`
- `pip install jupyter_dashboards`
- `jupyter dashboards quick-setup -sys-prefix`
- `conda install -c conda-forge bqplot`
- `conda install -c conda-forge pythreejs`

Note that the bqplot installation requires the environment settings mentioned above.

¹With Windows, after a fresh installation of Python the user may have to run the `python` command once in a command shell so that the Python executable will be found subsequently when running the example scripts in section 5.

4.4 Building ORE-SWIG

Since release 4, ORE comes with Python and Java language bindings following the QuantLib-SWIG example. The ORE bindings extend the QuantLib SWIG wrappers and allow calling ORE functionality in the QuantExt/OREData/OREAnalytics libraries alongside with functionality in QuantLib.

The ORE-SWIG source code is hosted in a separate git repository at <https://github.com/opensourcerisk/ore-swig>.

To build the wrappers on Windows, Linux, mac OS

1. build ORE and QuantLib first, as shown in the previous section. It is strongly advised to switch the codebase to a release tag here (e.g. 1.8.7.0), as the versions of the master branch are not always aligned!
2. check out the ORE-SWIG repository into a project directory `oreswig`, change into that directory (the same advice as above applies here as well, switch to the same release tag as ORE)
3. pull in the QuantLib-SWIG project by running

```
git submodule init
git submodule update
```
4. Create a subdirectory `build`, change into that directory and configure cmake and then build using Ninja as follows

```
cmake -G Ninja \
  -D ORE=<ORE Root Directory> \
  -D BOOST_ROOT=<Top level boost include directory> \
  -D BOOST_LIBRARYDIR=<Location of the compiled boost libraries> \
  -D Python_ROOT_DIR=<Root directory of the python installation> \
  ..
ninja
```

On Linux or mac OS one can also use `make` instead of `ninja`. In that case, omit the `-G Ninja` part in the configuration.

To build on Windows using CMake and an existing Visual Studio installation you can e.g. run this from the top-level `oreswig` directory

```
mkdir build \
cmake -G "Visual Studio 15 2017" \
  -A x64 \
  -D SWIG_DIR=C:\dev\swigwin\Lib \
  -D SWIG_EXECUTABLE=C:\dev\swigwin\swig.exe \
  -D ORE:PATHNAME=C:\dev\ORE\master \
  -D BOOST_ROOT=C:\dev\boost \
  -S OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python \
  -B build \
cmake --build build -v
```

By default this builds the OREAnalytics-Python bindings which include the wrapped parts of QuantLib, QuantExt, OREData and OREAnalytics.

5. Try a Python example: Update your `PYTHONPATH` environment variable to include directory `oreswig/build/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python` which contains

both the new python module and the associated native library loaded by the python module; change to the oreswig/OREAnalytics/Python/Examples directory and run e.g.

```
python ore.py
```

There is also an IPython example in the same directory. To try it, launch

```
jupyter notebook
```

wait for your browser to open, select ore.ipynb from the list of files and then run all cells.

6. Try a Java example: Make sure that the line `add_subdirectory(OREAnalytics-SWIG/Java)` is uncommented in the top-level CMakeLists.txt file when building; change to directory `ORE-SWIG/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Java/Examples` and run

```
java -Djava.library.path=../../../../../build/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Java \
-jar ../../../../../build/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Java/ORERunner.jar \
Input/ore.xml
```

4.5 How to build ORE Python Wheels on Windows

This section is a stand-alone HOWTO for building ore and oreswig, including Python wrappers and wheels, at the DOS command line using cmake and VS 2022.

Prerequisites

- python: The following tools need to be up to date:

```
python -m ensurepip
```

```
pip install build
```
- boost: Download the binaries from the link below. This release was tested against boost version 1.72. It is important to download these precompiled binaries (rather than compiling yourself from source code) because the binaries include ZLIB support which this build requires.
<https://sourceforge.net/projects/boost/files/boost-binaries>
- swig: You need to either install the binaries, or install the source code and build yourself
- ore and oreswig: You need to install the source code. Instructions for building with cmake are provided below.

Environment variables

Set the following environment variables to the paths where the above items live on your machine, e.g:

```
set BOOST_INC=C:\repos\boost\boost_1_81_0
set BOOST_LIB=C:\repos\boost\boost_1_81_0\lib\x64\lib
set SWIG=C:\repos\swigwin-4.1.1
set ORE=C:\repos\ore
set ORESWIG=C:\repos\oreswig
```

Build ORE

Generate the project files:

```
cd %ORE%
mkdir build
cd %ORE%\build
cmake .. \
    -DBOOST_NO_WARN_NEW_VERSIONS=1 \
    -Wno-dev -G "Visual Studio 17 2022" \
    -A x64 \
    -DMSVC_LINK_DYNAMIC_RUNTIME=OFF \
    -DBOOST_ROOT=$BOOST_INC \
    -DBOOST_LIBRARYDIR=$BOOST_LIB \
    -DQL_ENABLE_SESSIONS=ON
```

This will create %ORE%\build\ORE.sln

Build:

```
cd %ORE%\build
cmake --build . --config Release
```

This will create %ORE%\build\OREAnalytics\orea\Release\OREAnalytics-x64-mt.lib

Build ORE-SWIG Wrapper and Wheel

In contrast to the generic cmake-based SWIG build in section 4.4, we are now resorting to python's setup.py.

```
cd %ORESWMIG%\OREAnalytics-SWIG\Python
set BOOST_ROOT=%BOOST_INC%
set PATH=%PATH%;%SWIG%
set ORE_STATIC_RUNTIME=1
python setup.py wrap
python setup.py build
python setup.py test
python -m build --wheel
```

This will create

- the Python module and static library in folder <PATH>\build\lib.win-amd64-cpython-310 (the directory name depends on the machine and python version)
- the wheel file (filename.whl) in folder <PATH>\dist

where <PATH> stands for %ORESWMIG%\OREAnalytics-SWIG\Python.

To use the wrapper directly:

```
cd <PATH>\Examples
```

```
set PYTHONPATH=<PATH>\build\lib.win-amd64-cpython-310
python swap.py
```

To use the wheel:

```
cd <PATH>\Examples
python -m venv env1
.\env1\Scripts\activate.bat
pip install <PATH>\dist\filename.whl
python swap.py
deactivate
rmdir /s /q env1
```

4.6 How to build ORE Python Wheels on Linux and macOS

This section is a stand-alone HOWTO for building and using a python wheel for OREAnalytics on Linux or macOS.

Prerequisites

- python: Ensure that python3, pip, build, and virtualenv are installed and up to date.

For example, on ubuntu:

```
sudo apt install python3-pip
sudo apt install python3.10-venv
pip3 install --upgrade build
```

On macOS it is recommended to install jupyterlab (which contains python and pip) with

```
brew install jupyterlab
followed by
pip install --upgrade build
pip install virtualenv
```

- python3-dev: You need to install the python header files and libs. On some platforms these come already installed with python.

On ubuntu they do not and the command to install them is:

```
sudo apt install python3-dev
```

On macOS they come with the recommended installation of jupyterlab

- boost and swig: You need to either install the binaries, or install the source code and build yourself.
- ore and oreswig: You need to install the source code. Instructions for building with cmake are provided below.

Environment variables

Set the following environment variables to the paths where the ore and ore swig repos, as well as boost live on your machine, e.g:

```
export ORE=$HOME/dev/ore
export ORESWIG=$HOME/dev/oreswig
export BOOST_INC=/opt/homebrew/include
export BOOST_LIB=/opt/homebrew/lib
```

Build ORE

Use cmake to generate the project Makefiles

```
cd $ORE
mkdir build
cd $ORE/build
cmake ..
    -DQL_ENABLE_SESSIONS=ON \
    -DCMAKE_POSITION_INDEPENDENT_CODE=ON \
    -DORE_BUILD_DOC=OFF \
    -DORE_BUILD_EXAMPLES=OFF \
    -DORE_BUILD_TESTS=OFF \
    -DORE_BUILD_APP=OFF \
    -DQL_BUILD_BENCHMARK=OFF \
    -DQL_BUILD_EXAMPLES=OFF \
    -DQL_BUILD_TEST_SUITE=OFF \
    -DBoost_NO_WARN_NEW_VERSIONS=1 \
    -DBoost_NO_SYSTEM_PATHS=1 \
    -DBOOST_ROOT=$BOOST_INC \
    -DBOOST_LIBRARYDIR=$BOOST_LIB
```

Execute the following to kick off the build:

```
cd $ORE/build
cmake --build .
```

This will generate \$ORE/build/OREAnalytics/orea/libOREAnalytics.so or .dylib

Build ORE-SWIG Wrapper and Wheel

In contrast to the generic cmake-based SWIG build in section 4.4, we are now resorting to python's setup.py.

The commands below will try to link to boost library boost_thread. On some platforms this lib has a different name and if that is the case for you then you can override it, e.g:

```
export BOOST_THREAD=boost_thread-mt
```

Ensure that environment variables ORE, BOOST_INC and BOOST_LIB are set (see above), then

```
cd $ORESWSIG/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python
python setup.py wrap
python setup.py build
```

```
python -m build --wheel
```

will then generate the wheel file (filename.whl) in folder \$ORESWIG/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python/dist. For the second step above you may need to modify the \$ORESWIG/OREAnalytics-SWIG/oreanalytics-config script to return the appropriate cflags and libs on your machine.

To use the wheel:

```
cd $ORESWIG/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python/Examples
python -m venv env1
. ./env1/bin/activate
pip install $ORESWIG/OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python/dist/filename.whl
python commodityforward.py
deactivate
rm -rf env1
```

5 Examples

The examples shown in table 2 are intended to help with getting started with ORE, and to serve as plausibility checks for the simulation results generated with ORE.

All example results can be produced with the Python scripts `run.py` in the ORE release's `Examples/Example_#` folders which work on both Windows and Unix platforms. In a nutshell, all scripts call ORE's command line application with a single input XML file

```
ore[.exe] ore.xml
```

They produce a number of standard reports and exposure graphs in PDF format. The structure of the input file and of the portfolio, market and other configuration files referred to therein will be explained in section 7.

ORE is driven by a number of input files, listed in table 3 and explained in detail in sections 7 to 11. In all examples, these input files are either located in the example's sub directory `Examples/Example_#/Input` or the main input directory `Examples/Input` if used across several examples. The particular selection of input files is determined by the 'master' input file `ore.xml`.

The typical list of output files and reports is shown in table 4. The names of output files can be configured through the master input file `ore.xml`. Whether these reports are generated also depends on the setting in `ore.xml`. For the examples, all output will be written to the directory `Examples/Example_#/Output`.

Note: When building ORE from sources on Windows platforms, make sure that you copy your `ore.exe` to the binary directory `App/bin/win32/` respectively `App/bin/x64/`. Otherwise the examples may be run using the pre-compiled executables which come with the ORE release.

Example	Description
1	Vanilla at-the-money Swap with flat yield curve
2	Vanilla Swap with normal yield curve
3	European Swaption
4	Bermudan Swaption
5	Callable Swap
6	Cap/Floor
7	FX Forward European FX Option
8	Cross Currency Swap without notional reset
9	Cross Currency Swap with notional reset
10	Three-Swap portfolio with netting and collateral XVAs - CVA, DVA, FVA, MVA, COLVA Exposure and XVA Allocation to trade level
11	Basel exposure measures - EE, EPE, EEPE
12	Long term simulation with horizon shift
13	Dynamic Initial Margin and MVA
14	Minimal Market Data Setup
15	Sensitivity Analysis and Stress Testing
16	Equity Derivatives Exposure
17	Inflation Swap Exposure under Dodgson-Kainth
18	Bonds and Amortisation Structures
19	Swaption Pricing with Smile
20	Credit Default Swap Pricing
21	Constant Maturity Swap Pricing
22	Option Sensitivity Analysis with Smile
23	Forward Rate Agreement and Averaging OIS Exposure
24	Commodity Forward and Option Pricing and Sensitivity
25	CMS Spread with (Digital) Cap/Floor Pricing, Sensitivity and Exposures
26	Bootstrap Consistency
27	BMA Basis Swap Pricing and Sensitivity
28	Discount Ratio Curves
29	Curve Building using Fixed vs. Float Cross Currency Helpers
30	USD-Prime Curve Building via Prime-LIBOR Basis Swap
31	Exposure Simulation using a Close-out Grid
32	Inflation Swap Exposure under Jarrow-Yildirim
33	CDS Exposure Simulation
34	Wrong Way Risk
35	Flip View
36	Choice of Measure
37	Multifactor Hull-White scenario generation
38	Cross Currency Exposure using Multifactor Hull-White Models
39	Exposure Simulation using American Monte Carlo
40	Par Sensitivity Analysis
41	Multi-threaded Exposure Simulation
42	ORE Python Module

Table 2: ORE examples.

5.1 Interest Rate Swap Exposure, Flat Market

We start with a vanilla single currency Swap (currency EUR, maturity 20y, notional 10m, receive fixed 2% annual, pay 6M-Euribor flat). The market yield curves (for both discounting and forward projection) are set to be flat at 2% for all maturities, i.e. the Swap is at the money initially and remains at the money on average throughout its life. Running ORE in directory `Examples/Example_1` with

```
python run.py
```

yields the exposure evolution in

```
Examples/Example_1/Output/*.pdf
```

and shown in figure 2. Both Swap simulation and Swaption pricing are run with calls to the ORE executable, essentially

File Name	Description
ore.xml	Master input file, selection of further inputs below and selection of analytics
portfolio.xml	Trade data
netting.xml	Collateral (CSA) data
simulation.xml	Configuration of simulation model and market
market.txt	Market data snapshot
fixings.txt	Index fixing history
dividends.txt	Dividends history
curveconfig.xml	Curve and term structure composition from individual market instruments
conventions.xml	Market conventions for all market data points
todaymarket.xml	Configuration of the market composition, relevant for the pricing of the given portfolio as of today (yield curves, FX rates, volatility surfaces etc)
pricingengines.xml	Configuration of pricing methods by product

Table 3: ORE input files

File Name	Description
npv.csv	NPV report
flows.csv	Cashflow report
curves.csv	Generated yield (discount) curves report
xva.csv	XVA report, value adjustments at netting set and trade level
exposure_trade*.csv	Trade exposure evolution reports
exposure_nettingset*.csv	Netting set exposure evolution reports
rawcube.csv	NPV cube in readable text format
netcube.csv	NPV cube after netting and collateral, in readable text format
*.csv.gz	Intermediate storage of NPV cube and scenario data
*.pdf	Exposure graphics produced by the python script run.py after ORE completed

Table 4: ORE output files

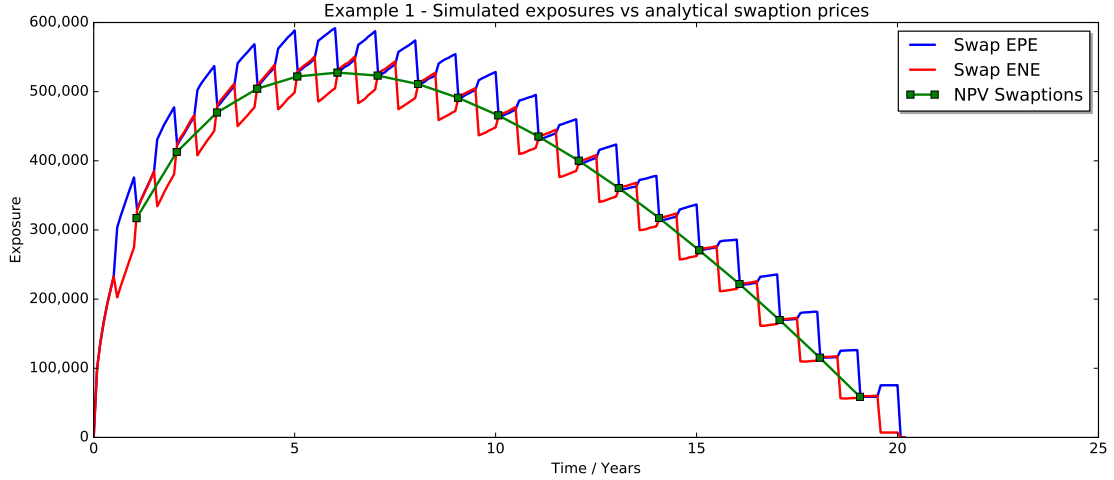


Figure 2: Vanilla ATM Swap expected exposure in a flat market environment from both parties' perspectives. The symbols are European Swaption prices. The simulation was run with monthly time steps and 10,000 Monte Carlo samples to demonstrate the convergence of EPE and ENE profiles. A similar outcome can be obtained more quickly with 5,000 samples on a quarterly time grid which is the default setting of Example_1.

```
ore[.exe] ore.xml
ore[.exe] ore_swaption.xml
```

which are wrapped into the script `Examples/Example_1/run.py` provided with the ORE release. It is instructive to look into the input folder in `Examples/Example_1`, the content of the main input file `ore.xml`, together with the explanations in section 7. This simple example is an important test case which is also run similarly in one of the unit test suites of ORE. The expected exposure can be seen as a European option on

the underlying netting set, see also appendix A.4. In this example, the expected exposure at some future point in time, say 10 years, is equal to the European Swaption price for an option with expiry in 10 years, underlying Swap start in 10 years and underlying Swap maturity in 20 years. We can easily compute such standard European Swaption prices for all future points in time where both Swap legs reset, i.e. annually in this case². And if the simulation model has been calibrated to the points on the Swaption surface which are used for European Swaption pricing, then we can expect to see that the simulated exposure matches Swaption prices at these annual points, as in figure 2. In Example_1 we used co-terminal ATM Swaptions for both model calibration and Swaption pricing. Moreover, as the yield curve is flat in this example, the exposures from both parties' perspectives (EPE and ENE) match not only at the annual resets, but also for the period between annual reset of both legs to the point in time when the floating leg resets. Thereafter, between floating leg (only) reset and next joint fixed/floating leg reset, we see and expect a deviation of the two exposure profiles.

5.2 Interest Rate Swap Exposure, Realistic Market

Moving to Examples/Example_2, we see what changes when using a realistic (non-flat) market environment. Running the example with

```
python run.py
```

yields the exposure evolution in

```
Examples/Example_2/Output/*.pdf
```

shown in figure 3. In this case, where the curves (discount and forward) are upward

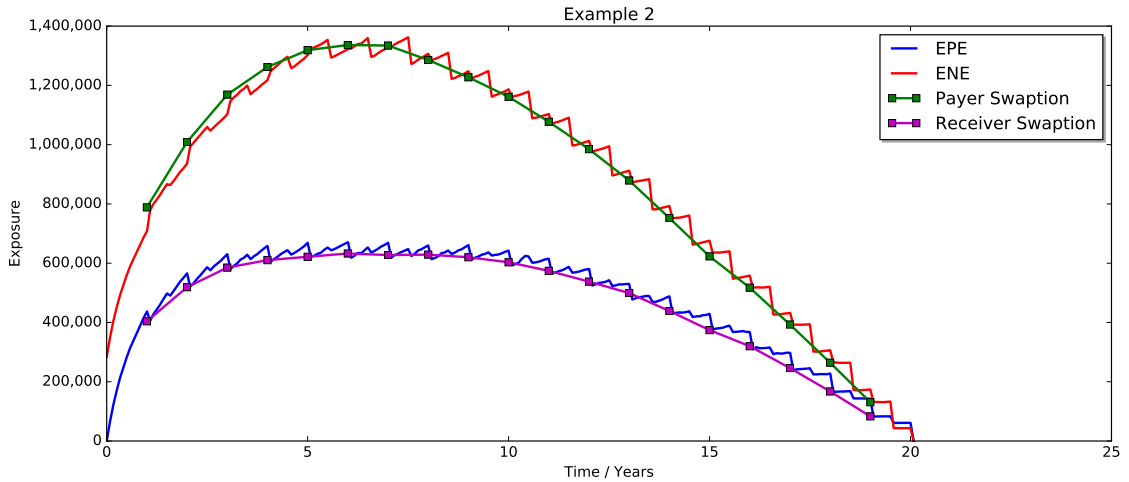


Figure 3: Vanilla ATM Swap expected exposure in a realistic market environment as of 05/02/2016 from both parties' perspectives. The Swap is the same as in figure 2 but receiving fixed 1%, roughly at the money. The symbols are the prices of European payer and receiver Swaptions. Simulation with 5000 paths and monthly time steps.

sloping, the receiver Swap is at the money at inception only and moves (on average) out of the money during its life. Similarly, the Swap moves into the money from the

²Using closed form expressions for standard European Swaption prices.

counterparty's perspective. Hence the expected exposure evolutions from our perspective (EPE) and the counterparty's perspective (ENE) 'detach' here, while both can still be reconciled with payer or respectively receiver Swaption prices.

5.3 European Swaption Exposure

This demo case in folder `Examples/Example_3` shows the exposure evolution of European Swaptions with cash and physical delivery, respectively, see figure 4. The

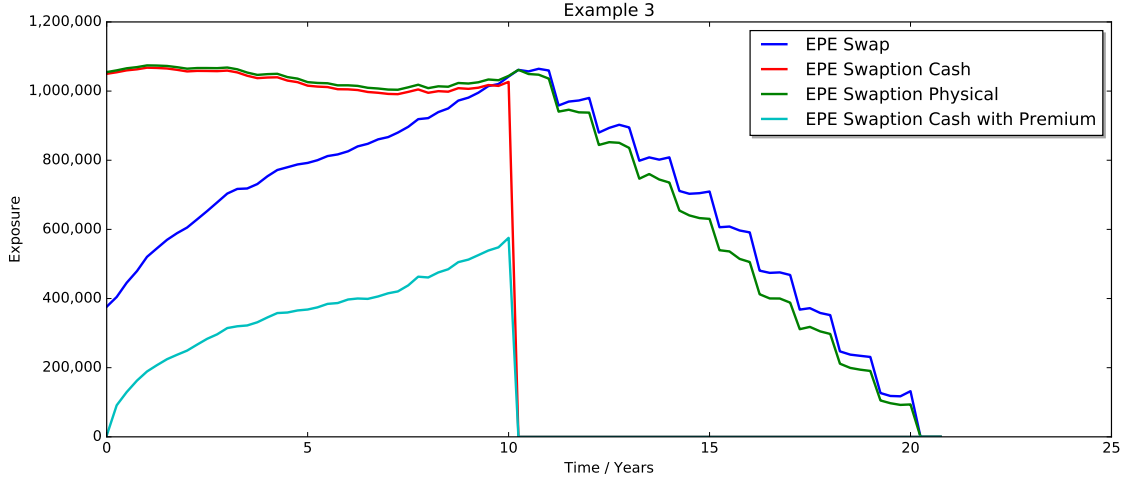


Figure 4: European Swaption exposure evolution, expiry in 10 years, final maturity in 20 years, for cash and physical delivery. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

delivery type (cash vs physical) yields significantly different valuations as of today due to the steepness of the relevant yield curves (EUR). The cash settled Swaption's exposure graph is truncated at the exercise date, whereas the physically settled Swaption exposure turns into a Swap-like exposure after expiry. For comparison, the example also provides the exposure evolution of the underlying forward starting Swap which yields a somewhat higher exposure after the forward start date than the physically settled Swaption. This is due to scenarios with negative Swap NPV at expiry (hence not exercised) and positive NPVs thereafter. Note the reduced EPE in case of a Swaption with settlement of the option premium on exercise date.

5.4 Bermudan Swaption Exposure

This demo case in folder `Examples/Example_4` shows the exposure evolution of Bermudan rather than European Swaptions with cash and physical delivery, respectively, see figure 5. The underlying Swap is the same as in the European Swaption example in section 5.3. Note in particular the difference between the Bermudan and European Swaption exposures with cash settlement: The Bermudan shows the typical step-wise decrease due to the series of exercise dates. Also note that we are using the same Bermudan option pricing engines for both settlement types, in contrast to the European case, so that the Bermudan option cash and physical exposures are identical up to the first exercise date. When running this example, you will notice the significant difference in computation time compared to the European case (ballpark 30 minutes here for 2 Swaptions, 1000 samples, 90 time steps). The

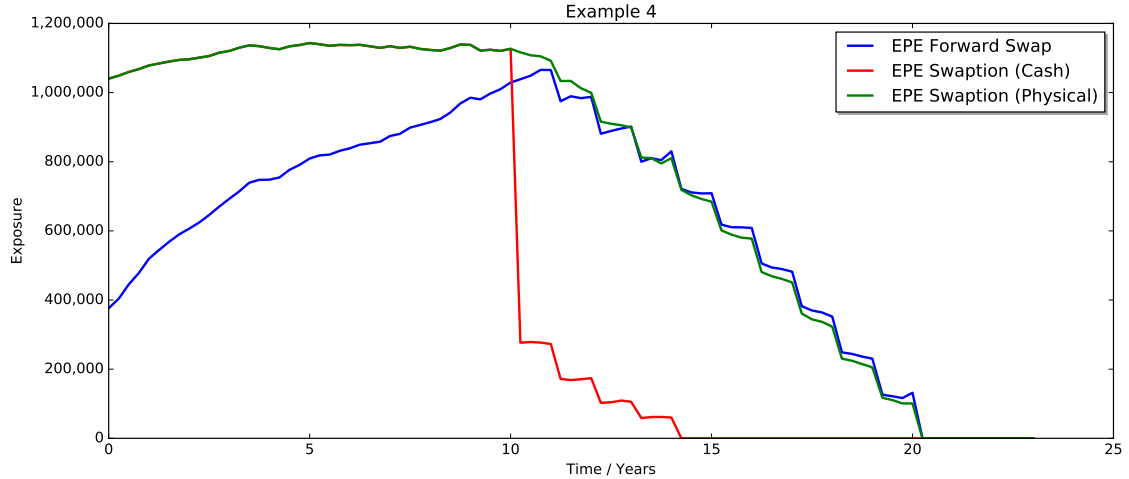


Figure 5: Bermudan Swaption exposure evolution, 5 annual exercise dates starting in 10 years, final maturity in 20 years, for cash and physical delivery. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

Bermudan example takes significantly more computation time because we use an LGM grid engine for pricing under scenarios in this case. In a realistic context one would more likely resort to American Monte Carlo simulation, feasible in ORE, but not provided in the current release. However, this implementation can be used to benchmark any faster / more sophisticated approach to Bermudan Swaption exposure simulation.

5.5 Callable Swap Exposure

This demo case in folder `Examples/Example_5` shows the exposure evolution of a European callable Swap, represented as two trades - the non-callable Swap and a Swaption with physical delivery. We have sold the call option, i.e. the Swaption is a right for the counterparty to enter into an offsetting Swap which economically terminates all future flows if exercised. The resulting exposure evolutions for the individual components (Swap, Swaption), as well as the callable Swap are shown in figure 6. The example is an extreme case where the underlying Swap is deeply in the money (receiving fixed 5%), and hence the call exercise probability is close to one. Modify the Swap and Swaption fixed rates closer to the money ($\approx 1\%$) to see the deviation between net exposure of the callable Swap and the exposure of a 'short' Swap with maturity on exercise.

5.6 Cap/Floor Exposure

The example in folder `Examples/Example_6` generates exposure evolutions of several Swaps, caps and floors. The example shown in figure 7 ('portfolio 1') consists of a 20y Swap receiving 3% fixed and paying Euribor 6M plus a long 20y Collar with both cap and floor at 4% so that the net exposure corresponds to a Swap paying 1% fixed. The second example in this folder shown in figure 8 ('portfolio 2') consists of a short Cap, long Floor and a long Collar that exactly offsets the netted Cap and Floor.

Further three test portfolios are provided as part of this example. Run the example

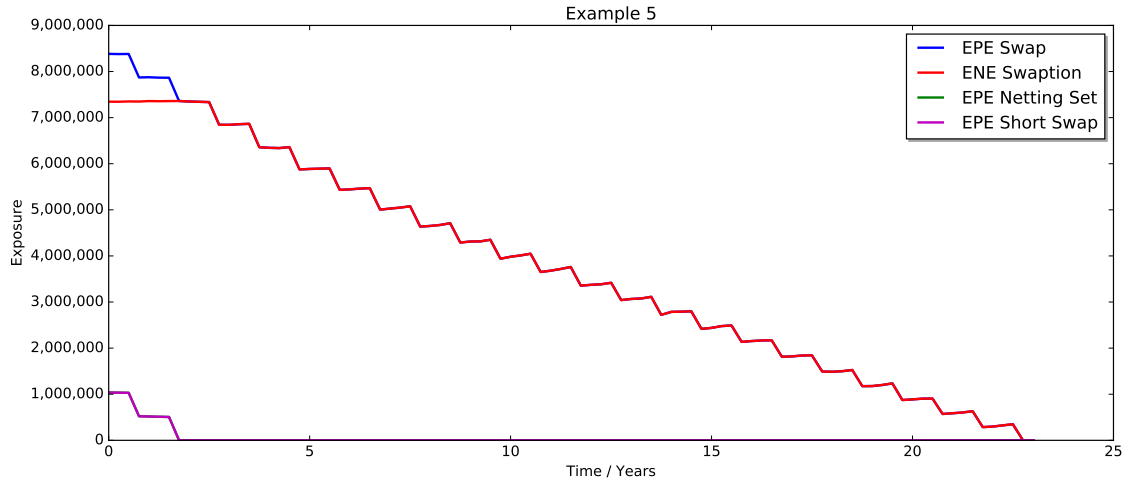


Figure 6: European callable Swap represented as a package consisting of non-callable Swap and Swaption. The Swaption has physical delivery and offsets all future Swap cash flows if exercised. The exposure evolution of the package is shown here as 'EPE Netting Set' (green line). This is covered by the pink line, the exposure evolution of the same Swap but with maturity on the exercise date. The graphs match perfectly here, because the example Swap is deep in the money and exercise probability is close to one. Simulation with 5000 paths and quarterly time steps.



Figure 7: Swap+Collar, portfolio 1. The Collar has identical cap and floor rates at 4% so that it corresponds to a fixed leg which reduces the exposure of the Swap, which receives 3% fixed. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

and inspect the respective output directories

Examples/Example_6/Output/portfolio_#. Note that these directories have to be present/created before running the batch with `python run.py`.

5.7 FX Forward and FX Option Exposure

The example in folder Examples/Example_7 generates the exposure evolution for a EUR / USD FX Forward transaction with value date in 10Y. This is a particularly simple show case because of the single cash flow in 10Y. On the other hand it checks the cross currency model implementation by means of comparison to analytic limits -

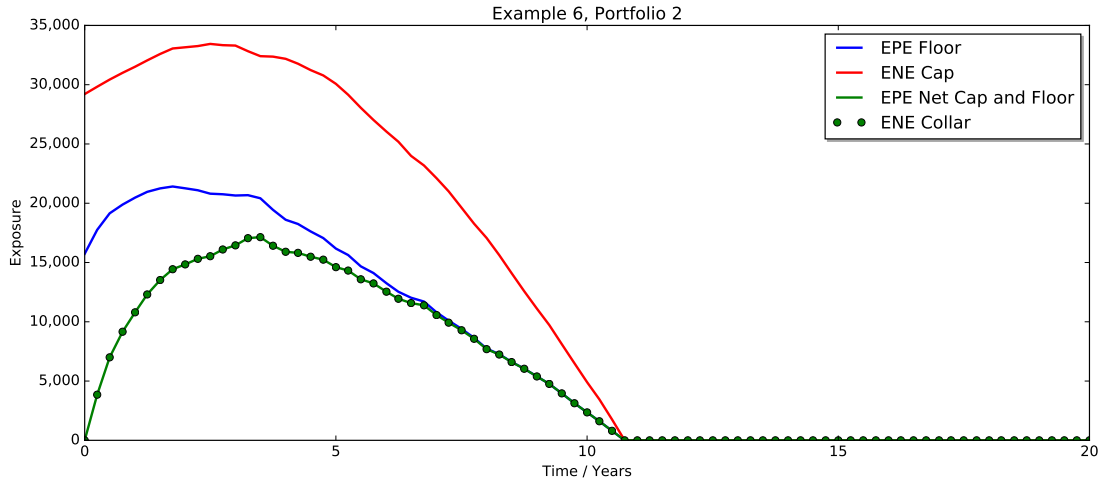


Figure 8: Short Cap and long Floor vs long Collar, portfolio 2. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

EPE and ENE at the trade's value date must match corresponding Vanilla FX Option prices, as shown in figure 9.

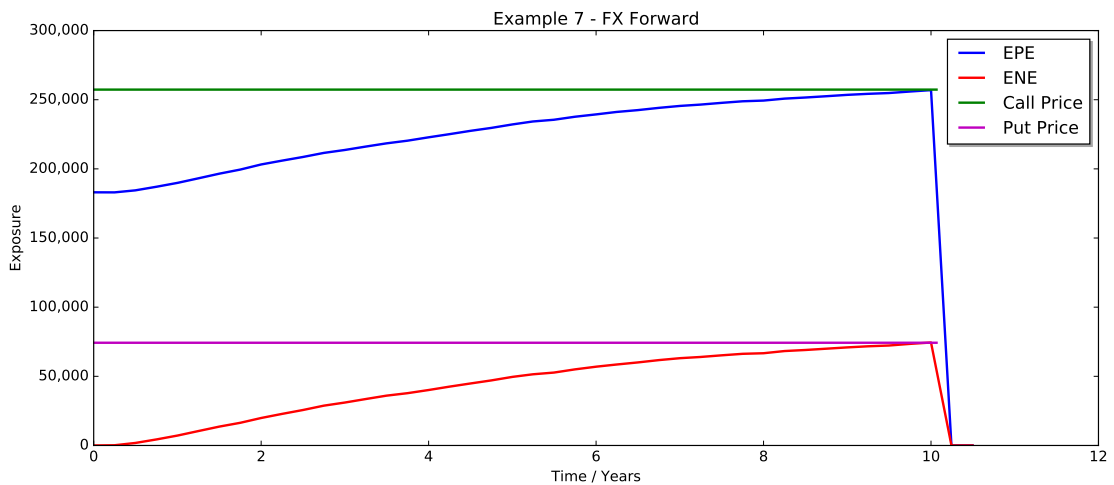


Figure 9: EUR/USD FX Forward expected exposure in a realistic market environment as of 26/02/2016 from both parties' perspectives. Value date is obviously in 10Y. The flat lines are FX Option prices which coincide with EPE and ENE, respectively, on the value date. Simulation with 5000 paths and quarterly time steps.

FX Option Exposure

This example (in folder `Examples/Example_7`, as the FX Forward example) illustrates the exposure evolution for an FX Option, see figure 10. Recall that the FX Option

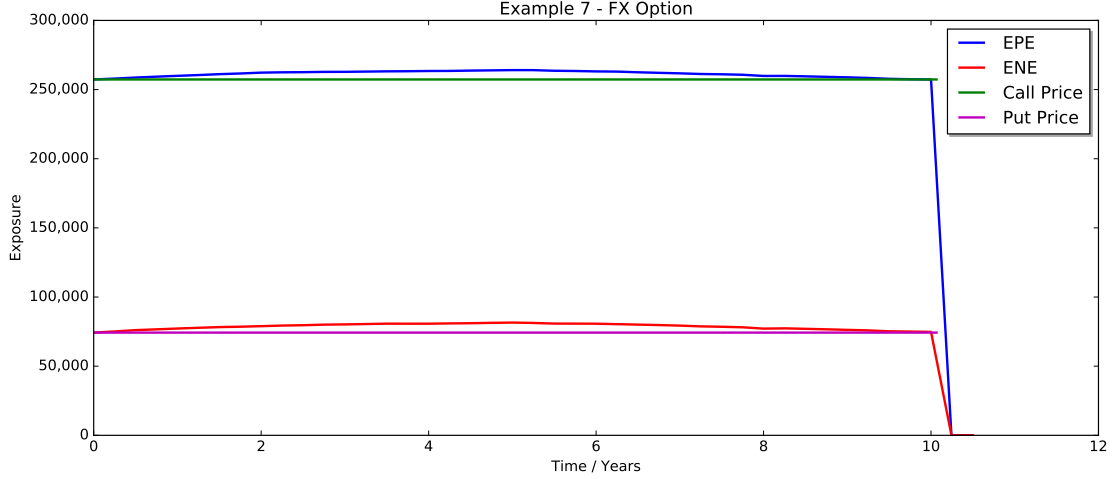


Figure 10: EUR/USD FX Call and Put Option exposure evolution, same underlying and market data as in section 5.7, compared to the call and put option price as of today (flat line). Simulation with 5000 paths and quarterly time steps.

value $NPV(t)$ as of time $0 \leq t \leq T$ satisfies

$$\frac{NPV(t)}{N(t)} = \text{Nominal} \times \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{(X(T) - K)^+}{N(T)} \right]$$

$$NPV(0) = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{NPV(t)}{N(t)} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{NPV^+(t)}{N(t)} \right] = EPE(t)$$

where $N(t)$ denotes the numeraire asset. One would therefore expect a flat exposure evolution up to option expiry. The deviation from this in ORE's simulation is due to the pricing approach chosen here under scenarios. A Black FX option pricer is used with deterministic Black volatility derived from today's volatility structure (pushed or rolled forward, see section 7.4.3). The deviation can be removed by extending the volatility modelling, e.g. implying model consistent Black volatilities in each simulation step on each path.

5.8 Cross Currency Swap Exposure, without FX Reset

The case in Examples/Example_8 is a vanilla cross currency Swap. It shows the typical blend of an Interest Rate Swap's saw tooth exposure evolution with an FX Forward's exposure which increases monotonically to final maturity, see figure 11.

5.9 Cross Currency Swap Exposure, with FX Reset

The effect of the FX resetting feature, common in Cross Currency Swaps nowadays, is shown in Examples/Example_9. The example shows the exposure evolution of a EUR/USD cross currency basis Swap with FX reset at each interest period start, see figure 12. As expected, the notional reset causes an exposure collapse at each period start when the EUR leg's notional is reset to match the USD notional.

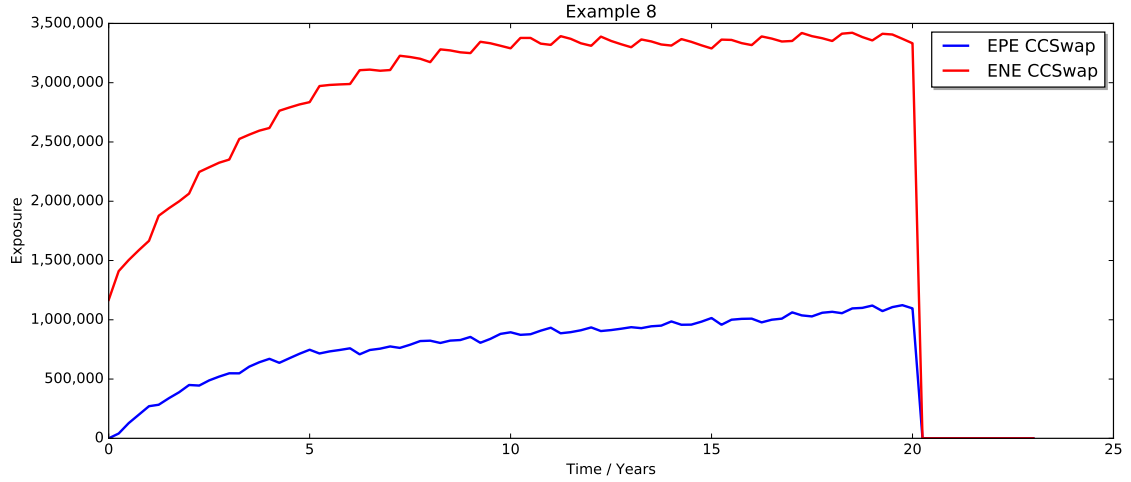


Figure 11: Cross Currency Swap exposure evolution without mark-to-market notional reset. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

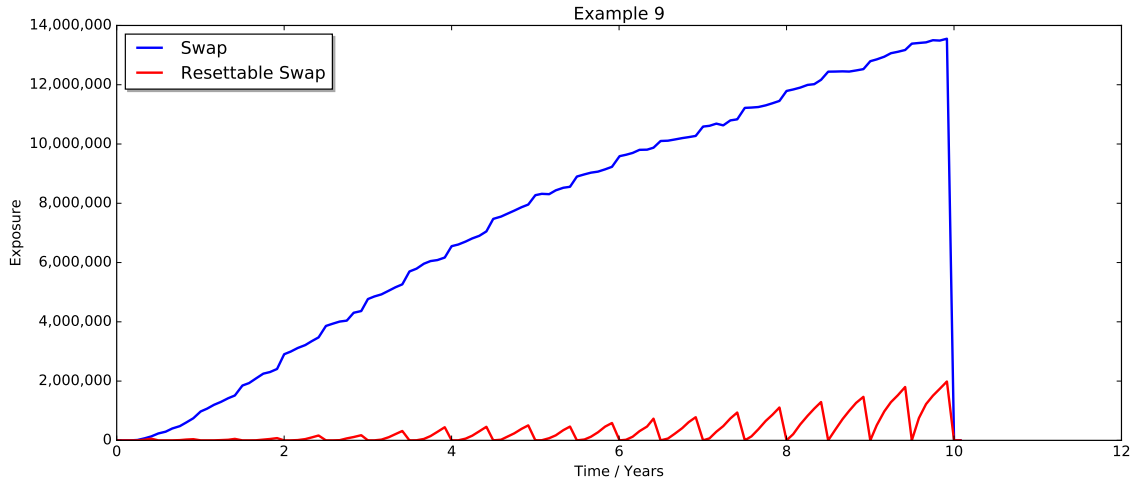


Figure 12: Cross Currency Basis Swap exposure evolution with and without mark-to-market notional reset. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

5.10 Netting Set, Collateral, XVAs, XVA Allocation

In this example (see folder `Examples/Example_10`) we showcase a small netting set consisting of three Swaps in different currencies, with different collateral choices

- no collateral - figure 13,
- collateral with threshold (THR) 1m EUR, minimum transfer amount (MTA) 100k EUR, margin period of risk (MPOR) 2 weeks - figure 14
- collateral with zero THR and MTA, and MPOR 2w - figure 15

The exposure graphs with collateral and positive margin period of risk show typical spikes. What is causing these? As sketched in appendix A.13, ORE uses a *classical collateral model* that applies collateral amounts to offset exposure with a time delay that corresponds to the margin period of risk. The spikes are then caused by instrument cash flows falling between exposure measurement dates d_1 and d_2 (an

MPOR apart), so that a collateral delivery amount determined at d_1 but settled at d_2 differs significantly from the closeout amount at d_2 causing a significant residual exposure for a short period of time. See for example [23] for a recent detailed discussion of collateral modelling. The approach currently implemented in ORE corresponds to *Classical+* in [23], the more conservative approach of the classical methods. The less conservative alternative, *Classical-*, would assume that both parties stop paying trade flows at the beginning of the MPOR, so that the P&L over the MPOR does not contain the cash flow effect, and exposure spikes are avoided. Note that the size and position of the largest spike in figure 14 is consistent with a cash flow of the 40 million GBP Swap in the example's portfolio that rolls over the 3rd of March and has a cash flow on 3 March 2020, a bit more than four years from the evaluation date.

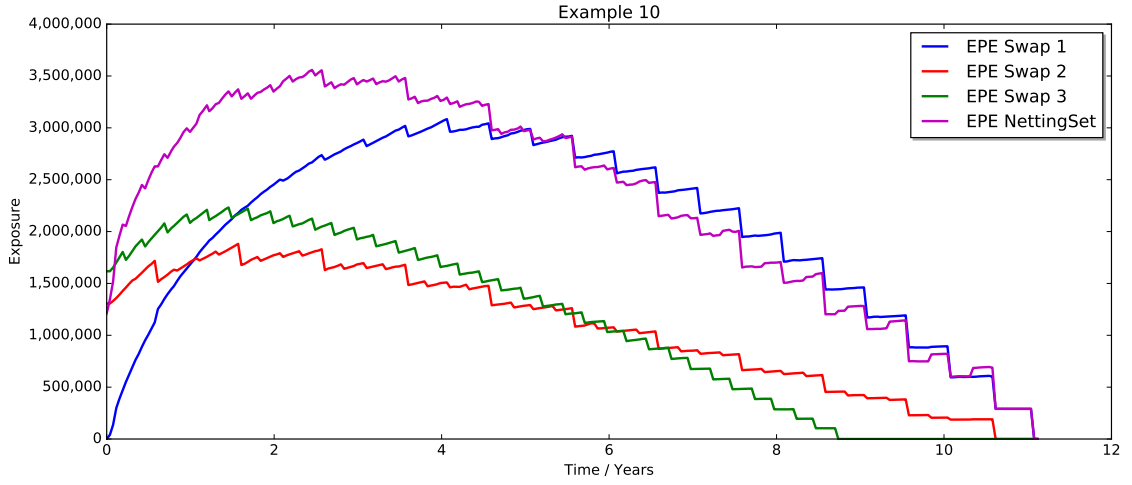


Figure 13: Three Swaps netting set, no collateral. Simulation with 5000 paths and bi-weekly time steps.

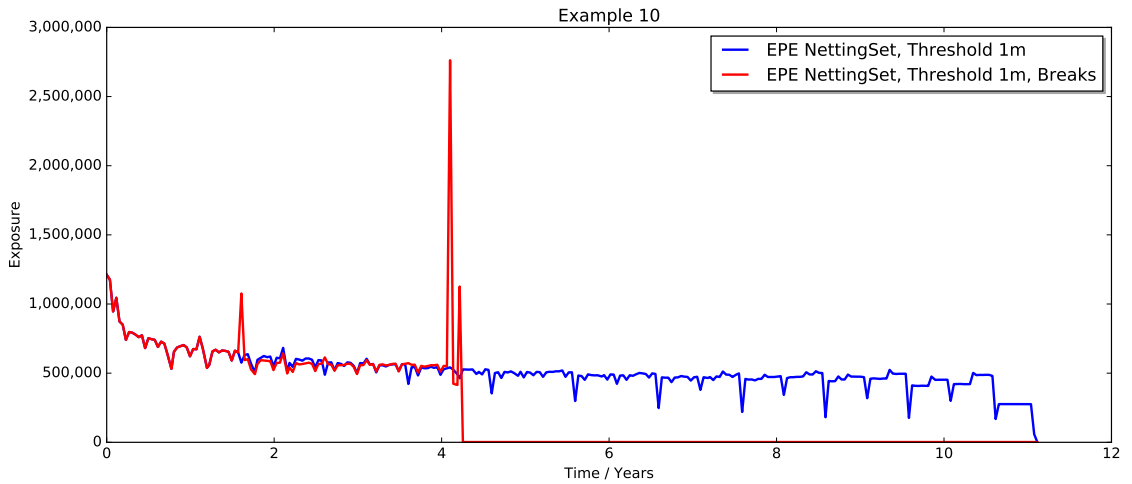


Figure 14: Three Swaps netting set, $THR=1m$ EUR, $MTA=100k$ EUR, $MPOR=2w$. The red evolution assumes that the each trade is terminated at the next break date. The blue evolution ignores break dates. Simulation with 5000 paths and bi-weekly time steps.

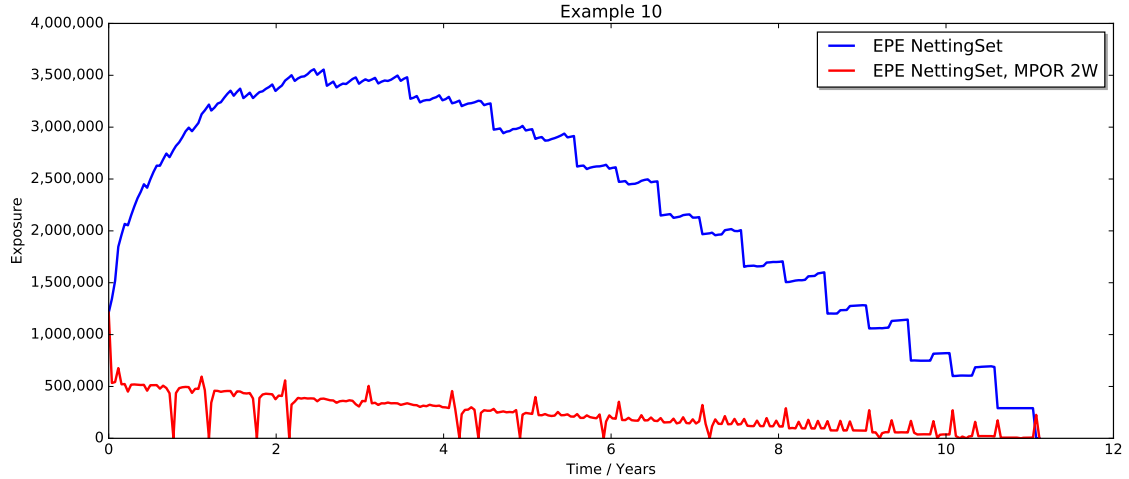


Figure 15: Three Swaps, $THR=MTA=0$, $MPOR=2w$. Simulation with 5000 paths and bi-weekly time steps.

CVA, DVA, FVA, COLVA, MVA, Collateral Floor

We use one of the cases in `Examples/Example_10` to demonstrate the XVA outputs, see folder `Examples/Example_10/Output/collateral_threshold_dim`.

The summary of all value adjustments (CVA, DVA, FVA, COLVA, MVA, as well as the Collateral Floor) is provided in file `xva.csv`. The file includes the allocated CVA and DVA numbers to individual trades as introduced in the next section. The following table illustrates the file's layout, omitting the three columns containing allocated data.

TradeId	NettingSetId	CVA	DVA	FBA	FCA	COLVA	MVA	CollateralFloor	BaselEPE	BaselEEPE
	CPTY_A	6,521	151,193	-946	72,103	2,769	-14,203	189,936	113,260	1,211,770
Swap_1	CPTY_A	127,688	211,936	-19,624	100,584	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,022,590	2,727,010
Swap_3	CPTY_A	71,315	91,222	-11,270	43,370	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,403,320	2,183,860
Swap_2	CPTY_A	68,763	100,347	-10,755	47,311	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,126,520	1,839,590

The line(s) with empty TradeId column contain values at netting set level, the others contain uncollateralised single-trade VAs. Note that COLVA, MVA and Collateral Floor are only available at netting set level at which collateral is posted.

Detailed output is written for COLVA and Collateral Floor to file `colva_nettingset_*.csv` which shows the incremental contributions to these two VAs through time.

Exposure Reports & XVA Allocation to Trades

Using the example in folder `Examples/Example_10` we illustrate here the layout of an exposure report produced by ORE. The report shows the exposure evolution of Swap_1 without collateral which - after running `Example_10` - is found in folder `Examples/Example_10/Output/collateral_none/exposure_trade_Swap_1.csv`:

TradeId	Date	Time	EPE	ENE	AllocEPE	AllocENE	PFE	BaselEE	BaselEEE
Swap_1	05/02/16	0.0000	0	1,711,748	0	0	0	0	0
Swap_1	19/02/16	0.0383	38,203	1,749,913	-1,200,677	511,033	239,504	38,202	38,202
Swap_1	04/03/16	0.0765	132,862	1,843,837	-927,499	783,476	1,021,715	132,845	132,845
Swap_1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The exposure measures EPE, ENE and PFE, and the Basel exposure measures EE_B and EEE_B , are defined in appendix A.4. Allocated exposures are defined in appendix A.14. The PFE quantile and allocation method are chosen as described in section 7.1.3. In addition to single trade exposure files, ORE produces an exposure file per netting set. The example from the same folder as above is:

NettingSet	Date	Time	EPE	ENE	PFE	ExpectedCollateral	BaselEE	BaselEEE
CPTY_A	05/02/16	0.0000	1,203,836	0	1,203,836	0	1,203,836	1,203,836
CPTY_A	19/02/16	0.0383	1,337,713	137,326	3,403,460	0	1,337,651	1,337,651
CPTY_A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Allocated exposures are missing here, as they make sense at the trade level only, and the expected collateral balance is added for information (in this case zero as collateralisation is deactivated in this example).

The allocation of netting set exposure and XVA to the trade level is frequently required by finance departments. This allocation is also featured in Examples/Example_10. We start again with the uncollateralised case in figure 16, followed by the case with threshold 1m EUR in figure 17. In both cases we apply the

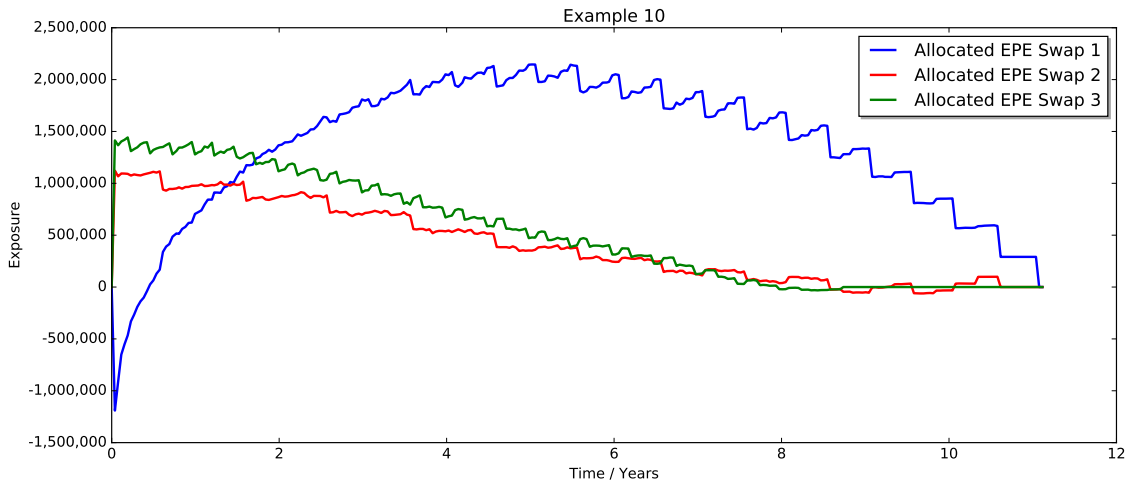


Figure 16: Exposure allocation without collateral. Simulation with 5000 paths and bi-weekly time steps.

marginal (Euler) allocation method as published by Pykhtin and Rosen in 2010, hence we see the typical negative EPE for one of the trades at times when it reduces the netting set exposure. The case with collateral moreover shows the typical spikes in the allocated exposures. The analytics results also feature allocated XVAs in file `xva.csv` which are derived from the allocated exposure profiles. Note that ORE also offers alternative allocation methods to the marginal method by Pykhtin/Rosen, which can be explored with Examples/Example_10.

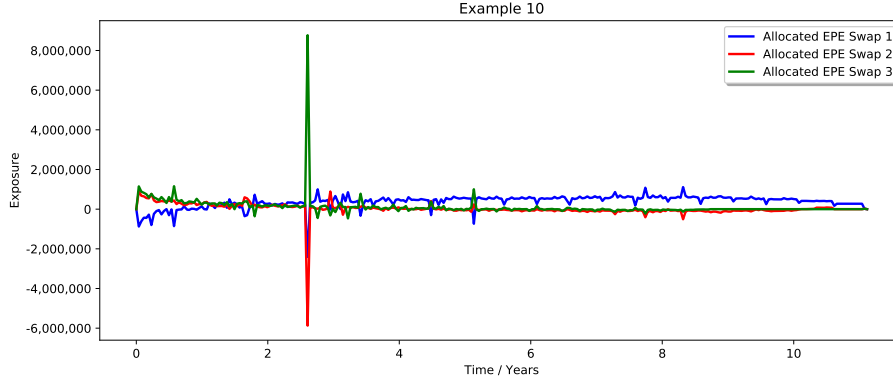


Figure 17: Exposure allocation with collateral and threshold 1m EUR. Simulation with 5000 paths and bi-weekly time steps.

5.11 Basel Exposure Measures

Example `Example_11` demonstrates the relation between the evolution of the expected exposure (EPE in our notation) to the ‘Basel’ exposure measures `EE_B`, `EEE_B`, `EPE_B` and `EEPE_B` as defined in appendix A.4. In particular the latter is used in internal model methods for counterparty credit risk as a measure for the exposure at default. It is a ‘derivative’ of the expected exposure evolution and defined as a time average over the running maximum of `EE_B` up to the horizon of one year.

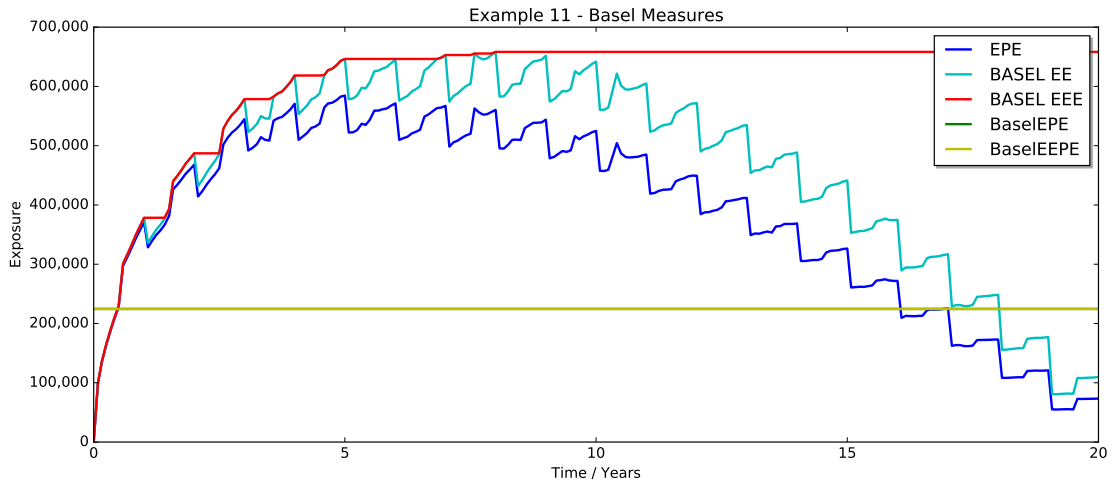


Figure 18: Evolution of the expected exposure of Vanilla Swap, comparison to the ‘Basel’ exposure measures `EEE_B`, `EPE_B` and `EEPE_B`. Note that the latter two are indistinguishable in this case, because the expected exposure is increasing for the first year.

5.12 Long Term Simulation with Horizon Shift

The example in folder `Example_12` finally demonstrates an effect that, at first glance, seems to cause a serious issue with long term simulations. Fortunately this can be avoided quite easily in the Linear Gauss Markov model setting that is used here. In the example we consider a Swap with maturity in 50 years in a flat yield curve environment. If we simulate this naively as in all previous cases, we obtain a

particularly noisy EPE profile that does not nearly reconcile with the known exposure (analytical Swaption prices). This is shown in figure 19 ('no horizon shift'). The origin of this issue is the width of the risk-neutral NPV distribution at long time horizons which can turn out to be quite small so that the Monte Carlo simulation with finite number of samples does not reach far enough into the positive or negative NPV range to adequately sample the distribution, and estimate both EPE and ENE in a single run. Increasing the number of samples may not solve the problem, and may not even be feasible in a realistic setting.

The way out is applying a 'shift transformation' to the Linear Gauss Markov model, see `Example_12/Input/simulation2.xml` in lines 92-95:

```
<ParameterTransformation>
  <ShiftHorizon>30.0</ShiftHorizon>
  <Scaling>1.0</Scaling>
</ParameterTransformation>
```

The effect of the 'ShiftHorizon' parameter T is to apply a shift to the Linear Gauss Markov model's $H(t)$ parameter (see appendix A.1) *after* the model has been calibrated, i.e. to replace:

$$H(t) \rightarrow H(t) - H(T)$$

It can be shown that this leaves all expectations computed in the model (such as EPE and ENE) invariant. As explained in [21], subtracting an H shift effectively means performing a change of measure from the 'native' LGM measure to a T-Forward measure with horizon T , here 30 years. Both negative and positive shifts are permissible, but only negative shifts are connected with a T-Forward measure and improve numerical stability.

In our experience it is helpful to place the horizon in the middle of the portfolio duration to significantly improve the quality of long term expectations. The effect of this change (only) is shown in the same figure 19 ('shifted horizon'). Figure 20 further

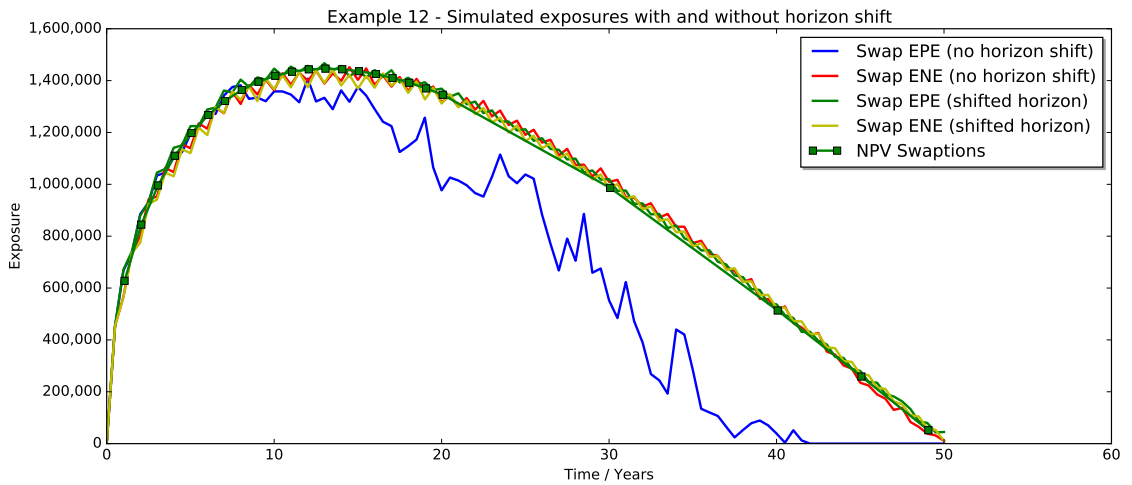


Figure 19: Long term Swap exposure simulation with and without horizon shift.

illustrates the origin of the problem and its resolution: The rate distribution's mean (without horizon shift or change of measure) drifts upwards due to convexity effects

(note that the yield curve is flat in this example), and the distribution's width is then too narrow at long horizons to yield a sufficient number of low rate scenarios with contributions to the Swap's *EPE* (it is a floating rate payer). With the horizon shift (change of measure), the distribution's mean is pulled 'back' at long horizons, because the convexity effect is effectively wiped out at the chosen horizon, and the expected rate matches the forward rate.

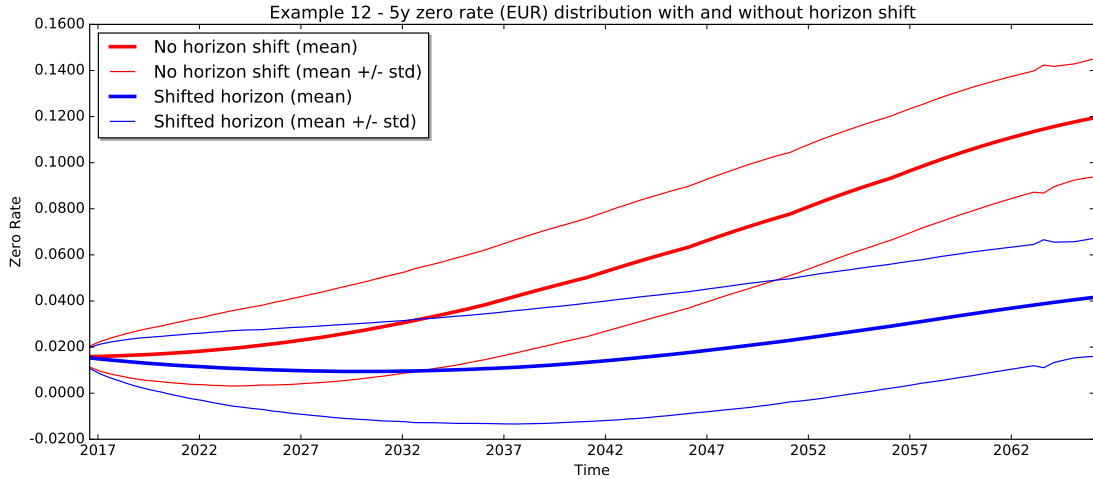


Figure 20: Evolution of rate distributions with and without horizon shift (change of measure). Thick lines indicate mean values, thin lines are contours of the rate distribution at \pm one standard deviation.

5.13 Dynamic Initial Margin and MVA

This example in folder `Examples/Example_13` demonstrates Dynamic Initial Margin calculations (see also appendix A.10) for a number of elementary products:

- A single currency Swap in EUR (case A),
- a European Swaption in EUR with physical delivery (case B),
- a single currency Swap in USD (case C), and
- a EUR/USD cross currency Swap (case D).

The examples can be run as before with

```
python run_A.py
```

and likewise for cases B, C and D. The essential results of each run are visualised in the form of

- evolution of expected DIM
- regression plots at selected future times

illustrated for cases A and B in figures 21 - 24. In the three swap cases, the regression orders do make a noticeable difference in the respective expected DIM evolution. In the Swaption case B, first and second order polynomial choice makes a difference before option expiry. More details on this DIM model and its performance can be found in [22, 25].

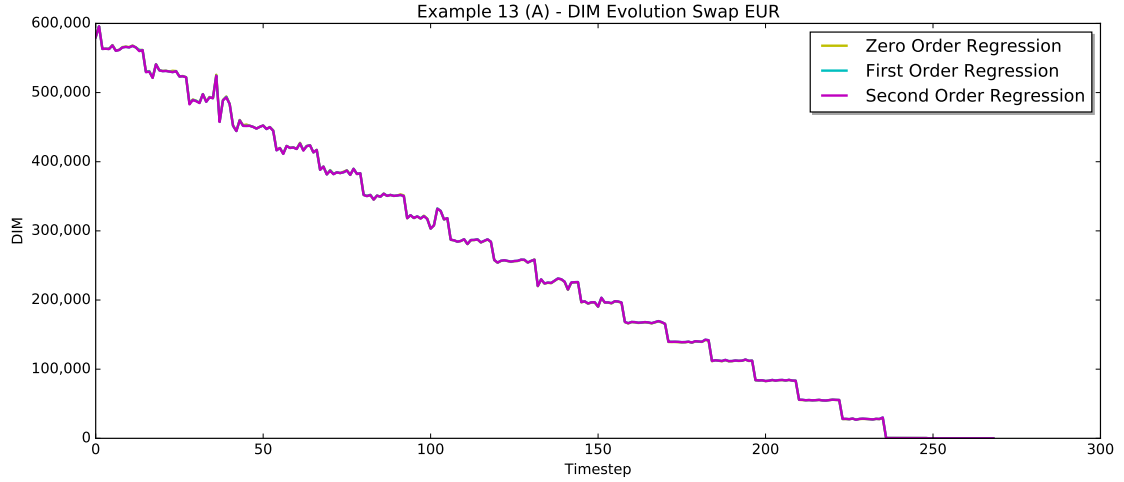


Figure 21: Evolution of expected Dynamic Initial Margin (DIM) for the EUR Swap of Example 13 A. DIM is evaluated using regression of NPV change variances versus the simulated 3M Euribor fixing; regression polynomials are zero, first and second order (first and second order curves are not distinguishable here). The simulation uses 1000 samples and a time grid with bi-weekly steps in line with the Margin Period of Risk.

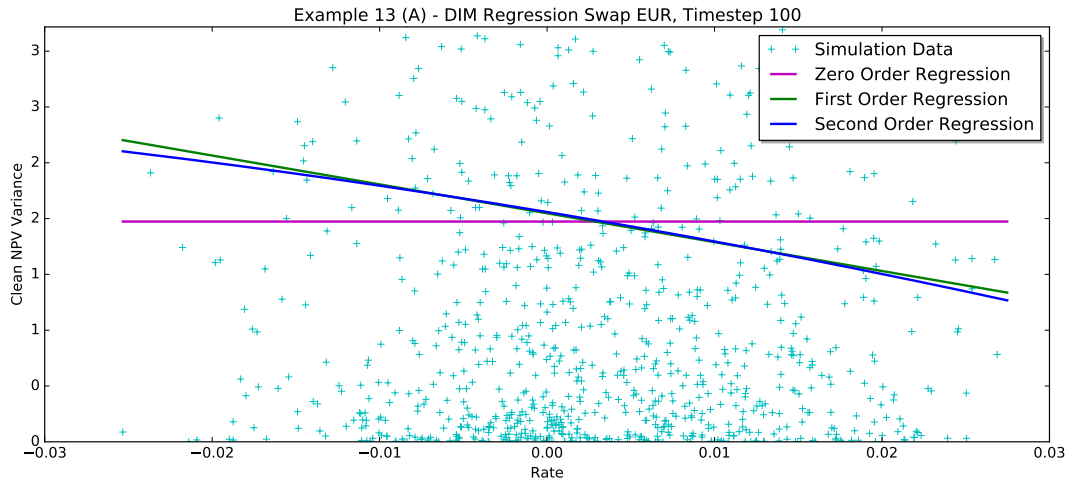


Figure 22: Regression snapshot at time step 100 for the EUR Swap of Example 13 A.

5.14 Minimal Market Data Setup

The example in folder `Examples/Example_14` demonstrates using a minimal market data setup in order to rerun the vanilla Swap exposure simulation shown in `Examples/Example_1`. The minimal market data uses single points per curve where possible.

5.15 Sensitivity Analysis, Stress Testing and Parametric Value-at-Risk

The example in folder `Examples/Example_15` demonstrates the calculation of sensitivities and stress scenarios. The portfolio used in this example consists of

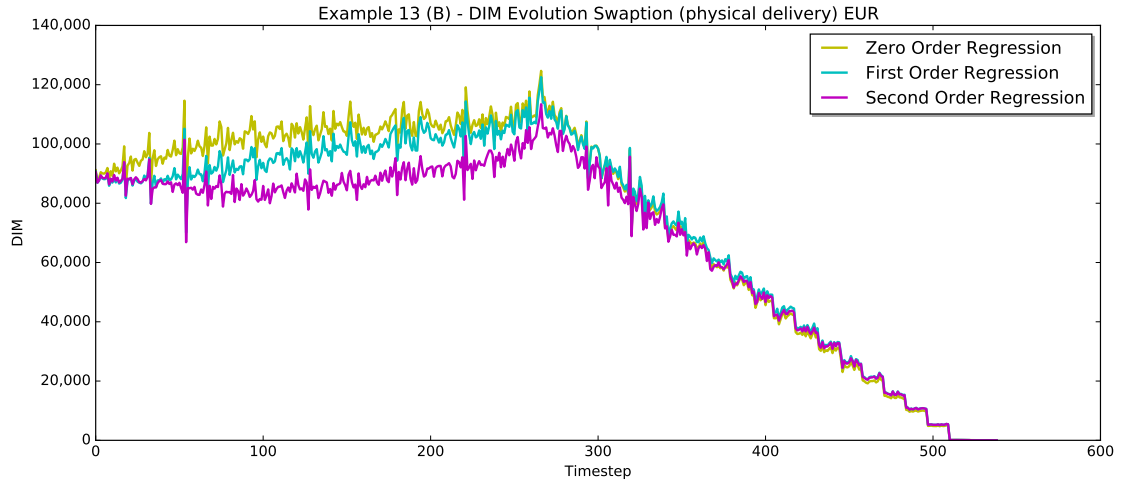


Figure 23: Evolution of expected Dynamic Initial Margin (DIM) for the EUR Swaption of Example 13 B with expiry in 10Y around time step 100. DIM is evaluated using regression of NPV change variances versus the simulated 3M Euribor fixing; regression polynomials are zero, first and second order. The simulation uses 1000 samples and a time grid with bi-weekly steps in line with the Margin Period of Risk.

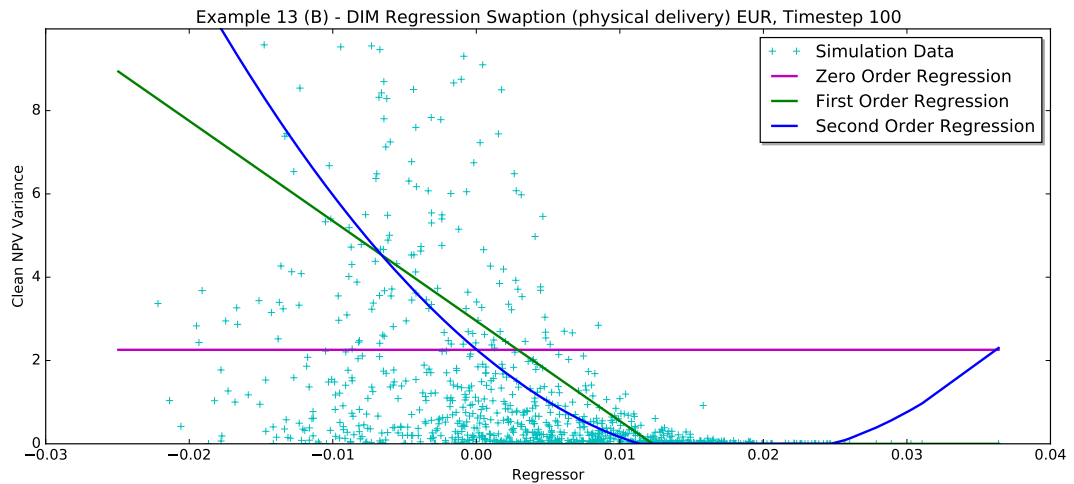


Figure 24: Regression snapshot at time step 100 (before expiry) for the EUR Swaption of Example 13 B.

- a vanilla swap in EUR
- a cross currency swap EUR-USD
- a resettable cross currency swap EUR-USD
- a FX forward EUR-USD
- a FX call option on USD/GBP
- a FX put option on USD/EUR
- an European swaption
- a Bermudan swaption

- a cap and a floor in USD
- a cap and a floor in EUR
- a fixed rate bond
- a floating rate bond with floor
- an Equity call option, put option and forward on S&P500
- an Equity call option, put option and forward on Lufthansa
- a CPI Swap referencing UKRPI
- a Year-on-Year inflation swap referencing EUHICPXT
- a USD CDS.

The sensitivity configuration in `sensitivity.xml` aims at computing the following sensitivities

- discount curve sensitivities in EUR, USD; GBP, CHF, JPY, on pillars 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y, 15Y, 20Y (absolute shift of 0.0001)
- forward curve sensitivities for EUR-EURIBOR 6M and 3M indices, EUR-EONIA, USD-LIBOR 3M and 6M, GBP-LIBOR 3M and 6M, CHF-LIBOR-6M and JPY-LIBOR-6M indices (absolute shift of 0.0001)
- yield curve shifts for a bond benchmark curve in EUR (absolute shift of 0.0001)
- FX spot sensitivities for USD, GBP, CHF, JPY against EUR as the base currency (relative shift of 0.01)
- FX vegas for USDEUR, GBPEUR, JPYEUR volatility surfaces (relative shift of 0.01)
- swaption vegas for the EUR surface on expiries 1Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y and underlying terms 1Y, 5Y, 10Y (relative shift of 0.01)
- caplet vegas for EUR and USD on an expiry grid 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y and strikes 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05. (absolute shift of 0.0001)
- credit curve sensitivities on tenors 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 5Y, 10Y (absolute shift of 0.0001).
- Equity spots for S&P500 and Lufthansa
- Equity vegas for S&P500 and Lufthansa at expiries 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 5Y
- Zero inflation curve deltas for UKRPI and EUHICPXT at tenors 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y, 15Y, 20Y
- Year on year inflation curve deltas for EUHICPXT at tenors 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y, 15Y, 20Y

Furthermore, mixed second order derivatives (“cross gammas”) are computed for discount-discount, discount-forward and forward-forward curves in EUR.

By definition the sensitivities are zero rate sensitivities and optionlet sensitivities, no par sensitivities are provided. The sensitivity analysis produces three output files.

The first, `scenario.csv`, contains the shift direction (UP, DOWN, CROSS), the base NPV, the scenario NPV and the difference of these two for each trade and sensitivity key. For an overview over the possible scenario keys see [7.5](#).

The second file, `sensitivity.csv`, contains the shift size (in absolute terms always) and first (“Delta”) and second (“Gamma”) order finite differences computed from the scenario results. Note that the Delta and Gamma results are pure differences, i.e. they are not divided by the shift size.

The second file also contains second order mixed differences according to the specified cross gamma filter, along with the shift sizes for the two factors involved.

The stress scenario definition in `stresstest.xml` defines two stress tests:

- **parallel_rates**: Rates are shifted in parallel by 0.01 (absolute). The EUR bond benchmark curve is shifted by increasing amounts 0.001, ..., 0.009 on the pillars 6M, ..., 20Y. FX Spots are shifted by 0.01 (relative), FX vols by 0.1 (relative), swaption and cap floor vols by 0.0010 (absolute). Credit curves are not yet shifted.
- **twist**: The EUR bond benchmark curve is shifted by amounts -0.0050, -0.0040, -0.0030, -0.0020, 0.0020, 0.0040, 0.0060, 0.0080, 0.0100 on pillars 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y, 15Y, 20Y.

The corresponding output file `stresstest.csv` contains the base NPV, the NPV under the scenario shifts and the difference of the two for each trade and scenario label.

Finally, this example demonstrates a parametric VaR calculation based on the sensitivity and cross gamma output from the sensitivity analysis (deltas, vegas, gammas, cross gammas) and an external covariance matrix input. The result in `var.csv` shows a breakdown by portfolio, risk class (All, Interest Rate, FX, Inflation, Equity, Credit) and risk type (All, Delta & Gamma, Vega). The results shown are Delta Gamma Normal VaRs for the 95% and 99% quantile, the holding period is incorporated into the input covariances. Alternatively, one can choose a Monte Carlo VaR which means that the sensitivity based P&L distribution is evaluated with MC simulation assuming normal respectively log-normal risk factor distribution.

5.16 Equity Derivatives Exposure

The example in folder `Examples/Example_16` demonstrates the computation of NPV, sensitivities, exposures and XVA for a portfolio of OTC equity derivatives. The portfolio used in this example consists of:

- an equity call option denominated in EUR (“Luft”)
- an equity put option denominated in EUR (“Luft”)
- an equity forward denominated in EUR (“Luft”)
- an equity call option denominated in USD (“SP5”)
- an equity put option denominated in USD (“SP5”)
- an equity forward denominated in USD (“SP5”)

- an equity Swap in USD with return type “price” (“SP5”)
- an equity Swap in USD with return type “total” (“SP5”)

The step-by-step procedure for running ORE is identical for equities as for other asset classes; the same market and portfolio data files are used to store the equity market data and trade details, respectively. For the exposure simulation, the calibration parameters for the equity risk factors can be set in the usual `simulation.xml` file.

Looking at the MtM results in the output file `npv.csv` we observe that put-call parity ($V_{Fwd} = V_{Call} - V_{Put}$) is observed as expected. Looking at Figure 25 we observe that the Expected Exposure profile of the equity call option trade is relatively smooth over time, while for the equity forward trade the Expected Exposure tends to increase as we approach maturity. This behaviour is similar to what we observe in sections 5.7 and 5.7.

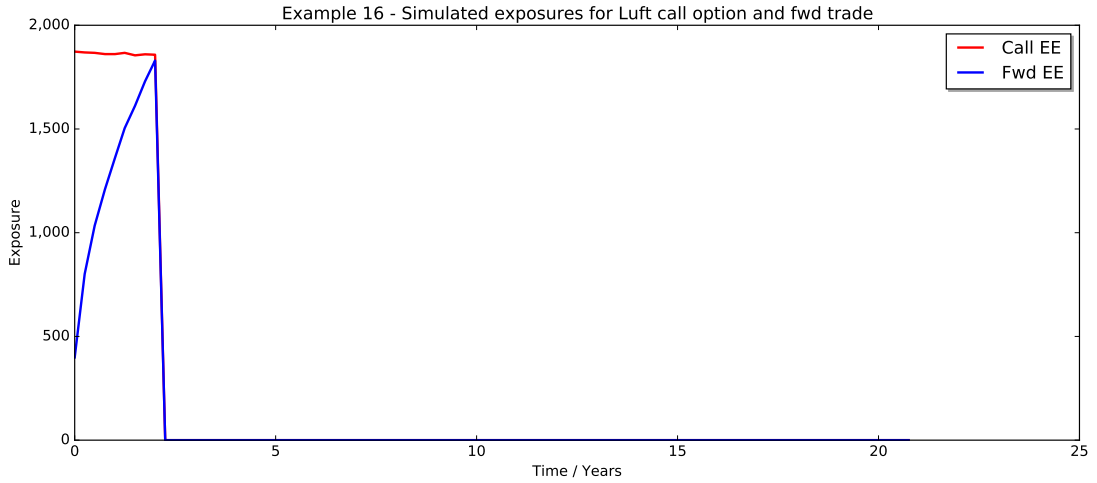


Figure 25: Equity (“Luft”) call option and OTC forward exposure evolution, maturity in approximately 2.5 years. Simulation with 10000 paths and quarterly time steps.

5.17 Inflation Swap Exposure under Dodgson-Kainth

The example portfolio in folder `Examples/Example_17` contains two CPI Swaps and one Year-on-Year Inflation Swap. The terms of the three trades are as follows:

- CPI Swap 1: Exchanges on 2036-02-05 a fixed amount of 20m GBP for a 10m GBP notional inflated with UKRPI with base CPI 210
- CPI Swap 2: Notional 10m GBP, maturity 2021-07-18, exchanging GBP Libor for GBP Libor 6M vs. $2\% \times \text{CPI-Factor (Act/Act)}$, inflated with index UKRPI with base CPI 210
- YOY Swap: Notional 10m EUR, maturity 2021-02-05, exchanging fixed coupons for EUHICPXT year-on-year inflation coupons
- YOY Swap with capped/floored YOY leg: Notional 10m EUR, maturity 2021-02-05, exchanging fixed coupons for EUHICPXT year-on-year inflation coupons, YOY leg capped with 0.03 and floored with 0.005

- YOY Swap with scheduled capped/floored YOY leg: Notional 10m EUR, maturity 2021-02-05, exchanging fixed coupons for EUHICPXT year-on-year inflation coupons, YOY leg capped with cap schedule and floored with floor schedule

The example generates cash flows, NPVs, exposure evolutions, XVAs, as well as two exposure graphs for CPI Swap 1 respectively the YOY Swap. For the YOY Swap and the both YOY Swaps with capped/floored YOY leg, the example generates their cash flows, NPVs, exposure evolutions, XVAs and sensitivities. Figure 26 shows the CPI Swap exposure evolution.

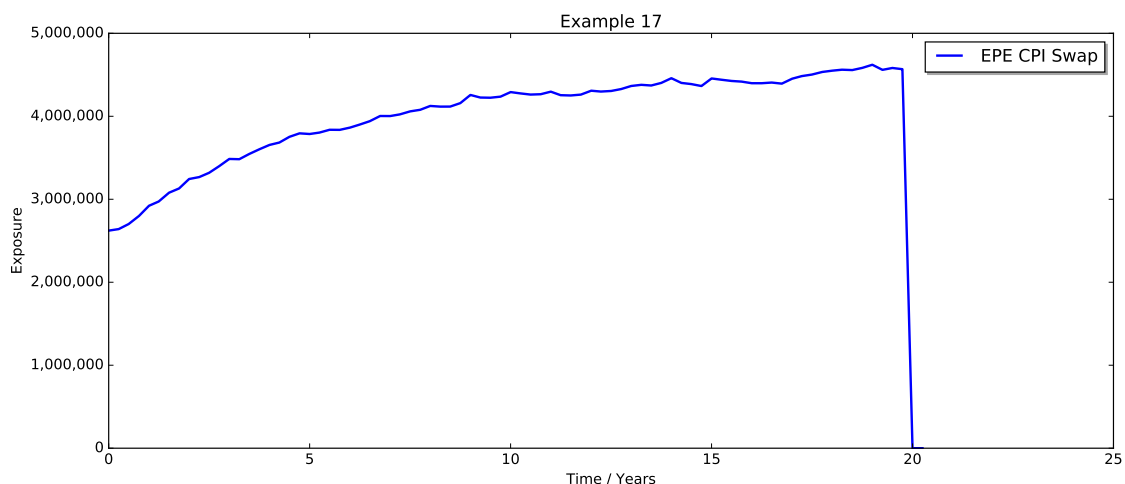


Figure 26: CPI Swap 1 exposure evolution. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

Figure 27 shows the evolution of the 5Y maturity Year-on-Year inflation swap for comparison. Note that the inflation simulation model (Dodgson-Kainth, see appendix A.1) yields the evolution of inflation indices and inflation zero bonds which allows spanning future inflation zero curves and the pricing of CPI swaps. To price Year-on-Year inflation Swaps under future scenarios, we imply Year-on-Year inflation curves from zero inflation curves³. Note that for pricing Year-on-Year Swaps as of today we use a separate inflation curve bootstrapped from quoted Year-on-Year inflation Swaps.

5.18 Bonds and Amortisation Structures

The example in folder `Examples/Example_18` computes NPVs and cash flow projections for a vanilla bond portfolio consisting of a range of bond products, in particular demonstrating amortisation features:

- fixed rate bond
- floating rate bond linked to Euribor 6M
- bond switching from fixed to floating

³Currently we discard the required (small) convexity adjustment. This will be supplemented in a subsequent release.

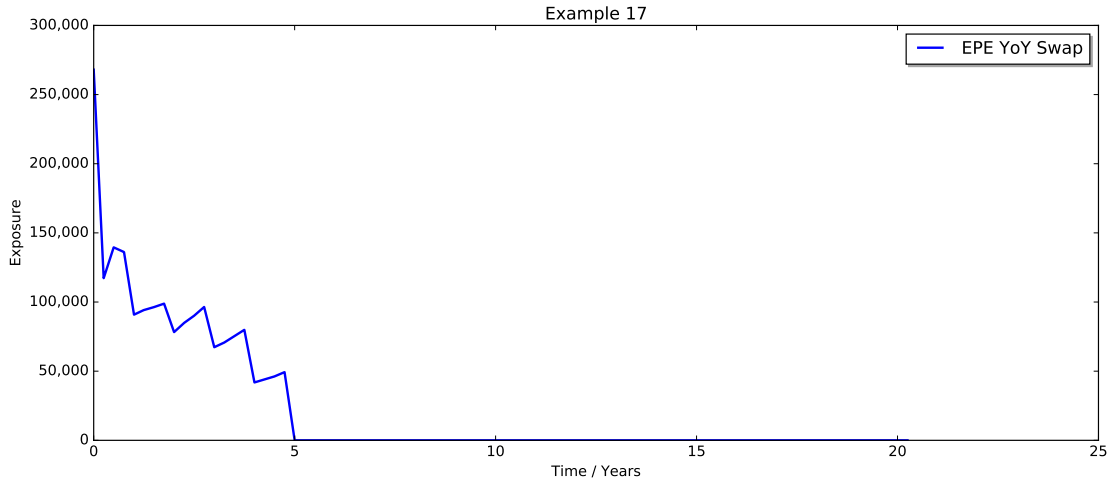


Figure 27: Year-on-Year Inflation Swap exposure evolution. Simulation with 1000 paths and quarterly time steps.

- bond with 'fixed amount' amortisation
- bond with percentage amortisation relative to the initial notional
- bond with percentage amortisation relative to the previous notional
- bond with fixed annuity amortisation
- bond with floating annuity amortisation (this example needs QuantLib 1.10 or higher to work, in particular the `amount()` method in the `Coupon` class needs to be virtual)
- bond with fixed amount amortisation followed by percentage amortisation relative to previous notional

After running the example, the results of the computation can be found in the output files `npv.csv` and `flows.csv`, respectively.

Note that the amortisation features used here are linked to the `LegData` structure, hence not limited to the `Bond` instrument, see section 8.3.7.

5.19 Swaption Pricing with Smile

This example in folder `Examples/Example_19` demonstrates European Swaption pricing with and without smile. Calling

```
python run.py
```

will launch two ORE runs using config files `ore_flat.xml` and `ore_smile.xml`, respectively. The only difference in these is referencing alternative market configurations `todaymarket_flat.xml` and `todaymarket_smile.xml` using an ATM Swaption volatility matrix and a Swaption cube, respectively. NPV results are written to `npv_flat.csv` and `npv_smile.csv`.

5.20 Credit Default Swap Pricing

This example in folder `Examples/Example_20` demonstrates Credit Default Swap pricing via ORE. Calling

```
python run.py
```

will launch a single ORE run to process a single name CDS example and to generate NPV and cash flows in the usual result files.

CDS can be included in sensitivity analysis and stress testing. Exposure simulation for credit derivatives will follow in the next ORE release.

5.21 CMS and CMS Cap/Floor Pricing

This example in folder `Examples/Example_21` demonstrates the pricing of CMS and CMS Cap/Floor using a portfolio consisting of a CMS Swap (CMS leg vs. fixed leg) and a CMS Cap. Calling

```
python run.py
```

will launch a single ORE run to process the portfolio and generate NPV and cash flows in the usual result files.

CMS structures can be included in sensitivity analysis, stress testing and exposure simulation.

5.22 Option Sensitivity Analysis with Smile

The example in folder `Examples/Example_22` demonstrates the current state of sensitivity calculation for European options where the volatility surface has a smile.

The portfolio used in this example consists of

- an equity call option denominated in USD (“SP5”)
- an equity put option denominated in USD (“SP5”)
- a receiver swaption in EUR
- an FX call option on EUR/USD

Refer to appendix [A.15](#) for the current status of sensitivity implementation with smile. In this example the setup is as follows

- today’s market is configured with volatility smile for all three products above
- simulation market has two configurations, to simulate “ATM only” or the “full surface”; “ATM only” means that only ATM volatilities are to be simulated and shifts to ATM vols are propagated to the respective smile section (see appendix [A.15](#));
- the sensitivity analysis has two corresponding configurations as well, “ATM only” and “full surface”; note that the “full surface” configuration leads to explicit sensitivities by strike only in the case of Swaption volatilities, for FX and Equity

volatilities only ATM sensitivity can be specified at the moment and sensitivity output is currently aggregated to the ATM bucket (to be extended in subsequent releases).

The respective output files end with “_fullSurface.csv” respectively “_atmOnly.csv”.

5.23 FRA and Average OIS Exposure

This example in folder `Examples/Example_23` demonstrates pricing, cash flow projection and exposure simulation for two additional products

- Forward Rate Agreements
- Averaging Overnight Index Swaps

using a minimal portfolio of four trades, one FRA and three OIS. The essential results are in `npv.csv`, `flows.csv` and four `exposure_trade_*.csv` files.

5.24 Commodity Derivatives, Pricing, Sensitivity, Exposure

Calling

```
python run.py
```

in folder `Examples/Example_24` will launch two ORE runs. The first one determined by `ore.xml` demonstrates pricing and sensitivity analysis for

- Commodity Forwards
- European Commodity Options

using a minimal portfolio of four forwards and two options referencing WTI and Gold. The essential results are in `npv.csv` and `sensitivity.csv`.

The second run determined by `ore_wti.xml` demonstrates Commodity exposure simulation for a portfolio including a

- Commodity Forward
- Commodity Swap
- European Commodity Option
- Commodity Average Price Option
- Commodity Swaption

with the usual results, exposure reports and graphs.

5.25 CMS Spread with (Digital) Cap/Floor

The example in folder `Examples/Example_25` demonstrates pricing, sensitivity analysis and exposure simulation for

- Capped/Floored CMS Spreads
- CMS Spreads with Digital Caps/Floors

The example can be run with

```
python run.py
```

and results are in `npv.csv`, `sensitivity.csv`, `exposure_*.csv` and the exposure graphs in `mpl_cmsspread.pdf`.

5.26 Bootstrap Consistency

The example in folder `Examples/Example_26` confirms that bootstrapped curves correctly reprice the bootstrap instruments (FRAs, Interest Rate Swaps, FX Forwards, Cross Currency Basis Swaps) using three pricing setups with

- EUR collateral discounting (configuration `xois_eur`)
- USD collateral discounting (configuration `xois_usd`)
- in-currency OIS discounting (configuration `collateral_inccy`)

all defined in `Examples/Input/todaysmarket.xml`.

The required portfolio files need to be generated from market data and conventions in `Examples/Input` and trade templates in `Examples/Example_26/Helpers`, calling

```
python TradeGenerator.py
```

This will place three portfolio files `*_portfolio.xml` in the input folder. Thereafter, the three consistency checks can be run calling

```
python run.py
```

Results are in three files `*_npv.csv` and should show zero NPVs for all benchmark instruments.

5.27 BMA Basis Swap

The example in folder `Examples/Example_27` demonstrates pricing and sensitivity analysis for a series of USD Libor 3M vs. Averaged BMA (SIFMA) Swaps that correspond to the instruments used to bootstrap the BMA curve.

The example can be run with

```
python run.py
```

and results are in `npv.csv` and `sensitivity.csv`.

5.28 Discount Ratio Curves

The example in folder `Examples/Example_28` shows how to use a yield curve built from a `DiscountRatio` segment. In particular, it builds a GBP collateralized in EUR discount curve by referencing three other discount curves:

- a GBP collateralised in USD curve
- a EUR collateralised in USD curve

- a EUR OIS curve i.e. a EUR collateralised in EUR curve

The implicit assumption in building the curve this way is that EUR/GBP FX forwards collateralised in EUR have the same fair market rate as EUR/GBP FX forwards collateralised in USD. This assumption is illustrated in the example by the NPV of the two forward instruments in the portfolio returning exactly 0 under both discounting regimes i.e. under USD collateralization with direct curve building and under EUR collateralization with the discount ratio modified “GBP-IN-EUR” curve.

Also, in this example, an assumption is made that there are no direct GBP/EUR FX forward or cross currency quotes available which in general is false. The example is merely for illustration.

Both collateralization scenarios can be run calling `python run.py`.

5.29 Curve Building using Fixed vs. Float Cross Currency Helpers

The example in folder `Examples/Example_29` demonstrates using fixed vs. float cross currency swap helpers. In particular, it builds a TRY collateralised in USD discount curve using TRY annual fixed vs USD 3M Libor swap quotes.

The portfolio contains an at-market fixed vs. float cross currency swap that is included in the curve building. The NPV of this swap should be zero when the example is run, using `python run.py` or “directly” calling `ore[.exe] ore.xml`.

5.30 USD-Prime Curve Building via Prime-LIBOR Basis Swap

The example in folder `Examples/Example_30` demonstrates the implementation of the USD-Prime index in the ORE. The USD-Prime yield curve is built from USD-Prime vs USD 3M Libor basis swap quotes. The portfolio consists of two fair basis swaps (NPVs equal to 0):

- US Dollar Prime Rate vs 3 Month LIBOR
- US Dollar 3 Month LIBOR vs Fed Funds + 0.027

In particular, it is confirmed that the bootstrapped curves USD-FedFunds and USD-Prime follow the 3% rule observed on the market: $\text{U.S. Prime Rate} = (\text{The Fed Funds Target Rate} + 3\%)$. (See <http://www.fedprimerate.com/>.)

Running ORE in directory `Examples/Example_30` with `python run.py` yields the USD-Prime curve in `Examples/Example_30/Output/curves.csv`.

5.31 Exposure Simulation using a Close-Out Grid

In the previous examples we have used a “lagged” approach, described at the end of appendix A.13, to take the Margin Period of Risk into account in exposure modelling. This has the disadvantage in ORE that we need to use equally-spaced time grids with time steps that match the MPoR, e.g. 2W, out to final portfolio maturity.

In this example we demonstrate an alternative approach supported by ORE since release 6. In this approach we use two nested grids: The (almost) arbitrary main

simulation grid is used to compute “default values” which feed into the collateral balance $C(t)$ filtered by MTA and Threshold etc; an auxiliary “close-out” grid, offset from the main grid by the MPoR, is used to compute the delayed close-out values $V(t)$ associated with time default time t . The difference between $V(t)$ and $C(t)$ causes a residual exposure $[V(t) - C(t)]^+$ even if minimum transfer amounts and thresholds are zero.

The close-out date value can be computed in two ways in ORE

- as of default date, by just evolving the market from default date to close-out date (“sticky date”), or
- as of close-out date, by evolving both valuation date and market over the close-out period (“actual date”), i.e., the portfolio ages and cash flows might occur in the close-out period causing spikes in the evolution of exposures.

We are reusing one case from Example 10 here, perfect CSA with zero threshold and minimum transfer amount, so that the remaining exposure is solely due to the MPoR effect. The portfolio consists of a single at-the-money Swap in GBP. The relevant configuration changes that trigger this modelling are in the Parameters section of `simulation.xml` as shown in Listing 1

Listing 1: Close-out grid specification

```
<Parameters>
  <Grid> ... </Grid>
  <Calendar> ... </Calendar>
  <Sequence> ... </Sequence>
  <Scenario> ... </Scenario>
  <Seed> ... </Seed>
  <Samples> ... </Samples>
  <CloseOutLag> 2W </CloseOutLag>
  <MporMode> StickyDate </MporMode><!-- Alternative: ActualDate -->
</Parameters>
```

and moreover in the XVA analytics section of `ore_mpor.xml` as shown in Listing 2.

Listing 2: Close-out grid specification

```
<Analytic type="xva">
  ...
  <Parameter name="calculationType"> NoLag </Parameter>
  ...
</Parameters>
```

Run as usual calling `python run.py`.

5.32 Inflation Swap Exposure under Jarrow-Yildirim

The example here is similar to that in Section 5.17 in that we are generating exposures for inflation swaps. The example in Section 5.17 uses the Dodgson-Kainth model

whereas this example uses the Jarrow-Yildirim model. The valuation date is 5 Oct 2020 and the portfolio contains four spot starting inflation swaps:

- trade_01: 20Y standard UKRPI ZCIIS struck at the fair market rate of 3.1925% giving an NPV of 0.0.
- trade_02: 20Y standard EUHICPXT ZCIIS struck at the fair market rate of 1.16875% giving an NPV of 0.0.
- trade_03: 20Y year on year EUHICPXT swap.
- trade_04: 20Y year on year UKRPI swap.

The example generates cash flows, NPVs, exposure evolutions and XVAs.

5.33 CDS Exposure Simulation

The example in folder `Examples/Example_33` is the credit variant of the example in 5.1. Running ORE in directory `Examples/Example_33` with

```
python run.py
```

yields the exposure evolution in

```
Examples/Example_33/Output/*.pdf
```

and shown in figure 28. Both CDS simulation and CDS Option pricing are run with

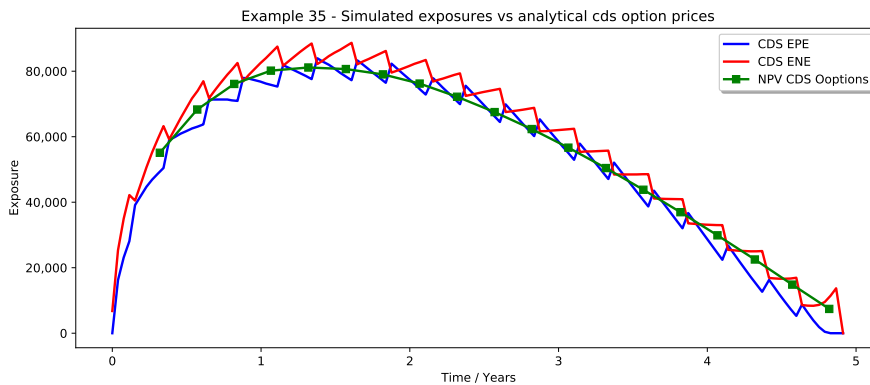


Figure 28: Credit Default Swap expected exposure in a flat market environment from both parties' perspectives. The symbols are CDS Option prices. The simulation was run with bi-weekly time steps and 10,000 Monte Carlo samples to demonstrate the convergence of EPE and ENE profiles. A similar outcome can be obtained more quickly with 5,000 samples on a monthly time grid which is the default setting of Example_33.

calls to the ORE executable, essentially

```
ore[.exe] ore.xml
ore[.exe] ore_cds_option.xml
```

which are wrapped into the script `Examples/Example_33/run.py` provided with the ORE release.

This example demonstrates credit simulation using the LGM model and the calculation of Wrong Way Risk due to credit correlation between the underlying entity of the CDS and the counterparty of the CDS trade via dynamic credit. Positive correlation between the two names weakens the protection of the CDS whilst negative correlation strengthens the protection.

The following table lists the XVA result from the example at different levels of correlation.

Correlation	NettingSetId	CVA	DVA	FBA	FCA
-100%	CPTY_B	-2,638	2,906	486	-1,057
-90%	CPTY_B	-2,204	2,906	488	-1,053
-50%	CPTY_B	-485	2,906	493	-1,040
-40%	CPTY_B	-60	2,906	495	-1,037
-30%	CPTY_B	363	2,906	496	-1,033
-20%	CPTY_B	784	2,906	498	-1,030
-10%	CPTY_B	1,204	2,906	500	-1,027
0%	CPTY_B	1,621	2,906	501	-1,023
10%	CPTY_B	2,036	2,906	503	-1,020
20%	CPTY_B	2,450	2,906	504	-1,017
30%	CPTY_B	2,861	2,906	506	-1,013
40%	CPTY_B	3,271	2,906	507	-1,010
50%	CPTY_B	3,679	2,906	509	-1,017
90%	CPTY_B	5,290	2,906	515	-994
100%	CPTY_B	5,689	2,906	517	-991

Table 5: CDS XVA results with LGM model

5.34 Wrong Way Risk

The example in folder `Examples/Example_34` is an extension of the example in [5.1](#) with dynamic credit and IR-CR correlation. As we are paying float, negative correlation implies that we pay more when the counterparty's credit worsens, leading to a surge of CVA.

The following table lists the XVA result from the example at different levels of correlation.

Correlation	NettingSetId	CVA	DVA	FBA	FCA
-30%	CPTY_A	105,146	68,061	31,519	-4,127
-20%	CPTY_A	88,442	68,061	30,976	-4,219
-10%	CPTY_A	71,059	68,061	30,439	-4,314
0%	CPTY_A	52,983	68,061	29,909	-4,411
10%	CPTY_A	34,199	68,061	29,386	-4,511
20%	CPTY_A	14,691	68,061	28,869	-4,614
30%	CPTY_A	-5,554	68,061	28,360	-4,719

Table 6: IR Swap XVA results with LGM model

5.35 Flip View

The example in folder `Examples/Example_35` demonstrates how ORE can be used to quickly switch perspectives in XVA calculations with minimal changes in the `ore.xml` file only. In particular it does not involve manipulating the portfolio input or the netting set.

5.36 Choice of Measure

The example in folder `Examples/Example_36` illustrates the effect of measure changes on simulated expected and peak exposures. For that purpose we reuse Example 1 (un-collateralized vanilla swap exposure) and run the simulation three times with different risk-neutral measures,

- in the LGM measure as in Example 1 (note `<Measure>LGM</Measure>` in `simulation_lgm.xml`, this is the default also if the Measure tag is omitted)
- in the more common Bank Account measure (note `<Measure>BA</Measure>` in `simulation_ba.xml`)
- in the T-Forward measure with horizon $T=20$ at the Swap maturity (note `<Measure>LGM</Measure>` and `<ShiftHorizon>20.0</ShiftHorizon>` in `simulation_fwd.xml`)

The results are summarized in the exposure evolution graphs in figure 29. As expected, the expected exposures evolutions match across measures, as these are expected discounted NPVs and hence measure independent. However, peak exposures are dependent on the measure choice as confirmed graphically here. Many more measures are accessible with ORE, by way of varying the T-Forward horizon which was chosen arbitrarily here to match the Swap's maturity.

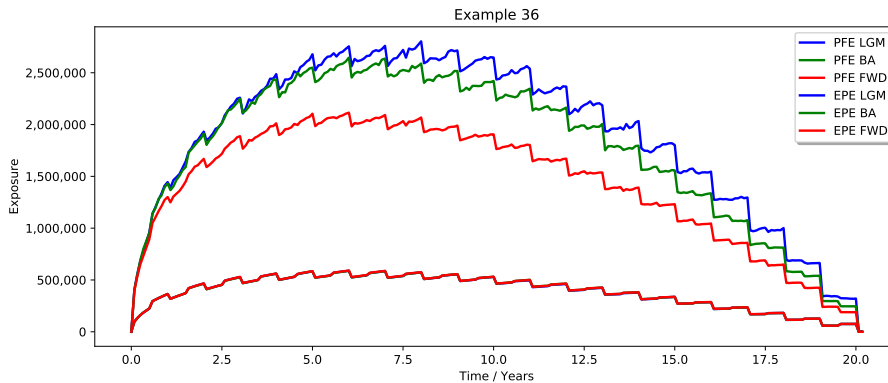


Figure 29: Evolution of expected exposures (EPE) and peak exposures (PFE at the 95% quantile) in three measures, LGM, Bank Account, T-Forward with $T=20$, with 10k Monte Carlo samples.

5.37 Multifactor Hull-White Scenario Generation

The example in folder `Examples/Example_37` illustrates the scenario generation under a Hull-White multifactor model. The model is driven by two independent Brownian motions and has four states. The diffusion matrix sigma is therefore 2×4 . The reversion matrix is a 4×4 diagonal matrix and entered as an array. Both diffusion and reversion are constant in time. Their values are not calibrated to the option market, but hardcoded in `simulation.xml`.

The values for the diffusion and reversion matrices were fitted to the first two principal components of a (hypothetical) analysis of absolute rate curve movements. These input principal components can be found in `inputeigenvectors.csv` in the input folder. The

tenor is given in years, and the two components are given as column vectors, see table 7.

tenor	eigenvector 1	eigenvector 2
1	0.353553390593	-0.537955502871
2	0.353553390593	-0.374924478795
3	0.353553390593	-0.252916811525
5	0.353553390593	-0.087587539893
10	0.353553390593	0.12267800393
15	0.353553390593	0.240659435416
20	0.353553390593	0.339148675322
30	0.353553390593	0.552478951238

Table 7: Input principal components

The first eigenvector represent perfectly parallel movements. The second eigenvector represent a rotation around the 7y point of the curve. Furthermore we prescribe an annual volatility of 0.0070 for the first components and 0.0030 for the second one. The values can be compared to normal (bp) volatilities.

We follow [24] chapter 12.1.5 “Multi-Factor Statistical Gaussian Model” to calibrate the diffusion and reversion matrices to the prescribed components and volatilities. We do not detail the procedure here and refer the interested reader to the given reference.

The example generates a single monte carlo path with 5000 daily steps and outputs the generated scenarios in scenariodump.csv. The python script pca.py performs a principal component analysis on this output. The model implied eigenvalues are given in table 8.

number	value
1	4.9144936649319346e-05
2	8.846877641067412e-06
3	5.82566039467854e-10
4	2.1298948225571415e-10
5	9.254913949332787e-11
6	1.0861256211767673e-11
7	8.478795662698618e-14
8	9.74468069377584e-13

Table 8: Input principal components

Only the first two values are relevant, the following are all close to zero. The square root of the first two eigenvalues is given in table 9.

number	sqrt(value)
1	0.007010344973631422
2	0.0029743701250966414

Table 9: Input principal components

matching the prescribed input values of 0.0070 and 0.0030 quite well. The corresponding eigenvectors are given in etable 10.

tenor	eigenvector 1	eigenvector 2
1	0.34688826736335926	0.5441204725042812
2	0.3489303472083185	0.380259707350115
3	0.350362134519783	0.2581408080614405
5	0.3523983915961889	0.09230899007104967
10	0.3550169593982022	-0.11856777284904292
15	0.35647835947136625	-0.23676104168229614
20	0.3577146190751303	-0.3354486339442275
30	0.36042236352102563	-0.549124709243042

Table 10: Input principal components

again matching the input principal components quite well. The second eigenvector is the negative of the input vector here (the principal component analysis can not distinguish these of course).

The example also produces a plot comparing the input eigenvectors and the model implied eigenvectors as shown in figure 30.

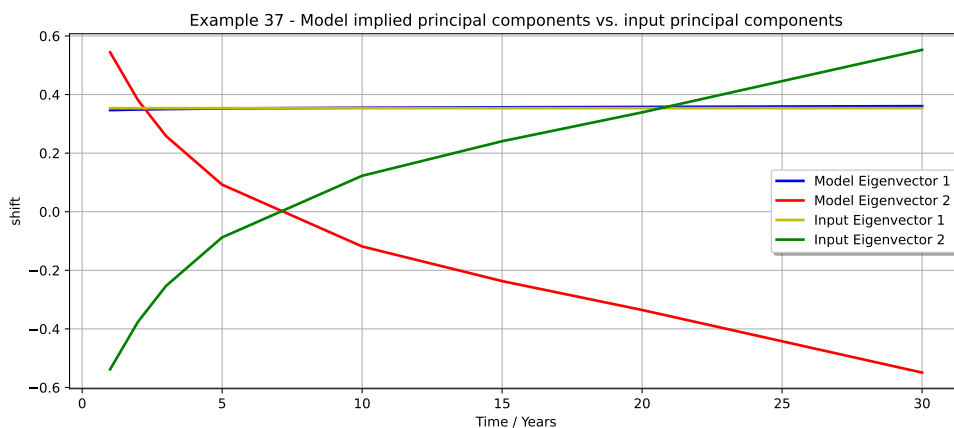


Figure 30: Input and model implied eigenvectors for a Hull-White 4-factor model calibrated to 2 principal components of rate curve movements (parallel + rotation). Notice that the model implied 2nd eigenvector is the negative of the input vector.

5.38 Cross Currency Swap Exposure using Multifactor Hull-White Models

The example in folder `Examples/Example_38` is similar to Example 8 (EPE, ENE for xccy swap), but uses a multifactor HW model for EUR and USD to generate scenarios. The parametrization of the HW models is taken from Example 37.

Each of the two factors of each HW model is correlated with each of the two factors of the other currency's HW model and with the FX factors. Remember that the factors represent principal components of interest rate movements and so the correlations can be interpreted as correlations of these principal components with each other and the fx rate processes.

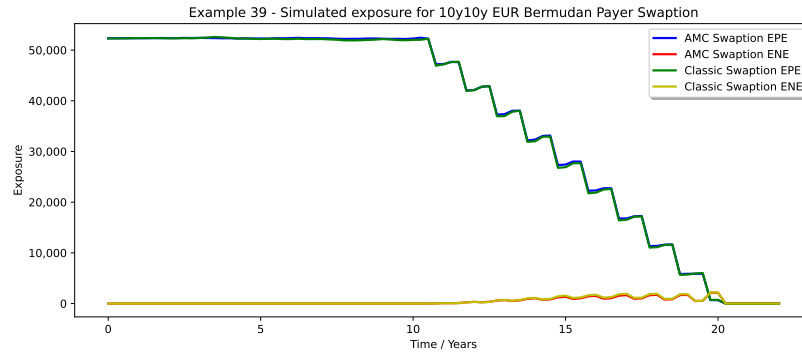


Figure 31: EPE of a EUR Bermudan Swaption computed with the classic and AMC valuation engines, using 50k training paths for the AMC simulation.

5.39 Exposure Simulation using American Monte Carlo

The example in folder `Examples/Example_39` demonstrates how to use American Monte Carlo simulation (AMC) to generate exposures in ORE. For a sketch of the methodology and comments on its implementation in ORE see appendix [A.5](#).

Calling

```
python run.py
```

performs two ORE runs, a 'classical' exposure simulation and an American Monte Carlo simulation, both on a quarterly simulation grid and for the same portfolio consisting of four trades:

- Bermudan swaption
- Single Currency Swap
- Cross Currency Swap
- FX Option

We use a 'flat' market here (yield curve and Swaption volatility surface). The number of simulation paths is 2k in the classic simulations. If not stated otherwise below, the number of training paths and simulation paths is 10k in the AMC simulations.

In the following we compare the AMC exposure profiles to those produced by the 'classic' valuation engine for each trade and the netting set.

Figure [31](#) shows the EPE and ENE for a Bermudan Swaption 10y into 10y in (base ccy) EUR with physical settlement. The classic run uses the LGM grid engine for valuation. We observe close agreement between the two runs. To achieve the observed agreement, it is essential to set the LGM model's mean reversion speed to zero in both

- the Bermudan Swaption LGM pricing model (see `Input/pricingengine.xml`), and
- the Cross Asset Model's IR model components (see `Input/simulation.xml` and `Input/simulation_amc.xml`)

and to use a high order 6 of the regression polynomials (see `Input/pricingengine_amc.xml`).

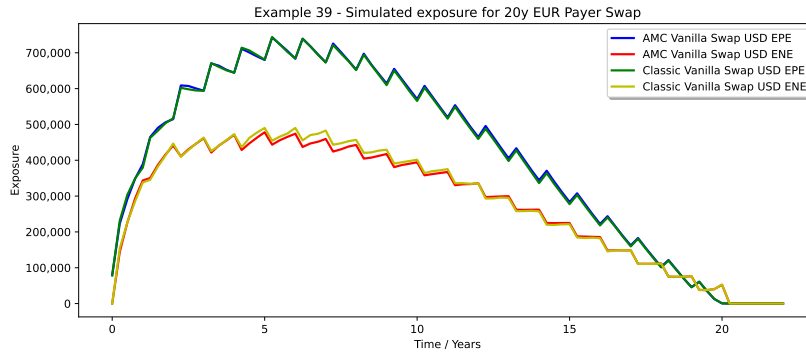


Figure 32: EPE of a USD swap computed with the classic and AMC valuation engines

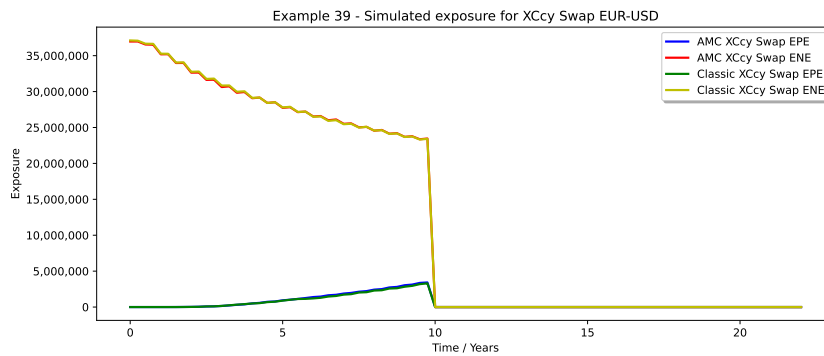


Figure 33: EPE of a EUR-USD cross currency swap computed with the classic and AMC valuation engines

Figure 32 shows the EPE and ENE for a 20y vanilla Swap in USD. The currency of the amc calculator is USD in this case, i.e. it is different from the base ccy of the simulation (EUR). The consistency of the classic and amc runs in particular demonstrates the correct application of the currency conversion factor 24. To get a better accuracy for purposes of the plot in this document we increased the number of training paths for this example to 50k and the order of the basis functions to 6.

Figure 33 shows the EPE and ENE for a 20y cross currency Swap EUR-USD.

Figure 34 shows the EPE and ENE for a vanilla FX Option EUR-USD with 10y1m expiry. For the classic run the FX volatility surface is not implied by the cross asset model but kept flat, which yields a slight hump in the profile. The AMC profile is flat on the other hand which demonstrates the consistency of the FX Option pricing with the risk factor evolution model.

Analytic Configuration

To use the AMC engine for an XVA simulation the following needs to be added to the simulation analytic in ore.xml:

```
<Analytic type="simulation">
...
<Parameter name="amc">Y</Parameter>
<Parameter name="amcPricingEnginesFile">pricingengine_amc.xml</Parameter>
<Parameter name="amcTradeTypes">Swaption</Parameter>
```

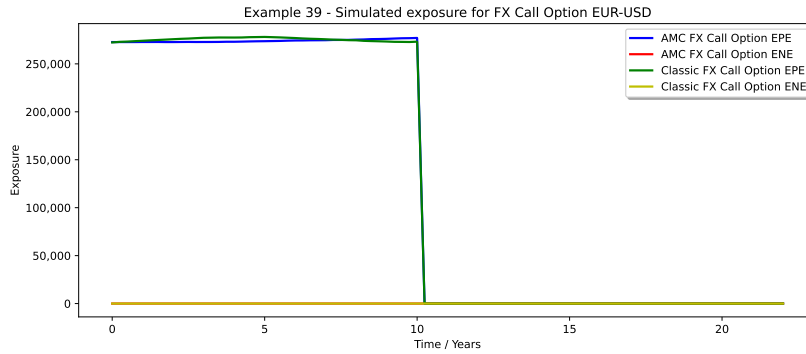


Figure 34: EPE of a EUR-USD FX option computed with the classic and AMC valuation engines

```
...
</Analytic>
```

The trades which have a trade type matching one of the types in the `amcTradeTypes` list, will be built against the pricing engine config provided and processed in the AMC engine. As a naming convention, pricing engines with engine type AMC provide the required functionality to be processed by the AMC engine, for technical details cf. [A.5](#).

All other trades are processed by the classic simulation engine in ORE. The resulting cubes from the classic and AMC simulation are joined and passed to the post processor in the usual way.

Note that since sometimes the AMC pricing engines have a different base ccy than the risk factor evolution model (see below), a horizon shift parameter in the simulation set up should be set for all currencies, so that the shift also applies to these reduced models.

Pricing Engine Configuration

At this point we assume that the reader is generally familiar with the configuration section [7](#), in particular pricing engine configuration in section [7.3](#).

The pricing engine configuration is similar for all AMC enabled products, e.g. for Bermudan Swaptions:

```
<Product type="BermudanSwaption">
  <Model>LGM</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>AMC</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <Parameter name="Training.Sequence">MersenneTwisterAntithetic</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.Seed">42</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.Samples">50000</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.BasisFunction">Monomial</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.BasisFunctionOrder">6</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Pricing.Sequence">SobolBrownianBridge</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Pricing.Seed">17</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Pricing.Samples">0</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="BrownianBridgeOrdering">Steps</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="SobolDirectionIntegers">JoeKuoD7</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="MinObsDate">true</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="RegressionOnExerciseOnly">>false</Parameter>
```



```
</EngineParameters>
</Product>
```

The Model differs by product type, table 11 summarises the supported product types and model and engine types. The engine parameters are the same for all products:

1. **Training.Sequence**: The sequence type for the training phase, can be **MersenneTwister**, **MersenneTwisterAntithetic**, **Sobol** or **SobolBrownianBridge**
2. **Training.Seed**: The seed for the random number generation in the training phase
3. **Training.Samples**: The number of samples to be used for the training phase
4. **Pricing.Sequence**: The sequence type for the pricing phase, same values allowed as for training
5. **Training.BasisFunction**: The type of basis function system to be used for the regression analysis, can be **Monomial**, **Laguerre**, **Hermite**, **Hyperbolic**, **Legendre**, **Chebyshev**, **Chebyshev2nd**
6. **BasisFunctionOrder**: The order of the basis function system to be used
7. **Pricing.Seed**: The seed for the random number generation in the pricing
8. **Pricing.Samples**: The number of samples to be used for the pricing phase. If this number is zero, no pricing run is performed, instead the (T0) NPV is estimated from the training phase (this result is used to fill the T0 slice of the NPV cube)
9. **BrownianBridgeOrdering**: variate ordering for Brownian bridges, can be **Steps**, **Factors**, **Diagonal**
10. **SobolDirectionIntegers**: direction integers for Sobol generator, can be **Unit**, **Jaeckel**, **SobolLevitan**, **SobolLevitanLemieux**, **JoeKuoD5**, **JoeKuoD6**, **JoeKuoD7**, **Kuo**, **Kuo2**, **Kuo3**
11. **MinObsDate**: if true the conditional expectation of each cashflow is taken from the minimum possible observation date (i.e. the latest exercise or simulation date before the cashflow's event date); recommended setting is **true**
12. **RegressionOnExerciseOnly**: if true, regression coefficients are computed only on exercise dates and extrapolated (flat) to earlier exercise dates; only for backwards compatibility to older versions of the AMC module, recommended setting is **false**

Product Type	Model	Engine
Swap	CrossAssetModel	AMC
CrossCurrencySwap	CrossAssetModel	AMC
FxOption	CrossAssetModel	AMC
BermudanSwaption	LGM	AMC
MultiLegOption	CrossAssetModel	AMC

Table 11: AMC enabled products with engine and model types

Additional Features

As a side product the AMC module provides plain MC pricing engines for Bermudan Swaptions and a new trade type `MultiLegOption` with a corresponding MC pricing engine.

MC pricing engine for Bermudan swaptions

The following listing shows a sample configuration for the MC Bermudan Swaption engine. The model parameters are identical to the LGM Grid engine configuration. The engine parameters on the other hand are the same as for the AMC engine, see [5.39](#).

```
<Product type="BermudanSwaption">
  <Model>LGM</Model>
  <ModelParameters>
    <Parameter name="Calibration">Bootstrap</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="CalibrationStrategy">CoterminalDealStrike</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Reversion_EUR">0.0050</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Reversion_USD">0.0030</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="ReversionType">HullWhite</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="VolatilityType">HullWhite</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Volatility">0.01</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="ShiftHorizon">0.5</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Tolerance">1.0</Parameter>
  </ModelParameters>
  <Engine>MC</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <Parameter name="Training.Sequence">MersenneTwisterAntithetic</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.Seed">42</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.Samples">10000</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.BasisFunction">Monomial</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Training.BasisFunctionOrder">6</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Pricing.Sequence">SobolBrownianBridge</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Pricing.Seed">17</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Pricing.Samples">25000</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="BrownianBridgeOrdering">Steps</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="SobolDirectionIntegers">JoeKuoD7</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
```

Multi Leg Options / MC pricing engine

The following listing shows a sample `MultiLegOption` trade. It consists of

1. an option data block; this is optional, see below
2. a number of legs; in principle all leg types are supported, the number of legs is arbitrary and they can be in different currencies; if the payment currency of a leg is different from a floating index currency, this is interpreted as a quanto payoff

If the option block is given, the trade represents a Bermudan swaption on the underlying legs. If the option block is missing, the legs themselves represent the trade.

See [A.5.2](#) for limitations of the multileg option pricing engine.

```
<Trade id="Sample_MultiLegOption">
  <TradeType>MultiLegOption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>...</Envelope>
  <MultiLegOptionData>
    <OptionData>
      <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
      <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
      <Style>Bermudan</Style>
```

```

    <Settlement>Physical</Settlement>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>false</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2026-02-25</ExerciseDate>
      <ExerciseDate>2027-02-25</ExerciseDate>
      <ExerciseDate>2028-02-25</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
  </OptionData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>100000000</Notional>
    </Notionals>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>100000000</Notional>
    </Notionals>
    ...
  </LegData>
</MultiLegOptionData>
</Trade>

```

The pricing engine configuration is similar to that of the MC Bermudan swaption engine, cf. 5.39, also see the following listing.

```

<Product type="MultiLegOption">
<Model>CrossAssetModel</Model>
<ModelParameters>
  <Parameter name="Tolerance">0.0001</Parameter>
  <!-- IR -->
  <Parameter name="IrCalibration">Bootstrap</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrCalibrationStrategy">CoterminalATM</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="ShiftHorizon">1.0</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrReversion_EUR">0.0050</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrReversion_GBP">0.0070</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrReversion_USD">0.0080</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrReversion">0.0030</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrReversionType">HullWhite</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrVolatilityType">HullWhite</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="IrVolatility">0.0050</Parameter>
  <!-- FX -->
  <Parameter name="FxCalibration">Bootstrap</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="FxVolatility_EURUSD">0.10</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="FxVolatility">0.08</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="ExtrapolateFxVolatility_EURUSD">false</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="ExtrapolateFxVolatility">true</Parameter>
  <!-- Correlations IR-IR, IR-FX, FX-FX -->
  <Parameter name="Corr_IR:EUR_IR:GBP">0.80</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Corr_IR:EUR_FX:GBPEUR">-0.50</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Corr_IR:GBP_FX:GBPEUR">-0.15</Parameter>
</ModelParameters>
<Engine>MC</Engine>
<EngineParameters>
  <Parameter name="Training.Sequence">MersenneTwisterAntithetic</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Training.Seed">42</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Training.Samples">10000</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Pricing.Sequence">SobolBrownianBridge</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Pricing.Seed">17</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Pricing.Samples">25000</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Training.BasisFunction">Monomial</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="Training.BasisFunctionOrder">4</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="BrownianBridgeOrdering">Steps</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="SobolDirectionIntegers">JoeKuoD7</Parameter>
</EngineParameters>

```

Model Parameters special to that product are

1. IrCalibrationStrategy can be None, CoterminalATM, UnderlyingATM
2. FXCalibration can be None or Bootstrap
3. ExtrapolateFxVolatility can be true or false; if false, no calibration instruments are used that require extrapolation of the market fx volatility surface in option expiry direction
4. Corr_Key1_Key2: These entries describe the cross asset model correlations to be used; the syntax for Key1 and Key2 is the same as in the simulation configuration for the cross asset model

5.40 Par Sensitivity Analysis

The example in folder Examples/Example_40 demonstrates ORE's par sensitivity analysis (e.g. to Swap rates) that is implemented by means of a Jacobi transformation of the "raw" sensitivities (e.g. to zero rates), see a sketch of the methodology in appendix A.16 and section 7.5 for configuration details.

To perform a par sensitivity analysis, the following required change in ore.xml is required

```
<Analytic type="sensitivity">
  <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="marketConfigFile">simulation.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="sensitivityConfigFile">sensitivity.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="pricingEnginesFile">../../Input/pricingengine.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="scenarioOutputFile">sensi_scenarios.csv</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="sensitivityOutputFile">sensitivity.csv</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="outputSensitivityThreshold">0.000001</Parameter>
  <!-- Additional parametrisation for par sensitivity analysis -->
  <Parameter name="parSensitivity">Y</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="parSensitivityOutputFile">parsensitivity.csv</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="outputJacobi">Y</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="jacobiOutputFile">jacobi.csv</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="jacobiInverseOutputFile">jacobi_inverse.csv</Parameter>
</Analytic>
```

The portfolio used in this example includes products sensitive to

- Discount and index curves
- Credit curves
- Inflation curves
- CapFloor volatilities

The usual sensitivity analysis is performed by bumping the "raw" rates (zero rates, hazard rates, inflation zero rates, optionlet vols). This is followed by the Jacobi transformation that turns "raw" sensitivities into sensitivities in the par domain (Deposit/FRA/Swap rates, FX Forwards, CC Basis Swap spreads, CDS spreads, ZC and YOY Inflation Swap rates, flat Cap/Floor vols). The conversion is controlled by the additional ParConversion data blocks in sensitivity.xml where the assumed

par instruments and corresponding conventions are coded, as shown below for three types of discount curves.

```

<DiscountCurves>

  <DiscountCurve ccy="EUR">
    <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftTenors>2W,1M,3M,6M,9M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,25Y,30Y</ShiftTenors>
    <ParConversion>
      <!--DEP, FRA, IRS, OIS, FXF, XBS -->
      <Instruments>OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS</Instruments>
      <SingleCurve>true</SingleCurve>
      <Conventions>
        <Convention id="OIS">EUR-OIS-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
      </Conventions>
    </ParConversion>
  </DiscountCurve>

  <DiscountCurve ccy="USD">
    <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftTenors>2W,1M,3M,6M,9M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,25Y,30Y</ShiftTenors>
    <ParConversion>
      <Instruments>FXF,FXF,FXF,FXF,FXF,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS,XBS</Instruments>
      <SingleCurve>true</SingleCurve>
      <Conventions>
        <Convention id="XBS">EUR-USD-XCCY-BASIS-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
        <Convention id="FXF">EUR-USD-FX-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
      </Conventions>
    </ParConversion>
  </DiscountCurve>

  <DiscountCurve ccy="GBP">
    <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftTenors>2W,1M,3M,6M,9M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,25Y,30Y</ShiftTenors>
    <ParConversion>
      <Instruments>DEP,DEP,DEP,DEP,DEP,DEP,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS,IRS</Instruments>
      <SingleCurve>true</SingleCurve>
      <Conventions>
        <Convention id="DEP">GBP-DEPOSIT</Convention>
        <Convention id="IRS">GBP-6M-SWAP-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
      </Conventions>
    </ParConversion>
  </DiscountCurve>

</DiscountCurves>

```

Finally note that par sensitivity analysis requires that the shift tenor grid in the sensitivity data above matches the corresponding grid in the simulation (market) configuration. See also section 7.5.

5.41 Multi-threaded Exposure Simulation

The example in folder `Examples/Example_41` demonstrates the multithreaded valuation engine to generate the exposure for a portfolio of 8 copies of the vanilla swap in `Example_1`.

5.42 ORE Python Module

Since release 9 (March 2023) we provide easy access to ORE via a pre-compiled Python module. Some example scripts using this ORE module are provided in this example, so change to this directory first

```
cd Example_42
```

The examples require Python 3. The ORE Python module is then installed with a one-liner, see step 3 below. However, to separate ORE from any other Python environments on your machine, we recommend creating a virtual environment first. In that case the steps are as follows.

1. To create a virtual environment: `python -m venv env1`
2. To activate this environment on Windows: `.\env1\Scripts\activate.bat`
or on macOS/Linux: `./env1/bin/activate`
3. Then install the latest release of ORE:
`pip install open-source-risk-engine`
4. Try examples:
 - `python ore.py`
This demonstrates the Python-wrapped version of the ORE application that is also used in the command line application `ore.exe`. We use it here to re-run the Swap exposure of `Example_1`.
 - `python ore2.py`
This extends the previous example and shows how to access and post-process ORE in-memory results in the Python framework without reading files.
 - `python commodityforward.py`
The ORE Python module also allows lower-level access to the QuantLib and QuantExt libraries, demonstrated here for a CommodityForward instrument defined in QuantExt. Note that the ORE Python module contains the entire QuantLib Python functionality.

More use cases of the ORE Python module including Jupyter notebooks can be found in the ORE SWIG repository, in particular in folder `OREAnalytics-SWIG/Python/Examples`.

5. You can deactivate the environment with `deactivate`
or even fully remove the environment again by removing the `env1` folder.

Finally, you can build the Python module and installable packages yourself following the instructions in sections [4.4](#), [4.5](#), [4.6](#) based on your local ORE code.

6 Launchers and Visualisation

6.1 Jupyter

ORE comes with an experimental Jupyter notebook for launching ORE batches and in particular for drilling into NPV cube data. The notebook is located in directory `FrontEnd/Python/Visualization/npvcube`. To launch the notebook, change to this directory and follow instructions in the `Readme.txt`. In a nutshell, type⁴

```
jupyter notebook
```

to start the ipython console and open a browser window. From the list of files displayed in the browser then click

```
ore_jupyter_dashboard.ipynb
```

to open the ORE notebook. The notebook offers

- launching an ORE job
- selecting an NPV cube file and netting sets or trades therein
- plotting a 3d exposure probability density surface
- viewing exposure probability density function at a selected future time
- viewing expected exposure evolution through time

The cube file loaded here by default when processing all cells of the notebook (without changing it or launching a ORE batch) is taken from `Example_7` (FX Forwards and FX Options).

6.2 Calc

ORE comes with a simple LibreOffice Calc [11] sheet as an ORE launcher and basic result viewer. This is demonstrated on the example in section 5.1. It is currently based on the stable LibreOffice version 5.0.6 and tested on OS X.

To launch Calc, open a terminal, change to directory `Examples/Example_1`, and run

```
./launchCalc.sh
```

The user can choose a configuration (one of the `ore*.xml` files in `Example_1`'s subfolder `Input`) by hitting the 'Select' button. Initially `Input/ore.xml` is pre-selected. The ORE process is then kicked off by hitting 'Run'. Once completed, standard ORE reports (NPV, Cashflow, XVA) are loaded into several sheets. Moreover, exposure evolutions can then be viewed by hitting 'View' which shows the result in figure 35. This demo uses simple Libre Office Basic macros which call Python scripts to execute ORE. The Libre Office Python uno module (which comes with Libre Office) is used to communicate between Python and Calc to upload results into the sheets.

⁴With Mac OS X, you may need to set the environment variable `LANG` to `en_US.UTF-8` before running jupyter, as mentioned in the installation section 4.3.

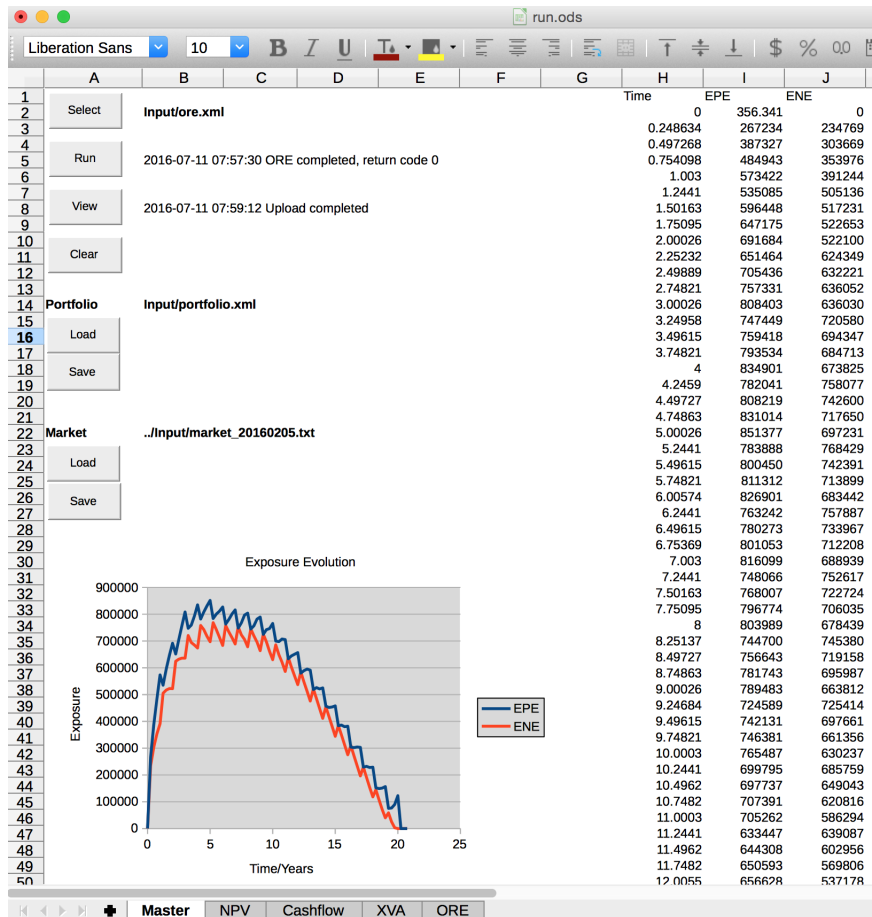


Figure 35: Calc sheet after hitting 'Run'.

6.3 Excel

ORE also comes with a basic Excel sheet to demonstrate launching ORE and presenting results in Excel. This demo is more self-contained than the Calc demo in the previous section, as it uses VBA only rather than calls to external Python scripts. The Excel demo is available in `Example_1`. Launch `Example_1.xlsm`. Then modify the paths on the first sheet, and kick off the ORE process.

7 Parameterisation

A run of ORE is kicked off with a single command line parameter

```
ore[.exe] ore.xml
```

which points to the 'master input file' referred to as `ore.xml` subsequently. This file is the starting point of the engine's configuration explained in the following sub section. An overview of all input configuration files respectively all output files is shown in Table 3 respectively Table 4. To set up your own ORE configuration, it might be not be necessary to start from scratch, but instead use any of the examples discussed in section 5 as a boilerplate and just change the folders, see section 7.1, and the trade data, see section 8, together with the netting definitions, see section 9.

7.1 Master Input File: ore.xml

The master input file contains general setup information (paths to configuration, trade data and market data), as well as the selection and configuration of analytics. The file has an opening and closing root element <ORE>, </ORE> with three sections

- Setup
- Markets
- Analytics

which we will explain in the following.

7.1.1 Setup

This subset of data is easiest explained using an example, see listing 3.

Listing 3: ORE setup example

```
<Setup>
  <Parameter name="asofDate">2016-02-05</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="inputPath">Input</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="outputPath">Output</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="logFile">log.txt</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="logMask">255</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="marketDataFile">../../Input/market_20160205.txt</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="fixingDataFile">../../Input/fixings_20160205.txt</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="dividendDataFile">../../Input/dividends_20160205.txt</Parameter> <!-- Optional -->
  <Parameter name="implyTodaysFixings">Y</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="curveConfigFile">../../Input/curveconfig.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="conventionsFile">../../Input/conventions.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="marketConfigFile">../../Input/todaysmarket.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="pricingEnginesFile">../../Input/pricingengine.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="portfolioFile">portfolio.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="calendarAdjustment">../../Input/calendaradjustment.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="currencyConfiguration">../../Input/currencies.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="referenceDataFile">../../Input/referencedata.xml</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="iborFallbackConfig">../../Input/iborFallbackConfig.xml</Parameter>
  <!-- None, Unregister, Defer or Disable -->
  <Parameter name="observationModel">Disable</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="lazyMarketBuilding">false</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="continueOnError">false</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="buildFailedTrades">true</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="nThreads">4</Parameter>
</Setup>
```

Parameter names are self explanatory: Input and output path are interpreted relative from the directory where the ORE executable is executed, but can also be specified using absolute paths. All file names are then interpreted relative to the 'inputPath' and 'outputPath', respectively. The files starting with ../../Input/ then point to files in the global Example input directory Example/Input/*, whereas files such as portfolio.xml are local inputs in Example/Example_#/Input/.

Parameter logMask determines the verbosity of log file output. Log messages are internally labelled as Alert, Critical, Error, Warning, Notice, Debug, associated with

logMask values 1, 2, 4, 8, ..., 64. The logMask allows filtering subsets of these categories and controlling the verbosity of log file output⁵. LogMask 255 ensures maximum verbosity.

When ORE starts, it will initialise today's market, i.e. load market data, fixings and dividends, and build all term structures as specified in `todaysmarket.xml`. Moreover, ORE will load the trades in `portfolio.xml` and link them with pricing engines as specified in `pricingengine.xml`. When parameter `implyTodaysFixings` is set to Y, today's fixings would not be loaded but implied, relevant when pricing/bootstrapping off hypothetical market data as e.g. in scenario analysis and stress testing. The curveConfigFile `curveconfig.xml`, the conventionsFile `conventions.xml`, the referenceDataFile `referencedata.xml`, the iborFallbackConfig, the marketDataFile and the fixingDataFile are explained in the sections below.

Parameter `calendarAdjustment` includes the `calendarAdjustment.xml` which lists out additional holidays and business days to be added to specified calendars.

The optional parameter `currencyConfiguration` points to a configuration file that contains additional currencies to be added to ORE's setup, see `Examples/Input/currencies.xml` for a full list of ISO currencies and a few unofficial currency codes that can thus be made available in ORE. Note that the external configuration does not override any currencies that are hard-coded in the QuantLib/QuantExt libraries, only currencies not present already are added from the external configuration file.

The last parameter `observationModel` can be used to control ORE performance during simulation. The choices *Disable* and *Unregister* yield similarly improved performance relative to choice *None*. For users familiar with the QuantLib design - the parameter controls to which extent *QuantLib observer notifications* are used when market and fixing data is updated and the evaluation date is shifted:

- The 'Unregister' option limits the amount of notifications by unregistering floating rate coupons from indices;
- Option 'Defer' disables all notifications during market data and fixing updates with `ObservableSettings::instance().disableUpdates(true)` and kicks off updates afterwards when enabled again
- The 'Disable' option goes one step further and disables all notifications during market data and fixing updates, and in particular when the evaluation date is changed along a path, with `ObservableSettings::instance().disableUpdates(false)`
Updates are not deferred here. Required term structure and instrument recalculations are triggered explicitly.

If the parameter `lazyMarketBuilding` is set to true, the build of the curves in the `Today'sMarket` is delayed until they are actually requested. This can speed up the processing when some curves configured in `Today'sMarket` are not used. If not given, the parameter defaults to `true`.

⁵by bitwise comparison of the the external logMask value with each message's log level

If the parameter `continueOnError` is set to true, the application will not exit on an error, but try to continue the processing. If not given, the parameter defaults to `false`.

If the parameter `buildFailedTrades` is set to true, the application will build a dummy trade if loading or building the original trade fails. The dummy trade has trade type “Failed”, zero notional and NPV. If not given, the parameter defaults to `false`.

If the parameter `nThreads` is given, multiple threads will be used for valuation engine runs where applicable (Sensitivity, Exposure Classic, Exposure AMC). If not given, the parameter defaults to 1.

7.1.2 Markets

The `Markets` section (see listing 4) is used to choose market configurations for calibrating the IR, FX and EQ simulation model components, pricing and simulation, respectively. These configurations have to be defined in `todaysmarket.xml` (see section 7.2).

Listing 4: ORE markets

```
<Markets>
  <Parameter name="lgmcalibration">collateral_inccy</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="fxcalibration">collateral_eur</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="eqcalibration">collateral_inccy</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="pricing">collateral_eur</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="simulation">collateral_eur</Parameter>
</Markets>
```

For example, the calibration of the simulation model’s interest rate components requires local OIS discounting whereas the simulation phase requires cross currency adjusted discount curves to get FX product pricing right. So far, the market configurations are used only to distinguish discount curve sets, but the market configuration concept in ORE applies to all term structure types.

7.1.3 Analytics

The `Analytics` section lists all permissible analytics using tags `<Analytic type="..."> ... </Analytic>` where type can be (so far) in

- npv
- cashflow
- additionalResults
- todaysMarketCalibration
- curves
- simulation
- xva
- sensitivity

- stress

Each **Analytic** section contains a list of key/value pairs to parameterise the analysis of the form `<Parameter name="key">value</Parameter>`. Each analysis must have one key **active** set to Y or N to activate/deactivate this analysis. The following listing 5 shows the parametrisation of the first four basic analytics in the list above.

Listing 5: ORE analytics: npv, cashflow, curves, additional results, todays market calibration

```

<Analytics>
  <Analytic type="npv">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="baseCurrency">EUR</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputFileName">npv.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
  <Analytic type="cashflow">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputFileName">flows.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
  <Analytic type="curves">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="configuration">default</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="grid">240,1M</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputFileName">curves.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
  <Analytic type="additionalResults">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputFileName">additional_results.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
  <Analytic type="todaysMarketCalibration">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputFileName">todaysmarketcalibration.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
  <Analytic type="...">
    <!-- ... -->
  </Analytic>
</Analytics>

```

The cashflow analytic writes a report containing all future cashflows of the portfolio. Table 12 shows a typical output for a vanilla swap.

#ID	Type	LegNo	PayDate	Amount	Currency	Coupon	Accrual	fixingDate	fixingValue	Notional
tr123	Swap	0	13/03/17	-111273.76	EUR	-0.00201	0.50556	08/09/16	-0.00201	100000000.00
tr123	Swap	0	12/09/17	-120931.71	EUR	-0.002379	0.50833	09/03/17	-0.002381	100000000.00
...										

Table 12: Cashflow Report

The amount column contains the projected amount including embedded caps and floors and convexity (if applicable), the coupon column displays the corresponding rate estimation. The fixing value on the other hand is the plain fixing projection as given by the forward value, i.e. without embedded caps and floors or convexity.

Note that the fixing value might deviate from the coupon value even for a vanilla coupon, if the QuantLib library was compiled *without* the flag

QL_USE_INDEXED_COUPON (which is the default case). In this case the coupon value uses a par approximation for the forward rate assuming the index estimation period to be identical to the accrual period, while the fixing value is the actual forward rate for the index estimation period, i.e. whenever the index estimation period differs from the accrual period the values will be slightly different.

The Notional column contains the underlying notional used to compute the amount of each coupon. It contains #NA if a payment is not a coupon payment.

The curves analytic exports all yield curves that have been built according to the specification in `todaysmarket.xml`. Key `configuration` selects the curve set to be used (see explanation in the previous Markets section). Key `grid` defines the time grid on which the yield curves are evaluated, in the example above a grid of 240 monthly time steps from today. The discount factors for all curves with configuration default will be exported on this monthly grid into the csv file specified by key `outputFileName`. The grid can also be specified explicitly by a comma separated list of tenor points such as 1W, 1M, 2M, 3M,

The additionalResults analytic writes a report containing any additional results generated for the portfolio. The results are pricing engine specific but Table 13 shows the output for a vanilla swaption.

#TradeId	ResultId	ResultType	ResultValue
example_swaption	annuity	double	2123720984
example_swaption	atmForward	double	0.01664135
example_swaption	spreadCorrection	double	0
example_swaption	stdDev	double	0.00546015
example_swaption	strike	double	0.024
example_swaption	swapLength	double	4
example_swaption	vega	double	309237709.5
...			

Table 13: AdditionalResults Report

The todaysMarketCalibration analytic writes a report containing information on the build of the t0 market.

The purpose of the `simulation` 'analytics' is to run a Monte Carlo simulation which evolves the market as specified in the simulation config file. The primary result is an NPV cube file, i.e. valuations of all trades in the portfolio file (see section Setup), for all future points in time on the simulation grid and for all paths. Apart from the NPV cube, additional scenario data (such as simulated overnight rates etc) are stored in this process which are needed for subsequent XVA analytics.

```

<Analytics>
  <Analytic type="simulation">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="simulationConfigFile">simulation.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="pricingEnginesFile">../../Input/pricingengine.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="baseCurrency">EUR</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="storeFlows">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="storeSurvivalProbabilities">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="cubeFile">cube_A.csv.gz</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="nettingSetCubeFile">nettingSetCube_A.csv.gz</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="cptyCubeFile">cptyCube_A.csv.gz</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="aggregationScenarioDataFileName">scenariodata.csv.gz</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="aggregationScenarioDump">scenariodump.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
</Analytics>

```

The pricing engines file specifies how trades are priced under future scenarios which can differ from pricing as of today (specified in section Setup). Key base currency determines into which currency all NPVs will be converted. Key store scenarios (Y or N) determines whether the market scenarios are written to a file for later reuse. Key ‘store flows’ (Y or N) controls whether cumulative cash flows between simulation dates are stored in the (hyper-) cube for post processing in the context of Dynamic Initial Margin and Variation Margin calculations. And finally, the key ‘store survival probabilities’ (Y or N) controls whether survival probabilities on simulation dates are stored in the cube for post processing in the context of Dynamic Credit XVA calculation. The additional scenario data (written to the specified file here) is likewise required in the post processor step. These data comprise simulated index fixing e.g. for collateral compounding and simulated FX rates for cash collateral conversion into base currency. The scenario dump file, if specified here, causes ORE to write simulated market data to a human-readable csv file. Only those currencies or indices are written here that are stated in the `AggregationScenarioDataCurrencies` and `AggregationScenarioDataIndices` subsections of the simulation files market section, see also section 7.4.3.

The XVA analytic section offers CVA, DVA, FVA and COLVA calculations which can be selected/deselected here individually. All XVA calculations depend on a previously generated NPV cube (see above) which is referenced here via the `cubeFile` parameter. This means one can re-run the XVA analytics without regenerating the cube each time. The XVA reports depend in particular on the settings in the `csaFile` which determines CSA details such as margining frequency, collateral thresholds, minimum transfer amounts, margin period of risk. By splitting the processing into pre-processing (cube generation) and post-processing (aggregation and XVA analysis) it is possible to vary these CSA details and analyse their impact on XVAs quickly without re-generating the NPV cube. The cube file is usually a compressed csv file (using gzip compression, with file ending `.csv.gz`), except when the file extension is set explicitly to `txt` or `csv` in which case an uncompressed version of the file is written to disk.

```

<Analytics>
  <Analytic type="xva">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="csaFile">netting.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="cubeFile">cube.csv.gz</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="scenarioFile">scenariodata.csv.gz</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="baseCurrency">EUR</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="exposureProfiles">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="exposureProfilesByTrade">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="quantile">0.95</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="calculationType">NoLag</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="allocationMethod">None</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="marginalAllocationLimit">1.0</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="exerciseNextBreak">N</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="cva">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dva">N</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dvaName">BANK</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="fva">N</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="fvaBorrowingCurve">BANK_EUR_BORROW</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="fvaLendingCurve">BANK_EUR_LEND</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="colva">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="collateralFloor">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dynamicCredit">N</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kva">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaCapitalDiscountRate">0.10</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaAlpha">1.4</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaRegAdjustment">12.5</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaCapitalHurdle">0.012</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaOurPdFloor">0.03</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaTheirPdFloor">0.03</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaOurCvaRiskWeight">0.005</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="kvaTheirCvaRiskWeight">0.05</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dim">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="mva">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimQuantile">0.99</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimHorizonCalendarDays">14</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimRegressionOrder">1</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimRegressors">EUR-EURIBOR-3M,USD-LIBOR-3M,USD</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimLocalRegressionEvaluations">100</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimLocalRegressionBandwidth">0.25</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimScaling">1.0</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimEvolutionFile">dim_evolution.txt</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimRegressionFiles">dim_regression.txt</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimOutputNettingSet">CPTY_A</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="dimOutputGridPoints">0</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="rawCubeOutputFile">rawcube.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="netCubeOutputFile">netcube.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="fullInitialCollateralisation">true</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="flipViewXVA">N</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="flipViewBorrowingCurvePostfix">_BORROW</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="flipViewLendingCurvePostfix">_LEND</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
</Analytics>

```

Parameters:

- **csaFile**: Netting set definitions file covering CSA details such as margining frequency, thresholds, minimum transfer amounts, margin period of risk
- **cubeFile**: NPV cube file previously generated and to be post-processed here
- **scenarioFile**: Scenario data previously generated and used in the post-processor (simulated index fixings and FX rates)
- **baseCurrency**: Expression currency for all NPVs, value adjustments, exposures
- **exposureProfiles**: Flag to enable/disable exposure output for each netting set
- **exposureProfilesByTrade**: Flag to enable/disable stand-alone exposure output for each trade
- **quantile**: Confidence level for Potential Future Exposure (PFE) reporting
- **calculationType**: Determines the settlement of margin calls. The admissible choices depend on having a close-out grid, see table 14;
 - if there isn't any "close-out" grid -see section 7.4-, the choices are:
 - * *Symmetric* - margin for both counterparties settled after the margin period of risk;
 - * *AsymmetricCVA* - margin requested from the counterparty settles with delay, margin requested from us settles immediately;
 - * *AsymmetricDVA* - vice versa.
 - If there is a "close-out" grid -see section 7.4-, only choice is:
 - * *NoLag* - used to disable any delayed settlement of the margin.

NoLag is the default configuration.

Grid Type	calculationType	Comment
without close-out grid	<i>NoLag</i>	Not Supported
	<i>Symmetric</i>	Supported ⁶
	<i>AsymmetricCVA</i>	Supported ⁶
	<i>AsymmetricDVA</i>	Supported ⁶
with close-out grid	<i>NoLag</i>	Supported ⁷
	<i>Symmetric</i>	Not Supported
	<i>AsymmetricCVA</i>	Not Supported
	<i>AsymmetricDVA</i>	Not Supported

Table 14: Overview of admissible calculation types with combination of grid types.

- **allocationMethod**: XVA allocation method, choices are *None*, *Marginal*, *RelativeXVA*, *RelativeFairValueGross*, *RelativeFairValueNet*

⁶ The calculations are correct only if the simulation grid (see section 7.4) is equally-spaced with time steps that match the MPoR defined in netting-set definition (see section 9.2). See section A.13.1 for further explanation.

⁷ Close-out lag (see section 7.4) must be equal to MPoR defined in netting-set definition (see section 9.2). Otherwise, an error will be thrown.

- **marginalAllocationLimit**: The marginal allocation method a la Pykhtin/Rosen breaks down when the netting set value vanishes while the exposure does not. This parameter acts as a cutoff for the marginal allocation when the absolute netting set value falls below this limit and switches to equal distribution of the exposure in this case.
- **exerciseNextBreak**: Flag to terminate all trades at their next break date before aggregation and the subsequent analytics
- **cva, dva, fva, colva, collateralFloor, dim, mva**: Flags to enable/disable these analytics.
- **dvaName**: Credit name to look up the own default probability curve and recovery rate for DVA calculation
- **fvaBorrowingCurve**: Identifier of the borrowing yield curve
- **fvaLendingCurve**: Identifier of the lending yield curve
- **dynamicCredit**: Flag to enable using pathwise survival probabilities when calculating CVA, DVA, FVA and MVA increments from exposures. If set to N the survival probabilities are extracted from T0 curves.
- **kva**: Flag to enable setting the kva ccr parameters.
- **kvaCapitalDiscountRate, kvaAlpha, kvaRegAdjustment, kvaCapitalHurdle, kvaOurPdFloor, kvaTheirPdFloor, kvaOurCvaRiskWeight, kvaTheirCvaRiskWeight**: the kva CCR parameters (see [A.11](#) and [A.12](#)).
- **dimQuantile**: Quantile for Dynamic Initial Margin (DIM) calculation
- **dimHorizonCalendarDays**: Horizon for DIM calculation, 14 calendar days for 2 weeks, etc.
- **dimRegressionOrder**: Order of the regression polynomial (netting set clean NPV move over the simulation period versus netting set NPV at period start)
- **dimRegressors**: Variables used as regressors in a single- or multi-dimensional regression; these variable names need to match entries in the `simulation.xml`'s `AggregationScenarioDataCurrencies` and `AggregationScenarioDataIndices` sections (only these scenario data are passed on to the post processor); if the list is empty, the NPV will be used as a single regressor
- **dimLocalRegressionEvaluations**: Nadaraya-Watson local regression evaluated at the given number of points to validate polynomial regression. Note that Nadaraya-Watson needs a large number of samples for meaningful results. Evaluating the local regression at many points (samples) has a significant performance impact, hence the option here to limit the number of evaluations.
- **dimLocalRegressionBandwidth**: Nadaraya-Watson local regression bandwidth in standard deviations of the independent variable (NPV)
- **dimScaling**: Scaling factor applied to all DIM values used, e.g. to reconcile simulated DIM with actual IM at t_0

- **dimEvolutionFile**: Output file name to store the evolution of zero order DIM and average of nth order DIM through time
- **dimRegressionFiles**: Output file name(s) for a DIM regression snapshot, comma separated list
- **dimOutputNettingSet**: Netting set for the DIM regression snapshot
- **dimOutputGridPoints**: Grid point(s) (in time) for the DIM regression snapshot, comma separated list
- **rawCubeOutputFile**: File name for the trade NPV cube in human readable csv file format (per trade, date, sample), leave empty to skip generation of this file.
- **netCubeOutputFile**: File name for the aggregated NPV cube in human readable csv file format (per netting set, date, sample) *after* taking collateral into account. Leave empty to skip generation of this file.
- **fullInitialCollateralisation**: If set to **true**, then for every netting set, the collateral balance at $t = 0$ will be set to the NPV of the setting set. The resulting effect is that EPE, ENE and PFE are all zero at $t = 0$. If set to **false** (default value), then the collateral balance at $t = 0$ will be set to zero.
- **flipViewXVA**: If set to **Y**, the perspective in XVA calculations is switched to the cpty view, the npvs and the netting sets being reverted during calculation. In order to get the lending/borrowing curve, the calculation assumes these curves being set up with the cptynome + the postfix given in the next two settings.
- **flipViewBorrowingCurvePostfix**: postfix for the borrowing curve, the calculation assumes this is curves being set up with cptynome + postfix given.
- **flipViewLendingCurvePostfix**: postfix for the lending curve, the calculation assumes this is curve being set up with cptynome + postfix given.

The two cube file outputs **rawCubeOutputFile** and **netCubeOutputFile** are provided for interactive analysis and visualisation purposes, see section 6.

The **sensitivity** and **stress** 'analytics' provide computation of bump and revalue (zero rate resp. optionlet) sensitivities and NPV changes under user defined stress scenarios. Listing 8 shows a typical configuration for sensitivity calculation.

```
<Analytics>
  <Analytic type="sensitivity">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="marketConfigFile">simulation.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="sensitivityConfigFile">sensitivity.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="pricingEnginesFile">../../Input/pricingengine.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="scenarioOutputFile">scenario.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="sensitivityOutputFile">sensitivity.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="crossGammaOutputFile">crossgamma.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputSensitivityThreshold">0.000001</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="recalibrateModels">Y</Parameter>
    <!-- Additional parametrisation for par sensitivity analysis -->
    <Parameter name="parSensitivity">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="parSensitivityOutputFile">parsensitivity.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputJacobi">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="jacobiOutputFile">jacobi.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="jacobiInverseOutputFile">jacobi_inverse.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
</Analytics>
```

The parameters have the following interpretation:

- **marketConfigFile**: Configuration file defining the simulation market under which sensitivities are computed, see 7.4. Only a subset of the specification is needed (the one given under **Market**, see 7.4.3 for a detailed description).
- **sensitivityConfigFile**: Configuration file for the sensitivity calculation, see section 7.5.
- **pricingEnginesFile**: Configuration file for the pricing engines to be used for sensitivity calculation.
- **scenarioOutputFile**: File containing the results of the sensitivity calculation in terms of the base scenario NPV, the scenario NPV and their difference.
- **sensitivityOutputFile**: File containing the results of the sensitivity calculation in terms of the base scenario NPV, the shift size together with the risk-factor and the resulting first and (pure) second order finite differences. Also included is a second set of shift sizes together with the risk-factor with a (mixed) second order finite difference associated to a cross gamma calculation
- **outputSensitivityThreshold**: Only finite differences with absolute value greater than this number are written to the output files.
- **recalibrateModels**: If set to Y, then recalibrate pricing models after each shift of relevant term structures; otherwise do not recalibrate
- **parSensitivity**: If set to Y, par sensitivity analysis is performed following the "raw" sensitivity analysis; note that in this case the **sensitivityConfigFile** needs to contain **ParConversion** sections, see Example_40
- **parSensitivityOutputFile**: Output file name for the par sensitivity report

- `outputJacobi`: If set to Y, then the relevant Jacobi and inverse Jacobi matrix is written to a file, see below
- `jacobiOutputFile`: Output file name for the Jacobi matrix
- `jacobiInverseOutputFile`: Output file name for the inverse Jacobi matrix

The stress analytics configuration is similar to the one of the sensitivity calculation. Listing 9 shows an example.

Listing 9: ORE analytic: stress

```
<Analytics>
  <Analytic type="stress">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="marketConfigFile">simulation.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="stressConfigFile">stresstest.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="pricingEnginesFile">../../Input/pricingengine.xml</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="scenarioOutputFile">stresstest.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputThreshold">0.000001</Parameter>
  </Analytic>
</Analytics>
```

The parameters have the same interpretation as for the sensitivity analytic. The configuration file for the stress scenarios is described in more detail in section 7.6.

The VaR 'analytics' provide computation of Value-at-Risk measures based on the sensitivity (delta, gamma, cross gamma) data above. Listing 10 shows a configuration example.

Listing 10: ORE analytic: VaR

```
<Analytics>
  <Analytic type="parametricVar">
    <Parameter name="active">Y</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="portfolioFilter">PF1|PF2</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="sensitivityInputFile">
      ../Output/sensitivity.csv,../Output/crossgamma.csv
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter name="covarianceInputFile">covariance.csv</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="salvageCovarianceMatrix">N</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="quantiles">0.01,0.05,0.95,0.99</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="breakdown">Y</Parameter>
    <!-- Delta, DeltaGammaNormal, Cornish-Fisher, Saddlepoint, MonteCarlo -->
    <Parameter name="method">DeltaGammaNormal</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="mcSamples">100000</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="mcSeed">42</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="outputFile">var.csv</Parameter>
  </Analytic> </Analytics>
```

The parameters have the following interpretation:

- `portfolioFilter`: Regular expression used to filter the portfolio for which VaR is computed; if the filter is not provided, then the full portfolio is processed

- **sensitivityInputFile**: Reference to the sensitivity (deltas, vegas, gammas) and cross gamma input as generated by ORE in a comma separated list
- **covarianceFile**: Reference to the covariances input data; these are currently not calculated in ORE and need to be provided externally, in a blank/tab/comma separated file with three columns (factor1, factor2, covariance), where factor1 and factor2 follow the naming convention used in ORE's sensitivity and cross gamma output files. Covariances need to be consistent with the sensitivity data provided. For example, if sensitivity to factor1 is computed by absolute shifts and expressed in basis points, then the covariances with factor1 need to be based on absolute basis point shifts of factor1; if sensitivity is due to a relative factor1 shift of 1%, then covariances with factor1 need to be based on relative shifts expressed in percentages to, etc. Also note that covariances are expected to include the desired holding period, i.e. no scaling with square root of time etc is performed in ORE;
- **salvageCovarianceMatrix**: If set to Y, turn the input covariance matrix into a valid (positive definite) matrix applying a Salvaging algorithm; if set to N, throw an exception if the matrix is not positive definite
- **quantiles**: Several desired quantiles can be specified here in a comma separated list; these lead to several columns of results in the output file, see below. Note that e.g. the 1% quantile corresponds to the lower tail of the P&L distribution (VaR), 99% to the upper tail.
- **breakdown**: If yes, VaR is computed by portfolio, risk class (All, Interest Rate, FX, Inflation, Equity, Credit) and risk type (All, Delta & Gamma, Vega)
- **method**: Choices are *Delta*, *DeltaGammaNormal*, *Cornish-Fisher*, *Saddlepoint*, *MonteCarlo*, see appendix [A.17](#)
- **mcSamples**: Number of Monte Carlo samples used when the *MonteCarlo* method is chosen
- **mcSeed**: Random number generator seed when the *MonteCarlo* method is chosen
- **outputFile**: Output file name

7.2 Market: todaysmarket.xml

This configuration file determines the subset of the 'market' universe which is going to be built by ORE. It is the user's responsibility to make sure that this subset is sufficient to cover the portfolio to be analysed. If it is not, the application will complain at run time and exit.

We assume that the market configuration is provided in file `todaysmarket.xml`, however, the file name can be chosen by the user. The file name needs to be entered into the master configuration file `ore.xml`, see section [7.1](#).

The file starts and ends with the opening and closing tags `<TodaysMarket>` and `</TodaysMarket>`. The file then contains configuration blocks for

- Discounting curves

- Index curves (to project index fixings)
- Yield curves (for other purposes, e.g. as benchmark curve for bond pricing)
- Swap index curves (to project Swap rates)
- FX spot rates
- Inflation index curves (to project zero or yoy inflation fixings)
- Equity curves (to project forward prices)
- Default curves
- Swaption volatility structures
- Cap/Floor volatility structures
- FX volatility structures
- Inflation Cap/Floor volatility surfaces
- Equity volatility structures
- CDS volatility structures
- Base correlation structures
- Correlation structures
- Securities

There can be alternative versions of each block each labeled with a unique identifier (e.g. Discount curve block with ID 'default', discount curve block with ID 'ois', another one with ID 'xois', etc). The purpose of these IDs will be explained at the end of this section. We now discuss each block's layout.

7.2.1 Discounting Curves

We pick one discounting curve block as an example here (see `Examples/Input/todaysmarket.xml`), the one with ID 'ois'

Listing 11: Discount curve block with ID 'ois'

```
<DiscountingCurves id="ois">
  <DiscountingCurve currency="EUR">Yield/EUR/EUR1D</DiscountingCurve>
  <DiscountingCurve currency="USD">Yield/USD/USD1D</DiscountingCurve>
  <DiscountingCurve currency="GBP">Yield/GBP/GBP1D</DiscountingCurve>
  <DiscountingCurve currency="CHF">Yield/CHF/CHF6M</DiscountingCurve>
  <DiscountingCurve currency="JPY">Yield/JPY/JPY6M</DiscountingCurve>
  <!-- ... -->
</DiscountingCurves>
```

This block instructs ORE to build five discount curves for the indicated currencies. The string within the tags, e.g. `Yield/EUR/EUR1D`, uniquely identifies the curve to be built. Curve `Yield/EUR/EUR1D` is defined in the curve configuration file explained in section 7.8 below. In this case ORE is instructed to build an Eonia Swap curve

made of Overnight Deposit and Eonia Swap quotes. The right most token of the string Yield/EUR/EUR1D (EUR1D) is user defined, the first two tokens Yield/EUR have to be used to point to a yield curve in currency EUR.

7.2.2 Index Curves

See an excerpt of the index curve block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 12: Index curve block with ID 'default'

```
<IndexForwardingCurves id="default">
  <Index name="EUR-EURIBOR-3M">Yield/EUR/EUR3M</Index>
  <Index name="EUR-EURIBOR-6M">Yield/EUR/EUR6M</Index>
  <Index name="EUR-EURIBOR-12M">Yield/EUR/EUR12M</Index>
  <Index name="EUR-EONIA">Yield/EUR/EUR1D</Index>
  <Index name="USD-LIBOR-3M">Yield/USD/USD3M</Index>
  <!-- ... -->
</IndexForwardingCurves>
```

This block of curve specifications instructs ORE to build another set of yield curves, unique strings (e.g. Yield/EUR/EUR6M etc.) point to the `curveconfig.xml` file where these curves are defined. Each curve is then associated with an index name (of format Ccy-IndexName-Tenor, e.g. EUR-EURIBOR-6M) so that ORE will project the respective index using the selected curve (e.g. Yield/EUR/EUR6M).

7.2.3 Yield Curves

See an excerpt of the yield curve block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 13: Yield curve block with ID 'default'

```
<YieldCurves id="default">
  <YieldCurve name="BANK_EUR_LEND">Yield/EUR/BANK_EUR_LEND</YieldCurve>
  <YieldCurve name="BANK_EUR_BORROW">Yield/EUR/BANK_EUR_BORROW</YieldCurve>
  <!-- ... -->
</YieldCurves>
```

This block of curve specifications instructs ORE to build another set of yield curves, unique strings (e.g. Yield/EUR/EUR6M etc.) point to the `curveconfig.xml` file where these curves are defined. Other than discounting and index curves the yield curves in this block are not tied to a particular purpose. The curves defined in this block typically include

- additional curves needed in the XVA post processor, e.g. for the FVA calculation
- benchmark curves used for bond pricing

7.2.4 Swap Index Curves

The following is an excerpt of the swap index curve block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 14: Swap index curve block with ID 'default'

```
<SwapIndexCurves id="default">
  <SwapIndex name="EUR-CMS-1Y">
    <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</Index>
    <Discounting>EUR-EONIA</Discounting>
  </SwapIndex>
  <SwapIndex name="EUR-CMS-30Y">
    <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</Index>
    <Discounting>EUR-EONIA</Discounting>
  </SwapIndex>
  <!-- ... -->
</SwapIndexCurves>
```

These instructions do not build any additional curves. They only build the respective swap index objects and associate them with the required index forwarding and discounting curves already built above. This enables a swap index to project the fair rate of forward starting Swaps. Swap indices are also containers for conventions. Swaption volatility surfaces require two swap indices each available in the market object, a long term and a short term swap index. The curve configuration file below will show that in particular the required short term index has term 1Y, and the required long term index has 30Y term. This is why we build these two indices at this point.

7.2.5 FX Spot

The following is an excerpt of the FX spot block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 15: FX spot block with ID 'default'

```
<FxSpots id="default">
  <FxSpot pair="EURUSD">FX/EUR/USD</FxSpot>
  <FxSpot pair="EURGBP">FX/EUR/GBP</FxSpot>
  <FxSpot pair="EURCHF">FX/EUR/CHF</FxSpot>
  <FxSpot pair="EURJPY">FX/EUR/JPY</FxSpot>
  <!-- ... -->
</FxSpots>
```

This block instructs ORE to provide four FX quotes, all quoted with target currency EUR so that foreign currency amounts can be converted into EUR via multiplication with that rate.

7.2.6 FX Volatilities

The following is an excerpt of the FX Volatilities block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 16: FX volatility block with ID 'default'

```
<FxVolatilities id="default">
  <FxVolatility pair="EURUSD">FXVolatility/EUR/USD/EURUSD</FxVolatility>
  <FxVolatility pair="EURGBP">FXVolatility/EUR/GBP/EURGBP</FxVolatility>
  <FxVolatility pair="EURCHF">FXVolatility/EUR/CHF/EURCHF</FxVolatility>
  <FxVolatility pair="EURJPY">FXVolatility/EUR/JPY/EURJPY</FxVolatility>
  <!-- ... -->
</FxVolatilities>
```

This instructs ORE to build four FX volatility structures for all FX pairs with target currency EUR, see curve configuration file for the definition of the volatility structure.

7.2.7 Swaption Volatilities

The following is an excerpt of the Swaption Volatilities block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 17: Swaption volatility block with ID 'default'

```
<SwaptionVolatilities id="default">
  <SwaptionVolatility currency="EUR">SwaptionVolatility/EUR/EUR_SW_N</SwaptionVolatility>
  <SwaptionVolatility currency="USD">SwaptionVolatility/USD/USD_SW_N</SwaptionVolatility>
  <SwaptionVolatility currency="GBP">SwaptionVolatility/GBP/GBP_SW_N</SwaptionVolatility>
  <SwaptionVolatility currency="CHF">SwaptionVolatility/CHF/CHF_SW_N</SwaptionVolatility>
  <SwaptionVolatility currency="JPY">SwaptionVolatility/CHF/JPY_SW_N</SwaptionVolatility>
</SwaptionVolatilities>
```

This instructs ORE to build five Swaption volatility structures, see the curve configuration file for the definition of the volatility structure. The latter token (e.g. EUR_SW_N) is user defined and will be found in the curve configuration's CurveId tag.

7.2.8 Cap/Floor Volatilities

The following is an excerpt of the Cap/Floor Volatilities block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 18: Cap/Floor volatility block with ID 'default'

```
<CapFloorVolatilities id="default">
  <CapFloorVolatility currency="EUR">CapFloorVolatility/EUR/EUR_CF_N</CapFloorVolatility>
  <CapFloorVolatility currency="USD">CapFloorVolatility/USD/USD_CF_N</CapFloorVolatility>
  <CapFloorVolatility currency="GBP">CapFloorVolatility/GBP/GBP_CF_N</CapFloorVolatility>
</CapFloorVolatilities>
```

This instructs ORE to build three Cap/Floor volatility structures, see the curve configuration file for the definition of the volatility structure. The latter token (e.g. EUR_CF_N) is user defined and will be found in the curve configuration's CurveId tag.

7.2.9 Default Curves

The following is an excerpt of the Default Curves block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 19: Default curves block with ID 'default'

```
<DefaultCurves id="default">
  <DefaultCurve name="BANK">Default/USD/BANK_SR_USD</DefaultCurve>
  <DefaultCurve name="CPTY_A">Default/USD/CUST_A_SR_USD</DefaultCurve>
  <DefaultCurve name="CPTY_B">Default/USD/CUST_A_SR_USD</DefaultCurve>
  <!-- ... -->
</DefaultCurves>
```

This instructs ORE to build a set of default probability curves, again defined in the curve configuration file. Each curve is then associated with a name (BANK, CUST_A) for subsequent lookup. As before, the last token (e.g. BANK_SR_USD) is user defined and will be found in the curve configuration's CurveId tag.

7.2.10 Securities

The following is an excerpt of the Security block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 20: Securities block with ID 'default'

```
<Securities id="default">
  <Security name="SECURITY_1">Security/SECURITY_1</Security>
</Securities>
```

The pricing of bonds includes (among other components) a security specific spread and rate. This block links a security name to a spread and rate pair defined in the curve configuration file. This name may then be referenced as the security id in the bond trade definition.

7.2.11 Equity Curves

The following is an excerpt of the Equity curves block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 21: Equity curves block with ID 'default'

```
<EquityCurves id="default">
  <EquityCurve name="SP5">Equity/USD/SP5</EquityCurve>
  <EquityCurve name="Lufthansa">Equity/EUR/Lufthansa</EquityCurve>
</EquityCurves>
```

This instructs ORE to build a set of equity curves, again defined in the curve configuration file. Each equity curve after construction will consist of a spot equity price, as well as a term structure of dividend yields, which can be used to determine

forward prices. This object is then associated with a name (e.g. SP5) for subsequent lookup.

7.2.12 Equity Volatilities

The following is an excerpt of the equity volatilities block with ID 'default' from the same example file:

Listing 22: EQ volatility block with ID 'default'

```
<EquityVolatilities id="default">
  <EquityVolatility name="SP5">EquityVolatility/USD/SP5</EquityVolatility>
  <EquityVolatility name="Lufthansa">EquityVolatility/EUR/Lufthansa</EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>
```

This instructs ORE to build two equity volatility structures for SP5 and Lufthansa, respectively. See the curve configuration file for the definition of the equity volatility structure.

7.2.13 Inflation Index Curves

The following is an excerpt of the Zero Inflation Index Curves block with ID 'default' from the sample example file:

Listing 23: Zero Inflation Index Curves block with ID 'default'

```
<ZeroInflationIndexCurves id="default">
  <ZeroInflationIndexCurve name="EUHICPXT">
    Inflation/EUHICPXT/EUHICPXT_ZC_Swaps
  </ZeroInflationIndexCurve>
  <ZeroInflationIndexCurve name="FRHICP">
    Inflation/FRHICP/FRHICP_ZC_Swaps
  </ZeroInflationIndexCurve>
  <ZeroInflationIndexCurve name="UKRPI">
    Inflation/UKRPI/UKRPI_ZC_Swaps
  </ZeroInflationIndexCurve>
  <ZeroInflationIndexCurve name="USCPI">
    Inflation/USCPI/USCPI_ZC_Swaps
  </ZeroInflationIndexCurve>
  ...
</ZeroInflationIndexCurves>
```

This instructs ORE to build a set of zero inflation index curves, which are defined in the curve configuration file. Each curve is then associated with an index name (like e.g. EUHICPXT or UKRPI). The last token (e.g. EUHICPXT_ZC_Swap) is user defined and will be found in the curve configuration's CurveId tag.

In a similar way, Year on Year index curves are specified:

Listing 24: YoY Inflation Index Curves block with ID 'default'

```
<YYInflationIndexCurves id="default">
  <YYInflationIndexCurve name="EUHICPXT">
    Inflation/EUHICPXT/EUHICPXT_YY_Swaps
  </YYInflationIndexCurve>
  ...
</YYInflationIndexCurves>
```

Note that the index name is the same as in the corresponding zero index curve definition, but the token corresponding to the CurveId tag is different. This is because the actual underlying index (and in particular its fixings) are shared between the two index types, while different projection curves are used to forecast future index realisations.

7.2.14 Inflation Cap/Floor Volatility Surfaces

The following is an excerpt of the Inflation Cap/Floor Volatility Surfaces blocks with ID 'default' from the sample example file:

Listing 25: Inflation Cap/Floor Volatility Surfaces block with ID 'default'

```
<YYInflationCapFloorVolatilities id="default">
  <YYInflationCapFloorVolatility name="EUHICPXT">
    InflationCapFloorVolatility/EUHICPXT/EUHICPXT_YY_CF
  </InflationCapFloorVolatility>
</YYInflationCapFloorVolatilities>

<ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatilities id="default">
  <ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatility name="UKRPI">
    InflationCapFloorVolatility/UKRPI/UKRPI_ZC_CF
  </ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatility>
  <ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatility name="EUHICPXT">
    InflationCapFloorVolatility/EUHICPXT/EUHICPXT_ZC_CF
  </ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatility>
  <ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatility name="USCPI">
    InflationCapFloorVolatility/USCPI/USCPI_ZC_CF
  </ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatility>
</ZeroInflationCapFloorVolatilities>
```

This instructs ORE to build a set of year-on-year and zero inflation cap floor volatility surfaces, which are defined in the curve configuration file. Each surface is associated with an index name. The last token (e.g. EUHICPXT_ZC_CF) is user defined and will be found in the curve configuration's CurveId tag.

7.2.15 CDS Volatility Structures

CDS volatility structures are configured as follows

Listing 26: CDS volatility structure block with ID 'default'

```
<CDSVolatilities id="default">
  <CDSVolatility name="CDSVOL_A">CDSVolatility/CDXIG</CDSVolatility>
  <CDSVolatility name="CDSVOL_B">CDSVolatility/CDXHY</CDSVolatility>
</CDSVolatilities>
```

The composition of the CDS volatility structures is defined in the curve configuration.

7.2.16 Base Correlation Structures

Base correlation structures are configured as follows

Listing 27: Base Correlations block with ID 'default'

```
<BaseCorrelations id="default">
  <BaseCorrelation name="CDXIG">BaseCorrelation/CDXIG</BaseCorrelation>
</BaseCorrelations>
```

The composition of the base correlation structure is defined in the curve configuration.

7.2.17 Correlation Structures

Correlation structures are configured as follows

Listing 28: Correlations block with ID 'default'

```
<Correlations id="default">
  <Correlation name="EUR-CMS-10Y:EUR-CMS-1Y">Correlation/EUR-CORR</Correlation>
  <Correlation name="USD-CMS-10Y:USD-CMS-1Y">Correlation/USD-CORR</Correlation>
</Correlations>
```

The composition of the correlation structure is defined in the curve configuration.

7.2.18 Market Configurations

Finally, representatives of each type of block (Discount Curves, Index Curves, Volatility structures, etc, up to Inflation Cap/Floor Price Surfaces) can be bundled into a market configuration. This is done by adding the following to the `todaysmarket.xml` file:

```
<Configuration id="default">
  <DiscountingCurvesId>xois_eur</DiscountingCurvesId>
</Configuration>
<Configuration id="collateral_inccy">
  <DiscountingCurvesId>ois</DiscountingCurvesId>
</Configuration>
<Configuration id="collateral_eur">
  <DiscountingCurvesId>xois_eur</DiscountingCurvesId>
</Configuration>
<Configuration id="libor">
  <DiscountingCurvesId>inccy_swap</DiscountingCurvesId>
</Configuration>
```

When ORE constructs the market object, all market configurations will be build and labelled using the 'Configuration Id'. This allows configuring a market setup for different alternative purposes side by side in the same `today'smarket.xml` file. Typical use cases are

- different discount curves needed for model calibration and risk factor evolution, respectively
- different discount curves needed for collateralised and uncollateralised derivatives pricing.

The former is actually used throughout the **Examples** section. Each master input file `ore.xml` has a Markets section (see 7.1) where four market configuration IDs have to be provided - the ones used for 'lgmcalibration', 'fxcalibration', 'pricing' and 'simulation' (i.e. risk factor evolution).

The configuration ID concept extends across all curve and volatility objects though currently used only to distinguish discounting.

7.3 Pricing Engines: `pricingengine.xml`

The pricing engine configuration file is provided to select pricing models and pricing engines by product type. The following is an overview over the Example section's `pricingengine.xml`. Further below we discuss the Bermudan Swaption engine parametrisation in more detail.

```
<PricingEngines>
  <Product type="Swap">
    <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
    <ModelParameters/>
    <Engine>DiscountingSwapEngine</Engine>
    <EngineParameters/>
  </Product>
  <Product type="CrossCurrencySwap">
    <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
    <ModelParameters/>
    <Engine>DiscountingCrossCurrencySwapEngine</Engine>
    <EngineParameters/>
  </Product>
```

```

<Product type="FxForward">
  <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>DiscountingFxForwardEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="FxOption">
  <Model>GarmanKohlhagen</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>AnalyticEuropeanEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="FxOptionAmerican">
  <Model>GarmanKohlhagen</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>FdBlackScholesVanillaEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <Parameter name="Scheme">Douglas</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="TimeGridPerYear">100</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="XGrid">100</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="DampingSteps">0</Parameter>
    <!-- optional, prevents too small time grids for increased
         Greek precision when expiry is near, set to 1 if omitted -->
    <Parameter name="TimeGridMinimumSize">1</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<Product type="EuropeanSwaption">
  <Model>BlackBachelier</Model> <!-- depends on input vol -->
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>BlackBachelierSwaptionEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="Bond">
  <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>DiscountingRiskyBondEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <Parameter name="TimestepPeriod">6M</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<Product type="BermudanSwaption">
  <Model>LGM</Model>
  <ModelParameters>
    <Parameter name="Calibration">Bootstrap</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="BermudanStrategy">CoterminalATM</Parameter>
    <!-- ccy specific reversions -->
    <Parameter name="Reversion_EUR">0.03</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Reversion_USD">0.04</Parameter>
    <!-- reversion to use if no ccy specific value is given -->
    <Parameter name="Reversion">0.02</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="ReversionType">HullWhite</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Volatility">0.01</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="VolatilityType">Hagan</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="ShiftHorizon">0.5</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="Tolerance">0.0001</Parameter>
  </ModelParameters>
  <Engine>Grid</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>

```

```

    <Parameter name="sy">3.0</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="ny">10</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="sx">3.0</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="nx">10</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<Product type="CapFloor">
  <Model>IborCapModel</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>IborCapEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="CapFlooredIborLeg">
  <Model>BlackOrBachelier</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>BlackIborCouponPricer</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <!-- Black76 or BivariateLognormal -->
    <TimingAdjustment>Black76</TimingAdjustment>
    <!-- Correlation Parameter for BivariateLognormal -->
    <Correlation>1.0</Correlation>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<Product type="EquityForward">
  <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>DiscountingEquityForwardEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="EquityOption">
  <Model>BlackScholesMerton</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>AnalyticEuropeanEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="Bond">
  <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>DiscountingRiskyBondEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <Parameter name="TimestepPeriod">6M</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<Product type="CreditDefaultSwap">
  <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>MidPointCdsEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters/>
</Product>
<Product type="CMS">
  <Model>Hagan</Model><!-- or LinearTSR -->
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>Analytic</Engine> <!-- or Numerical -->
  <EngineParameters>
    <!-- Alternative Yield Curve Models: ExactYield, ParallelShifts, NonParallelShifts -->
    <Parameter name="YieldCurveModel">Standard</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="MeanReversion_EUR">0.01</Parameter>
    <Parameter name="MeanReversion_USD">0.02</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>

```



```

    <Parameter name="MeanReversion">0.0</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<Product type="CMSSpread">
  <Model>BrigoMercurio</Model>
  <ModelParameters/>
  <Engine>Analytic</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
    <Parameter name="IntegrationPoints">16</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>
<GlobalParameters>
  <Parameter name="ContinueOnCalibrationError">true</Parameter>
  <!-- typically not present in a user configuration, but used internally -->
  <Parameter name="Calibrate">true</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="GenerateAdditionalResults">true</Parameter>
  <Parameter name="RunType">NPV</Parameter>
</GlobalParameters>

```

Listing 30: Pricing engine configuration

These settings will be taken into account when the engine factory is asked to build the respective pricing engines and required models, and to calibrate the required model.

For example, in case of the Bermudan Swaption, the parameters are interpreted as follows:

- The only model currently supported for Bermudan Swaption pricing is the LGM selected here.
- The first block of model parameters then provides initial values for the model (Reversion, Volatility) and chooses the parametrisation of the LGM model with ReversionType and VolatilityType choices *HullWhite* and *Hagan*. Notice the possibility to specify a currency-specific reversion. Calibration and BermudanStrategy can be set to *None* in order to skip model calibration. Alternatively, Calibration is set to *Bootstrap* and BermudanStrategy to *CoterminalATM* in order to calibrate to instrument-specific co-terminal ATM Swaptions, i.e. chosen to match the instruments first expiry and final maturity. If *CoterminalDealStrike* is chosen, the co-terminal swaptions will match the fixed rate of the deal (if the deal has changing fixed rates, the first rate is matched). Finally if the ShiftHorizon parameter is given, its value times the remaining maturity time of the deal is chosen as the horizon shift parameter for the LGM model. If not given, this parameter defaults to 0.5.
- The second block of engine parameters specifies the Numerical Swaption engine parameters which determine the number of standard deviations covered in the probability density integrals (sy and sx), and the number of grid points used per standard deviation (ny and nx).

To see the configuration options for the alternative CMS engines (Hagan Numerical, LinearTSR) or the Black Ibor coupon pricer (CapFlooredIborLeg), please refer to the commented parts in `Examples/Input/pricingengine.xml`.

This file is relevant in particular for structured products which are on the roadmap of

future ORE releases. But it is also intended to allow the selection of optimised pricing engines for vanilla products such as Interest Rate Swaps.

In addition to product specific settings there is also a block with global parameters with the following meaning:

- **ContinueOnCalibrationError**: If set to true an exceedence of a prescribed model calibration tolerance (for e.g. the LGM model) will not cause the trade building to fail, instead a warning is logged and the trade is processed anyway. Optional, defaults to false.
- **Calibrate**: If false, model calibration is disabled. This flag is usually not present in a user configuration, but only used internally for certain workflows within ORE which do not require a model calibration. Optional, defaults to true.
- **GenerateAdditionalResults**: If false, the generation of additional results within pricing engines will be suppressed (for those pricing engines which support this). This flag is usually not present in a user configuration, but only used internally to improve the performance for processes which only rely on the NPV as a result from pricing engines, e.g. when repricing trades under sensitivity or stress scenarios. Option, defaults to false.
- **RunType**: Set automatically. One of NPV, SensitivityDelta, SensitivityDeltaGamma, Stress, Exposure, Capital, TradeDetails, PortfolioAnalyser, HistoricalPnL, depending on the context for which a portfolio was built. Might also be left empty. This is used by some pricing engines to adapt to certain run types. E.g. a first order sensitivity pnl expansion might be used for a SensitivityDelta run by an engine which is able to compute analytical or AAD first order sensitivities.

7.4 Simulation: simulation.xml

This file determines the behaviour of the risk factor simulation (scenario generation) module. It is structured in three blocks of data.

Listing 31: Simulation configuration

```
<Simulation>
  <Parameters> ... </Parameters>
  <CrossAssetModel> ... </CrossAssetModel>
  <Market> ... </Market>
</Simulation>
```

Each of the three blocks is sketched in the following.

7.4.1 Parameters

Let us discuss this section using the following example

```

<Parameters>
  <Grid>80,3M</Grid>
  <Calendar>EUR,USD,GBP,CHF</Calendar>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <Sequence>SobolBrownianBridge</Sequence>
  <Seed>42</Seed>
  <Samples>1000</Samples>
  <Ordering>Steps</Ordering>
  <DirectionIntegers>JoeKuoD7</DirectionIntegers>
  <!-- The following two nodes are optional -->
  <CloseOutLag>2W</CloseOutLag>
  <MporMode>StickyDate</MporMode>
</Parameters>

```

- **Grid:** Specifies the simulation time grid, here 80 quarterly steps.⁸
- **Calendar:** Calendar or combination of calendars used to adjust the dates of the grid. Date adjustment is required because the simulation must step over 'good' dates on which index fixings can be stored.
- **DayCounter:** Day count convention used to translate dates to times. Optional, defaults to ActualActual ISDA.
- **Sequence:** Choose random sequence generator (*MersenneTwister*, *MersenneTwisterAntithetic*, *Sobol*, *SobolBrownianBridge*).
- **Seed:** Random number generator seed
- **Samples:** Number of Monte Carlo paths to be produced use (*Backward*, *Forward*, *BestOfForwardBackward*, *InterpolatedForwardBackward*), which number of forward horizon days to use if one of the *Forward* related methods is chosen.
- **Ordering:** If the sequence type *SobolBrownianBridge* is used, ordering of variates (*Factors*, *Steps*, *Diagonal*)
- **DirectionIntegers:** If the sequence type *SobolBrownianBridge* or *Sobol* is used, type of direction integers in Sobol generator (*Unit*, *Jaekel*, *SobolLevitani*, *SobolLevitaniLemieux*, *JoeKuoD5*, *JoeKuoD6*, *JoeKuoD7*, *Kuo*, *Kuo2*, *Kuo3*)
- **CloseOutLag:** If this tag is present, this specifies the close-out period length (e.g. 2W) used; otherwise no close-out grid is built. The close-out grid is an auxiliary time grid that is offset from the main default date grid by the close-out period, typically set to the applicable margin period of risk. If present, it is used to evolve the portfolio value and determine close-out values associated with the preceding default date valuation.
- **MporMode:** This tag is expected if the previous one is present, permissible values are then *StickyDate* and *ActualDate*. *StickyDate* means that only market data is evolved from the default date to close-out date for close-out date valuation, the valuation as of date remains unchanged and trades do not "age"

⁸For exposure calculation under DIM, the second parameter has to match the Margin Period of Risk, i.e. if *MarginPeriodOfRisk* is set to for instance 2W in a netting set definition in *netting.xml*, then one has to set *Grid* to for instance 80,2W.

over the period. As a consequence, exposure evolutions will not show spikes caused by cash flows within the close-out period. **ActualDate** means that trades will also age over the close-out period so that one can experience exposure evolution spikes due to cash flows.

7.4.2 Model

The **CrossAssetModel** section determines the cross asset model's number of currencies covered, composition, and each component's calibration. It is currently made of

- a sequence of LGM models for each currency (say n_c currencies),
- $n_c - 1$ FX models for each exchange rate to the base currency,
- n_e equity models,
- n_i inflation models,
- n_{cr} credit models,
- n_{com} commodity models,
- a specification of the correlation structure between all components.

The simulated currencies are specified as follows, with clearly identifying the domestic currency which is also the target currency for all FX models listed subsequently. If the portfolio requires more currencies to be simulated, this will lead to an exception at run time, so that it is the user's responsibility to make sure that the list of currencies here is sufficient. The list can be larger than actually required by the portfolio. This will not lead to any exceptions, but add to the run time of ORE.

Listing 33: Simulation model currencies configuration

```
<CrossAssetModel>
  <DomesticCcy>EUR</DomesticCcy>
  <Currencies>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <Currency>GBP</Currency>
    <Currency>CHF</Currency>
    <Currency>JPY</Currency>
  </Currencies>
  <Equities>
    <!-- ... -->
  </Equities>
  <InflationIndices>
    <!-- ... -->
  </InflationIndices>
  <CreditNames>
    <!-- ... -->
  </CreditNames>
  <Commodities>
    <!-- ... -->
  </Commodities>
  <BootstrapTolerance>0.0001</BootstrapTolerance>
  <Measure>LGM</Measure><!-- Choices: LGM, BA -->
  <Discretization>Exact</Discretization>
  <!-- ... -->
</CrossAssetModel>
```

Bootstrap tolerance is a global parameter that applies to the calibration of all model components. If the calibration error of any component exceeds this tolerance, this will trigger an exception at runtime, early in the ORE process.

The Measure tag allows switching between the LGM and the Bank Account (BA) measure for the risk-neutral market simulations using the Cross Asset Model. Note that within LGM one can shift the horizon (see ParameterTransformation below) to effectively switch to a T-Forward measure.

The Discretization tag chooses between time discretization schemes for the risk factor evolution. *Exact* means exploiting the analytical tractability of the model to avoid any time discretization error. *Euler* uses a naive time discretization scheme which has numerical error and requires small time steps for accurate results (useful for testing purposes or if more sophisticated component models are used.)

Each interest rate model is specified by a block as follows

Listing 34: Simulation model IR configuration

```
<CrossAssetModel>
  <!-- ... -->
  <InterestRateModels>
    <LGM ccy="default">
      <CalibrationType>Bootstrap</CalibrationType>
      <Volatility>
        <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
        <VolatilityType>Hagan</VolatilityType>
        <ParamType>Piecewise</ParamType>
        <TimeGrid>1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0,5.0,7.0,10.0</TimeGrid>
        <InitialValue>0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01</InitialValue>
      </Volatility>
      <Reversion>
        <Calibrate>N</Calibrate>
        <ReversionType>HullWhite</ReversionType>
        <ParamType>Constant</ParamType>
        <TimeGrid/>
        <InitialValue>0.03</InitialValue>
      </Reversion>
      <CalibrationSwaptions>
        <Expiries>1Y,2Y,4Y,6Y,8Y,10Y,12Y,14Y,16Y,18Y,19Y</Expiries>
        <Terms>19Y,18Y,16Y,14Y,12Y,10Y,8Y,6Y,4Y,2Y,1Y</Terms>
        <Strikes/>
      </CalibrationSwaptions>
      <ParameterTransformation>
        <ShiftHorizon>0.0</ShiftHorizon>
        <Scaling>1.0</Scaling>
      </ParameterTransformation>
    </LGM>
    <LGM ccy="EUR">
      <!-- ... -->
    </LGM>
    <LGM ccy="USD">
      <!-- ... -->
    </LGM>
  </InterestRateModels>
  <!-- ... -->
</CrossAssetModel>
```

We have LGM sections by currency, but starting with a section for currency 'default'. As the name implies, this is used as default configuration for any currency in the currency list for which we do not provide an explicit parametrisation. Within each LGM section, the interpretation of elements is as follows:

- **CalibrationType:** Choose between *Bootstrap* and *BestFit*, where *Bootstrap* is chosen when we expect to be able to achieve a perfect fit (as with calibration of piecewise volatility to a series of co-terminal Swaptions)
- **Volatility/Calibrate:** Flag to enable/disable calibration of this particular parameter
- **Volatility/VolatilityType:** Choose volatility parametrisation a la *HullWhite* or *Hagan*

- **Volatility/ParamType:** Choose between *Constant* and *Piecewise*
- **Volatility/TimeGrid:** Initial time grid for this parameter, can be left empty if ParamType is Constant
- **Volatility/InitialValue:** Vector of initial values, matching number of entries in time (for CalibrationType *BestFit* this should be one more entry than the Volatility/TimeGrid entries, for *Bootstrap* this is ignored), or single value if the time grid is empty
- **Reversion/Calibrate:** Flag to enable/disable calibration of this particular parameter
- **Reversion/VolatilityType:** Choose reversion parametrisation a la *HullWhite* or *Hagan*
- **Reversion/ParamType:** Choose between *Constant* and *Piecewise*
- **Reversion/TimeGrid:** Initial time grid for this parameter, can be left empty if ParamType is Constant
- **Reversion/InitialValue:** Vector of initial values, matching number of entries in time, or single value if the time grid is empty
- **CalibrationSwaptions:** Choice of calibration instruments by expiry, underlying Swap term and strike. There have to be at least one more calibration options configured than Volatility/TimeGrid entries were given.
- **ParameterTransformation:** LGM model prices are invariant under scaling and shift transformations [21] with advantages for numerical convergence of results in long term simulations. These transformations can be chosen here. Default settings are shiftHorizon 0 (time in years) and scaling factor 1.

The reason for having to specify one more Volatility/InitialValue entries than Volatility/TimeGrid entries (and at least one more calibration option than Volatility/TimeGrid entries) is the fact that the intervals defined by the Volatility/TimeGrid entries are spanning from $[0, t_1]$, $[t_1, t_2] \dots [t_n, \infty]$, which results in $n + 1$ intervals.

Each FX model is specified by a block as follows

Listing 35: Simulation model FX configuration

```

<CrossAssetModel>
  <!-- ... -->
  <ForeignExchangeModels>
    <CrossCcyLGM foreignCcy="default">
      <DomesticCcy>EUR</DomesticCcy>
      <CalibrationType>Bootstrap</CalibrationType>
      <Sigma>
        <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
        <ParamType>Piecewise</ParamType>
        <TimeGrid>1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0,5.0,7.0,10.0</TimeGrid>
        <InitialValue>0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1</InitialValue>
      </Sigma>
      <CalibrationOptions>
        <Expiries>1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,10Y</Expiries>
        <Strikes/>
      </CalibrationOptions>
    </CrossCcyLGM>
    <CrossCcyLGM foreignCcy="USD">
      <!-- ... -->
    </CrossCcyLGM>
    <CrossCcyLGM foreignCcy="GBP">
      <!-- ... -->
    </CrossCcyLGM>
    <!-- ... -->
  </ForeignExchangeModels>
  <!-- ... -->
</CrossAssetModel>

```

CrossCcyLGM sections are defined by foreign currency, but we also support a default configuration as above for the IR model parametrisations. Within each CrossCcyLGM section, the interpretation of elements is as follows:

- **DomesticCcy:** Domestic currency completing the FX pair
- **CalibrationType:** Choose between *Bootstrap* and *BestFit* as in the IR section
- **Sigma/Calibrate:** Flag to enable/disable calibration of this particular parameter
- **Sigma/ParamType:** Choose between *Constant* and *Piecewise*
- **Sigma/TimeGrid:** Initial time grid for this parameter, can be left empty if ParamType is Constant
- **Sigma/InitialValue:** Vector of initial values, matching number of entries in time (for CalibrationType *BestFit* this should be one more entry than the Sigma/TimeGrid entries, for *Bootstrap* this is ignored), or single value if the time grid is empty
- **CalibrationOptions:** Choice of calibration instruments by expiry and strike, strikes can be empty (implying the default, ATM options), or explicitly specified (in terms of FX rates as absolute strike values, in delta notation such as $\pm 25D$, *ATMF* for at the money). There have to be at least one more calibration options configured than Sigma/TimeGrid entries were given

Each equity model is specified by a block as follows

Listing 36: Simulation model equity configuration

```

<CrossAssetModel>
  <!-- ... -->
  <EquityModels>
    <CrossAssetLGM name="default">
      <Currency>EUR</Currency>
      <CalibrationType>Bootstrap</CalibrationType>
      <Sigma>
        <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
        <ParamType>Piecewise</ParamType>
        <TimeGrid>1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0,5.0,7.0,10.0</TimeGrid>
        <InitialValue>0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1,0.1</InitialValue>
      </Sigma>
      <CalibrationOptions>
        <Expiries>1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,10Y</Expiries>
        <Strikes/>
      </CalibrationOptions>
    </CrossAssetLGM>
    <CrossAssetLGM name="SP5">
      <!-- ... -->
    </CrossAssetLGM>
    <CrossAssetLGM name="Lufthansa">
      <!-- ... -->
    </CrossAssetLGM>
  </EquityModels>
  <!-- ... -->
</CrossAssetModel>

```

CrossAssetLGM sections are defined by equity name, but we also support a default configuration as above for the IR and FX model parameterisations. Within each CrossAssetLGM section, the interpretation of elements is as follows:

- **Currency:** Currency of denomination
- **CalibrationType:** Choose between *Bootstrap* and *BestFit* as in the IR section
- **Sigma/Calibrate:** Flag to enable/disable calibration of this particular parameter
- **Sigma/ParamType:** Choose between *Constant* and *Piecewise*
- **Sigma/TimeGrid:** Initial time grid for this parameter, can be left empty if ParamType is Constant
- **Sigma/InitialValue:** Vector of initial values, matching number of entries in time (for CalibrationType *BestFit* this should be one more entry than the Sigma/TimeGrid entries, for *Bootstrap* this is ignored), or single value if the time grid is empty
- **CalibrationOptions:** Choice of calibration instruments by expiry and strike, strikes can be empty (implying the default, ATMF options), or explicitly specified

(in terms of equity prices as absolute strike values). There have to be at least one more calibration options configured than `Sigma/TimeGrid` entries were given

For the inflation model component, there is a choice between a Dodgson Kainth model and a Jarrow Yildirim model. The Dodgson Kainth model is specified in a `LGM` or `DodgsonKainth` node as outlined in Listing 37. The inflation model parameterisation inherits from the LGM parameterisation for interest rate components, in particular the `CalibrationType`, `Volatility` and `Reversion` elements. The `CalibrationCapFloors` element specify the model's calibration to a selection of either CPI caps or CPI floors with specified strike.

Listing 37: Simulation model DK inflation component configuration

```

<CrossAssetModel>
...
<InflationIndexModels>
  <LGM index="EUHICPXT">
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <!-- As in the LGM parameterisation for any IR components -->
    <CalibrationType> ... </CalibrationType>
    <Volatility> ... </Volatility>
    <Reversion> ... </Reversion>
    <ParameterTransformation> ... </ParameterTransformation>
    <!-- Inflation model specific -->
    <CalibrationCapFloors>
      <!-- not used yet, as there is only one strategy so far -->
      <CalibrationStrategy> ... </CalibrationStrategy>
      <CapFloor> Floor </CapFloor> <!-- Cap, Floor -->
      <Expiries> 2Y, 4Y, 6Y, 8Y, 10Y </Expiries>
      <!-- can be empty, this will yield calibration to ATM -->
      <Strikes> 0.03, 0.03, 0.03, 0.03, 0.03 </Strikes>
    </CalibrationCapFloors>
  </LGM>
  <LGM index="USCPI">
    ...
  </LGM>
  ...
</InflationIndexModels>
...
</CrossAssetModel>

```

The calibration instruments may be specified in an alternative way via a `CalibrationBaskets` node. In general, a `CalibrationBaskets` node can contain multiple `CalibrationBasket` nodes each containing a list of calibration instruments of the same type. For Dodgson Kainth, only a single calibration basket is allowed and the instruments must be of type `CpiCapFloor`. So, for example, the `CalibrationCapFloors` node in Listing 37 could be replaced with the `CalibrationBaskets` node in 38.

Listing 38: Calibration basket for DK inflation model component

```
<CalibrationBaskets>
  <CalibrationBasket>
    <CpiCapFloor>
      <Type>Floor</Type>
      <Maturity>2Y</Maturity>
      <Strike>0.03</Strike>
    </CpiCapFloor>
    <CpiCapFloor>
      <Type>Floor</Type>
      <Maturity>4Y</Maturity>
      <Strike>0.03</Strike>
    </CpiCapFloor>
    <CpiCapFloor>
      <Type>Floor</Type>
      <Maturity>6Y</Maturity>
      <Strike>0.03</Strike>
    </CpiCapFloor>
    <CpiCapFloor>
      <Type>Floor</Type>
      <Maturity>8Y</Maturity>
      <Strike>0.03</Strike>
    </CpiCapFloor>
    <CpiCapFloor>
      <Type>Floor</Type>
      <Maturity>10Y</Maturity>
      <Strike>0.03</Strike>
    </CpiCapFloor>
  </CalibrationBasket>
</CalibrationBaskets>
```

The Jarrow Yildirim model is specified in a `JarrowYildirim` node as outlined in Listing 39. The `RealRate` node describes the JY real rate process and has `Volatility` and `Reversion` nodes that follow those outlined in the interest rate LGM section above. The `Index` node describes the JY index process and has a `Volatility` component that follows the `Sigma` component of the FX model above. The `CalibrationBaskets` node is as outlined above for Dodgson Kainth but up to two baskets may be used and extra inflation instruments are supported in the calibration. More information is provided below.

The `CalibrationType` determines the calibration approach, if any, that is used to calibrate the various parameters of the model i.e. the real rate reversion, the real rate volatility and the index volatility. If the `CalibrationType` is `None`, no calibration is attempted and all parameter values must be explicitly specified. If the `CalibrationType` is `BestFit`, the parameters that have `Calibrate` set to `Y` will be calibrated to the instruments specified in the `CalibrationBaskets` node. If the `CalibrationType` is `Bootstrap`, there are a number of options:

1. The index volatility parameter may be calibrated, indicated by setting `Calibrate` to `Y` for that parameter, with both of the real rate parameters not calibrated and set explicitly in the `RealRate` node. There should be exactly one `CalibrationBasket` in the `CalibrationBaskets` node and its `parameter` attribute may be set to `Index` or omitted.

2. One of the real rate parameters may be calibrated, indicated by setting **Calibrate** to Y for that parameter, with the index volatility not calibrated and set explicitly in the **Volatility** node. There should be exactly one **CalibrationBasket** in the **CalibrationBaskets** node and its **parameter** attribute may be set to **RealRate** or omitted.
3. One of the real rate parameters and the index volatility parameter may be calibrated together. There should be exactly two **CalibrationBasket** nodes in the **CalibrationBaskets** node. The **parameter** attribute should be set to **RealRate** on the **CalibrationBasket** node that should be used for the real rate parameter calibration. Similarly, the **parameter** attribute should be set to **Index** on the **CalibrationBasket** node that should be used for the index volatility parameter calibration. The parameters are calibrated iteratively in turn until the root mean squared error over all calibration instruments in the two baskets is below the tolerance specified by the **RmseTolerance** in the **CalibrationConfiguration** node or until the maximum number of iterations as specified by the **MaxIterations** in the **CalibrationConfiguration** node has been reached. The **CalibrationConfiguration** node is optional. If it is omitted, the **RmseTolerance** defaults to 0.0001 and the **MaxIterations** defaults to 50.

Note that it is an error to attempt to calibrate both of the real rate parameters together when **CalibrationType** is **Bootstrap**. If a parameter is being calibrated with **CalibrationType** set to **Bootstrap**, the **ParamType** should be **Piecewise**. The **TimeGrid** will be overridden for that parameter by the relevant calibration instrument times and the parameter's initial values are set to the first element of the **InitialValue** list. So, leaving the **TimeGrid** node empty and giving a single value in the **InitialValue** node is the clearest XML setup in this case.

Listing 39: Simulation model JY inflation component configuration

```
<JarrowYildirim index="EUHICPXT">
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <CalibrationType>Bootstrap</CalibrationType>
  <RealRate>
    <Volatility>
      <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
      <VolatilityType>Hagan</VolatilityType>
      <ParamType>Piecewise</ParamType>
      <TimeGrid/>
      <InitialValue>0.0001</InitialValue>
    </Volatility>
    <Reversion>
      <Calibrate>N</Calibrate>
      <ReversionType>HullWhite</ReversionType>
      <ParamType>Constant</ParamType>
      <TimeGrid/>
      <InitialValue>0.5</InitialValue>
    </Reversion>
    <ParameterTransformation>
      <ShiftHorizon>0.0</ShiftHorizon>
      <Scaling>1.0</Scaling>
    </ParameterTransformation>
  </RealRate>
  <Index>
    <Volatility>
      <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
      <ParamType>Piecewise</ParamType>
      <TimeGrid/>
      <InitialValue>0.0001</InitialValue>
    </Volatility>
  </Index>
  <CalibrationBaskets>
    <CalibrationBasket parameter="Index">
      <CpiCapFloor>
        <Type>Floor</Type>
        <Maturity>2Y</Maturity>
        <Strike>0.0</Strike>
      </CpiCapFloor>
      ...
    </CalibrationBasket>
    <CalibrationBasket parameter="RealRate">
      <YoYSwap>
        <Tenor>2Y</Tenor>
      </YoYSwap>
      ...
    </CalibrationBasket>
  </CalibrationBaskets>
  <CalibrationConfiguration>
    <RmseTolerance>0.00000001</RmseTolerance>
    <MaxIterations>40</MaxIterations>
  </CalibrationConfiguration>
</JarrowYildirim>
```

The CpiCapFloor and YoYSwap calibration instruments can be seen in Listing 39. A YoYCapFloor is also allowed and it has the structure shown in Listing 40. The Type

may be **Cap** or **Floor**. The **Tenor** should be a maturity period e.g. 5Y. The **Strike** should be an absolute strike level for the year on year cap or floor e.g. 0.01 for 1%.

Listing 40: Layout for YoYCapFloor calibration instrument.

```
<YoYCapFloor>
  <Type>...</Type>
  <Tenor>...</Tenor>
  <Strike>...</Strike>
</YoYCapFloor>
```

For commodity simulation we currently provide one model, as described in the methodology appendix. Commodity model components are specified by commodity name, by a block as follows

Listing 41: Simulation model commodity configuration

```
<CrossAssetModel>
  <!-- ... -->
  <CommodityModels>
    <CommoditySchwartz name="default">
      <Currency>EUR</Currency>
      <CalibrationType>None</CalibrationType>
      <Sigma>
        <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
        <InitialValue>0.1</InitialValue>
      </Sigma>
      <Kappa>
        <Calibrate>Y</Calibrate>
        <InitialValue>0.1</InitialValue>
      </Kappa>
      <CalibrationOptions>
        ...
      </CalibrationOptions>
      <DriftFreeState>false</DriftFreeState>
    </CommoditySchwartz>
    <CommoditySchwartz name="WTI">
      <!-- ... -->
    </CommoditySchwartz>
    <CommoditySchwartz name="NG">
      <!-- ... -->
    </CommoditySchwartz>
    <!-- ... -->
  </CommodityModels>
  <!-- ... -->
</CrossAssetModel>
```

CommoditySchwartz sections are defined by commodity name, but we also support a default configuration as above for the IR and FX model parameterisations. Each component is parameterised in terms of two constant, non time-dependent parameters σ and κ so far (see appendix). Within each CommoditySchwartz section, the interpretation of elements is as follows:

- **Currency:** Currency of denomination

- **CalibrationType**: Choose between *BestFit* and *None*. The choice *None* will deactivate calibration as usual. *BestFit* will attempt to set the model parameter(s) such that the error in matching calibration instrument prices is minimised. The option *Bootstrap* is not available here because the model parameters are not time-dependent and the model's degrees of freedom in general do not suffice to perfectly match the calibration instrument prices.
- **Sigma/Calibrate**: Flag to enable/disable calibration of this particular parameter
- **Sigma/InitialValue**: Initial value of the constant parameter
- **Kappa/Calibrate**: Flag to enable/disable calibration of this particular parameter
- **Kappa/InitialValue**: Initial value of the constant parameter
- **CalibrationOptions**: Choice of calibration instruments by expiry and strike, strikes can be empty (implying the default, ATM options), or explicitly specified (in terms of commodity prices as absolute strike values).
- **DriftFreeState[Optional]**: Boolean to switch between the two implementations of the state variable, see appendix. By default this is set to *false*.

Finally, the instantaneous correlation structure is specified as follows.

Listing 42: Simulation model correlation configuration

```
<CrossAssetModel>
  <!-- ... -->
  <InstantaneousCorrelations>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:EUR" factor2="IR:USD">0.3</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:EUR" factor2="IR:GBP">0.3</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:USD" factor2="IR:GBP">0.3</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:EUR" factor2="FX:USDEUR">0</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:EUR" factor2="FX:GBPEUR">0</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:GBP" factor2="FX:USDEUR">0</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:GBP" factor2="FX:GBPEUR">0</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:USD" factor2="FX:USDEUR">0</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="IR:USD" factor2="FX:GBPEUR">0</Correlation>
    <Correlation factor1="FX:USDEUR" factor2="FX:GBPEUR">0</Correlation>
  <!-- ... -->
</InstantaneousCorrelations>
</CrossAssetModel>
```

Any risk factor pair not specified explicitly here will be assumed to have zero correlation. Note that the commodity components can have non-zero correlations among each other, but correlations to all other CAM components must remain set to zero for the time being.

7.4.3 Market

The last part of the simulation configuration file covers the specification of the simulated market. Note that the simulation model will yield the evolution of risk

factors such as short rates which need to be translated into entire yield curves that can be 'understood' by the instruments which we want to price under scenarios.

Moreover we need to specify how volatility structures evolve even if we do not explicitly simulate volatility. This translation happens based on the information in the *simulation market* object, which is configured in the section within the enclosing tags `<Market>` and `</Market>`, as shown in the following small example.

It should be noted that equity volatilities are taken to be a curve by default. To simulate an equity volatility surface with smile the xml node `<Surface>` must be supplied. There are two methods in ORE for equity volatility simulation:

- Simulating ATM volatilities only (and shifting other strikes relative to this using the T_0 smile). In this case set `<SimulateATMOnly>` to true.
- Simulating the full volatility surface. The node `<SimulateATMOnly>` should be omitted or set to false, and explicit moneyness levels for simulation should be provided.

Swaption volatilities are taken to be a surface by default. To simulate a swaption volatility cube with smile the xml node `<Cube>` must be supplied. There are two methods in ORE for swaption volatility cube simulation:

- Simulating ATM volatilities only (and shifting other strikes relative to this using the T_0 smile). In this case set `<SimulateATMOnly>` to true.
- Simulating the full volatility cube. The node `<SimulateATMOnly>` should be omitted or set to false, and explicit strike spreads for simulation should be provided.

FX volatilities are taken to be a curve by default. To simulate an FX volatility cube with smile the xml node `<Surface>` must be supplied. The surface node contains the moneyness levels to be simulated.

For Yield Curves, Swaption Volatilities, CapFloor Volatilities, Default Curves, Base Correlations and Inflation Curves, a DayCounter may be specified for each risk factor using the node `<DayCounter name="EXAMPLE_CURVE">`. If no day counter is specified for a given risk factor then the default Actual365 is used. To specify a new default for a risk factor type then use the daycounter node without any attribute, `<DayCounter>`.

For Yield Curves, there are several choices for the interpolation and extrapolation:

- Interpolation: This can be LogLinear or LinearZero. If not given, the value defaults to LogLinear.
- Extrapolation: This can be FlatFwd or FlatZero. If not given, the value defaults to FlatFwd.

For Default Curve, there is a similar choice for the extrapolation:

- Extrapolation: This can be FlatFwd or FlatZero. If not given, the value defaults to FlatFwd.

For swap, yield, interest cap-floor, yoy inflation cap-floor, zc inflation cap-floor, cds, fx, equity, commodity volatilities the smile dynamics can be specified as shown in listing [43](#) for swap vols. The empty key serves as a default configuration for all keys for which

Listing 43: Smile Configuration Node

```
<SmileDynamics key="">StickyStrike</SmileDynamics>
<SmileDynamics key="EUR-ESTER">StickyMoneyess</SmileDynamics>
```

no own smile dynamics node is present. The allowed smile dynamics values are StickyStrike and StickyMoneyess. If not given, the smile dynamics defaults to StickyStrike.

```
<Market>
  <BaseCurrency>EUR</BaseCurrency>
  <Currencies>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
  </Currencies>
  <YieldCurves>
    <Configuration>
      <Tenors>3M,6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,12Y,15Y,20Y</Tenors>
      <Interpolation>LogLinear</Interpolation>
      <Extrapolation>FlatFwd</Extrapolation>
      <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter> <!-- Sets a new default for all yieldCurves -->
    </Configuration>
  </YieldCurves>
  <Indices>
    <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</Index>
    <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-3M</Index>
    <Index>EUR-EONIA</Index>
    <Index>USD-LIBOR-3M</Index>
  </Indices>
  <SwapIndices>
    <SwapIndex>
      <Name>EUR-CMS-1Y</Name>
      <ForwardingIndex>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</ForwardingIndex>
      <DiscountingIndex>EUR-EONIA</DiscountingIndex>
    </SwapIndex>
  </SwapIndices>
  <DefaultCurves>
    <Names>
      <Name>CPTY1</Name>
      <Name>CPTY2</Name>
    </Names>
    <Tenors>6M,1Y,2Y</Tenors>
    <SimulateSurvivalProbabilities>true</SimulateSurvivalProbabilities>
    <DayCounter name="CPTY1">ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
    <Extrapolation>FlatFwd</Extrapolation>
  </DefaultCurves>
  <SwaptionVolatilities>
    <ReactionToTimeDecay>ForwardVariance</ReactionToTimeDecay>
    <Currencies>
      <Currency>EUR</Currency>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </Currencies>
    <Expiries>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,10Y,12Y,15Y,20Y</Expiries>
    <Terms>1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,30Y</Terms>
    <Cube>
      <SimulateATMOnly>false</SimulateATMOnly>
      <StrikeSpreads>-0.02,-0.01,0.0,0.01,0.02</StrikeSpreads>
```

```

</Cube>
<!-- Sets a new daycounter for just the EUR swaptionVolatility surface -->
<DayCounter ccy="EUR">ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
</SwaptionVolatilities>
<CapFloorVolatilities>
  <ReactionToTimeDecay>ConstantVariance</ReactionToTimeDecay>
  <Currencies>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
  </Currencies>
  <DayCounter ccy="EUR">ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
</CapFloorVolatilities>
<FxVolatilities>
  <ReactionToTimeDecay>ForwardVariance</ReactionToTimeDecay>
  <CurrencyPairs>
    <CurrencyPair>EURUSD</CurrencyPair>
  </CurrencyPairs>
  <Expiries>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y</Expiries>
  <Surface>
    <Moneyness>0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8,0.9</Moneyness>
  </Surface>
</FxVolatilities>
<EquityVolatilities>
  <Simulate>true</Simulate>
  <ReactionToTimeDecay>ForwardVariance</ReactionToTimeDecay>
  <!-- Alternative: ConstantVariance -->
  <Names>
    <Name>SP5</Name>
    <Name>Lufthansa</Name>
  </Names>
  <Expiries>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y</Expiries>
  <Surface>
    <SimulateATMOnly>false</SimulateATMOnly><!-- false -->
    <Moneyness>0.1,0.5,1.0,1.5,2.0,3.0</Moneyness><!-- omitted if SimulateATMOnly true -->
  </Surface>
  <TimeExtrapolation>Flat</TimeExtrapolation>
  <StrikeExtrapolation>Flat</StrikeExtrapolation>
</EquityVolatilities>
...
<BenchmarkCurves>
  <BenchmarkCurve>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <Name>BENCHMARK_EUR</Name>
  </BenchmarkCurve>
...
</BenchmarkCurves>
<Securities>
  <Simulate>true</Simulate>
  <Names>
    <Name>SECURITY_1</Name>
    ...
  </Names>
</Securities>
<ZeroInflationIndexCurves>
  <Names>
    <Name>EUHICP</Name>
    <Name>UKRPI</Name>

```

```

    <Name>USCPI</Name>
    ...
  </Names>
  <Tenors>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y</Tenors>
</ZeroInflationIndexCurves>
<YYInflationIndexCurves>
  <Names>
    <Name>EUHICPXT</Name>
    ...
  </Names>
  <Tenors>1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y</Tenors>
</YYInflationIndexCurves>
<DefaultCurves>
  <Names>
    <Name>ItraxxEuropeCrossoverS26V1</Name>
    ...
  </Names>
  <Tenors>1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,10Y</Tenors>
  <SimulateSurvivalProbabilities>true</SimulateSurvivalProbabilities>
</DefaultCurves>
<BaseCorrelations/>
<CDSVolatilities/>
<Correlations>
  <Simulate>true</Simulate>
  <Pairs>
    <Pair>EUR-CMS-10Y, EUR-CMS-2Y</Pair>
  </Pairs>
  <Expiries>1Y,2Y</Expiries>
</Correlations>
<AdditionalScenarioDataCurrencies>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
</AdditionalScenarioDataCurrencies>
<AdditionalScenarioDataIndices>
  <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-3M</Index>
  <Index>EUR-EONIA</Index>
  <Index>USD-LIBOR-3M</Index>
</AdditionalScenarioDataIndices>
</Market>

```

Listing 44: Simulation market configuration

7.5 Sensitivity Analysis: sensitivity.xml

ORE currently supports sensitivity analysis with respect to

- Discount curves (in the zero rate domain)
- Index curves (in the zero rate domain)
- Yield curves including e.g. equity forecast yield curves (in the zero rate domain)
- FX Spots
- FX volatilities
- Swaption volatilities, ATM matrix or cube
- Cap/Floor volatility matrices (in the caplet/floorlet domain)

- Default probability curves (in the “zero rate” domain, expressing survival probabilities $S(t)$ in term of zero rates $z(t)$ via $S(t) = \exp(-z(t) \times t)$ with Actual/365 day counter)
- Equity spot prices
- Equity volatilities, ATM or including strike dimension
- Zero inflation curves
- Year-on-Year inflation curves
- CDS volatilities
- Bond credit spreads
- Base correlation curves
- Correlation termstructures

The `sensitivity.xml` file specifies how sensitivities are computed for each market component. The general structure is shown in listing 45, for a more comprehensive case see `Examples/Example_15`. A subset of the following parameters is used in each market component to specify the sensitivity analysis:

- **ShiftType**: Both absolute or relative shifts can be used to compute a sensitivity, specified by the key words **Absolute** resp. **Relative**.
- **ShiftSize**: The size of the shift to apply.
- **ShiftTenors**: For curves, the tenor buckets to apply shifts to, given as a comma separated list of periods.
- **ShiftExpiries**: For volatility surfaces, the option expiry buckets to apply shifts to, given as a comma separated list of periods.
- **ShiftStrikes**: For cap/floor, FX option and equity option volatility surfaces, the strikes to apply shifts to, given as a comma separated list of absolute strikes
- **ShiftTerms**: For swaption volatility surfaces, the underlying terms to apply shifts to, given as a comma separated list of periods.
- **Index**: For cap / floor volatility surfaces, the index which together with the currency defines the surface. list of absolute strikes
- **CurveType**: In the context of Yield Curves used to identify an equity “risk free” rate forecasting curve; set to **EquityForecast** in this case

The cross gamma filter section contains a list of pairs of sensitivity keys. For each possible pair of sensitivity keys matching the given strings, a cross gamma sensitivity is computed. The given pair of keys can be (and usually are) shorter than the actual sensitivity keys. In this case only the prefix of the actual key is matched. For example, the pair `DiscountCurve/EUR,DiscountCurve/EUR` matches all actual sensitivity pairs belonging to a cross sensitivity by one pillar of the EUR discount curve and another (different) pillar of the same curve. We list the possible keys by giving an example in each category:

- `DiscountCurve/EUR/5/7Y`: 7y pillar of discounting curve in EUR, the pillar is at position 5 in the list of all pillars (counting starts with zero)
- `YieldCurve/BENCHMARK_EUR/0/6M`: 6M pillar of yield curve “BENCHMARK_EUR”, the index of the 6M pillar is zero (i.e. it is the first pillar)
- `IndexCurve/EUR-EURIBOR-6M/2/2Y`: 2Y pillar of index forwarding curve for the Ibor index “EUR-EURIBOR-6M”, the pillar index is 2 in this case
- `OptionletVolatility/EUR/18/5Y/0.04`: EUR caplet volatility surface, at 5Y option expiry and 4% strike, the running index for this expiry - strike pair is 18; the index counts the points in the surface in lexical order w.r.t. the dimensions option expiry, strike
- `FXSpot/USDEUR/0/spot`: FX spot USD vs EUR (with EUR as base ccy), the index is always zero for FX spots, the pillar is labelled as “spot” always
- `SwaptionVolatility/EUR/11/10Y/10Y/ATM`: EUR Swaption volatility surface at 10Y option expiry and 10Y underlying term, ATM level, the running index for this expiry, term, strike triple has running index 11; the index counts the points in the surface in lexical order w.r.t. the dimensions option expiry, underlying term and strike

Additional flags:

- `ComputeGamma`: If set to false, second order sensitivity computation is suppressed
- `UseSpreadedTermStructures`: If set to true, spreaded termstructures over t0 will be used for sensitivity calculation (where supported), to improve the alignment of the scenario sim market and t0 curves

```
<SensitivityAnalysis>
  <DiscountCurves>
    <DiscountCurve ccy="EUR">
      <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
      <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
      <ShiftTenors>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y</ShiftTenors>
    </DiscountCurve>
    ...
  </DiscountCurves>
  ...
  <IndexCurves>
    <IndexCurve index="EUR-EURIBOR-6M">
      <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
      <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
      <ShiftTenors>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y</ShiftTenors>
    </IndexCurve>
  </IndexCurves>
  ...
  <YieldCurves>
    <YieldCurve name="BENCHMARK_EUR">
      <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
      <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
      <ShiftTenors>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y</ShiftTenors>
    </YieldCurve>
  </YieldCurves>
  ...
  <FxSpots>
    <FxSpot ccypair="USDEUR">
      <ShiftType>Relative</ShiftType>
      <ShiftSize>0.01</ShiftSize>
    </FxSpot>
  </FxSpots>
```

```

    </FxSpot>
</FxSpots>
...
<FxVolatilities>
  <FxVolatility cypair="USDEUR">
    <ShiftType>Relative</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.01</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftExpiries>1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y</ShiftExpiries>
    <ShiftStrikes/>
  </FxVolatility>
</FxVolatilities>
...
<SwaptionVolatilities>
  <SwaptionVolatility ccy="EUR">
    <ShiftType>Relative</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.01</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftExpiries>1Y,5Y,7Y,10Y</ShiftExpiries>
    <ShiftStrikes/>
    <ShiftTerms>1Y,5Y,10Y</ShiftTerms>
  </SwaptionVolatility>
</SwaptionVolatilities>
...
<CapFloorVolatilities>
  <CapFloorVolatility ccy="EUR">
    <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftExpiries>1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y</ShiftExpiries>
    <ShiftStrikes>0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.05</ShiftStrikes>
    <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</Index>
  </CapFloorVolatility>
</CapFloorVolatilities>
...
<SecuritySpreads>
  <SecuritySpread security="SECURITY_1">
    <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
  </SecuritySpread>
</SecuritySpreads>
...
<Correlations>
  <Correlation index1="EUR-CMS-10Y" index2="EUR-CMS-2Y">
    <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
    <ShiftSize>0.01</ShiftSize>
    <ShiftExpiries>1Y,2Y</ShiftExpiries>
    <ShiftStrikes>0</ShiftStrikes>
  </Correlation>
</Correlations>
...
<CrossGammaFilter>
  <Pair>DiscountCurve/EUR,DiscountCurve/EUR</Pair>
  <Pair>IndexCurve/EUR,IndexCurve/EUR</Pair>
  <Pair>DiscountCurve/EUR,IndexCurve/EUR</Pair>
</CrossGammaFilter>
...
<ComputeGamma>true</ComputeGamma>
<UseSpreadedTermStructures>false</UseSpreadedTermStructures>
</SensitivityAnalysis>

```

Listing 45: Sensitivity configuration

Par Sensitivity Analysis

To perform a par sensitivity analysis, additional sensitivity configuration is required that describes the assumed par instruments and related conventions. This additional data is required for:

- DiscountCurves
- IndexCurves

- CapFloorVolatilities
- CreditCurves
- ZeroInflationIndexCurves
- YYInflationIndexCurves
- YYCapFloorVolatilities

Using DiscountCurves as an example, the full sensitivity specification including par conversion data is as follows:

```

<DiscountCurve ccy="EUR">
  <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
  <ShiftSize>0.0001</ShiftSize>
  <ShiftTenors>2W,1M,3M,6M,9M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,25Y,30Y</ShiftTenors>
  <ParConversion>
    <!--DEP, FRA, IRS, OIS, FFX, XBS -->
    <Instruments>OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS,OIS</Instruments>
    <SingleCurve>true</SingleCurve>
    <Conventions>
      <Convention id="DEP">EUR-EURIBOR-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
      <Convention id="IRS">EUR-6M-SWAP-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
      <Convention id="OIS">EUR-OIS-CONVENTIONS</Convention>
    </Conventions>
  </ParConversion>
</DiscountCurve>

```

Listing 46: Par sensitivity configuration

Note

- The list of shift tenors needs to match the list of tenors matches the corresponding grid in the simulation (market) configuration
- The length of list of (par) instruments needs to match the length of the list of shift tenors
- Permissible codes for the assumed par instruments:
 - DEP, FRA, IRS, OIS, TBS, FFX, XBS in the case of DiscountCurves
 - DEP, FRA, IRS, OIS, TBS in the case of IndexCurves
 - DEP, FRA, IRS, OIS, TBS, XBS in the case of YieldCurves
 - ZIS, YYS for YYInflationIndexCurves, interpreted as Year-on-Year Inflation Swaps linked to Zero Inflation resp. YoY Inflation curves
 - ZIS, YYS for YYCapFloorVolatilities, interpreted as Year-on-Year Inflation Cap Floor linked to Zero Inflation resp. YoY Inflation curves
 - Any code for CreditCurves, interpreted as CDS
 - Any code for ZeroInflationIndexCurves, interpreted as CPI Swaps linked to Zero Inflation curves
 - Any code for CapFloorVolatilities, interpreted as flat Cap/Floor

- One convention needs to be referenced for each of the instrument codes

7.6 Stress Scenario Analysis: stressconfig.xml

Stress tests can be applied in ORE to the same market segments and with same granularity as described in the sensitivity section 7.5.

This file `stressconfig.xml` specifies how stress tests can be configured. The general structure is shown in listing 47.

In this example, two stress scenarios “parallel_rates” and “twist” are defined. Each scenario definition contains the market components to be shifted in this scenario in a similar syntax that is also used for the sensitivity configuration, see 7.5. Components that should not be shifted, can just be omitted in the definition of the scenario.

However, instead of specifying one shift size per market component, here a whole vector of shifts can be given, with different shift sizes applied to each point of the curve (or surface / cube).

In case of the swaption volatility shifts, the single value given as `Shift` (without the attributes `expiry` and `term`) represents a default value that is used whenever no explicit value is given for a expiry / term pair.

```
<StressTesting>
  <StressTest id="parallel_rates">
    <DiscountCurves>
      <DiscountCurve ccy="EUR">
        <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
        <ShiftTenors>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y</ShiftTenors>
        <Shifts>0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01,0.01</Shifts>
      </DiscountCurve>
      ...
    </DiscountCurves>
    <IndexCurves>
      ...
    </IndexCurves>
    <YieldCurves>
      ...
    </YieldCurves>
    <FxSpots>
      <FxSpot ccypair="USDEUR">
        <ShiftType>Relative</ShiftType>
        <ShiftSize>0.01</ShiftSize>
      </FxSpot>
    </FxSpots>
    <FxVolatilities>
      ...
    </FxVolatilities>
    <SwaptionVolatilities>
      <SwaptionVolatility ccy="EUR">
        <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
        <ShiftExpiries>1Y,10Y</ShiftExpiries>
        <ShiftTerms>5Y</ShiftTerms>
        <Shifts>
          <Shift>0.0010</Shift>
          <Shift expiry="1Y" term="5Y">0.0010</Shift>
          <Shift expiry="1Y" term="5Y">0.0010</Shift>
          <Shift expiry="1Y" term="5Y">0.0010</Shift>
          <Shift expiry="10Y" term="5Y">0.0010</Shift>
          <Shift expiry="10Y" term="5Y">0.0010</Shift>
          <Shift expiry="10Y" term="5Y">0.0010</Shift>
        </Shifts>
      </SwaptionVolatility>
    </SwaptionVolatilities>
    <CapFloorVolatilities>
```



```

    <CapFloorVolatility ccy="EUR">
      <ShiftType>Absolute</ShiftType>
      <ShiftExpiries>6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,5Y,10Y</ShiftExpiries>
      <Shifts>0.001,0.001,0.001,0.001,0.001,0.001</Shifts>
    </CapFloorVolatility>
  </CapFloorVolatilities>
</StressTest>
<StressTest id="twist">
  ...
</StressTest>
</StressTesting>

```

Listing 47: Stress configuration

7.7 Calendar Adjustment: calendaradjustment.xml

This file `calendaradjustment.xml` list out all additional holidays and business days that are added to a specified calendar in ORE. These dates would originally be missing from the calendar and has to be added. The general structure is shown in listing 48. In this example, two additional dates had been added to the calendar "Japan", one additional holiday and one additional business day. If the user is not certain whether the date is already included or not, adding it to the `calendaradjustment.xml` to be safe won't raise any errors. A sample `calendaradjustment.xml` file can be found in the global example input directory. However, it is only used in Example_1.

```

<CalendarAdjustments>
  <Calendar name="Japan">
    <AdditionalHolidays>
      <Date>2020-01-01</Date>
    </AdditionalHolidays>
    <AdditionalBusinessDays>
      <Date>2020-01-02</Date>
    </AdditionalBusinessDays>
  </Calendar>
</CalendarAdjustments>

```

Listing 48: Calendar Adjustment

If the parameter `BaseCalendar` is provided then a new calendar will be created using the specified calendar as a base, and adding any `AdditionalHolidays` or `AdditionalBusinessDays`. In the example below a new calendar `CUSTOM_Japan` is being created, it will include any additional holidays or business days specified in the original `Japan` calendar plus one additional date.

If a new calendar is added in this way and the schema is being used to validate XML input, the corresponding calendar name must be prefixed with 'CUSTOM_ '.

```

<CalendarAdjustments>
  <Calendar name="CUSTOM_Japan">
    <BaseCalendar>Japan</BaseCalendar>
    <AdditionalHolidays>
      <Date>2020-04-06</Date>
    </AdditionalHolidays>
  </Calendar>
</CalendarAdjustments>

```

Listing 49: Calendar Adjustment creating a new calendar

7.8 Curves: curveconfig.xml

The configuration of various term structures required to price a portfolio is covered in a single configuration file which we will label `curveconfig.xml` in the following though the file name can be chosen by the user. This configuration determines the composition of

- Yield curves
- Default curves
- Inflation curves
- Equity forward price curves
- Swaption volatility structures
- Cap/Floor volatility structures
- FX Option volatility structures
- CDS volatility structures
- Inflation Cap/Floor price surfaces
- Equity volatility structures
- Security spreads and recovery rates
- Base correlation curves
- Correlation termstructures

This file also contains other market objects such as FXSpots, Security Spreads and Security Rates which are necessary for the construction of a market.

7.8.1 Yield Curves

The top level XML elements for each `YieldCurve` node are shown in Listing 50.

Listing 50: Top level yield curve node

```
<YieldCurve>
  <CurveId> </CurveId>
  <CurveDescription> </CurveDescription>
  <Currency> </Currency>
  <DiscountCurve> </DiscountCurve>
  <Segments> </Segments>
  <InterpolationVariable> </InterpolationVariable>
  <InterpolationMethod> </InterpolationMethod>
  <ZeroDayCounter> </ZeroDayCounter>
  <Tolerance> </Tolerance>
  <Extrapolation> </Extrapolation>
  <BootstrapConfig>
    ...
  </BootstrapConfig>
</YieldCurve>
```

The meaning of each of the top level elements in Listing 50 is given below. If an element is labelled as 'Optional', then it may be excluded or included and left blank.

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the yield curve.
- **CurveDescription**: A description of the yield curve. This field may be left blank.
- **Currency**: The yield curve currency.
- **DiscountCurve**: If the yield curve is being bootstrapped from market instruments, this gives the CurveId of the yield curve used to discount cash flows during the bootstrap procedure. If this field is left blank or set equal to the current CurveId, then this yield curve itself is used to discount cash flows during the bootstrap procedure.
- **Segments**: This element contains child elements and is described in the following subsection.
- **InterpolationVariable** [Optional]: The variable on which the interpolation is performed. The allowable values are given in Table 15. If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to *Discount*.
- **InterpolationMethod** [Optional]: The interpolation method to use. The allowable values are given in Table 16. If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to *LogLinear*.
- **ZeroDayCounter** [Optional]: The day count basis used internally by the yield curve to calculate the time between dates. In particular, if the curve is queried for a zero rate without specifying the day count basis, the zero rate that is returned has this basis. If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to *A365*.
- **Tolerance** [Optional]: The tolerance used by the root finding procedure in the bootstrapping algorithm. If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to 1.0×10^{-12} . It is preferable to use the **Accuracy** node in the **BootstrapConfig** node below for specifying this value. However, if this node is explicitly supplied, it takes precedence for backwards compatibility purposes.
- **Extrapolation** [Optional]: Set to *True* or *False* to enable or disable extrapolation respectively. If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to *True*.
- **BootstrapConfig** [Optional]: this node holds configuration details for the iterative bootstrap that are described in section 7.8.19. If omitted, this node's default values described in section 7.8.19 are used.

Variable	Description
Zero	The continuously compounded zero rate
Discount	The discount factor
Forward	The instantaneous forward rate

Table 15: Allowable interpolation variables.

Segments Node

The **Segments** node gives the zero rates, discount factors and instruments that comprise the yield curve. This node consists of a number of child nodes where the

Method	Description
Linear	Linear interpolation
LogLinear	Linear interpolation on the natural log of the interpolation variable
NaturalCubic	Monotonic Kruger cubic interpolation with second derivative at left and right
FinancialCubic	Monotonic Kruger cubic interpolation with second derivative at left and first derivative at right
ConvexMonotone	Convex Monotone Interpolation (Hagan, West)
Quadratic	Quadratic interpolation
LogQuadratic	Quadratic interpolation on the natural log of the interpolation variable
Hermite	Hermite cubic spline interpolation
CubicSpline	Non-monotonic cubic spline interpolation with second derivative at left and right
ExponentialSplines	Exponential Spline curve fitting, for Fitted Bond Curves only
NelsonSiegel	Nelson-Siegel curve fitting, for Fitted Bond Curves only
Svensson	Svensson curve fitting, for Fitted Bond Curves only

Table 16: Allowable interpolation methods.

node name depends on the segment being described. Each node has a **Type** that determines its structure. The following sections describe the type of child nodes that are available. Note that for all segment types below, with the exception of **DiscountRatio** and **AverageOIS**, the **Quote** elements within the **Quotes** node may have an **optional** attribute indicating whether or not the quote is optional. Example:

```
<Quotes>
  <Quote optional="true"></Quote>
</Quotes>
```

Direct Segment

When the node name is **Direct**, the **Type** node has the value *Zero* or *Discount* and the node has the structure shown in Listing 51. We refer to this segment here as a direct segment because the discount factors, or equivalently the zero rates, are given explicitly and do not need to be bootstrapped. The **Quotes** node contains a list of **Quote** elements. Each **Quote** element contains an ID pointing to a line in the **market.txt** file, i.e. in this case, pointing to a particular zero rate or discount factor. The **Conventions** node contains the ID of a node in the **conventions.xml** file described in section 7.11. The **Conventions** node associates conventions with the quotes.

Listing 51: Direct yield curve segment

```
<Direct>
  <Type> </Type>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <!--...-->
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions> </Conventions>
</Direct>
```

Simple Segment

When the node name is **Simple**, the **Type** node has the value *Deposit*, *FRA*, *Future*, *OIS*, *Swap* or *BMA Basis Swap* and the node has the structure shown in Listing 52. This segment holds quotes for a set of deposit, FRA, Future, OIS or swap instruments corresponding to the value in the **Type** node. These quotes will be used by the bootstrap algorithm to imply a discount factor, or equivalently a zero rate, curve. The only difference between this segment and the direct segment is that there is a **ProjectionCurve** node. This node allows us to specify the **CurveId** of another curve to project floating rates on the instruments underlying the quotes listed in the **Quote** nodes during the bootstrap procedure. This is an optional node. If it is left blank or omitted, then the projection curve is assumed to equal the curve being bootstrapped i.e. the current **CurveId**.

Listing 52: Simple yield curve segment

```
<Simple>
  <Type> </Type>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <!--...-->
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions> </Conventions>
  <ProjectionCurve> </ProjectionCurve>
</Simple>
```

Average OIS Segment

When the node name is **AverageOIS**, the **Type** node has the value *Average OIS* and the node has the structure shown in Listing 53. This segment is used to hold quotes for Average OIS swap instruments. The **Quotes** node has the structure shown in Listing 54. Each quote for an Average OIS instrument (a typical example in a USD Overnight Index Swap) consists of two quotes, a vanilla IRS quote and an OIS-LIBOR basis swap spread quote. The IDs of these two quotes are stored in the **CompositeQuote** node. The **RateQuote** node holds the ID of the vanilla IRS quote and the **SpreadQuote** node holds the ID of the OIS-LIBOR basis swap spread quote.

Listing 53: Average OIS yield curve segment

```
<AverageOIS>
  <Type> </Type>
  <Quotes>
    <CompositeQuote> </CompositeQuote>
    <CompositeQuote> </CompositeQuote>
    <!--...-->
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions> </Conventions>
  <ProjectionCurve> </ProjectionCurve>
</AverageOIS>
```

Listing 54: Average OIS segment's quotes section

```
<Quotes>
  <CompositeQuote>
    <SpreadQuote> </SpreadQuote>
    <RateQuote> </RateQuote>
  </CompositeQuote>
  <!--...-->
</Quotes>
```

Tenor Basis Segment

When the node name is **TenorBasis**, the **Type** node has the value *Tenor Basis Swap* or *Tenor Basis Two Swaps* and the node has the structure shown in Listing 55. This segment is used to hold quotes for tenor basis swap instruments. The quotes may be for a conventional tenor basis swap where Ibor of one tenor is swapped for Ibor of another tenor plus a spread. In this case, the **Type** node has the value *Tenor Basis Swap*. The quotes may also be for the difference in fixed rates on two fair swaps where one swap is against Ibor of one tenor and the other swap is against Ibor of another tenor. In this case, the **Type** node has the value *Tenor Basis Two Swaps*. Again, the structure is similar to the simple segment in Listing 52 except that there are two projection curve nodes. There is a **ProjectionCurveShort** node for the index with the shorter tenor. This node holds the **CurveId** of a curve for projecting the floating rates on the short tenor index. Similarly, there is a **ProjectionCurveLong** node for the index with the longer tenor. This node holds the **CurveId** of a curve for projecting the floating rates on the long tenor index. These are optional nodes. If they are left blank or omitted, then the projection curve is assumed to equal the curve being bootstrapped i.e. the current **CurveId**. However, at least one of the nodes needs to be populated to allow the bootstrap to proceed.

Listing 55: Tenor basis yield curve segment

```
<TenorBasis>
  <Type> </Type>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <!--...-->
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions> </Conventions>
  <ProjectionCurveLong> </ProjectionCurveLong>
  <ProjectionCurveShort> </ProjectionCurveShort>
</TenorBasis>
```

Cross Currency Segment

When the node name is **CrossCurrency**, the **Type** node has the value *FX Forward*, *Cross Currency Basis Swap* or *Cross Currency Fix Float Swap*. When the **Type** node has the value *FX Forward*, the node has the structure shown in Listing 56. This segment is used to hold quotes for FX forward instruments. The **DiscountCurve** node holds the **CurveId** of a curve used to discount cash flows in the other currency i.e. the currency in the currency pair that is not equal to the currency in Listing 50. The **SpotRate** node holds the ID of a spot FX quote for the currency pair that is looked up in the `market.txt` file.

Listing 56: FX forward yield curve segment

```
<CrossCurrency>
  <Type> </Type>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    ...
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions> </Conventions>
  <DiscountCurve> </DiscountCurve>
  <SpotRate> </SpotRate>
</CrossCurrency>
```

When the **Type** node has the value *Cross Currency Basis Swap* then the node has the structure shown in Listing 57. This segment is used to hold quotes for cross currency basis swap instruments. The **DiscountCurve** node holds the **CurveId** of a curve used to discount cash flows in the other currency i.e. the currency in the currency pair that is not equal to the currency in Listing 50. The **SpotRate** node holds the ID of a spot FX quote for the currency pair that is looked up in the `market.txt` file. The **ProjectionCurveDomestic** node holds the **CurveId** of a curve for projecting the floating rates on the index in this currency i.e. the currency in the currency pair that is equal to the currency in Listing 50. It is an optional node and if it is left blank or omitted, then the projection curve is assumed to equal the curve being bootstrapped i.e. the current **CurveId**. Similarly, the **ProjectionCurveForeign** node holds the **CurveId** of a curve for projecting the floating rates on the index in the other currency.

If it is left blank or omitted, then it is assumed to equal the `CurveId` provided in the `DiscountCurve` node in this segment.

Listing 57: Cross currency basis yield curve segment

```
<CrossCurrency>
  <Type> </Type>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    <Quote> </Quote>
    ...
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions> </Conventions>
  <DiscountCurve> </DiscountCurve>
  <SpotRate> </SpotRate>
  <ProjectionCurveDomestic> </ProjectionCurveDomestic>
  <ProjectionCurveForeign> </ProjectionCurveForeign>
</CrossCurrency>
```

Zero Spread Segment

When the node name is `ZeroSpread`, the `Type` node has the only allowable value *Zero Spread*, and the node has the structure shown in Listing 58. This segment is used to build yield curves which are expressed as a spread over some reference yield curve.

Listing 58: Zero spread yield curve segment

```
<ZeroSpread>
  <Type>Zero Spread</Type>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote>ZERO/YIELD_SPREAD/EUR/BANK_EUR_LEND/A365/2Y</Quote>
    <Quote>ZERO/YIELD_SPREAD/EUR/BANK_EUR_LEND/A365/5Y</Quote>
    <Quote>ZERO/YIELD_SPREAD/EUR/BANK_EUR_LEND/A365/10Y</Quote>
    <Quote>ZERO/YIELD_SPREAD/EUR/BANK_EUR_LEND/A365/20Y</Quote>
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions>EUR-ZERO-CONVENTIONS-TENOR-BASED</Conventions>
  <ReferenceCurve>EUR1D</ReferenceCurve>
</ZeroSpread>
```

Fitted Bond Segment

When the node name is `FittedBond`, the `Type` node has the only allowable value *FittedBond*, and the node has the structure shown in Listing 59. This segment is used to build yield curves which are fitted to liquid bond prices. The segment has the following elements:

- `Quotes`: a list of bond price quotes, for each security in the list, reference data must be available
- `IborIndexCurves`: for each Ibor index that is required by one of the bonds to which the curve is fitted, a mapping to an estimation curve for that index must be provided

- `ExtrapolateFlat`: if true, the parametric curve is extrapolated flat in the instantaneous forward rate before the first and after the last maturity of the bonds in the calibration basket. This avoids unrealistic rates at the short end or for long maturities in the resulting curve.

The `BootstrapConfig` has the following interpretation for a fitted bond curve:

- `Accuracy` [Optional, defaults to 1E-12]: the desired accuracy expressed as a weighted rmse in the implied quote, where $0.01 = 1$ bp. Once this accuracy is reached in a calibration trial, the fit is accepted, no further calibration trials are run. In general, this parameter should be set to a higher than the default value for fitted bond curves.
- `GlobalAccuracy` [Optional]: the acceptable accuracy. If the `Accuracy` is not reached in any calibration trial, but the `GlobalAccuracy` is met, the best fit among the calibration trials is selected as a result of the calibration. If not given, the best calibration trial is compared to the `Accuracy` parameter instead.
- `DontThrow` [Optional, defaults to false]: If true, the best calibration is always accepted as a result, i.e. no error is thrown even if the `GlobalAccuracy` is breached.
- `MaxAttempts` [Optional, defaults to 5]: The maximum number of calibration trials. Each calibration trial is run with a random calibration seed. Random calibration seeds are currently only supported for the NelsonSiegel interpolation method.

Listing 59: Fitted bond yield curve segment

```
<YieldCurve>
...
<Segments>
  <FittedBond>
    <Type>FittedBond</Type>
    <Quotes>
      <Quote>BOND/PRICE/SECURITY_1</Quote>
      <Quote>BOND/PRICE/SECURITY_2</Quote>
      <Quote>BOND/PRICE/SECURITY_3</Quote>
      <Quote>BOND/PRICE/SECURITY_4</Quote>
      <Quote>BOND/PRICE/SECURITY_5</Quote>
    </Quotes>
    <!-- mapping of Ibor curves used in the bonds from which the curve is built -->
    <IborIndexCurves>
      <IborIndexCurve iborIndex="EUR-EURIBOR-6M">EUR-EURIBOR-6M</IborIndexCurve>
    </IborIndexCurves>
    <!-- flat extrapolation before first and after last bond maturity -->
    <ExtrapolateFlat>true</ExtrapolateFlat>
  </FittedBond>
</Segments>
<!-- NelsonSiegel, Svensson, ExponentialSplines -->
<InterpolationMethod>NelsonSiegel</InterpolationMethod>
<YieldCurveDayCounter>A365</YieldCurveDayCounter>
<Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
<BootstrapConfig>
  <!-- desired accuracy (in implied quote) -->
  <Accuracy>0.1</Accuracy>
  <!-- tolerable accuracy -->
  <GlobalAccuracy>0.5</GlobalAccuracy>
  <!-- do not throw even if tolerable accuracy is breached -->
  <DontThrow>false</DontThrow>
  <!-- max calibration trials to reach desired accuracy -->
  <MaxAttempts>20</MaxAttempts>
</BootstrapConfig>
</YieldCurve>
```

Yield plus Default Segment

When the node name is `YieldPlusDefault`, the `Type` node has the only allowable value *Yield Plus Default*, and the node has the structure shown in Listing 60. This segment is used to build all-in discounting yield curves from a benchmark curve and (a weighted sum of) default curves. The construction is in some sense inverse to the benchmark default curve construction, see 7.8.3.

- `ReferenceCurve`: the benchmark yield curve serving as the basis of the resulting yield curve
- `DefaultCurves`: a list of default curves whose weighted sum is added to the benchmark yield curve
- `Weights`: a list of weights for the default curves, the number of weights must match the number of default curves

Notice that it is explicitly allowed to use default curves in different currencies than the

benchmark yield curve. In the construction, the hazard rate is reinterpreted as an instantaneous forward rate, and the sum of the curves is being built in the instantaneous forward rate.

The definition takes into account the recovery rates associated to each default curve. The resulting discount factor is computed as

$$P(0, t) = \prod_i S_i(t)^{(1-R)w_i} \quad (1)$$

where S_i and R_i are the survival probabilities and recovery rates of the source default curves, and w_i are the weights.

Listing 60: Yield plus default curve segment

```

<YieldCurve>
  <CurveId>BenchmarkPlusDefault</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>USD Libor 3M + 0.5 x CDX.NA.HY + 0.5 x EUR.10BP</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <DiscountCurve/>
  <Segments>
    <YieldPlusDefault>
      <Type>Yield Plus Default</Type>
      <ReferenceCurve>USD3M</ReferenceCurve>
      <DefaultCurves>
        <DefaultCurve>Default/USD/CDX.NA.HY</DefaultCurve>
        <DefaultCurve>Default/EUR/EUR.10BP</DefaultCurve>
      </DefaultCurves>
      <Weights>
        <Weight>0.5</Weight>
        <Weight>0.5</Weight>
      </Weights>
    </YieldPlusDefault>
  </Segments>
</YieldCurve>
</YieldCurves>

```

Weighted Average Segment

When the node name is **WeightedAverage**, the **Type** node has the only allowable value *Weighted Average*, and the node has the structure shown in Listing 61. This segment is used to build a curve with instantaneous forward rates that are the weighted sum of instantaneous forward rates of reference curves. This way a projection curve for non-standard Ibor curves can be build, e.g. to project a Euribor2M index using the curves for 1M and 3M.

- ReferenceCurve1: the first source curve
- ReferenceCurve2: the second source curve
- Weight1: the weight of the first curve
- Weights: the weight of the second curve

If $P_1(0, t)$ and $P_2(0, t)$ denote the discount factors of the two reference curves, the discount factor $P(0, t)$ of the resulting curve is defined as

$$P(0, t) = P_1(0, t)^{w_1} P_2(0, t)^{w_2} \quad (2)$$

Listing 61: Weighted Average yield curve segment

```
<YieldCurve>
  <CurveId>EUR2M</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>Euribor2M forwarding curve, interpolated from 1M and 3M</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <DiscountCurve>EUR1D</DiscountCurve>
  <Segments>
    <WeightedAverage>
      <Type>Weighted Average</Type>
      <ReferenceCurve1>EUR1M</ReferenceCurve1>
      <ReferenceCurve2>EUR3M</ReferenceCurve2>
      <Weight1>0.5</Weight1>
      <Weight2>0.5</Weight2>
    </WeightedAverage>
  </Segments>
</YieldCurve>
```

Ibor Fallback Segment

When the node name is `IborFallback`, the `Type` node has the only allowable value *Ibor Fallback*, and the node has the structure shown in Listing 62. This segment is used to build a projection curve for an Ibor index based on a risk free rate and a spread.

Listing 62: Ibor fallback segment

```
<YieldCurve>
  <CurveId>USD-LIBOR-3M</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>USD-Libor-3M built from USD-SOFR plus spread</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <DiscountCurve/>
  <Segments>
    <IborFallback>
      <Type>Ibor Fallback</Type>
      <IborIndex>USD-LIBOR-3M</IborIndex>
      <RfrCurve>Yield/USD/USD-SOFR</RfrCurve>
      <!-- optional, if not given the rfr index and spread are read from the ibor
           fallback configuration -->
      <RfrIndex>USD-SOFR</RfrIndex>
      <Spread>0.0026161</Spread>
    </IborFallback>
  </Segments>
</YieldCurve>
```

Discount Ratio Segment

When the node name is `DiscountRatio`, the `Type` node has the only allowable value *Discount Ratio* and the node has the structure shown in Listing 63. This segment is

used to build a curve with discount factors $P(0, t)$ from three input curves with discount factors $P_b(0, t)$, $P_n(0, t)$ and $P_d(0, t)$ (“base”, “numerator”, “denominator” curves) following the equation

$$P(0, t) = P_b(0, t) \frac{P_n(0, t)}{P_d(0, t)} \quad (3)$$

The main use case of this segment is to build a discount curve “CCY1-IN-CCY2” for cashflows in CCY1 collateralized in CCY2 when curves “CCY1-IN-BASE” and “CCY2-IN-BASE” are known for a common base currency BASE:

For a maturity t denote the zero rate on a curve “X” by $r_X(t)$ and the corresponding discount factor by $P_X(0, t)$. Furthermore, write “CCY” as shorthand for “CCY-IN-CCY”, i.e. for the discount curve for cashflows in the same currency as the collateral currency “CCY”. We write the desired zero rate as

$$r_{\text{CCY1-IN-CCY2}} = r_{\text{CCY2}} + (r_{\text{BASE-IN-CCY2}} - r_{\text{CCY2}}) + (r_{\text{CCY1-IN-CCY2}} - r_{\text{BASE-IN-CCY2}}) \quad (4)$$

We now assume that these two rate differentials stay the same when we switch from collateral currency “CCY2” to “BASE”, i.e.

$$r_{\text{BASE-IN-CCY2}} - r_{\text{CCY2}} \approx r_{\text{BASE}} - r_{\text{CCY2-IN-BASE}} \quad (5)$$

$$r_{\text{CCY1-IN-CCY2}} - r_{\text{BASE-IN-CCY2}} \approx r_{\text{CCY1-IN-BASE}} - r_{\text{BASE}} \quad (6)$$

In less technical terms we assume that FX Forward Quotes CCY2 / BASE and CCY1 / BASE stay constant when the collateral currency changes, which seems reasonable, if no further market information is available.

The discount factors associated to the RHS of 5 and 6 can be written

$$P_{\text{BASE}}(0, t) / P_{\text{CCY2-IN-BASE}}(0, t) \quad (7)$$

$$P_{\text{CCY1-IN-BASE}}(0, t) / P_{\text{BASE}}(0, t) \quad (8)$$

and so 3 can be written

$$P_{\text{CCY1-IN-CCY2}}(0, t) = \frac{P_{\text{CCY2}}(0, t) P_{\text{CCY1-IN-BASE}}(0, t)}{P_{\text{CCY2-IN-BASE}}(0, t)} \quad (9)$$

so the following choice of curves will result in the desired “CCY1-IN-CCY2” curve:

- base curve = “CCY2-IN-CCY2”
- numerator curve = “CCY1-IN-BASE”
- denominator curve = “CCY2-IN-BASE”

```

<YieldCurve>
  <CurveId>GBP-IN-EUR</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>GBP collateralized in EUR discount curve</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>GBP</Currency>
  <DiscountCurve/>
  <Segments>
    <DiscountRatio>
      <Type>Discount Ratio</Type>
      <BaseCurve currency="EUR">EUR1D</BaseCurve>
      <NumeratorCurve currency="GBP">GBP-IN-USD</NumeratorCurve>
      <DenominatorCurve currency="EUR">EUR-IN-USD</DenominatorCurve>
    </DiscountRatio>
  </Segments>
</YieldCurve>

```

7.8.2 Default Curves from CDS

Default curves can be bootstrapped from credit default swap (CDS) market instruments. The CDS market quotes may be given as a par spread or as an upfront price. These market quotes are documented in Sections 10.12 and 10.13 respectively. The bootstrap also requires a market recovery rate quote and this is documented in Section 10.14.

Listing 64 outlines the configuration required to build a default curve from CDS quotes. The meaning of each of the nodes is as follows:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the bootstrapped default curve. For index term curves a suffix `_5Y` should be appended to the name indicating the index term, since this is the preferred name looked up by index cds and index cds option pricers. If such a curve is not found, the pricers will fall back to the specified credit curve id without suffix, i.e. following this naming convention is not mandatory, but recommended.
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the default curve. It is for information only and may be left blank.
- **Currency**: The default curve's currency.
- **Type**: For a default curve built from CDS, the **Type** should be set to **SpreadCDS** if the **Quotes** reference CDS spread quotes or **Price** if the **Quotes** reference upfront price quotes.
- **DiscountCurve**: A reference to a valid discount curve specification that will be used to discount cashflows during the bootstrap process. It should be of the form `Yield/Currency/curve_name` where `curve_name` is the name of a yield curve defined in the yield curve configurations.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter used to convert from dates to times in the underlying structure. Allowable values are given in the Table 31.
- **RecoveryRate**: A valid recovery rate quote name as documented in Section 10.14.
- **StartDate** [Optional]: The **StartDate** is optional and is used for index CDS to

specify the start date of the index CDS. This is then used to determine the maturity associated with the index CDS spread quotes which are quoted with a tenor. For single name CDS, this should be omitted.

- **RunningSpread** [Optional]: The **RunningSpread** is optional and is used for
 - stripping cds curves from upfront quotes. Alternatively the upfront quote labels can contain the running spread.
 - the calculation of the ATM level in cds and index cds volatility surfaces that are strike dependent

The value should be set whenever one of these use cases applies.

- **IndexTerm** [Optional]: The **IndexTerm** is optional and is used to set up index cds curves for a specific term. If several quotes are specified explicitly or via wildcards, the quote matching the specified term is used to build a flat curve. If no quote is available for the specified term, an interpolated term quote will be built using the adjacent terms of the provided quotes.
- **Quotes**: The **Quotes** element should be populated with a list of valid **Quote** elements. If the **Type** is **SpreadCDS**, the quotes should be CDS spread quote strings as documented in Section 10.12 and if **Type** is **Price**, the quotes should be CDS upfront price quote strings as documented in Section 10.13. The attribute **optional** in the **Quote** element should be set to **true** if the associated quote is optional and set to **false** if the associated quote is mandatory. If a quote is mandatory and not found in the market, the default curve building will fail. The attribute **optional** may be omitted from the quote element. In this case, it defaults to **false** and the quote is mandatory. Note also that instead of a list of explicit quotes, a single quote may be provided with the wildcard character *****. In this case, the market is searched for quotes matching the pattern. For example, **CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14/*** would return all quotes in the market that start with **CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14**.
- **Conventions**: The name of a valid set of CDS conventions, as documented in Section 7.11.21, to use in the bootstrap.
- **Extrapolation** [Optional]: A boolean value indicating if the bootstrapped default curve allows for extrapolation past the last pillar date. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. If omitted, it defaults to **true**.
- **ImplyDefaultFromMarket** [Optional]: A boolean value indicating if a reference entity's default should be implied from the market data. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. If omitted, it defaults to **false**. When a default credit event has been determined for an entity, certain market data providers continue to supply a recovery rate from the credit event determination date up to the credit event auction settlement date. In this period, no CDS spreads or upfront prices are provided. When this flag is **true**, we assume an entity is in default and awaiting a credit event auction if we find a recovery rate in the market but no CDS spreads or upfront prices. In this case, we build a survival probability curve with a value of close to but greater than 0.0 for one day after the valuation date. This will give an approximation to the correct price for CDS and index CDS in these cases. When this flag is **false**, we make no such

assumption and the default curve building will fail.

- **BootstrapConfig** [Optional]: This node holds configuration details for the iterative bootstrap that are described in section 7.8.19. If omitted, this node's default values described in section 7.8.19 are used.
- **AllowNegativeRates** [Optional]: If set to false (default) negative instantaneous hazard rates implied by the CDS quotes lead to an exception or - if the DontThrow flag in the BootstrapConfig is set to true - to a zero instantaneous hazard rate in the relevant segment of the curve. In the latter case the market CDS instrument associated to the critical curve segment will not match the market quote exactly. If set to true, negative instantaneous hazard rates will be allowed during the bootstrap (in a range that is technically defined by the MaxFactor and MaxAttempts parameters for the survival probability in the bootstrap config).

```

<DefaultCurve>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Type>...</Type>
  <DiscountCurve>...</DiscountCurve>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <RecoveryRate>...</RecoveryRate>
  <StartDate>...</StartDate>
  <RunningSpread>...</RunningSpread>
  <IndexTerm>...</IndexTerm>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote optional="true">...</Quote>
    ...
  </Quotes>
  <Conventions>...</Conventions>
  <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
  <ImpliedDefaultFromMarket>...</ImpliedDefaultFromMarket>
  <BootstrapConfig>
    ...
  </BootstrapConfig>
  <AllowNegativeRates>...</AllowNegativeRates>
</DefaultCurve>

```

Listing 64: Default curve configuration based on CDS quotes

7.8.3 Benchmark Default Curve

Default curves can be set up as a difference curve of two yield curves as shown in listing 65. A typical use case is to back out a default curve from an all-in discounting curve fitted to a series of liquid bond prices (the “source curve”) and a benchmark curve representing a benchmark funding level. The default curve can then be used in models consuming a benchmark curve and a default curve.

If $P_B(0, t)$ and $P_S(0, t)$ denote the discount factors of the given benchmark and source curve respectively the resulting default term structures has survival probabilities

$$S(t) = (P_S(0, t)/P_B(0, t))^{1/(1-R)} \quad (10)$$

on the given pillar times. Here, R is the specified recovery rate. If the recovery rate is zero, which is the usual case, the formula simplifies to

$$S(0, t) = P_S(0, t) / P_B(0, t) \quad (11)$$

The interpolation is backward flat in the hazard rate. The meaning of each node is as follows:

- **CurveId**: The curve id.
- **CurveDescription**: The curve description.
- **Currency**: The currency of the curve.
- **Type**: Must be set to Benchmark.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter used to convert dates to times.
- **RecoveryRate** [optional]: The recovery rate for the resulting default curve. Defaults to zero. The recovery rate can be a market quote as usual or also a fixed numeric value for this curve type.
- **BenchmarkCurve**: The benchmark yield curve, typically this is the standard Ibor curve in the currency (e.g. EUR-EURIBOR-6M, USD-Libor-3M, ...)
- **SourceCurve**: The all-in discounting curve.
- **Pillars**: The pillars on which to match the source curve
- **SpotLag**: The pillar dates are derived using the spot lag and the tenors as specified in the Pillars node using the specified calendar.
- **Calendar**: The calendar used to derive the pillar dates.
- **Extrapolation** [Optional]: If set to true, the curve is extrapolated beyond the last pillar. Defaults to true.
- **AllowNegativeRates** [Optional]: If set to true, the check for non-negative instantaneous hazard rate in the result curve is disabled, i.e. the relation $P_S(0, t) \leq P_B(0, t)$ is not enforced. This flag should be enabled with care, i.e. a model consuming the resulting default curve must be able to handle negative hazard rates appropriately. On the other hand in some situations it is natural that the source curve rates are below the benchmark rates. Defaults to false.

```
<DefaultCurve>
  <CurveId>BOND_YIELD_EUR_OVER_OIS</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>Default curve derived as bond yield curve over Eonia</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Type>Benchmark</Type>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <RecoveryRate>RECOVERY_RATE/RATE//SNR/USD</RecoveryRate>
  <BenchmarkCurve>Yield/EUR/EUR6M</BenchmarkCurve>
  <SourceCurve>Yield/EUR/BOND_YIELD_EUR</SourceCurve>
  <Pillars>1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y</Pillars>
  <SpotLag>0</SpotLag>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
```

```

    <AllowNegativeRates>false</AllowNegativeRates>
  </DefaultCurve>
</DefaultCurves>

```

Listing 65: Benchmark default curve

7.8.4 Multi-Section Default Curve

Default curves can be build by stitching together instantaneous hazard rates from multiple source curves for multiple date ranges as shown in listing 66.

The hazard rate of the resulting curve is taken from the i th input curve ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) for dates before the i th switch date and (if $i > 0$) on or after the $i - 1$ th switch date. The day counter of all input curves should be equal to the day counter of the result curve. The interpolation is hardcoded as backward flat in the hazard rate.

If not given, the recovery rate R is assumed to be zero. The result default curve's survival probabilitiies are computed as

$$S(t) = \left[\left(\frac{P_{S,n}(t)}{P_{S,n}(t_n)} \right)^{(1-R_n)} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{P_{S,i}(t_{i+1})}{P_{S,i}(t_i)} \right)^{(1-R_i)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-R}} \quad (12)$$

where $P_{S,i}$ is the survival probability of the i th source curve, R_i is the associated recovery rate for the i th source curve, n is chosen such that $P_{S,n}$ is the relevant source curve for time t according to the given switch dates and curve i is relevant for times in $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$.

The meaning of each node is as follows:

- CurveId: The curve id.
- CurveDescription: The curve description.
- Currency: The currency of the curve.
- Type: Must be set to MutliSection.
- SourceCurves: The list of input default curves.
- SwitchDates: The list of dates where we switch from one input curve to the next. The number of switch dates must be one less than the number of source curves.
- DayCounter: The day counter used to convert dates to times.
- RecoveryRate [optional]: The recovery rate for the resulting default curve. Defaults to zero. The recovery rate can be a market quote as usual or also a fixed numeric value for this curve type.
- Extrapolation [Optional]: If set to true, the curve is extrapoalted beyond the last pillar. Defaults to true.

```

<DefaultCurve>
  <CurveId>MyMultiSectionDefaultCurve</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>Default curve with multiple sections</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>

```

```

<Type>MultiSection</Type>
<SourceCurves>
  <SourceCurve>Default/USD/Generic_AA_Curve</SourceCurve>
  <SourceCurve>Default/USD/Generic_B_Curve</SourceCurve>
  <SourceCurve>Default/USD/Generic_C_Curve</SourceCurve>
</SourceCurves>
<SwitchDates>
  <SwitchDate>2020-10-01</SwitchDate>
  <SwitchDate>2021-12-01</SwitchDate>
</SwitchDates>
<Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
<DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
<RecoveryRate>RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/NAME/SR/USD</RecoveryRate>
</DefaultCurve>

```

Listing 66: Multi-Section default curve

7.8.5 Swaption Volatility Structures

Listing 67 shows an example of a Swaption volatility structure configuration.

```

<SwaptionVolatilities>
  <SwaptionVolatility>
    <CurveId>EUR_SW_N</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>EUR normal swaption volatilities</CurveDescription>
    <Dimension>ATM</Dimension>
    <VolatilityType>Normal</VolatilityType>
    <Extrapolation>Flat</Extrapolation>
    <DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
    <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
    <BusinessDayConvention>Following</BusinessDayConvention>
    <!-- ATM matrix specification -->
    <OptionTenors>1M,3M,6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,25Y,30Y</OptionTenors>
    <SwapTenors>1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,7Y,10Y,15Y,20Y,25Y,30Y</SwapTenors>
    <ShortSwapIndexBase>EUR-CMS-1Y</ShortSwapIndexBase>
    <SwapIndexBase>EUR-CMS-30Y</SwapIndexBase>
    <!-- Smile section specification -->
    <SmileOptionTenors>6M,1Y,10Y</SmileOptionTenors>
    <SmileSwapTenors>2Y,5Y</SmileSwapTenors>
    <SmileSpreads>-0.02,-0.01,0.01,0.02</SmileSpreads>
    <QuoteTag/>
  </SwaptionVolatility>
  ...
</SwaptionVolatilities>

```

Listing 67: Swaption volatility configuration

The meaning of each of the elements in Listing 67 is given below.

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier of the swaption volatility structure
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the volatility structure, may be left blank.
- **Dimension**: Distinguishes at-the-money matrices and full volatility cubes. Allowable values: **ATM**, **Smile**

- **VolatilityType**: Specifies the type of market volatility inputs.
Allowable values: **Normal**, **Lognormal**, **ShiftedLognormal**
In the case of **ShiftedLognormal**, a matrix of shifts (by option and swap tenor) has to be provided in the market data input.
- **Extrapolation**: Specifies the extrapolation behaviour in all dimensions.
Allowable values: **Linear**, **Flat**, **None**
- **DayCounter**: The term structure's day counter used in date to time conversions
- **Calendar**: The term structure's calendar used in option tenor to date conversions
- **BusinessDayConvention**: The term structure's business day convention used in option tenor to date conversion
- **ATM Matrix specification**, required for both Dimension choices:
 - **OptionTenors**: Option expiry in period form
 - **SwapTenors**: Underlying Swap term in period form
 - **ShortSwapIndexBase**: Swap index (ORE naming convention, e.g. EUR-CMS-1Y) used to compute ATM strikes for tenors up to and including the tenor given in the index (1Y in this example)
 - **SwapIndexBase**: Swap index used to compute ATM strikes for tenors longer than the one defined by the short index
- **Smile section specification**, this part is required when Dimension is set to **Smile**, otherwise it can be omitted:
 - **SmileOptionTenors**: Option expiries, in period form, where smile section data is to be taken into account
 - **SmileSwapTenors**: Underlying Swap term, in period form, where smile section data is to be taken into account
 - **SmileSpreads**: Strikes in smile direction expressed as strike spreads, relative to the ATM strike at the expiry/term point of the ATM matrix
- **QuoteTag** [Optional]: If non-empty, a tag will be included in the market datum labels. This can be used to set up underlying specific volatility date. For example, if the quote tag is set to EUR-EURIBOR-3M, the market datum labels will be SWAPTION/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/EUR-EURIBOR-3M/5Y/10Y/ATM instead of SWAPTION/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/5Y/10Y/ATM.

7.8.6 Cap Floor Volatility Structures

The cap volatility structure parameterisation allows the user to pick out term cap volatilities in the market data and define how they should be stripped to create an optionlet volatility structure. The parameterisation allows for three separate types of input term cap volatility structures:

1. A strip of at-the-money (ATM) cap volatilities.
2. A cap maturity tenor by absolute cap strike grid of cap volatilities.

3. A combined structure containing both the ATM cap volatilities and the maturity by strike grid of cap volatilities.

The input cap volatilities may be normal, lognormal or shifted lognormal. The structure of the market quotes is provided in Table 63.

The structure of the XML, i.e. the nodes that are necessary, used and ignored, and the way that the optionlet volatilities are stripped hinges on the value of the `InterpolateOn` node. This node may be set to `TermVolatilities` or `OptionletVolatilities`.

When set to `TermVolatilities`, a column of sequential caps or floors, are created for each strike level out to the maximum cap maturity configured. In other words, if the index tenor is 6M, the first cap created would have a maturity of 1Y, the second cap 18M, the third cap 2Y and so on until we have a cap with maturity equal to the maximum maturity tenor in the configuration. The volatility for each of these caps or floors is then interpolated from the term cap volatility surface using the configured interpolation. Finally, the optionlet volatility at each cap or floor maturity, starting from the first, is derived in turn such that the column of cap or floor volatilities are matched.

When set to `OptionletVolatilities`, the optionlet volatility structure pillar dates are set to the fixing dates on the last caplet on each of the configured caps or floors i.e. caps or floors with the maturities in the configured `Tenors` or `AtmTenors`. The optionlet volatilities on these pillar dates are then solved for such that the configured cap or floor volatilities are matched. In the following sections, we describe four XML configurations separately for clarity:

1. ATM curve with interpolation on term volatilities.
2. ATM curve with interpolation on optionlet volatilities.
3. Surface, possibly including an ATM column, with interpolation on term volatilities.
4. Surface, possibly including an ATM column, with interpolation on optionlet volatilities.

Listing 68 shows the layout for parameterising an ATM cap volatility curve with interpolation on term volatilities. Nodes that have no effect for this parameterisation but that are allowed by the schema are not referenced. The meaning of each of the nodes is as follows:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the cap floor volatility structure.
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the volatility structure. It is for information only and may be left blank.
- **VolatilityType**: Indicates the cap floor volatility type. It may be `Normal`, `Lognormal` or `ShiftedLognormal`. Note that this then determines which market data points are looked up in the market when creating the ATM cap floor curve and how they are interpreted when stripping the optionlets. In particular, the market will be searched for market data points of the form `CAPFLOOR/RATE_NVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/1/1/0`,

CAPFLOOR/RATE_LNVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/1/1/0 or
CAPFLOOR/RATE_SLNVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/1/1/0 respectively.

- **Extrapolation**: Indicates the extrapolation in the time direction before the first optionlet volatility and after the last optionlet volatility. The extrapolation occurs on the stripped optionlet volatilities. The allowable values are **None**, **Flat** and **Linear**. If set to **None**, extrapolation is turned off and an exception is thrown if the optionlet surface is queried outside the allowable times. If set to **Flat**, the first optionlet volatility is used before the first time and the last optionlet volatility is used after the last time. If set to **Linear**, the interpolation method configured in **InterpolationMethod** is used to extrapolate.
- **InterpolationMethod** [Optional]: Indicates the interpolation in the time direction. As **InterpolateOn** is set to **TermVolatilities** here, the interpolation is used in the stripping process to interpolate the term cap floor volatility curve as explained above. It is also used to interpolate the optionlet volatilities when an optionlet volatility is queried from the stripped optionlet structure. The allowable values are **Bilinear** and **BicubicSpline**. If not set, **BicubicSpline** is assumed. Obviously, as we are describing an ATM curve here, there is no interpolation in the strike direction so when **Bilinear** is set the time interpolation is linear and when **BicubicSpline** is set the time interpolation is cubic spline.
- **IncludeAtm**: A boolean value indicating if an ATM curve should be used. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. As we are describing an ATM curve here, this node should be set to **true** as shown in 68.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter used to convert from dates to times in the underlying structure. Allowable values are given in the Table 31.
- **Calendar**: The calendar used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 30.
- **BusinessDayConvention**: The business day convention used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 26 under **Roll Convention**.
- **Tenors** [Optional]: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturity tenors to be used in the ATM curve. If omitted, the tenors for the ATM curve must be provided in the **AtmTenors** node instead. If the tenors are provided here, the **AtmTenors** node may be omitted.
- **OptionalQuotes** [Optional]: A boolean flag to indicate whether market data quotes for all tenors are required. If true, we attempt to build the curve from whatever quotes are provided. If false, the curve will fail to build if any quotes are missing. This also applies to quotes for the **AtmTenors**. Default value is false.
- **IborIndex**: A valid interest rate index name giving the index underlying the cap floor quotes. Allowable values are given in the Table 32.
- **DiscountCurve**: A reference to a valid discount curve specification that will be

used to discount cashflows during the stripping process. It should be of the form `Yield/Currency/curve_name` where `curve_name` is the name of a yield curve defined in the yield curve configurations.

- **AtmTenors** [Optional]: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturities to be used in the ATM curve. If omitted, the tenors for the ATM curve must be provided in the **Tenors** node instead. If the tenors are provided here, the **Tenors** node may be omitted.
- **SettlementDays** [Optional]: Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, it is assumed to be 0. If provided the reference date of the term volatility curve and the stripped optionlet volatility structure will be calculated by advancing the valuation date by this number of days using the configured calendar and business day convention. In general, this should be omitted or set to 0.
- **InterpolateOn**: As referenced above, the allowable values are **TermVolatilities** or **OptionletVolatilities**. As we are describing here an ATM curve with interpolation on term volatilities, this should be set to **TermVolatilities** as shown in Listing 68.
- **BootstrapConfig** [Optional]: This node holds configuration details for the iterative bootstrap that are described in section 7.8.19. If omitted, this node's default values described in section 7.8.19 are used.

```
<CapFloorVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
  <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
  <InterpolationMethod>...</InterpolationMethod>
  <IncludeAtm>true</IncludeAtm>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <BusinessDayConvention>...</BusinessDayConvention>
  <Tenors>...</Tenors>
  <OptionalQuotes>...</OptionalQuotes>
  <IborIndex>...</IborIndex>
  <DiscountCurve>...</DiscountCurve>
  <AtmTenors>...</AtmTenors>
  <SettlementDays>...</SettlementDays>
  <InterpolateOn>TermVolatilities</InterpolateOn>
  <BootstrapConfig>...</BootstrapConfig>
</CapFloorVolatility>
```

Listing 68: ATM cap floor configuration with interpolation on term volatilities.

Listing 69 shows the layout for parameterising an ATM cap volatility curve with interpolation on optionlet volatilities. Nodes that have no effect for this parameterisation but that are allowed by the schema are not referenced. The meaning of each of the nodes is as follows:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the cap floor volatility structure.
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the volatility structure. It is for information only and may be left blank.

- **VolatilityType**: Indicates the cap floor volatility type. It may be **Normal**, **Lognormal** or **ShiftedLognormal**. Note that this then determines which market data points are looked up in the market when creating the ATM cap floor curve and how they are interpreted when stripping the optionlets. In particular, the market will be searched for market data points of the form **CAPFLOOR/RATE_NVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/1/1/0**, **CAPFLOOR/RATE_LNVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/1/1/0** or **CAPFLOOR/RATE_SLNVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/1/1/0** respectively.
- **Extrapolation**: The allowable values are **None**, **Flat** and **Linear**. If set to **None**, extrapolation is turned off and an exception is thrown if the optionlet surface is queried outside the allowable times. Otherwise, extrapolation is allowed and the type of extrapolation is determined by the **TimeInterpolation** node value described below.
- **IncludeAtm**: A boolean value indicating if an ATM curve should be used. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. As we are describing an ATM curve here, this node should be set to **true** as shown in 69.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter used to convert from dates to times in the underlying structure. Allowable values are given in the Table 31.
- **Calendar**: The calendar used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 30.
- **BusinessDayConvention**: The business day convention used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 26 under **Roll Convention**.
- **Tenors** [Optional]: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturity tenors to be used in the ATM curve. If omitted, the tenors for the ATM curve must be provided in the **AtmTenors** node instead. If the tenors are provided here, the **AtmTenors** node may be omitted.
- **OptionalQuotes** [Optional]: A boolean flag to indicate whether market data quotes for all tenors are required. If true, we attempt to build the curve from whatever quotes are provided. If false, the curve will fail to build if any quotes are missing. This also applies to quotes for the **AtmTenors**. Default value is false.
- **IborIndex**: A valid interest rate index name giving the index underlying the cap floor quotes. Allowable values are given in the Table 32.
- **DiscountCurve**: A reference to a valid discount curve specification that will be used to discount cashflows during the stripping process. It should be of the form **Yield/Currency/curve_name** where **curve_name** is the name of a yield curve defined in the yield curve configurations.
- **AtmTenors** [Optional]: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturities to be used in the ATM curve. If omitted, the tenors for the ATM curve must be provided in the **Tenors** node instead. If the tenors are provided here, the **Tenors** node may be omitted.

- **SettlementDays** [Optional]: Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, it is assumed to be 0. If provided the reference date of the term volatility curve and the stripped optionlet volatility structure will be calculated by advancing the valuation date by this number of days using the configured calendar and business day convention. In general, this should be omitted or set to 0.
- **InterpolateOn**: As referenced above, the allowable values are **TermVolatilities** or **OptionletVolatilities**. As we are describing here an ATM curve with interpolation on optionlet volatilities, this should be set to **OptionletVolatilities** as shown in Listing 69.
- **TimeInterpolation** [Optional]: Indicates the interpolation and extrapolation, if allowed by the **Extrapolation** node, in the time direction. As **InterpolateOn** is set to **OptionletVolatilities** here, the interpolation is used to interpolate the optionlet volatilities only i.e. there is no interpolation on the term cap floor volatility curve. The allowable values are **Linear**, **LinearFlat**, **BackwardFlat**, **Cubic** and **CubicFlat**. If not set, **LinearFlat** is assumed. Note that **Linear** indicates linear interpolation and linear extrapolation. **LinearFlat** indicates linear interpolation and flat extrapolation. Analogous meanings apply for **Cubic** and **CubicFlat**.
- **BootstrapConfig** [Optional]: This node holds configuration details for the iterative bootstrap that are described in section 7.8.19. If omitted, this node's default values described in section 7.8.19 are used.

```

<CapFloorVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
  <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
  <IncludeAtm>true</IncludeAtm>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <BusinessDayConvention>...</BusinessDayConvention>
  <Tenors>...</Tenors>
  <OptionalQuotes>...</OptionalQuotes>
  <IborIndex>...</IborIndex>
  <DiscountCurve>...</DiscountCurve>
  <AtmTenors>...</AtmTenors>
  <SettlementDays>...</SettlementDays>
  <InterpolateOn>OptionletVolatilities</InterpolateOn>
  <TimeInterpolation>...</TimeInterpolation>
  <BootstrapConfig>...</BootstrapConfig>
</CapFloorVolatility>

```

Listing 69: ATM cap floor configuration with interpolation on optionlet volatilities.

Listing 70 shows the layout for parameterising a cap tenor by absolute cap strike volatility surface with interpolation on term volatilities. This parameterisation also allows for the inclusion of a cap floor ATM curve in combination with the surface. Nodes that have no effect for this parameterisation but that are allowed by the schema are not referenced. The meaning of each of the nodes is as follows:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the cap floor volatility structure.

- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the volatility structure. It is for information only and may be left blank.
- **VolatilityType**: Indicates the cap floor volatility type. It may be **Normal**, **Lognormal** or **ShiftedLognormal**. Note that this then determines which market data points are looked up in the market when creating the cap floor surface and how they are interpreted when stripping the optionlets. In particular, the market will be searched for market data points of the form **CAPFLOOR/RATE_NVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/0/0/Strike**, **CAPFLOOR/RATE_LNVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/0/0/Strike** or **CAPFLOOR/RATE_SLVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/0/0/Strike** respectively.
- **Extrapolation**: Indicates the extrapolation in the time and strike direction. The extrapolation occurs on the stripped optionlet volatilities. The allowable values are **None**, **Flat** and **Linear**. If set to **None**, extrapolation is turned off and an exception is thrown if the optionlet surface is queried outside the allowable times or strikes. If set to **Flat**, the optionlet volatility on the time strike boundary is used if the optionlet surface is queried outside the allowable times or strikes. If set to **Linear**, the interpolation method configured in **InterpolationMethod** is used to extrapolate either time or strike direction.
- **InterpolationMethod** [Optional]: Indicates the interpolation in the time and strike direction. As **InterpolateOn** is set to **TermVolatilities** here, the interpolation is used in the stripping process to interpolate the term cap floor volatility surface as explained above. It is also used to interpolate the optionlet volatilities when an optionlet volatility is queried from the stripped optionlet structure. The allowable values are **Bilinear** and **BicubicSpline**. If not set, **BicubicSpline** is assumed.
- **IncludeAtm**: A boolean value indicating if an ATM curve should be used in combination with the surface. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. If set to **true**, the **AtmTenors** node needs to be populated with the ATM tenors to use. The ATM quotes that are searched for are as outlined in the previous two ATM sections above. The original stripped optionlet surface is amended by inserting the optionlet volatilities at the successive ATM strikes that reproduce the sequence of ATM cap volatilities.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter used to convert from dates to times in the underlying structure. Allowable values are given in the Table 31.
- **Calendar**: The calendar used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 30.
- **BusinessDayConvention**: The business day convention used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 26 under **Roll Convention**.
- **Tenors**: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturity tenors to be used in the tenor by strike surface. In this case, i.e. configuring a surface, they must be provided.

- **OptionalQuotes** [Optional]: A boolean flag to indicate whether market data quotes for all tenors are required. If true, we attempt to build the curve from whatever quotes are provided. If false, the curve will fail to build if any quotes are missing. This also applies to quotes for the **AtmTenors**. Default value is false.
- **IborIndex**: A valid interest rate index name giving the index underlying the cap floor quotes. Allowable values are given in the Table 32.
- **DiscountCurve**: A reference to a valid discount curve specification that will be used to discount cashflows during the stripping process. It should be of the form **Yield/Currency/curve_name** where **curve_name** is the name of a yield curve defined in the yield curve configurations.
- **AtmTenors** [Optional]: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturity tenors to be used in the ATM curve. It must be provided when **IncludeAtm** is true and omitted when **IncludeAtm** is false.
- **SettlementDays** [Optional]: Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, it is assumed to be 0. If provided the reference date of the term volatility curve and the stripped optionlet volatility structure will be calculated by advancing the valuation date by this number of days using the configured calendar and business day convention. In general, this should be omitted or set to 0.
- **InterpolateOn**: As referenced above, the allowable values are **TermVolatilities** or **OptionletVolatilities**. As we are describing here a surface with interpolation on term volatilities, this should be set to **TermVolatilities** as shown in Listing 70.
- **BootstrapConfig** [Optional]: This node holds configuration details for the iterative bootstrap that are described in section 7.8.19. If omitted, this node's default values described in section 7.8.19 are used.

```

<CapFloorVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
  <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
  <InterpolationMethod>...</InterpolationMethod>
  <IncludeAtm>...</IncludeAtm>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <BusinessDayConvention>...</BusinessDayConvention>
  <Tenors>...</Tenors>
  <OptionalQuotes>...</OptionalQuotes>
  <IborIndex>...</IborIndex>
  <DiscountCurve>...</DiscountCurve>
  <AtmTenors>...</AtmTenors>
  <SettlementDays>...</SettlementDays>
  <InterpolateOn>TermVolatilities</InterpolateOn>
  <BootstrapConfig>...</BootstrapConfig>
</CapFloorVolatility>

```

Listing 70: Cap floor surface with interpolation on term volatilities.

Listing 71 shows the layout for parameterising a cap tenor by absolute cap strike

volatility surface with interpolation on optionlet volatilities. This parameterisation also allows for the inclusion of a cap floor ATM curve in combination with the surface. Nodes that have no effect for this parameterisation but that are allowed by the schema are not referenced. The meaning of each of the nodes is as follows:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the cap floor volatility structure.
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the volatility structure. It is for information only and may be left blank.
- **VolatilityType**: Indicates the cap floor volatility type. It may be **Normal**, **Lognormal** or **ShiftedLognormal**. Note that this then determines which market data points are looked up in the market when creating the cap floor surface and how they are interpreted when stripping the optionlets. In particular, the market will be searched for market data points of the form **CAPFLOOR/RATE_NVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/0/0/Strike**, **CAPFLOOR/RATE_LNVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/0/0/Strike** or **CAPFLOOR/RATE_SLVOL/Currency/Tenor/IndexTenor/0/0/Strike** respectively.
- **Extrapolation**: The allowable values are **None**, **Flat** and **Linear**. If set to **None**, extrapolation is turned off and an exception is thrown if the optionlet surface is queried outside the allowable times or strikes. Otherwise, extrapolation is allowed and the type of extrapolation is determined by the **TimeInterpolation** and **StrikeInterpolation** node values described below.
- **IncludeAtm**: A boolean value indicating if an ATM curve should be used in combination with the surface. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. If set to **true**, the **AtmTenors** node needs to be populated with the ATM tenors to use. The ATM quotes that are searched for are as outlined in the previous two ATM sections above. The original stripped optionlet surface is amended by inserting the optionlet volatilities at the configured ATM strikes that reproduce the configured ATM cap volatilities.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter used to convert from dates to times in the underlying structure. Allowable values are given in the Table 31.
- **Calendar**: The calendar used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 30.
- **BusinessDayConvention**: The business day convention used to advance dates by periods in the underlying structure. In particular, it is used in deriving the cap maturity dates from the configured cap tenors. Allowable values are given in the Table 26 under **Roll Convention**.
- **Tenors**: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturity tenors to be used in the tenor by strike surface. In this case, i.e. configuring a surface, they must be provided.
- **OptionalQuotes** [Optional]: A boolean flag to indicate whether market data quotes for all tenors and strikes are required. If true, we attempt to build the curve from whatever quotes are provided. If false, the curve will fail to build if any quotes are missing. This also applies to quotes for the **AtmTenors**. Default

value is false.

- **IborIndex**: A valid interest rate index name giving the index underlying the cap floor quotes. Allowable values are given in the Table 32.
- **DiscountCurve**: A reference to a valid discount curve specification that will be used to discount cashflows during the stripping process. It should be of the form `Yield/Currency/curve_name` where `curve_name` is the name of a yield curve defined in the yield curve configurations.
- **AtmTenors** [Optional]: A comma separated list of valid tenor strings giving the cap floor maturity tenors to be used in the ATM curve. It must be provided when **IncludeAtm** is **true** and omitted when **IncludeAtm** is **false**.
- **SettlementDays** [Optional]: Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, it is assumed to be 0. If provided the reference date of the term volatility curve and the stripped optionlet volatility structure will be calculated by advancing the valuation date by this number of days using the configured calendar and business day convention. In general, this should be omitted or set to 0.
- **InterpolateOn**: As referenced above, the allowable values are **TermVolatilities** or **OptionletVolatilities**. As we are describing here a surface with interpolation on optionlet volatilities, this should be set to **OptionletVolatilities** as shown in Listing 71.
- **TimeInterpolation**: Indicates the interpolation and extrapolation, if allowed by the **Extrapolation** node, in the time direction. As **InterpolateOn** is set to **OptionletVolatilities** here, the interpolation is used to interpolate the optionlet volatilities only i.e. there is no interpolation on the term cap floor volatility curve. The allowable values are **Linear**, **LinearFlat**, **BackwardFlat**, **Cubic** and **CubicFlat**. If not set, **LinearFlat** is assumed. Note that **Linear** indicates linear interpolation and linear extrapolation. **LinearFlat** indicates linear interpolation and flat extrapolation. Analogous meanings apply for **Cubic** and **CubicFlat**.
- **StrikeInterpolation**: Indicates the interpolation and extrapolation, if allowed by the **Extrapolation** node, in the strike direction. Again, as **InterpolateOn** is set to **OptionletVolatilities** here, the interpolation is used to interpolate the optionlet volatilities in the strike direction. The allowable values are **Linear**, **LinearFlat**, **Cubic** and **CubicFlat**. If not set, **LinearFlat** is assumed.
- **QuoteIncludesIndexName** [Optional]: If true, the quote labels that are looked up in the market data to build the surface include the index name as e.g. in `CAPFLOOR/RATE_NVOL/USD/USD-LIBOR-3M/1Y/3M/0/0/0.01`. If false, the index name is not include as in `CAPFLOOR/RATE_NVOL/USD/1Y/3M/0/0/0.01`. If the flag is not given, it defaults to false. Including the index name in the market quotes allows to build cap surfaces on different underlying indices with the same tenor. The flag also affects shift quotes as e.g. `CAPFLOOR/SHIFT/USD/USD-LIBOR-3M/5Y` (index included in quote) vs. `CAPFLOOR/SHIFT/USD/5Y` (index not included in quote).
- **BootstrapConfig** [Optional]: This node holds configuration details for the iterative bootstrap that are described in section 7.8.19. If omitted, this node's

default values described in section 7.8.19 are used.

```
<CapFloorVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
  <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
  <InterpolationMethod>...</InterpolationMethod>
  <IncludeAtm>...</IncludeAtm>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <BusinessDayConvention>...</BusinessDayConvention>
  <Tenors>...</Tenors>
  <OptionalQuotes>...</OptionalQuotes>
  <IborIndex>...</IborIndex>
  <DiscountCurve>...</DiscountCurve>
  <AtmTenors>...</AtmTenors>
  <SettlementDays>...</SettlementDays>
  <InterpolateOn>OptionletVolatilities</InterpolateOn>
  <TimeInterpolation>...</TimeInterpolation>
  <StrikeInterpolation>...</StrikeInterpolation>
  <QuoteIncludesIndexName>...</QuoteIncludesIndexName>
  <BootstrapConfig>...</BootstrapConfig>
</CapFloorVolatility>
```

Listing 71: Cap floor surface with interpolation on optionlet volatilities.

7.8.7 FX Volatility Structures

Listings 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 shows examples of FX volatility structure configurations.

```
<FXVolatility>
  <CurveId>EURUSD</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription />
  <Dimension>ATM</Dimension>
  <Expiries>1M,3M,6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,10Y</Expiries>
  <FXSpotID>FX/EUR/USD</FXSpotID>
  <FXForeignCurveID>Yield/EUR/EUR-IN-USD</FXForeignCurveID>
  <FXDomesticCurveID>Yield/USD/USD1D</FXDomesticCurveID>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>US,TARGET</Calendar>
  <Conventions>EUR-USD-FXOPTION</Conventions>
</FXVolatility>
```

Listing 72: FX option volatility configuration ATM

```
<FXVolatility>
  <CurveId>USDJPY</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription />
  <Dimension>Smile</Dimension>
  <SmileType>VannaVolga</SmileType>
  <SmileInterpolation>VannaVolga2</SmileInterpolation>
  <Expiries>1M,3M,6M,1Y,2Y,3Y,10Y</Expiries>
  <SmileDelta>25</SmileDelta>
  <FXSpotID>FX/USD/JPY</FXSpotID>
  <FXForeignCurveID>Yield/USD/USD1D</FXForeignCurveID>
  <FXDomesticCurveID>Yield/JPY/JPY-IN-USD</FXDomesticCurveID>
```



```

    <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
    <Calendar>US, JP</Calendar>
    <Conventions>USD-JPY-FXOPTION</Conventions>
</FXVolatility>

```

Listing 73: FX option volatility configuration Smile / VannaVolga

```

<FXVolatility>
  <CurveId>USDJPY</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription />
  <Dimension>Smile</Dimension>
  <SmileType>Delta</SmileType>
  <SmileInterpolation>Linear</SmileInterpolation>
  <Expiries>1M, 3M, 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 10Y</Expiries>
  <Deltas>10P, 20P, 30P, 40P, ATM, 40C, 30C, 20C, 10C</Deltas>
  <FXSpotID>FX/USD/JPY</FXSpotID>
  <FXForeignCurveID>Yield/USD/USD1D</FXForeignCurveID>
  <FXDomesticCurveID>Yield/JPY/JPY-IN-USD</FXDomesticCurveID>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>US, JP</Calendar>
  <Conventions>USD-JPY-FXOPTION</Conventions>
</FXVolatility>

```

Listing 74: FX option volatility configuration Smile / Delta

```

<FXVolatility>
  <CurveId>USDJPY</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription />
  <Dimension>Smile</Dimension>
  <SmileType>BFRR</SmileType>
  <SmileInterpolation>Cubic</SmileInterpolation>
  <Expiries>1M, 3M, 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 10Y</Expiries>
  <SmileDelta>10, 25</SmileDelta>
  <FXSpotID>FX/USD/JPY</FXSpotID>
  <FXForeignCurveID>Yield/USD/USD1D</FXForeignCurveID>
  <FXDomesticCurveID>Yield/JPY/JPY-IN-USD</FXDomesticCurveID>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>US, JP</Calendar>
  <Conventions>USD-JPY-FXOPTION</Conventions>
</FXVolatility>

```

Listing 75: FX option volatility configuration Smile / BFRR with 10 and 25 BF and RR

```

<FXVolatility>
  <CurveId>EURJPY</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription />
  <Dimension>ATMTriangulated</Dimension>
  <FXSpotID>FX/EUR/JPY</FXSpotID>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>US, JP</Calendar>
  <BaseVolatility1>EURUSD</BaseVolatility1>
  <BaseVolatility2>USDJPY</BaseVolatility2>
</FXVolatility>

```

Listing 76: FX option volatility configuration ATM Triangulated

The meaning of each of the elements in Listings 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 is given below.

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier of the FX volatility structure
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the volatility structure, may be left blank.
- **Dimension**: Distinguishes at-the-money volatility curves from volatility surfaces. An ‘ATMTriangulated’ value denotes a curve triangulated from two other surfaces.
Allowable values: **ATM**, **Smile**, **ATMTriangulated**
- **SmileType** [Optional]: Required field in case of Dimension **Smile**, otherwise it can be omitted.
Allowable values: **VannaVolga** as per (Castagna & Mercurio - 2006), **Delta**, **BFRR**, with default value **VannaVolga** if left blank.
- **SmileInterpolation** [Optional]: Smile interpolation method applied, required field in case of Dimension **Smile**, otherwise it can be omitted.
Allowable values:
 - **VannaVolga1** or **VannaVolga2** in case of SmileType **VannaVolga** with default **VannaVolga2** if left blank. **VannaVolga1**/**VannaVolga2** refer to the first/second approximation in (eq. 13) and (eq. 14) of the reference above.
 - **Linear** or **Cubic** in case of SmileType **Delta** or **BFRR** with default **Linear** for SmileType **Delta** and **Cubic** for SmileType **BFRR** if left blank
- **Expiries**: Option expiries in period form. A wildcard may also be used. In the wildcard case, it will look for any matching quotes provided in the loader, and construct the curve from these. This is currently only supported for **ATM** or **Delta** or **BFRR** curves.
- **Deltas** [Optional]: Strike grid, required in case of SmileType **Delta**
Allowable values: **ATM**, ***P**, ***C**, see example in Listing [74](#)
- **SmileDelta** [Optional]: Strike grid for SmileType **VannaVolga** and **BFRR**, defaults to 25 for **VannaVolga** resp. 10,25 for **BFRR**
Allowable values: a list of integers, see example in Listing [75](#)
- **FXSpotID**: ORE representation of the relevant FX spot quote in the form **FX/CCY1/CCY2**
- **FXForeignCurveID** [Optional]: Yield curve, in ORE format **Yield/CCY/ID**, used as foreign yield curve in smile curves, may be omitted for **ATM** curves.
- **FXDomesticCurveID** [Optional]: Yield curve, in ORE format **Yield/CCY/ID**, used as domestic yield curve in smile curves, may be omitted for **ATM** curves.
- **DayCounter**: The term structure’s day counter used in date to time conversions. Optional, defaults to **A365**.
- **Calendar**: The term structure’s calendar used in option tenor to date conversions. Optional, defaults to source ccy + target ccy default calendars.
- **Conventions** [Optional]: FX conventions object ID that is used to determine the at-the-money type and delta type of the volatility quotes, these default to **AtmDeltaNeutral** and **Spot** for option tenors $\leq 2Y$ and **AtmDeltaNeutral** and

Fwd for option tenors > 2Y if the conventions ID is omitted or left blank. Furthermore, the conventions hold information on the side of risk reversals (RiskReversalInFavorOf, defaults to Call) and the quote style of butterflies (ButterflyStyle, defaults to Broker), these latter two are relevant for BF, RR market data input. See 7.11.18 for more details.

- BaseVolatility1: For ‘ATMTriangulated’ this denotes one of the surfaces we want to triangulate from
- BaseVolatility2: For ‘ATMTriangulated’ this denotes one of the surfaces we want to triangulate from

7.8.8 Equity Curve Structures

Listing 77 shows the configuration of equity forward price curves.

```

<EquityCurves>
  <EquityCurve>
    <CurveId>SP5</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>SP 500 equity price projection curve</CurveDescription>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <ForecastingCurve>EUR1D</ForecastingCurve>
    <!-- DividendYield, ForwardPrice, OptionPremium, NoDividends, ForwardDividendPrice -->
    <Type>DividendYield</Type>
    <!-- Optional node, only used when Type is OptionPremium -->
    <ExerciseStyle>American</ExerciseStyle>
    <!-- Spot quote from the market data file -->
    <SpotQuote>EQUITY/PRICE/SP5/USD</SpotQuote>
    <!-- Note: do not provide Quotes if Type is NoDividends -->
    <Quotes>
      <Quote>EQUITY_DIVIDEND/RATE/SP5/USD/3M</Quote>
      <Quote>EQUITY_DIVIDEND/RATE/SP5/USD/20160915</Quote>
      <Quote>EQUITY_DIVIDEND/RATE/SP5/USD/1Y</Quote>
      <Quote>EQUITY_DIVIDEND/RATE/SP5/USD/20170915</Quote>
    </Quotes>
    <!-- Optional interpolation options, default Zero and Linear -->
    <!-- Note: do not provide DividendInterpolation if Type is NoDividends -->
    <DividendInterpolation>
      <!-- Zero, Discount -->
      <InterpolationVariable>Zero</InterpolationVariable>
      <!-- See Table 16 for allowed interpolation methods -->
      <InterpolationMethod>Linear</InterpolationMethod>
    </DividendInterpolation>
    <!-- Optional node, defaults to true -->
    <Extrapolation>True</Extrapolation>
    <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  </EquityCurve>
  <EquityCurve>
    ...
  </EquityCurve>
</EquityCurves>

```

Listing 77: Equity curve configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is given below.

- CurveId: Unique identifier of the equity curve structure.

- **CurveDescription [Optional]:** A description of the equity curve structure, may be left blank.
- **Currency:** Currency of the equity.
- **Calendar [Optional]:** The term structure's calendar used in tenor to date conversions. Defaults to the calendar corresponding to **Currency**.
- **ForecastingCurve:** CurveId of the curve used for discounting equity fixing forecasts.
- **Type:** The quote types in **Quote** (e.g. option premium, forward equity price) and whether dividends are taken into account. Allowable values: **DividendYield**, **ForwardPrice**, **ForwardDividendPrice**, **OptionPremium**, **NoDividends**
- **ExerciseStyle [Optional]:** Exercise type of the underlying option quotes. Only required if **Type** is *OptionPremium*. Allowable values: **American**, **European**
- **SpotQuote:** Market datum ID/name of the current spot rate for the equity underlying.
- **Quotes [Optional]:** Market datum IDs/names to be used in building the curve structure.
- **DayCounter [Optional]:** The term structure's day counter used in date to time conversions. Defaults to **A365F**.
- **DividendInterpolation [Optional]:** This node contains an **InterpolationVariable** and **InterpolationMethod** sub-node, which define the variable on which the interpolation is performed and the interpolation method for the dividend curve, respectively. The allowable values are found in Table 15 and Table 16, respectively. This should not be provided if **Type** is **NoDividends**.
- **Extrapolation [Optional]:** Boolean flag indicating whether extrapolation is allowed. Defaults to **True**.

The equity curves here consists of a spot equity price, as well as a set of either forward prices or else dividend yields. If the index is a dividend futures index then curve type should be entered as **ForwardDividendPrice**. In this case the curve will be built from forward prices as normal, but excluded from the SIMM calculations as required by the SIMM methodology. Upon construction, ORE stores internally an equity spot price quote, a forecasting curve and a dividend yield term structure, which are then used together for projection of forward prices.

7.8.9 Equity Volatility Structures

When configuring volatility structures for equities, there are four options:

1. a constant volatility for all expiries and strikes.
2. a volatility curve with a dependency on expiry but no strike dimension.
3. a volatility surface with an expiry and strike dimension.
4. a proxy surface - point to another surface as a proxy.

There are a number of fields common to all configurations:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the curve.
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the curve. This field may be left blank.
- **Currency**: Currency of the equity.
- **Calendar** [Optional]: allowable value is any valid calendar. Defaults to **NullCalendar**.
- **DayCounter** [Optional]: allowable value is any valid day counter. Defaults to **A365**.
- **OneDimSolverConfig** [Optional]: A configuration for the one dimensional solver used in deriving volatilities from prices. This node is described in detail in Section 7.8.20. If not provided, a default step based configuration is used. This is only used when volatilities are stripped from prices.
- **PreferOutOfTheMoney** [Optional]: allowable value is any boolean value. Defaults to **false** for backwards compatibility. It is used, when building the volatility surface, to choose between a call and put option price or volatility when both are provided. When set to **true**, the out of the money option is chosen by comparing the quote's strike with the forward price at the associated expiry. Conversely, when set to **false**, the in the money option is chosen.

Listing 78 shows the configuration of equity volatility structures with constant volatility. A node **Constant** takes one **Quote**, as described in Section 10.24, which is held constant for all strikes and expiries.

```

<EquityVolatilities>
  <EquityVolatility>
    <CurveId>SP5</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Lognormal option implied vols for SP 500</CurveDescription>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
    <Constant>
      <Quote>EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/SP5/USD/5Y/ATMF</Quote>
    </Constant>
  </EquityVolatility>
  <EquityVolatility>
    ...
  </EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>

```

Listing 78: Equity option volatility configuration - constant

Secondly, the volatility curve configuration layout is given in Listing 79. With this curve construction the volatility is held constant in the strike direction, and quotes of varying expiry can be provided, for example if only ATM volatility quotes are available. The volatility quote IDs in the **Quotes** node should be Equity option volatility quotes as described in Section 10.24. An explicit list of quotes can be provided, or a single quote with a wildcard replacing the expiry/strike. In the wildcard case, it will look for any matching quotes provided in the loader, and construct the curve from these. The **Interpolation** node supports **Linear**, **Cubic** and **LogLinear** interpolation. The **Extrapolation** node supports either **None** for no extrapolation or

Flat for flat extrapolation in the volatility.

```
<EquityVolatilities>
  <EquityVolatility>
    <CurveId>SP5</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Lognormal option implied vols for SP 500</CurveDescription>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
    <Curve>
      <QuoteType>ImpliedVolatility</QuoteType>
      <VolatilityType>Lognormal</VolatilityType>
      <Quotes>
        <Quote>EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/SP5/USD/*</Quote>
      </Quotes>
      <Interpolation>LinearFlat</Interpolation>
      <Extrapolation>Flat</Extrapolation>
    </Curve>
  </EquityVolatility>
  <EquityVolatility>
    ...
  </EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>
```

Listing 79: Equity option volatility configuration - curve

The volatility strike surface configuration layout is given in Listing 80. This allows a full surface of **Strikes** and **Expiries** to be defined. The following are the valid nodes:

- **QuoteType**: either **ImpliedVolatility** or **Premium**, indicating the type of quotes provided in the market.
- **ExerciseType** [Optional]: only valid when **QuoteType** is **Premium**. Valid types are **European** and **American**.
- **VolatilityType** [Optional]: only valid when **QuoteType** is **ImpliedVolatility**. Valid types are **Lognormal**, **ShiftedLognormal** and **Normal**.
- **Strikes**: comma separated list of strikes, representing the absolute strike values for the option. In other words, A single wildcard character, *****, can be used here also to indicate that all strikes found in the market data for this equity volatility configuration should be used when building the equity volatility surface.
- **Expiries**: comma separated list of expiry tenors and or expiry dates. A single wildcard character, *****, can be used here also to indicate that all expiries found in the market data for this equity volatility configuration should be used when building the equity volatility surface.
- **TimeInterpolation**: interpolation in the option expiry direction. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** are configured with a wildcard character, **Linear** is used. If both **Strikes** and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, **Linear** or **Cubic** is allowed here but the value must agree with the value for **StrikeInterpolation**.
- **StrikeInterpolation**: interpolation in the strike direction. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** are configured with a wildcard character, **Linear** is used. If both **Strikes** and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, **Linear** or **Cubic** is allowed here but the value must agree with the value for **TimeInterpolation**.

- **Extrapolation**: boolean value. If **true**, extrapolation is allowed. If **false**, extrapolation is not allowed.
- **TimeExtrapolation**: extrapolation in the option expiry direction. If both **Strikes** and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, the extrapolation in the time direction is flat in volatility regardless of the setting here. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** are configured with a wildcard character, **Linear**, **UseInterpolator**, **Flat** or **None** are allowed. If **Linear** or **UseInterpolator** is specified, the extrapolation is linear. If **Flat** is specified, the extrapolation is flat. If **None** is specified, it is ignored and the extrapolation is flat since extrapolation in the time direction cannot be turned off in isolation i.e. extrapolation can only be turned off for the surface as a whole using the **Extrapolation** flag.
- **StrikeExtrapolation**: extrapolation in the strike direction. The allowable values are **Linear**, **UseInterpolator**, **Flat** or **None**. If **Linear** or **UseInterpolator** is specified, the extrapolation uses the strike interpolation setting for extrapolation i.e. linear or cubic in this case. If **Flat** is specified, the extrapolation is flat. If **None** is specified, it is ignored and the extrapolation is flat since extrapolation in the strike direction cannot be turned off in isolation i.e. extrapolation can only be turned off for the surface as a whole using the **Extrapolation** flag.

When this configuration is used, the market is searched for quote strings of the form **EQUITY_OPTION/PRICE/[NAME]/[CURRENCY]/[EXPIRY]/[STRIKE]** or **EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[CURRENCY]/[EXPIRY]/[STRIKE]**, depending on the **QuoteType**. When both the **Strikes** and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, it is clear that the **[EXPIRY]** field is populated from the list of expiries in turn and the **[STRIKE]** field is populated from the list of strikes in turn. If there are m expiries in the **Expiries** list and n strikes in the **Strikes** list, there will be $m \times n$ quotes created and searched for in the market data. If **Expiries** are configured via the wildcard character, *****, all quotes in the market data matching the pattern **EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[CURRENCY]/*/ [STRIKE]**. Similarly for **Strikes** configured via the wildcard character, *****.

```

<EquityVolatilities>
  <EquityVolatility>
    <CurveId>SP5</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Lognormal option implied vols for SP 500</CurveDescription>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
    <StrikeSurface>
      <QuoteType>Premium</QuoteType>
      <ExerciseType>European</ExerciseType>
      <Strikes>*</Strikes>
      <Expiries>*</Expiries>
      <TimeInterpolation>Linear</TimeInterpolation>
      <StrikeInterpolation>Linear</StrikeInterpolation>
      <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
      <TimeExtrapolation>UseInterpolator</TimeExtrapolation>
      <StrikeExtrapolation>Flat</StrikeExtrapolation>
    </StrikeSurface>
  </EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>
...

```

```
</EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>
```

Listing 80: Equity option volatility configuration - strike surface

A volatility surface can also be given in terms of moneyness levels as shown in listing 81. The nodes have the same meaning as in the case of a strike surface with the following exceptions:

- **QuoteType**: only **ImpliedVolatility** is allowed
- **VolatilityType** [Optional]: only **Lognormal** is allowed
- **MoneynessType**: **Spot** or **Fwd**, indicating the type of moneyness. See 10.24 for the definition of moneyness types.
- **MoneynessLevels**: comma separated list of moneyness levels, no wild cards are allowed.
- **Expiries**: comma separated list of expiry tenors and or expiry dates. A single wildcard character, *, can be used here also to indicate that all expiries found in the market data for this equity volatility configuration should be used when building the equity volatility surface.

Notice that the market data for the moneyness level 1.0 must be given as a moneyness quote, not an ATM or ATMF quote, see 10.24 for details of the market data.

```
<EquityVolatilities>
  <EquityVolatility>
    <CurveId>SP5</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Lognormal option implied vols for SP 500</CurveDescription>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
    <MoneynessSurface>
      <QuoteType>ImpliedVolatility</QuoteType>
      <VolatilityType>Lognormal</VolatilityType>
      <MoneynessType>Fwd</MoneynessType>
      <MoneynessLevels>0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8,0.9,1.0,1.1,1.2,1.3,1.4,1.5</MoneynessLevels>
      <Expiries>*</Expiries>
      <TimeInterpolation>Linear</TimeInterpolation>
      <StrikeInterpolation>Linear</StrikeInterpolation>
      <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
      <TimeExtrapolation>UseInterpolator</TimeExtrapolation>
      <StrikeExtrapolation>Flat</StrikeExtrapolation>
    </MoneynessSurface>
  </EquityVolatility>
  <EquityVolatility>
    ...
  </EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>
```

Listing 81: Equity option volatility configuration - moneyness surface

Finally, the volatility proxy surface configuration layout is given in Listing 82. This allows us to use any other surface as a proxy, in cases where there is no option data for a given equity. We provide a name in the **EquityVolatilityCurve** field, which must match the **CurveId** of another configuration. **FXVolatilityCurve** and

`CorrelationCurve` must be provided if the currency of the proxy surface is different to that of current surface, that can be omitted otherwise. The proxy surface looks up the volatility in the reference surface based on moneyness.

```

<EquityVolatilities>
  <EquityVolatility>
    <CurveId>ABC</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Lognormal option implied vols for APC - proxied from SP5</CurveDescription>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
    <ProxySurface>
      <EquityVolatilityCurve>RIC:.SPX</EquityVolatilityCurve>
      <FXVolatilityCurve>GBPUSD</FXVolatilityCurve>
      <CorrelationCurve>FX-GENERIC-GBP-USD&EQ-RIC:VOD.L</CorrelationCurve>
    </ProxySurface>
  </EquityVolatility>
  <EquityVolatility>
    ...
  </EquityVolatility>
</EquityVolatilities>

```

Listing 82: Equity option volatility configuration - proxy surface

7.8.10 Inflation Curves

Listing 83 shows the configuration of an inflation curve. The inflation curve specific elements are the following:

```

<InflationCurves>
  <InflationCurve>
    <CurveId>USCPI_ZC_Swaps</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Estimation Curve for USCPI</CurveDescription>
    <NominalTermStructure>Yield/USD/USD1D</NominalTermStructure>
    <Type>ZC</Type>
    <Quotes>
      <Quote>ZC_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/USCPI/1Y</Quote>
      <Quote>ZC_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/USCPI/2Y</Quote>
      ...
      <Quote>ZC_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/USCPI/30Y</Quote>
      <Quote>ZC_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/USCPI/40Y</Quote>
    </Quotes>
    <Conventions>USCPI_INFLATIONSWAP</Conventions>
    <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
    <Calendar>US</Calendar>
    <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
    <Lag>3M</Lag>
    <Frequency>Monthly</Frequency>
    <BaseRate>0.01</BaseRate>
    <Tolerance>0.000000000001</Tolerance>
    <Seasonality>
      <BaseDate>20160101</BaseDate>
      <Frequency>Monthly</Frequency>
      <Factors>
        <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/JAN</Factor>
        <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/FEB</Factor>
        <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/MAR</Factor>
        <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/APR</Factor>
      </Factors>
    </Seasonality>
  </InflationCurve>
</InflationCurves>

```

```

    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/MAY</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/JUN</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/JUL</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/AUG</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/SEP</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/OCT</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/NOV</Factor>
    <Factor>SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/USCPI/DEC</Factor>
  </Factors>
  <OverrideFactors>
    1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00,1.00
  </OverrideFactors>
</Seasonality>
</InflationCurve>
</InflationCurves>

```

Listing 83: Inflation Curve Configuration

- **NominalTermStructure:** The interest rate curve to be used to strip the inflation curve.
- **Type:** The type of the curve, ZC for zero coupon, YY for year on year.
- **Quotes:** The instruments' market quotes from which to bootstrap the curve.
- **Conventions:** The conventions applicable to the curve instruments.
- **Lag:** The observation lag used in the term structure.
- **Frequency:** The frequency of index fixings.
- **BaseRate:** The rate at $t = 0$, this introduces an additional degree of freedom to get a smoother curve. If not given, it is defaulted to the first market rate.

The optional seasonality block defines a multiplicative seasonality and contains the following elements:

- **BaseDate:** Defines the first inflation period to which to apply the seasonality correction, only day and month matters, the year is ignored.
- **Frequency:** Defines the frequency of the factors (usually identical to the index's fixing frequency).
- **Factors:** Multiplicative seasonality correction factors, must be part of the market data.
- **OverrideFactors:** A numeric list of seasonality correction factors, replacing the Factors. This allows to specify a static seasonality correction that does not require market data quotes. If both Factors and OverrideFactors are given, the OverrideFactors are used. Otherwise only one of Factors, OverrideFactors is required in a seasonality block.

We note that if zero coupon swap market quotes are given, but the type is set to YY, the zero coupon swap quotes will be converted to year on year swap quotes on the fly, using the plain forward rates, i.e. no convexity adjustment is applied.

7.8.11 Inflation Cap/Floor Volatility Surfaces

Listing 84 shows the configuration of an zero coupon inflation cap floor price surface.

```
<InflationCapFloorVolatility>
  <CurveId>EUHICPXT_ZC_CF</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>
    EUHICPXT CPI Cap/Floor vol surface derived from price quotes
  </CurveDescription>
  <Type>ZC</Type>
  <QuoteType>Price</QuoteType>
  <VolatilityType>Normal</VolatilityType>
  <Extrapolation>Y</Extrapolation>
  <DayCounter>ACT</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <BusinessDayConvention>MF</BusinessDayConvention>
  <Tenors>1Y,2Y,3Y,4Y,5Y,6Y,7Y,8Y,9Y,10Y,12Y,15Y,20Y,30Y</Tenors>
  <!-- QuoteType 'Volatility' requires <Strikes>: -->
  <!-- <Strikes>-0.02,-0.01,-0.005,0.00,0.01,0.015,0.02,0.025,0.03</Strikes> -->
  <!-- QuoteType 'Price' requires <CapStrikes> and/or <FloorStrikes>: -->
  <CapStrikes/>
  <FloorStrikes>-0.02,-0.01,-0.005,0.00,0.01,0.015,0.02,0.025,0.03</FloorStrikes>
  <Index>EUHICPXT</Index>
  <IndexCurve>Inflation/EUHICPXT/EUHICPXT_ZC_Swaps</IndexCurve>
  <IndexInterpolated>>false</IndexInterpolated>
  <ObservationLag>3M</ObservationLag>
  <YieldTermStructure>Yield/EUR/EUR1D</YieldTermStructure>
  <QuoteIndex>...</QuoteIndex>
</InflationCapFloorVolatility>
```

Listing 84: Inflation ZC cap floor volatility surface configuration

- **Type:** The type of the surface, ZC for zero coupon, YY for year on year.
- **QuoteType:** The type of the quotes used to build the surface, Volatility for volatility quotes, Price for bootstrap from option premia.
- **VolatilityType:** If QuoteType is Volatility, this specifies whether the input is Normal, Lognormal or ShiftedLognormal.
- **Extrapolation:** Boolean to indicate whether the surface should allow extrapolation.
- **DayCounter:** The term structure's day counter
- **Calendar:** The term structure's calendar
- **BusinessDayConvention:** The term structure's business day convention
- **Tenors:** The maturities for which cap and floor prices are quoted
- **Strikes:** In the case of QuoteType Volatility, the strikes for which floor prices are quoted (may, and will usually, overlap with the cap strike region); neither CapStrikes nor FloorStrikes are expected in this case.
- **CapStrikes:** The strikes for which cap prices are quoted (may, and will usually, overlap with the floor strike region); if the QuoteType above is Price, either CapStrikes or FloorStrikes or both are required.

- **FloorStrikes**: The strikes for which floor prices are quoted (may and will usually) overlap with the cap strike region); if the **QuoteType** above is **Price**, either **CapStrikes** or **FloorStrikes** or both are required.
- **Index**: The underlying zero inflation index.
- **IndexCurve**: The curve id of the index's projection curve used to determine the ATM levels for the surface.
- **IndexInterpolated**: Flag indicating whether the index should be interpolating.
- **Observation Lag**: The observation lag applicable to the term structure.
- **YieldTermStructure**: The nominal term structure.
- **QuoteIndex**: An optional node allowing the user to provide an alternative index name for forming the quotes that will be used in building the cap floor surface. If this node is not provided, the **Index** node value is used in quote construction. For example, quotes must be created from each strike and each tenor and these quotes are subsequently looked up in the market data when building the cap floor volatility surface. The quotes are formed by concatenating **[Type]_INFLATIONCAPFLOOR**, **PRICE** or **RATE_** **[Vol_Type]** **VOL**, **[Index_Name]**, **[Tenor]**, **C** or **F** and **[Strike]** delimited by **/**. If **QuoteIndex** is provided, it is used as the **[Index_Name]** token. If it is not provided **Index** is used as usual.

7.8.12 CDS Volatilities

When configuring volatility structures for CDS and index CDS options, there are three options:

1. a constant volatility for all expiries, strikes and terms.
2. a volatility curve with a dependency on expiry and term, but no strike dimension.
3. a volatility surface with an expiry, term and strike dimension.

Firstly, the constant volatility configuration layout is given in Listing 85. The single volatility quote ID, **constant_quote_id**, in the **Quote** node should be a CDS option volatility quote as described in Section 10.15. The **DayCounter** node is optional and defaults to **A365F**. The **Calendar** node is optional and defaults to **NullCalendar**. The **DayCounter** and **Calendar** nodes are common to all three CDS volatility configurations.

```

<CDSVolatility>
  <CurveId>...<CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Constant>
    <Quote>constant_quote_id</Quote>
  </Constant>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
</CDSVolatility>

```

Listing 85: Constant CDS volatility configuration

Secondly, the volatility curve configuration layout is given in Listing 86. The volatility quote IDs, `quote_id_1`, `quote_id_2`, etc., in the `Quotes` node should be CDS option volatility quotes as described in Section 10.15. The `Interpolation` node supports `Linear`, `Cubic` and `LogLinear` interpolation. The `Extrapolation` node supports either `None` for no extrapolation or `Flat` for flat extrapolation in the volatility.

The optional boolean parameter `EnforceMontoneVariance` should be set to `true` to raise an exception if the curve implied variance is not montone increasing with time and should be set to `false` if you want to suppress such an exception. The default value for `EnforceMontoneVariance` is `true`.

```
<CDSVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Terms>
    <Term>
      <Label>...</Label>
      <Curve>...</Curve>
    </Term>
  </Terms>
  <Curve>
    <Quotes>
      <Quote>quote_id_1</Quote>
      <Quote>quote_id_2</Quote>
      ...
    </Quotes>
    <Interpolation>...</Interpolation>
    <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
    <EnforceMontoneVariance></EnforceMontoneVariance>
  </Curve>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
</CDSVolatility>
```

Listing 86: CDS volatility curve configuration

For backwards compatibility, the volatility curve configuration can also be given using a single `Expiries` node as shown in Listing 87. Note that this configuration is deprecated and the configuration in 86 is preferred. The `Expiries` node should take a comma separated list of tenors and or expiry dates e.g.

`<Expiries>1M,3M,6M</Expiries>`. The list of expiries are extracted and a set of quotes are created of the form `INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[EXPIRY]` or `INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[TERM]/[EXPIRY]`. There is one quote for each expiry in the list where the `[EXPIRY]` field is understood to be replaced with the expiry string extracted from the list.

The `[NAME]` field is populated with the curve id or with the `[QuoteName]` if that is specified. The rules for including market quotes into the volatility surface construction are as follows:

- All quotes explicitly specified with their full name are loaded (applies to configs of type constant or curve without wildcards)
- If a quote does not contain a term, we only load it if at most one term is specified in the vol curve config. The quote gets the unique term specified in the

vol curve configs assigned or 5Y if the config does not specify any terms.

- If a quote contains a term if this matches one of the configured terms in the curve configuration or if the curve configuration does not specify any terms.

The [Terms] node specifies a list of term labels “5Y”, “7Y”, ... and associated credit curve spec names representing the curve suitable to estimate the ATM level for that term.

If only one expiry is provided in the list, there is only one quote and a constant volatility structure is configured as in Listing 85. If more than one expiry is provided, a curve is configured as in 86. The interpolation is **Linear**, the extrapolation is **Flat** and **EnforceMontoneVariance** is **true**.

```
<CDSVolatility>
  <CurveId>...<CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Terms>
    <Term>
      <Label>...</Label>
      <Curve>...</Curve>
    </Term>
  </Terms>
  <Expiries>...</Expiries>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <QuoteName>...</QuoteName>
</CDSVolatility>
```

Listing 87: Legacy deprecated CDS volatility curve configuration

Thirdly, the volatility surface configuration layout is given in Listing 88. The nodes have the following meanings and supported values:

- **Strikes**: comma separated list of strikes. The strikes may be in terms of spread or price. However, it is important to ensure that the trade XML for a CDS option or index CDS option provides the strike in the same way. In other words, if the strike is in terms of spread on the trade XML, the strike must be in terms of spread in the CDS volatility configuration here. Similarly for strikes in terms of price. A single wildcard character, *, can be used here also to indicate that all strikes found in the market data for this CDS volatility configuration should be used when building the CDS volatility surface.
- **Expiries**: comma separated list of expiry tenors and or expiry dates. A single wildcard character, *, can be used here also to indicate that all expiries found in the market data for this CDS volatility configuration should be used when building the CDS volatility surface.
- **TimeInterpolation**: interpolation in the option expiry direction. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** are configured with a wildcard character, **Linear** is used. If both **Strikes** and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, **Linear** or **Cubic** is allowed here but the value must agree with the value for **StrikeInterpolation**.
- **StrikeInterpolation**: interpolation in the strike direction. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** are configured with a wildcard character, **Linear** is used. If both

Strikes and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, **Linear** or **Cubic** is allowed here but the value must agree with the value for **TimeInterpolation**.

- **Extrapolation**: boolean value. If **true**, extrapolation is allowed. If **false**, extrapolation is not allowed.
- **TimeExtrapolation**: extrapolation in the option expiry direction. If both **Strikes** and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, the extrapolation in the time direction is flat in volatility regardless of the setting here. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** are configured with a wildcard character, **Linear**, **UseInterpolator**, **Flat** or **None** are allowed. If **Linear** or **UseInterpolator** is specified, the extrapolation is linear. If **Flat** is specified, the extrapolation is flat. If **None** is specified, it is ignored and the extrapolation is flat since extrapolation in the time direction cannot be turned off in isolation i.e. extrapolation can only be turned off for the surface as a whole using the **Extrapolation** flag.
- **StrikeExtrapolation**: extrapolation in the strike direction. The allowable values are **Linear**, **UseInterpolator**, **Flat** or **None**. If **Linear** or **UseInterpolator** is specified, the extrapolation uses the strike interpolation setting for extrapolation i.e. linear or cubic in this case. If **Flat** is specified, the extrapolation is flat. If **None** is specified, it is ignored and the extrapolation is flat since extrapolation in the strike direction cannot be turned off in isolation i.e. extrapolation can only be turned off for the surface as a whole using the **Extrapolation** flag.
- **DayCounter**: allowable value is any valid day count fraction. As stated above, this node is optional and defaults to **A365F**.
- **Calendar**: allowable value is any valid calendar. As stated above, this node is optional and defaults to **NullCalendar**.
- **StrikeType**: allowable value is either **Price** or **Spread**. This flag denotes if the strikes are in terms of spread or price. Currently, this is merely informational and as outlined in the **Strikes** section above, it is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the strike type in trades aligns with the configured strike type in the CDS volatility surfaces.
- **QuoteName**: this node is optional and the allowable value is any string. This value can be used in determining the name and term that appears in the quote strings that are searched for in the market data to feed into the CDS volatility surface construction. How it is used has been outlined above when describing the deprecated CDS volatility curve configuration.
- **StrikeFactor**: this node is optional and the allowable value is any positive real number. It defaults to 1. The strikes configured and found in the market data quote strings may not be in absolute terms. For example, a quote string such as **INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/CDXIGS33V1/5Y/1M/115** could be given to indicate an index CDS option volatility quote for CDX IG Series 33 Version 1, with underlying index term 5Y expiring in 1M with a strike spread of 115 bps. The strike here is in bps and needs to be divided by 10,000 before being used in the ORE volatility objects. The **StrikeFactor** would be set to 10000 here.

When the CDS volatility surface is configured as in Listing 88, the market is searched

for quote strings of the form
INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[EXPIRY]/[STRIKE] or
INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[TERM]/[EXPIRY]/[STRIKE]. The
population of the [NAME] field, and possibly the [TERM] field, and how they depend on
the QuoteName and ParseTerm nodes has been discussed at length above when
describing the deprecated CDS volatility curve configuration. When both the **Strikes**
and **Expiries** are configured explicitly, it is clear that the [EXPIRY] field is populated
from the list of expiries in turn and the [STRIKE] field is populated from the list of
strikes in turn. If there are $m \times n$ quotes created and searched for in the market data.
If **Expiries** are configured via the wildcard character, *, all quotes in the market data
matching the pattern INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/*/[STRIKE] will be
used if [TERM] has not been populated and all quotes in the market data matching the
pattern INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[TERM]/*/[STRIKE] will be used if
[TERM] has been populated. Similarly for **Strikes** configured via the wildcard
character, *.

```

<CDSVolatility>
  <CurveId/>
  <CurveDescription/>
  <Terms>
    <Term>
      <Label>...</Label>
      <Curve>...</Curve>
    </Term>
  </Terms>
  <StrikeSurface>
    <Strikes>...</Strikes>
    <Expiries>...</Expiries>
    <TimeInterpolation>...</TimeInterpolation>
    <StrikeInterpolation>...</StrikeInterpolation>
    <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
    <TimeExtrapolation>...</TimeExtrapolation>
    <StrikeExtrapolation>...</StrikeExtrapolation>
  </StrikeSurface>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <StrikeType>...</StrikeType>
  <QuoteName>...</QuoteName>
  <StrikeFactor>...</StrikeFactor>
  <ParseTerm>...</ParseTerm>
</CDSVolatility>

```

Listing 88: CDS volatility surface configuration

7.8.13 Base Correlations

Listing 89 shows the configuration of a Base Correlation curve.

```

<BaseCorrelations>
  <BaseCorrelation>
    <CurveId>CDXIG</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>CDX IG Base Correlations</CurveDescription>
    <Terms>1D</Terms>
    <DetachmentPoints>0.03, 0.06, 0.10, 0.20, 1.0</DetachmentPoints>
  </BaseCorrelation>
</BaseCorrelations>

```

```

    <SettlementDays>0</SettlementDays>
    <Calendar>US</Calendar>
    <BusinessDayConvention>F</BusinessDayConvention>
    <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
    <Extrapolate>Y</Extrapolate>
  </BaseCorrelation>
</BaseCorrelations>

```

Listing 89: Base Correlation Configuration

The meaning of each of the elements in Listing 89 is given below.

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier of the base correlation structure
- **CurveDescription** [Optional]: A description of the base correlation structure, may be left blank.
- **Terms**: Comma-separated list of tenors, sorted in increasing order, possibly a single term to represent a flat term structure in time-direction
- **DetachmentPoints**: Comma-separated list of equity tranche detachment points, sorted in increasing order
Allowable values: Any positive number less than one
- **SettlementDays**: The floating term structure's settlement days argument used in the reference date calculation
- **DayCounter**: The term structure's day counter used in date to time conversions
- **Calendar**: The term structure's calendar used in tenor to date conversions
- **BusinessDayConvention**: The term structure's business day convention used in tenor to date conversion
- **Extrapolate**: Boolean to indicate whether the correlation curve shall be extrapolated or not

7.8.14 FXSpots

Listing 90 shows the configuration of the fxSpots. It is assumed that each FXSpot CurveId is of the form "Ccy1Ccy2".

```

<FXSpots>
  <FXSpot>
    <CurveId>EURUSD</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription/>
  </FXSpot>
  <FXSpot>
    <CurveId>EURGBP</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription/>
  </FXSpot>
  <FXSpot>
    <CurveId>EURCHF</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription/>
  </FXSpot>
  <FXSpot>
    <CurveId>EURJPY</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription/>
  </FXSpot>
</FXSpots>

```



```
</FXSpot>
</FXSpots>
```

Listing 90: FXSpot Configuration

7.8.15 Securities

Listing 91 shows the configuration of the Securities. Each Security name is associated with

- an optional SpreadQuote
- an optional RecoveryRateQuote. Usually a pricer will fall back on the recovery rate associated to the credit curve involved in the pricing if no security specific recovery rate is given. If no credit curve is given either, a zero recovery rate will be assumed.

If no configuration is given for a security, in general a pricer will assume as zero spread and recovery rate. Notice that in this case the spread and recovery will not be simulated and therefore also be excluded from the sensitivity and stress analysis.

```
<Securities>
  <Security>
    <CurveId>SECURITY_1</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>Security</CurveDescription>
    <SpreadQuote>BOND/YIELD_SPREAD/SECURITY_1</SpreadQuote>
    <RecoveryRateQuote>RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/SECURITY_1</RecoveryRateQuote>
  </Security>
</Securities>
```

Listing 91: Security Configuration

7.8.16 Correlations

Listing 92 shows the configuration of the Correlations. The Correlation type can be either CMSSpread or Generic. The former one is to configure the correlation between two CMS indexes, the latter one is to generally configure the correlation between two indexes, e.g. between a CMS index and a IBOR index. Currently only ATM correlation curves or Flat correlation structures are supported. Correlation quotes may be loaded directly (by setting QuoteType to RATE) or calibrated from prices (set QuoteType to PRICE). Moreover a flat zero correlation curve can be loaded (by setting QuoteType to NULL). In this case market quotes are not needed to be provided. Currently only CMSSpread correlations can be calibrated. This is done using CMS Spread Options, and requires a CMSSpreadOption convention, SwaptionVolatility and DiscountCurve to be provided. OptionTenors can be a comma separated list of periods, 1Y,2Y etc, or a * to indicate a wildcard. If a wildcard is provided, all relevant market data quotes are used.

```
<Correlations>
  <Correlation>
    <CurveId>EUR-CORR</CurveId>
    <CurveDescription>EUR CMS correlations</CurveDescription>
    <!--CMSSpread, Generic-->
    <CorrelationType>CMSSpread</CorrelationType>
```



```

<Index1>EUR-CMS-10Y</Index1>
<Index2>EUR-CMS-2Y</Index2>
<!-- Conventions, SwaptionVolatility and DiscountCurve only required when QuoteType = PRICE-->
<Conventions>EUR-CMS-10Y-2Y-CONVENTION</Conventions>
<SwaptionVolatility>EUR</SwaptionVolatility>
<DiscountCurve>EUR-EONIA</DiscountCurve>
<Currency>EUR</Currency>
<!-- ATM, Constant -->
<Dimension>ATM</Dimension>
<!-- RATE, PRICE, NULL -->
<QuoteType>PRICE</QuoteType>
<Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
<!-- Day counter for date to time conversion -->
<DayCounter>Actual/365 (Fixed)</DayCounter>
<!-- Calendar and Business day convention for option tenor to date conversion -->
<Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
<BusinessDayConvention>Following</BusinessDayConvention>
<OptionTenors>1Y,2Y</OptionTenors>
</Correlation>

```

Listing 92: Correlation Configuration

7.8.17 Commodity Curves

Commodity Curves are setup as price curves in ORE, meaning that they return a price for a given time t rather than a rate or discount factor, these curves are common in commodities and can be populated with futures prices directly.

Listing 93 shows the configuration of Commodity curves built from futures prices, in this example WTI Oil prices, note there is no spot price in this configuration, rather we have a set of futures prices only.

```

<CommodityCurve>
  <CurveId>WTI_USD</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>WTI USD price curve</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Quotes>
    <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/WTI/USD/2016-06-30</Quote>
    <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/WTI/USD/2016-07-31</Quote>
    ...
  </Quotes>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <InterpolationMethod>Linear</InterpolationMethod>
  <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
</CommodityCurve>

```

Listing 93: Commodity Curve Configuration for WTI Oil

Listing 94 shows the configuration for a Precious Metal curve using FX style spot and forward point quotes, note that SpotQuote is used in this case. The different interpretation of the forward quotes is controlled by the conventions.

```

<CommodityCurve>
  <CurveId>XAU</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>Gold USD price curve</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <SpotQuote>COMMODITY/PRICE/XAU/USD</SpotQuote>

```

```

<Quotes>
  <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/XAU/USD/ON</Quote>
  <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/XAU/USD/TN</Quote>
  <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/XAU/USD/SN</Quote>
  <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/XAU/USD/1W</Quote>
  ...
</Quotes>
<DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
<InterpolationMethod>Linear</InterpolationMethod>
<Conventions>XAU</Conventions>
<Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
</CommodityCurve>

```

Listing 94: Commodity Curve Configuration for Gold in USD

The meaning of each of the top level elements is given below. If an element is labelled as 'Optional', then it may be excluded or included and left blank.

- CurveId: Unique identifier for the curve.
- CurveDescription: A description of the curve. This field may be left blank.
- Currency: The commodity curve currency.
- SpotQuote [Optional]: The spot price quote, if omitted then the spot value will be interpolated.
- Quotes: forward price quotes. These can be a futures price or forward points.
- DayCounter: The day count basis used internally by the curve to calculate the time between dates.
- InterpolationMethod [Optional]: The variable on which the interpolation is performed. The allowable values are Linear, LogLinear, Cubic, Hermite, LinearFlat, LogLinearFlat, CubicFlat, HermiteFlat, BackwardFlat. This is different to yield curves above in that Flat versions of the standard methods are defined, with each of these if there is no Spot price than any extrapolation between T_0 and the first future price will be flat (i.e. the first future price will be copied back "Flat" to T_0). If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to *Linear*.
- Conventions [Optional]: The conventions to use, if omitted it is assumed that these quotes are Outright prices.
- Extrapolation [Optional]: Set to *True* or *False* to enable or disable extrapolation respectively. If the element is omitted or left blank, then it defaults to *True*.

Alternatively commodity curves can be set up as a commodity curve times the ratio of two yield curves as shown in listing 95. This can be used to setup commodity curves in different currencies, for example Gold in EUR (XAUEUR) can be built from a Gold in USD curve and then the ratio of the EUR and USD discount factors at each pillar. This is akin to crossing FX forward points to get FX forward prices for any pair.

```

<CommodityCurve>
  <CurveId>XAUEUR</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>Gold EUR price curve</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>

```

```

<BasePriceCurve>XAU</BasePriceCurve>
<BaseYieldCurve>USD-FedFunds</BaseYieldCurve>
<YieldCurve>EUR-IN-USD</YieldCurve>
<Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
</CommodityCurve>

```

Listing 95: Commodity Curve Configuration for Gold in EUR

Commodity curves may also be set up using a base future price curve and a set of future basis quotes to give an outright price curve. There are a number of options here depending on whether the base future and basis future are averaging or not averaging. Whether or not the base future and basis future is averaging is determined from the conventions supplied in the **BasePriceConventions** and **BasisConventions** fields.

- The base future is not averaging and the basis future is not averaging. The commodity curve that is built gives the outright price of the non-averaging future. An example of this is the CME Henry Hub future contract, symbol NG, and the various locational gas basis future contracts, e.g. ICE Waha Basis Future, symbol WAH. Listing 96 demonstrates an example set-up for this curve. The curve that is built will give the ICE Waha outright price on the basis contract's expiry dates.
- The base future is not averaging and the basis future is averaging. The commodity curve that is built gives the outright price of the averaging future. In this case, if the **AverageBase** field is **true** the base price will be averaged from and excluding one basis future expiry to and including the next basis future expiry. An example of this is the CME Light Sweet Crude Oil future contract, symbol CL, and the various locational oil basis future contracts, e.g. CME WTI Midland (Argus) Future, symbol FF. Listing 97 demonstrates an example set-up for this curve. The curve that is built will give the outright average price of WTI Midland (Argus) over the calendar month. If the **AverageBase** field is **false**, the base price is not averaged and the basis is added to the base price to give a curve that can be queried on an expiry date for an average price. An example of this is a curve built for the average of the daily prices published by Gas Daily using the ICE futures that reference the difference between the Inside FERC price and the average Gas Daily price.
- The base future is averaging and the basis future is averaging. The commodity curve that is built gives the outright price of the averaging future. The set-up is identical to that outlined in Listings 96 and 97.
- The base future is averaging and the basis future is not averaging. This combination is not currently supported.

```

<CommodityCurve>
  <CurveId>ICE:WAH</CurveId>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <BasisConfiguration>
    <BasePriceCurve>NYMEX:NG</BasePriceCurve>
    <BasePriceConventions>NYMEX:NG</BasePriceConventions>
    <BasisQuotes>
      <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/ICE:WAH/*</Quote>
    </BasisQuotes>
    <BasisConventions>ICE:WAH</BasisConventions>
  </BasisConfiguration>
</CommodityCurve>

```

```

    <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
    <InterpolationMethod>LinearFlat</InterpolationMethod>
    <AddBasis>true</AddBasis>
  </BasisConfiguration>
  <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
</CommodityCurve>

```

Listing 96: Commodity curve configuration for ICE Waha

```

<CommodityCurve>
  <CurveId>NYMEX:FF</CurveId>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <BasisConfiguration>
    <BasePriceCurve>NYMEX:CL</BasePriceCurve>
    <BasePriceConventions>NYMEX:CL</BasePriceConventions>
    <BasisQuotes>
      <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/NYMEX:FF/*</Quote>
    </BasisQuotes>
    <BasisConventions>NYMEX:FF</BasisConventions>
    <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
    <InterpolationMethod>LinearFlat</InterpolationMethod>
    <AddBasis>true</AddBasis>
    <AverageBase>true</AverageBase>
  </BasisConfiguration>
  <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
</CommodityCurve>

```

Listing 97: Commodity curve configuration for WTI Midland (Argus)

The meaning of the fields in the `BasisConfiguration` node in Listings 96 and 97 are as follows:

- **BasePriceCurve:** The identifier for the base future commodity price curve.
- **BasePriceConventions:** The identifier for the base future contract conventions.
- **BasisQuotes:** The set of basis quotes to look for in the market. Note that this can be a single wildcard string as shown in the Listings or a list of explicit `COMMODITY_FWD PRICE` quote strings.
- **BasisConventions:** The identifier for the basis future contract conventions.
- **DayCounter:** Has the meaning given previously in this section.
- **InterpolationMethod [Optional]:** Has the meaning given previously in this section.
- **AddBasis [Optional]:** This is a boolean flag where `true`, the default value, indicates that the basis value should be added to the base price to give the outright price and `false` indicates that the basis value should be subtracted from the base price to give the outright price.
- **MonthOffset [Optional]:** This is an optional non-negative integer value. In general, the basis contract period and the base contract period are equal, i.e. the value of the March basis contract for ICE Waha will be added to the value of the March contract for CME NG. If for contracts with a monthly cycle or greater, the base contract month is n months prior to the basis contract month, the

MonthOffset should be set to n . The default value if omitted is 0.

A commodity curve may also be set up as a piecewise price curve involving sets of quotes e.g. direct future price quotes, future price quotes that are the average of other future prices over a period, future price quotes that are the average of spot price over a period etc. This is particularly useful for cases where there are future contracts with different cycles. For example, in the power markets, there are daily future contracts at the short end and monthly future contracts that average the daily prices over the month at the long end. An example of such a set-up is shown in Listing 98.

```
<CommodityCurve>
  <CurveId>ICE:PDQ</CurveId>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <PriceSegments>
    <PriceSegment>
      <Type>Future</Type>
      <Priority>1</Priority>
      <Conventions>ICE:PDQ</Conventions>
      <Quotes>
        <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/ICE:PDQ/*</Quote>
      </Quotes>
    </PriceSegment>
    <PriceSegment>
      <Type>AveragingFuture</Type>
      <Priority>2</Priority>
      <Conventions>ICE:PMI</Conventions>
      <Quotes>
        <Quote>COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/ICE:PMI/*</Quote>
      </Quotes>
    </PriceSegment>
  </PriceSegments>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <InterpolationMethod>LinearFlat</InterpolationMethod>
  <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
  <BootstrapConfig>...</BootstrapConfig>
</CommodityCurve>
```

Listing 98: Commodity curve configuration for PJM Real Time Peak

The BootstrapConfig node is described in Section 7.8.19. The remaining nodes in Listing 98 have been described already in this section. The meaning of each of the fields in the PriceSegment node in Listing 98 is as follows:

- **Type:** The type of the future contract for which quotes are being provided in the current PriceSegment. The allowable values are:
 - **Future:** This indicates that the quote is a straight future contract price quote.
 - **AveragingFuture:** This indicates that the quote is for a future contract price that is the average of other future contract prices over a given period. The averaging period for each quote and other conventions are given in the associated conventions determined by the Conventions node.
 - **AveragingSpot:** This indicates that the quote is for a future contract price that is the average of spot prices over a given period. The averaging period

for each quote and other conventions are given in the associated conventions determined by the **Conventions** node.

- **Priority [Optional]**: An optional non-negative integer giving the priority of the current **PriceSegment** relative to the other **PriceSegments** when there are quotes for contracts with the same expiry dates in those segments. Values closer to zero indicate higher priority i.e. quotes in this segment are given priority in the event of clashes. If omitted, the **PriceSegments** are currently read in the order that they are provided in the XML so that quotes in segments appearing earlier in the XML will be given preference in the case of clashes.
- **Conventions**: The identifier for the future contract conventions associated with the quotes in the **PriceSegment**. Details on these conventions are given in Section 7.11.20.
- **Quotes**: The set of future price quotes to look for in the market. Note that this can be a single wildcard string as shown in the Listing 98 or a list of explicit **COMMODITY_FWD PRICE** quote strings.

7.8.18 Commodity Volatilities

The following types of commodity volatility structures are supported in ORE:

- A constant volatility structure giving the same single volatility for all expiry times and strikes.
- A one-dimensional expiry dependent volatility structure i.e. the volatility returned is dependent on the time to option expiry but does not change with option strike.
- A two-dimensional volatility structure with a dependence on both expiry and strike. There is support for absolute strikes, delta strikes and moneyness strikes.
- An average price option (APO) volatility surface. In particular, this structure returns the volatility of an average price that can then be used directly in the Black 76 formula to give the value of the APO.

Listing 99 outlines the configuration for a constant volatility structure.

```
<CommodityVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <Constant>
    <Quote>...</Quote>
  </Constant>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
</CommodityVolatility>
```

Listing 99: Constant commodity volatility configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is as follows:

- **CurveId**: Unique identifier for the curve.

- **CurveDescription**: A description of the curve. This field may be left blank.
- **Currency**: The commodity curve currency.
- **Quote**: The single quote giving the constant volatility.
- **DayCounter** [Optional]: The day count basis used internally by the curve to calculate the time between dates. If omitted it defaults to A365.
- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar used internally by the volatility structure to amend dates generated from option tenors i.e. if a volatility is requested from the surface using an expiry tenor. If omitted it defaults to **NullCalendar** meaning there is no adjustment to the expiry on applying the option tenor.

Listing 100 outlines the configuration for the one-dimensional expiry dependent volatility curve.

```

<CommodityVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <Curve>
    <QuoteType>...</QuoteType>
    <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
    <ExerciseType>...</ExerciseType>
    <Quotes>
      <Quote>...</Quote>
      <Quote>...</Quote>
      ...
    </Quotes>
    <Interpolation>...</Interpolation>
    <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
    <EnforceMontoneVariance>...</EnforceMontoneVariance>
  </Curve>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <FutureConventions>...</FutureConventions>
  <OptionExpiryRollDays>...</OptionExpiryRollDays>
</CommodityVolatility>

```

Listing 100: Commodity volatility curve configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is given below. Elements that were defined for the previous configuration and are common to all of the configurations are not repeated.

- **QuoteType** [Optional]: The allowable values in general for **QuoteType** are **ImpliedVolatility** and **Premium**. Currently, only **ImpliedVolatility** is supported for commodity volatility curves. This is the default for **QuoteType** so this node may be omitted.
- **VolatilityType** [Optional]: The allowable values in general for **VolatilityType** are **Lognormal**, **ShiftedLognormal** and **Normal**. Currently, only **Lognormal** is supported for commodity volatility curves. This is the default for **VolatilityType** so this node may be omitted.
- **ExerciseType** [Optional]: This node is described below in the context of surfaces. For commodity volatility curves, it is ignored and should be omitted.

- **Quotes:** A list of commodity option volatility quotes with different expiries to use in the commodity curve building. The commodity option volatility quotes are explained in Section 10.28. As indicated above, any quote string used here much start with `COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL`. A single regular expression `Quote` is also supported here in place of a list of explicit `Quote` strings. Note that if a list of explicit `Quote` strings are provided, it is an error to have a duplicated option expiry date. If a regular expression is used, the first quote found is used and subsequent quotes with the same expiry are discarded with a warning issued.
- **Interpolation:** The interpolation to use to give volatilities between option expiry times. The allowable values are `Linear`, `Cubic` and `LogLinear`. Note that the interpolation here is on the variance.
- **Extrapolation:** The extrapolation to use to give volatilities after the last expiry date in the variance curve. The allowable values are `None`, `UseInterpolator`, `Linear` and `Flat`. However, all options except `None` yield the same extrapolation i.e. flat extrapolation in the volatility. `None` disables extrapolation so that an exception is raised if the curve is queried after the last expiry for a volatility. Note that as the curve is parameterised in variance, interpolation is used to interpolate between time zero where the variance is zero and the first expiry time.
- **EnforceMontoneVariance** [Optional]: Boolean parameter that should be set to `true` to raise an exception if the implied variance curve is not montone increasing with time. It should be set to `false` to suppress such an exception. The default value if omitted is `true`.
- **FutureConventions** [Optional]: Depending on the quotes that are provided in the **Quotes** section, a `CommodityFuture` convention may be needed in order to derive an option expiry date from the *Expiry* portion of the commodity option quote. In particular, as outlined in Section 10.28, the *Expiry* portion of a commodity option quote allows for continuation expiries of the form `cN`. The `N` is a positive integer meaning the `N`-th next expiry after the valuation date on which we are building the commodity volatility curve. When a continuation expiry is used in a quote, the **FutureConventions** is needed and gives the ID of the conventions associated with the commodity for which we are trying to build the volatility curve. These conventions are used to determine the explicit expiry date for the given option quote from the continuation expiry.
- **OptionExpiryRollDays** [Optional]: The **OptionExpiryRollDays** can be any non-negative integer and may be needed when deriving an option expiry date from the *Expiry* portion of the commodity option quote. If the *Expiry* portion of the commodity option quote is a continuation expiry, an explicit expiry date is deduced as explained in the previous bullet point. Additionally, in some cases, the option quotes for the next option expiry may stop a number of business days before that option expiry and the `cN` expiry in this period begins referring to the `N+1`-th next option expiry. As an example, assume d_v is the valuation date and $e_1 = d_v$ is the next option expiry date. If **OptionExpiryRollDays** is 0 then a commodity option quote with an *Expiry* portion equal to `c1` on d_v indicates that the option quote is for an option with expiry date equal to e_1 . However, if **OptionExpiryRollDays** is 1, a commodity option quote with an *Expiry* portion equal to `c1` on d_v indicates that the option quote is for an option with expiry date

equal to e_2 where e_2 is the next option expiry date after e_1 . In other words, with `OptionExpiryRollDays` set to 1 the option quotes for expiry date e_1 stopped on the business day before e_1 . If omitted, `OptionExpiryRollDays` defaults to 0.

Listing 101 outlines the configuration for the two-dimensional expiry and absolute strike commodity option surface.

```

<CommodityVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <StrikeSurface>
    <QuoteType>...</QuoteType>
    <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
    <ExerciseType>...</ExerciseType>
    <Strikes>...</Strikes>
    <Expiries>...</Expiries>
    <TimeInterpolation>...</TimeInterpolation>
    <StrikeInterpolation>...</StrikeInterpolation>
    <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
    <TimeExtrapolation>...</TimeExtrapolation>
    <StrikeExtrapolation>...</StrikeExtrapolation>
  </StrikeSurface>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <FutureConventions>...</FutureConventions>
  <OptionExpiryRollDays>...</OptionExpiryRollDays>
  <PriceCurveId>...</PriceCurveId>
  <YieldCurveId>...</YieldCurveId>
  <OneDimSolverConfig>
    <MaxEvaluations>100</MaxEvaluations>
    <InitialGuess>0.35</InitialGuess>
    <Accuracy>0.0001</Accuracy>
    <MinMax>
      <Min>0.0001</Min>
      <Max>2.0</Max>
    </MinMax>
  </OneDimSolverConfig>
  <PreferOutOfTheMoney>...</PreferOutOfTheMoney>
  <QuoteSuffix>...</QuoteSuffix>
</CommodityVolatility>

```

Listing 101: Expiry and absolute strike commodity option surface configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is given below. Again, nodes explained in the previous configuration are not repeated here.

- **QuoteType** [Optional]: As above, the allowable values for **QuoteType** are **ImpliedVolatility** and **Premium**. If omitted, the default is **ImpliedVolatility**. If the **QuoteType** is **Premium**, a volatility surface will be stripped from option premium quotes. Note that **Premium** is only allowed if one or both of **Strikes** or **Expiries** below is set to the single wildcard value *. In other words, if we explicitly specify all of the strikes and expiries, we can only build a volatility surface directly and the **QuoteType** must be **ImpliedVolatility**.
- **VolatilityType** [Optional]: As above, the allowable values for **VolatilityType**

are `Lognormal`, `ShiftedLognormal` and `Normal`. This is only needed if `QuoteType` is `ImpliedVolatility`. Currently, only `Lognormal` is supported for commodity volatility surfaces. This is the default for `VolatilityType` so this node may be omitted.

- **ExerciseType** [Optional]: The allowable values for `ExerciseType` are `European` and `American`. This is only needed if `QuoteType` is `Premium` and indicates if the option premium quotes are American or European exercise. If omitted the default is `European`.
- **Strikes**: This can be a single wildcard value `*` or a comma separated list of explicit strike prices. We explain below how these strikes are combined with the other parameters in the configuration to give a list of commodity option quotes to search for in the market data.
- **Expiries**: This can be a single wildcard value `*` or a comma separated list of expiry strings. We explain below how these expiries are combined with the other parameters in the configuration to give a list of commodity option quotes to search for in the market data. Note that as outlined in Section 10.28, the *Expiry* portion of the commodity option quote may be an explicit expiry date, an expiry tenor or a continuation expiry of the form `cN` explained in the volatility curve section above.
- **TimeInterpolation**: Indicates the interpolation in the time direction. There are quite a number of restrictions here. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** use the single wildcard value `*`, the interpolation in both the time and strike direction is linear regardless of the value passed here in the `TimeInterpolation` node. If neither **Strikes** nor **Expiries** use the single wildcard value `*`, `TimeInterpolation` may be set to `Linear` or `Cubic` but `StrikeInterpolation` must have the same value. If it does not, then `Linear` is used for both. In other words, if neither **Strikes** nor **Expiries** use the single wildcard value `*`, we can configure bilinear or bicubic interpolation. Again, in all cases, the interpolation is carried out on the variance.
- **StrikeInterpolation**: Indicates the interpolation in the strike direction. The requirements are exactly as outlined for the `TimeInterpolation` node.
- **Extrapolation**: A boolean value indicating if extrapolation is allowed.
- **TimeExtrapolation**: Indicates the extrapolation in the time direction. The allowable values are `None`, `UseInterpolator`, `Linear` and `Flat`. If neither **Strikes** nor **Expiries** use the single wildcard value `*`, the extrapolation in the time direction is flat regardless of the value passed here. If either **Strikes** or **Expiries** use the single wildcard value `*`, both `Flat` and `None` give flat extrapolation in the time direction whereas `UseInterpolator` and `Linear` indicate that the configured interpolation (linear or cubic) should be continued in the time direction in order to extrapolate. `Linear` is only allowable here for backward compatibility and `UseInterpolator` should be preferred for clarity.
- **StrikeExtrapolation**: Indicates the extrapolation in the strike direction. The allowable values are `None`, `UseInterpolator`, `Linear` and `Flat`. Both `Flat` and `None` give flat extrapolation in the strike direction. `UseInterpolator` and `Linear` indicate that the configured interpolation (linear or cubic) should be continued in

the strike direction in order to extrapolate. `Linear` is only allowable here for backward compatibility and `UseInterpolator` should be preferred for clarity.

- **PriceCurveId** [Optional]: The ID of a price curve for the commodity of the form `Commodity/{CCY}/{NAME}`. This is needed if the `QuoteType` is `Premium`. It is also needed when the `QuoteType` is `ImpliedVolatility` if either `Strikes` or `Expiries` use the single wildcard value `*` and both call and put quotes are found in the market for the same expiry and strike pair. In this case, it is needed to determine which quotes to use based on the value of the `PreferOutOfTheMoney` node.
- **YieldCurveId** [Optional]: The ID of a yield curve in the currency of the commodity of the form `Yield/{CCY}/{NAME}`. This is needed if the `QuoteType` is `Premium` in the stripping of the volatilities from premia.
- **OneDimSolverConfig** [Optional]: This is used if the `QuoteType` is `Premium`. It provides the options for the root search in the stripping of the volatilities from premia. If omitted, the default set of options shown in Listing 101 are used. The `MinMax` node can be replaced with a single `Step` node that accepts a double giving the step size to use in the root search.
- **PreferOutOfTheMoney** [Optional]: A node accepting a boolean value. If set to `true`, quotes for out of the money options are preferred where a call and a put quote are found for the same expiry strike pair. If set to `false`, quotes for in the money options are preferred where a call and a put quote are found for the same expiry strike pair. If omitted, `true` is assumed.
- **QuoteSuffix** [Optional]: The allowable values are `C` and `P` indicating `Call` and `Put` respectively. If given, they are used in the construction of the commodity option quote strings as explained below. They are useful in cases where the market data contains both call and put volatility quotes for the same expiry strike pair and you want to use only the calls (set `QuoteSuffix` to `C`) or the puts (set `QuoteSuffix` to `P`).

As mentioned above, a number of parameters from the two-dimensional expiry and absolute strike configuration are used in constructing the commodity option quote strings that are looked up in the market data. There are two cases:

1. Both the `Strikes` and `Expiries` node provide a comma separated list of values. As mentioned above, we can only use a `QuoteType` of `ImpliedVolatility` in this case where we have explicit expiries and strikes and the `VolatilityType` must be `Lognormal`. For example, assume the `Expiries` node has the set of values `e_1, e_2, ..., e_N` and that the `Strikes` node has the set of values `s_1, s_2, ..., s_M`. For each of the $N \times M$ expiry strike pairs (e_n, s_m) , a quote of the form `COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/{N}/{C}/e_n/s_m[{S}]` is created to be looked up in the market data. `{N}` is the value in the `CurveId` node, `{C}` is the value in the `Currency` node and `{S}` is the value in the `QuoteSuffix` node if given. This explicit grid of volatility quotes must be present in the market for the commodity volatility surface to be constructed.
2. One or both of the `Strikes` and `Expiries` node use a single wildcard value `*`. As mentioned above, the `QuoteType` can be `ImpliedVolatility` or `Premium` in this

case. As above, assume the **Expiries** node has the set of values e_1, e_2, \dots, e_N and that the **Strikes** node has the set of values s_1, s_2, \dots, s_M . The additional constraint here is that $N = 1$ and e_1 is $*$ or that $M = 1$ and s_1 is $*$, or both. For each of the $N \times M$ expiry strike pairs (e_n, s_m) , a quote of the form `COMMODITY_OPTION/{T}/{N}/{C}/e_n/s_m[/S]` is created to be looked up in the market data. {T} is `PRICE` when `QuoteType` is `Premium` and is `RATE_LNVOL` when `QuoteType` is `ImpliedVolatility`, {N} is the value in the `CurveId` node, {C} is the value in the `Currency` node and {S} is the value in the `QuoteSuffix` node if given. Any quote in the market with a name matching any of the quote strings formed in this way are then included in the commodity volatility curve building. Note that the `QuoteSuffix` has no effect in this case and should be omitted i.e. it is only used in the case of an explicit grid of quotes above.

Listing 102 outlines the configuration for the two-dimensional expiry and moneyness strike commodity option surface. This is similar to the absolute strike surface configuration above but currently only supports a `QuoteType` of `ImpliedVolatility` i.e. `QuoteType` of `Premium` is not supported. Also, the `VolatilityType` must be `Lognormal`. Both forward and spot moneyness is supported.

```
<CommodityVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <MoneynessSurface>
    <QuoteType>...</QuoteType>
    <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
    <ExerciseType>...</ExerciseType>
    <MoneynessType>...</MoneynessType>
    <MoneynessLevels>...</MoneynessLevels>
    <Expiries>...</Expiries>
    <TimeInterpolation>...</TimeInterpolation>
    <StrikeInterpolation>...</StrikeInterpolation>
    <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
    <TimeExtrapolation>...</TimeExtrapolation>
    <StrikeExtrapolation>...</StrikeExtrapolation>
    <FuturePriceCorrection>...</FuturePriceCorrection>
  </MoneynessSurface>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <FutureConventions>...</FutureConventions>
  <OptionExpiryRollDays>...</OptionExpiryRollDays>
  <PriceCurveId>...</PriceCurveId>
  <YieldCurveId>...</YieldCurveId>
</CommodityVolatility>
```

Listing 102: Expiry and moneyness strike commodity option surface configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is given below. Again, nodes explained in the previous configuration are not repeated here.

- **MoneynessType**: The allowable values are `Spot` for spot moneyness and `Fwd` for forward moneyness.
- **MoneynessLevels**: This must be a comma separated list of moneyness values. A

moneyness value of 1 indicates a strike equal to spot or forward depending on the value given in the `MoneynessType` node.

- `TimeInterpolation`: Only `Linear` is currently supported here.
- `StrikeInterpolation`: Only `Linear` is currently supported here.
- `Extrapolation`: A boolean value indicating if extrapolation is allowed.
- `TimeExtrapolation`: Only `Flat` is currently supported here giving flat extrapolation of the volatility.
- `StrikeExtrapolation`: Indicates the extrapolation in the strike direction. The allowable values are `None`, `UseInterpolator`, `Linear` and `Flat`. Both `Flat` and `None` give flat extrapolation in the strike direction. `UseInterpolator` and `Linear` indicate that the configured interpolation (linear) should be continued in the strike direction in order to extrapolate.
- `FuturePriceCorrection` [Optional]: This is a boolean flag that defaults to `true`. In most cases, for options on futures, the option expiry date is a short period before the future expiry. If there is an arbitrary interpolation applied to the future price curve, the future price on the option expiry date may not equal the associated future price. If `FuturePriceCorrection` is `true`, this is corrected i.e. the future price on option expiry is the associated future price for the future expiry date. Note that a valid `FutureConventions` is needed for the correction to be applied.
- `PriceCurveId`: This is required for both a spot and forward moneyness surface.
- `YieldCurveId`: This is required for a forward moneyness surface.

Note that, similar to the procedure outlined above for the absolute strike surface, quote strings of the form `COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/{N}/{C}/e_n/MNY/{T}/1_m` are created from the moneyness configuration to be looked up in the market. Here, `1_m` are the moneyness levels for $m = 1, \dots, M$ and `{T}` is the moneyness type i.e. either `Spot` or `Fwd`.

Listing 103 outlines the configuration for the two-dimensional expiry and delta strike commodity option surface. Similar to the moneyness strike surface configuration above, this currently only supports a `QuoteType` of `ImpliedVolatility` i.e. `QuoteType` of `Premium` is not supported. Also, the `VolatilityType` must be `Lognormal`. Various delta and ATM types are supported.

```
<CommodityVolatility>
  <CurveId>...</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>...</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <DeltaSurface>
    <QuoteType>...</QuoteType>
    <VolatilityType>...</VolatilityType>
    <ExerciseType>...</ExerciseType>
    <DeltaType>...</DeltaType>
    <AtmType>...</AtmType>
    <AtmDeltaType>...</AtmDeltaType>
    <PutDeltas>...</PutDeltas>
    <CallDeltas>...</CallDeltas>
```

```

    <Expiries>...</Expiries>
    <TimeInterpolation>...</TimeInterpolation>
    <StrikeInterpolation>...</StrikeInterpolation>
    <Extrapolation>...</Extrapolation>
    <TimeExtrapolation>...</TimeExtrapolation>
    <StrikeExtrapolation>...</StrikeExtrapolation>
    <FuturePriceCorrection>...</FuturePriceCorrection>
  </DeltaSurface>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <FutureConventions>...</FutureConventions>
  <OptionExpiryRollDays>...</OptionExpiryRollDays>
  <PriceCurveId>...</PriceCurveId>
  <YieldCurveId>...</YieldCurveId>
</CommodityVolatility>

```

Listing 103: Expiry and delta strike commodity option surface configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is given below. Again, nodes explained in the previous configuration are not repeated here.

- **DeltaType:** The allowable supported values are **Spot** for spot delta **Fwd** for forward delta.
- **AtmType:** The allowable supported values are **AtmSpot**, **AtmFwd** and **AtmDeltaNeutral**.
- **AtmDeltaType** [Optional]: This is only needed if the **AtmType** is **AtmDeltaNeutral**.
- **PutDeltas:** A comma separated list of one or more put deltas to use in the volatility surface. Note that the put deltas should be given without a sign e.g. `<PutDeltas>0.10,0.20,0.30,0.40</PutDeltas>` would be an example.
- **CallDeltas:** A comma separated list of one or more call deltas to use in the volatility surface.
- **TimeInterpolation:** Only **Linear** is currently supported here.
- **StrikeInterpolation:** Allowable values are **Linear**, **NaturalCubic**, **FinancialCubic** and **CubicSpline**.
- **Extrapolation:** A boolean value indicating if extrapolation is allowed.
- **TimeExtrapolation:** Only **Flat** is currently supported here giving flat extrapolation of the volatility.
- **StrikeExtrapolation:** Indicates the extrapolation in the strike direction. The allowable values are **None**, **UseInterpolator**, **Linear** and **Flat**. Both **Flat** and **None** give flat extrapolation in the strike direction. **UseInterpolator** and **Linear** indicate that the configured interpolation should be continued in the strike direction in order to extrapolate.
- **PriceCurveId:** This is required for a delta surface.
- **YieldCurveId:** This is required for a delta surface.

Note that, similar to the procedure outlined above for the absolute strike surface, quote strings are created from the configuration to be looked up in the market. For the put deltas, quote strings of the form `COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/{N}/{C}/e_n/DEL/{T}/Put/d_m` are created. Here, `d_m` are the `PutDeltas` and `{T}` is the delta type i.e. either `Spot` or `Fwd`. Similarly for the call deltas, quote strings of the form `COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/{N}/{C}/e_n/DEL/{T}/Call/d_j` are created where `d_j` are the `CallDeltas`. For ATM, quote strings of the form `COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/{N}/{C}/e_n/DEL/ATM/{A}[/DEL/{T}]` are created where `{A}` is the `AtmType` i.e. `AtmSpot`, `AtmFwd` or `AtmDeltaNeutral` and `{T}` is the optional delta type.

Also, it is worth adding a note here on the interpolation for a delta based surface. Assume we want the volatility at time t and absolute strike s i.e. at the (t, s) node. For the maturity time t , a delta "slice" i.e. a set of (delta, vol) pairs for that time t , is obtained by interpolating, or extrapolating, the variance in the time direction on each delta column. Then for each (delta, vol) pair at time t , an absolute strike value is deduced to give a slice at time t in terms of absolute strike i.e. a set of (strike, vol) pairs at time t . This strike versus volatility curve is then interpolated, or extrapolated, to give the vol at the (t, s) .

Listing 104 outlines the configuration for the APO volatility surface. This currently only supports a `QuoteType` of `ImpliedVolatility` and `VolatilityType` must be `Lognormal`. This configuration takes a base commodity volatility surface and builds a surface that can be queried for volatilities to price APOs directly i.e. using the volatility directly in a Black 76 formula along with the average future price. It uses the approach described in the Section entitled *Commodity Average Price Option - Future Settlement Prices* in the Product Catalogue to go from future option volatilities to APO volatilities.

We describe here briefly a motivating example encountered in practice. We have commodity APOs where the underlying is WTI Midland Argus averaged over the calendar month. We do not have direct volatilities for these APO contracts. We have a price curve for the average of WTI Midland Argus over the calendar month from the futures market. We can use the volatility surface that we have for CME WTI to build an APO surface for WTI Midland Argus. Listing 104 shows the configuration used in this context.

```
<CommodityVolatility>
  <CurveId>WTI_MIDLAND</CurveId>
  <CurveDescription>WTI Midland (CAL) APO surface</CurveDescription>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <ApoFutureSurface>
    <QuoteType>ImpliedVolatility</QuoteType>
    <VolatilityType>Lognormal</VolatilityType>
    <MoneynessLevels>0.50,0.75,1.00,1.25,1.50</MoneynessLevels>
    <VolatilityId>CommodityVolatility/USD/WTI</VolatilityId>
    <PriceCurveId>Commodity/USD/WTI</PriceCurveId>
    <FutureConventions>WTI</FutureConventions>
    <TimeInterpolation>Linear</TimeInterpolation>
    <StrikeInterpolation>Linear</StrikeInterpolation>
    <Extrapolation>true</Extrapolation>
    <TimeExtrapolation>Flat</TimeExtrapolation>
  </ApoFutureSurface>
</CommodityVolatility>
```

```

    <StrikeExtrapolation>Flat</StrikeExtrapolation>
    <MaxTenor>2Y</MaxTenor>
    <Beta>0</Beta>
  </ApoFutureSurface>
  <DayCounter>A365</DayCounter>
  <Calendar>CME</Calendar>
  <FutureConventions>WTI_MIDLAND</FutureConventions>
  <PriceCurveId>Commodity/USD/WTI_MIDLAND</PriceCurveId>
  <YieldCurveId>Yield/USD/USD-FedFunds</YieldCurveId>
</CommodityVolatility>

```

Listing 104: APO surface configuration

The meaning of each of the elements is given below.

- **MoneyinessLevels:** A comma separated list of the moneyiness levels used in the APO surface construction. Forward moneyiness is assumed with a value of 1 indicating a strike equal to the future price.
- **VolatilityId:** The ID of an existing commodity option surface for options on the future settlement price referenced in the APOs used in the generation of the volatilities for this surface.
- **PriceCurveId:** The ID of an existing commodity price curve for the future settlement price referenced in the APOs used in the generation of the volatilities for this surface.
- **FutureConventions:** This ID of the commodity future conventions for the future settlement price referenced in the APOs used in the generation of the volatilities for this surface.
- **TimeInterpolation:** Only **Linear** is currently supported here. Note that the interpolation is in terms of variance.
- **StrikeInterpolation:** Only **Linear** is supported here. Note that the interpolation is in terms of variance.
- **Extrapolation:** A boolean value indicating if extrapolation is allowed.
- **TimeExtrapolation:** Only **Flat** is currently supported here. The flat extrapolation is in terms of the volatility.
- **StrikeExtrapolation:** Indicates the extrapolation in the strike direction. The allowable values are **None**, **UseInterpolator**, **Linear** and **Flat**. Both **Flat** and **None** give flat extrapolation in the strike direction. **UseInterpolator** and **Linear** indicate that the configured interpolation should be continued in the strike direction in order to extrapolate.
- **PriceCurveId:** The ID of an existing commodity price curve giving the average price for the APO period.
- **YieldCurveId:** This ID of a yield curve in the currency of the commodity used for discounting.

7.8.19 Bootstrap Configuration

The `BootstrapConfig` node, outlined in listing 105, can be added to curve configurations that use a bootstrap algorithm to alter the default behaviour of the bootstrap algorithm.

```
<BootstrapConfig>
  <Accuracy>...</Accuracy>
  <GlobalAccuracy>...</GlobalAccuracy>
  <DontThrow>...</DontThrow>
  <MaxAttempts>...</MaxAttempts>
  <MaxFactor>...</MaxFactor>
  <MinFactor>...</MinFactor>
  <DontThrowSteps>...</DontThrowSteps>
</BootstrapConfig>
```

Listing 105: BootstrapConfig node outline

The meaning of each of the elements is:

- **Accuracy** [Optional]: The accuracy with which the implied quote must match the market quote for each instrument in the curve bootstrap. This node should hold a positive real number. If omitted, the default value is 1.0×10^{-12} .
- **GlobalAccuracy** [Optional]: If the interpolation method in the bootstrap is global, e.g. cubic spline, the bootstrap routine needs to perform multiple iterative bootstraps of the curve to converge. After each such bootstrap of the full curve, the absolute value of the change between the current bootstrap and previous bootstrap for the curve value at each pillar is calculated. The global bootstrap is deemed to have converged if the maximum of these changes is less than the global accuracy or the accuracy from the **Accuracy** node. This node should hold a positive real number. If omitted, the global accuracy is set equal to the accuracy from the **Accuracy** node. This node is useful in some cases where a slightly less restrictive accuracy, than that given by the **Accuracy** node, is needed for the global bootstrap.
- **DontThrow** [Optional]: If this node is set to **true**, the curve bootstrap does not throw an error when the bootstrap fails at a pillar. Instead, a curve value is sought at the failing pillar that minimises the absolute value of the difference between the implied quote and the market quote at that pillar. The minimum is sought between the minimum and maximum curve value that was used in the root finding routine that failed at the pillar. The number of steps used in this search is given by the **DontThrowSteps** node below. This node should hold a boolean value. If omitted, the default value is **false** i.e. the bootstrap throws an exception at the first pillar where the bootstrap fails.
- **MaxAttempts** [Optional]: At each pillar, the bootstrap routine searches between a minimum curve value and a maximum curve value for a curve value that gives an implied quote that matches the market quote at that pillar. In some cases, the minimum curve value and maximum curve value are too restrictive and the bootstrap fails at a pillar. This node determines how many times the bootstrap should be attempted at each pillar. For example, if the node is set to 1, the bootstrap uses the minimum curve value and maximum curve value implied in

the code and fails if a root is not found. If this node is set to 2 and the first attempt fails, the minimum curve value is reduced by a factor specified in the node `MinFactor`, the maximum curve value is increased by a factor specified in the node `MaxFactor` and a second attempt is made to find a root between the enlarged bounds. If no root is found, the bootstrap then fails at this pillar. This node should hold a positive integer. If omitted, the default value is 5.

- `MaxFactor` [Optional]: This node is used only if `MaxAttempts` is greater than 1. The meaning of this node is given in the description of the `MaxAttempts` node. This node should hold a positive real number. If omitted, the default value is 2.0.
- `MinFactor` [Optional]: This node is used only if `MaxAttempts` is greater than 1. The meaning of this node is given in the description of the `MaxAttempts` node. This node should hold a positive real number. If omitted, the default value is 2.0.
- `DontThrowSteps` [Optional]: This node is used only if `DontThrow` is `true`. The meaning of this node is given in the description of the `DontThrow` node. This node should hold a positive integer. If omitted, the default value is 10.

7.8.20 One Dimensional Solver Configuration

The `OneDimSolverConfig` node, outlined in Listing 106, can be added to certain curve configurations that lead to a one dimensional solver being used in the curve construction. For example, the `EquityVolatility` curve configuration can lead to equity volatilities being stripped from equity option premiums. In this case, the `OneDimSolverConfig` node can be added to the `EquityVolatility` curve configuration to indicate how the solver should behave i.e. maximum number of evaluations, initial guess, accuracy etc. The various options are outlined below.

```
<OneDimSolverConfig>
  <MaxEvaluations>...</MaxEvaluations>
  <InitialGuess>...</InitialGuess>
  <Accuracy>...</Accuracy>
  <MinMax>
    <Min>...</Min>
    <Max>...</Max>
  </MinMax>
  <!-- Step only needed if MinMax not provided. -->
  <Step>...</Step>
  <LowerBound>...</LowerBound>
  <UpperBound>...</UpperBound>
</OneDimSolverConfig>
```

Listing 106: OneDimSolverConfig node outline

The meaning of each of the elements is:

- `MaxEvaluations`: This node should hold a positive integer. The maximum number of function evaluations that can be made by the solver.
- `InitialGuess`: This node should hold a real number. The initial guess used by the solver.
- `Accuracy`: This node should hold a positive real number. The accuracy used by the solver in the root find.

- **MinMax** [Optional]: A node that holds a **Min** and a **Max** node each of which should hold a real number. This indicates that the solver should search for a root between the value in **Min** and the value in **Max**. The value in **Min** should obviously be less than the value in **Max**. This node is optional. If not provided, the **Step** node below should be provided to set up a step based solver.
- **Step** [Optional]: This node should hold a real number. The validation is a choice between **MinMax** and **Step** so that **Step** can only be provided if **MinMax** is not and vice versa. The value in **Step** provides the solver with a step size to use in its search for a root.
- **LowerBound** [Optional]: This node should hold a real number. It provides a lower bound for the search domain. If omitted, no lower bound is applied to the search domain.
- **UpperBound** [Optional]: This node should hold a real number. It provides an upper bound for the search domain. If omitted, no upper bound is applied to the search domain. Obviously, if both **LowerBound** and **UpperBound** are provided, the value in **LowerBound** should be less than the value in **UpperBound**.

7.9 Reference Data referencedata.xml

Reference Data is used to ease the burden on portfolio xml representation, by taking common elements and storing them as static data. Currently this can be used for *Bond Derivatives* that require bond static information.

Bond reference data is also used to build yield curves fitted to liquid bond prices, see [7.8.1](#).

The allowable types for ReferenceData is

1. **Bond** static data consists of the Leg data for a given bond.

```
<ReferenceData>
  <!-- Bond reference datum -->
  <ReferenceDatum id="SECURITY_1">
    <Type>Bond</Type>
    <BondReferenceData>
      <IssuerId>CPTY_C</IssuerId>
      <CreditCurveId>ZERO</CreditCurveId>
      <ReferenceCurveId>EURBENCHMARK-EUR-6M</ReferenceCurveId>
      <SettlementDays>2</SettlementDays>
      <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
      <IssueDate>20110215</IssueDate>
      <LegData>
        <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
        <Payer>>false</Payer>
        <Currency>EUR</Currency>
        <Notionals>
          <Notional>1</Notional>
        </Notionals>
        <DayCounter>ActActISMA</DayCounter>
        <PaymentConvention>F</PaymentConvention>
        <FixedLegData>
          <Rates>
            <Rate>0.02</Rate>
          </Rates>
        </FixedLegData>
        <ScheduleData>
          <Rules>
            <StartDate>20190103</StartDate>
            <EndDate>20200103</EndDate>
            <Tenor>1Y</Tenor>
            <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
            <Convention>U</Convention>
            <TermConvention>U</TermConvention>
            <Rule>Forward</Rule>
            <EndOfMonth/>
            <FirstDate/>
            <LastDate/>
          </Rules>
        </ScheduleData>
      </LegData>
    </BondReferenceData>
  </ReferenceDatum>
</ReferenceData>
```

```
        </Rules>
      </ScheduleData>
    </LegData>
  </BondReferenceData>
</ReferenceDatum>
</ReferenceData>
```

7.10 Ibor Fallback Config: iborFallbackConfig.xml

The Ibor Fallback Configuration represents the rules for replacing Ibor reference rates by risk free rates. If no configuration is specified, a standard configuration is used. Specifying a custom configuration mainly serves testing purposes. The fields are:

- EnableIborFallbacks: If false, Ibor fallbacks are disabled.
- UseRfrCurveInTodaysMarket: If true, the todays market Ibor forwarding curve for a replaced Ibor index is built using the RfrIndex OIS curve and the Spread.
- UseRfrCurveInSimulationMarket: If true, the simulation market Ibor forward curve for a replaced Ibor index is built using the RfrIndex OIS curve and the Spread.
- Fallback: Each Ibor index to be replaced is declared by
 - IborIndex: the Ibor index name
 - RfrIndex: the rfr index name
 - Spread: the spread to apply to the rfr rate
 - SwitchDate: the date on which the fallback is used

```
<IborFallbackConfig>
  <GlobalSettings>
    <EnableIborFallbacks>true</EnableIborFallbacks>
    <UseRfrCurveInTodaysMarket>true</UseRfrCurveInTodaysMarket>
    <UseRfrCurveInSimulationMarket>true</UseRfrCurveInSimulationMarket>
  </GlobalSettings>
  <Fallbacks>
    <Fallback>
      <IborIndex>CHF-LIBOR-12M</IborIndex>
      <RfrIndex>CHF-SARON</RfrIndex>
      <Spread>0.0020479999999999999</Spread>
      <SwitchDate>2022-01-01</SwitchDate>
    </Fallback>
    <Fallback>
      <IborIndex>CHF-LIBOR-1M</IborIndex>
      <RfrIndex>CHF-SARON</RfrIndex>
      <Spread>-0.000571</Spread>
      <SwitchDate>2022-01-01</SwitchDate>
    </Fallback>
    . . . .
  </Fallbacks>
</IborFallbackConfig>
```

7.11 Conventions: conventions.xml

The conventions to associate with a set market quotes in the construction of termstructures are specified in another xml file which we will refer to as `conventions.xml` in the following though the file name can be chosen by the user. Each separate set of conventions is stored in an XML node. The type of conventions that a node holds is determined by the node name. Every node has an `Id` node that gives a unique identifier for the convention set. The following sections describe the type of conventions that can be created and the allowed values.

7.11.1 Zero Conventions

A node with name *Zero* is used to store conventions for direct zero rate quotes. Direct zero rate quotes can be given with an explicit maturity date or with a tenor and a set of conventions from which the maturity date is deduced. The node for a zero rate quote with an explicit maturity date is shown in Listing 107. The node for a tenor based zero rate is shown in Listing 108.

Listing 107: Zero conventions

```
<Zero>
  <Id> </Id>
  <TenorBased>False</TenorBased>
  <DayCounter> </DayCounter>
  <CompoundingFrequency> </CompoundingFrequency>
  <Compounding> </Compounding>
</Zero>
```

Listing 108: Zero conventions, tenor based

```
<Zero>
  <Id> </Id>
  <TenorBased>True</TenorBased>
  <DayCounter> </DayCounter>
  <CompoundingFrequency> </CompoundingFrequency>
  <Compounding> </Compounding>
  <TenorCalendar> </TenorCalendar>
  <SpotLag> </SpotLag>
  <SpotCalendar> </SpotCalendar>
  <RollConvention> </RollConvention>
  <EOM> </EOM>
</Zero>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- `TenorBased`: True if the conventions are for a tenor based zero quote and False if they are for a zero quote with an explicit maturity date.
- `DayCounter`: The day count basis associated with the zero rate quote (for choices see section 8.4)
- `CompoundingFrequency`: The frequency of compounding (Choices are *Once*, *Annual*, *Semiannual*, *Quarterly*, *Bimonthly*, *Monthly*, *Weekly*, *Daily*).

- Compounding: The type of compounding for the zero rate (Choices are *Simple*, *Compounded*, *Continuous*, *SimpleThenCompounded*).
- TenorCalendar: The calendar used to advance from the spot date to the maturity date by the zero rate tenor (for choices see section 8.4).
- SpotLag [Optional]: The number of business days to advance from the valuation date before applying the zero rate tenor. If not provided, this defaults to 0.
- SpotCalendar [Optional]: The calendar to use for business days when applying the SpotLag. If not provided, it defaults to a calendar with no holidays.
- RollConvention [Optional]: The roll convention to use when applying the zero rate tenor. If not provided, it defaults to Following (Choices are *Backward*, *Forward*, *Zero*, *ThirdWednesday*, *Twentieth*, *TwentiethIMM*, *CDS*, *ThirdThursday*, *ThirdFriday*, *MondayAfterThirdFriday*, *TuesdayAfterThirdFriday*, *LastWednesday*).
- EOM [Optional]: Whether or not to use the end of month convention when applying the zero rate tenor. If not provided, it defaults to false.

7.11.2 Deposit Conventions

A node with name *Deposit* is used to store conventions for deposit or index fixing quotes. The conventions can be index based, in which case all necessary conventions are deduced from a given index family. The structure of the index based node is shown in Listing 109. Alternatively, all the necessary conventions can be given explicitly without reference to an index family. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 110.

Listing 109: Deposit conventions

```
<Deposit>
  <Id> </Id>
  <IndexBased>True</IndexBased>
  <Index> </Index>
</Deposit>
```

Listing 110: Deposit conventions

```
<Deposit>
  <Id> </Id>
  <IndexBased>False</IndexBased>
  <Calendar> </Calendar>
  <Convention> </Convention>
  <EOM> </EOM>
  <DayCounter> </DayCounter>
</Deposit>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- IndexBased: *True* if the deposit conventions are index based and *False* if the conventions are given explicitly.

- Index: The index family from which to imply the conventions for the deposit quote. For example, this could be EUR-EURIBOR, USD-LIBOR etc.
- Calendar: The business day calendar for the deposit quote.
- Convention: The roll convention for the deposit quote.
- EOM: *True* if the end of month roll convention is to be used for the deposit quote and *False* if not.
- DayCounter: The day count basis associated with the deposit quote.

7.11.3 Future Conventions

A node with name *Future* is used to store conventions for money market (MM) or overnight index (OI) interest rate future quotes, for example futures on Euribor 3M or SOFR 3M underlyings. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 111. The fields have the following meaning:

- Id: The name of the convention.
- Index: The underlying index of the futures, this is either a MM (i.e. Ibor) index like e.g. EUR-EURIBOR-3M or an overnight index like e.g. USD-SOFR.
- DateGenerationRule [Optional]: This should be set to 'IMM' when the start and end dates of the future are following the IMM date logic or 'FirstDayOfMonth' when the start and end date are the first day of a month. If not given this field defaults to 'IMM'.
 - For MM futures only 'IMM' is allowed and the expiry date is determined as the next 3rd Wednesday of the expiry month of a future.
 - For an overnight index future 'IMM' means that the end date of the future is set to the 3rd Wednesday of the expiry month and the start date is set to the 3rd Wednesday of the expiry month minus the future tenor. The setting 'IMM' applies to SOFR-3M futures for example. 'FirstDayOfMonth' on the other hand means that the end date of the future is set to the first day in the month following the future's expiry month and the start date is set to the first day of the month lying n months before the end date's month where n is the number of months of the future's underlying tenor. The setting 'FirstDayOfMonth' applies to SOFR-1M futures for example. This tenor is derived from the market quote, see 10.8.
- OvernightIndexFutureNettingType [Optional]: Only relevant for OI futures. Can be 'Compounding' (which is also the default value if no value is given) or 'Averaging'. For example, SOFR 3M futures are compounding while SOFR 1M futures are averaging the daily overnight fixings over the calculation period of the future.

Listings 112, 113, 114 show examples for Euribor-3M, SOFR-3M and SOFR-1M future conventions.

Listing 111: Future conventions

```
<Future>
  <Id> </Id>
  <Index> </Index>
  <DateGenerationRule> </DateGenerationRule>
  <OvernightIndexFutureNettingType> </OvernightIndexFutureNettingType>
</Future>
```

Listing 112: Euribor 3M MM Future conventions

```
<Future>
  <Id>EURIBOR-3M-FUTURES</Id>
  <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-3M</Index>
</Future>
```

Listing 113: USD SOFR 3M OI Future conventions

```
<Future>
  <Id>USD-SOFR-3M-FUTURES</Id>
  <Index>USD-SOFR</Index>
  <DateGenerationRule>IMM</DateGenerationRule>
  <OvernightIndexFutureNettingType>Compounding</OvernightIndexFutureNettingType>
</Future>
```

Listing 114: USD SOFR 1M OI Future conventions

```
<Future>
  <Id>USD-SOFR-1M-FUTURES</Id>
  <Index>USD-SOFR</Index>
  <DateGenerationRule>FirstDayOfMonth</DateGenerationRule>
  <OvernightIndexFutureNettingType>Averaging</OvernightIndexFutureNettingType>
</Future>
```

7.11.4 FRA Conventions

A node with name *FRA* is used to store conventions for FRA quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 115. The only piece of information needed is the underlying index name and this is given in the **Index** node. For example, this could be EUR-EURIBOR-6M, CHF-LIBOR-6M etc.

Listing 115: FRA conventions

```
<FRA>
  <Id> </Id>
  <Index> </Index>
</FRA>
```

7.11.5 OIS Conventions

A node with name *OIS* is used to store conventions for Overnight Indexed Swap (OIS) quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 116.

Listing 116: OIS conventions

```
<OIS>
  <Id> </Id>
  <SpotLag> </SpotLag>
  <Index> </Index>
  <FixedDayCounter> </FixedDayCounter>
  <FixedCalendar> </FixedCalendar>
  <PaymentLag> </PaymentLag>
  <EOM> </EOM>
  <FixedFrequency> </FixedFrequency>
  <FixedConvention> </FixedConvention>
  <FixedPaymentConvention> </FixedPaymentConvention>
  <Rule> </Rule>
  <PaymentCalendar> </PaymentCalendar>
</OIS>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- SpotLag: The number of business days until the start of the OIS.
- Index: The name of the overnight index. For example, this could be EUR-EONIA, USD-FedFunds etc.
- FixedDayCounter: The day count basis on the fixed leg of the OIS.
- FixedCalendar [Optional]: The business day calendar on the fixed leg. Optional to retain backwards compatibility with older versions, if not given defaults to index fixing calendar.
- PaymentLag [Optional]: The payment lag, as a number of business days, on both legs. If not provided, this defaults to 0.
- EOM [Optional]: *True* if the end of month roll convention is to be used when generating the OIS schedule and *False* if not. If not provided, this defaults to *False*.
- FixedFrequency [Optional]: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg. If not provided, this defaults to *Annual*.
- FixedConvention [Optional]: The roll convention for accruals on the fixed leg. If not provided, this defaults to *Following*.
- FixedPaymentConvention [Optional]: The roll convention for payments on the fixed leg. If not provided, this defaults to *Following*.
- Rule [Optional]: The rule used for generating the OIS dates schedule i.e. *Backward* or *Forward*. If not provided, this defaults to *Backward*.
- PaymentCalendar [Optional]: The business day calendar used for determining coupon payment dates. If not specified, this defaults to the fixing calendar defined on the overnight index.

7.11.6 Swap Conventions

A node with name *Swap* is used to store conventions for vanilla interest rate swap (IRS) quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 117.

Listing 117: Swap conventions

```
<Swap>
  <Id> </Id>
  <FixedCalendar> </FixedCalendar>
  <FixedFrequency> </FixedFrequency>
  <FixedConvention> </FixedConvention>
  <FixedDayCounter> </FixedDayCounter>
  <Index> </Index>
  <FloatFrequency> </FloatFrequency>
  <SubPeriodsCouponType> </SubPeriodsCouponType>
</Swap>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- FixedCalendar: The business day calendar on the fixed leg.
- FixedFrequency: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg.
- FixedConvention: The roll convention on the fixed leg.
- FixedDayCounter: The day count basis on the fixed leg.
- Index: The Ibor index on the floating leg.
- FloatFrequency [Optional]: The frequency of payments on the floating leg, to be used if the frequency is different to the tenor of the index (e.g. CAD swaps for BA-3M have a 6M or 1Y payment frequency with a Compounding coupon)
- SubPeriodsCouponType [Optional]: Defines how coupon rates should be calculated when the float frequency is different to that of the index. Possible values are "Compounding" and "Averaging".

7.11.7 Average OIS Conventions

A node with name *AverageOIS* is used to store conventions for average OIS quotes. An average OIS is a swap where a fixed rate is swapped against a daily averaged overnight index plus a spread. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 118.

```
<AverageOIS>
  <Id> </Id>
  <SpotLag> </SpotLag>
  <FixedTenor> </FixedTenor>
  <FixedDayCounter> </FixedDayCounter>
  <FixedCalendar> </FixedCalendar>
  <FixedConvention> </FixedConvention>
  <FixedPaymentConvention> </FixedPaymentConvention>
  <FixedFrequency> </FixedFrequency>
  <Index> </Index>
  <OnTenor> </OnTenor>
  <RateCutoff> </RateCutoff>
</AverageOIS>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- SpotLag: Number of business days until the start of the average OIS.
- FixedTenor: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg.
- FixedDayCounter: The day count basis on the fixed leg.
- FixedCalendar: The business day calendar on the fixed leg.
- FixedFrequency: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg.
- FixedConvention: The roll convention for accruals on the fixed leg.
- FixedPaymentConvention: The roll convention for payments on the fixed leg.
- FixedFrequency [Optional]: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg. If not provided, this defaults to *Annual*.
- Index: The name of the overnight index.
- OnTenor: The frequency of payments on the overnight leg.
- RateCutoff: The rate cut-off on the overnight leg. Generally, the overnight fixing is only observed up to a certain number of days before the payment date and the last observed rate is applied for the remaining days in the period. This rate cut-off gives the number of days e.g. 2 for Fed Funds average OIS.

7.11.8 Tenor Basis Swap Conventions

A node with name *TenorBasisSwap* is used to store conventions for tenor basis swap quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 119.

```

<TenorBasisSwap>
  <Id> </Id>
  <LongIndex> </LongIndex>
  <ShortIndex> </ShortIndex>
  <ShortPayTenor> </ShortPayTenor>
  <SpreadOnShort> </SpreadOnShort>
  <IncludeSpread> </IncludeSpread>
  <SubPeriodsCouponType> </SubPeriodsCouponType>
</TenorBasisSwap>

```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- LongIndex: The name of the long tenor Ibor index.
- ShortIndex: The name of the short tenor Ibor index.
- ShortPayTenor [Optional]: The frequency of payments on the short tenor Ibor leg. This is usually the same as the short tenor Ibor index's tenor. However, it can also be longer e.g. USD tenor basis swaps where the short tenor Ibor index is compounded and paid on the same frequency as the long tenor Ibor index. If not provided, this defaults to the short tenor Ibor index's tenor.
- SpreadOnShort [Optional]: *True* if the tenor basis swap quote has the spread on the short tenor Ibor index leg and *False* if not. If not provided, this defaults to *True*.
- IncludeSpread [Optional]: *True* if the tenor basis swap spread is to be included when compounding is performed on the short tenor Ibor index leg and *False* if not. If not provided, this defaults to *False*.
- SubPeriodsCouponType [Optional]: This field can have the value *Compounding* or *Averaging* and it only applies when the frequency of payments on the short tenor Ibor leg does not equal the short tenor Ibor index's tenor. If *Compounding* is specified, then the short tenor Ibor index is compounded and paid on the frequency specified in the **ShortPayTenor** node. If *Averaging* is specified, then the short tenor Ibor index is averaged and paid on the frequency specified in the **ShortPayTenor** node. If not provided, this defaults to *Compounding*.

7.11.9 Tenor Basis Two Swap Conventions

A node with name *TenorBasisTwoSwap* is used to store conventions for tenor basis swap quotes where the quote is the spread between the fair fixed rate on two swaps against Ibor indices of different tenors. We call the swap against the Ibor index of longer tenor the long swap and the remaining swap the short swap. The structure of the tenor basis two swap conventions node is shown in Listing 120.

```
<TenorBasisTwoSwap>
  <Id> </Id>
  <Calendar> </Calendar>
  <LongFixedFrequency> </LongFixedFrequency>
  <LongFixedConvention> </LongFixedConvention>
  <LongFixedDayCounter> </LongFixedDayCounter>
  <LongIndex> </LongIndex>
  <ShortFixedFrequency> </ShortFixedFrequency>
  <ShortFixedConvention> </ShortFixedConvention>
  <ShortFixedDayCounter> </ShortFixedDayCounter>
  <ShortIndex> </ShortIndex>
  <LongMinusShort> </LongMinusShort>
</TenorBasisTwoSwap>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- Calendar: The business day calendar on both swaps.
- LongFixedFrequency: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg of the long swap.
- LongFixedConvention: The roll convention on the fixed leg of the long swap.
- LongFixedDayCounter: The day count basis on the fixed leg of the long swap.
- LongIndex: The Ibor index on the floating leg of the long swap.
- ShortFixedFrequency: The frequency of payments on the fixed leg of the short swap.
- ShortFixedConvention: The roll convention on the fixed leg of the short swap.
- ShortFixedDayCounter: The day count basis on the fixed leg of the short swap.
- ShortIndex: The Ibor index on the floating leg of the short swap.
- LongMinusShort [Optional]: *True* if the basis swap spread is to be interpreted as the fair rate on the long swap minus the fair rate on the short swap and *False* if the basis swap spread is to be interpreted as the fair rate on the short swap minus the fair rate on the long swap. If not provided, it defaults to *True*.

7.11.10 FX Conventions

A node with name *FX* is used to store conventions for FX spot and forward quotes for a given currency pair. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 121.

```
<FX>
  <Id> </Id>
  <SpotDays> </SpotDays>
  <SourceCurrency> </SourceCurrency>
  <TargetCurrency> </TargetCurrency>
  <PointsFactor> </PointsFactor>
  <AdvanceCalendar> </AdvanceCalendar>
  <SpotRelative> </SpotRelative>
</FX>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- **SpotDays:** The number of business days to spot for the currency pair.
- **SourceCurrency:** The source currency of the currency pair. The FX quote is assumed to give the number of units of target currency per unit of source currency.
- **TargetCurrency:** The target currency of the currency pair.
- **PointsFactor:** The number by which a points quote for the currency pair should be divided before adding it to the spot quote to obtain the forward rate.
- **AdvanceCalendar [Optional]:** The business day calendar(s) used for advancing dates for both spot and forwards. If not provided, it defaults to a calendar with no holidays.
- **SpotRelative [Optional]:** *True* if the forward tenor is to be interpreted as being relative to the spot date. *False* if the forward tenor is to be interpreted as being relative to the valuation date. If not provided, it defaults to *True*.

7.11.11 Cross Currency Basis Swap Conventions

A node with name *CrossCurrencyBasis* is used to store conventions for cross currency basis swap quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing [122](#).

```

<CrossCurrencyBasis>
  <Id> </Id>
  <SettlementDays> </SettlementDays>
  <SettlementCalendar> </SettlementCalendar>
  <RollConvention> </RollConvention>
  <FlatIndex> </FlatIndex>
  <SpreadIndex> </SpreadIndex>
  <EOM> </EOM>
  <IsResetable> </IsResetable>
  <FlatIndexIsResetable> </FlatIndexIsResetable>
  <PaymentLag> </PaymentLag>
  <FlatPaymentLag> </FlatPaymentLag>
  <!-- for OIS only -->
  <IncludeSpread> </IncludeSpread>
  <Lookback> </Lookback>
  <FixingDays> </FixingDays>
  <RateCutoff> </RateCutoff>
  <IsAveraged> </IsAveraged>
  <FlatIncludeSpread> </FlatIncludeSpread>
  <FlatLookback> </FlatLookback>
  <FlatFixingDays> </FlatFixingDays>
  <FlatRateCutoff> </FlatRateCutoff>
  <FlatIsAveraged> </FlatIsAveraged>
</CrossCurrencyBasis>

```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- **SettlementDays**: The number of business days to the start of the cross currency basis swap.
- **SettlementCalendar**: The business day calendar(s) for both legs and to arrive at the settlement date using the **SettlementDays** above.
- **RollConvention**: The roll convention for both legs.
- **FlatIndex**: The name of the index on the leg that does not have the cross currency basis spread.
- **SpreadIndex**: The name of the index on the leg that has the cross currency basis spread.
- **EOM** [Optional]: *True* if the end of month convention is to be used when generating the schedule on both legs, and *False* if not. If not provided, it defaults to *False*.
- **IsResetable** [Optional]: *True* if the swap is mark-to-market resetting, and *False* otherwise. If not provided, it defaults to *False*.
- **FlatIndexIsResetable** [Optional]: *True* if it is the notional on the leg paying the flat index that resets, and *False* otherwise. If not provided, it defaults to *True*.
- **FlatTenor** [Optional]: the flat leg period length (typical value is 3M), defaults to index tenor except for ON indices for which it defaults to 3M

- SpreadTenor [Optional]: the spread leg period length (typical value is 3M), defaults to index tenor except for ON indices for which it defaults to 3M
- SpreadPaymentLag [Optional]: the payment lag for the spread leg, allowable values are 0, 1, 2, ..., defaults to 0 if not given
- FlatPaymentLag [Optional]: the payment lag for the flat leg, allowable values are 0, 1, 2, ..., defaults to 0 if not given
- SpreadIncludeSpread [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are true, false, defaults to false if not given
- SpreadLookback [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are 0D, 1D, ..., defaults to 0D if not given
- SpreadFixingDays [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are 0, 1, 2, ..., defaults to 0 if not given
- SpreadRateCutoff [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are 0, 1, 2, ..., defaults to 0 if not given
- SpreadIsAveraged [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are true, false, defaults to false if not given
- FlatIncludeSpread [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are true, false, defaults to false if not given
- FlatLookback [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are 0D, 1D, ..., defaults to 0D if not given
- FlatFixingDays [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are 0, 1, 2, ..., defaults to 0 if not given
- FlatRateCutoff [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are 0, 1, 2, ..., defaults to 0 if not given
- FlatIsAveraged [Optional]: Only relevant if spread leg is OIS, allowable values are true, false, defaults to false if not given

7.11.12 Inflation Swap Conventions

A node with name `InflationSwap` is used to store conventions for zero or year on year inflation swap quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing [123](#)

```
<InflationSwap>
  <Id>EUHICPXT_INFLATIONSWAP</Id>
  <FixCalendar>TARGET</FixCalendar>
  <FixConvention>MF</FixConvention>
  <DayCounter>30/360</DayCounter>
  <Index>EUHICPXT</Index>
  <Interpolated>>false</Interpolated>
  <ObservationLag>3M</ObservationLag>
  <AdjustInflationObservationDates>>false</AdjustInflationObservationDates>
  <InflationCalendar>TARGET</InflationCalendar>
  <InflationConvention>MF</InflationConvention>
</InflationSwap>
```

The meaning of the elements is as follows:

- **FixCalendar**: The calendar for the fixed rate leg of the swap.
- **FixConvention**: The rolling convention for the fixed rate leg of the swap.
- **DayCounter**: The payoff or coupon day counter, applied to both legs.
- **Index**: The underlying inflation index.
- **Interpolated**: Flag indicating interpolation of the index in the swap's payoff calculation.
- **ObservationLag**: The index observation lag to be applied.
- **AdjustInflationObservationDates**: Flag indicating whether index observation dates should be adjusted or not.
- **InflationCalendar**: The calendar for the inflation leg of the swap.
- **InflationConvention**: The rolling convention for the inflation leg of the swap.
- **PublicationRoll**: This is an optional node taking the values **None**, **OnPublicationDate** or **AfterPublicationDate**. If omitted, the value **None** is used. Currently, our only known use case for a value other than **None** is for Australian zero coupon inflation indexed swaps (ZCIIS). Here, the index is published quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month following the end of the reference quarter. The start date and maturity date of the market quoted ZCIIS roll to the next quarterly date after the publication date of the index. For example, the AU CPI value for Q3 2020, i.e. 1 Jul 2020 to 30 Sep 2020 was released on 28 Oct 2020. On 27 Oct 2020, before the index publication date, the market 5Y ZCIIS would start on 15 Sep 2020 and end on 15 Sep 2025 and reference the Q2 inflation index value. On 29 Oct 2020, after the index publication date, the market 5Y ZCIIS would start on 15 Dec 2020 and end on 15 Dec 2025 and reference the Q3 inflation index value. On the release date, i.e. 28 Oct 2020, the market ZCIIS that is set up is determined by whether the **PublicationRoll** value is **OnPublicationDate** or **AfterPublicationDate**. If it is set to **OnPublicationDate**, the swap rolls on this date and hence the market 5Y ZCIIS would start on 15 Dec 2020 and end on 15 Dec 2025 and reference the Q3 inflation index value. If it is set to **AfterPublicationDate**, the swap does

not roll on the publication date and instead rolls on the next day, and hence the market 5Y ZCHS would start on 15 Sep 2020 and end on 15 Sep 2025 and reference the Q2 inflation index value. The publication schedule for the index must be provided in the `PublicationSchedule` node if `PublicationRoll` is not `None`. An example of the AU CPI conventions set up is given in Listing 124.

- `PublicationSchedule`: This is an optional node and is not used if `PublicationRoll` is `None`. If `PublicationRoll` is not `None`, it must be provided and gives the publication dates for the inflation index. The node fields are the same fields that are described in the Section 8.3.4, i.e. they are `ScheduleData` elements. An example of the AU CPI conventions set up is given in Listing 124. The `PublicationSchedule` must cover the dates on which you intend to perform valuations, i.e. the first publication schedule date must be less than the smallest valuation date that you intend to use and the last publication schedule date must be greater than the largest valuation date that you intend to use.

Listing 124: AU CPI inflation swap conventions

```
<InflationSwap>
  <Id>AUCPI_INFLATIONSWAP</Id>
  <FixCalendar>AUD</FixCalendar>
  <FixConvention>F</FixConvention>
  <DayCounter>30/360</DayCounter>
  <Index>AUCPI</Index>
  <Interpolated>false</Interpolated>
  <ObservationLag>3M</ObservationLag>
  <AdjustInflationObservationDates>false</AdjustInflationObservationDates>
  <InflationCalendar>AUD</InflationCalendar>
  <InflationConvention>F</InflationConvention>
  <PublicationRoll>AfterPublicationDate</PublicationRoll>
  <PublicationSchedule>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2001-01-24</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2030-01-30</EndDate>
      <Tenor>3M</Tenor>
      <Calendar>AUD</Calendar>
      <Convention>Preceding</Convention>
      <TermConvention>Unadjusted</TermConvention>
      <Rule>LastWednesday</Rule>
    </Rules>
  </PublicationSchedule>
</InflationSwap>
```

7.11.13 CMS Spread Option Conventions

A node with name *CmsSpreadOption* is used to store the conventions.

Listing 125: Inflation swap conventions

```
<CmsSpreadOption>
  <Id>EUR-CMS-10Y-2Y-CONVENTION</Id>
  <ForwardStart>0M</ForwardStart>
  <SpotDays>2D</SpotDays>
  <SwapTenor>3M</SwapTenor>
  <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <DayCounter>A360</DayCounter>
  <RollConvention>MF</RollConvention>
</CmsSpreadOption>
```

The meaning of the elements is as follows:

- ForwardStart: The calendar for the fixed rate leg of the swap.
- SpotDays: The number of business days to spot for the CMS Spread Index.
- SwapTenor: The frequency of payments on the CMS Spread leg.
- FixingDays: The number of fixing days.
- Calendar: The calendar for the CMS Spread leg.
- DayCounter: The day counter for the CMS Spread leg.
- RollConvention: The rolling convention for the CMS Spread Leg.

7.11.14 Ibor Index Conventions

A node with name *IborIndex* is used to store conventions for Ibor indices. This can be used to define new Ibor indices without the need of adding them to the C++ code, or also to override the conventions of existing Ibor indices.

Listing 126: Ibor index convention

```
<IborIndex>
  <Id>EUR-EURIBOR_ACT365-3M</Id>
  <FixingCalendar>TARGET</FixingCalendar>
  <DayCounter>A365F</DayCounter>
  <SettlementDays>2</SettlementDays>
  <BusinessDayConvention>MF</BusinessDayConvention>
  <EndOfMonth>true</EndOfMonth>
</IborIndex>
```

The meaning of the elements is as follows:

- Id: The index name. This must be of the form “CCY-NAME-TENOR” with a currency “CCY”, an index name “NAME” and a string “TENOR” representing a period. The name should not be “GENERIC”, since this is reserved.
- FixingCalendar: The fixing calendar of the index.
- DayCounter: The day count convention used by the index.

- **SettlementDays:** The settlement days for the index. This must be a non-negative whole number.
- **BusinessDayConvention:** The business day convention used by the index.
- **EndOfMonth:** A flag indicating whether the index employs the end of month convention.

Notice that if another convention depends on an Ibor index convention (because it contains the Ibor index name defined in the latter convention), the Ibor index convention must appear before the convention that depends on it in the convention input file.

Also notice that customised indices can not be used in cap / floor volatility surface configurations.

7.11.15 Overnight Index Conventions

A node with name *OvernightIndex* is used to store conventions for Overnight indices. This can be used to define new Overnight indices without the need of adding them to the C++ code, or also to override the conventions of existing Overnight indices.

Listing 127: Overnight index convention

```
<OvernightIndex>
  <Id>EUR-ESTER</Id>
  <FixingCalendar>TARGET</FixingCalendar>
  <DayCounter>A360</DayCounter>
  <SettlementDays>0</SettlementDays>
</OvernightIndex>
```

The meaning of the elements is as follows:

- **Id:** The index name. This must be of the form “CCY-NAME” with a currency “CCY” and an index name “NAME”. The name should not be “GENERIC”, since this is reserved.
- **FixingCalendar:** The fixing calendar of the index.
- **DayCounter:** The day count convention used by the index.
- **SettlementDays:** The settlement days for the index. This must be a non-negative whole number.

Notice that if another convention depends on an Overnight index convention (because it contains the Overnight index name defined in the latter convention), the Overnight index convention must appear before the convention that depends on it in the convention input file.

Also notice that customised indices can not be used in cap / floor volatility surface configurations.

7.11.16 Inflation Index Conventions

A node with the name `ZeroInflationIndex` is used to store data for the creation of a new inflation index. This avoids having to add the index definition to the C++ code and recompile. Note that the `ZeroInflationIndex` node should be placed before its use in any other convention, e.g. in an `InflationSwap` convention, to avoid an error due to the new index itself not being created. If the `Id` node matches an existing inflation index, the newly created index will take precedence and its definition will be used in the code for the given `Id`.

Listing 128: ZeroInflationIndex node

```
<ZeroInflationIndex>
  <Id>...</Id>
  <RegionName>...</RegionName>
  <RegionCode>...</RegionCode>
  <Revised>...</Revised>
  <Frequency>...</Frequency>
  <AvailabilityLag>...</AvailabilityLag>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
</ZeroInflationIndex>
```

The meaning of each element is as follows:

- **Id:** The new inflation index name.
- **RegionName:** The name of the region with which the inflation index is associated.
- **RegionCode:** A code for the region with which the inflation index is associated.
- **Revised:** A boolean flag indicating whether the index is a revised index or not. This is generally set to `false` but is left as an option to align with the C++ `InflationIndex` class definition.
- **Frequency:** A valid frequency indicating the publication frequency of the inflation index, generally `Monthly`, `Quarterly` or `Annual`.
- **AvailabilityLag:** A valid period indicating the lag between the inflation index publication for a given period and the period itself. For example, if March's inflation index value is published in April, the `AvailabilityLag` would be `1M`.
- **Currency:** The ISO currency code of the currency associated with the inflation index, generally the currency of the region.

7.11.17 Swap Index Conventions

A node with name *SwapIndex* is used to store conventions for Swap indices (also known as “CMS” indices).

Listing 129: Swap index convention

```
<SwapIndex>
  <Id>EUR-CMS-2Y</Id>
  <Conventions>EUR-EURIBOR-6M-SWAP</Conventions>
  <FixingCalendar>TARGET</FixingCalendar>
</SwapIndex>
```

The meaning of the elements is as follows:

- Id: The index name. This must be of the form “CCY-CMS-TENOR” with a currency “CCY” and a string “TENOR” representing a period. The index name can contain an optional tag “CCY-CMS-TAG-TENOR” which is an arbitrary label that allows to define more than one swap index per currency.
- Conventions: A swap convention defining the index conventions.
- FixingCalendar [Optional]: The fixing calendar for the swap index fixings publication. If not given, the fixed leg calendar from the swap conventions will be used as a fall back.

7.11.18 FX Option Conventions

A node with name *FxOption* is used to store conventions for FX option quotes for a given currency pair. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 130.

Listing 130: FX option conventions

```
<FxOption>
  <Id>EUR-USD-FXOPTION</Id>
  <FXConventionID>EUR-USD-FX</FXConventionID>
  <AtmType>AtmDeltaNeutral</AtmType>
  <DeltaType>Spot</DeltaType>
  <SwitchTenor>2Y</SwitchTenor>
  <LongTermAtmType>AtmDeltaNeutral</LongTermAtmType>
  <LongTermDeltaType>Fwd</LongTermDeltaType>
  <RiskReversalInFavorOf>Call</RiskReversalInFavorOf>
  <ButterflyStyle>Broker</ButterflyStyle>
</FxOption>
```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- FXConventionID: The FX convention for the currency pair (see 7.11.10). Optional, if not given, the FX spot days default to 2 and the advance calendar defaults to source ccy + target ccy default calendars.
- AtmType: Convention of ATM option quote (Choices are *AtmNull*, *AtmSpot*, *AtmFwd*, *AtmDeltaNeutral*, *AtmVegaMax*, *AtmGammaMax*, *AtmPutCall50*).
- DeltaType: Convention of Delta option quote (Choices are *Spot*, *Fwd*, *PaSpot*, *PaFwd*).

- **SwitchTenor** [Optional]: If given, different ATM and Delta conventions will be used if the option tenor is greater or equal the switch tenor (“long term” atm and delta type)
- **LongTermAtmType** [Mandatory if and only if **SwitchTenor** is given]: ATM type to use for options with tenor > switch point, if **SwitchTenor** is given
- **LongTermDeltaType** [Mandatory if and only if **SwitchTenor** is given]: Delta type to use for options with tenor > switch point, if **SwitchTenor** is given
- **RiskReversalIn FavorOf** [Optional]: Call (default), Put. Only relevant for BF, RR market data input.
- **ButterflyStyle** [Optional]: Broker (default), Smile. Only relevant for BF, RR market data input.

7.11.19 Commodity Forward Conventions

A node with name **CommodityForward** is used to store conventions for commodity forward price quotes. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 131.

Listing 131: Commodity forward conventions

```

<CommodityForward>
  <Id>...</Id>
  <SpotDays>...</SpotDays>
  <PointsFactor>...</PointsFactor>
  <AdvanceCalendar>...</AdvanceCalendar>
  <SpotRelative>...</SpotRelative>
  <BusinessDayConvention>...</BusinessDayConvention>
  <Outright>...</Outright>
</CommodityForward>

```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- **Id**: The identifier for the commodity forward convention. The identifier here should match the **Name** that would be provided for the commodity in the trade XML as described in Table 38.
- **SpotDays** [Optional]: The number of business days to spot for the commodity. Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, this takes a default value of 2.
- **PointsFactor** [Optional]: This is only used if **Outright** is **false**. Any positive real number is allowed here. When **Outright** is **false**, the commodity forward quotes are provided as points i.e. a number that should be added to the commodity spot to give the outright commodity forward rate. The **PointsFactor** is the number by which the points quote should be divided before adding it to the spot quote to obtain the forward price. If omitted, this takes a default value of 1.
- **AdvanceCalendar** [Optional]: The business day calendar(s) used for advancing dates for both spot and forwards. The allowable values are given in Table 30. If omitted, it defaults to **NullCalendar** i.e. a calendar where all days are considered good business days.

- **SpotRelative** [Optional]: The allowable values are **true** and **false**. If **true**, the forward tenor is interpreted as being relative to the spot date. If **false**, the forward tenor is interpreted as being relative to the valuation date. If omitted, it defaults to **True**.
- **BusinessDayConvention** [Optional]: The business day roll convention used to adjust dates when getting from the valuation date to the spot date and the forward maturity date. The allowable values are given in Table 26. If omitted, it defaults to **Following**.
- **Outright** [Optional]: The allowable values are **true** and **false**. If **true**, the forward quotes are interpreted as outright forward prices. If **false**, the forward quotes are interpreted as points i.e. as a number that must be added to the spot price to get the outright forward price. If omitted, it defaults to **true**.

7.11.20 Commodity Future Conventions

A node with name **CommodityFuture** is used to store conventions for commodity future contracts and options on them. These conventions are used in commodity derivative trades and commodity curve construction to calculate contract expiry dates. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 132.

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- **Id**: The identifier for the commodity future convention. The identifier here should match the **Name** that would be provided for the commodity in the trade XML as described in Table 38.
- **AnchorDay** [Optional]: This node is not applicable for daily future contracts and hence is optional. It is necessary for future contracts with a monthly cycle or greater or if the option contracts cycle is monthly or greater. This node is used to give a date in the future contract month to use as a base date for calculating the expiry date. It can contain a **DayOfMonth** node, a **CalendarDaysBefore** node or an **NthWeekday** node:
 - The **DayOfMonth** This node can contain any integer in the range $1, \dots, 31$ indicating the day of the month. A value of 31 will guarantee that the last day in the month is used as a base date.
 - The **CalendarDaysBefore** This node can contain any non-negative integer. The contract expiry date is this number of calendar days before the first calendar day of the contract month.
 - The **NthWeekday** This node has the elements shown in Listing 133. This node is used to indicate a date in a given month in the form of the n-th named weekday of that month e.g. 3rd Wednesday. The allowable values for **Nth** are 1, 2, 3, 4. The **Weekday** node takes a weekday in the form of the first three characters of the weekday with the first character capitalised.
 - The **LastWeekday** [Optional]: This node is used to indicate a date in a given month in the form of the last named weekday of that month e.g. last Wednesday. The node takes a weekday in the form of the first three characters of the weekday with the first character capitalised.

- The **BusinessDaysAfter** This node can contain any integer. If the number is positive the contract expiry is the n -th business day of the contract month. If the number is negative the contract expiry date is this number of business days before the first calendar day of the contract month.
- The **WeeklyDayOfTheWeek** [Optional]: This node is used to indicate a date in a given week in the form of the named weekday, e.g. Wednesday. This node is mandatory for weekly contract frequencies and is not allowed with any other frequency. The node takes a weekday in the form of the first three characters of the weekday with the first character capitalised.
- **ContractFrequency**: This node indicates the frequency of the commodity future contracts. The value here is usually **Monthly** or **Quarterly**, but allowed values are **Daily**, **Weekly**, **Monthly**, **Quarterly** and **Annual**.
- **Calendar**: The business day trading calendar(s) applicable for the commodity future contract.
- **ExpiryCalendar** [Optional]: The business day expiry calendar(s) applicable for the commodity future contract. This calendar is used when deriving expiry dates. If omitted, this defaults to the trading day calendar specified in the **Calendar** node.
- **ExpiryMonthLag** [Optional]: The allowable values are any integer. This value indicates the number of months from the month containing the expiry date to the contract month. If 0, the commodity future contract expiry date is in the contract month. If the value of **ExpiryMonthLag** is $n > 0$, the commodity future contract expires in the n -th month prior to the contract month. If the value of **ExpiryMonthLag** is $n < 0$, the commodity future contract expires in the n -th month after the contract month. The value of **ExpiryMonthLag** is generally 0, 1 or 2. For example, NYMEX:CL has an **ExpiryMonthLag** of 1 and ICE:B has an **ExpiryMonthLag** of 2. If omitted, it defaults to 0.
- **OneContractMonth** [Optional]: This node takes a calendar month in the form of the first three characters of the month with the first character capitalised. The month provided should be an arbitrary valid future contract month. It is used in cases where the **ContractFrequency** is not **Monthly** in order to determine the valid contract months. If omitted, it defaults to January.
- **OffsetDays** [Optional]: The number of business days that the expiry date is before the base date where the base date is implied by the **AnchorDay** node above. Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, this takes a default value of zero.
- **BusinessDayConvention** [Optional]: The business day roll convention used to adjust the expiry date. The allowable values are given in Table 26. If omitted, it defaults to **Preceding**.
- **AdjustBeforeOffset** [Optional]: The allowable values are **true** and **false**. If **true**, if the base date implied by the **AnchorDay** node above is not a good business day according to the calendar provided in the **Calendar** node, this date is adjusted before the offset specified in the **OffsetDays** is applied. If **false**, this adjustment does not happen. If omitted, it defaults to **true**.

- **IsAveraging** [Optional]: The allowable values are **true** and **false**. This node indicates if the future contract is based on the average commodity price of the contract period. If omitted, it defaults to **false**.
- **OptionExpiryOffset** [Optional]: The number of business days that the option expiry date is before the future expiry date. Any non-negative integer is allowed here. If omitted, this takes a default value of zero and the expiry date of an option on the future contract is assumed to equal the expiry date of the future contract.
- **ProhibitedExpiries** [Optional]: This node can be used to specify explicit dates which are not allowed as future contract expiry dates or as option expiry dates. A useful example of this is the ICE Brent contract which has the following constraint on expiry dates: *If the day on which trading is due to cease would be either: (i) the Business Day preceding Christmas Day, or (ii) the Business Day preceding New Year's Day, then trading shall cease on the next preceding Business Day.* Each **Date** node can take optional attributes. The default values of these attributes is shown in Listing 132. The **convention** attribute accepts a valid business day convention in the list **Preceding**, **ModifiedPreceding**, **Following** and **ModifiedFollowing**. This convention indicates how the future expiry date should be adjusted if it lands on the prohibited expiry **Date**. If omitted, the default is **Preceding**. Both **Preceding** and **ModifiedPreceding** indicate that the next available business day before the date is tested. **Following** and **ModifiedFollowing** indicate that the next available business day after the date is tested. The **optionConvention** attribute allows the same values and behaves in the same way to determine how the option expiry date should be adjusted if it lands on the prohibited expiry **Date**. The **forFuture** and **forOption** boolean attributes enable the prohibited expiry to apply only for the future expiry date or the option expiry date respectively by setting the value to **false**.
- **OptionExpiryMonthLag** [Optional]: The allowable values are any integer. This value indicates the number of months from the month containing the option expiry date to the month containing the expiry date. If 0, the commodity future option contract expiry date is anchored in the same month as the commodity future contract expiry date. If the value of **OptionExpiryMonthLag** is $n > 0$, the commodity option future contract expires in the n -th month prior to the commodity future contract expiry month. If the value of **OptionExpiryMonthLag** is $n < 0$, the commodity option future contract expires in the n -th month after the the commodity future contract expiry month. The value of **OptionExpiryMonthLag** should be equal to **ExpiryMonthLag** when **OptionExpiryOffset** is used. The **OptionExpiryMonthLag** is rarely used. An example is the Crude Palm Oil contract XKLS:FCPO where the future contract expiry is in the delivery month and the option expiry is in the month that is 2 months prior to this. In this case, **OptionExpiryMonthLag** is 2. If omitted, **OptionExpiryMonthLag** defaults to 0.
- **OptionExpiryDay** [Optional]: This node can contain any integer in the range 1, ..., 31 indicating the day of the month on which an option expiry date is anchored. A value of 31 will guarantee that the last day in the month is used as a base date. If omitted, this is not used. Setting this field takes precedence over

`OptionExpiryOffset`.

- **OptionBusinessDayConvention** [Optional]: The business day convention used to adjust the option expiry date to a good business day if **OptionExpiryDay** is used.
- **OptionContractFrequency** [Optional]: This node indicates the frequency of the commodity future options if it differs from the frequency of the underlying future contract. The value here is usually **Monthly**
- **OptionNthWeekday** [Optional]: This node has the elements shown in Listing 133. This node is used to indicate a date in a given month in the form of the n-th named weekday of that month e.g. 3rd Wednesday. The allowable values for **Nth** are 1, 2, 3, 4. The **Weekday** node takes a weekday in the form of the first three characters of the weekday with the first character capitalised.
- **OptionBusinessDayConvention** [Optional]: The business day convention used to adjust the option expiry date to a good business day if **OptionExpiryDay** is used.
- **OptionExpiryLastWeekdayOfMonth** [Optional]: This node is used to indicate a date in a given month in the form of the last named weekday of that month e.g. last Wednesday. The node takes a weekday in the form of the first three characters of the weekday with the first character capitalised.
- **OptionExpiryWeeklyDayOfTheWeek** [Optional]: This node is used to indicate a date in a given week in the form of the named weekday, e.g. Wednesday. The node takes a weekday in the form of the first three characters of the weekday with the first character capitalised. This node is mandatory for weekly expiring options. The node is not allowed to use with any other option contract frequency.
- **FutureContinuationMappings** [Optional]: When building future curves, we may use market data that has a continuation expiry, i.e. **c1**, **c2**, etc. , as opposed to an explicit expiry date or tenor. In some cases, the continuation expiries coming from the market data provider may skip serial months and therefore we use the mapping here to map from the market data provider index to the relevant serial month.
- **OptionContinuationMappings** [Optional]: When building option volatility structures, we may use market data that has a continuation expiry, i.e. **c1**, **c2**, etc. , as opposed to an explicit expiry date or tenor. In some cases, the continuation expiries coming from the market data provider may skip serial months and therefore we use the mapping here to map from the market data provider index to the relevant serial month. For example, for the Crude Palm Oil contract **XKLS:FCPO**, the option expiry months are serial up to the 9th month and then alternate months. So, we would add a mapping from 10 to 11, 11 to 13 and so on so that the correct option expiry is arrived at when reading the market data quotes and constructing the option volatility structure.
- **AveragingData** [Optional]: This node is needed for future contracts that are used in a piecewise commodity curve **PriceSegment** and whose underlying is the average of other future prices or spot prices over a given period. An example is the ICE PMI power contract with contract specifications outlined [here](#). It is described in detail below.

- **HoursPerDay** [Optional]: For power derivatives, quantities are sometimes given as a quantity per hour. To deduce the quantity for the day which is multiplied by that day's future price, one needs to know the number of hours in the day associated with the future price. For example ICE PDQ is the daily PJM Western Hub Real Time Peak future contract. The price each day for this contract is the average of the locational marginal prices (LMPs) for all hours ending 08:00 to 23:00 Eastern Pacific Time. In other words, there are 16 hours in the day that feed in to the average yielding this settlement price. For this contract, **HoursPerDay** would be 16. This field is only needed if a trade XML references this commodity contract, has **CommodityQuantityFrequency** set to **PerHour** and has no **HoursPerDay** value set directly in the XML.
- **SavingsTime** [Optional]: For some derivatives, quantities are given as quantity per calendar day and hour. The monthly quantity is then scaled by the number of calendar days times hours per day (see above) plus or minus a daylight savings correction. To compute the daylight savings correction a convention is needed that describes the dates on which dates one hour is gained resp. lost. Currently supported conventions are US, Null. Default is US if no convention is given.
- **ValidContractMonths** [Optional]: For some commodities the contract frequency is almost monthly but for some calendar months there are no contracts listed. For example Corn Futures are only listed for the expiry months March, May, July, September and December. For those contracts the *ContractFrequency* need to be set to *Monthly* and the valid months have to be added to this node. This node is ignored for all other frequencies and if its omitted all calendar months are valid.

An example **CommodityFuture** node for the NYMEX WTI future contract, specified [here](#), is provided in Listing 134.

The **AveragingData** node referenced above has the structure shown in Listing 135. The meaning of each of the fields is as follows:

- **CommodityName**: The name of the commodity being averaged.
- **Conventions**: The identifier for the conventions associated with the commodity being averaged.
- **Period**: This indicates the averaging period relative to the future expiry date. The allowable values are:
 - **PreviousMonth**: The calendar month prior to the month in which the (top level) future contract's expiry date falls is used as the averaging period.
 - **ExpiryToExpiry**: Given a (top level) future contract's expiry date, the averaging period is from and excluding the previous expiry date to and including the expiry date.
- **PricingCalendar**: The pricing calendar(s) used to determine the pricing dates in the averaging period.
- **UseBusinessDays** [Optional]: A boolean flag that defaults to **true** if omitted. When set to **true**, the pricing dates in the averaging period are the set of **PricingCalendar** good business days. When set to **false**, the pricing dates in the averaging period are the complement of the set of **PricingCalendar** good

business days. This may be useful in certain situations. For example, the contract ICE PW2 with specifications [here](#) averages the PJM Western Hub locational marginal prices over each day in the averaging period that is a Saturday, Sunday or NERC holiday. So, in this case, `UseBusinessDays` would be `false` and `PricingCalendar` would be `US-NEERC`.

- **DeliveryRollDays** [Optional]: This node allows any non-negative integer value. When averaging a commodity future contract price over the averaging period, the averaging period may include an underlying future contract expiry date. This node's value indicates when we should begin using the next future contract's price in the averaging. If the value is zero, we should include the future contract prices up to and including the contract expiry. If the value is one, we should include the contract prices up to and including the day that is one business day before the contract expiry and then switch to using the next future contract's price thereafter. Similarly for other non-negative integer values. If this node is omitted, it is set to zero.
- **FutureMonthOffset** [Optional]: This node allows any non-negative integer value. If this node is omitted, it is set to zero. This node indicates which future contract is being referenced on each *Pricing Date* in the averaging period by acting as an offset from the next available expiry date. If **FutureMonthOffset** is zero, the settlement price of the next available monthly contract that has not expired with respect to the *Pricing Date* is used as the price on that *Pricing Date*. If **FutureMonthOffset** is one, the settlement price of the second available monthly contract that has not expired with respect to the *Pricing Date* is used as the price on that *Pricing Date*. Similarly for other positive values of **FutureMonthOffset**.
- **DailyExpiryOffset** [Optional]: This node allows any non-negative integer value. It should only be used where the **CommodityName** being averaged has a daily contract frequency. If this node is omitted, it is set to zero. This node indicates which future contract is being referenced on each *Pricing Date* in the averaging period by acting as a business day offset, using the **CommodityName**'s expiry calendar, from the *Pricing Date*. It is useful in the base metals market where the future contract being averaged on each *Pricing Date* is the cash contract on that *Pricing Date* i.e. the contract with expiry date two business days after the *Pricing Date*.

7.11.21 Credit Default Swap Conventions

A node with name `CDS` is used to store conventions for credit default swaps. The structure of this node is shown in Listing [136](#).

```

<CDS>
  <Id>...</Id>
  <SettlementDays>...</SettlementDays>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <Frequency>...</Frequency>
  <PaymentConvention>...</PaymentConvention>
  <Rule>...</Rule>
  <DayCounter>...</DayCounter>
  <SettlesAccrual>...</SettlesAccrual>
  <PaysAtDefaultTime>...</PaysAtDefaultTime>
</CDS>

```

The meanings of the various elements in this node are as follows:

- **Id**: The identifier for the CDS convention.
- **SettlementDays**: The number of days after the CDS trade date when protection starts i.e. the *Protection effective date* or *step-in date*. Any non-negative integer is allowed here. For standard CDS after, this is generally set to 1.
- **Calendar**: The calendar associated with the CDS. For non-JPY currencies, this is generally **WeekendsOnly** to agree with the ISDA standard. For JPY CDS, the ISDA standard calendar is **TY0** documented at <https://www.cdsmodel.com/cdsmodel>. This could be set up as an additional calendar or **JPN** could be used as a proxy. Allowable calendar values are given in Table 30.
- **Frequency**: The frequency of fee leg payments for the CDS. The ISDA standard is **Quarterly** but any valid frequency is allowed.
- **PaymentConvention**: The business day convention for payments on the CDS. The ISDA standard is **Following** but any valid business day convention from Table 26 is allowed.
- **Rule**: The date generation rule for the fee leg on the CDS. The ISDA standard is **CDS2015** but any valid date generation rule is allowed.
- **DayCounter**: The day counter for fee leg payments on the CDS. The ISDA standard is **A360** but any valid day counter from Table 31 is allowed.
- **SettlesAccrual**: A boolean value indicating if an accrued fee is due on the occurrence of a credit event. Allowable boolean values are given in the Table 42. In general, this is set **true**.
- **PaysAtDefaultTime**: A boolean value indicating if the accrued fee, on the occurrence of a credit event, is payable at the credit event date or the end of the fee period. A value of **true** indicates that the accrued is payable at the credit event date and a value of **false** indicates that it is payable at the end of the fee period. In general, this is set **true**.

7.11.22 Bond Yield Conventions

A node with name `BondYield` is used to store conventions for the conversion of bond prices into bond yields. The structure of this node is shown in Listing 137.

Listing 137: Bond yield conventions

```
<BondYield>
  <Id>CMB-DE-BUND-10Y</Id>
  <Compounding>Compounded</Compounding>
  <Frequency>Annual</Frequency>
  <PriceType>Clean</PriceType>
  <Accuracy>1.0e-8</Accuracy>
  <MaxEvaluations>100</MaxEvaluations>
  <Guess>0.05</Guess>
</BondYield>
```

The meaning of the elements is as follows:

- `Id`: The constant maturity index name. This must be of the form “CMB-FAMILY-TENOR” where FAMILY can consist of any number of tags separated by “-”
- `Compounding`: Compounding of the yield - Simple, Compounded, Continuous, SimpleThenCompounded
- `Frequency`: Frequency of the cash flows - Annual, Semiannual, Quarterly, Monthly etc.
- `PriceType`: Dirty or Clean
- `Accuracy/MaxEvaluations/Guess`: QuantLib parameters that control the convergence of the numerical price to yield conversion.

```

<CommodityFuture>
  <Id>...</Id>
  <AnchorDay>
    ...
  </AnchorDay>
  <ContractFrequency>...</ContractFrequency>
  <Calendar>...</Calendar>
  <ExpiryCalendar>...</ExpiryCalendar>
  <ExpiryMonthLag>...</ExpiryMonthLag>
  <OneContractMonth>...</OneContractMonth>
  <OffsetDays>...</OffsetDays>
  <BusinessDayConvention>...</BusinessDayConvention>
  <AdjustBeforeOffset>...</AdjustBeforeOffset>
  <IsAveraging>...</IsAveraging>
  <OptionExpiryOffset>...</OptionExpiryOffset>
  <ProhibitedExpiries>
    <Dates>
      <Date forFuture="true" convention="Preceding" forOption="true"
        ↪ optionConvention="Preceding">...</Date>
      ...
    </Dates>
  </ProhibitedExpiries>
  <OptionExpiryMonthLag>...</OptionExpiryMonthLag>
  <OptionExpiryDay>...</OptionExpiryDay>
  <OptionContractFrequency>...</OptionContractFrequency>
  <OptionNthWeekday>
    <Nth>...</Nth>
    <Weekday>...</Weekday>
  </OptionNthWeekday>
  <OptionExpiryLastWeekdayOfMonth>...</OptionExpiryLastWeekdayOfMonth>
  <OptionExpiryWeeklyDayOfTheWeek>...</OptionExpiryWeeklyDayOfTheWeek>
  <OptionBusinessDayConvention>...</OptionBusinessDayConvention>
  <FutureContinuationMappings>
    <ContinuationMapping>
      <From>...</From>
      <To>...</To>
    </ContinuationMapping>
    ...
  </FutureContinuationMappings>
  <OptionContinuationMappings>
    <ContinuationMapping>
      <From>...</From>
      <To>...</To>
    </ContinuationMapping>
    ...
  </OptionContinuationMappings>
  <AveragingData>
    ...
  </AveragingData>
  <HoursPerDay>...</HoursPerDay>
  <SavingsTime>...<SavingsTime>
  <ValidContractMonths>
    <Month>...</Month>
  </ValidContractMonths>
</CommodityFuture>

```

Listing 133: NthWeekday node outline

```
<NthWeekday>
  <Nth>...</Nth>
  <Weekday>...</Weekday>
</NthWeekday>
```

Listing 134: NYMEX WTI CommodityFuture node

```
<CommodityFuture>
  <Id>NYMEX:CL</Id>
  <AnchorDay>
    <DayOfMonth>25</DayOfMonth>
  </AnchorDay>
  <ContractFrequency>Monthly</ContractFrequency>
  <Calendar>US-NYSE</Calendar>
  <ExpiryMonthLag>1</ExpiryMonthLag>
  <OffsetDays>3</OffsetDays>
  <BusinessDayConvention>Preceding</BusinessDayConvention>
  <IsAveraging>false</IsAveraging>
</CommodityFuture>
```

Listing 135: AveragingData node structure

```
<AveragingData>
  <CommodityName>...</CommodityName>
  <Conventions>...</Conventions>
  <Period>...</Period>
  <PricingCalendar>...</PricingCalendar>
  <UseBusinessDays>...</UseBusinessDays>
  <DeliveryRollDays>...</DeliveryRollDays>
  <FutureMonthOffset>...</FutureMonthOffset>
  <DailyExpiryOffset>...</DailyExpiryOffset>
</AveragingData>
```

8 Trade Data

The trades that make up the portfolio are specified in an XML file where the portfolio data is specified in a hierarchy of nodes and sub-nodes. The nodes containing individual trade data are referred to as elements or XML elements. These are generally the lowest level nodes.

The top level portfolio node is delimited by an opening `<Portfolio>` and a closing `</Portfolio>` tag. Within the portfolio node, each trade is defined by a starting `<Trade id="[Tradeid]">` and a closing `</Trade>` tag. Further, the trade type is set by the `TradeType` XML element. Each trade has an `Envelope` node that includes the same XML elements for all trade types (`Id`, `Type`, `Counterparty`, `Rating`, `NettingSetId`) plus the `Additional fields` node, and after that, a node containing trade specific data.

An example of a `portfolio.xml` file with one Swap trade including the full envelope node is shown in Listing 138.

Listing 138: Portfolio

```
<Portfolio>
  <Trade id="Swap#1">
    <TradeType> Swap </TradeType>
    <Envelope>
      <CounterParty> Counterparty#1 </CounterParty>
      <NettingSetId> NettingSet#2 </NettingSetId>
      <PortfolioIds>
        <PortfolioId> PF#1 </PortfolioId>
        <PortfolioId> PF#2 </PortfolioId>
      </PortfolioIds>
      <AdditionalFields>
        <Sector> SectorA </Sector>
        <Book> BookB </Book>
        <Rating> A1 </Rating>
      </AdditionalFields>
    </Envelope>
    <SwapData>
      ...
      [Trade specific data for a Swap]
      ...
    </SwapData>
  </Trade>
</Portfolio>
```

A description of all portfolio data, i.e. of each node and XML element in the portfolio file, with examples and allowable values follows below. There is only one XML elements directly under the top level `Portfolio` node:

- **TradeType:** ORE currently supports 14 trade types.

Allowable values: *ForwardRateAgreement*, *Swap*, *CapFloor*, *Swaption*, *FxForward*, *FxSwap*, *FxOption*, *EquityForward*, *EquityOption*, *VarianceSwap*, *CommodityForward*, *CommodityOption*, *CreditDefaultSwap*, *Bond*

8.1 Envelope

The envelope node contains basic identifying details of a trade (**Id**, **Type**, **Counterparty**, **NettingSetId**), a **PortfolioIds** node containing a list of portfolio assignments, plus an **AdditionalFields** node where custom elements can be added for informational purposes such as **Book** or **Sector**. Beside the custom elements within the **AdditionalFields** node, the envelope contains the same elements for all Trade types. The **Id**, **Type**, **Counterparty** and **NettingSetId** elements must have non-blank entries for ORE to run. The meanings and allowable values of the various elements in the **Envelope** node follow below.

- **Id**: The **Id** element in the envelope is used to identify trades within a portfolio. It should be set to identical values as the **Trade id=" "** element.

Allowable values: Any alphanumeric string. The underscore (**_**) sign may be used as well.
- **Counterparty**: Specifies the name of the counterparty of the trade. It is used to show exposure analytics by counterparty.

Allowable values: Any alphanumeric string. Underscores (**_**) and blank spaces may be used as well.
- **NettingSetId** [Optional]: The **NettingSetId** element specifies the identifier for a netting set. If a **NettingSetId** is specified, the trade is eligible for close-out netting under the terms of an associated ISDA agreement. The specified **NettingSetId** must be defined within the netting set definitions file (see section 9). If left blank or omitted the trade will not belong to any netting set, and thus not be eligible for netting.

Allowable values: Any alphanumeric string. Underscores (**_**) and blank spaces may be used as well.
- **PortfolioIds** [Optional]: The **PortfolioIds** node allows the assignment of a given trade to several portfolios, each enclosed in its own pair of tags **<PortfolioId>** and **</PortfolioId>** . Note that ORE does not assume a hierarchical organisation of such portfolios. If present, the portfolio IDs will be used in the generation of some ORE reports such as the VaR report which provides breakdown by any portfolio id that occurs in the trades' envelopes.

Allowable values for each **PortfolioId**: Any string.
- **AdditionalFields** [Optional]: The **AdditionalFields** node allows the insertion of additional trade information using custom XML elements. For example, elements such as **Sector**, **Desk** or **Folder** can be used. The elements within the **AdditionalFields** node are used for informational purposes only, and do not affect any analytics in ORE.

Allowable values: Any custom element.

8.1.1 Netting Set Details

Instead of a single netting set ID, defined by a **NettingSetId** node, an alternative **NettingSetDetails** node can be provided, which itself contains a **NettingSetId**

sub-node, and four other optional sub-nodes, which altogether allow for extending the uniqueness of netting sets beyond the netting set ID. The allowable values for each sub-node are any alphanumeric string. The underscore ('_') sign may be used as well.

The `NettingSetDetails` node is given in the following XML format:

Listing 139: Netting set details

```
<NettingSetDetails>
  <NettingSetId> </NettingSetId>
  <AgreementType> </AgreementType>
  <CallType> </CallType>
  <InitialMarginType> </InitialMarginType>
  <LegalEntityId> </LegalEntityId>
</NettingSetDetails>
```

8.2 Trade Specific Data

After the envelope node, trade-specific data for each trade type supported by ORE is included. Each trade type has its own trade data container which is defined by an XML node containing a trade-specific configuration of individual XML tags - called elements - and trade components. The trade components are defined by XML sub-nodes that can be used within multiple trade data containers, i.e. by multiple trade types.

Details of trade-specific data for all trade types follow below.

8.2.1 Swap

The `SwapData` node is the trade data container for the *Swap* trade type. A Swap must have at least one leg, and can have an unlimited number of legs. Each leg is represented by a `LegData` trade component sub-node, described in section 8.3.3. An example structure of a two-legged `SwapData` node is shown in Listing 140.

- Settlement [Optional]: Delivery type applicable to cross currency swaps, and ignored for all other swap types. Delivery type does not impact pricing in ORE, but npv results are produced with and without SIMM exemptions.

Settlement *Cash* indicates that principal exchanges on the cross currency swap should be included in Initial Margin (IM). According to ISDA non-deliverable (*Cash*) trades are excluded from the exemption from IM for the principal exchange, i.e. the principal exchanges are included in IM.

Settlement *Physical* indicates that principal exchanges on the cross currency swap should be excluded in IM (the ISDA exemption applies).

Allowable values: *Cash* or *Physical*. Defaults to *Physical* if left blank or omitted.

Listing 140: Swap data

```
<SwapData>
  <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
  <LegData>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    ...
  </LegData>
</SwapData>
```

Note that Swaps for non-deliverable currencies with payment in a deliverable currency are supported using the Indexings node (8.3.8).

A non-deliverable cross currency Swap has Settlement set to *Cash*, and one leg is a regular leg in the deliverable currency without Indexings. The other leg has Currency set to the deliverable currency, Notional in the non-deliverable currency and Indexings with an FX Index between the deliverable and non-deliverable currency. See Listing 141 for an example USD-CLP non-deliverable cross currency swap where CLP is the non-deliverable currency. Notice that a contractual fx rate to be applied to the initial notional exchange is specified in the field *InitialNotionalFixing*. Notice that this rate has to be expressed with target currency = payment currency.

A non-deliverable IR Swap has Currency set to the deliverable currency on both legs, Notional in the non-deliverable currency on both legs, and Indexings with an FX Index between the deliverable and non-deliverable currency on both legs. See Listing 142 for an example non-deliverable IR swap where USD is the payment currency and CLP is the non-deliverable currency.

Listing 141: Non deliverable Cross Currency Swap

```
<SwapData>
  <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>>false</Payer>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>1000000</Notional>
      <Exchanges>
        <NotionalInitialExchange>true</NotionalInitialExchange>
        <NotionalFinalExchange>true</NotionalFinalExchange>
      </Exchanges>
    </Notionals>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>>false</Payer>
    <Currency>USD</Currency><!-- Payment currency is USD rather than CLP -->
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>850000000</Notional><!-- in CLP -->
      <Exchanges>
        <NotionalInitialExchange>true</NotionalInitialExchange>
        <NotionalFinalExchange>true</NotionalFinalExchange>
      </Exchanges>
    </Notionals>
    <Indexings>
      <Indexing>
        <Index>FX-TR20H-CLP-USD</Index><!-- to convert CLP flows into USD -->
        <FixingCalendar>CLP,USD</FixingCalendar>
        <IsInArrears>true</IsInArrears>
        <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
        <InitialNotionalFixing>0.15</InitialNotionalFixing> <!-- applied to initial notional exchange -->
      </Indexing>
    </Indexings>
    ...
  </LegData>
</SwapData>
```

Listing 142: Non deliverable single currency IR Swap

```
<SwapData>
  <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Payer>>false</Payer>
    <Currency>USD</Currency><!-- Payment currency is USD rather than CLP -->
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>850000000</Notional><!-- in CLP -->
    </Notionals>
    <Indexings>
      <Indexing>
        <Index>FX-TR20H-CLP-USD</Index><!-- to convert CLP flows into USD -->
        <FixingCalendar>CLP,USD</FixingCalendar>
        <IsInArrears>true</IsInArrears>
        <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
      </Indexing>
    </Indexings>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    <Currency>USD</Currency><!-- Payment currency is USD rather than CLP -->
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>850000000</Notional><!-- in CLP -->
    </Notionals>
    <Indexings>
      <Indexing>
        <Index>FX-TR20H-CLP-USD</Index><!-- to convert CLP flows into USD -->
        <FixingCalendar>CLP,USD</FixingCalendar>
        <IsInArrears>true</IsInArrears>
        <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
      </Indexing>
    </Indexings>
    ...
  </LegData>
</SwapData>
```

8.2.2 Zero Coupon Swap

A Zero Coupon swap is set up as a swap (trade type *Swap*) , with one leg of type `ZeroCouponFixed`. Listing 143 shows an example. The `ZeroCouponFixed` leg contains an additional `ZeroCouponFixedLegData` block. See 8.3.19 for details on the `ZeroCouponFixed` leg specification.

```

<SwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>ZeroCouponFixed</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    ...
    <ZeroCouponFixedLegData>
      <Rates>
        <Rate>0.02</Rate>
      </Rates>
      <Compounding>Simple</Compounding>
    </ZeroCouponFixedLegData>
  </LegData>
</SwapData>

```

8.2.3 Cap/Floor

The **CapFloorData** node is the trade data container for the *CapFloor* trade type. It's a cap, floor or collar (i.e. a portfolio of a long cap and a short floor for a long position in the collar) on a series of Ibor or CMS rates.

The **CapFloorData** node contains a **LongShort** sub-node which indicates whether the cap (floor, collar) is long or short, and a **LegData** sub-node where the **LegType** can be set to *Floating*, *CMS*, *CMSSpread*, *DurationAdjustedCMS*, *CPI* or *YY*, plus elements for the Cap and Floor rates. An example structure with Cap rates is shown in Listing 144.

A **CapFloorData** node must have either **Caps** or **Floors** elements, or both. In the case of both (I.e. a collar with long cap and short floor) the sequence is that **Caps** elements must be above the **Floors** elements. Note that the **Caps** and **Floors** elements must be outside the **LegData** sub-node, i.e. a *CapFloor* can't have a capped or floored *Floating* or *CMS* leg. The *Payer* flag in the **LegData** subnode is ignored for this instrument. Notice that the signs in the definition of a collar (long cap, short floor) for the **CapFloor** instruments is exactly opposite to 8.3.6.

```

<CapFloorData>
  <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
  <LegData>
    <Payer>>false</Payer>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <Caps>
    <Cap>0.05</Cap>
  </Caps>
  <Premiums>
    <Premium>
      <Amount>1000</Amount>
      <Currency>EUR</Currency>
      <PayDate>2021-01-27</PayDate>
    </Premium>
  </Premiums>
</CapFloorData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **CapFloorData** node follow below.

- **LongShort**: This node defines the position in the cap (floor, collar) and can take values *Long* or *Short*.
- **LegData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.3. Exactly one **LegData** node is allowed, and the **LegType** element must be set to *Floating* (Ibor and OIS), *CMS*, *CMSSpread*, *DurationAdjustedCMS*, *CPI* or *YY*.
- **Caps**: This node has child elements of type **Cap** capping the floating leg (after applying spread if any). The first rate value corresponds to the first coupon, the second rate value corresponds to the second coupon, etc. If the number of coupons exceeds the number of rate values, the rate will be kept flat at the value of last entered rate for the remaining coupons. For a fixed cap rate over all coupons, one single rate value is sufficient. The number of entered rate values cannot exceed the number of coupons.

Allowable values for each **Cap** element: Any real number. The rate is expressed in decimal form, eg 0.05 is a rate of 5%

- **Floors**: This node has child elements of type **Floor** flooring the floating leg (after applying spread if any). The first rate value corresponds to the first coupon, the second rate value corresponds to the second coupon, etc. If the number of coupons exceeds the number of rate values, the rate will be kept flat at the value of last entered rate for the remaining coupons. For a fixed floor rate over all coupons, one single rate value is sufficient. The number of entered rate values cannot exceed the number of coupons.

Allowable values for each **Floor** element: Any real number. The rate is expressed in decimal form, eg 0.05 is a rate of 5%

- **Premiums [Optional]**: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the

option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

8.2.4 Forward Rate Agreement

A forward rate agreement (trade type *ForwardRateAgreement* is set up using a *ForwardRateAgreementData* block as shown in listing [145](#). The forward rate agreement specific elements are:

- **StartDate:** A FRA expires/settles on the startDate.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).
- **EndDate:** EndDate is the date when the forward loan or deposit ends. It follows that (EndDate - StartDate) is the tenor/term of the underlying loan or deposit.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).
- **Currency:** The currency of the FRA notional.
Allowable values: See Table [28](#) **Currency**.
- **Index:** The name of the interest rate index the FRA is benchmarked against.
Allowable values: An alphanumeric string of the form CCY-INDEX-TENOR. CCY, INDEX and TENOR must be separated by dashes (-). CCY and INDEX must be among the supported currency and index combinations. TENOR must be an integer followed by D, W, M or Y, except for Overnight indices which do not require a TENOR. See Table [32](#).
- **LongShort:** Specifies whether the FRA position is long (one receives the agreed rate) or short (one pays the agreed rate).
Allowable values: *Long, Short*.
- **Strike:** The agreed forward interest rate.
Allowable values: Any real number. The strike rate is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.05 is a rate of 5%.
- **Notional:** No accretion or amortisation, just a constant notional.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.

Listing 145: Forward Rate Agreement Data

```
<ForwardRateAgreementData>
  <StartDate>20161028</StartDate>
  <EndDate>20351028</EndDate>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Index>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</Index>
  <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
  <Strike>0.001</Strike>
  <Notional>1000000000</Notional>
</ForwardRateAgreementData>
```

8.2.5 Swaption

The `SwaptionData` node is the trade data container for the *Swaption* trade type. The `SwaptionData` node has one and exactly one `OptionData` trade component sub-node, and at least one `LegData` trade component sub-node. These trade components are outlined in section 8.3.1 and section 8.3.3.

Supported swaption exercise styles are *European* and *Bermudan*. Swaptions of both exercise styles can have an arbitrary number of legs, with each leg represented by a `LegData` sub-node. Cross currency swaptions are not supported for either exercise style, i.e. the `Currency` element must have the same value for all `LegData` sub-nodes of a swaption. There must be at least one full coupon period after the exercise date for European Swaptions, and after the last exercise date for Bermudan Swaptions. See Table 17 for further details on requirements for swaptions.

The structure of an example `SwaptionData` node of a European swaption is shown in Listing 146.

Listing 146: Swaption data

```
<SwaptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Physical</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2027-03-02</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
    <Premiums>
      <Premium>
        <Amount>807000</Amount>
        <Currency>GBP</Currency>
        <PayDate>2021-06-15</PayDate>
      </Premium>
    </Premiums>
  </OptionData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    <Currency>GBP</Currency>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    <Currency>GBP</Currency>
    ...
  </LegData>
</SwaptionData>
```

	A Swaption requires:
OptionData	One OptionData sub-node
Style	<i>Bermudan</i> or <i>European</i>
ExerciseDates	<i>European</i> swaptions can only have one ExerciseDate child element.
LegData	At least one LegData sub-node
Currency	The same currency for all LegData sub-nodes.
LegType	Allowed types are <i>Cashflow</i> , <i>Fixed</i> or <i>Floating</i> . Floating coupons can be (capped / floored) Ibor, (capped / floored) compounded or averaged OIS, or BMA/SIFMA. Standalone options (nakedOption = true) are not allowed, neither are local OIS cap/floors.

Table 17: Requirements for Swaptions

The OptionData trade component sub-node is outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the OptionData node for a Swaption are:

- **LongShort:** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*. Note that the payer and receiver legs in the underlying swap are always from the perspective of the party that is *Long*. E.g. for a *Short* swaption with a fixed leg where the Payer flag is set to *false*, it means that the counterparty receives the fixed flows.

LongShort	Payer for Fixed leg on underlying Swap	Payer for Floating leg on underlying Swap	Resulting Set Up and Flows
<i>Long</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	The Party to the trade buys an option to enter a swap where the Party pays fixed and receives floating
<i>Short</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	The Party to the trade sells an option to the Counterparty to enter a swap where the Counterparty pays fixed and receives floating
<i>Long</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	The Party to the trade buys an option to enter a swap where the Party receives fixed and pays floating
<i>Short</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	The Party to the trade sells an option to the Counterparty to enter a swap where the Counterparty receives fixed and pays floating

Table 18: Swaption set up and resulting flows

- **OptionType[Optional]:** This flag is optional for swaptions, and even if set, has no impact. Whether a swaption is a payer or receiver swaption is determined by the Payer flags on the legs of the underlying swap.

- **Style**: The exercise style of the Swaption. The allowable values are *European* or *Bermudan*.
- **NoticePeriod**[Optional]: The notice period defining the date (relative to the exercise date) on which the exercise decision has to be taken. If not given the notice period defaults to *0D*, i.e. the notice date is identical to the exercise date. Allowable values: A number followed by *D*, *W*, *M*, or *Y*
- **NoticeCalendar**[Optional]: The calendar used to compute the notice date from the exercise date. If not given defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays, weekends are no holidays either). Allowable values: See Table 30 **Calendar**.
- **NoticeConvention**[Optional]: The roll convention used to compute the notice date from the exercise date. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if not given. Allowable values: See Table 27 **Roll Convention**.
- **Settlement**: Delivery Type. The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
- **SettlementMethod**[Optional]: Specifies the method to calculate the settlement amount for Swaptions and Callable Swaps. Allowable values: *PhysicalOTC*, *PhysicalCleared*, *CollateralizedCashPrice*, *ParYieldCurve*. Defaults to *ParYieldCurve* if Settlement is *Cash* and defaults to *PhysicalOTC* if Settlement is *Physical*.

PhysicalOTC = OTC traded swaptions with physical settlement

PhysicalCleared = Cleared swaptions with physical settlement

CollateralizedCashPrice = Cash settled swaptions with settlement price calculation using zero coupon curve discounting

ParYieldCurve = Cash settled swaptions with settlement price calculation using par yield discounting ^{9 10}

- **ExerciseFees**[Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **ExerciseFee**. Similar to a list of notionals (see 8.3.3) the fees can be given either
 - as a list where each entry corresponds to an exercise date and the last entry is used for all remaining exercise dates if there are more exercise dates than exercise fee entries, or
 - using the **startDate** attribute to specify a change in a fee from a certain day on (w.r.t. the exercise date schedule)

Fees can either be given as an absolute amount or relative to the current notional of the period immediately following the exercise date using the **type** attribute together with specifiers **Absolute** resp. **Percentage**. If not given, the type defaults to **Absolute**. **Percentage** fees are expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.05 is a fee of 5% of notional.

If a fee is given as a positive number the option holder has to pay a corresponding amount if they exercise the option. If the fee is negative on the other hand, the option holder receives an amount on the option exercise.

Only supported for Swaptions and Callable Swaps currently.

⁹<https://www.isda.org/book/2006-isda-definitions/>

¹⁰<https://www.isda.org/a/TIAEE/Supplement-No-58-to-ISDA-2006-Definitions.pdf>

- **ExerciseFeeSettlementPeriod**[Optional]: The settlement lag for exercise fee payments. Defaults to 0D if not given. This lag is relative to the exercise date (as opposed to the notice date). Allowable values: A number followed by *D*, *W*, *M*, or *Y*
- **ExerciseFeeSettlementCalendar**[Optional]: The calendar used to compute the exercise fee settlement date from the exercise date. If not given defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays, weekends are no holidays either). Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.
- **ExerciseFeeSettlementConvention**[Optional]: The roll convention used to compute the exercise fee settlement date from the exercise date. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if not given. Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given for *European* style swaptions, and for *Bermudan* style swaptions at least two **ExerciseDate** date elements must be given.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium node with amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

8.2.6 FX Forward

The **FXForwardData** node is the trade data container for the *FxForward* trade type. The structure - including example values - of the **FXForwardData** node is shown in Listing 147.

Listing 147: FX Forward data

```

<FxForwardData>
  <ValueDate>2023-04-09</ValueDate>
  <BoughtCurrency>EUR</BoughtCurrency>
  <BoughtAmount>1000000</BoughtAmount>
  <SoldCurrency>USD</SoldCurrency>
  <SoldAmount>1500000</SoldAmount>
  <Settlement>Physical</Settlement>
  <SettlementData>
    ...
  </SettlementData>
</FxForwardData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the various elements in the **FXForwardData** node follow below.

- **ValueDate**: The value date of the FX Forward.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **BoughtCurrency**: The currency to be bought on value date.
Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.
- **BoughtAmount**: The amount to be bought on value date.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **SoldCurrency**: The currency to be sold on value date.
Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.
- **SoldAmount**: The amount to be sold on value date.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **Settlement** [Optional]: Delivery type. Note that Non-Deliverable Forwards can be represented by *Cash* settlement.
Allowable values: *Cash* or *Physical*. Defaults to *Physical* if left blank or omitted.
- **SettlementData** [Optional]: This node is used to specify the settlement of the cash flows on the value date.

A **SettlementData** node is shown in Listing 148, and the meanings and allowable values of its elements follow below.

- **Currency**: The currency in which the FX Forward is settled. This field is only used if settlement is *Cash*.
Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**. Defaults to the sold currency if left blank or omitted.
- **FXIndex**: The FX reference index for determining the FX fixing at the value date. This field is required if settlement is *Cash* and the payment date is greater than the value date. Otherwise, it is ignored.
Allowable values: The format of the **FXIndex** is “FX-FixingSource-CCY1-CCY2” as described in Table 34.
- **Date** [Optional]: If specified, this will be the payment date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. If left blank or omitted, defaults to the value date with some adjustments applied from the **Rules** sub-node.
- **Rules** [Optional]: If **Date** is left blank or omitted, this node will be used to derive the payment date from the value date. The **Rules** sub-node is shown in Listing 148, and the meanings and allowable values of its elements follow below.
 - **PaymentLag** [Optional]: The lag between the value date and the payment date.
Allowable values: Any valid period, i.e. a non-negative whole number, optionally followed by *D* (days), *W* (weeks), *M* (months), *Y* (years). For cash settlement and if a **FXIndex** is specified defaults to the fx convention (field “**SpotDays**”) if blank or omitted, otherwise to 0. If a whole number is given and no letter, it is assumed that it is a number of *D* (days).
 - **PaymentCalendar** [Optional]: The calendar to be used when applying the payment lag.
Allowable values: See Table 30 **Calendar**. For cash settlement and if a **FXIndex** is specified defaults to the fx convention (field “**AdvanceCalendar**”) if left blank or omitted, otherwise to **NullCalendar** (no holidays).
 - **PaymentConvention** [Optional]: The roll convention to be used when applying the payment lag.
Allowable values: See Table 27 **Roll Convention**. For cash settlement and if a **FXIndex** is specified defaults to the fx convention ((field “**Convention**”) if left blank or omitted, otherwise to **Unadjusted**.

Note that FX Forwards also cover Precious Metals forwards, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrency forwards, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

Listing 148: Example *SettlementData* node with *Rules* sub-node

```
<SettlementData>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <Date>2020-09-03</Date>
  <Rules>
    <PaymentLag>2D</PaymentLag>
    <PaymentCalendar>USD</PaymentCalendar>
    <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  </Rules>
</SettlementData>
```

8.2.7 FX Average Forward

The *FXAverageForwardData* node is the trade data container for the *FxAverageForward* trade type. The structure with example values node is shown in Listing 149.

Listing 149: FX Average Forward data

```
<FXAverageForwardData>
  <PaymentDate>2023-04-09</PaymentDate>
  <!-- Schedule block that determines observation dates for FX averaging -->
  <ObservationDates>
    ...
  </ObservationDates>
  <FixedPayer>true</FixedPayer>
  <ReferenceNotional>8614</ReferenceNotional>
  <ReferenceCurrency>EUR</ReferenceCurrency>
  <SettlementNotional>10000</SettlementNotional>
  <SettlementCurrency>USD</SettlementCurrency>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
</FXAverageForwardData>
```

The instrument's payoff is driven by an arithmetic average of observed FX rates, expressed in terms of the node names:

$$\omega \times (\text{ReferenceNotional} \times \text{AverageFX} - \text{SettlementNotional})$$

The meanings and allowable values of the various elements in the *FXAverageForwardData* node follow below.

- **PaymentDate:** The date of the settlement cash flow.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **ObservationDates:** Schedule data that determine the observation dates that are taken into account in the FX rate averaging. See section 8.3.4

- **FixedPayer:** If *true*, the payoff multiplier ω is set to 1, otherwise -1.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*
- **ReferenceNotional:** The amount to be converted into settlement currency at the average FX rate
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **ReferenceCurrency:** The currency of the reference notional above.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- **SettlementNotional:** The fixed amount to be paid or received depending on the fixed payer flag above
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **SettlementCurrency:** The currency of the settlement notional above.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- **FXIndex:** The FX reference index for determining the FX fixing for averaging.
Allowable values: The format of the **FXIndex** is “FX-FixingSource-CCY1-CCY2” as described in Table 34. Notice that since the payoff is based on an arithmetic average, the order of the currencies in the FX index matters: The averaging will be done on fx rates quoted as CCY1-CCY2 (foreign-domestic).

8.2.8 FX Swap

The **FXSwapData** node is the trade data container for the *FxSwap* trade type. The structure - including example values - of the **FXSwapData** node is shown in Listing 150. It contains no sub-nodes.

Listing 150: FX Swap data

```

<FXSwapData>
  <NearDate>2018-09-01</NearDate>
  <NearBoughtCurrency>EUR</NearBoughtCurrency>
  <NearBoughtAmount>1000000</NearBoughtAmount>
  <NearSoldCurrency>USD</NearSoldCurrency>
  <NearSoldAmount>1140000</NearSoldAmount>
  <FarDate>2028-09-01</FarDate>
  <FarBoughtAmount>1300000</FarBoughtAmount>
  <FarSoldAmount>1000000</FarSoldAmount>
  <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
</FXSwapData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the various elements in the **FXSwapData** node follow below. All elements are required.

- **NearDate:** The date of the initial fx exchange of the FX Swap.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **NearBoughtCurrency:** The currency to be bought in the initial exchange at near date, and sold in the final exchange at far date.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- **NearBoughtAmount:** The amount to be bought on near date.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **NearSoldCurrency**: The currency to be sold in the initial fx exchange at near date, and bought in the final exchange at far date.
Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.
- **NearSoldAmount**: The amount to be sold on near date.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **FarDate**: The date of the final fx exchange of the FX Swap.
Allowable values: Any date further into the future than **NearDate**. See **Date** in Table 26.
- **FarBoughtAmount**: The amount to be bought on far date.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **FarSoldAmount**: The amount to be sold on far date.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **Settlement [Optional]**: Delivery type. Note that Non-Deliverable FX Swaps can be represented by *Cash* settlement, and that deliverable FX Swaps will be excluded from the CRIF output. Delivery type does not impact pricing in ORE.
Allowable values: *Cash* or *Physical*. Defaults to *Physical* if left blank or omitted.

Note that FX Swaps also cover Precious Metals swaps, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrency swaps, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

8.2.9 FX Option

The **FXOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *FxOption* trade type. FX options with exercise styles *European* or *American* are supported. The **FXOptionData** node includes one and only one **OptionData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Option. The structure of an **FXOptionData** node for an FX Option is shown in Listing 151.

```

<FxOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>false</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2026-03-01</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    <Premiums>
      <Premium>
        <Amount>10900</Amount>
        <Currency>EUR</Currency>
        <PayDate>2020-03-01</PayDate>
      </Premium>
    </Premiums>
  </OptionData>
  <BoughtCurrency>EUR</BoughtCurrency>
  <BoughtAmount>1000000</BoughtAmount>
  <SoldCurrency>USD</SoldCurrency>
  <SoldAmount>1700000</SoldAmount>
</FxOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FXOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `FxOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. For option type *Put*, Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched compared to the trade data node. For example, a holder of BoughtCurrency EUR SoldCurrency USD FX Call Option has the right to buy EUR using USD, while holder of the Put counterpart has the right to buy USD using EUR, or equivalently sell EUR for USD.
 - **Style** The allowable values are *European* or *American*.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional] The allowable values are *true* for payoff at expiry, or *false* for payoff at exercise (relevant for *American* style FxOptions). Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one `ExerciseDate` date element must be given. For *American* style FxOptions the `ExerciseDate` represents the Expiry date, i.e. they can be exercised up until this date.
 - A **PaymentData** [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement date of the option payoff.

- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. See section [8.3.2](#)

See [8.3.1](#) for further specifications of the **OptionData** node.

- **BoughtCurrency**: The bought currency of the FX option. See **OptionData** above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table [28](#).

- **BoughtAmount**: The amount in the **BoughtCurrency**.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **SoldCurrency**: The sold currency of the FX option. See **OptionData** above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table [28](#).

- **SoldAmount**: The amount in the **SoldCurrency**.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **FXIndex** [Optional]: If the option *European*, has cash settlement and is subject to *Automatic Exercise*, as indicated by the **AutomaticExercise** node under **OptionData**, this node must be populated with a valid FX index. The FX index is used to retrieve an FX rate on the expiry date that is in turn used to determine the payoff on the cash settlement date. The payoff is in the **SoldCurrency** i.e. the domestic currency.

Allowable values: A valid FX index from the Table [34](#).

Note that FX Options also cover Precious Metals Options, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrency options, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table [28](#).

8.2.10 FX Asian Option

The **FxAsianOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *FxAsianOption* trade type. The **FxAsianOptionData** node includes one **OptionData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Asian Option.

A FX Asian Option is a path-dependent option whose payoff depends upon the averaged foreign exchange rate over a pre-set period of time.

The structure of an example **FxAsianOptionData** node for a FX Asian Option is shown in Listing [152](#).

```

<Trade id="FxAsianOption">
  <TradeType>FxAsianOption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    <CounterParty>CPTY_A</CounterParty>
    <NettingSetId>CPTY_A</NettingSetId>
    <AdditionalFields />
  </Envelope>
  <FxAsianOptionData>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <Quantity>100</Quantity>
    <Strike>1.05</Strike>
    <Underlying>
      <Type>FX</Type>
      <Name>ECB-EUR-USD</Name>
    </Underlying>
    <OptionData>
      <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
      <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
      <PayoffType>Asian</PayoffType>
      <PayoffType2>Arithmetic</PayoffType2>
      <ExerciseDates>
        <ExerciseDate>2020-07-15</ExerciseDate>
      </ExerciseDates>
    </OptionData>
    <Settlement>2020-07-20</Settlement>
    <ObservationDates>
      <Rules>
        <StartDate>2019-12-27</StartDate>
        <EndDate>2020-07-06</EndDate>
        <Tenor>1D</Tenor>
        <Calendar>US</Calendar>
        <Convention>F</Convention>
        <TermConvention>F</TermConvention>
        <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      </Rules>
    </ObservationDates>
  </FxAsianOptionData>
</Trade>

```

In the above example, the holder of the FxAsianOption has a call option that gives the right but not obligation to pay 105 USD (the strike) and receive 100*[the average USDEUR FX rate during the Asian period] USD (the underlying).

If OptionType would be changed to Put, the holder of the option would have the right to receive 105 USD (the strike) and pay 100*[the average USDEUR FX rate during the Asian period] USD (the underlying).

The payoff is:

$$Payoff = Quantity \cdot MAX(\omega \cdot (A(0, T) - K), 0)$$

where:

- $A(0, T)$: the arithmetic average FX rate over the Asian observation period from start 0 to end T, expressed as amount of CCY2 per one unit of CCY1.

- K : strike FX rate, expressed as amount of CCY2 per one unit of CCY1.
- ω : 1 for a call option (ie receiving averaged FX and paying strike), -1 for a put option

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxAsianOptionData` node follow below.

- **Currency**: The payoff currency.
Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.
- **Quantity**: The quantity of the underlying currency (CCY1). See payoff formula above.
Allowable values: all positive real numbers
- **Strike**: The strike of the option, expressed as amount of CCY2 per one unit of CCY1.
Allowable values: all positive real numbers
- **Underlying**: An **Underlying** node where **Type** must be set to *FX* and **Name** is the foreign exchange currency pair (on the form SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2) including the **Currency** above typically as CCY2 and another currency defined as the underlying currency as CCY1.
Allowable values: See 8.3.29
- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an `FxAsianOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
 - **PayoffType** which must be set to *Asian* or *AverageStrike* to identify a fixed or floating strike asian payoff,
 - **PayoffType2** [Optional] can be optionally set to *Arithmetic* or *Geometric* and defaults to *Arithmetic* if not given.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
 - A **PaymentData** [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement of the option payoff.
 - A **Premiums** [Optional] node can be added to represent deterministic option premia to be paid by the option holder. See section 8.3.2
- **Settlement**[Optional]: The settlement date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. Defaults to the **ExerciseDate** if left blank or omitted.
- **ObservationDates**: The observation dates for the asian period, given as a rules-based or dates-based schedule, analogous to a **ScheduleData** node but called **ObservationDates**.
Allowable values: See the definition in 8.3.4

8.2.11 FX Barrier Option

European exercise, American barrier.

The `FxBarrierOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxBarrierOption* trade type. The barrier level of an FX Barrier Option is quoted as the amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency. The `FxBarrierOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Barrier Option.

An FX Barrier option is a path-dependent option whose existence depends upon an FX spot rate reaching a pre-set barrier level. Exercise is European.

This product has a continuously monitored single barrier (American Barrier style) with a Vanilla European FX Option Underlying.

The structure of an example `FxBarrierOptionData` node for a FX Barrier Option is shown in Listing 153.

Listing 153: FX Barrier Option data

```
<FxBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <!-- Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched for Put -->
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
    <Levels>
      <Level>1.2</Level>
    </Levels>
    <Rebate>0.0</Rebate>
  </BarrierData>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <BoughtCurrency>EUR</BoughtCurrency>
  <BoughtAmount>1000000</BoughtAmount>
  <SoldCurrency>USD</SoldCurrency>
  <SoldAmount>1100000</SoldAmount>
</FxBarrierOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxBarrierOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `FxBarrierOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.

- **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
Call means that the holder of the option, upon expiry - assuming knock-in or no knock-out - has the right to receive the BoughtAmount and pay the SoldAmount.
Put means that the Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched compared to the trade data node. For example, holder of BoughtCurrency EUR SoldCurrency JPY FX Barrier Call Option has the right to buy EUR using JPY, while holder of the Put counterpart has the right to buy JPY using EUR, or equivalently sell EUR for JPY. An alternative to define the latter option is to copy the Call option with following changes:
a) swapping BoughtCurrency with SoldCurrency, b) swapping BoughtAmount with SoldAmount and c) inverting the barrier level (for example changing 110 to 0.0090909). Here barrier level is quoted as amount of EUR per unit JPY, which is not commonly seen on market and inconsistent with the format in Call options. For these reasons, using Put/Call flag instead is recommended.
- **Style** The FX Barrier Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
- **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
- A **PaymentData** [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement of the option payoff.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one ExerciseDate date element must be given.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. See section [8.3.2](#)
- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section [8.3.31](#). Level specified in BarrierData should be quoted as the amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency, with both currencies as defined in FxBarrierOptionData node. Changing the option from Call to Put or vice versa does not require switching the barrier level, i.e. the level stays quoted as SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency, regardless of Put/Call.
- **StartDate** [Optional]: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).
- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar associated with the FX Index. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.
Allowable values: See Table [30](#) Calendar.
- **FXIndex** [Optional]: A reference to an FX Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the FX Index is “FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2” as described in table 34.

- **BoughtCurrency:** The bought currency of the FX barrier option. See `OptionData` above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.

- **BoughtAmount:** The amount in the `BoughtCurrency`.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **SoldCurrency:** The sold currency of the FX barrier option. See `OptionData` above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.

- **SoldAmount:** The amount in the `SoldCurrency`.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

Note that FX Barrier Options also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

8.2.12 FX Digital Barrier Option

The `FxDigitalBarrierOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxDigitalBarrierOption* trade type. The `FxDigitalBarrierOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Digital Barrier Option.

An FX Digital Barrier Option pays a given cash amount in domestic currency at expiry, if the underlying fx rate has hit (or not hit) a continuously monitored barrier (as for the `FxTouchOption`) and the fx rate at the expiry date is above (call) or below (put) a given strike.

The structure of an example `FxDigitalBarrierOptionData` node for a FX Digital Barrier Option is shown in Listing 154.

```

<FxDigitalBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>DownAndIn</Type>
    <Levels>
      <Level>1.18</Level>
    </Levels>
  </BarrierData>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <Strike>1.1</Strike>
  <PayoffAmount>100000</PayoffAmount>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <ForeignCurrency>EUR</ForeignCurrency>
  <DomesticCurrency>USD</DomesticCurrency>
</FxDigitalBarrierOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the FxDigitalBarrierOptionData node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the OptionData node for an FxDigitalBarrierOption are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. Given knock-in or no knock-out, *Call* means that the digital payout will occur if the fx rate at the expiry date is above the given strike, and *Put* means that the digital payout will occur if the fx rate at the expiry date is below the given strike.
 - **Style** The FX Digital Barrier Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one ExerciseDate date element must be given.
 - **Premiums [Optional]:** Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **BarrierData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Level specified in BarrierData should be quoted as the amount in

DomesticCurrency per one unit of ForeignCurrency, with both currencies as defined in FxDigitalBarrierOptionData node.

- **StartDate[Optional]:** The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future. If 'StartDate' is provided then the fixings for dates between this date and the asof date are checked to see if the option was triggered. If no fixing is available then we skip that date. This is to allow for backwards compatibility.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **Calendar[Optional]:** The calendar associated with the FX Index. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- **FXIndex[Optional]:** A reference to an FX Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional, and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the FX Index is "FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2" as described in table 34.

- **Strike:** The FX strike price, expressed as the amount in DomesticCurrency per one unit of ForeignCurrency.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **PayoffAmount:** The fixed payoff amount expressed in domestic currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money, and whether the barrier has been breached.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **PayoffCurrency[Optional]:** The payoff currency of the FX digital option is the currency of the payoff amount. Must be either the Domestic or Foreign currency for this trade, If omitted this defaults to DomesticCurrency as defined in FxDigitalBarrierOptionData node.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

- **ForeignCurrency:** The foreign currency of the FX digital barrier option is equivalent to the bought currency.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

- **DomesticCurrency:** The domestic currency of the FX digital barrier option is equivalent to the sold currency.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

Note that FX Digital Barrier Options also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

8.2.13 FX Digital Option

The `FxDigitalOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxDigitalOption* trade type. The `FxDigitalOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Digital Option. The structure of an example `FxDigitalOptionData` node for a FX Digital Option is shown in Listing 155.

Listing 155: FX Digital Option data

```
<FxDigitalOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <Strike>1.1</Strike>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <PayoffAmount>100000</PayoffAmount>
  <ForeignCurrency>EUR</ForeignCurrency>
  <DomesticCurrency>USD</DomesticCurrency>
</FxDigitalOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxDigitalOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `FxDigitalOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. *Call* means that the digital payout will occur if the fx rate at the expiry date is above the given strike, and *Put* means that the digital payout will occur if the fx rate at the expiry date is below the given strike.
 - **Style** The FX Digital Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one `ExerciseDate` date element must be given.
 - **Premiums [Optional]:** Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **Strike:** The FX strike price, expressed as the amount in `DomesticCurrency` per one unit of `ForeignCurrency`.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **PayoffCurrency[Optional]**: The payoff currency of the FX digital option is the currency of the payoff amount. Must be either the Domestic or Foreign currency for this trade, If omitted this defaults to the domestic currency.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

- **PayoffAmount**: The fixed payoff amount expressed in payoff currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **ForeignCurrency**: The foreign currency of the FX digital option is equivalent to the bought currency.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

- **DomesticCurrency**: The domestic currency of the FX digital option is equivalent to the sold currency.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

Note that FX Digital Options also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

8.2.14 FX Double Barrier Option

The **FxDoubleBarrierOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *FxDoubleBarrierOption* trade type.

An FX Double Barrier Option is a path-dependent option whose existence depends upon an FX spot rate reaching one of the two pre-set barrier levels. Exercise is European, and barriers are American (continuously monitored).

FX Double Barrier options can be knock-in or knock-out:

- A knock-in option is a barrier option that only comes into existence/becomes active when the FX spot rate reaches the one of the barrier level at any point in the option's life. Once a barrier is knocked-in, the option will not cease to exist until the option expires and effectively it becomes a Vanilla FX Option.
- A knock-out option starts its life active, but ceases to exist/becomes inactive, if the one of the barriers is reached during the life of the option.

The barrier levels of an FX Double Barrier Option are quoted as the amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency. The **FxDoubleBarrierOptionData** node includes one **OptionData** trade component sub-node and one **BarrierData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Double Barrier Option. The structure of an example **FxDoubleBarrierOptionData** node for a FX Double Barrier Option is shown in Listing 156.

```

<FxDoubleBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <!-- Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched for Put -->
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>KnockOut</Type> <!-- KnockOut or KnockIn -->
    <Levels>
      <Level>1.1</Level>
      <Level>1.2</Level>
    </Levels>
    <Rebate>0.0</Rebate>
  </BarrierData>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <BoughtCurrency>EUR</BoughtCurrency>
  <BoughtAmount>1000000</BoughtAmount>
  <SoldCurrency>USD</SoldCurrency>
  <SoldAmount>1100000</SoldAmount>
</FxDoubleBarrierOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the FxDoubleBarrierOptionData node follow below.

- OptionData: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the OptionData node for an FxDoubleBarrierOption are:
 - LongShort The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - OptionType The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
Call means that the holder of the option, upon expiry - assuming knock-in or no knock-out - has the right to receive the BoughtAmount and pay the SoldAmount.
Put means that the Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched compared to the trade data node. For example, holder of BoughtCurrency EUR SoldCurrency JPY FX Double Barrier Call Option has the right to buy EUR using JPY, while holder of the Put counterpart has the right to buy JPY using EUR, or equivalently sell EUR for JPY. An alternative to define the latter option is to copy the Call option with following changes: a) swapping BoughtCurrency with SoldCurrency, b) swapping BoughtAmount with SoldAmount and c) inverting the barrier level (for example changing 110 to 0.0090909). Here barrier level is quoted as amount of EUR per unit JPY, which is not commonly seen on market and inconsistent with the format in Call options. For these reasons, using Put/Call flag instead is recommended.

- **Style** The FX Double Barrier Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
- **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
- A **PaymentData** [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement of the option payoff.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section [8.3.31](#). Levels specified in **BarrierData** should be quoted as the amount in **SoldCurrency** per unit **BoughtCurrency**, with both currencies as defined in **FxDoubleBarrierOptionData** node. Changing the option from Call to Put or vice versa does not require switching the barrier levels. Two levels in ascending order should be defined in **Levels**. **Type** should be *KnockOut* or *KnockIn*.
- **StartDate** [Optional]: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).

- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar associated with the FX Index. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table [30](#) **Calendar**.

- **FXIndex** [Optional]: A reference to an FX Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the FX Index is "FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2" as described in table [34](#).

- **BoughtCurrency**: The bought currency of the FX barrier option. See **OptionData** above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table [28](#) **Currency**.

- **BoughtAmount**: The amount in the **BoughtCurrency**.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **SoldCurrency**: The sold currency of the FX barrier option. See **OptionData** above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table [28](#) **Currency**.

- **SoldAmount**: The amount in the **SoldCurrency**.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

8.2.15 FX Double Touch Option

The `FxDoubleTouchOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxDoubleTouchOption* trade type. The `FxDoubleTouchOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Double Touch Option.

An FX Double Touch Option pays a given cash amount (`PayoffAmount`) at expiry or at hit if the underlying fx rate has hit either of the barriers (`KnockIn`) resp. has not hit any of barriers (`KnockOut`) using continuous monitoring between start and expiry date. No rebates are supported.

The structure of an example `FxDoubleTouchOptionData` node for an FX Double Touch Option is shown in Listing 157.

Listing 157: FX Double Touch Option data

```
<FxDoubleTouchOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    ...
    <Type>KnockOut</Type> <!-- KnockOut or KnockIn -->
    <Levels>
      <Level>1.1</Level>
      <Level>1.2</Level>
    </Levels>
    ...
  </BarrierData>
  <ForeignCurrency>EUR</ForeignCurrency>
  <DomesticCurrency>USD</DomesticCurrency>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <PayoffAmount>100000</PayoffAmount>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
</FxDoubleTouchOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxDoubleTouchOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `FxDoubleTouchOption` are as below. Note that the `OptionType` can be omitted.
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.

- **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional] *true* for payoff at expiry and *false* for payoff at hit. Currently, for both *KnockOut* and *KnockIn* barriers, only payoff at expiry (i.e. *true*) is supported. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
- **PaymentData** [Optional]: This defines the settlement of the option payoff.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section [8.3.31](#). Two levels in ascending order should be defined in *Levels*. *Type* should be *KnockOut* or *KnockIn*. Levels specified in **BarrierData** should be quoted as the amount in **DomesticCurrency** (sold currency) per unit **ForeignCurrency** (bought currency).

- **ForeignCurrency**: The foreign currency of the FX touch option is equivalent to the bought currency.

Allowable values: See Table [28 Currency](#).

- **DomesticCurrency**: The domestic currency of the FX touch option is equivalent to the sold currency.

Allowable values: See Table [28 Currency](#).

- **PayoffCurrency**: The payoff currency of the FX touch option is the currency of the payoff amount.

Allowable values: See Table [28 Currency](#).

- **PayoffAmount**: The fixed payoff amount expressed in payoff currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money, and whether the barrier has been touched.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **StartDate** [Optional]: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).

- **FXIndex** [Optional]: A reference to an FX Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional, and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the FX Index is "FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2" as described in table [34](#).

- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar associated with the FX Index. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

8.2.16 FX European Barrier Option

European exercise, European barrier.

The `FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxEuropeanBarrierOption* trade type. The barrier level of an FX European Barrier Option is quoted as the amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency. The `FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Barrier Option.

An FX European Barrier option gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to exchange a set amount of one currency for another, at a predetermined exchange rate, at one predetermined time in the future. This right may be withdrawn depending upon an FX spot rate reaching a predetermined barrier level at the predetermined time, the underlying is monitored only at expiry with a single barrier (European Barrier style).

The structure of an example `FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData` node for a FX European Barrier Option is shown in Listing 158.

Listing 158: FX European Barrier Option data

```
<FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <!-- Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched for Put -->
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
    <Levels>
      <Level>1.2</Level>
    </Levels>
    <Rebate>100000</Rebate>
  </BarrierData>
  <BoughtCurrency>EUR</BoughtCurrency>
  <BoughtAmount>1000000</BoughtAmount>
  <SoldCurrency>USD</SoldCurrency>
  <SoldAmount>1100000</SoldAmount>
</FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData` node follow below.

- `OptionData`: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `FxEuropeanBarrierOption` are:

- **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
Call means that the holder of the option, upon expiry - assuming knock-in or no knock-out - has the right to receive the BoughtAmount and pay the SoldAmount.
Put means that the Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched compared to the trade data node. For example, holder of BoughtCurrency EUR SoldCurrency JPY FX European Barrier Call Option has the right to buy EUR using JPY, while holder of the Put counterpart has the right to buy JPY using EUR, or equivalently sell EUR for JPY. An alternative to define the latter option is to copy the Call option with following changes: a) swapping BoughtCurrency with SoldCurrency, b) swapping BoughtAmount with SoldAmount and c) inverting the barrier level (for example changing 110 to 0.0090909). Here barrier level is quoted as amount of EUR per unit JPY, which is not commonly seen on market and inconsistent with the format in Call options. For these reasons, using Put/Call flag instead is recommended.
 - **Style** The FX European Barrier Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one ExerciseDate date element must be given.
 - A **PaymentData** [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement date of the option payoff.
 - **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. See section [8.3.2](#)
- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section [8.3.31](#). Level specified in BarrierData should be quoted as the amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency, with both currencies as defined in FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData node. Changing the option from Call to Put or vice versa does not require switching the barrier level, i.e. the level stays quoted as SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency, regardless of Put/Call.
 - **BoughtCurrency**: The bought currency of the FX barrier option. See OptionData above for more details.
Allowable values: See Table [28](#) Currency.
 - **BoughtAmount**: The amount in the BoughtCurrency.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
 - **SoldCurrency**: The sold currency of the FX barrier option. See OptionData above for more details.
Allowable values: See Table [28](#) Currency.
 - **SoldAmount**: The amount in the SoldCurrency.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

Note that FX European Barrier Options also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table [28](#).

8.2.17 FX KIKO Barrier Option

European exercise, American barriers.

The `FXKIKOBarrierOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxKIKOBarrierOption* trade type.

An FX KIKO Barrier option is an option with both a knock-out and a knock-in barrier. The knock-out barrier can be happen at any time (American barrier), and once the knock-in barrier is hit the trade becomes a single (American) barrier knock-out trade. The KIKO option can only be exercised (one time, European style) if the knock-out barrier is never touched and the knock-in barrier is touched at least once.

The strike rate and barrier levels of an FX KIKO Barrier Option are expressed as amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency.

The `FXKIKOBarrierOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and two `BarrierData` trade component sub-nodes plus elements specific to the FX KIKO Barrier Option. The structure of an example `FXKIKOBarrierOptionData` node for a FX KIKO Barrier Option is shown in Listing [159](#).

```

<FxKIKOBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <!-- Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched for Put -->
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <Barriers>
    <BarrierData>
      <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
      <Levels>
        <Level>1.2</Level>
      </Levels>
    </BarrierData>
    <BarrierData>
      <Type>DownAndOut</Type>
      <Levels>
        <Level>1.2</Level>
      </Levels>
    </BarrierData>
  </Barriers>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <BoughtCurrency>EUR</BoughtCurrency>
  <BoughtAmount>1000000</BoughtAmount>
  <SoldCurrency>USD</SoldCurrency>
  <SoldAmount>1100000</SoldAmount>
</FxKIKOBarrierOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the FxKIKOBarrierOptionData node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the OptionData node for an FxKIKOBarrierOption are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
Call means that the holder of the option, upon expiry - assuming knock-in or no knock-out - has the right to receive the BoughtAmount and pay the SoldAmount.
Put means that the Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched compared to the trade data node. For example, holder of BoughtCurrency EUR SoldCurrency JPY FX KIKO Barrier Call Option has the right to buy EUR using JPY, while holder of the Put counterpart has the right to buy JPY using EUR, or equivalently sell EUR for JPY. An alternative to define the latter option is to copy the Call option with following changes:

a) swapping BoughtCurrency with SoldCurrency, b) swapping BoughtAmount with SoldAmount and c) inverting the barrier level (for example changing 110 to 0.0090909). Here barrier level is quoted as amount of EUR per unit JPY, which is not commonly seen on market and inconsistent with the format in Call options. For these reasons, using Put/Call flag instead is recommended.

- **Style** The FX KIKO Barrier Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
- **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one ExerciseDate date element must be given.
- **Premiums [Optional]**: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

- **Barriers**: This node contains two barrierData nodes, one must be a KnockIn barrier (*UpAndIn* or *DownAndIn*) and the other must be a KnockOut barrier (*UpAndOut* or *DownAndOut*).
- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section [8.3.31](#). FxKIKOBarrierOptions do not currently support rebates. Level specified in BarrierData should be quoted as the amount in SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency, with both currencies as defined in FxKIKOBarrierOptionData node. Changing the option from Call to Put or vice versa does not require switching the barrier level, i.e. the level stays quoted as SoldCurrency per unit BoughtCurrency, regardless of Put/Call.
- **StartDate[Optional]**: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).

- **Calendar[Optional]**: The calendar associated with the FX Index. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table [30](#) Calendar.

- **FXIndex[Optional]**: A reference to an FX Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the FX Index is "FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2" as described in table [34](#).

- **BoughtCurrency**: The bought currency of the FX barrier option. See OptionData above for more details.

Allowable values: See Table [28](#) Currency.

- **BoughtAmount:** The amount in the BoughtCurrency.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **SoldCurrency:** The sold currency of the FX barrier option. See [OptionData](#) above for more details.
Allowable values: See [Table 28 Currency](#).
- **SoldAmount:** The amount in the SoldCurrency.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.

Note that FX KIKO Options also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in [Table 28](#).

8.2.18 FX Touch Option

The `FxTouchOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *FxTouchOption* trade type. The `FxTouchOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the FX Touch Option.

An FX Touch Option pays a given cash amount (`PayoffAmount`) at expiry or at hit if the underlying fx rate has hit a barrier (`UpAndIn`, `DownAndIn` - called One Touch) resp. has not hit a barrier (`UpAndOut`, `DownAndOut` - called No Touch) using continuous monitoring between start and expiry date. No rebates are supported.

The structure of an example `FxTouchOptionData` node for an FX Touch Option is shown in [Listing 160](#).

Listing 160: FX Touch Option data

```

<FxTouchOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>DownAndOut</Type>
    <Levels>
      <Level>0.009</Level>
    </Levels>
  </BarrierData>
  <ForeignCurrency>JPY</ForeignCurrency>
  <DomesticCurrency>USD</DomesticCurrency>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <PayoffAmount>100000</PayoffAmount>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <FXIndex>FX-TR20H-USD-JPY</FXIndex>
  <Calendar>NYB,TKB</Calendar>
</FxTouchOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxTouchOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The **OptionType** sub-node is not required and is inferred from the **BarrierData** type (i.e. *Call* for an Up barrier, and *Put* for a Down barrier). The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an `FxTouchOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional] *true* for payoff at expiry and *false* for payoff at hit. For *UpAndOut* and *DownAndOut* barrier, only payoff at expiry (*true*) is supported. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted. This field is ignored in pricing, and the option payoff will be calculated at expiry. This field only has an impact on the description of the trade economics. The *GenericBarrierOption* can also be used to ‘replicate’ the *FXTouchOption* with payoff at hit if required.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
 - A **PaymentData** [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement of the option payoff. If the option is payoff at hit, (i.e. **PayoffAtExpiry** is *false*), the option payment data must be rules-based, and the **RelativeTo** sub-node of (**Rules**) must be set to *Exercise*.
 - **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Level specified in **BarrierData** should be quoted as the amount in DomesticCurrency (sold currency) per unit ForeignCurrency (bought currency). Note that the level stays quoted as DomesticCurrency per unit ForeignCurrency, regardless of barrier type.
- **ForeignCurrency**: The foreign (bought) currency of the FX touch option.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- **DomesticCurrency**: The domestic (sold) currency of the FX touch option.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- **PayoffCurrency**: The payoff currency of the FX touch option is the currency of the payoff amount.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- **PayoffAmount**: The fixed payoff amount expressed in payoff currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money, and whether the barrier has been touched.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **StartDate** [Optional]: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **FXIndex** [Optional]: A reference to an FX Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional, and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the FX Index is "FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2" as described in table 34.

- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar associated with the FX Index. Required if StartDate is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

Note that FX Touch Options also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

8.2.19 FX Variance and Volatility Swap

The `FxVarianceSwapData` node is the trade data container for the *FxVarianceSwap* trade type. Only vanilla variance swaps are supported by this trade type - exotic variance swaps are supported by `ScriptedTrade`. The structure of an example `VarianceSwapData` node for an FX variance swap is shown in Listing 161.

Listing 161: Variance Swap data

```
<FxVarianceSwapData>
  <StartDate>2018-05-10</StartDate>
  <EndDate>2018-11-12</EndDate>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Underlying>
    <Type>FX</Type>
    <Name>ECB-EUR-JPY</Name>
  </Underlying>
  <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
  <Strike>0.05</Strike>
  <Notional>200000</Notional>
  <Calendar>EUR</Calendar>
  <MomentType>Variance</MomentType>
</FxVarianceSwapData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FxVarianceSwapData` node below.

- **StartDate**: The variance swap start date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **EndDate**: The variance swap end date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **Currency:** The bought currency of the variance swap.
Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.
- **Name:** The identifier of the underlying currency pair.
Allowable values: A string of the form SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2, where SOURCE is the fixing source and the fixing is expressed as amount in CCY2 per one unit of CCY1.
See Table 34. Note that FxVarianceSwap is an exception in that the ordering of CCY1 and CCY2 must be set up as for FxIndex.
- **Underlying:** This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying FX. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **LongShort:** Defines whether the trade is long in the FX variance. For the avoidance of doubt, a long FX swap has positive value if the realised variance exceeds the variance strike.
Allowable values: *Long, Short*
- **Strike:** The volatility strike K_{vol} of the variance swap quoted absolutely (i.e. not as a percent). If the swap was struck in terms of variance, the square root of that variance should be used here.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **Notional:** The vega notional of the variance swap. This is the notional in terms of volatility units (like the strike). If the swap was struck in terms of a variance notional N_{var} , the corresponding vega notional is given by $N_{vol} = N_{var} * 2 * 100 * K_{vol}$ (where K_{vol} is in absolute terms).
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- **Calendar:** The calendar determining the observation/fixing dates according to which variance is accrued is the combination of the calendar(s) given here plus the combined calendars of the two involved currencies.
Allowable values: See Table 30.
- **MomentType[Optional]:** A flag to distinguish if the swap is struck in terms of volatility or variance. The MomentType should be set to *Volatility* or *Variance* depending on the payoff. Note that MomentType does not necessarily need to be equivalent to the way the Strike is quoted which is always as a Volatility.
Allowable values: *Volatility* or *Variance*. Defaults to *Variance* if left blank or omitted.

Note that FX Variance and Volatility Swaps also cover Precious Metals, i.e. with currencies XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD, and Cryptocurrencies, see supported Cryptocurrencies in Table 28.

8.2.20 Equity Option

The **EquityOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityOption* trade type. Equity options with exercise styles *European* and *American* are supported. For a Quanto payoff and Composite equity options, only *European* exercise is supported.

Quanto payoff means that the payoff **Currency** is different than currency the

underlying equity is quoted in.

Composite or "compo" equity options have a **StrikeCurrency** that is different than currency the underlying equity is quoted in. (This is unrelated to the *CompositeTrade* trade type.)

The **EquityOptionData** node includes one and only one **OptionData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the equity option. The structure of an example **EquityOptionData** node for an equity option is shown in Listing 162.

Listing 162: Equity Option data

```
<EquityOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>American</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2022-03-01</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <Name>RIC: .SPX</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Strike>2147.56</Strike>
  <StrikeCurrency>USD</StrikeCurrency>
  <Quantity>17000</Quantity>
</EquityOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **EquityOptionData** node follow below.

- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1 Option Data. The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an **EquityOption** are:
 - **LongShort**: The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType**: The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. *Call* means that the option holder has the right to buy the given quantity of the underlying equity at the strike price. *Put* means that the option holder has the right to sell the given quantity of the underlying equity at the strike price.
 - **Style**: The allowable values are *European* and *American*. For Quanto payoffs, i.e. if **Currency** and underlying equity currency are different, this must be set to *European*.
 - **Settlement**: The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*. If **Currency** and underlying equity currency are different, i.e. Quanto payoff, this must be set to *Cash*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional]: The allowable values are *true* for payoff at expiry, or *false* for payoff at exercise. This field is relevant for *American* style **EquityOptions**, and defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
- Premiums [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

- Name: The identifier of the underlying equity or equity index.

Allowable values: See **Name** for equity trades in Table [37](#).

- Underlying: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section [8.3.29](#).
- Currency: The payment currency of the equity option.

Allowable values: See **Currency** and **Minor Currencies** in Table [26](#). If this is different to the currency that the underlying equity is quoted in, then a Quanto payoff will be applied. Using the corresponding major currency for an equity quoted in the minor currency will not correspond to a Quanto payoff.

- Strike[Mandatory except if **StrikeData** node is used]: The option strike price.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- StrikeCurrency [Mandatory for Quanto/Compo, Optional otherwise]: The currency that the **Strike** is quoted in. If the option is Quanto, then this field must not be left blank, and must equal the currency that the underlying equity is quoted in, up to the minor/major currency. For example, if the underlying equity is quoted in GBP, then **StrikeCurrency** must be either *GBP* or *GBp*. If the option is a Compo option, then this field must not be left blank, and it must equal the payment currency of the option and different to the underlying currency.

Note:

Quanto: Payment currency and the currency the underlying equity is quoted in differ. **StrikeCurrency** is in the currency the equity is quoted in.

Compo (Composite): Payment currency and the currency the underlying equity is quoted in differ. **StrikeCurrency** is in the payment currency.

Allowable values: See **Fiat Currencies** and **Minor Currencies** in Table [28](#). Must be the major or minor currency of the **Currency** field above, or in the Quanto case it must be the major or minor currency the underlying is quoted in. If left blank or omitted, and payment currency is the same as the equity currency, it defaults to the **Currency** field (payment currency) above.

- StrikeData[Optional]: Alternatively, instead of the **Strike** and the **StrikeCurrency** fields above a **StrikeData** node can be used as described in Section [8.3.30](#). Note that for EquityOptions only **StrikePrice** is supported within the **StrikeData** node, and not **StrikeYield**.

- Quantity: The number of units of the underlying covered by the transaction.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

8.2.21 Equity Futures Option

The `EquityFutureOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *EquityFutureOption* trade type. Equity options with exercise styles *European* and *American* are supported. The `EquityFutureOptionData` node includes one and only one `OptionData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the equity future option. The structure of an example `EquityFutureOptionData` node for an equity option is shown in Listing 163.

Listing 163: Equity Future Option data

```
<EquityFutureOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>American</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2022-03-01</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <Name>RIC: .SPX</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <StrikeData>
    <StrikePrice>
      <Value>2147.56</Value>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </StrikePrice>
  </StrikeData>
  <Quantity>17000</Quantity>
  <FutureExpiryDate>2021-01-29</FutureExpiryDate>
</EquityFutureOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityFutureOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1 Option Data. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `EquityOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. *Call* means that the option holder has the right to buy the given quantity of the underlying equity at the strike price. *Put* means that the option holder has the right to sell the given quantity of the underlying equity at the strike price.
 - **Style** The allowable value is *European*.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional] The allowable values are *true* for payoff at expiry, or *false* for payoff at exercise. This field is relevant for *American* style `EquityOptions`, and defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
- Premiums [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

- Name: The identifier of the underlying equity or equity index.
Allowable values: See **Name** for equity trades in Table [36](#).
- Underlying: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section [8.3.29](#).
- Currency: The currency of the equity option.
Allowable values: See Table [28](#).
- StrikeData: The option strike price.
Allowable values: Only supports **StrikePrice** as described in Section [8.3.30](#).
- Quantity: The number of units of the underlying covered by the transaction.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- FutureExpiryDate [Optional]: If **IsFuturePrice** is **true** and the underlying is a future contract settlement price, this node allows the user to specify the expiry date of the underlying future contract.

Allowable values: This should be a valid date as outlined in Table [26](#). If not provided, it is assumed that the future contract's expiry date is equal to the option expiry date provided in the **OptionData** node.

8.2.22 Equity Forward

The **EquityForwardData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityForward* trade type. Vanilla equity forwards are supported. The structure of an example **EquityForwardData** node for an equity forward is shown in Listing [164](#).

Listing 164: Equity Forward data

```
<EquityForwardData>
  <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
  <Maturity>2018-06-30</Maturity>
  <Name>RIC: .SPX</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Strike>2147.56</Strike>
  <StrikeCurrency>USD</StrikeCurrency>
  <Quantity>17000</Quantity>
</EquityForwardData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **EquityForwardData** node follow below.

- LongShort: Defines whether the underlying equity will be bought (long) or sold (short).

Allowable values: *Long, Short*.

- **Maturity:** The maturity date of the forward contract, i.e. the date when the underlying equity will be bought/sold.
Allowable values: Any date string, see **Date** in Table 26.
- **Name:** The identifier of the underlying equity or equity index.
Allowable values: See **Name** for equity trades in Table 36.
- **Underlying:** This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **Currency:** The currency of the equity forward.
Allowable values: See Fiat Currencies and Minor Currencies in Table 28.
- **Strike:** The agreed buy/sell price of the equity forward.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **StrikeCurrency:** [Optional] The currency of the strike value. Defaults to **Currency** field
Allowable values: See Fiat Currencies and Minor Currencies in Table 28.
- **Quantity:** The number of units of the underlying equity to be bought/sold.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.

8.2.23 Equity Swap

An Equity Swap uses its own trade type *EquitySwap*, and is set up using a **EquitySwapData** node with one leg of type *Equity* and one more leg - called Funding leg - that can be either *Fixed* or *Floating*. Listing 165 shows an example. The Equity leg contains an additional **EquityLegData** block. See 8.3.16 for details on the Equity leg specification.

Cross currency *EquitySwaps* are supported, i.e. the Equity and the Funding legs do not need to have the same currency. However, if the Funding leg uses **Indexings** with **FromAssetLeg** set to *true* to derive the notionals from the Equity leg, then the Funding leg must use the same currency as the Equity leg.

Note that pricing for an *EquitySwap* is based on discounted cashflows, whereas pricing for a *TotalReturnSwap* (GenericTRS) on an equity underlying uses the accrual method. The accrual method is common practice when daily unwind rights are present in the trade terms.

Also note that, unlike other leg types, the **DayCounter** field is optional for an *Equity* leg, and defaults to *ACT/365* if left blank or omitted. The daycount convention for the equity leg of an equity swap does not impact pricing, only the accrued amount (displayed in cashflows).

```
<EquitySwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    <DayCounter>ACT/365</DayCounter>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Equity</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    <DayCounter>ACT/365</DayCounter>
    ...
    <EquityLegData>
      ...
    </EquityLegData>
  </LegData>
</EquitySwapData>
```

If the equity swap has a resetting notional, typically the Funding leg's notional will be aligned with the equity leg's notional. To achieve this, **Indexings** on the floating leg can be used, see [8.3.8](#). In the context of equity swaps the indexings can be defined in a simplified way by adding an **Indexings** node with a subnode **FromAssetLeg** set to *true* to the Funding leg's **LegData** node. The **Notionals** node is not required in the Funding leg's **LegData** in this case. An example is shown in listing [166](#).

Listing 166: Equity Swap Data with notional reset and FX indexing

```
<EquitySwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    ...
    <!-- Notionals node is not required, set to 1 internally -->
    ...
    <Indexings>
      <!-- derive the indexing information (equity price, FX) from the Equity leg -->
      <FromAssetLeg>true</FromAssetLeg>
    </Indexings>
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Equity</LegType>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    ...
    <EquityLegData>
      <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
      <Underlying>
        <Type>Equity</Type>
        <Name>.STOXX50E</Name>
        <IdentifierType>RIC</IdentifierType>
      </Underlying>
      <InitialPrice>2937.36</InitialPrice>
      <NotionalReset>true</NotionalReset>
      <FXTerms>
        <EquityCurrency>EUR</EquityCurrency>
        <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
      </FXTerms>
    </EquityLegData>
    ...
  </LegData>
</EquitySwapData>
```

8.2.24 Dividend Swap

An Dividend Swap uses its the trade type *EquitySwap*, shown above [8.2.23](#), and is set up using a *EquitySwapData* node with one leg of type *Equity*, with *ReturnType* equal to *Dividend* and one more leg that can be either *Fixed* or *Floating*. Listing [167](#) shows an example.

An example is shown in listing [166](#).

```

<EquitySwapData>
  <LegData>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    <LegType>Equity</LegType>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
    <DayCounter>A360</DayCounter>
    <EquityLegData>
      <ReturnType>Dividend</ReturnType>
      <Underlying>
        <Type>Equity</Type>
        <Name>.STOXX50E</Name>
        <IdentifierType>RIC</IdentifierType>
      </Underlying>
      <Quantity>10000</Quantity>
    </EquityLegData>
    <ScheduleData>
      <Rules>
        <StartDate>2018-12-31</StartDate>
        <EndDate>2020-12-31</EndDate>
        <Tenor>6M</Tenor>
        <Calendar>EUR</Calendar>
        <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
        <TermConvention>ModifiedFollowing</TermConvention>
        <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      </Rules>
    </ScheduleData>
  </LegData>
</EquitySwapData>

```

8.2.25 Equity Asian Option

The `EquityAsianOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *EquityAsianOption* trade type. The `EquityAsianOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity Asian Option.

An Equity Asian Option is a path-dependent option whose payoff depends upon the averaged price of an Equity underlying over a pre-set period of time.

The structure of an example `EquityAsianOptionData` node for an Equity Asian Option is shown in Listing 168.

```

<Trade id="EquityAsianOption">
  <TradeType>EquityAsianOption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    <CounterParty>CPTY_A</CounterParty>
    <NettingSetId>CPTY_A</NettingSetId>
    <AdditionalFields />
  </Envelope>
  <EquityAsianOptionData>
    <Quantity>100</Quantity>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <StrikeData>
      <Value>3100</Value>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </StrikeData>
    <Underlying>
      <Type>Equity</Type>
      <Name>RIC: .SPX</Name>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </Underlying>
    <OptionData>
      <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
      <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
      <PayoffType>Asian</PayoffType>
      <PayoffType2>Arithmetic</PayoffType2>
      <ExerciseDates>
        <ExerciseDate>2020-07-15</ExerciseDate>
      </ExerciseDates>
      <Premiums> ... </Premiums>
    </OptionData>
    <Settlement>2020-07-20</Settlement>
    <ObservationDates>
      <Rules>
        <StartDate>2019-12-27</StartDate>
        <EndDate>2020-07-06</EndDate>
        <Tenor>1D</Tenor>
        <Calendar>US</Calendar>
        <Convention>F</Convention>
        <TermConvention>F</TermConvention>
        <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      </Rules>
    </ObservationDates>
  </EquityAsianOptionData>
</Trade>

```

In the above example, the holder of the EquityAsianOption has a call option that gives the right but not obligation to pay 310,000 USD (Strike*Quantity) and receive [the averaged equity spot price during the Asian period] USD multiplied by the Quantity.

If OptionType would be changed to Put, the holder of the option would have the right to receive 310,000 USD (Strike*Quantity) and pay [the averaged equity spot price during the Asian period] USD multiplied by the Quantity.

The payoff is:

$$Payoff = Quantity \cdot MAX(\omega \cdot (A(0, T) - K), 0)$$

where:

- $A(0, T)$: the arithmetic average of underlying equity spot price over the Asian observation period from start 0 to end T, quoted in **Currency**
- K : equity strike price, quoted in **Currency**
- ω : 1 for a call option (ie receiving averaged equity spot price and paying strike), -1 for a put option

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **EquityAsianOptionData** node follow below.

- **StrikeData**: A node containing the strike in **Value** and the currency in which both the underlying and the strike are quoted in **Currency**. Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26. The strike may be any positive real number. The currency provided in this node may be quoted as corresponding minor currency to the underlying major currency.
- **Quantity**: The quantity of the underlying equities. See payoff formula above. Allowable values: all positive real numbers
- **Underlying**: One (and only one) **Underlying** node where **Type** must be set to *Equity*. Allowable values: See 8.3.29. Note that the equity must be quoted in the **Currency** above.
- **OptionData**: The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an **EquityAsianOption** are the **LongShort** flag, the **OptionType** (*call/put*), the **PayoffType** which must be set to *Asian* or *AverageStrike* to identify a fixed or floating strike asian payoff, and the **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given. **PayoffType2** can be optionally set to *Arithmetic* or *Geometric* and defaults to *Arithmetic* if not given. Furthermore, a **Premiums** node can be added to represent deterministic option premia to be paid by the option holder. Allowable values: See 8.3.1 for the general structure of the option data node
- **Settlement[Optional]**: The settlement date. Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. Defaults to the **ExerciseDate** if left blank or omitted.
- **ObservationDates**: The observation dates for the asian period, given as a rules-based or dates-based schedule, analogous to a **ScheduleData** node but called **ObservationDates**. Allowable values: See the definition in 8.3.4

8.2.26 Equity Barrier Option

European exercise, American barrier.

The **EquityBarrierOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityBarrierOption* trade type. The barrier level of an Equity Barrier Option should be quoted in the currency of the underlying Equity spot price. The **EquityBarrierOptionData** node includes one **OptionData** trade component sub-node

and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity Barrier Option.

An Equity Barrier Option is a path-dependent option whose existence depends upon an Equity underlying spot price reaching a pre-set barrier level. Exercise is European.

This product has a continuously monitored single barrier (American Barrier style) with a Vanilla European Equity Option Underlying.

The structure of an example `EquityBarrierOptionData` node for an Equity Barrier Option is shown in Listing 169.

Listing 169: Equity Barrier Option data

```

<EquityBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    ...
  </BarrierData>
  <StartDate>2019-01-25</StartDate>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <EQIndex>EQ-RIC:.SPX</EQIndex>
  <Name>RIC:.SPX</Name>
  <StrikeData>
    <StrikePrice>
      <Value>3200.00</Value>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </StrikePrice>
  </StrikeData>
  <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
</EquityBarrierOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityBarrierOptionData` node follow below.

- `OptionData`: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. Note that the Equity Barrier Option type allows for *European* option style only.
- `BarrierData`: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Level specified in `BarrierData` should be quoted in the same currency with the underlying Equity spot price. Changing the option from Call to Put or vice versa does not require switching the barrier level.
- `StartDate[Optional]`: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See `Date` in Table 26.

- `Calendar[Optional]`: The calendar associated with the Equity Index. Required if `StartDate` is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table 30 `Calendar`.

- **EQIndex[Optional]**: A reference to an Equity Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the Equity Index is "EQ-RIC:Code".

- **Underlying**: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **StrikeData**: A node containing the strike in **Value** and the currency in which both the underlying and the strike are quoted in **Currency**. Allowable values: Only supports **StrikePrice** as described in Section 8.3.30.
- **Quantity**: The number of units of the underlying covered by the transaction.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

8.2.27 Equity Digital Option

The **EquityDigitalOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityDigitalOption* trade type. The **EquityDigitalOptionData** node includes one **OptionData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity Digital Option. The structure of an example **EquityDigitalOptionData** node for an Equity Digital Option is shown in Listing 170.

Listing 170: Equity Digital Option data

```

<EquityDigitalOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2027-02-26</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <Strike>3300</Strike>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <PayoffAmount>1000</PayoffAmount>
  <Name>RIC:.SPX</Name>
  <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
</EquityDigitalOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **EquityDigitalOptionData** node follow below.

- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an **EquityDigitalOption** are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. *Call* means that the option is in the money when the underlying equity price is above the strike,

and *Put* means that the option is in the money when the underlying equity price is below the strike.

- **Style** The allowable value is *European*. Note that the Equity Digital Option type allows for *European* option style only.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one ExerciseDate date element must be given.
- Premiums [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section [8.3.2](#)

- **Strike**: The option strike price per one unit of the underlying, expressed in the currency of the underlying equity .

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **PayoffCurrency**: The payoff currency of the Equity Digital Option is the currency of the payoff amount. Must be consistent with the currency of the underlying Equity spot price.

Allowable values: See Table [28](#) **Currency**.

- **PayoffAmount**: The fixed payoff amount per unit of underlying expressed in payoff currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **Underlying**: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section [8.3.29](#).

- **Quantity**: The number of units of the underlying covered by the transaction.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

8.2.28 Equity Double Barrier Option

The **EquityDoubleBarrierOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityDoubleBarrierOption* trade type.

An Equity Double Barrier Option is a path-dependent option whose existence depends upon an Equity spot rate reaching one of the two pre-set barrier levels. Exercise is European, and barriers are American (continuously monitored).

Equity Double Barrier options can be knock-in or knock-out:

- A knock-in option is a barrier option that only comes into existence/becomes active when the Equity spot rate reaches the one of the barrier level at any point in the option's life. Once a barrier is knocked-in, the option will not cease to exist until the option expires and effectively it becomes a Vanilla Equity Option.
- A knock-out option starts its life active, but ceases to exist/becomes inactive, if the one of the barriers is reached during the life of the option.

The barrier levels of an Equity Double Barrier Option should be quoted in the currency of the underlying Equity spot price. The `EquityDoubleBarrierOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity Double Barrier Option. The structure of an example `EquityDoubleBarrierOptionData` node for a Equity Double Barrier Option is shown in Listing 171.

Listing 171: Equity Double Barrier Option data

```

<EquityDoubleBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-01-29</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>KnockOut</Type>
    <Levels>
      <Level>3000.00</Level>
      <Level>3500.00</Level>
    </Levels>
  </BarrierData>
  <Name>RIC:.SPX</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <StrikeData>
    <StrikePrice>
      <Value>3200.00</Value>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </StrikePrice>
  </StrikeData>
  <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
  <StartDate>2019-12-27</StartDate>
  <Calendar>US-NYSE</Calendar>
  <EQIndex>EQ-RIC:.SPX</EQIndex>
</EquityDoubleBarrierOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityDoubleBarrierOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `EquityDoubleBarrierOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
 - **Style** The Equity Double Barrier Option type allows for *European* option exercise style only.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.

- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
- Optional **PremiumAmount**, **PremiumCurrency**, and **PremiumPayDate** fields to specify the Equity Double Barrier Option premium.
- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Two levels in ascending order should be defined in **Levels**. **Type** should be *KnockOut* or *KnockIn*.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- **Underlying**: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **Currency**: The currency of the equity option.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

- **StrikeData**: A node containing the strike in **Value** and the currency in which both the underlying and the strike are quoted in **Currency**. Allowable values: Only supports **StrikePrice** as described in Section 8.3.30.
- **Quantity**: The number of units of the underlying covered by the transaction.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **StartDate** [Optional]: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar associated with the Equity Index. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.
- **EQIndex** [Optional]: A reference to an Equity Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the Equity Index is "EQ-RIC:Code".

8.2.29 Equity Double Touch Option

The **EquityDoubleTouchOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityDoubleTouchOption* trade type. The **EquityDoubleTouchOptionData** node includes one **OptionData** trade component sub-node and one **BarrierData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity Double Touch Option.

An Equity Double Touch Option pays a given cash amount (**PayoffAmount**) at expiry or at hit if the underlying equity price or index has hit either of the barriers (**KnockIn**) resp. has not hit any of barriers (**KnockOut**) using continuous monitoring between start and expiry date. No rebates are supported.

The structure of an example `EquityDoubleTouchOptionData` node for an Equity Double Touch Option is shown in Listing 172.

Listing 172: Equity Double Touch Option data

```

<EquityDoubleTouchOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2021-12-14</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    ...
    <Type>KnockIn</Type> <!-- KnockOut or KnockIn -->
    <Levels>
      <Level>3000</Level>
      <Level>4500</Level>
    </Levels>
    ...
  </BarrierData>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <PayoffAmount>1000000</PayoffAmount>
  <Name>RIC: .SPX</Name>
  <StartDate>2021-03-01</StartDate>
  <Calendar>USD</Calendar>
  <EQIndex>EQ-RIC: .SPX</EQIndex>
</EquityDoubleTouchOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityDoubleTouchOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `EquityDoubleTouchOption` are as below. Note that the `OptionType` can be omitted.
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional] *true* for payoff at expiry and *false* for payoff at hit. Currently, for both *KnockOut* and *KnockIn* barriers, only payoff at expiry (i.e. *true*) is supported. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one `ExerciseDate` date element must be given.
 - **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **BarrierData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Two levels in ascending order should be defined in *Levels*. *Type* should be *KnockOut* or *KnockIn*. Levels specified in `BarrierData` should be quoted in the same currency as the underlying Equity spot prices.

- **PayoffCurrency:** The payoff currency of the Equity Double Touch Option is the currency of the payoff amount. Must be consistent with the currency of the underlying Equity spot prices.

Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.

- **PayoffAmount:** The fixed payoff amount expressed in payoff currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money, and whether the barrier has been touched.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **Underlying:** This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **StartDate[Optional]:** The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See Date in Table 26.

- **Calendar[Optional]:** The calendar associated with the Equity Index. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- **EQIndex[Optional]:** A reference to an Equity Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the Equity Index is "EQ-RICCode".

8.2.30 Equity European Barrier Option

European exercise, European barrier.

The **EquityEuropeanBarrierOptionData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityEuropeanBarrierOption* trade type. The barrier level of an Equity European Barrier Option is quoted in the currency of the underlying Equity spot price. The **EquityEuropeanBarrierOptionData** node includes one **OptionData** trade component sub-node and one **BarrierData** trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity European Barrier Option.

An Equity European Barrier Option gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy a set number of shares of a single name equity or an equity index, at a predetermined strike price, at one predetermined time in the future. This right may be withdrawn depending upon an Equity spot price or index reaching a predetermined barrier level at the predetermined time, the underlying is monitored only at expiry with a single barrier (European Barrier style).

The structure of an example **EquityEuropeanBarrierOptionData** node for an Equity European Barrier Option is shown in Listing 173.

```

<EquityEuropeanBarrierOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    ...
  </BarrierData>
  <Name>RIC:.SPX</Name>
  <StrikeData>
    <StrikePrice>
      <Value>3200.00</Value>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </StrikePrice>
  </StrikeData>
  <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
</EquityEuropeanBarrierOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityEuropeanBarrierOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. Note that the Equity European Barrier Option type allows for *European* option style only.
- **BarrierData:** This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Level specified in `BarrierData` should be quoted in the same currency with the underlying Equity spot price. Changing the option from Call to Put or vice versa does not require switching the barrier level.
- **Underlying:** This node may be used as an alternative to the `Name` node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The `Underlying` node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **StrikeData:** A node containing the strike in `Value` and the currency in which both the underlying and the strike are quoted in `Currency`. Allowable values: Only supports `StrikePrice` as described in Section 8.3.30.
- **Quantity:** The number of units of the underlying covered by the transaction. Allowable values: Any positive real number.

8.2.31 Equity Touch Option

The `EquityTouchOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *EquityTouchOption* trade type. The `EquityTouchOptionData` node includes one `OptionData` trade component sub-node and one `BarrierData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the Equity Touch Option.

An Equity Touch Option pays a given cash amount (`PayoffAmount`) at expiry or at hit if the underlying equity price or index has hit a barrier (`UpAndIn`, `DownAndIn`) resp. has not hit a barrier (`UpAndOut`, `DownAndOut`) using continuous monitoring between start and expiry date. No rebates are supported.

The structure of an example `EquityTouchOptionData` node for an Equity Touch Option is shown in Listing 174.

Listing 174: Equity Touch Option data

```

<EquityTouchOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2022-03-01</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
    ...
  </OptionData>
  <BarrierData>
    <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
    <Levels>
      <Level>3300</Level>
    </Levels>
  </BarrierData>
  <PayoffCurrency>USD</PayoffCurrency>
  <PayoffAmount>1000000</PayoffAmount>
  <Name>RIC: .SPX</Name>
  <StartDate>2019-12-27</StartDate>
  <Calendar>US-NYSE</Calendar>
  <EQIndex>EQ-RIC: .SPX</EQIndex>>
</EquityTouchOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityTouchOptionData` node follow below.

- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The **OptionType** sub-node is not required and is inferred from the **BarrierData** type (i.e. *Call* for an Up barrier, and *Put* for a Down barrier). The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an `EquityTouchOption` are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional] *true* for payoff at expiry and *false* for payoff at hit. For *UpAndOut* and *DownAndOut* barriers, only payoff at expiry (i.e. *true*) is supported. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
 - **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **BarrierData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.31. Level specified in **BarrierData** should be quoted in the same currency as the underlying Equity spot price.

- **PayoffCurrency**: The payoff currency of the Equity Touch Option is the currency of the payoff amount. Must be consistent with the currency of the underlying Equity spot price.

Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26.

- **PayoffAmount**: The fixed payoff amount expressed in payoff currency. It is cash-or-nothing payoff that depends on the option being in or out of the money, and whether the barrier has been touched.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **Underlying**: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **StartDate[Optional]**: The start date for checking if a barrier has been breached prior to today's date. If omitted or left blank no check is made and it is assumed no barrier has been breached in the past. Has no impact if set to today's date or a date in the future.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **Calendar[Optional]**: The calendar associated with the Equity Index. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- **EQIndex[Optional]**: A reference to an Equity Index source to check if the barrier has been breached. Required if **StartDate** is set to a date prior to today's date, otherwise optional and can be omitted but not left blank.

Allowable values: The format of the Equity Index is "EQ-RICCode".

8.2.32 Equity Variance Swap

The **EquityVarianceSwapData** node is the trade data container for the *EquityVarianceSwap* trade type. Only vanilla variance swaps are supported. The structure of an example **EquityVarianceSwapData** node for an equity variance swap is shown in Listing 175.

```

<EquityVarianceSwapData>
  <StartDate>2016-01-29</StartDate>
  <EndDate>2016-05-05</EndDate>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Underlying>
    <Type>Equity</Type>
    <Name>.SPX</Name>
    <IdentifierType>RIC</IdentifierType>
  </Underlying>
  <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
  <Strike>0.20</Strike>
  <Notional>50000</Notional>
  <Calendar>US</Calendar>
  <MomentType>Variance</MomentType>
  <AddPastDividends>true</AddPastDividends>
</EquityVarianceSwapData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `EquityVarianceSwapData` node below.

- **StartDate:** The variance swap start date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **EndDate:** The variance swap end date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **Currency:** The bought currency of the variance swap.
Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26.
- **Name:** The identifier of the underlying equity or equity index.
Allowable values: See **Name** for equity trades in Table 36.
- **Underlying:** This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **LongShort:** Defines whether the trade is long in the equity variance. For the avoidance of doubt, a long variance swap has positive value if the realised variance exceeds the variance strike.
Allowable values: *Long, Short*
- **Strike:** The volatility strike K_{vol} of the variance swap quoted absolutely (i.e. not as a percent). If the swap was struck in terms of variance, the square root of that variance should be used here.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **Notional:** The vega notional of the variance swap. This is the notional in terms of volatility units (like the strike). If the swap was struck in terms of a variance notional N_{var} , the corresponding vega notional is given by $N_{vol} = N_{var} * 2 * 100 * K_{vol}$ (where K_{vol} is in absolute terms).
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.

- **Calendar:** The calendar determining the observation/fixing dates according to which variance is accrued is the combination of the calendar(s) given here plus the calendar associated with the equity in the equity curve configuration. If no such calendar is given in the equity curve configuration the standard calendar for the equity currency (also defined in the curve config) is used instead.
Allowable values: See Table 30.
- **MomentType[Optional]:** A flag to distinguish if the swap is struck in terms of volatility or variance. The MomentType should be set to *Volatility* or *Variance* depending on the payoff. Note that MomentType does not necessarily need to be equivalent to the way the Strike is quoted which is always as a Volatility.
Allowable values: *Volatility* or *Variance*. Defaults to *Variance* if left blank or omitted.
- **AddPastDividends[Optional]:** A flag to distinguish if past dividend payments should be added to the fixings when calculating accrued variance.
Allowable values: *true* or *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

8.2.33 Equity Cliquet Option

The `EquityCliquetOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *EquityCliquetOption* trade type. A cliquet option consists of a series of consecutive forward starting equity options, with each option being struck at a given moneyness (commonly at-the-money) when it becomes active.

The payoff is:

$$N \cdot \min \left(cap_g, \max \left(floor_g, \sum_{i=1}^n \delta \cdot \min (cap_l, \max (floor_l, S_{t_i}/S_{t_{i-1}} - M)) \right) \right)$$

where

- S_{t_i} : Price of the underlying at time t_t .
- cap_g : Global Cap.
- $floor_g$: Global Floor.
- cap_l : Local Cap.
- $floor_l$: Local Floor.
- δ : 1 for Call, -1 for Put option.
- M : Moneyness.
- n : Number of valuation dates.
- N : Notional

The structure of an example `EquityCliquetOptionData` node for an equity cliquet option is shown in Listing 176.

```

<EquityCliquetOptionData>
  <Underlying>
    <Type>Equity</Type>
    <Name>.SPX</Name>
    <IdentifierType>RIC</IdentifierType>
  </Underlying>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Notional>1000000.0</Notional>
  <LongShort>Short</LongShort>
  <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
  <Moneyness>1.0</Moneyness>
  <LocalCap>0.07</LocalCap>
  <LocalFloor></LocalFloor>
  <GlobalCap></GlobalCap>
  <GlobalFloor>-0.07</GlobalFloor>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Dates>
      <Dates>
        <Date>20171231</Date>
        <Date>20181231</Date>
        <Date>20191231</Date>
        <Date>20201231</Date>
        <Date>20211231</Date>
        <Date>20221231</Date>
      </Dates>
      <Calendar>USD</Calendar>
      <Convention>F</Convention>
    </Dates>
  </ScheduleData>
  <SettlementDays>5</SettlementDays>
  <Premium>0.027</Premium>
  <PremiumPaymentDate>31-12-2017</PremiumPaymentDate>
  <PremiumCurrency>USD</PremiumCurrency>
</EquityCliquetOptionData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `CliquetOptionData` node below.

- **Name:** The identifier of the underlying equity or equity index.
Allowable values: See **Name** for equity trades in Table 36.
- **Underlying:** This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- **Currency:** The currency of the notional, and thus of the option.
Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26. The Currency must be the same as the currency of the underlying equity.
- **Notional:** The notional of the cliquet option.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **LongShort:** Defines whether the trade is long or short the option.
Allowable values: *Long*, *Short*

- **OptionType**: The type of the option.
Allowable values: *Call*, *Put*
- **Moneyiness**: Adjustment of option return. The moneyiness M each forward starting option is being struck at.
Allowable values: Any real number. Expressed in decimal form where 1.0 is at-the-money, 1.1 is 110% of the at-the-money strike, 0.9 is 90% of the at-the-money strike, etc.
- **LocalCap[Optional]**: The local cap, cap_l , in each of the option return.
Allowable values: Any real number. If left blank or omitted, no local cap is applied.
- **LocalFloor[Optional]**: The local floor, $floor_l$, in each of the option return.
Allowable values: Any real number. If left blank or omitted, no local floor is applied.
- **GlobalCap[Optional]**: The global cap, cap_g , for the option return.
Allowable values: Any real number. If left blank or omitted, no global cap is applied.
- **GlobalFloor[Optional]**: The global floor, $floor_g$, for the option return.
Allowable values: Any real number. If left blank or omitted, no global floor is applied.
- **ScheduleData**: A schedule of dates that define the valuation dates of the consecutive forward starting options forming the Equity Cliquet Option. The first date in the schedule is the start date of the first consecutive option, the second date in the schedule is the end/valuation date of the first consecutive option, and also the start date of the second consecutive option, etc. The last date is the final valuation date, with payoff of the whole Cliquet option at this date plus **SettlementDays**.
Allowable values: A node on the same form as **ScheduleData**, (see [8.3.4](#)).
- **SettlementDays[Optional]**: Number of days from the last valuation date to the payoff being paid or received. The payoff date is determined with regards to calendar and term date convention of the schedule's calendar.
Allowable values: Any positive integer. Defaults to zero if left blank or omitted.
- **Premium[Optional]**: The premium paid for the option.
Allowable values: Any real number. Expressed in decimal form relative to notional.
- **PremiumPaymentDate[Optional]**: The date the premium is the paid.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. Note that if a Premium is specified, a PremiumPaymentDate must also be specified.
- **PremiumCurrency[Optional]**: The currency the premium is to paid in.
Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26. Defaults to the currency of the notional.

8.2.34 CPI Swap

A CPI swap can be set up as a swap with trade type *Swap*, with one leg of type *CPI*. Listing 177 shows an example. The *CPI* leg contains an additional *CPILegData* block. See 8.3.17 for details on the *CPI* leg specification.

Listing 177: CPI Swap Data (using Swap trade type)

```
<SwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>CPI</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    ...
    <CPILegData>
    ...
  </CPILegData>
  </LegData>
</SwapData>
```

Alternatively, a CPI swap can be set up using the *InflationSwap* trade type, see Listing 178. The structure of the *InflationSwapData* container is the same as for *SwapData* above.

Listing 178: CPI Swap Data (using InflationSwap trade type)

```
<InflationSwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>CPI</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    ...
    <CPILegData>
    ...
  </CPILegData>
  </LegData>
</InflationSwapData>
```

8.2.35 Year on Year Inflation Swap

A Year on Year inflation swap can be set up with trade type *Swap*, with one leg of type *YY*. Listing 179 shows an example. The *YY* leg contains an additional *YYLegData* block. See 8.3.18 for details on the *YY* leg specification.

Listing 179: Year on Year Swap Data (using Swap trade type)

```
<SwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>YY</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    ...
    <YYLegData>
      ...
    </YYLegData>
  </LegData>
</SwapData>
```

Alternatively, a Year on Year inflation swap can be set up using the *InflationSwap* trade type, see Listing 180. The structure of the `InflationSwapData` container is the same as for `SwapData` above.

Listing 180: Year on Year Swap Data (using InflationSwap trade type)

```
<InflationSwapData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Floating</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>YY</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    ...
    <YYLegData>
      ...
    </YYLegData>
  </LegData>
</InflationSwapData>
```

8.2.36 Bond

A Bond is set up using a `BondData` block, and can be both a stand-alone instrument with trade type *Bond*, or a trade component used by multiple bond derivative instruments.

A Bond can be set up in a short version referencing an underlying bond static, or in a long version where the underlying bond details are specified explicitly, including a full `LegData` block. The short version is shown in listing 181. The details of the bond are read from the reference data in this case using the `SecurityId` as a key. The bond trade is fully specified by

- `SecurityId`: The id identifying the bond.

Allowable Values: A valid bond identifier, typically the ISIN of the reference bond with the ISIN: prefix, e.g.: `ISIN:XXNNNNNNNNNN`

- **BondNotional**: The notional of the position in the reference bond, expressed in the currency of the bond.

Allowable Values: Any non-negative real number

- **CreditRisk** [Optional] Boolean flag indicating whether to show Credit Risk on the Bond product. If set to *false*, the product class will not be set to *Credit*, and there will be no credit sensitivities. However, if the underlying bond reference is set up without a **CreditCurveId** - typically for some highly rated government bonds - the **CreditRisk** flag will have no impact on the product class and no credit sensitivities will be shown even if **CreditRisk** is set to *true*.

Allowable Values: *true* or *false* Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

in this case.

Listing 181: Bond Data

```
<BondData>
  <SecurityId>ISIN:XS0982710740</SecurityId>
  <BondNotional>100000000.0</BondNotional>
  <CreditRisk>true</CreditRisk>
</BondData>
```

For the long version, the bond details are inlined in the trade as shown in listing [182](#). The bond specific elements are

- **IssuerId** [Optional]: A text description of the issuer of the bond. This is for informational purposes and not used for pricing.

Allowable values: Any string. If left blank or omitted, the bond will not have any issuer description.

- **CreditCurveId** [Optional]: The unique identifier of the bond. This is used for pricing, and is required for bonds for which a credit - related margin component should be generated, and otherwise left blank. If left blank, the bond (and any bond derivatives using the bond as a trade component) will be plain IR rather than a IR/CR.

Allowable values: A valid bond identifier, typically the ISIN of the reference bond with the ISIN: prefix, e.g.: `ISIN:XXNNNNNNNNNN`

- **SecurityId**: The unique identifier of the bond. This defines the security specific spread to be used for pricing.

Allowable values: A valid bond identifier, typically the ISIN of the reference bond with the ISIN: prefix, e.g.: `ISIN:XXNNNNNNNNNN`

- **ReferenceCurveId**: The benchmark curve to be used for pricing. This is typically the main ibor index for the currency of the bond, and if no ibor index is available for the currency in question, a currency-specific benchmark curve can be used.

Allowable values: For currencies with available ibor indices:

An alphanumeric string of the form [CCY]-[INDEX]-[TERM]. CCY, INDEX and TERM must be separated by dashes (-). CCY and INDEX must be among the supported currency and index combinations. TERM must be an integer followed by D, W, M or Y. See Table 32.

For currencies without available ibor indices:

An alphanumeric string of the form [CCY]BENCHMARK-[CCY]-TERM, matching a benchmark curve set up in the market data configuration.

Examples: IDRBENCHMARK-IDR-3M, EGPBENCHMARK-EGP-3M, UAHBENCHMARK-UAH-3M, NGNBENCHMARK-NGN-3M

- SettlementDays: The settlement lag in number of business days applicable to the security.

Allowable values: A non-negative integer.

- Calendar: The calendar associated to the settlement lag.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- IssueDate: The issue date of the security.

See Date in Table 26.

- PriceQuoteMethod [Optional]: The quote method of the bond. Bond price quotes and historical bond prices (stored as “fixings”) follow this method. Also, the initial price for bond total return swaps follows this method. Defaults to PercentageOfPar.

Allowable values: PercentageOfPar or CurrencyPerUnit

- PriceQuoteBaseValue [Optional]: The base value for quote method = CurrencyPerUnit. Bond price quotes, historical bond prices stored as fixings and initial prices in bond total return swaps are divided by this value. Defaults to 1.0.

Allowable values: Any real number.

A LegData block then defines the cashflow structure of the bond, this can be of type fixed, floating etc. Note that a LegData block should only be included in the long version.

```

<BondData>
  <IssuerId>Ineos Group Holdings SA</IssuerId>
  <CreditCurveId>ISIN:XS0982710740</CreditCurveId>
  <SecurityId>ISIN:XS0982710740</SecurityId>
  <ReferenceCurveId>EUR-EURIBOR-6M</ReferenceCurveId>
  <SettlementDays>2</SettlementDays>
  <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
  <IssueDate>20160203</IssueDate>
  <PriceQuoteMethod>PercentageOfPar</PriceQuoteMethod>
  <PriceQuoteBaseValue>1.0</PriceQuoteBaseValue>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
</BondData>

```

The bond trade type supports perpetual schedules, i.e. perpetual bonds can be represented by omitting the `EndDate` in the leg data schedule definition. Only rule based schedules can be used to indicate perpetual schedules.

8.2.37 Forward Bond

A Forward Bond (or Bond Forward) is a contract that establishes an agreement to buy or sell (determined by `LongInForward`) an underlying bond at a future point in time (the `ForwardMaturityDate`) at an agreed price (the settlement `Amount`).

A T-Lock is a Forward Bond with a US Treasury Bond as underlying, whereas a J-Lock is a Forward Bond with a Japanese Government Bond as underlying. T-Locks can be specified in terms of a lock-in yield rather than a settlement amount. The cash settlement amount is given by (bond yield at maturity - lock rate) x DV01 in this case.

Listing 183 shows an example for a physically settled forward bond. Listing 184 shows an example for a cash settled T-Lock transaction specified by a lock-in yield.

A Forward Bond is set up using a `ForwardBondData` block as shown below and the trade type is *ForwardBond*. The specific elements are

- **BondData:** A `BondData` block specifying the underlying bond as described in section 8.2.36. A long position must be taken in the bond, i.e. (`Payer`) flag must be set to (`true`). The bond data block contains an additional field for forward bonds
 - `IncomeCurveId`: The benchmark curve to be used for compounding, this must match a name of a curve in the yield curves or index curve block in `todaysmarket.xml`. It is optional to provide this curve. If left out the market reference yield curve from `todaysmarket.xml` is used for compounding.
- **SettlementData:** The entity defining the terms of settlement:
 - `ForwardMaturityDate`: The date of maturity of the forward contract. Allowable values: See `Date` in Table 26.

- Settlement [Optional]: Cash or Physical. Option, defaults to Physical, except in case the settlement is defined by LockRate, in which case it defaults to Cash.
Allowable values: Cash, Physical
- Amount [Optional]: The settlement amount (also called strike) transferred at forward maturity in return for the bond (physical delivery) or a cash amount equal to the dirty price of the bond (cash settlement). This is transferred from the party that is long to the party that is short (determined by LongInForward) and cannot be a negative amount. It is assumed to be in the same currency as the underlying bond. Exactly one of the fields Amount, LockRate must be given.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- LockRate [Optional]: The payoff is given by (yield at forward maturity - LockRate) x DV01 (LongInForward = true). Exactly one of the fields Amount, LockRate must be given. In case the LockRate is given, the Settlement must be set to Cash. If Settlement is not given, it defaults to Cash in this case.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- LockRateDayCounter [Optional]: The day counter w.r.t. which the lock rate is expressed. Optional, defaults to A360.
Allowable values: see table 31
- SettlementDirty [Optional]: A flag that determines whether the settlement amount (**Amount**) reflects a clean (*false*) or dirty (*true*) price. In either case, the dirty amount is actually paid on the forward maturity date, i.e. if SettlementDirty = *false*, the (forward) accruals are computed internally and added to the given amount to get the actual settlement amount. Optional, defaults to true.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*
- PremiumData: The entity defining the terms of a potential premium payment. This node is optional. If left out it is assumed that no premium is paid.
 - Date: The date when a premium is paid.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
 - Amount: The amount transferred as a premium. This is transferred from the party that is long to the party that is short (determined by LongInForward) and cannot be a negative amount. It is assumed to be in the same currency as the underlying bond.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- LongInForward: A flag that determines whether the forward contract is entered in long (*true*) or short (*false*) position.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*

Listing 183: Forward Bond Data

```
<ForwardBondData>
  <BondData>
    ...
    <IncomeCurveId>BENCHMARKINCOME-EUR</IncomeCurveId>
  </BondData>
  <SettlementData>
    <ForwardMaturityDate>20160808</ForwardMaturityDate>
    <Settlement>Physcial</Settlement>
    <ForwardSettlementDate>20160810</ForwardSettlementDate>
    <Amount>1000000.00</Amount>
    <SettlementDirty>true</SettlementDirty>
  </SettlementData>
  <PremiumData>
    <Amount>1000.00</Amount>
    <Date>20160808</Date>
  </PremiumData>
  <LongInForward>true</LongInForward>
</ForwardBondData>
```

Listing 184: Forward Bond Date (T-Lock)

```
<ForwardBondData>
  <BondData>
    ...
  </BondData>
  <SettlementData>
    <ForwardMaturityDate>20160808</ForwardMaturityDate>
    <ForwardSettlementDate>20160810</ForwardSettlementDate>
    <LockRate>0.02365</LockRate>
  </SettlementData>
  <LongInForward>true</LongInForward>
</ForwardBondData>
```

As for the ordinary bond the forward bond pricing requires a recovery rate that can be specified in ORE per SecurityId.

Forward Bond - Pricing Engine configuration

The configuration for the pricing engine of the forward bond is identical to the ordinary bond. The pricing engine called by forward bond products is the `DiscountingForwardBondEngine`, see below for a configuration example.

```
<Product type="ForwardBond">
  <Model>DiscountedCashflows</Model>
  <ModelParameters></ModelParameters>
  <Engine>DiscountingForwardBondEngine</Engine>
  <EngineParameters>
```

```

    <Parameter name="TimestepPeriod">3M</Parameter>
  </EngineParameters>
</Product>

```

8.2.38 Bond Forward / T-Lock / J-Lock (using ref. data)

A Forward Bond (or Bond Forward) is a contract that establishes an agreement to buy or sell (determined by `LongInForward`) an underlying bond at a future point in time (the `ForwardMaturityDate`) at an agreed price (the settlement `Amount`).

A T-Lock is a Forward Bond with a US Treasury Bond as underlying, whereas a J-Lock is a Forward Bond with a Japanese Government Bond as underlying. T-Locks can be specified in terms of a lock-in yield rather than a settlement amount. The cash settlement amount is given by (bond yield at maturity - lock rate) x DV01 in this case.

Listing 185 shows an example for a physically settled forward bond. Listing 186 shows an example for a cash settled T-Lock transaction specified by a lock-in yield.

A Forward Bond is set up using a `ForwardBondData` block as shown below and the trade type is *ForwardBond*. The specific elements are

- The `BondData` block specifies the underlying bond, see below for more details.
 - `SecurityId`: The underlying security identifier
Allowable values: Typically the ISIN of the underlying bond, with the ISIN: prefix.
 - `BondNotional`: The notional of the underlying bond on which the forward is written expressed in the currency of the bond
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
 - `CreditRisk` [Optional] Boolean flag indicating whether to show Credit Risk on the Bond product. If set to *false*, the product class will be set to *RatesFX* instead of *Credit*, and there will be no credit sensitivities. Note that if the underlying bond reference is set up without a `CreditCurveId` - typically for some highly rated government bonds - the `CreditRisk` flag will have no impact on the product class and no credit sensitivities will be shown even if `CreditRisk` is set to *true*.
Allowable Values: *true* or *false* Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.
- `SettlementData`: The entity defining the terms of settlement:
 - `ForwardMaturityDate`: The date of maturity of the forward contract.
Allowable values: See `Date` in Table 26.
 - `ForwardSettlementDate` [Optional]: Settlement date for forward bond or cash settlement payment date.
Allowable values: See `Date` in Table 26.
 - `Settlement` [Optional]: Cash or Physical. Option, defaults to Physical, except in case the settlement is defined by `LockRate`, in which case it defaults to Cash.
Allowable values: Cash, Physical

- Amount [Optional]: The settlement amount (also called strike) transferred at forward maturity in return for the bond (physical delivery) or a cash amount equal to the dirty price of the bond (cash settlement). This is transferred from the party that is long to the party that is short (determined by **LongInForward**) and cannot be a negative amount. It is assumed to be in the same currency as the underlying bond. Exactly one of the fields Amount, LockRate must be given.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- LockRate [Optional]: The payoff is given by (yield at forward maturity - LockRate) x DV01 (**LongInForward** = true). Exactly one of the fields Amount, LockRate must be given. In case the LockRate is given, the Settlement must be set to Cash. If Settlement is not given, it defaults to Cash in this case.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number. The LockRate is expressed in decimal form, eg 0.05 is a rate of 5%
- dv01 [Optional]: When the LockRate is given, it is possible to implement a contractual DV01 instead of deriving it from the bond price.
Allowable values: Any positive real number. E.G If the dPdY is given then $dv01 = 10000 * dPdY / N$.
- LockRateDayCounter [Optional]: The day counter w.r.t. which the lock rate is expressed. Optional, defaults to A360.
Allowable values: see table 31
- SettlementDirty [Optional]: A flag that determines whether the settlement amount (**Amount**) reflects a clean (*false*) or dirty (*true*) price. In either case, the dirty amount is actually paid on the forward maturity date, i.e. if **SettlementDirty** = *false*, the (forward) accruals are computed internally and added to the given amount to get the actual settlement amount. Optional, defaults to true.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*
- PremiumData: The entity defining the terms of a potential premium payment. This node is optional. If left out it is assumed that no premium is paid.
 - Date: The date when a premium is paid.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
 - Amount: The amount transferred as a premium. This is transferred from the party that is long to the party that is short (determined by **LongInForward**) and cannot be a negative amount. It is assumed to be in the same currency as the underlying bond.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- LongInForward: A flag that determines whether the forward contract is entered in long (*true*) or short (*false*) position.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*

Listing 185: Forward Bond Data

```
<ForwardBondData>
  <BondData>
    <SecurityId>ISIN:XS1234567890</SecurityId>
    <BondNotional>100000</BondNotional>
  </BondData>
  <SettlementData>
    <ForwardMaturityDate>20160808</ForwardMaturityDate>
    <Settlement>Physcial</Settlement>
    <ForwardSettlementDate>20160810</ForwardSettlementDate>
    <Amount>1000000.00</Amount>
    <SettlementDirty>true</SettlementDirty>
  </SettlementData>
  <PremiumData>
    <Amount>1000.00</Amount>
    <Date>20160808</Date>
  </PremiumData>
  <LongInForward>true</LongInForward>
</ForwardBondData>
```

Listing 186: Forward Bond Date (T-Lock)

```
<ForwardBondData>
  <BondData>
    <SecurityId>ISIN:XS1234567890</SecurityId>
    <BondNotional>100000</BondNotional>
  </BondData>
  <SettlementData>
    <ForwardMaturityDate>20160808</ForwardMaturityDate>
    <ForwardSettlementDate>20160810</ForwardSettlementDate>
    <LockRate>0.02365</LockRate>
  </SettlementData>
  <LongInForward>true</LongInForward>
</ForwardBondData>
```

```
<ForwardBondData>
  <BondData>
    <SecurityId>ISIN:XS1234567890</SecurityId>
    <BondNotional>100000</BondNotional>
  </BondData>
  <SettlementData>
    <ForwardMaturityDate>20160808</ForwardMaturityDate>
    <ForwardSettlementDate>20160810</ForwardSettlementDate>
    <LockRate>0.02365</LockRate>
    <dv01>0.8</dv01>
  </SettlementData>
  <LongInForward>true</LongInForward>
</ForwardBondData>
```

8.2.39 Bond Repo

A bond repo trade is set up using the trade type `BondRepo` and a `BondRepoData` block as shown in listing 188. The block contains two nodes

- `BondData`, which specifies the underlying bond and its quantity, and
- `RepoData`, which specifies the cash leg of the repo

The `BondData` block contains the following fields

- `SecurityId`: The identified of the underlying security.
Allowable values: A valid key, usually of the form “ISIN::XY012345679”
- `BondNotional`: The notional of the underlying bond. This is the effective notional used as collateral, i.e. it should include hair cuts. Usually the number $\text{Bond Notional} \times \text{Bond Dirty Price} \times (1 - \text{Haircut})$ will correspond to the nominal on the cash leg at trade inception.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- `CreditRisk` [Optional] Boolean flag indicating whether to show Credit Risk on the Bond product.
Allowable Values: *true* or *false* Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

In this case the details of the underlying bond is read from the reference data. It is also possible to inline the details in the trade, see 8.2.36 for more details on this.

The `RepoData` block contains exactly one `LegData` subnode that describes the payments on the cash leg of the repo, see 8.3.3 for details on how to set this up. The `Payer` leg determines whether interest is paid (regular repo) or received (reversed repo).

```

<BondRepoData>
  <BondData>
    <SecurityId>ISIN:US912828X703</SecurityId>
    <BondNotional>27807597.777444</BondNotional>
  </BondData>
  <RepoData>
    <LegData>
      <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
      <Payer>true</Payer>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
      <Notionals>
        <Notional>28371510.00</Notional>
      </Notionals>
      <ScheduleData>
        <Rules>
          <StartDate>2020-01-06</StartDate>
          <EndDate>2020-04-07</EndDate>
          <Tenor>1Y</Tenor>
          <Calendar>US</Calendar>
          <Convention>MF</Convention>
          <TermConvention>MF</TermConvention>
          <Rule>Forward</Rule>
          <EndOfMonth/>
          <FirstDate/>
          <LastDate/>
        </Rules>
      </ScheduleData>
      <DayCounter>A360</DayCounter>
      <PaymentConvention>F</PaymentConvention>
      <FixedLegData>
        <Rates>
          <Rate>0.0178</Rate>
        </Rates>
      </FixedLegData>
    </LegData>
  </RepoData>
</BondRepoData>

```

8.2.40 Bond Option

The structure of a trade node representing a *BondOption* is shown in listing 189:

- The `BondOptionData` node is the trade data container for the option part of a bond option trade type. Vanilla bond options are supported, the exercise style must be *European*. The `BondOptionData` node includes one and only one `OptionData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the bond option.
- The latter also includes the underlying Bond description in the `BondData` node, see section 8.2.36, listing 182 for details

```

<Trade id="...">
  <TradeType>BondOption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    ...
  </Envelope>
  <BondOptionData>
    <OptionData>
      ...
    </OptionData>
    <StrikeData>
      <StrikePrice>
        <Value>11809123.56</Value>
        <Currency>EUR</Currency>
      </StrikePrice>
    </StrikeData>
    <Redemption>100.00</Redemption>
    <PriceType>Dirty</PriceType>
    <KnocksOut>false</KnocksOut>
    <BondData>
      <VolatilityCurveId>YieldVols-EUR</VolatilityCurveId>
      ...
    </BondData>
  </BondOptionData>
</Trade>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **BondOptionData** node follow below.

- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1 Option Data. Note that the bond option type allows for *European* option style only.
- **StrikeData**: A node containing the strike information. Allowable values: Supports **StrikePrice** and **StrikeYield** as described in Section 8.3.30.
- **Redemption**: Redemption ratio in percent
- **PriceType**: This node defines which strike should be used for the pricing. If the node takes the value **Dirty**, the strike price should be set equal to the value of the **Strike** node. If the node takes the value **Clean**, the strike price should be set equal to the value of the **Strike** node plus accrued interest at the expiration date of the option.
Allowable values: **Dirty** or **Clean**.
- **KnocksOut**: If true the option knocks out if the underlying defaults before the option expiry, if false the option is written on the recovery value in case of a default of the bond before the option expiry

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **BondData** are:

- **VolatilityCurveId**: The yield volatility curve to use for the valuation of this bond option.

8.2.41 Bond Option (using bond reference data)

The structure of a trade node representing a *BondOption* is shown in listing 190:

- The `BondOptionData` node is the trade data container for the option part of a bond option trade type. Vanilla bond options are supported, the exercise style must be *European*. The `BondOptionData` node includes one and only one `OptionData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the bond option.
- The latter also includes the underlying Bond description in the `BondData` node, see below for details

Note that only par redemption vanilla bonds are supported.

Listing 190: Bond Option data using bond reference data

```
<Trade id="...">
  <TradeType>BondOption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    ...
  </Envelope>
  <BondOptionData>
    <OptionData>
      <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
      <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
      <Style>European</Style>
      <ExerciseDates>
        <ExerciseDate>20210203</ExerciseDate>
      </ExerciseDates>
      ...
    </OptionData>
    <StrikeData>
      <StrikePrice>
        <Value>1.23</Value>
      </StrikePrice>
    </StrikeData>
    <PriceType>Dirty</PriceType>
    <KnocksOut>false</KnocksOut>
    <BondData>
      <SecurityId>ISIN:XS1234567890</SecurityId>
      <BondNotional>100000</BondNotional>
    </BondData>
  </BondOptionData>
</Trade>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `BondOptionData` node follow below.

- `OptionData`: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1 Option Data.

The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for a `BondOption` are:

- `LongShort` The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
- `OptionType` The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*. For option type *Call*, the Bond Option holder has the right to buy the underlying Bond at the strike

price. For option type *Put*, the Bond Option holder has the right to sell the underlying Bond at the strike price.

- **Style** The allowable value is *European* only.
- **Settlement** [Optional] The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*, but this field is currently ignored.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one *ExerciseDate* date element must be given.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **StrikeData**: A **StrikeData** node is used as described in Section 8.3.30 to represent the Bond Option strike price or strike yield. If *StrikePrice* is used, the strike price (**Value** field) is expressed per unit notional. If *StrikeYield* is used, the **Yield** is quoted in decimal form, e.g. 5% should be entered as 0.05.

- **PriceType** [Mandatory for *StrikePrice*, no impact for *StrikeYield*]:
The payoff for a bond option is

$$\max(B - X, 0)$$

where *B* is always the dirty NPV of the underlying bond on the exercise settlement date.

If **PriceType** is *Clean*, *X* is (*Strike* + Underlying Bond Accruals) x *BondNotional*

If **PriceType** is *Dirty*, *X* is *Strike* x *BondNotional*

Allowable values: *Dirty* or *Clean*. If the **StrikeData** node uses *StrikeYield*, **PriceType** can be omitted as it is not relevant in the yield case.

- **KnocksOut**: If *true* the option knocks out if the underlying defaults before the option expiry, if *false* the option is written on the recovery value in case of a default of the bond before the option expiry.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y*, *N*, *1*, *0*, *true*, *false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **BondData** are:

- **SecurityId**: The underlying security identifier

Allowable values: Typically the ISIN of the underlying bond, with the ISIN: prefix.

- **BondNotional**: The notional of the underlying bond on which the option is written expressed in the currency of the bond.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **CreditRisk** [Optional] Boolean flag indicating whether to show Credit Risk on the Bond product.

Allowable Values: *true* or *false* Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

8.2.42 Bond Total Return Swap

A vanilla Bond Total Return Swap (Trade type: *BondTRS*) is set up using a *BondTRSDData* block as shown in listing 192. The block is comprised of three sub-blocks, which are *BondData*, *TotalReturnData* and *FundingData*.

- The *BondData* block specifies the underlying bond, usually by specifying the security id and the quantity / bond notional and relying on reference data:
 - *SecurityId*: The underlying security identifier
Allowable values: Typically the ISIN of the underlying bond, with the ISIN: prefix.
 - *BondNotional*: The quantity or number of bonds that is relevant for the TRS, with the convention that 1 bond always corresponds to a face value of 1 unit of bond currency.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
 - *CreditRisk* [Optional] Boolean flag indicating whether to show Credit Risk on the Bond product. If set to *true*, the product class will be set to *Credit* instead of *RatesFX*, and there will be credit sensitivities. Note that if the underlying bond reference is set up without a *CreditCurveId* - typically for some highly rated government bonds - the *CreditRisk* flag will have no impact on the product class and no credit sensitivities will be shown even if *CreditRisk* is set to *true*.
Allowable Values: *true* or *false* Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

Alternatively, the *BondData* block can be specified fully explicit, as outlined in 8.2.36

- The *TotalReturnData* block specifies
 - *Payer*: Indicates whether the total return leg is paid.
Allowable values: *true* or *false*
 - *InitialPrice* [Optional]: Should be filled if the bond price on the first date of the total return schedule is contractually given, in which case the price must correspond to the price type of the total return leg, i.e. if the price type is *Dirty* then the *InitialPrice* must also be a dirty price (as it is usually given in the term sheet in this case). The price must be given in percent, e.g. 101.20.¹¹ If not given, the bond price for the first date of the total return schedule is read from the price history. Notice that if a bond is quoted in Currency per Unit the initial price should be given in this format too: If e.g. one unit is 50.0 USD an initial price of 51.0 would correspond a dirty amount of 51.0 USD for one unit of the bond.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
 - *PriceType*: The price type on which these payments are based
Allowable values: *Dirty* or *Clean*
 - *ObservationLag* [Optional]: The lag between the valuation date and the reference schedule period start date.

¹¹as opposed to the bond price in the fixing history, where it must be given as 1.0120 and is always a clean quotation

Allowable values: Any valid period, i.e. a non-negative whole number, followed by *D* (days), *W* (weeks), *M* (months), *Y* (years). Defaults to *0D* if left blank or omitted.

- ObservationConvention [Optional]: The roll convention to be used when applying the observation lag.

Allowable values: A valid roll convention (*F*, *MF*, *P*, *MP*, *U*, *NEAREST*), see Table 27 Roll Convention. Defaults to *U* if left blank or omitted.

- ObservationCalendar [Optional]: The calendar to be used when applying the observation lag.

Allowable values: Any valid calendar, see Table 30 Calendar. Defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays) if left blank or omitted.

- PaymentLag [Optional]: The lag between the reference schedule period end date and the payment date.

Allowable values: Any valid period, i.e. a non-negative whole number, optionally followed by *D* (days), *W* (weeks), *M* (months), *Y* (years). Defaults to *0D* if left blank or omitted. If a whole number is given and no letter, it is assumed that it is a number of *D* (days).

- PaymentConvention [Optional]: The business day convention to be used when applying the payment lag.

Allowable values: A valid roll convention (*F*, *MF*, *P*, *MP*, *U*, *NEAREST*), see Table 27 Roll Convention. Defaults to *U* if left blank or omitted.

- PaymentCalendar [Optional]: The calendar to be used when applying the payment lag.

Allowable values: Any valid calendar, see Table 30 Calendar. Defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays) if left blank or omitted.

- PaymentDates [Optional]: This node allows for the specification of a list of explicit payment dates, using **PaymentDate** elements. The list must contain exactly $n - 1$ dates where n is the number of dates in the reference schedule given in the **ScheduleData** node. See Listing 191 for an example with an assumed **ScheduleData** with 4 dates.

Listing 191: Payment dates

```
<PaymentDates>
  <PaymentDate>2020-01-15</PaymentDate>
  <PaymentDate>2021-01-15</PaymentDate>
  <PaymentDate>2022-01-17</PaymentDate>
</PaymentDates>
```

- FXTerms [Mandatory when underlying bond and BondTRS currencies differ]: Required if the bond currency is different from the return currency, which is always assumed to be equal to the funding leg currency. This kind of trade is also known as a “composite trs”. The subnode for the FXTerms node is:

- * **FXIndex**: The fx index to use for the conversion, this must contain the bond currency and the funding leg currency (in the order defined in table 34, i.e. it does not matter which one is the bond currency and which is the funding currency)

Allowable values: See Table 34

- **ScheduleData**: The reference schedule for the return leg, where the valuation dates are derived from this schedule using the **ObservationLag**, **ObservationConvention** and **ObservationCalendar** fields. The payment dates are derived from this schedule using the **PaymentLag**, **PaymentConvention** and **PaymentCalendar** fields. The payment dates can also be given as an explicit list in the **PaymentDates** node. Allowable values: A **ScheduleData** block as defined in section 8.3.4
- **PayBondCashFlowsImmediately** [Optional]: If true, bond cashflows like coupon or amortisation payments are paid when they occur. If false, these cashflows are paid together with the next return payment. If omitted, the default value is false.

Allowable values: *true* (immediate payment of bond cashflows) or *false* (bond cashflows are paid on the next return payment date)

- The **FundingData** block specifies the funding leg, which can be of any leg type. The **FundingData** contains exactly one **Leg**. The currency of this leg also defines the currency in which the return is paid. Usually the funding leg's notional will be aligned with the return leg's notional. To achieve this, indexings on the floating leg can be used, see 8.3.8. In the context of bond total return swaps, the indexings can be defined in a simplified way by adding an **Indexings** node with a subnode **FromAssetLeg** set to true to the funding leg's **LegData** node. The **notionals** node is not required either in the funding leg's **LegData** in this case. An example for this setup is shown in 192.

Listing 192: Bond Total Return Swap Data with indexed funding leg

```

<BondTRSData>
  <BondData>
    <SecurityId>ISIN:NZIIBDT005C5</SecurityId>
    <BondNotional>100000</BondNotional>
  </BondData>
  <TotalReturnData>
    <Payer>false</Payer>
    <InitialPrice>102.0</InitialPrice>
    <PriceType>Clean</PriceType>
    <ObservationLag>0D</ObservationLag>
    <ObservationConvention>P</ObservationConvention>
    <ObservationCalendar>USD</ObservationCalendar>
    <PaymentLag>2D</PaymentLag>
    <PaymentConvention>F</PaymentConvention>
    <PaymentCalendar>TARGET</PaymentCalendar>
    <!-- <PaymentDates> -->
    <!-- <PaymentDate> ... </PaymentDate> -->
    <!-- <PaymentDate> ... </PaymentDate> -->
    <!-- </PaymentDates> -->
    <FXTerms>
      <FXIndex>FX-TR20H-NZD-USD</FXIndex>
    </FXTerms>
    <ScheduleData>
      ...
    </ScheduleData>
    <PayBondCashFlowsImmediately>false</PayBondCashFlowsImmediately>
  </TotalReturnData>
  <FundingData>
    <LegData>
      <Payer>true</Payer>
      <LegType>Floating</LegType>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
      ...
      <!-- Notionals node is not required, set to 1 internally -->
      ...
      <Indexings>
        <!-- derive the indexing information (bond price, FX) from the total return leg -->
        <FromAssetLeg>true</FromAssetLeg>
      </Indexings>
      ...
    </LegData>
  </FundingData>
</BondTRSData>

```

8.2.43 Credit Default Swap / Quanto Credit Default Swap

A credit default swap, trade type `CreditDefaultSwap`, is set up using a `CreditDefaultSwapData` block as shown in listing 193 or 194. The `CreditDefaultSwapData` block must include either a `CreditCurveId` element or a `ReferenceInformation` node.

The `LegData` sub-node must be a fixed leg, and represents the recurring premium payments. The direction of the fixed leg payments define if the CDS is for bought (Payer: *true*) or sold (Payer: *false*) protection.

The elements have the following meaning:

- **IssuerId** [Optional]: An identifier for the reference entity of the CDS. For informational purposes and not used for pricing.
- **CreditCurveId**: The identifier of the reference entity defining the default curve used for pricing. For the allowable values, see **CreditCurveId** for credit trades - single name in Table 36. A **ReferenceInformation** node may be used in place of this **CreditCurveId** node.
- **ReferenceInformation**: This node may be used as an alternative to the **CreditCurveId** node to specify the reference entity, tier, currency and documentation clause for the CDS. This in turn defines the credit curve used for pricing. The **ReferenceInformation** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.27.

- **SettlesAccrual** [Optional]: Whether or not the accrued coupon is due in the event of a default. This defaults to **true** if not provided.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

- **ProtectionPaymentTime** [Optional]: Controls the payment time of protection and premium accrual payments in case of a default event. Defaults to **atDefault**.

Allowable values: **atDefault**, **atPeriodEnd**, **atMaturity**. Overrides the **PaysAtDefaultTime** node

- **PaysAtDefaultTime** [Deprecated]: *true* is equivalent to **ProtectionPaymentTime** = **atDefault**, *false* to **ProtectionPaymentTime** = **atPeriodEnd**. Overridden by the **ProtectionPaymentTime** node if set

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

- **ProtectionStart** [Optional]: The first date where a credit event will trigger the contract. This defaults to the first date in the schedule if it is not provided. Must be set to a date before or on the first date in the schedule if the **LegData** has a rule that is not one of **CDS** or **CDS2015**. In general, for standard CDS traded after the CDS Big Bang in 2009, the protection start date is equal to the trade date. Therefore, typically the **ProtectionStart** should be set to the trade date of the CDS.
- **UpfrontDate** [Optional]: Settlement date for the **UpfrontFee** if an **UpfrontFee** is provided. If an **UpfrontFee** is provided and it is non-zero, **UpfrontDate** is required. The **UpfrontDate**, if provided, must be on or after the **ProtectionStart** date. Typically, it is 3 business days after the CDS contract trade date.
- **UpfrontFee** [Optional]: The upfront payment, expressed as a percentage in decimal form, to be multiplied by notional amount. If an **UpfrontDate** is provided, an **UpfrontFee** must also be provided. The **UpfrontFee** can be omitted but cannot be left blank. The **UpfrontFee** can be negative. The **UpfrontFee** is treated as an amount payable by the protection buyer to the protection seller. A

negative value for the UpfrontFee indicates that the UpfrontFee is being paid by the protection seller to the protection buyer.

Allowable values: Any real number, expressed in decimal form as a percentage of the notional. E.g. an UpfrontFee of *0.045* and a notional of 10M, would imply an upfront fee amount of 450K.

- **FixedRecoveryRate** [Optional]: This node holds the fixed recovery rate if the CDS is a fixed recovery CDS. For a standard CDS, this field should be omitted.
- **TradeDate** [Optional]: The CDS trade date. If omitted, the trade date is deduced from the protection start date. If the schedule provided in the **LegData** has a rule that is either **CDS** or **CDS2015**, the trade date is set equal to the protection start date. This is the standard for CDS traded after the CDS Big Bang in 2009. Otherwise, the trade date is set equal to the protection start date minus 1 day as it was standard before the CDS Big Bang to have protection starting on the day after the trade date.
- **CashSettlementDays** [Optional]: The number of business days between the trade date and the cash settlement date. For standard CDS, this is 3 business days. If omitted, this defaults to 3.
- **RebatesAccrual** [Optional]: The protection seller pays the accrued scheduled current coupon at the start of the contract. The rebate date is not provided but computed to be two days after protection start. This defaults to **true** if not provided.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y*, *N*, *1*, *0*, *true*, *false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

The **LegData** block then defines the CDS premium leg structure. This premium leg must be of type **Fixed** as described in Section 8.3.5.

Listing 193: CreditDefaultSwap Data

```

<CreditDefaultSwapData>
  <IssuerId>CPTY_A</IssuerId>
  <CreditCurveId>RED:008CA0|SNRFOR|USD|MR14</CreditCurveId>
  <SettlesAccrual>Y</SettlesAccrual>
  <ProtectionPaymentTime>atDefault</ProtectionPaymentTime>
  <ProtectionStart>20160206</ProtectionStart>
  <UpfrontDate>20160208</UpfrontDate>
  <UpfrontFee>0.0</UpfrontFee>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Payer>>false</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
</CreditDefaultSwapData>

```

Listing 194: *CreditDefaultSwapData with ReferenceInformation*

```
<CreditDefaultSwapData>
  <ReferenceInformation>
    <ReferenceEntityId>RED:008CA0</ReferenceEntityId>
    <Tier>SNRFOR</Tier>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <DocClause>MR14</DocClause>
  </ReferenceInformation>
  <LegData>
    ...
  </LegData>
</CreditDefaultSwapData>
```

A quanto credit default swap is a credit default swap with different denomination and settlement currencies. Listing 195 shows an Example: The trade has a notional of 50 million BRL and pays a 6% premium. The premium amounts are converted using the FX-TR20H-USD-BRL fixing two days before they are settled in USD. The hypothetical protection amounts computed for pricing purposes are converted to USD in a similar fashion.

Listing 195: *Quanto CDS CreditDefaultSwap Data*

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
  <Payer>true</Payer>
  <!-- This is the settlement currency -->
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <!-- This is the BRL notional -->
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>50000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <!-- The FX index used to convert BRL amounts to the settlement ccy USD -->
  <Indexings>
    <Indexing>
      <Index>FX-TR20H-USD-BRL</Index>
      <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
      <FixingCalendar>USD,BRL</FixingCalendar>
      <IsInArrears>true</IsInArrears>
    </Indexing>
  </Indexings>
  ...
  <FixedLegData>
    <Rates>
      <Rate>0.06</Rate>
    </Rates>
  </FixedLegData>
  ...
</LegData>
```

8.2.44 Index Credit Default Swap

An index credit default swap (trade type *IndexCreditDefaultSwap*) is set up using an *IndexCreditDefaultSwapData* block as shown in listing 196 and includes *LegData* and

BasketData trade component sub-nodes.

The LegData sub-node must be a fixed leg, and represents the recurring premium payments. The direction of the fixed leg payments define if the Index CDS is for bought (Payer: *true*) or sold (Payer: *false*) protection. The notional on the fixed leg is the “unfactored notional”, i.e. the notional excluding any defaults. This is opposed to the “trade date notional” which is reduced by defaults since the series inception until the trade date and the “current notional” or “factored notional” which is reduced by defaults between the series inception and the current evaluation date of the trade.

The BasketData sub-node (see section 8.3.28) is optional and specifies the constituent reference entities of the index. This sub-node is intended for non-standard indices, that require a bespoke basket. When BasketData is omitted, the index constituents are derived from the CreditCurveId element in the IndexCreditDefaultSwapData block.

Listing 196: Index CreditDefaultSwap Data

```
<IndexCreditDefaultSwapData>
  <CreditCurveId>RED:2I65BRHH6</CreditCurveId>
  <SettlesAccrual>Y</SettlesAccrual>
  <ProtectionPaymentTime>atDefault</ProtectionPaymentTime>
  <ProtectionStart>20160206</ProtectionStart>
  <UpfrontDate>20160208</UpfrontDate>
  <UpfrontFee>0.0</UpfrontFee>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Payer>>false</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <BasketData>
    <Name>
      <IssuerId>CPTY_1</IssuerId>
      <CreditCurveId>RED:</CreditCurveId>
      <Notional>100000.0</Notional>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </Name>
    <Name>
      <IssuerId>CPTY_2</IssuerId>
      <CreditCurveId>RED:</CreditCurveId>
      <Notional>100000.0</Notional>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </Name>
    <Name>
      <IssuerId>CPTY_3</IssuerId>
      <CreditCurveId>RED:</CreditCurveId>
      <Notional>100000.0</Notional>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </Name>
    <!-- ... -->
  </BasketData>
</IndexCreditDefaultSwapData>
```

The meanings of the elements of the IndexCreditDefaultSwapData node follow below:

- CreditCurveId: The identifier of the index defining the default curve used for

pricing. The pricing can be set up to either use the index curve id, or use the curve id:s of the individual index components defined in **BasketData**.

Allowable values: See **CreditCurveId** for credit trades - index in Table 36.

- **SettlesAccrual** [Optional]: Whether or not the accrued coupon is due in the event of a default. This defaults to **true** if not provided.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

- **ProtectionPaymentTime** [Optional]: Controls the payment time of protection and premium accrual payments in case of a default event. Defaults to **atDefault**.

Allowable values: **atDefault**, **atPeriodEnd**, **atMaturity**. Overrides the **PaysAtDefaultTime** node

- **PaysAtDefaultTime** [Deprecated]: **true** is equivalent to **ProtectionPaymentTime** = **atDefault**, **false** to **ProtectionPaymentTime** = **atPeriodEnd**. Overridden by the **ProtectionPaymentTime** node if set

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

- **ProtectionStart** [Optional]: The first date where a credit event will trigger the contract. This defaults to the first date in the schedule if it is not provided. Must be set to a date before or on the first date in the schedule if the **LegData** has a rule that is not one of **CDS** or **CDS2015**. In general, for standard index CDS, the protection start date is equal to the trade date. Therefore, typically the **ProtectionStart** should be set to the trade date of the index CDS.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **UpfrontDate** [Optional]: Settlement date for the **UpfrontFee** if an **UpfrontFee** is provided. If an **UpfrontFee** is provided and it is non-zero, **UpfrontDate** is required.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. The **UpfrontDate**, if provided, must be on or after the **ProtectionStart** date.

- **UpfrontFee** [Optional]: The upfront payment, expressed in decimal form as a percentage of the notional. If an **UpfrontDate** is provided, an **UpfrontFee** must also be provided. The **UpfrontFee** can be omitted but cannot be left blank. The **UpfrontFee** can be negative. The **UpfrontFee** is treated as an amount payable by the protection buyer to the protection seller. A negative value for the **UpfrontFee** indicates that the **UpfrontFee** is being paid by the protection seller to the protection buyer.

Allowable values: Any real number, expressed in decimal form as a percentage of the notional. E.g. an **UpfrontFee** of *0.045* and a notional of 10M, would imply an upfront fee amount of 450K.

- **TradeDate** [Optional]: The index CDS trade date. If omitted, the trade date is deduced from the protection start date. If the schedule provided in the **LegData** has a rule that is either **CDS** or **CDS2015**, the trade date is set equal to the

protection start date. Otherwise, the trade date is set equal to the protection start date minus 1 day.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **CashSettlementDays** [Optional]: The number of business days between the trade date and the cash settlement date. For standard index CDS, this is generally 3 business days. If omitted, this defaults to 3.

Allowable values: Any non-negative integer.

- **RebatesAccrual** [Optional]: The protection seller pays the accrued scheduled current coupon at the start of the contract. The rebate date is not provided but computed to be two days after protection start. This defaults to **true** if not provided.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

The **LegData** block then defines the Index CDS premium leg structure. This premium leg must be of type **Fixed** as described in Section 8.3.5.

8.2.45 Index Credit Default Swap Option

An index CDS option, trade type **IndexCreditDefaultSwapOption**, is an option to enter into an index CDS at a specified strike spread or strike price. The Index CDS Option is set up using an **IndexCreditDefaultSwapOptionData** node as shown in Listing 197. Its child nodes have the following meanings:

- **KnockOut**: A boolean node that determines whether front end protection is included or not. When this node evaluates to **false**, front end protection is included. When this node evaluates to **true**, front end protection is not included.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

- **IndexTerm** [Optional]: An optional node giving the term of the underlying index CDS e.g. 3Y, 5Y, 7Y, 10Y etc. The main function of this node is to allow for different index CDS option volatility structures for different terms of the same index series e.g. a CDX HY Series 34 5Y volatility structure and a CDX HY Series 34 10Y volatility structure. If this node is omitted, the market is searched for a CDS volatility surface with ID equal to the value of the **CreditCurveId** node under **IndexCreditDefaultSwapData**. There will generally be one **CreditCurveId** for each index CDS series e.g. **CDXHYS34V1** for CDX HY Series 34 Version 1. Consequently, there can only be one CDS volatility surface for this index CDS series. When **IndexTerm** is populated with the underlying index term, the market is searched for a CDS volatility surface with ID equal to the value of the **CreditCurveId** node with suffix **-[IndexTerm]**. For example, if the **CreditCurveId** node on an index CDS option trade is **CDXHYS34V1** and the **IndexTerm** node is populated with **5Y**, the market will be searched for a CDS volatility surface with ID **CDXHYS34V1-5Y** and this will be used in the trade valuation. In this way, different volatility surfaces can be used to value different terms of the same CDS index series.

Allowable values: A string that can be parsed as a term that is a valid term for the underlying CDS index e.g. *5Y*, *10Y*, etc.

- **OptionData**: A node defining the option details as described in Section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the **OptionData** node for an **IndexCDSOption** are:
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*. *Long* meaning that the holder has the option to enter into the underlying index CDS.
 - **OptionType** [Optional] *Put/Call* is optional and not used. The **Payer** field in the underlying Index CDS leg determines if the option is to buy or sell protection.
 - **Style** Must be set to *European* as this is the only supported exercise for **IndexCreditDefaultSwapOption**.
 - **Settlement** The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
 - **PayOffAtExpiry** Must be set to *false* as only payoff at exercise is supported.
 - An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given.
 - **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer (*Long*) to the option seller (*Short*). See section 8.3.2
- **IndexCreditDefaultSwapData**: A node defining the underlying index CDS as described in Section 8.2.44. Note that the **StartDate** in the **Scheduledata** in the premium leg in the **IndexCreditDefaultSwapData** should be the date on which the underlying CDS is entered into if the option is exercised (as opposed to the inception date of the underlying index CDS series). Under standard terms, the **StartDate** would be equal to the **ExerciseDate** but it can also be on a date after the **ExerciseDate**, but not on a date before the **ExerciseDate**, unless Rule is *CDS2015* or *CDS* and **StartDate** is set at the start of the full IMM period that the **ExerciseDate** falls into.

The **TradeDate** and **ProtectionStart** on the underlying CDS do not need to be populated. If omitted, which is recommended, the **TradeDate** and **ProtectionStart** on the underlying CDS default as follows:

TradeDate = max (option **ExerciseDate**, underlying schedule **StartDate**)
ProtectionStart = max (option **ExerciseDate**, underl. schedule **StartDate**)

Note that the cash settlement date for the underlying swap upfront premium is set to the underlying **TradeDate** with defaults as above, plus 3 business days.

Also note that for schedules with IMM rules (e.g. *CDS2015*), if the underlying schedule **StartDate** is not falling on an IMM date, it is adjusted to the previous quarterly IMM date.

Finally, the notional is - as in the case of an Index Credit Default Swap - the “unfactored notional”, i.e. the notional excluding any defaults between the series inception and the trade or evaluation date of the trade.

- **Strike** [Optional]: A real number defining the option strike level. If this is an empty string or omitted the strike will be determined according to table 19.

Note that if a strike is given, the UpfrontFee on the underlying IndexCDS must be zero or omitted. The UpfrontFee is interpreted as a price strike.

Allowable values: Any real number. Note that the **Strike** is expressed in decimal form when **StrikeType** is *Spread*, and in decimal form as percentage of notional when **StrikeType** is *Price*. I.e. a **Strike** of 1.05 is 105% of the notional when **StrikeType** is *Price*.

- **StrikeType** [Optional]: Determines the strike type. If *Spread* is given, the **Strike** is interpreted as a strike *spread*. If *Price* is given, the **Strike** is interpreted as a strike *price*. If omitted or left blank, it will be determined according to table 19.

Allowable values: *Spread* or *Price*. Note that *Spread* is only supported when the underlying market data is set up with spread strikes, and *Price* is only supported when the market data is set up with price strikes. Typically the market data convention for Index CDS Options is spread strikes, with the exception of CDX North America High Yield (CDX NA HY) names, where the convention is to use price strikes.

- **TradeDate** [Optional]: The trade date. If not given defaults to the valuation date. In case of an underlying default the trade date is used to determine whether the underlying notional before default should be considered part of the outstanding notional ($\text{TradeDate} < \text{AuctionDate}$) or not ($\text{TradeDate} \geq \text{AuctionDate}$).

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. Can not be later than the valuation date.

- **FrontEndProtectionStartDate** [Optional]: The date on which the front end protection kicks in. If not given, it defaults to the TradeDate. In case of an underlying default this date is used to determine whether the underlying contributes to the realised front end protection amount ($\text{FrontEndProtectionStartDate} < \text{AuctionDate}$) or not ($\text{FrontEndProtectionStartDate} \geq \text{AcutionDate}$).

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. Can not be later than the trade date.

- **FixedRecoveryRate**[Optional]: If provided, this recovery rate will be used in palce of the market quoted recovery rate of the underlying.

Listing 197: Example Structure of *IndexCreditDefaultSwapOptionData* node.

```

<IndexCreditDefaultSwapOptionData>
  <KnockOut>N</KnockOut>
  <IndexTerm>5Y</IndexTerm>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>false</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2023-05-09</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
  </OptionData>
  <IndexCreditDefaultSwapData>
    ...
  </IndexCreditDefaultSwapData>
  <Strike>1.063</Strike>
  <StrikeType>Price</StrikeType>
</IndexCreditDefaultSwapOptionData>

```

Strike	StrikeType	UpfrontFee	Effective Strike	Effective StrikeType
na	na	na	RunningCoupon	Spread
na	Spread	na	RunningCoupon	Spread
na	Price	na	1.0	Price
K	na	na	K	Spread
K	Spread	na	K	Spread
K	Price	na	K	Price
na	na	U	1.0 - U	Price
na	Spread	U (= 0)	RunningCoupon	Spread
na	Spread	U (\neq 0)	(not allowed)	(not allowed)
na	Price	U	1.0 - U	Price
K	na	U (= 0)	K	Spread
K	na	U (\neq 0)	(not allowed)	(not allowed)
K	Spread	U (= 0)	K	Spread
K	Spread	U (\neq 0)	(not allowed)	(not allowed)
K	Price	U (= 0)	K	Price
K	Price	U (\neq 0)	(not allowed)	(not allowed)

Table 19: Effective strike and strike type to be used in an Index CDS Option dependent on the Strike, StrikeType and UpfrontFee in the underlying Index CDS

8.2.46 Synthetic CDO

A Synthetic Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO), uses trade type *SyntheticCDO* and is set up using a *CdoData* block as shown in listing 198.

A synthetic CDO is a basket credit derivative, where the protection seller receives a premium cash flow in exchange for providing (notional) protection against portfolio losses due to defaults in a specific tranche characterized by the attachment point A and detachment point D.

CDOs can refer to the constituents of an index such as CDX or iTraxx, or be bespoke, i.e. refer to a bespoke basket of underlying credit names, using the **BasketData** sub-node, (see section [8.3.28](#))

Listing 198: CDO Data

```

<CdoData>
  <Qualifier>RED:2I65BRHH6</Qualifier>
  <AttachmentPoint>0.12</AttachmentPoint>
  <DetachmentPoint>0.22</DetachmentPoint>
  <ProtectionStart> 20140425 </ProtectionStart>
  <UpfrontDate/>
  <UpfrontFee/>
  <SettlesAccrual>Y</SettlesAccrual>
  <ProtectionPaymentTime>atDefault</ProtectionPaymentTime>
  <!-- Premium leg -->
  <LegData>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <BasketData>
    ...
  </BasketData>
</CdoData>

```

The meanings of the elements of the **CdoData** node follow below:

- **Qualifier**: The identifier of the credit index defining the default and base correlation curves used for pricing. In the case of a bespoke basket, i.e. when the **BasketData** sub-node is used, the Qualifier should be set to the credit index most closely matching the bespoke basket.

Allowable values: See **CreditCurveId** for credit trades - index in Table [36](#).

- **AttachmentPoint**: Losses where protection starts, expressed as a fraction of the basket notional. Note that Attachment- and DetachmentPoints (AP, DP) are defined as fractions of the current basket notional.

Allowable values: A number between 0 and 1, below the DetachmentPoint.

- **DetachmentPoint**: Losses where protection end, expressed as a fraction of the basket notional

Note that Attachment- and DetachmentPoints (AP, DP) are defined as fractions of the current basket notional.

Allowable values: A number between 0 and 1, above the AttachmentPoint.

- **SettlesAccrual**: Whether or not the accrued coupon is due in the event of a default.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table [42](#).

- **ProtectionPaymentTime** [Optional]: Controls the payment time of protection and premium accrual payments in case of a default event. Defaults to **atDefault**.

Allowable values: *atDefault*, *atPeriodEnd*, *!atMaturity*. Overrides the **PaysAtDefaultTime** node

- **PaysAtDefaultTime** [Deprecated]: *true* is equivalent to **ProtectionPaymentTime** = *atDefault*, *false* to **ProtectionPaymentTime** = *atPeriodEnd*. Overridden by the **ProtectionPaymentTime** node if set

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y*, *N*, *1*, *0*, *true*, *false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

- **ProtectionStart**: The first date where a default event will trigger the contract

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. Must be set to a date before or on the first date in the premium leg schedule.

- **UpfrontDate**[Optional]: Settlement date for the **UpfrontFee** if an **UpfrontFee** is provided. If an **UpfrontFee** is provided and it is non-zero, **UpfrontDate** is required.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26. The **UpfrontDate**, if provided, must be on or after the **ProtectionStart** date.

- **UpfrontFee**[Optional]: The upfront payment, expressed as a rate, to be multiplied by the tranche **Notional** amount. Note that a positive amount indicates that the **UpfrontFee** is paid by the protection buyer to the protection seller, and a negative amount indicates that the **UpfrontFee** is paid by the protection seller to the protection buyer. The **UpfrontFee** cannot be left blank.

Allowable values: Any real number

- **FixedRecoveryRate**[Optional]: If provided, this recovery rate will be used in place of the market quoted recovery rates of the underlying basket or index constituents, to work out the portfolio loss distribution and expected tranche loss.

Allowable values: Any real number in the range [0, 1]

- **LegData**: Premium leg description as in an Index CDS (see section 8.2.44) with **Notional** corresponding to the initial tranche notional.

Note that the **Payer** field in **LegData** determines whether protection is bought (*true*) or sold (*false*).

The **StartDate** in **LegData** is the first accrual start date on the premium leg of the index tranche. If the date generation **Rule** is *CDS2015*, one can enter the index tranche trade date for **StartDate** and the correct accrual start date will be deduced, i.e. the first accrual start date before the trade date using the *CDS2015* date generation rules.

- **BasketData**[Optional]: Underlying basket description for bespoke baskets (see section 8.3.28). This is analogous to a bespoke basket in an Index CDS (see section 8.2.44). If omitted, CreditIndex static data, with *id Qualifier* element in **CdoData**, is extracted from **ReferenceData**.

Note that the sum of notionals of the basket components must add up to the complete basket notional.

$$\text{Sum of Component Notionals} = \text{Complete Basket Notional} = \text{Initial Tranche Notional} / (\text{Detachment Point} - \text{Attachment Point})$$

If weights are used instead of notionals in the basket components, the sum of the weights must add up to 1.

8.2.47 Credit Linked Swap

A credit linked swap, trade type **CreditLinkedSwap**, is set up using a **CreditLinkedSwapData** block as shown in listing 199. The elements have the following meaning:

- **CreditCurveId**: The referenced CDS credit curve.
Allowable values: See **CreditCurveId** for credit trades - single name in Table 36.
A **ReferenceInformation** node may be used in place of this **CreditCurveId** node.
- **SettlesAccrual** [Optional]: A flag indicating whether accrued coupon amounts are paid in case of a credit event. Optional, defaults to **true**. Applies to the payments specified under **ContingentPayments**.
Allowable values: true, false
- **FixedRecoveryRate** [Optional]: A fixed (digital) recovery rate to apply. If not given, the market recovery rate is used. Applies to the payments specified under **DefaultPayments** and **RecoveryPayments**.
Allowable values: Any non-negative real number.
- **DefaultPaymentTime** [Optional]: Controls the timing of the payments specified under **DefaultPayments** and **RecoveryPayments**. Defaults to **atDefault**.
Allowable values: **atDefault**, **atPeriodEnd**, **atMaturity**.
- **IndependentPayments** [Optional]: The legs for which payments are made independent from credit events. The node contains one or more **LegData** subnodes representing these legs. Optional, can be omitted if no such payments are made.
Allowable values: See 8.3.3 for the **LegData** subnode structure.
- **ContingentPayments** [Optional]: The legs for which payments are contingent on no credit event having occurred until the payment date. If no such payments are made, the node can be omitted.
Allowable values: See 8.3.3 for the **LegData** subnode structure.
- **DefaultPayments** [Optional]: The legs for which payments are contingent on a credit event having occurred. If no such payments are made, the node can be omitted. If a default happens at a date *d*, the associated payment is the earliest payment with date greater or equal to *d*.
Allowable values: See 8.3.3 for the **LegData** subnode structure.
- **RecoveryPayments** [Optional]: The legs for which payments are contingent on a credit event having occurred. The node works analogously to the

DefaultPayments node, the only difference is that that payment amounts are weighted by RR instead of $1 - RR$.

Allowable values: See 8.3.3 for the LegData subnode structure.

All legs must be given in the same currency.

Listing 199: Credit Linked Swap Data

```
<CreditLinkedSwapData>
  <CreditCurveId>RED:46A844|SNRFOR|USD|XR14</CreditCurveId>
  <SettlesAccrual>false</SettlesAccrual>
  <FixedRecoveryRate>0.4</FixedRecoveryRate>
  <DefaultPaymentTime>atDefault</DefaultPaymentTime>
  <IndependentPayments>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    ...
  </IndependentPayments>
  <ContingentPayments>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    ...
  </ContingentPayments>
  <DefaultPayments>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    ...
  </DefaultPayments>
  <RecoveryPayments>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    <LegData> ... </LegData>
    ...
  </RecoveryPayments>
</CreditLinkedSwapData>
```

8.2.48 Commodity Forward

The CommodityForwardData node is the trade data container for the CommodityForward trade type. The structure of an example CommodityForwardData node is shown in Listings 200 and 201.

Listing 200: Commodity Forward data

```
<CommodityForwardData>
  <Position>Long</Position>
  <Maturity>2018-06-30</Maturity>
  <Name>PM:XAUUSD</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Strike>1355</Strike>
  <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
  <IsFuturePrice>...</IsFuturePrice>
  <FutureExpiryDate>...</FutureExpiryDate>
  <FutureExpiryOffset>...</FutureExpiryOffset>
  <FutureExpiryOffsetCalendar>...</FutureExpiryOffsetCalendar>
  <PhysicallySettled>...</PhysicallySettled>
  <PaymentDate>...</PaymentDate>
</CommodityForwardData>
```

Listing 201: CommodityForwardData for forward on LME Aluminium 3M future.

```
<CommodityForwardData>
  <Position>Long</Position>
  <Maturity>2021-08-16</Maturity>
  <Name>XLME:AH</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Strike>2160</Strike>
  <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
  <IsFuturePrice>true</IsFuturePrice>
  <FutureExpiryDate>2021-11-16</FutureExpiryDate>
  <PhysicallySettled>true</PhysicallySettled>
</CommodityForwardData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `CommodityForwardData` node follow below.

- **Position:** Defines whether the underlying commodity will be bought (long) or sold (short).
Allowable values: *Long, Short*
- **Maturity:** The maturity date of the forward contract, i.e. the date when the underlying commodity will be bought/sold.
Allowable values: Any date string, see **Date** in Table 26.
- **Name:** The name of the underlying commodity.
Allowable values: See **Name** for commodity trades in Table 38.
- **Currency:** The currency of the commodity forward.
Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26.
- **Strike:** The agreed buy/sell price of the commodity forward.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **Quantity:** The number of units of the underlying commodity to be bought/sold.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **IsFuturePrice** [Optional]: This should be set to **true** if the forward contract underlying is the settlement price of a commodity future contract. If omitted, it defaults to **false**.
Allowable values: Any string that evaluates to true or false as outlined in Table 42.
- **FutureExpiryDate** [Optional]: If **IsFuturePrice** is set to **true**, this gives the expiration date of the underlying commodity future contract. If omitted, the expiration date of the underlying commodity future contract is set equal to the value in the **Maturity** node. If **FutureExpiryDate** is provided, it takes precedence over any value provided in the **Maturity**, **FutureExpiryOffset** or **FutureExpiryOffsetCalendar** fields.
Allowable values: Any date string, see **Date** in Table 26.
- **FutureExpiryOffset** [Optional]: If **IsFuturePrice** is set to **true** and **FutureExpiryDate** is not explicitly specified, this gives the offset period that should be applied to the **Maturity** date to generate the underlying commodity future contract expiration date. If omitted, the expiration date of the underlying commodity future contract is set equal to the value in the **Maturity** node.
Allowable values: Any string that can be parsed as a period e.g. 2D, 3M, etc.
- **FutureExpiryOffsetCalendar** [Optional]: If **FutureExpiryOffset** is provided and is being used, this gives the calendar that should be used when generating the underlying commodity future contract expiration date from the **Maturity** date. If omitted, all days are considered good business days when generating the commodity future contract expiration date which is generally not what is desired.
Allowable values: Any calendar string, see **Calendar** in Table 30.
- **PhysicallySettled** [Optional]: A value of **true** indicates that the forward contract is physically settled e.g. if the underlying is a future contract, that future contract is entered into on the **Maturity** date. A value of **false** indicates that the forward contract is cash settled e.g. if the underlying is a future contract, that future contract settlement price is observed on the **Maturity** date (or the **FutureExpiryDate**, when given) and the net amount due is exchanged on the cash settlement date. If omitted, it defaults to **true**.
Allowable values: Any string that evaluates to true or false as outlined in Table 42.
- **PaymentDate** [Optional]: If **PhysicallySettled** is set to **false**, this gives the cash settlement date. It must be greater than or equal to the **Maturity** date. If omitted and the forward is cash settled, the **Maturity** date is used.
Allowable values: Any date string, see **Date** in Table 26.
- **SettlementData** [Optional]: This node is used to specify the settlement of the cash flows for non-deliverable futures.

A **SettlementData** node is shown in Listing 202, and the meanings and allowable values of its elements follow below.

- **PayCurrency**: The settlement currency for the payment cashflow.
Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26.
- **FXIndex**: The FX reference index for determining the FX fixing at the value

date. This field is required if settlement is *Cash* and the payment date is greater than the value date.

Allowable values: The format of the *FXIndex* is “FX-FixingSource-CCY1-CCY2” as described in Table 34.

- *FixingDate*: The date on which the *FXIndex* is observed. Allowable values: See Date in Table 26.

Listing 202: Example SettlementData node with Rules sub-node

```
<SettlementData>
  <PayCurrency>EUR</PayCurrency>
  <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  <FixingDate>2021-05-28</FixingDate>
</SettlementData>
```

Note that a Precious Metal Forward should be represented as an FX Forward using the appropriate commodity “currency” (XAU, XAG, XPT, XPD).

8.2.49 Commodity Swap and Basis Swap

The structure of a *CommoditySwap* trade node is shown in listing 203. This trade node can be used to represent commodity swaps and commodity basis swaps. It consists of the generic *Envelope* and the specific *SwapData* section.

The *SwapData* node may contain two or more *LegData* nodes. There must be at least one *LegData* node of a commodity *LegType*, i.e. *CommodityFixed* or *CommodityFloating*, but non-commodity leg types are also allowed. The commodity leg types are described in sections 8.3.20 and 8.3.22 respectively.

Listing 203: Commodity Swap

```
<Trade id="...">
  <TradeType>CommoditySwap</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
  </Envelope>
  <SwapData>
    <LegData>
      <LegType>CommodityFixed</LegType>
      ...
    </LegData>
    <LegData>
      <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
      ...
    </LegData>
  </SwapData>
</Trade>
```

8.2.50 Commodity Swaption

The structure of a trade node representing a commodity swaption is shown in listing 204. It consists of the generic *Envelope* and the specific *CommoditySwaptionData* node.

The `CommoditySwaptionData` node contains an `OptionData` node described in 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for a `CommoditySwaption` are:

- **LongShort**: The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*. Note that the payer and receiver legs in the underlying swap are always from the perspective of the party that is *Long*. E.g. for a *Short* `CommoditySwaption` with a fixed leg where the Payer flag is set to *false*, it means that the counterparty receives the fixed flows.
- **OptionType**[Optional]: This flag is optional for `CommoditySwaptions`, and even if set, has no impact. The direction of flows is determined entirely by the Payer flags on the underlying legs (and the **LongShort** flag above).
- **Style**: The exercise style of the `CommoditySwaption`. Only exercise style *European* is supported.
- **NoticePeriod**[Optional]: The notice period defining the date (relative to the exercise date) on which the exercise decision has to be taken. If not given the notice period defaults to *0D*, i.e. the notice date is identical to the exercise date. Allowable values: A number followed by *D*, *W*, *M*, or *Y*
- **NoticeCalendar**[Optional]: The calendar used to compute the notice date from the exercise date. If not given defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays, weekends are no holidays either). Allowable values: See Table 30 **Calendar**.
- **NoticeConvention**[Optional]: The roll convention used to compute the notice date from the exercise date. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if not given. Allowable values: See Table 27 **Roll Convention**.
- **Settlement**: Delivery Type. The allowable values are *Cash* or *Physical*.
- **ExerciseFees**[Optional]: This node contains child elements of type `ExerciseFee`. Similar to a list of notionals (see 8.3.3) the fees can be given either
 - as a list where each entry corresponds to an exercise date and the last entry is used for all remaining exercise dates if there are more exercise dates than exercise fee entries, or
 - using the **startDate** attribute to specify a change in a fee from a certain day on (w.r.t. the exercise date schedule)

Fees can either be given as an absolute amount or relative to the current notional of the period immediately following the exercise date using the **type** attribute together with specifiers **Absolute** resp. **Percentage**. If not given, the type defaults to **Absolute**. **Percentage** fees are expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.05 is a fee of 5% of notional.

If a fee is given as a positive number the option holder has to pay a corresponding amount if they exercise the option. If the fee is negative on the other hand, the option holder receives an amount on the option exercise.

- **ExerciseFeeSettlementPeriod**[Optional]: The settlement lag for exercise fee payments. Defaults to *0D* if not given. This lag is relative to the exercise date (as opposed to the notice date). Allowable values: A number followed by *D*, *W*, *M*, or *Y*

- **ExerciseFeeSettlementCalendar**[Optional]: The calendar used to compute the exercise fee settlement date from the exercise date. If not given defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays, weekends are no holidays either). Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.
- **ExerciseFeeSettlementConvention**[Optional]: The roll convention used to compute the exercise fee settlement date from the exercise date. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if not given. Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention.
- An **ExerciseDates** node where exactly one **ExerciseDate** date element must be given for *European* style CommoditySwaptions. Allowable values: The **ExerciseDate** must be on or before the **StartDate** of the underlying legs, and be on or after the valuation date. For the format, see Date in Table 26.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium node with amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

The **CommoditySwaptionData** node should contain exactly two **LegData** nodes. One **LegData** node should be of type **CommodityFixed** described in section 8.3.20 and one should be of type **CommodityFloating** described in section 8.3.22. Note that on the **CommodityFloating** leg, the **Spread** must be omitted or set to 0, and the **Gearing** must be omitted or set to 1.

Listing 204: Commodity swaption

```

<Trade id="...">
  <TradeType>CommoditySwaption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    ...
  </Envelope>
  <CommoditySwaptionData>
    <OptionData>
      <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
      <Style>European</Style>
      <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
      <ExerciseDates>
        <ExerciseDate>2023-01-05</ExerciseDate>
      </ExerciseDates>
    </OptionData>
    <LegData>
      <LegType>CommodityFixed</LegType>
      ...
    </LegData>
    <LegData>
      <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
      ...
    </LegData>
  </CommoditySwaptionData>
</Trade>

```

8.2.51 Commodity Option

The `CommodityOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *CommodityOption* trade type. Vanilla commodity options are supported. The exercise style may be *European* or *American*. The `CommodityOptionData` node includes exactly one `OptionData` trade component sub-node plus elements specific to the commodity option. The structure of a `CommodityOptionData` node for a commodity option is shown in Listing 205.

Listing 205: Commodity Option data

```
<CommodityOptionData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Short</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Put</OptionType>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
    <PayOffAtExpiry>false</PayOffAtExpiry>
    <ExerciseDates>
      <ExerciseDate>2029-04-28</ExerciseDate>
    </ExerciseDates>
  </OptionData>
  <Name>NYMEX:CL</Name>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <StrikeData>
    <StrikePrice>
      <Value>100</Value>
      <Currency>USD</Currency>
    </StrikePrice>
  </StrikeData>
  <Quantity>500000</Quantity>
  <IsFuturePrice>true<IsFuturePrice>
  <FutureExpiryDate>2029-04-28<FutureExpiryDate>
</CommodityOptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `CommodityOptionData` node follow below.

- The `CommodityOptionData` node contains an `OptionData` node described in 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for a `CommodityOption` are:
 - `LongShort`: The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - `OptionType`: The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
 - `Style`: The exercise style of the `CommodityOption`. The allowable values are *European* or *American*.
 - `PayOffAtExpiry`: This must be set to *false* as payoff at expiry is not currently supported.
 - An `ExerciseDates` node where exactly one `ExerciseDate` date element must be given for. Allowable values: See Date in Table 26.
 - `Premiums` [Optional]: Option premium node with amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **Name:** The name of the underlying commodity.
Allowable values: See **Name** for commodity trades in Table 38.
- **Currency:** The currency of the commodity option.
Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table 26.
- **StrikeData:** The option strike price. It uses the price quotation outlined in the underlying contract specs for the commodity name in question.
Allowable values: Only supports **StrikePrice** as described in Section 8.3.30.
- **Quantity:** The number of units of the underlying commodity covered by the transaction. The unit type is defined in the underlying contract specs for the commodity name in question. For avoidance of doubt, the **Quantity** is the number of units of the underlying commodity, not the number of contracts.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **IsFuturePrice [Optional]:** A boolean indicating if the underlying is a future contract settlement price, **true**, or a spot price, **false**.
Allowable values: A boolean value given in Table 42. If not provided, the default value is **true**.
- **FutureExpiryDate [Optional]:** If **IsFuturePrice** is **true** and the underlying is a future contract settlement price, this node allows the user to specify the expiry date of the underlying future contract.
Allowable values: This should be a valid date as outlined in Table 26. If not provided, it is assumed that the future contract's expiry date is equal to the option expiry date provided in the **OptionData** node.

8.2.52 Commodity Digital Option

A commodity digital option is represented with trade type *CommodityDigitalOption* and a corresponding **CommodityDigitalOptionData** node. The latter differs from the **CommodityOptionData** node in section 8.2.51 by replacing tag *Quantity* with tag *Payoff* which is the cash amount paid in the Currency of the option from the party that is short to the party that is long, when the underlying price exceeds the strike at expiry in case of a Call (or falls below the strike in case of a Put). The digital option is priced in ORE as a spread of vanilla Commodity options at two slightly different strikes. For option type *Call* and *Put*, respectively, the digital call/put is constructed as

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Digital Call} &= \frac{\text{Payoff}}{\Delta} \times (\text{Call}(K - \Delta/2) - \text{Call}(K + \Delta/2)) \\ \text{Digital Put} &= \frac{\text{Payoff}}{\Delta} \times (\text{Put}(K + \Delta/2) - \text{Put}(K - \Delta/2))\end{aligned}$$

so that the long digital option has positive value in both cases. The strike spread Δ used here is set to 1% of strike K .

8.2.53 Commodity Spread Option

A commodity Spread Option is represented with trade type *CommoditySpreadOption* and a corresponding **CommoditySpreadOptionData** node.

The `CommoditySpreadOptionData` node is the trade data container for the *CommoditySpreadOption* trade type. The structure of a `CommoditySpreadOptionData` node for a commodity option is shown in Listing 206.

The `CommoditySpreadOptionData` include exactly two `LegData` nodes of type *CommodityFloating*. Details on these are described in 8.3.22. The resulting Legs must produce the same amount of cashflows (i.e. the number of *calculation periods* must be the same for the long and short positions). If the number of cashflows per leg is 1, this trade represents a vanilla commodity spread option. If is greater than 1, it represents a multi-period commodity spread option. Exactly one payer and one receiver leg are required, the leg with `isPayer` set to *true* is the long (positive) position in the spread payoff.

Within the two `LegData`, the `Quantity` node has must be equal. If the underlying contracts are quoted using different units (e.g. barrels vs liters), the `Gearing` node must be used to account for this difference.

Other than the two legs, the following nodes complete the `CommoditySpreadOptionData` container:

- **SpreadStrike**: The strike value for the spread. Allowable values: Any real number.
- **OptionData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for an `CommoditySpreadOption` are
 - **LongShort** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*.
 - A `PaymentData` [Optional] node can be added which defines the settlement date of the option payoff.
 - **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. See section 8.3.2

```

<CommoditySpreadOptionData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
    <IsPayer>true<IsPayer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <LegData>
    <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
    <IsPayer>>false<IsPayer>
    ...
  </LegData>
  <OptionData>
    <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
    <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
    <Premiums>
      <Premium>
        <Amount>10900</Amount>
        <Currency>EUR</Currency>
        <PayDate>2020-03-01</PayDate>
      </Premium>
    </Premiums>
  </OptionData>
  <SpreadStrike>2.3</SpreadStrike>
</CommoditySpreadOptionData>

```

8.2.54 Commodity Average Price Option

The structure of a trade node representing a commodity average price option (APO) is shown in listing 207. It consists of the generic `Envelope` and the specific `CommodityAveragePriceOptionData` node. A strip of these options may be booked using the commodity option strip trade outlined in section 8.2.55. The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `CommodityAveragePriceOptionData` are as follows:

- **OptionData:** This node is described in section 8.3.1. The relevant fields in the `OptionData` node for a `CommodityAveragePriceOption` are:
 - **LongShort:** The allowable values are *Long* or *Short*.
 - **OptionType:** The allowable values are *Call* or *Put*, where *Call* is an option for the party that is *Long* to buy the underlying commodity, and *Put* is an option to sell the underlying commodity.
 - **Style:** only European exercise style is supported.
 - the **ExerciseDates** node should contain exactly one **ExerciseDate**, and the single **ExerciseDate** should be on or before the payment date. Also, the single **ExerciseDate** should be on or after the final date in the calculation period i.e. the **EndDate** below.
 - **Premiums [Optional]:** Option premium node with amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **BarrierData** [optional]: If given this node specifies the barrier terms of the option:
 - **Type**: One of *UpAndIn*, *DownAndIn*, *UpAndOut*, *DownAndOut*
 - **Style**: One of *European*, *American*. A European barrier is observed on the last relevant pricing date of the APO while an American barrier is observed on all pricing dates of the APO.
 - **LevelData**: The barrier level. Only single-barrier options are allowed, i.e. exactly one level must be given.
- **Name**: An identifier specifying the commodity being referenced. This is described in section [8.3.24](#).

Allowable values: See **Name** for commodity trades in Table [38](#).

- **Currency**: The currency of the payoff which must be consistent with either currency of the market data set up for the commodity or the other currency specified in `!stinline!FXIndex!` (see below).

Allowable values: See **Currency** in Table [26](#).

- **Quantity**: The number of units of the underlying commodity covered by the APO. The unit type is defined in the underlying contract specs for the commodity name in question. For avoidance of doubt, the Quantity is the number of units of the underlying commodity, not the number of contracts.

The meaning of the Quantity is influenced by the **CommodityQuantityFrequency** value as described in section [8.3.24](#). If **CommodityQuantityFrequency** is set to **PerCalculationPeriod**, this quantity is used directly in the APO payoff. If **CommodityQuantityFrequency** is set to **PerCalendarDay**, this quantity is multiplied by the number of calendar days in the APO period to give the final quantity that is used in the APO payoff.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **StrikeData**: A **StrikeData** node is used as described in Section [8.3.30](#) to represent the APO strike price and Currency of the Strike. The APO strike price. The strike uses the price quotation outlined in the underlying contract specs for the commodity name in question. Note that for CommodityAPOs only **StrikePrice** is supported within the **StrikeData** node, and not **StrikeYield**.

Allowable values: Only supports **StrikePrice** as described in Section [8.3.30](#).

- **PriceType**: The price type is **Spot** if the APO is referencing a commodity spot price, and it is **FutureSettlement** if the APO is referencing a commodity future contract settlement price.

Allowable values: **Spot** or **FutureSettlement**.

- **StartDate**: The start date of the APO's calculation period.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).

- **EndDate**: The end date of the APO's calculation period.

Allowable values: See [Date](#) in [Table 26](#).

- **PaymentCalendar**: The business calendar used to determine the valid payment date.

Allowable values: See [Table 30 Calendar](#).

- **PaymentLag**: The payment date is this number of business days after a given base date. The base date is determined by the value of the **CommodityPayRelativeTo** node below which is generally omitted for APOs and allowed to take its default value of **CalculationPeriodEndDate**.

Allowable values: Any valid period, i.e. a non-negative whole number, optionally followed by *D* (days), *W* (weeks), *M* (months), *Y* (years). Defaults to *0D* if left blank or omitted. If a whole number is given and no letter, it is assumed that it is a number of *D* (days).

- **PaymentConvention**: The roll convention used to adjust the payment date.

Allowable values: See [Table 27 Roll Convention](#). Defaults to *Unadjusted* if left blank or omitted.

- **PricingCalendar**: The business calendar used for determining the *Pricing Dates* in the calculation period.

Allowable values: See [Table 30 Calendar](#). Defaults to *NullCalendar* (no holidays) if left blank or omitted.

- **PaymentDate** [Optional]: An explicit payment date for the APO if the combination of **PaymentCalendar**, **PaymentLag** and **PaymentConvention** is not sufficient. If **PaymentDate** is provided, it overrides the values provided in **PaymentCalendar**, **PaymentLag** and **PaymentConvention**.
- **Gearing** [Optional]: An optional gearing factor that the average price is multiplied by in the APO payoff. The default value is 1.0.
- **Spread** [Optional]: An optional spread that is added to the average price in the APO payoff. The default value is 0.0.
- **CommodityQuantityFrequency** [Optional]: This is as described in [section 8.3.24](#).
- **CommodityPayRelativeTo** [Optional]: This is as described in [section 8.3.24](#).
- **FutureMonthOffset** [Optional]: This is as described in [section 8.3.24](#). Note that **IsAveraged** defaults to *false* as it cannot be used as a tag within the **CommodityAveragePriceOptionData** node. Thus, if e.g. **FutureMonthOffset** is set to 2, the future contract month and year is taken as the second month following the base date's month and year; and so on for all positive values of **FutureMonthOffset**.
- **DeliveryRollDays** [Optional]: This is as described in [section 8.3.24](#).
- **IncludePeriodEnd** [Optional]: This is as described in [section 8.3.24](#).
- **FXIndex** [Optional]: This is an FX index used to apply currency conversion daily in the average. The currencies pair must include the currency used in the underlying commodity trade and the currency used for settlement.

Allowable values: See Table 34 for supported fx indices.

Listing 207: Commodity average price option

```
<Trade id="...">
  <TradeType>CommodityAveragePriceOption</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    ...
  </Envelope>
  <CommodityAveragePriceOptionData>
    <OptionData>
      <LongShort>Short</LongShort>
      <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
      <Style>European</Style>
      <ExerciseDates>
        <ExerciseDate>2020-01-31</ExerciseDate>
      </ExerciseDates>
    </OptionData>
    <BarrierData>
      <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
      <Style>American</Style>
      <LevelData>
        <Level>
          <Value>80</Value>
        </Level>
      </LevelData>
    </BarrierData>
    <Name>NYMEX:CL</Name>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <Quantity>6000</Quantity>
    <StrikeData>
      <StrikePrice>
        <Value>80</Value>
        <Currency>USD</Currency>
      </StrikePrice>
    </StrikeData>
    <PriceType>FutureSettlement</PriceType>
    <StartDate>2022-01-01</StartDate>
    <EndDate>2023-01-31</EndDate>
    <PaymentCalendar>USD</PaymentCalendar>
    <PaymentLag>5</PaymentLag>
    <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
    <PricingCalendar>USD</PricingCalendar>
    <Gearing>1</Gearing>
    <Spread>0.0</Spread>
    <CommodityQuantityFrequency>PerCalculationPeriod</CommodityQuantityFrequency>
    <CommodityPayRelativeTo>CalculationPeriodEndDate</CommodityPayRelativeTo>
    <FutureMonthOffset>0</FutureMonthOffset>
    <DeliveryRollDays>0</DeliveryRollDays>
    <IncludePeriodEnd>true</IncludePeriodEnd>
    <FXIndex>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
  </CommodityAveragePriceOptionData>
</Trade>
```

8.2.55 Commodity Option Strip

The structure of a trade node representing a commodity option strip is shown in listing 208. This node can be used to represent a strip of commodity average price options as described in section 8.2.54 or a strip of European commodity options as described in section 8.2.51. It consists of the generic `Envelope` and the specific `CommodityOptionStripData` node.

The `CommodityOptionStripData` node has a `LegData` node with `LegType` set to `CommodityFloating`. This `LegData` node is described in detail in sections 8.3.22 and 8.3.24. Note that the `Payer` field in `CommodityFloatingLegData`, while mandatory, has no impact on flows. The node `IsAveraged` in `CommodityFloatingLegData` determines whether a strip of European commodity options or a strip of APOs are created:

- If `IsAveraged` is `false`, a strip of European commodity options is created. There is a European put and or European call option created for each calculation period. The exercise date of the option in the calculation period is given by the *Pricing Date* in the calculation period using the rules outlined in section 8.3.24. The quantity is given by the quantity in the calculation period using the rules outlined in section 8.3.24. If cash settled, the cash settlement date is given by the payment date for the calculation period using the rules outlined in section 8.3.24.
- If `IsAveraged` is `true`, a strip of commodity average price options is created. There is a put and or call option created for each calculation period. The exercise date of the option in the calculation period is given by the calculation period end date. The quantity is given by the quantity in the calculation period using the rules outlined in section 8.3.24.

Each calculation period may contain a put and a call that may be either bought or sold. The type of option, whether they are bought or sold and the strike price is determined by the `Calls` and `Puts` nodes. We describe here the settings for the `Calls` node with the understanding that analogous descriptions apply to the `Puts` node. If the `Calls` node is omitted, it is assumed that there are no call options in the strip.

The `LongShorts` node may contain one `LongShort` node or the same number of `LongShort` nodes as calculation periods. Each `LongShort` node has the allowable values `Long` or `Short`. If `LongShort` is `Long`, then the call option is bought and if `LongShort` is `Short` then the call option is sold. If a single `LongShort` node is provided, it is applied to all options in the strip. If the same number of `LongShort` nodes as calculation periods are provided, a `LongShort` node is applied to the option in the corresponding period. The optional `BarrierData` node specifies the barrier terms of the options. See section 8.2.54 for details on this. Call and put options can have different barrier terms, but all call (resp. put) options share the same terms. In listing 208 only the call options have a barrier feature.

Similar to the `LongShorts` node, the `Strikes` node may contain one `Strike` node or the same number of `Strike` nodes as calculation periods. If only one is provided, this strike applies to all options in the strip. If the same number of `Strike` nodes as calculation periods are provided, a `Strike` node is applied to the option in the corresponding period. In this way, we support varying strikes across options in the strip. At least one of `Calls` or `Puts` needs to be provided for a valid option strip to be created.

The **Premiums** node allows for the addition of premiums. If the **PremiumAmount** is negative, it is paid and if it is positive, it is received. See [8.3.2](#).

The optional **Style** node can be set to **European** or **American** to change the exercise style for the strip of options. If not set, **European** is assumed. If the strip is a strip of APOs, **European** is assumed and a warning is issued if **Style** is not **European**.

The optional **Settlement** node can be set to **Cash** or **Physical** to change the settlement method for the strip of options. If not set, **Cash** is assumed. If the strip is a strip of APOs, **Cash** is assumed and a warning is issued if **Settlement** is not **Cash**.

The optional **IsDigital** node allows the creation of a strip of **CommodityDigitalOptions** (see [8.2.52](#)). If set to **true** the node **PayoffPerUnit** needs to be set.

Node **PayoffPerUnit** [Optional] specifies the payoff per commodity unit, expressed in leg currency, in case a digital option is exercised. If the trade is a strip of digital options, this node must be set. It accepts real numbers as input.

8.2.56 Commodity Variance and Volatility Swap

The **CommodityVarianceSwapData** node is the trade data container for the *CommodityVarianceSwap* trade type. The structure of an example **CommodityVarianceSwapData** node for a Commodity Variance Swap is the same as for an Equity Variance Swap in section [8.2.32](#), with the exception of the underlying node which is of type 'Commodity' here. See section [8.3.29](#) for additional optional elements of the underlying node and allowable values.

8.3 Trade Components

Trade components are XML sub-nodes used within the trade data containers to define sets of trade data that more than one trade type can have in common, such as a leg or a schedule. A trade data container can include multiple trade components such as a swap with multiple legs, and a trade component can itself contain further trade components in a nested way.

An example of a **SwapData** trade data container, including two **LegData** trade components which in turn include further trade components such as **FixedLegData**, **ScheduleData** and **FloatingLegData** is shown in Listing [209](#).

Listing 208: Commodity option strip

```
<Trade id="...">
  <TradeType>CommodityOptionStrip</TradeType>
  <Envelope>
    ...
  </Envelope>
  <CommodityOptionStripData>
    <LegData>
      <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
      ...
    </LegData>
    <Calls>
      <LongShorts>
        <LongShort>Short</LongShort>
      </LongShorts>
      <Strikes>
        <Strike>5.3</Strike>
      </Strikes>
      <BarrierData>
        <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
        <Style>American</Style>
        <LevelData>
          <Level>
            <Value>70.0</Value>
          </Level>
        </LevelData>
      </BarrierData>
    </Calls>
    <Puts>
      <LongShorts>
        <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
      </LongShorts>
      <Strikes>
        <Strike>8.17</Strike>
      </Strikes>
    </Puts>
    <Premiums> ... </Premiums>
    <Style>European</Style>
    <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
  </CommodityOptionStripData>
</Trade>
```

Listing 209: Trade Components Example

```
<SwapData>
  <LegData>
    <Payer>true</Payer>
    <LegType>Fixed</LegType>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
    <DayCounter>30/360</DayCounter>
    <Notionals>
      <Notional>1000000</Notional>
    </Notionals>
    <ScheduleData>
      ...
    </ScheduleData>
    <FixedLegData>
      <Rates>
        <Rate>0.035</Rate>
      </Rates>
    </FixedLegData>
```

Descriptions of all trade components supported in ORE follow below.

8.3.1 Option Data

This trade component node is used within the `SwaptionData` and `FXOptionData` trade data containers. It contains the `ExerciseDates` sub-node which includes `ExerciseDate` child elements. An example structure of the `OptionData` trade component node is shown in Listing 210.

Listing 210: Option data

```
<OptionData>
  <LongShort>Long</LongShort>
  <OptionType>Call</OptionType>
  <Style>Bermudan</Style>
  <NoticePeriod>5D</NoticePeriod>
  <NoticeCalendar>TARGET</NoticeCalendar>
  <NoticeConvention>F</NoticePeriod>
  <Settlement>Cash</Settlement>
  <SettlementMethod>CollateralizedCashPrice</SettlementMethod>
  <PayOffAtExpiry>true</PayOffAtExpiry>
  <ExerciseFees>
    <ExerciseFee type="Percentage">0.0020</ExerciseFee>
    <ExerciseFee type="Absolute" startDate="2020-04-20">25000</ExerciseFee>
  </ExerciseFees>
  <ExerciseFeeSettlementPeriod>2D</ExerciseFeeSettlementPeriod>
  <ExerciseFeeSettlementConvention>F</ExerciseFeeSettlementConvention>
  <ExerciseFeeSettlementCalendar>TARGET</ExerciseFeeSettlementCalendar>
  <ExerciseDates>
    <ExerciseDate>2019-04-20</ExerciseDate>
    <ExerciseDate>2020-04-20</ExerciseDate>
  </ExerciseDates>
  <Premiums>
    <Premium>
      <Amount>100000</Amount>
      <Currency>EUR</Currency>
      <PayDate>2018-05-07</PayDate>
    </Premium>
  </Premiums>
  <AutomaticExercise>...</AutomaticExercise>
  <ExerciseData>
    <Date>...</Date>
    <Price>...</Price>
  </ExerciseData>
  <PaymentData>...</PaymentData>
</OptionData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `OptionData` node follow below.

- `LongShort`: Specifies whether the option position is *long* or *short*. Note that for Swaptions, Callable Swaps, and Index CDS Options setting `LongShort` to *short* makes the `Payer` indicator on the underlying Swap / Index CDS to be set from the perspective of the Counterparty.

Allowable values: *Long, L* or *Short, S*

- **OptionType**: Specifies whether it is a call or a put option. Optional for trade types **Swaption** and **CallableSwap**.

Allowable values: *Call* or *Put*

The meaning of **Call** and **Put** values depend on the trade type and asset class of the option, see [Table 20](#).

Asset Class and Trade Type	Call / Put Specifications
Equity/ Commodity/Bond Option	<p><i>Call</i>: The right to buy the underlying equity/commodity/bond at the strike price.</p> <p><i>Put</i>: The right to sell the underlying equity/commodity/bond at the strike price.</p>
IR Swaption, CallableSwap, Commodity Swaption	<p><i>Call/Put</i> values are ignored, and the Option-Type field is optional. Payer/Receiver swaption is determined by the Payer fields in the Leg Data nodes of the underlying swap.</p>
FX Options (all variants, except Touch, Digital, Asian)	<p><i>Call</i>: Bought and Sold currencies/amounts stay as determined in the trade data node.</p> <p><i>Put</i>: Bought and Sold currencies/amounts are switched compared to the trade data node. Note that barriers are not switched / unaffected.</p>
Index CDS Option	<p><i>Call/Put</i> values are ignored, and the Option-Type field is optional. The Payer field in the underlying Index CDS leg determines if the option is to buy or sell protection.</p>
Asian FX Options	<p><i>Call</i>: The right to buy/receive the underlying currency at the strike price.</p> <p><i>Put</i>: The right to sell/pay the underlying currency at the strike price.</p>
Digital FX Options	<p><i>Call</i>: The digital payout will occur if the fx rate at the expiry date is above the given strike,</p> <p><i>Put</i>: The digital payout will occur if the fx rate at the expiry date is below the given strike.</p>
FX Single Touch Options	<p><i>Call/Put</i> values are ignored, and are instead inferred from the BarrierData type, and the OptionType field is optional.</p>
FX Double Touch Options	<p><i>Call/Put</i> values are ignored, and the OptionType field is optional.</p>
Ascot	<p><i>Call</i> has payout:</p> $\max(0, convertiblePrice - Strike)$ <p><i>Put</i> has payout:</p> $\max(0, Strike - convertiblePrice)$

Table 20: Specification of Option Type Call / Put

- PayoffType [Optional, except for trade types detailed below]: Specifies a detailed payoff type for exotic options. Only applicable to specific trade types as indicated in parentheses:

Allowable values:

- *Accumulator, Decumulator* (applies to trade types EquityAccumulator, FxAccumulator, CommodityAccumulator only)
 - *TargetFull, TargetExact, TargetTruncated* (applies to trade types EquityTaRF, FxTaRF, CommodityTaRF only)
 - *BestOfAssetOrCash, WorstOfAssetOrCash, MaxRainbow, MinRainbow* (applies to trade types EquityRainbowOption, FxRainbowOption, CommodityRainbowOption only)
 - *Vanilla, Asian, AverageStrike, LookbackCall, LookbackPut* (applies to trade types EquityBasketOption, FxBasketOption, CommodityBasketOption only)
 - *Asian* (applies to trade types EquityAsianOption, FxAsianOption only)
 - *Vanilla, AssetOrNothing, CashOrNothing* (applies to trade type FxGenericBarrierOption, EquityGenericBarrierOption, CommodityGenericBarrierOption)
- **Style:** The exercise style of the option.

Allowable values: *European* or *American* or *Bermudan*.

Note that trade types IR Swaption and CallableSwap can have style *European* or *Bermudan*, but not *American*.

FX, Equity and Commodity vanilla options can have styles *European* or *American*, but not *Bermudan*.

Exotic FX, Equity and Commodity options can generally only have style *European*, see each trade type for details.

Commodity Swaption and Commodity Average Price Options must have style *European*.

Index CDS Options must have style *European*.

Ascots must have style *American*.

- **PayoffType2 [Optional]:** Subtype for payoff of exotic options. Only applicable to specific trade types as indicated in parantheses:

Allowable values:

- *Arithmetic, Geometric* (applies to trade types EquityAsianOption, FxAsianOption only, if not given it defaults to Arithmetic)
- **NoticePeriod [Optional]:** The notice period defining the date (relative to the exercise date) on which the exercise decision has to be taken. If not given the notice period defaults to 0D, i.e. the notice date is identical to the exercise date. Only supported for Swaptions and Callable Swaps currently.
 - **NoticeCalendar [Optional]:** The calendar used to compute the notice date from the exercise date. If not given defaults to the null calendar (no holidays, weekends are no holidays either).

- **NoticeConvention** [Optional]: The convention used to compute the notice date from the exercise date. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if not given.
- **Settlement**: Delivery type. Note that Settlement is not required for Asian options.

Allowable values: *Cash* or *Physical*

- **SettlementMethod** [Optional]: Specifies the method to calculate the settlement amount for Swaptions and Callable Swaps.

Allowable values: *PhysicalOTC*, *PhysicalCleared*, *CollateralizedCashPrice*, *ParYieldCurve*.

Defaults to *ParYieldCurve* if Settlement is *Cash* and defaults to *PhysicalOTC* if Settlement is *Physical*.

PhysicalOTC = OTC traded swaptions with physical settlement

PhysicalCleared = Cleared swaptions with physical settlement

CollateralizedCashPrice = Cash settled swaptions with settlement price calculation using zero coupon curve discounting

ParYieldCurve = Cash settled swaptions with settlement price calculation using par yield discounting ^{12 13}

- **PayOffAtExpiry** [Optional]: Relevant for options with early exercise, i.e. the exercise occurs before expiry; *true* indicates payoff at expiry, whereas *false* indicates payoff at exercise. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

Allowable values: *true*, *false* .

Note that for **IndexCreditDefaultSwapOption** **PayOffAtExpiry** must be set to *false* as only payoff at exercise is supported.

- **ExerciseFees** [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **ExerciseFee**. Similar to a list of notionals (see 8.3.3) the fees can be given either
 - as a list where each entry corresponds to an exercise date and the last entry is used for all remaining exercise dates if there are more exercise dates than exercise fee entries, or
 - using the **startDate** attribute to specify a change in a fee from a certain day on (w.r.t. the exercise date schedule)

Fees can either be given as an absolute amount or relative to the current notional of the period immediately following the exercise date using the **type** attribute together with specifiers **Absolute** resp. **Percentage**. If not given, the type defaults to **Absolute**.

If a fee is given as a positive number the option holder has to pay a corresponding amount if they exercise the option. If the fee is negative on the other hand, the option holder receives an amount on the option exercise.

Only supported for Swaptions and Callable Swaps currently.

¹²<https://www.isda.org/book/2006-isda-definitions/>

¹³<https://www.isda.org/a/TIAEE/Supplement-No-58-to-ISDA-2006-Definitions.pdf>

- **ExerciseFeeSettlementPeriod** [Optional]: The settlement lag for exercise fee payments. Defaults to *0D* if not given. This lag is relative to the exercise date (as opposed to the notice date).

Allowable values: A number followed by *D*, *W*, *M*, or *Y*

- **ExerciseFeeSettlementCalendar** [Optional]: The calendar used to compute the exercise fee settlement date from the exercise date. If not given defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays, weekends are no holidays either).

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- **ExerciseFeeSettlementConvention** [Optional]: The convention used to compute the exercise fee settlement date from the exercise date. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if not given.

Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention.

- **ExerciseDates**: This node contains child elements of type **ExerciseDate**. Options of style *European* or *American* require a single exercise date expressed by one single **ExerciseDate** child element. *Bermudan* style options must have two or more **ExerciseDate** child elements.
- **Premiums** [Optional]: Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller.

Allowable values: See section 8.3.2

- **AutomaticExercise** [Optional]: Used if the option expiry date is on the current date or in the past, and the payment date is in the future - so that there still is an outstanding cashflow if the option was in the money on the expiry date. In this case, if **AutomaticExercise** is applied, the FX / Commodity / Equity fixing on the expiry date is used to automatically determine the payoff and thus whether the option was exercised or not.

Currently, this field is only used for vanilla European cash settled FX, equity and commodity options. It is a boolean flag indicating if Automatic Exercise is applicable for the option trade. A value of *true* indicates that Automatic Exercise is applicable and a value of *false* indicates that it is not.

Allowable values: A boolean value given in Table 42. If not provided, the default value is *false*.

- **ExerciseData** [Optional]: Currently, this node is only used for vanilla European cash settled FX, equity and commodity options where *Automatic Exercise* is not applicable. It has the structure shown in Listing 210 i.e. a child **Date** and **Price** node. It is used to supply the price at which an option was exercised and the date of exercise. For a European option, the supplied date clearly has to match the single option **ExerciseDate**. It is needed where the cash settlement date is after the **ExerciseDate**. If this node is not supplied, and the **ExerciseDate** is in the past relative to the valuation date, the option is assumed to have expired unexercised.

Allowable values: The **Date** node should be a valid date as outlined in Table 26 and the **Price** node should be a valid price as a real number.

- **PaymentData** [Optional]: This node is used to supply the date on which the option is cash settled if it is exercised. There are two methods in which this data may be supplied:
 1. The first method is an explicit list of dates as shown in Listing 211. The **Date** node should be a valid date as outlined in Table 26. Obviously, for European options, there should be exactly one date supplied.
 2. The second method is a set of rules that are used to generate the settlement date relative to either the exercise date of the option or the expiry date of the option. The structure of the **PaymentData** node in this case is given in Listing 212. The optional **RelativeTo** node must be either **Expiry** or **Exercise**. If it is **Expiry**, the expiry date is taken as the base date from which the rules are applied. If it is **Exercise**, the exercise date is taken as the base date from which the rules are applied. These two dates are the same in the case of a European option. If not provided, **Expiry** is assumed. The **Lag** node is a non-negative integer giving the number of days from the base date to the cash settlement date. The **Calendar** gives the business day calendar for the cash settlement date and should be a valid calendar code as outlined in Table 30. The **Convention** gives the roll convention for the cash settlement date and should be a valid roll convention as outlined in Table 27.

Listing 211: Dates based PaymentData

```
<PaymentData>
  <Dates>
    <Date>...</Date>
  </Dates>
</PaymentData>
```

Listing 212: Rules based PaymentData

```
<PaymentData>
  <Rules>
    <Lag>...</Lag>
    <Calendar>...</Calendar>
    <Convention>...</Convention>
    <RelativeTo>...</RelativeTo>
  </Rules>
</PaymentData>
```

8.3.2 Premiums

The **Premiums** node holds data of one or more premiums to be paid. It is used in different trade types, notably in caps / floors (see section 8.2.3) and more generally in the option data component (see section 8.3.1). Listing 213 shows an example for a Premiums data block representing two premiums.

Listing 213: Premiums Node

```
<Premiums>
  <Premium>
    <Amount>1000</Amount>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
    <PayDate>2021-01-27</PayDate>
  </Premium>
  <Premium>
    <Amount>5000</Amount>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
    <PayDate>2023-01-27</PayDate>
  </Premium>
</Premiums>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `Premium` node follow below.

- **Amount:** Option premium amounts paid by the option buyer to the option seller. A positive amount is considered to be paid by the option holder to the option seller and thus results in a negative contribution to the NPV of a long option. Allowable values: arbitrary number
- **Currency:** Currency of the premium to be paid. Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**.
- **PayDate:** Date of the premium payment. Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

We support a deprecated schema to represent a single premium as shown in listing 214 for backwards compatibility. The 3 nodes `PremiumAmount`, `PremiumCurrency`, `PremiumPayDate` can be used on the same level as the new `Premiums` node to represent a single premium payment. The deprecated and new schema may not be mixed.

Listing 214: Deprecated Single Premium Representation

```
<PremiumAmount>1000</PremiumAmount>
<PremiumCurrency>EUR</PremiumCurrency>
<PremiumPayDate>2021-01-27</PremiumPayDate>
```

8.3.3 Leg Data and Notionals

The `LegData` trade component node is used within the `CapFloorData`, `SwapData`, `SwaptionData` and `EquitySwapData` trade data containers. It contains a `ScheduleData` trade component sub-node, and a sub-node that depends on the value of the `LegType` element, e.g.: `FixedLegData` for `LegType Fixed` or `FloatingLegData` for `LegType Floating`. The `LegData` node also includes a `Notionals` sub-node with `Notional` child elements described below. An example structure of a `LegData` node of `LegType Floating` is shown in Listing 215.

```

<LegData>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <LegType>Floating</LegType>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <DayCounter>30/360</DayCounter>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>1000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <FloatingLegData>
    ...
  </FloatingLegData>
</LegData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **LegData** node follow below.

- **LegType**: Determines which of the available sub-nodes must be used.

Allowable values: *Fixed, Floating, Cashflow, CMS, DigitalCMS, DurationAdjustedCMS, CMSSpread, DigitalCMSSpread, Equity, CPI, YY, ZeroCouponFixed*

- **Payer**: The flows of the leg are paid to the counterparty if *true*, and received if *false*.

Allowable values: *true, false*

- **Currency**: The currency of the leg.

Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**. When **LegType** is *Equity*, Minor Currencies in Table 28 are also allowable.

- **PaymentCalendar** [Optional]: The payment calendar of the leg coupons. The **PaymentCalendar** is used in conjunction with the **PaymentConvention** and the **PaymentLag** to determine the payments dates, unless the **PaymentDates** node is used which defines the payment dates explicitly.

Allowable values: See Table 30 **Calendar**. If left blank or omitted, defaults to the calendar in the **ScheduleData** node, unless **LegType** is *Floating* and **Index** is *OIS*, in which case this defaults to the index calendar.

The **PaymentCalendar** calendar field is currently only supported for **LegType** *Floating* (with an IBOR, BMA or *OIS* underlying index), *CMS, CMSSpread, DigitalCMSSpread, Equity, YY, CPI, Fixed, ZeroCouponFixed, DigitalCMS*. For unsupported legs it defaults to the schedule calendar, and if no calendar is set in the **ScheduleData** node (for dates-based schedules the calendar field is optional), the *NullCalendar* is used.

- **PaymentConvention**: The payment convention of the leg coupons.

Allowable values: See Table 27.

- **PaymentLag** [optional]: The payment lag applies to Fixed legs, Equity legs, and Floating legs with Ibor and OIS indices (but not to BMA/SIFMA indices). **PaymentLag** is also not supported for CapFloor Floating legs that have Ibor coupons with sub periods (**HasSubPeriods** = *true*), nor for CapFloor Floating legs with averaged ON coupons (**IsAveraged** = *true*).

Allowable values: Any valid period, i.e. a non-negative whole number, optionally followed by *D* (days), *W* (weeks), *M* (months), *Y* (years). Defaults to *0D* if left blank or omitted. If a whole number is given and no letter, it is assumed that it is a number of *D* (days).

- **DayCounter**: The day count convention of the leg coupons. Note that **DayCounter** is mandatory for all leg types except *Equity*.

Allowable values: See **DayCount Convention** in Table 31. For *Equity* legs, if left blank or omitted, it defaults to *ACT/365*.

- **Notionals**: This node contains child elements of type **Notional**. If the notional is fixed over the life of the leg only one notional value should be entered. If the notional is amortising or accreting, this is represented by entering multiple notional values, each represented by a **Notional** child element. The first notional value corresponds to the first coupon, the second notional value corresponds to the second coupon, etc. If the number of coupons exceeds the number of notional values, the notional will be kept flat at the value of last entered notional for the remaining coupons. The number of entered notional values cannot exceed the number of coupons.

Allowable values: Each child element can take any positive real number.

An example of a **Notionals** element for an amortising leg with four coupons is shown in Listing 216.

Listing 216: Notional list

```
<Notionals>
  <Notional>65000000</Notional>
  <Notional>65000000</Notional>
  <Notional>55000000</Notional>
  <Notional>45000000</Notional>
</Notionals>
```

Another allowable specification of the notional schedule is shown in Listing 217.

Listing 217: Notional list with dates

```
<Notionals>
  <Notional>65000000</Notional>
  <Notional startDate='2016-01-02'>65000000</Notional>
  <Notional startDate='2017-01-02'>55000000</Notional>
  <Notional startDate='2021-01-02'>45000000</Notional>
</Notionals>
```

The first notional must not have a start date, it will be associated with the schedule's start, The subsequent notionals must either all or none have a start date specified from which date onwards the new notional is applied. This allows specifying notionals only for dates where the notional changes.

An initial exchange, a final exchange and an amortising exchange can be specified using an `Exchanges` child element with `NotionalInitialExchange`, `NotionalFinalExchange` and `NotionalAmortizingExchange` as subelements, see Listing 218. The `Exchanges` element is typically used in cross-currency swaps and inflation swaps, but can also be used in other trade and leg types. Note that for cross-currency swaps, the `NotionalInitialExchange` must be set to the same value on both legs. The `NotionalFinalExchange` must also be set to the same value on both legs, i.e. *true* on both, or *false* on both.

Allowable values for `NotionalInitialExchange`, `NotionalFinalExchange` and `NotionalAmortizingExchange`: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if omitted, or if the entire `Exchanges` block is omitted.

Listing 218: Notional list with exchange

```

<Notionals>
  <Notional>65000000</Notional>
  <Exchanges>
    <NotionalInitialExchange>true</NotionalInitialExchange>
    <NotionalFinalExchange>true</NotionalFinalExchange>
    <NotionalAmortizingExchange>true</NotionalAmortizingExchange>
  </Exchanges>
</Notionals>

```

FX Resets, used for Rebalancing Cross-currency swaps, can be specified using an `FXReset` child element with the following subelements: See Listing 219 for an example.

- `ForeignCurrency`: The foreign currency the notional of the leg resets to.
Allowable values: See Table 28 Currency.
- `ForeignAmount`: The notional amount in the foreign currency that the notional of the leg resets to.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- `FXIndex`: A reference to an FX Index source for the FX reset fixing.
Allowable values: A string on the form FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2.

Listing 219: Notional list with fx reset

```
<Currency>USD</Currency>
<Notionals>
  <Notional>65000000</Notional> <!-- in USD -->
  <FXReset>
    <ForeignCurrency> EUR </ForeignCurrency>
    <ForeignAmount> 60000000 </ForeignAmount>
    <FXIndex> FX-ECB-USD-EUR </FXIndex>
  </FXReset>
</Notionals>
```

After the **Notional** sub-node the **LegData** node includes a **ScheduleData** sub-node, and a sub-node based on the choice of **LegType** as per below:

- **ScheduleData**: This is a trade component sub-node outlined in section 8.3.4 *Schedule Data and Dates*.
- **PaymentDates** [Optional]: This node allows for the specification of a list of explicit payment dates that overrides the payment dates generated by the payment conventions. This is an optional node and is currently only used in commodity trades. See Listing 220 for an example.

Listing 220: Payment dates

```
<PaymentDates>
  <PaymentDate>2020-01-15</PaymentDate>
  <PaymentDate>2021-01-15</PaymentDate>
  <PaymentDate>2022-01-17</PaymentDate>
</PaymentDates>
```

- **FixedLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *Fixed*. It is outlined in section 8.3.5.
- **FloatingLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *Floating*. It is outlined in section 8.3.6 *Floating Leg Data and Spreads*.
- **CashflowLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *Cashflow*. It is outlined in section 8.3.9.
- **CMSLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *CMS* (Constant Maturity Swap). It is outlined in section 8.3.10.
- **DigitalCMSLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *DigitalCMS*. It is outlined in section 8.3.12.
- **DurationAdjustedCMSLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *DurationAdjustedCMS*. It is outlined in section 8.3.13.
- **CMSSpreadLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *CMSSpread*. It is outlined in section 8.3.14.

- **DigitalCMSSpreadLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *DigitalCMSSpread*. It is outlined in section [8.3.15](#).
- **EquityLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *Equity*. It is outlined in section [8.3.16](#).
- **CPILegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *CPI*. It is outlined in section [8.3.17](#).
- **YYLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *YY*. It is outlined in section [8.3.18](#).
- **ZeroCouponFixedLegData**: This trade component sub-node is required if **LegType** is set to *ZeroCouponFixed*. It is outlined in section [8.3.19](#).

8.3.4 Schedule Data (Rules, Dates and Derived)

The **ScheduleData** trade component node is used within the **LegData** trade component. The Schedule can be rules based (at least one **Rules** sub-node exists), dates based (at least one **Dates** sub-node exists, where the schedule is determined directly by **Date** child elements), or derived from another schedule in the same leg (at least one **Derived** sub-node exists). In rules based schedules, the schedule dates are generated from a set of rules based on the entries of the sub-node **Rules**, having the elements **StartDate**, **EndDate**, **Tenor**, **Calendar**, **Convention**, **TermConvention**, and **Rule**. Example structures of **ScheduleData** nodes based on rules, dates and derived from a base schedule are shown in Listing [221](#), Listing [222](#), and Listing [223](#) respectively.

Listing 221: Schedule data, rules based

```

<ScheduleData>
  <Rules>
    <StartDate>2013-02-01</StartDate>
    <EndDate>2030-02-01</EndDate>
    <Tenor>1Y</Tenor>
    <Calendar>UK</Calendar>
    <Convention>MF</Convention>
    <TermConvention>MF</TermConvention>
    <Rule>Forward</Rule>
  </Rules>
</ScheduleData>

```

Listing 222: Schedule data, date based

```
<ScheduleData>
  <Dates>
    <Calendar>NYB</Calendar>
    <Convention>Following</Convention>
    <Tenor>3M</Tenor>
    <EndOfMonth>>false</EndOfMonth>
    <Dates>
      <Date>2012-01-06</Date>
      <Date>2012-04-10</Date>
      <Date>2012-07-06</Date>
      <Date>2012-10-08</Date>
      <Date>2013-01-07</Date>
      <Date>2013-04-08</Date>
    </Dates>
  </Dates>
</ScheduleData>
```

Listing 223: Schedule data, derived

```
<ScheduleData>
  <Derived>
    <BaseSchedule>ScheduleData</BaseSchedule>
    <Shift>3M</Shift>
    <Calendar>GBP</Calendar>
    <Convention>Following</Convention>
  </Derived>
</ScheduleData>
```

The ScheduleData section can contain any number and combination of <Dates>, <Rules> and <Derived> sections. The resulting schedule will then be an ordered concatenation of individual schedules.

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in a <Rules> based section of the ScheduleData node follow below.

- **Rules:** a sub-node that determines whether the schedule is set by specifying rules that generate the schedule. If existing, the following entries are required: **StartDate**, **EndDate**, **Tenor**, **Calendar**, **Convention**, and **Rule**. **EndDateConvention** is optional. If not existing, a **Dates** or **Derived** sub-node is required.
- **StartDate:** The schedule start date.
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.
- **EndDate:** The schedule end date. This can be omitted to indicate a perpetual schedule. Notice that perpetual schedule are only supported by specific trade types (e.g. Bond).
Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **AdjustEndDateToPreviousMonthEnd** [Optional]: Only relevant for commodity legs. Allows for the **EndDate** to be on a date other than the end of the month. If set to *true* the given **EndDate** is restated to the end date of the previous month.

Allowable values: *true* or *false*. Defaults to false if left blank or omitted.

- **Tenor**: The tenor used to generate schedule dates.

Allowable values: A string where the last character must be *D* or *W* or *M* or *Y*. The characters before that must be a positive integer.

D = Day, *W* = Week, *M* = Month, *Y* = Year

Note that *0D* is a valid value, and causes there to be no intermediate dates between **StartDate** and **EndDate**.

- **Calendar**: The calendar used to generate schedule dates. Also used to determine payment dates (except for compounding OIS index legs, which use the index calendar to determine payment dates).

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.

- **Convention**: Determines the adjustment of the schedule dates with regards to the selected calendar, i.e. the roll convention.

Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention.

- **TermConvention** [Optional]: Determines the adjustment of the final schedule date with regards to the selected calendar. If left blank or omitted, defaults to the value of **Convention**.

Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention.

- **Rule** [Optional]: Rule for the generation of the schedule using given start and end dates, tenor, calendar and roll conventions.

Allowable values and descriptions: See Table 29 Rule. Defaults to *Forward* if omitted. Cannot be left blank.

- **EndOfMonth** [Optional]: Specifies whether the date generation rule is different for end of month, so that the last date of each month is generated, regardless of number of days in the month.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y*, *N*, *1*, *0*, *true*, *false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted. Must be set to *false* or omitted if the date generation Rule is set to *CDS* or *CDS2015*.

- **FirstDate** [Optional]: Date for initial stub period. For date generation rules *CDS* and *CDS2015*, if given, this overwrites the first date of the schedule that is otherwise built from IMM dates.

Allowable values: See Date in Table 26.

- **LastDate** [Optional]: Date for final stub period. For date generation rules *CDS* and *CDS2015*, if given, this overwrites the last date of the schedule that is otherwise built from IMM dates.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in a **<Dates>** based section of the **ScheduleData** node follow below.

- **Dates**: a sub-node that determines that the schedule is set by specifying schedule dates explicitly.
- **Calendar** [Optional]: Calendar used to determine the accrual schedule dates. Also used to determine payment dates (except for compounding OIS index legs, which use the index calendar), and also to compute day count fractions for irregular periods when day count convention is ActActISMA and the schedule is dates based.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar. Defaults to *NullCalendar* if omitted, i.e. no holidays at all, not even on weekends.

- **Convention** [Optional]: Roll Convention to determine the accrual schedule dates, and also used to compute day count fractions for irregular periods when day count convention is ActActISMA and the schedule is dates based.

Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if omitted.

- **Tenor** [Optional]: Tenor used to compute day count fractions for irregular periods when day count convention is ActActISMA and the schedule is dates based.

Allowable values: A string where the last character must be *D* or *W* or *M* or *Y*. The characters before that must be a positive integer.
D = Day, *W* = Week, *M* = Month, *Y* = Year

Defaults to *null* if omitted.

- **EndOfMonth** [Optional]: Specifies whether the end of month convention is applied when calculating reference periods for irregular periods when the day count convention is ActActICMA and the schedule is dates based.

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y*, *N*, *1*, *0*, *true*, *false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

- **Dates**: This is a sub-sub-node and contains child elements of type **Date**. In this case the schedule dates are determined directly by the **Date** child elements. At least two **Date** child elements must be provided. Dates must be provided in chronological order. Note that if no calendar and roll convention is given, the specified dates must be given as adjusted dates.

Allowable values: Each **Date** child element can take the allowable values listed in **Date** in Table 26.

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in a **<Derived>** section of the **ScheduleData** node follow below.

- **BaseSchedule**: The schedule from which the derived schedule will be deduced.

Allowable values: Must be the node name of another schedule in a given leg data node.

- **Shift** [Optional]: The tenor/period offset to be applied to each date in the base schedule in order to obtain the derived schedule.

Allowable values: A string where the last character must be *D* or *W* or *M* or *Y*. The characters before that must be a positive integer.

D = Day, *W* = Week, *M* = Month, *Y* = Year. If left blank or omitted, defaults to *0D*.

- **Calendar** [Optional]: The calendar adjustment to be applied to each date in the base schedule in order to obtain the derived schedule.

Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar. Defaults to *NullCalendar* if left blank or omitted, i.e. no holidays at all, not even on weekends.

- **Convention** [Optional]: The roll convention to be applied to each date in the base schedule in order to obtain the derived schedule.

Allowable values: See Table 27 Roll Convention. Defaults to *Unadjusted* if left blank or omitted.

8.3.5 Fixed Leg Data and Rates

The **FixedLegData** trade component node is used within the **LegData** trade component when the **LegType** element is set to *Fixed*. The **FixedLegData** node only includes the **Rates** sub-node which contains the rates of the fixed leg as child elements of type **Rate**.

An example of a **FixedLegData** node for a fixed leg with constant notional is shown in Listing 224.

Listing 224: Fixed leg data

```

<FixedLegData>
  <Rates>
    <Rate>0.05</Rate>
  </Rates>
</FixedLegData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **FixedLegData** node follow below.

- **Rates**: This node contains child elements of type **Rate**. If the rate is constant over the life of the fixed leg, only one rate value should be entered. If two or more coupons have different rates, multiple rate values are required, each represented by a **Rate** child element. The first rate value corresponds to the first coupon, the second rate value corresponds to the second coupon, etc. If the number of coupons exceeds the number of rate values, the rate will be kept flat at the value of last entered rate for the remaining coupons. The number of entered rate values cannot exceed the number of coupons.

Allowable values: Each child element can take any real number. The rate is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.05 is a rate of 5%.

As in the case of notionals, the rate schedule can be specified with dates as shown in Listing 225.

Listing 225: Fixed leg data with 'dated' rates

```
<FixedLegData>
  <Rates>
    <Rate>0.05</Rate>
    <Rate startDate='2016-02-04'>0.05</Rate>
    <Rate startDate='2019-02-05'>0.05</Rate>
  </Rates>
</FixedLegData>
```

8.3.6 Floating Leg Data, Spreads, Gearings, Caps and Floors

The `FloatingLegData` trade component node is used within the `LegData` trade component when the `LegType` element is set to *Floating*. It is also used directly within the `CapFloor` trade data container. The `FloatingLegData` node includes elements specific to a floating leg.

An example of a `FloatingLegData` node is shown in Listing 226.

Listing 226: Floating leg data

```
<FloatingLegData>
  <Index>USD-LIBOR-3M</Index>
  <IsInArrears>false</IsInArrears>
  <IsAveraged>false</IsAveraged>
  <HasSubPeriods>false</HasSubPeriods>
  <IncludeSpread>false</IncludeSpread>
  <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
  <Spreads>
    <Spread>0.005</Spread>
  </Spreads>
  <Gearings>
    <Gearing>2.0</Gearing>
  </Gearings>
  <Caps>
    <Cap>0.05</Cap>
  </Caps>
  <Floors>
    <Floor>0.01</Floor>
  </Floors>
  <NakedOption>false</NakedOption>
  <LocalCapFloor>false</LocalCapFloor>
</FloatingLegData>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the `FloatingLegData` node follow below.

- **Index:** The combination of currency, index and term that identifies the relevant fixings and yield curve of the floating leg.

Allowable values: An alphanumeric string of the form CCY-INDEX-TENOR. CCY, INDEX and TENOR must be separated by dashes (-). CCY and INDEX must be among the supported currency and index combinations. TENOR must

be an integer followed by D, W, M or Y. See Table 32. TENOR is not required for Overnight indices, but can be set to *1D*.

- **IsAveraged** [Optional]: For cases where there are multiple index fixings over a period *true* indicates that the average of the fixings is used to calculate the coupon. *false* indicates that the coupon is calculated by compounding the fixings. IsAveraged only applies to Overnight indices and Sub Periods Coupons.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

- **HasSubPeriods** [Optional]: For cases where several Ibor fixings result in a single payment for a period, e.g. if the Ibor tenor is 3M and the schedule tenor is 6M, two fixings are used to compute the amount of the semiannual coupon payments. *true* indicates that an average (IsAveraged = true) or a compounded (IsAveraged=false) value of the fixings is used to determine the payment rate. *false* indicates that the initial index period fixing determines the payment rate for the full tenor, i.e. no further fixings, no averaging and no compounding. IsAveraged is ignored for Ibor legs when HasSubPeriods is set to *false*. HasSubPeriods does not apply to Overnight indices.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

- **IncludeSpread** [Optional]: Only applies to Sub Periods and (compounded) OIS Coupons. If *true* the spread is included in the compounding, otherwise it is excluded.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

A Zero Coupon Floating leg with compounding that includes spread can be set up using a rules-based schedule as shown in Listing 227. Note that the **Tenor** in the rules-based schedule is not used when **Rule** is set to *Zero*.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>Floating</LegType>
  <Payer>>false</Payer>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>200000.0000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>A360</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>MF</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2020-01-14</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2020-07-14</EndDate>
      <Tenor>3M</Tenor>
      <Calendar>USD</Calendar>
      <Convention>MF</Convention>
      <TermConvention>MF</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Zero</Rule>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
  <FloatingLegData>
    <Index>USD-LIBOR-3M</Index>
    <IsAveraged>>false</IsAveraged>
    <HasSubPeriods>>true</HasSubPeriods>
    <IncludeSpread>>true</IncludeSpread>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0.006500</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <IsInArrears>>false</IsInArrears>
    <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
  </FloatingLegData>
</LegData>
```

A Zero Coupon Floating leg with compounding that includes spread can also be set up using a dates-based schedule with two dates (start and end) as shown in Listing 228.

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>Floating</LegType>
  <Payer>>false</Payer>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>200000.0000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>A360</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>MF</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Dates>
      <Calendar>USD</Calendar>
      <Convention>MF</Convention>
      <Dates>
        <Date>2020-01-14</Date>
        <Date>2020-07-14</Date>
      </Dates>
    </Dates>
  </ScheduleData>
  <FloatingLegData>
    <Index>USD-LIBOR-3M</Index>
    <IsAveraged>>false</IsAveraged>
    <HasSubPeriods>>true</HasSubPeriods>
    <IncludeSpread>>true</IncludeSpread>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0.006500</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <IsInArrears>>false</IsInArrears>
    <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
  </FloatingLegData>
</LegData>

```

- **IsInArrears** [Optional]: *true* indicates that fixing is in arrears, *false* indicates that fixing is in advance.
 - For Ibor coupons, “in arrears” means that the fixing gap is calculated in relation to the current period end date, while “in advance” means that the fixing gap is calculated in relation to the period start date.
 - For OIS coupons, “in arrears” means that the compounding (or averaging) of ON rates is done over the current period, while “in advance” means that the compounding (averaging) is done over the previous period. For the first period, a virtual previous period will be constructed based on the schedule construction rules. In the context of RFRs there are two common “in advance” variants:
 - * “Last Recent” which means the length of the period used for compounding / averaging is independent of the original period. This former period is specified in the LastRecentPeriod field.
 - * “Last Reset” which means the original period will be used for compounding / averaging. This variant is indicated by omitting the LastRecentPeriod field.

Notice that the use of the `LastRecentPeriod` field is not restricted to “in advance” OIS coupons, i.e. it can also be used in combination with “in arrears”.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* for Ibor and to *true* for OIS coupons, if left blank or omitted.

- `LastRecentPeriod` [Optional]: Only applies to OIS coupons. If given, the compounding / averaging of ON rates will not be done over the usual reference period derived from the accrual period and the `Lookback`, `FixingDays` and `IsInArrears` parameters, but instead over a period determined by the end date of this usual period and the `LastRecentPeriod` parameter as `[EndDate - LastRecentPeriod, EndDate]`. The calendar used to compute `EndDate - LastRecentPeriod` is the schedule calendar unless a specific `LastRecentPeriodCalendar` is specified. To represent SOFR 30D, 90D, 180D average indices, the `LastRecentPeriodCalendar` should be set to `NullCalendar`, since these averages refer to rolling averages over 30, 90, 180 calendar days. Allowable values: any valid period, e.g. 30D, 90D, 180D, 1M, 2M, 6M
- `LastRecentPeriodCalendar` [Optional]: The calendar used to compute the `LastRecentPeriod`, see this field for more details. If not given, defaults to the schedule calendar. Allowable values: See Table 30 Calendar.
- `FixingDays` [Optional]: The fixing gap. For Ibor coupons this is the number of business days before the accrual period’s *reference* date to observe the index fixing. Here, the accrual period reference date is the accrual start date for an in advanced fixed coupon and the accrual end date for in arrears fixed coupon. For overnight coupons this is the number of business days by which the value dates are shifted into the past to get the fixing observation dates. In the context of RFRs the `FixingDays` parameter is sometimes also called “observation lag”.

The calendar used for the fixing gap, is the calendar associated with the floating index, as defined in the conventions for the index.

Allowable values: A non-negative whole number. Defaults to the index’s fixing days if blank or omitted. See defaults per index in Table 33.

- `Lookback` [Optional]: Only applicable to OIS legs. A period by which the value dates schedule of (averaged, compounded) OIS legs is shifted into the past. On top of this the gap defined by the `FixingDays` is applied to get the final fixing date for an original date in the OIS value dates schedule. In the context of RFRs the `Lookback` parameter is sometimes also called “shift”. With this terminology, first the shift and then the observation lag is applied to get the fixing date for an original value date of an overnight coupon.

Allowable values: any valid period, e.g. 2D, 3M, 1Y

- `RateCutoff` [Optional]: Only applicable to OIS legs. The number of fixing dates at the end of the fixing period for which the fixing value is held constant and set to the previous value. Defaults to 0.

Allowable values: any non-negative whole number

- **Spreads [Optional]:** This node contains child elements of type **Spread**. If the spread is constant over the life of the floating leg, only one spread value should be entered. If two or more coupons have different spreads, multiple spread values are required, each represented by a **Spread** child element. The first spread value corresponds to the first coupon, the second spread value corresponds to the second coupon, etc. If the number of coupons exceeds the number of spread values, the spread will be kept flat at the value of last entered spread for the remaining coupons. The number of entered spread values cannot exceed the number of coupons.

Allowable values: Each child element can take any real number. The spread is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.005 is a spread of 0.5% or 50 bp.

For the **<Spreads>** section, the same applies as for notionals and rates - a list of changing spreads can be specified without or with individual start dates as shown in Listing 229.

Listing 229: 'Dated' spreads

```

<Spreads>
  <Spread>0.005</Spread>
  <Spread startDate='2017-03-05'>0.007</Spread>
  <Spread startDate='2019-03-05'>0.009</Spread>
</Spreads>

```

If the entire **<Spreads>** section is omitted, it defaults to a spread of 0%.

- **Gearings [Optional]:** This node contains child elements of type **Gearing** indicating that the coupon rate is multiplied by the given factors. The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.

If the entire **<Gearings>** section is omitted, it defaults to a gearing of 1.

- **Caps [Optional]:** This node contains child elements of type **Cap** indicating that the coupon rate is capped at the given rate (after applying gearing and spread, if any). The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above. Caps / Floors are supported for Ibor and compounded / averaged OIS coupons, but not for coupons with subperiods.

For OIS coupons notice how the gearing g and spread s enter the calculation of the coupon amount A dependent on the IncludeSpread and LocalCapFloor flags and the cap rate C , floor rate F , daily rates f_i , daily accrual fractions τ_i and the coupon accrual fraction τ . Notice that the gearing must be 1 if include spread is set to true for capped / floored coupons. The cases for compounded coupons are:

- IncludeSpread = false, LocalCapFloor = false:

$$A = \min \left(\max \left(g \cdot \frac{\prod (1 + \tau_i f_i) - 1}{\tau} + s, F \right), C \right)$$

- IncludeSpread = true, LocalCapFloor = false:

$$A = \min \left(\max \left(\frac{\prod (1 + \tau_i (f_i + s)) - 1}{\tau}, F \right), C \right)$$

– IncludeSpread = false, LocalCapFloor = true:

$$A = g \cdot \frac{\prod (1 + \tau_i \min(\max(f_i, F), C)) - 1}{\tau} + s$$

– IncludeSpread = true, LocalCapFloor = true:

$$A = \frac{\prod (1 + \tau_i \min(\max(f_i + s, F), C)) - 1}{\tau}$$

The cases for Averaged coupons are:

– IncludeSpread = false, LocalCapFloor = false:

$$A = \min \left(\max \left(g \cdot \frac{\sum (\tau_i f_i)}{\tau} + s, F \right), C \right)$$

– IncludeSpread = true, LocalCapFloor = false:

$$A = \min \left(\max \left(\frac{\sum (\tau_i f_i)}{\tau} + s, F \right), C \right)$$

– IncludeSpread = false, LocalCapFloor = true:

$$A = g \cdot \frac{\sum (\tau_i \min(\max(f_i, F), C))}{\tau} + s$$

– IncludeSpread = true, LocalCapFloor = true:

$$A = \frac{\sum (\tau_i \min(\max(f_i + s, F), C))}{\tau}$$

- Floors [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Floor** indicating that the coupon rate is floored at the given rate (after applying gearing and spread, if any). The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.
- NakedOption [Optional]: Optional node, if *true* the leg represents only the embedded floor, cap or collar. By convention the embedded floor (or cap) are considered long if the leg is a receiver leg, otherwise short. For a collar the floor is long and the cap is short if the leg is a receiver leg. Notice that this is opposite to the definition of a collar in [8.2.3](#).

Allowable values: *true*, *false* . Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

- LocalCapFloor [Optional]: Optional node, if *true* a cap (floor) will be applied to the daily rates of a compounded / averaged overnight coupon. If *false* the effective period rate will be capped (floored). The flag is ignored for coupons other than overnight coupons.

Allowable values: *true*, *false* . Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

8.3.7 Leg Data with Amortisation Structures

Amortisation structures can (optionally) be added to a leg as indicated in the following listing 230, within a block of information enclosed by `<Amortizations>` and `</Amortizations>` tags. Note that `<Amortizations>` structures are not supported for trade type CapFloor.

Listing 230: Amortisation data

```
<LegData>
  <LegType> ... </LegType>
  <Payer> ... </Payer>
  <Currency> ... </Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <Amortizations>
    <AmortizationData>
      <Type>FixedAmount</Type>
      <Value>1000000</Value>
      <StartDate>20170203</StartDate>
      <Frequency>1Y</Frequency>
      <Underflow>>false</Underflow>
    </AmortizationData>
    <AmortizationData>
      ...
    </AmortizationData>
  </Amortizations>
  ...
</LegData>
```

The user can specify a sequence of `AmortizationData` items in order to switch from one kind of amortisation to another etc. Within each `AmortisationData` block the meaning of elements is

- Type: Amortisation type with allowable values *FixedAmount*, *RelativeToInitialNotional*, *RelativeToPreviousNotional*, *Annuity*, *LinearToMaturity*.
- Value [optional]: Interpreted depending on **Type**, see below. Required for all types except *LinearToMaturity*.
- StartDate [optional]: Amortisation starts on first schedule date on or beyond StartDate. If not given, amortisation starts in first schedule period. If more than one `AmortizationData` block is specified, the StartDate is mandatory for all blocks except the first.
- EndDate [optional]: Amortization is applied for schedule periods with start date before EndDate. If more than one `AmortizationData` block is specified, the EndDate is mandatory for all blocks except the last.
- Frequency, entered as a period [optional]: Frequency of amortisations. If not given, an amortization is applied in each schedule period, otherwise in each n th period, where n is determined from Frequency. Amortizations are always applied

to whole periods though, i.e. not within a period. The frequency is ignored for type Annuity, in which case an amortisation is applied in each period.

- Underflow [optional]: Allow amortisation below zero notional if **true**, otherwise amortisation stops at zero notional. Defaults to false;

The amortisation data block's **Value** element is interpreted depending on the chosen **Type**:

- FixedAmount: The value is interpreted as a notional amount to be subtracted from the current notional on each amortisation date.
- RelativeToInitialNotional: The value is interpreted as a fraction of the **initial** notional to be subtracted from the current notional on each amortisation date.
- RelativeToPreviousNotional: The value is interpreted as a fraction of the **previous** notional to be subtracted from the previous notional to get the current notional on each amortisation date.
- Annuity: The value is interpreted as annuity amount (redemption plus coupon).
- LinearToMaturity: The value is not relevant, and does not need to be provided.

Annuity type amortisation is supported for fixed rate legs as well as floating (ibor) legs.

Note:

- Floating annuities require at least one previous vanilla coupon in order to work out the first amortisation amount.
- Floating legs with annuity amortisation currently do not allow switching the amortisation type, i.e. only a single block of **AmortizationData**.

8.3.8 Indexings

This trade component can be used as an optional node within the **LegData** component to scale the notional of the coupons of a leg by one or several index prices. This feature is typically used within equity swaps with notional reset to align the notional of the funding leg with the one from the equity leg for all return periods. See [8.2.23](#) for the specific usage in equity swaps. Notice that typically it is sufficient to set the **FromAssetLeg** flag to *true* in the **Indexings** node definition, i.e.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>Floating</LegType>
  <!-- no notionals node required -->
  <ScheduleData> ... </ScheduleData>
  <Indexings>
    <FromAssetLeg>true</FromAssetLeg>
  </Indexings>
  <FloatingLegData> ... </FloatingLegData>
</LegData>
```

which will cause the trade builder to pull all the indexing details from the asset leg (the equity leg in an equity swap) and populate the indexing data on the funding leg

accordingly. Notice that no definition of a `Notionals` node is required in this case, this will also be generated automatically.

In what follows we will describe the full syntax of the `Indexings` node below for reference. The `Indexing` component can be used in combination with the following leg types:

- Fixed
- Floating
- CMS
- DigitalCMS
- CMSSpread
- DigitalCMSSpread

If specified the notional of the single coupons in the leg is scaled by one or several index prices and a quantity. The indices can be equity or FX indices. Notice that if notional exchanges are enabled on a leg with the `FromAssetLeg` flag set to *true*, the notional exchanges are *not* influenced by the indexing definitions. In general we assume that notional exchanges are not enabled in combination with `FromAssetLeg true`, but it is not forbidden technically. Listing 231 shows an example of a Floating leg indexed by both an equity price and a FX rate.

Another use case for `Indexings` is for non-deliverable IR and Cross Currency Swaps. A non-deliverable IR Swap has `Currency` set to the deliverable currency on both legs, `Notional` in the non-deliverable currency on both legs, and `Indexings` with an FX Index between the deliverable and non-deliverable currency on both legs. See the Swap section for an example non-deliverable IR swap where USD is the payment currency and CLP is the non-deliverable currency.

A non-deliverable Cross Currency Swap has `Settlement` set to *Cash*, and one leg is a regular leg in the deliverable currency without `Indexings`. The other leg has `Currency` set to the deliverable currency, `Notional` in the non-deliverable currency and `Indexings` with an FX Index between the deliverable and non-deliverable currency. See the Swap section for an example USD-CLP non-deliverable cross currency swap where CLP is the non-deliverable currency.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>Floating</LegType>
  <Notionals> ... </Notionals>
  <ScheduleData> ... </ScheduleData>
  <Indexings>
    <FromAssetLeg>false</FromAssetLeg>
    <Indexing>
      <Quantity>1000</Quantity>
      <Index>EQ-RIC:.STOXX50E</Index>
      <InitialFixing>2937.36</InitialFixing>
      <ValuationSchedule>
        <Dates>...</Dates>
        <Rules>...</Rules>
      </ValuationSchedule>
      <FixingDays>0</FixingDays>
      <FixingCalendar/>
      <FixingConvention>U</FixingConvention>
      <IsInArrears>false</IsInArrears>
    </Indexing>
    <Indexing>
      <Index>FX-ECB-EUR-USD</Index>
      <InitialFixing>1.1469</InitialFixing>
      <ValuationSchedule> ... </ValuationSchedule>
      <FixingDays>0</FixingDays>
      <FixingCalendar/>
      <FixingConvention>U</FixingConvention>
      <IsInArrears>false</IsInArrears>
    </Indexing>
  </Indexings>
  <FloatingLegData> ... </FloatingLegData>
</LegData>
```

The Indexings node contains the following elements:

- **FromAssetLeg** [Optional]: If *true*, and the trade type supports this, the notionals on the funding leg (i.e. the leg with the **FromAssetLeg** field) will be derived from the respective asset leg. Internally, the trade builder will add **Indexing** blocks automatically reflecting the necessary indexings (equity price and FX in the case of an equity swap) from the notional reset feature of the asset leg. Also, the **Notionals** node of the funding leg will internally be set to a single notional 1. The actual **Notionals** node in the XML on the funding leg is not required and can be omitted.

FromAssetLeg is supported for the following trade types:

- **EquitySwap**: Setting **FromAssetLeg** to *true*, aligns the notionals for all return periods on the non-equity funding leg, to the equity leg by deriving equity price, quantity and FX from the equity leg.
Note that **FromAssetLeg** is only supported if **NotionalReset** is *true* on the equity leg - **FromAssetLeg** is ignored otherwise. Also **FromAssetLeg** is only supported when **Quantity** is given on the equity leg, not **InitialPrice** and **Notional**.

- **BondTRS**: Setting **FromAssetLeg** to *true*, aligns the notionals for all return periods on the funding leg (in the **FundingData** block), to the total return leg (in the **TotalReturnData** block) by deriving bond price, bond notional and FX from the total return leg, bond data and the reference bond.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

- **Indexing** [Optional, an arbitrary number can be given]: Each Indexing node describes one indexing as follows:

- **Quantity** [Optional]: The quantity that applies. For equity that should be the number of shares, for FX it should be 1, i.e. for FX this field can be omitted. The notional of each coupon is in general determined as Original Coupon Notional x Quantity x Equity Price x FX Rate depending on which indexing types are given. Typically, the original coupon notional will be set to 1.

Allowable values: Any number. Defaults to *1* if left blank or omitted.

- **Index**: The relevant index. This is either an equity or FX index. For an FX index, one of the currencies of the index must match the leg currency. It is then ensured that the FX conversion is applied using the correct direction, i.e. if the foreign currency of the index matches the leg currency, the reciprocals of the index fixings are used as a multiplier.

Allowable values: This is “FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY” for FX, see [8.3.29](#) and [34](#) for details, or “EQ-NAME” for Equity with “Name” being the general string representation for equity underlyings
IdentifierType:Name:Currency:Exchange, see [8.3.29](#).

- **Dirty** [Optional]: Only used for bond indices. Indicates whether to use dirty (*true*) or clean (*false*) prices.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

- **Relative** [Optional]: Only used for bond indices. Indicates whether to use relative (*true*) or absolute prices (*false*). The absolute price is the dirty or clean npv as of the settlement date of the bond in absolute “dollar” terms using the bond details (in particular the notional) from the reference data. The relative price is the absolute price divided by the current notional as of the settlement date.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

- **ConditionalOnSurvival** [Optional]: Only used for bond indices. Indicates whether to forecast bond prices conditional on survival (*true*) or including the default probability from today until the fixing date (*false*).

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

- **InitialFixing** [Optional]: If given the index fixing value to apply on the fixing date of the first coupon. If not given the value is read from the relevant fixing history.

Allowable values: any number

- `InitialNotionalFixing` [Optional]: If given the index fixing value to apply on the fixing date of the first notional exchange flow. This is used in non-deliverable XCCY swaps. If not given the value is read from the relevant fixing history.

Allowable values: any number

- `ValuationSchedule` [Optional]: If given the schedule from which the fixing dates are deduced. If not given, it defaults to the original leg's schedule.

If the valuation schedule has the same size as the original leg's schedule, it is assumed that the periods correspond one to one, i.e. the i th fixing date is derived from the i th (`inArrears` = false) or $i + 1$ th (`inArrears` = true) date in the valuation schedule using the `FixingDays`, `FixingCalendar` and `FixingConvention`.

If the valuation schedule has a different size than the original leg's schedule, the relevant valuation date for the i th original leg's coupon is determined as the latest valuation date that is less or equal to accrual start date (`inArrears` = false) resp. accrual end date (`inArrears` = true) of that coupon. The fixing date is derived from the relevant valuation date as above, i.e. using the `FixingDays`, `FixingCalendar` and `FixingConvention`.

Allowable values: a valid schedule definition, see [8.3.4](#)

- `FixingDays` [Optional]: If given defines the number of fixing days to apply when deriving the fixing dates from the valuation schedule (see above).

Allowable values: Any non-negative whole number. Defaults to 0 if left blank or omitted.

- `FixingCalendar` [Optional, defaults to `NullCalendar` (no holidays): If given defines the fixing calendar to use when deriving the fixing dates from the valuation schedule (see above).

Allowable values: Allowable values: See [Table 30](#) Calendar. Defaults to the *NullCalendar* (no holidays) if left blank or omitted.

- `FixingConvention` [Optional]: If given defines the business day convention to use when deriving the fixing dates from the valuation schedule (see above). Defaults to *Preceding* if left blank or omitted.

Allowable values: Any valid roll convention, e.g. (*F*, *MF*, *P*, *MP*, *U*). See [Table 27](#).

- `IsInArrears` [Optional]: If *true*, the fixing dates are derived from the period end dates, otherwise from the period start dates as described for `ValuationSchedule` above.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

8.3.9 Cashflow Leg Data

A Cashflow leg is used to represent one or more custom cashflows, with specified dates and amounts. [Listing 232](#) shows an example for a leg of type Cashflow.

```
<LegData>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <LegType>Cashflow</LegType>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <PaymentConvention>ModifiedFollowing</PaymentConvention>
  <CashflowData>
    <Cashflow>
      <Amount date="2024-12-15">105000</Amount>
    </Cashflow>
  </CashflowData>
</LegData>
```

The CashflowData block contains the following elements:

- Cashflow: This node contains child elements of type **Amount**, each representing a cashflow. Each child element should include the date of the cashflow using the form:

```
<Amount date="YYYY-MM-DD">[amount]</Amount>
```

Allowable values: Each child element can take any real number.

8.3.10 CMS Leg Data

Listing 233 shows an example for a leg of type CMS.

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>CMS</LegType>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <CMSLegData>
    <Index>EUR-CMS-10Y</Index>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0.0010</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <Gearings>
      <Gearing>2.0</Gearing>
    </Gearings>
    <Caps>
      <Cap>0.05</Cap>
    </Caps>
    <Floors>
      <Floor>0.01</Floor>
    </Floors>
    <NakedOption>false</NakedOption>
  </CMSLegData>
</LegData>

```

The CMSLegData block contains the following elements:

- Index: The underlying CMS index.
Allowable values: See 32, a string on the form CCY-CMS-TENOR, where the CMS part stays constant and TENOR is an integer followed by Y.
- Spreads [Optional]: The spreads applied to index fixings. As usual, this can be a single value, a vector of values or a dated vector of values.
Allowable values: Each child spread element can take any real number. The spread is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.005 is a spread of 0.5% or 50 bp.
- IsInArrears [Optional]: *true* indicates that fixing is in arrears, i.e. the fixing gap is calculated in relation to the current period end date.
false indicates that fixing is in advance, i.e. the fixing gap is calculated in relation to the previous period end date.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.
- FixingDays [Optional]: This is the fixing gap, i.e. the number of days before the period end date an index fixing is taken. Defaults to the index's fixing gap.
Allowable values: A non-negative whole number. Defaults to the fixing days of the Ibor index the swap references if blank or omitted. See defaults per index in

Table 33.

- Gearings [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Gearing** indicating that the coupon rate is multiplied by the given factors. The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.

If the entire <Gearings> section is omitted, it defaults to a gearing of 1.

- Caps [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Cap** indicating that the coupon rate is capped at the given rate (after applying gearing and spread, if any). The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.
- Floors [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Floor** indicating that the coupon rate is floored at the given rate (after applying gearing and spread, if any). The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.
- NakedOption [Optional]: If *true* the leg represents only the embedded floor, cap or collar. By convention the embedded floor (or cap) are considered long if the leg is a receiver leg, otherwise short. For a collar the floor is long and the cap is short if the leg is a receiver leg.

Allowable values: *true*, *false* . Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

8.3.11 Constant Maturity Bond Leg Data

In close analogy to the CMS leg one can create a leg that is linked to a *Constant Maturity Bond* yield index. The associated leg type is *CMB*.

Listing 234 shows an example for a leg of type CMB.

Listing 234: CMB leg data

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>CMB</LegType>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <CMBLegData>
    <Index>CMB-US-TBILL-13W</Index>
    <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0.0010</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <Gearings>
      <Gearing>2.0</Gearing>
    </Gearings>
  </CMBLegData>
</LegData>
```

The CMBLegData block contains the following elements:

- **Index:** The underlying CMB index.
Allowable values: A string of the form CMB-FAMILY-TENOR, where FAMILY might consist of several tokens separated by “-” as e.g. in CMB-US-TBILL-HD or CMB-DE-BUND, and TENOR is a valid period.
- **Spreads [Optional]:** The spreads applied to index fixings. As usual, this can be a single value, a vector of values or a dated vector of values.
Allowable values: Each child spread element can take any real number. The spread is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.005 is a spread of 0.5% or 50 bp. Defaults to zero if left blank or omitted.
- **FixingDays:** This is the fixing gap, i.e. the number of days before the period end date an index fixing is taken. Defaults to the index’s fixing gap.
Allowable values: A non-negative whole number. Defaults to the fixing days of the Ibor index the swap references if blank or omitted. See defaults per index in Table 33.
- **IsInArrears [Optional]:** *true* indicates that fixing is in arrears, i.e. the fixing gap is calculated in relation to the current period end date.
false indicates that fixing is in advance, i.e. the fixing gap is calculated in relation to the previous period end date.
Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.
- **Gearings [Optional]:** This node contains child elements of type **Gearing** indicating that the coupon rate is multiplied by the given factors. The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.
If the entire <Gearings> section is omitted, it defaults to a gearing of 1.

Note:

- For each CMB index name one needs to maintain bond reference data with ID equal to the index name. This reference data is used to project the CMB index fixings as follows: For a future index period (from future date to future date + index tenor), a forward starting bond is constructed using the schedule frequency defined in the reference data and with constant maturity (future date + tenor). The forward bond is priced using the reference yield curve and credit curve defined in the reference data. And the bond price is then converted into a bond yield using the bond yield conventions (compounding, frequency, price type) maintained for that same ID. If the conventions are not set up, then default values are used (compounded, annual, clean).
- For periods with start dates in the past, historical index fixings need to be provided, as for interest rate indices.
- No convexity adjustment is applied here yet, in contrast to CMS index projections.
- The CMB leg does not support Caps or Floors yet, in contrast to the CMS leg.

8.3.12 Digital CMS Leg Data

Listing 235 shows an example for a leg of type *DigitalCMS*.

Listing 235: Digital CMS leg data

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>DigitalCMS</LegType>
  <Payer>>false</Payer>
  <Currency>GBP</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <DigitalCMSLegData>
    <CMSLegData>
      <Index>EUR-CMS-10Y</Index>
      <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
      <Gearings>
        <Gearing>3.0</Gearing>
      </Gearings>
      <Spreads>
        <Spread>0.0010</Spread>
      </Spreads>
      <NakedOption>>false</NakedOption>
    </CMSLegData>
    <CallPosition>Long</CallPosition>
    <IsCallATMIncluded>>false</IsCallATMIncluded>
    <CallStrikes>
      <Strike>0.003</Strike>
    </CallStrikes>
    <CallPayoffs>
      <Payoff>0.003</Payoff>
    </CallPayoffs>
    <PutPosition>Short</PutPosition>
    <IsPutATMIncluded>>false</IsPutATMIncluded>
    <PutStrikes>
      <Strike>0.05</Strike>
    </PutStrikes>
    <PutPayoffs>
      <Payoff>0.05</Payoff>
    </PutPayoffs>
  </DigitalCMSLegData>
</LegData>
```

The `DigitalCMSLegData` block contains the following elements:

- `CMSLegData`: a `CMSLegData` block describing the underlying Digital CMS leg (see 8.3.10). Caps and floors in the underlying CMS leg are not supported for Digital CMS Options. The `NakedOption` flag in the `CMSLegData` block is supported and can be used to separate the digital option payoff from the underlying CMS coupon.

- **CallPosition:** Specifies whether the call option position is long or short.
- **IsCallATMIncluded:** inclusion flag on the call payoff if the call option ends at-the-money
- **CallStrikes:** strike rate for the the call option
- **CallPayoffs:** digital call option payoff rate. If included the option is cash-or-nothing, if excluded the option is asset-or-nothing
- **PutPosition:** Specifies whether the put option position is long or short.
- **IsPutATMIncluded:** inclusion flag on the put payoff if the put option ends at-the-money
- **PutStrikes:** strike rate for the the put option
- **PutPayoffs:** digital put option payoff rate. If included the option is cash-or-nothing, if excluded the option is asset-or-nothing

8.3.13 Duration Adjusted CMS Leg Data

Listing [236](#) shows an example for a leg of type `DurationAdjustedCMS`.

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>DurationAdjustedCMS</LegType>
  <Payer>>false</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>21000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>Simple</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <PaymentLag>0</PaymentLag>
  <PaymentCalendar>TARGET</PaymentCalendar>
  <DurationAdjustedCMSLegData>
    <Index>EUR-CMS-20Y</Index>
    <Duration>10</Duration>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <Gearings>
      <Gearing>1</Gearing>
    </Gearings>
    <IsInArrears>>false</IsInArrears>
    <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
    <Caps>
      <Cap>0.015</Cap>
    </Caps>
    <NakedOption>>true</NakedOption>
  </DurationAdjustedCMSLegData>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2019-12-31</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2023-12-31</EndDate>
      <Tenor>3M</Tenor>
      <Calendar>EUR</Calendar>
      <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
      <TermConvention>ModifiedFollowing</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Backward</Rule>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
</LegData>

```

The DurationAdjustedCMSLegData is identical to the CMSLegData block (see 8.3.10). In addition to this it contains a field defining the duration adjustment:

- Duration [Optional]: A non-negative whole number n that defines the duration adjustment for the coupons. If γ is the underlying CMS index fixing for a coupon the duration adjustment δ is defined as

$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(1 + \gamma)^i}$$

If n is zero or the duration is not given, δ is defined as 1, i.e. no adjustment is applied in this case and the coupon will be an ordinary CMS coupon. The coupon amount A for a duration adjusted coupon with a spread s , a gearing g , a

cap c , a floor f and with nominal N and accrual fraction τ is given by:

$$A = \delta \cdot N \cdot \tau \cdot \max(\min(g \cdot \gamma + s, c), f)$$

Allowable values: A non-negative whole number.

8.3.14 CMS Spread Leg Data

Listing 237 shows an example for a leg of type CMSSpread.

Listing 237: CMS Spread leg data

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>CMSSpread</LegType>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <Currency>GBP</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <CMSSpreadLegData>
    <Index1>EUR-CMS-10Y</Index1>
    <Index2>EUR-CMS-2Y</Index2>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0.0010</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <Gearings>
      <Gearing>8.0</Gearing>
    </Gearings>
    <Caps>
      <Cap>0.05</Cap>
    </Caps>
    <Floors>
      <Floor>0.01</Floor>
    </Floors>
    <NakedOption>false</NakedOption>
  </CMSSpreadLegData>
</LegData>

```

The elements of the CMSSpreadLegData block are identical to those of the CMSLegData (see 8.3.10), except for the index which is defined by two CMS indices as the difference between Index1 and Index2.

The payout for each coupon is thus:

$$N \cdot (\text{gearing} \cdot (\text{Index1} - \text{Index2}) + \text{Spread}) \cdot \text{daycount fraction}$$

Adding a cap, and assuming no spread, a gearing of 1, a daycount fraction of 1, and a notional of 1, the payout becomes:

$$\min(\text{Cap}, \text{Index1} - \text{Index2})$$

If there is a floor instead of a cap, the payout is:

$$\max(\text{Floor}; \text{Index1} - \text{Index2})$$

Note that a CMS Spread Option can be created by setting `NakedOption` to *true*. With this setting, the payout for the CMS Spread leg with a cap becomes an option with the cap rate as strike:

$$\max(0; (\text{Index1} - \text{Index2}) - \text{Cap})$$

And the payout for a CMS Spread leg with a floor, and with `NakedOption` set to *true* is :

$$\max(0; \text{Floor} - (\text{Index1} - \text{Index2}))$$

8.3.15 Digital CMS Spread Leg Data

Listing [238](#) shows an example for a leg of type *DigitalCMSSpread*.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>DigitalCMSSpread</LegType>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <Currency>GBP</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <DigitalCMSSpreadLegData>
    <CMSSpreadLegData>
      <Index1>EUR-CMS-10Y</Index1>
      <Index2>EUR-CMS-2Y</Index2>
      <Spreads>
        <Spread>0.0010</Spread>
      </Spreads>
      <Gearings>
        <Gearing>8.0</Gearing>
      </Gearings>
      <NakedOption>false</NakedOption>
    </CMSSpreadLegData>
    <CallPosition>Long</CallPosition>
    <IsCallATMIncluded>false</IsCallATMIncluded>
    <CallStrikes>
      <Strike>0.0001</Strike>
    </CallStrikes>
    <CallPayoffs>
      <Payoff>0.0001</Payoff>
    </CallPayoffs>
    <PutPosition>Long</PutPosition>
    <IsPutATMIncluded>false</IsPutATMIncluded>
    <PutStrikes>
      <Strike>0.001</Strike>
    </PutStrikes>
    <PutPayoffs>
      <Payoff>0.001</Payoff>
    </PutPayoffs>
  </DigitalCMSSpreadLegData>
</LegData>
```

The `DigitalCMSSpreadLegData` block contains the following elements:

- `CMSSpreadLegData`: a `CMSSpreadLegData` block describing the underlying Digital CMS Spread leg (see 8.3.14). Caps and floors in the underlying CMS Spread leg are not supported for Digital CMS Spread Options. The `NakedOption` flag in the `CMSSpreadLegData` block is supported and can be used to separate the digital option payoff from the underlying CMS Spread coupon.
- `CallPosition`: Specifies whether the call option position is long or short.
- `IsCallATMIncluded`: inclusion flag on the call payoff if the call option ends at-the-money

- CallStrikes: strike rate for the the call option
- CallPayoffs: digital call option payoff rate. If included the option is cash-or-nothing, if excluded the option is asset-or-nothing
- PutPosition: Specifies whether the put option position is long or short.
- IsPutATMIncluded: inclusion flag on the put payoff if the put option ends at-the-money
- PutStrikes: strike rate for the the put option
- PutPayoffs: digital put option payoff rate. If included the option is cash-or-nothing, if excluded the option is asset-or-nothing

8.3.16 Equity Leg Data

Listing 239 shows an example of a leg of type Equity. Note that a resetting Equity Leg (NotionalReset set to *true*) must have either:

- a Quantity, or
- an InitialPrice and a Notional in the leg

The EquityLegData block contains the following elements:

- Quantity[Optional with one exception]: The number of shares. Either a Notional or the Quantity must be given for the leg, but not both at the same time.

Quantity is optional with the exception that when FXTerms is used and NotionalReset is set to *true*, and the InitialPriceCurrency differs from the leg currency, Quantity must be given, and Notional cannot be used.

Allowable values: Any positive real number

- Return Type: *Price* indicates that the coupons on the equity leg are determined by the price movement of the underlying equity, i.e.:

$$\text{Notional} \cdot \frac{\text{FinalPrice} - \text{InitialPrice}}{\text{InitialPrice}},$$
Total indicates that coupons are determined by the total return of the underlying equity including dividends, i.e.:

$$\text{Notional} \cdot \frac{(\text{FinalPrice} + \text{dividends} * \text{DividendFactor}) - \text{InitialPrice}}{\text{InitialPrice}},$$
Dividend indicates that the coupons are determined by the dividend paid on the underlying equity.

Allowable values: *Price*, *PRICE*, *Total*, *TOTAL*, *Dividend*, *DIVIDEND*

- Name: The identifier of the underlying equity or equity index.
Allowable values: See **Name** for equity trades in Table 37.
- Underlying: This node may be used as an alternative to the **Name** node to specify the underlying equity. This in turn defines the equity curve used for pricing. The **Underlying** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.29.
- InitialPrice [Optional]: Initial Price of the equity, if not present, the first valuation date is used to determine the initial price. If InitialPrice is zero then each coupon's price is just the discounted fixing from the coupon's FixingEndDate. For any divisions we assume the value is one, i.e. when

NotionalReset = true we have instead Quantity = Notional. The Initial price can be either given in the currency of the equity or in the leg currency, see InitialPriceCurrency.

Allowable values: Any positive real number. If omitted or left blank it defaults to the equity price of the fixing at the valuation date associated with the start date. Note that when this valuation date is in the future the forward equity price is used.

- InitialPriceCurrency [Optional]: If an initial price is given, it can be either given in the original equity ccy or the leg currency (if these are different). This field determines in which currency the initial price is given. If omitted, it is assumed that the initial price is given in equity currency.

Allowable values: A valid currency code, See Fiat Currencies and Minor Currencies in Table 28.

- NotionalReset [Optional]: Defaults to *true*. Notional resets only affect the equity leg. If NotionalReset is set to *true* the quantity or number of shares of the underlying equity is fixed for all the coupons on the equity leg and the Notional for a period is computed as

Notional = Quantity x (share price at valuation date for period) x (FX conversion rate at valuation date for period)

Notice that either a) the Quantity or b) a Notional and an explicit InitialPrice must be given in the leg data for a resettable leg. In the latter case the Quantity is computed as

Quantity = Notional / InitialPrice

No FX conversion is allowed if the Quantity has to be derived from the Notional and the InitialPrice.

If NotionalReset is set to *false* the quantity of the underlying equity varies per period, as per:

Quantity = Notional / (Equity Price at valuation date for the period)

For the first period, the InitialPrice is the Equity Price at valuation date. Here, the Notional is taken to be the Notional specified in the leg or - if the Quantity is given - to be

Notional = Quantity x InitialPrice

where again the InitialPrice must be explicitly given in the leg data and no FX conversion is allowed in this case.

Allowable values: *true* or *false*

- DividendFactor [Optional]: Factor of dividend to be included in return. Note that the DividendFactor is only relevant when the Return Type is set to *Total*. It is not used if the Return Type is set to *Price*.

Allowable values: $0 < \text{DividendFactor} \leq 1$. Defaults to 1 if left blank or omitted.

- ValuationSchedule [Optional]: Schedule of dates for equity valuation.

Allowable values: A node of the same form as **ScheduleData**, (see 8.3.4). Note that the number of dates (and periods) in the **ValuationSchedule** must be the same as in the **ScheduleData**. If omitted, equity valuation dates follow the schedule of the equity leg adjusted for **FixingDays**.

- **FixingDays** [Optional]: The number of days before payment date for equity valuation. *N.B.* Only used when no valuation schedule present. Defaults to 0.

Allowable values: Any non-negative integer.

- **FXTerms** [Mandatory when leg and equity currencies differ]: For the case when the currency the underlying equity is quoted in, is different from the leg currency. The **FXTerm** node contains the following elements:

- **EquityCurrency** [Mandatory within **FXTerms**]: Currency underlying equity is quoted in. Required if **FXTerms** is present.

Allowable values: See Fiat Currencies and Minor Currencies in Table 28.

- **FXIndex** [Mandatory within **FXTerms**]: Name of the index for FX fixings for the leg vs equity currency pair, e.g. FX-TR20H-EUR-USD for Thomson Reuters 20:00 EURUSD FX fixing. Required if **FXTerms** present.

Allowable values: See Table 34

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>Equity</LegType>
  <Payer>>false</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2016-03-01</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2018-03-01</EndDate>
      <Tenor>3M</Tenor>
      <Calendar>TARGET</Calendar>
      <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
      <TermConvention>ModifiedFollowing</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      <EndOfMonth/>
      <FirstDate/>
      <LastDate/>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
  <EquityLegData>
    <Quantity>1000.0</Quantity>
    <Return Type>Price</Return Type>
    <Underlying>
      <Type>Equity</Type>
      <Name>.SPX</Name>
      <IdentifierType>RIC</IdentifierType>
    </Underlying>
    <InitialPrice>100</InitialPrice>
    <NotionalReset>>true</NotionalReset>
    <DividendFactor>1</DividendFactor>
    <ValuationSchedule>
      <Dates>
        <Calendar>USD</Calendar>
        <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
        <Dates>
          <Date>2016-03-01</Date>
          <Date>2016-06-01</Date>
          <Date>2016-09-01</Date>
          <Date>2016-12-01</Date>
          <Date>2017-03-01</Date>
          <Date>2017-06-01</Date>
          <Date>2017-09-01</Date>
          <Date>2017-12-01</Date>
          <Date>2018-03-01</Date>
        </Dates>
      </Dates>
    </ValuationSchedule>
    <FixingDays>0</FixingDays>
    <FXTerms>
      <EquityCurrency>USD</EquityCurrency>
      <FXIndex>FX-TR20H-EUR-USD</FXIndex>
    </FXTerms>
  </EquityLegData>
</LegData>

```

8.3.17 CPI Leg Data

A CPI leg contains a series of CPI-linked coupon payments $(I(t)/I_0) N c \delta$ and, if `NotionalFinalExchange` is set to *true*, a final inflation-linked redemption $(I(t)/I_0) N$. Each coupon and the final redemption can be subtracting the (un-inflated) notional N , i.e. $(I(t)/I_0 - 1) N$, see below.

Note that CPI legs with just a final redemption and no coupons, can be set up with a dates-based Schedule containing just a single date - representing the date of the final redemption flow. In this case `NotionalFinalExchange` must be set to *true*, otherwise the whole leg is empty, and the Rate is not used and can be set to any value.

Listing 240 shows an example for a leg of type CPI with annual coupons, and 241 shows an example for a leg of type CPI with just the final redemption.

The `CPILegData` block contains the following elements:

- Index: The underlying zero inflation index.

Allowable values: See `Inflation CPI Index` in Table 35.

- Rates: The fixed real rate(s) of the leg. As usual, this can be a single value, a vector of values or a dated vector of values.

Allowable values: Each rate element can take any real number. The rate is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.05 is a rate of 5%.

- BaseCPI [Optional]: The base CPI value I_0 used to determine the lifting factor for the fixed coupons. If omitted it will take the observed CPI fixing on `startDate` - `observationLag`.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- StartDate [Optional]: The start date needs to be provided in case the schedule comprises only a single date. If the schedule has at least two dates and a start date is given at the same time, the first schedule date is taken as the start date and the supplied `StartDate` is ignored.

Allowable values: See `Date` in Table 26.

- ObservationLag [Optional]: The observation lag to be applied. It's the amount of time from the fixing at the start or end of the period, moving backward in time, to the inflation index observation date (the inflation fixing). Fallback to the index observation lag as specified in the inflation swap conventions of the underlying index, if not specified.

Allowable values: An integer followed by *D*, *W*, *M* or *Y*. Interpolation lags are typically expressed in a positive number of *M*, months. Note that negative values are allowed, but mean that the inflation is observed forward in time from the period start/end date, which is unusual.

- Interpolation [Optional]: The type of interpolation that is applied to inflation fixings. *Linear* interpolation means that the inflation fixing for a given date is interpolated linearly between the surrounding - usually monthly - actual fixings, whereas with *Flat* interpolation the inflation fixings are constant for each day at the value of the previous/latest actual fixing (flat forward interpolation).

Fallback to the Interpolation as specified in the inflation swap conventions of the underlying index, if not specified.

Allowable values: *Linear, Flat*

- **SubtractInflationNotional** [Optional]: A flag indicating whether the non-inflation adjusted notional amount should be subtracted from the the final inflation-adjusted notional exchange at maturity. Note that the final coupon payment is not affected by this flag.
Final notional payment if *true*: $N(I(T)/I_0 - 1)$.
Final notional payment if *false*: $N I(T)/I_0$

- **SubtractInflationNotionalAllCoupons** [Optional]: A flag indicating whether the non-inflation adjusted notional amount should be subtracted from all coupons. Note that the final redemption payment is not affected by this flag.
Coupon payment if *true*: $N(I(T)/I_0 - 1)$.
Coupon payment if *false*: $N I(T)/I_0$

Allowable values: Boolean node, allowing *Y, N, 1, 0, true, false* etc. The full set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

- **Caps** [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Cap** indicating that the inflation indexed payment is capped; the cap is applied to the inflation index and expressed as an inflation rate, see CPI Cap/Floor in the Product Description. If the cap is constant over the life of the cpi leg, only one cap value should be entered. If two or more coupons have different caps, multiple cap values are required, each represented by a **Cap** child element. The first cap value corresponds to the first coupon, the second cap value corresponds to the second coupon, etc. If the number of coupons exceeds the number of cap values, the cap will be kept at the value of last entered spread for the remaining coupons. The number of entered cap values cannot exceed the number of coupons. Notice that the caps defined under this node only apply to the cpi coupons, but not a final notional flow (if present). A cap for the final notional flow can be defined under the **FinalFlowCap** node.

Allowable values: Each child element can take any real number. The cap is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.03 is a cap of 3%.

- **Floors** [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Floor** indicating that the inflation indexed payment is floored; the floor is applied to the inflation index and expressed as an inflation rate. The mode of specification is analogous to caps, see above. Notice that the floors defined under this node only apply to the cpi coupons, but not a final notional flow (if present). A floor for the final notional flow can be defined under the **FinalFlowFloor** node.

Allowable values: Each child element can take any real number. The floor is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.01 is a cap of 1%.

- **FinalFlowCap** [Optional]: The cap to be applied to the final notional flow of the cpi leg. If not given, no cap is applied.

Note that final and non-final inflation cap/floor strikes are quoted as a number K

and converted to a price via:

$$(1 + K)^t$$

where

K = the cap/floor rate

t = time to expiry.

So inflation caps/floors are caps/floors on the inflation rate and not the inflation index ratio. For example, to cap the final flow at the initial notional it should be K=0, i.e. FinalFlowCap should be 0.

Allowable values: A real number. The FinalFlowCap is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.01 is a cap on the final flow at 1% of the inflation rate over the life of the trade.

- FinalFlowFloor [Optional]: The floor to be applied to the final notional flow of the cpi leg. If not given, no floor is applied.

Allowable values: A real number. The FinalFlowFloor is expressed in decimal form, e.g. 0.01 is a floor on the final flow at 1% of the inflation rate over the life of the trade.

- NakedOption [Optional]: Optional node, if *true* the leg represents only the embedded floor, cap or collar. By convention these embedded options are considered long if the leg is a receiver leg, otherwise short.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if left blank or omitted.

Whether the leg contains a final redemption flow at all or not depends on the notional exchange setting, see section [8.3.3](#) and listing [218](#).

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>CPI</LegType>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <Currency>GBP</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
    <Exchanges>
      <NotionalInitialExchange>false</NotionalInitialExchange>
      <NotionalFinalExchange>true</NotionalFinalExchange>
    </Exchanges>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2016-07-18</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2021-07-18</EndDate>
      <Tenor>1Y</Tenor>
      <Calendar>UK</Calendar>
      <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
      <TermConvention>ModifiedFollowing</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      <EndOfMonth/>
      <FirstDate/>
      <LastDate/>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
  <CPILegData>
    <Index>UKRPI</Index>
    <Rates>
      <Rate>0.02</Rate>
    </Rates>
    <BaseCPI>210</BaseCPI>
    <StartDate>2016-07-18</StartDate>
    <ObservationLag>2M</ObservationLag>
    <Interpolation>Linear</Interpolation>
    <Caps>
      <Cap>0.03</Cap>
    </Caps>
    <Floors>
      <Floor>0.0</Floor>
    </Floors>
    <FinalFlowCap>0.03</FinalFlowCap>
    <FinalFlowFloor>0.0</FinalFlowFloor>
    <NakedOption>false</NakedOption>
    <SubtractInflationNotionalAllCoupons>false</SubtractInflationNotionalAllCoupons>
  </CPILegData>
</LegData>
```

```

<LegData>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <LegType>CPI</LegType>
  <Currency>GBP</Currency>
  <PaymentConvention>ModifiedFollowing</PaymentConvention>
  <DayCounter>ActActISDA</DayCounter>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>25000000.0</Notional>
    <Exchanges>
      <NotionalInitialExchange>false</NotionalInitialExchange>
      <NotionalFinalExchange>true</NotionalFinalExchange>
    </Exchanges>
  </Notionals>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Dates>
      <Calendar>GBP</Calendar>
      <Dates>
        <Date>2020-08-17</Date>
      </Dates>
    </Dates>
  </ScheduleData>
  <CPILegData>
    <Index>UKRPI</Index>
    <Rates>
      <Rate>1.0</Rate>
    </Rates>
    <BaseCPI>280.64</BaseCPI>
    <StartDate>2018-08-19</StartDate>
    <ObservationLag>2M</ObservationLag>
    <Interpolation>Linear</Interpolation>
    <SubtractInflationNotional>true</SubtractInflationNotional>
    <SubtractInflationNotionalAllCoupons>false</SubtractInflationNotionalAllCoupons>
  </CPILegData>
</LegData>

```

8.3.18 YY Leg Data

Listing 242 shows an example for a leg of type YY. The YYLegData block contains the following elements:

- Index: The underlying zero inflation index.
Allowable values: Any string (provided it is the ID of an inflation index in the market configuration).
- FixingDays: The number of fixing days.
Allowable values: An integer followed by D ,
- ObservationLag [Optional]: The observation lag to be applied. Fallback to the index observation lag as specified in the inflation swap conventions of the underlying index, if not specified.
Allowable values: An integer followed by D , W , M or Y . Interpolation lags are typically expressed in M , months.

- Spreads [Optional]: The spreads applied to index fixings. As usual, this can be a single value, a vector of values or a dated vector of values.
- Gearings [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Gearing** indicating that the coupon rate is multiplied by the given factors. The mode of specification is analogous to spreads, see above.
- Caps [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Cap** indicating that the coupon rate is capped at the given rate (after applying gearing and spread, if any).
- Floors [Optional]: This node contains child elements of type **Floor** indicating that the coupon rate is floored at the given rate (after applying gearing and spread, if any).
- NakedOption [Optional]: Optional node (defaults to N), if Y the leg represents only the embedded floor, cap or collar. By convention these embedded options are considered long if the leg is a receiver leg, otherwise short.
- AddInflationNotional [Optional]: If true, the payoff will include the notional of the coupon $N \tau \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1Y}}$.
- IrregularYoY [Optional]: If true, instead of using a YoY inflation rate the coupon is based on the inflation rate during the actual coupon period, e.g. for a 6M coupon the inflation rate will be computed as $\frac{I_t}{I_{t-6m}} - 1$.

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>YY</LegType>
  <Payer>false</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>ACT/ACT</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2016-07-18</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2021-07-18</EndDate>
      <Tenor>1Y</Tenor>
      <Calendar>UK</Calendar>
      <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
      <TermConvention>ModifiedFollowing</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      <EndOfMonth/>
      <FirstDate/>
      <LastDate/>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
  <YYLegData>
    <Index>EUHICPXT</Index>
    <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
    <ObservationLag>2M</ObservationLag>
    <Interpolated>true</Interpolated>
    <Spreads>
      <Spread>0.0010</Spread>
    </Spreads>
    <Gearings>
      <Gearing>2.0</Gearing>
    </Gearings>
    <Caps>
      <Cap>0.05</Cap>
    </Caps>
    <Floors>
      <Floor>0.01</Floor>
    </Floors>
    <NakedOption>N</NakedOption>
    <AddInflationNotional>false</AddInflationNotional>
    <IrregularYoY>false</IrregularYoY>
  </YYLegData>
</LegData>

```

8.3.19 ZeroCouponFixed Leg Data

A Zero Coupon Fixed leg contains a series of Zero Coupon payments, i.e $(1 + r)^t N$ for a compounded coupon. The uninflated notional N can be subtracted from the payment, i.e $((1 + r)^t - 1) N$, see `SubtractNotional` below.

Listing 243 shows an example for a leg of type Zero Coupon Fixed.

To create a leg with only one payment, the schedule must only contain the start and

end date. Note that this can be achieved by setting the *Tenor* to *0D* in a rules based Schedule.

Note that the DayCounter in a Zero Coupon Fixed leg is used to compute t in $(1 + r)^t$ so that the series of zero coupon payments are calculated as $(1 + r)^t N$. For all other leg types, the DayCounter is used to compute the “Accrual” (i.e. the accrual time period of a coupon) in a coupon payment calculated as: $N * Accrual * r$. However, the “Accrual” in the coupon formula is defaulted to 1 for the Zero Coupon Fixed leg type.

- Rates: The fixed real rate(s) of the leg. While this can be a single value, a vector of values or a dated vector of values.

Allowable values: Each rate element can take any real number. The rate is expressed in decimal form, e.g. *0.05* is a rate of 5%.

- Compounding [Optional]: The method of compounding applied to the rate.

Allowable values: *Simple* i.e. $(1 + r * t)$, or *Compounded* i.e. $(1 + r)^t$. Defaults to *Compounded* if left blank or omitted.

- SubtractNotional [Optional]: Decides whether the notional is subtracted from the compounding factor, i.e. $(1 + r * t) - 1$ respectively $(1 + r)^t - 1$, or not, i.e. $(1 + r * t)$ respectively $(1 + r)^t$

Note that if NotionalFinalExchange is set to *true* an additional final uninflated notional flow N is added. So if NotionalFinalExchange is set to *true*, and SubtractNotional is set to *false*, there will be two final notional flows. It is recommended to omit NotionalFinalExchange causing it to default to *false*, and solely use SubtractNotional to determine the final notional flow.

Allowable values: *true*, *Y* or *false*, N , defaults to *true* if left blank or omitted.

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>ZeroCouponFixed</LegType>
  <Payer>>false</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Notionals>
    <Notional>10000000</Notional>
  </Notionals>
  <DayCounter>Year</DayCounter>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2016-07-18</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2021-07-18</EndDate>
      <Tenor>0D</Tenor>
      <Calendar>UK</Calendar>
      <Convention>ModifiedFollowing</Convention>
      <TermConvention>ModifiedFollowing</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Forward</Rule>
      <EndOfMonth/>
      <FirstDate/>
      <LastDate/>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
  <ZeroCouponFixedLegData>
    <Rates>
      <Rate>0.02</Rate>
    </Rates>
    <Compounding>Simple</Compounding>
    <SubtractNotional>>false</SubtractNotional>
  </ZeroCouponFixedLegData>
</LegData>

```

8.3.20 Commodity Fixed Leg

A commodity fixed leg is specified in a `LegData` node with `LegType` set to `CommodityFixed`. It is used to define a sequence of cashflows that are linked to a fixed price in a commodity derivative contract. Each cashflow has an associated *Calculation Period*. The outline of a commodity fixed leg is given in listing 244. It has the usual `LegData` elements described in section 8.3.3 and a `CommodityFixedLegData` node that is described in section 8.3.21 below. The section 8.3.23 describes some aspects of the `ScheduleData` node in the context of commodity derivatives.

8.3.21 Commodity Fixed Leg Data

The `CommodityFixedLegData` node outline is shown in listing 245. The meaning and allowable values for each node are as follows:

- **Quantities** [Optional]: this node is used to specify a constant quantity or a quantity that varies over the calculation periods. The usage of this node is analogous to the usage of the `Notionals` node as outlined in section 8.3.3. For convenience, this node can be omitted if the quantities are identical to those on a commodity floating leg, outlined in Section 8.3.22, on the same trade. In this

```

<LegData>
  <LegType>CommodityFixed</LegType>
  <Payer>...</Payer>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <PaymentConvention>...</PaymentConvention>
  <PaymentLag>...</PaymentLag>
  <PaymentCalendar>...</PaymentCalendar>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <PaymentDates>
    <PaymentDate>...</PaymentDate>
  </PaymentDates>
  <CommodityFixedLegData>
    ...
  </CommodityFixedLegData>
</LegData>

```

case, the quantities from the floating leg are used. If there is only a single commodity floating leg, as is the case in a standard swap, the quantities are taken from that leg. If there are multiple commodity floating legs on the trade, a specific commodity floating leg can be picked using the **Tag** node specified below. In other words, a **Tag** can be specified on the fixed leg and the same **Tag** specified on the floating leg from which the quantities should be taken.

- **Prices:** this node is used to specify a constant price or a price that varies over the calculation periods. The usage of this node is analogous to the usage of the **Notionals** node as outlined in section 8.3.3.
- **CommodityPayRelativeTo** [Optional]: the allowable values for this node are **CalculationPeriodStartDate**, **CalculationPeriodEndDate**, **TerminationDate**, **FutureExpiryDate**. They specify whether payment is relative to the calculation period start date, calculation period end date, leg maturity date or the future expiry date (of the corresponding cashflow on the floating leg with the same **Tag** as the fixed leg) respectively. The default is **CalculationPeriodEndDate**. The payment date is then further adjusted by the payment conventions outlined in section 8.3.3 i.e. **PaymentConvention** and **PaymentLag**. If explicit payment dates are given via the **PaymentDates** node described in section 8.3.3, then those explicit payment dates are used instead and adjusted by the **PaymentCalendar** and **PaymentConvention**.
- **Tag** [Optional]: The use of this node is explained in the **Quantities** resp. **CommodityPayRelativeTo** piece above.

8.3.22 Commodity Floating Leg

A commodity floating leg is specified in a **LegData** node with **LegType** set to **CommodityFloating**. It is used to define a sequence of cashflows that are linked to the price of a given commodity. Each cashflow has an associated *Calculation Period*. The price that is being referenced may be a commodity spot price or a commodity future contract settlement price. The cashflow may depend on the price observed on a single

Listing 245: Commodity fixed leg data outline.

```
<CommodityFixedLegData>
  <Quantities>
    <Quantity>...</Quantity>
  </Quantities>
  <Prices>
    <Price>...</Price>
  </Prices>
  <CommodityPayRelativeTo>...</CommodityPayRelativeTo>
  <Tag>...</Tag>
</CommodityFixedLegData>
```

Pricing Date in the *Calculation Period* or it may depend on the arithmetic average of the prices over some or all of the business days in the *Calculation Period*.

The outline of a commodity floating leg is given in listing 246. It has the usual `LegData` elements described in section 8.3.3 and a `CommodityFloatingLegData` node that is described in section 8.3.24 below. Before describing the `CommodityFloatingLegData` node, we devote section 8.3.23 to the `ScheduleData` node in the context of commodity derivatives.

Listing 246: Commodity floating leg outline.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
  <Payer>...</Payer>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <PaymentConvention>...</PaymentConvention>
  <PaymentLag>...</PaymentLag>
  <PaymentCalendar>...</PaymentCalendar>
  <ScheduleData>
    ...
  </ScheduleData>
  <PaymentDates>
    <PaymentDate>...</PaymentDate>
  </PaymentDates>
  <CommodityFloatingLegData>
    ...
  </CommodityFloatingLegData>
</LegData>
```

8.3.23 Commodity Schedules

The *Calculation Period* in a commodity derivative contract is in general specified as a period from and including a given *Start Date* to and including a given *End Date*. A commodity trade leg consists of a sequence of these *Calculation Periods*. It is important to set up the `ScheduleData` in the trade XML such that these periods are correctly represented in the ORE instrument. The `ScheduleData` allows for the creation of a list of dates that define the boundaries of the periods from the trade *Effective Date* to the trade *Termination Date*. When the `ScheduleData` is used on a commodity leg in the ORE trade XML, the `StartDate` is included in the first period and the `EndDate` is included in the final period. Each intervening date generated by

the **ScheduleData** is understood to be the included end date of a period with the subsequent period beginning on the day after the intervening date. The following two examples illustrate the set up of the **ScheduleData**.

A common commodity derivative schedule is one that has monthly periods running from and including the first calendar day in the month to and including the last calendar day in the month. For example, the contract periods may be specified as shown in table 21. The corresponding **ScheduleData** node that should be used to represent this in ORE XML is shown in listing 247. Note that **Convention** and **TermConvention** are set to **Unadjusted** and **EndOfMonth** is set to **true** to place all dates at the end of the month when generating the dates **Backward** from 30 Apr 2020. In general, these values should be used when generating monthly periods for commodity derivatives.

Start Date	End Date
2020-01-01	2020-01-31
2020-02-01	2020-02-29
2020-03-01	2020-03-31
2020-04-01	2020-04-30

Table 21: Commodity derivative monthly schedule.

Listing 247: **ScheduleData** node for monthly periods.

```

<ScheduleData>
  <Rules>
    <StartDate>2020-01-01</StartDate>
    <EndDate>2020-04-30</EndDate>
    <Tenor>1M</Tenor>
    <Calendar>NullCalendar</Calendar>
    <Convention>Unadjusted</Convention>
    <TermConvention>Unadjusted</TermConvention>
    <Rule>Backward</Rule>
    <EndOfMonth>true</EndOfMonth>
    <AdjustEndDateToPreviousMonthEnd>>false</AdjustEndDateToPreviousMonthEnd>
  </Rules>
</ScheduleData>

```

Note that for fixed and floating commodity legs, the **AdjustEndDateToPreviousMonthEnd** field can be added to automatically adjust the end date to the end of the previous month:

AdjustEndDateToPreviousMonthEnd [Optional]: Only relevant for commodity legs. Allows for the **EndDate** to be on a date other than the end of the month. If set to *true* the given **EndDate** is restated to the end date to the end of previous month.

Allowable values: *true* or *false*. Defaults to false if left blank or omitted.

In certain cases, a sequence of periods may be provided which do not fit within the **Rules** provided by **ScheduleData**. In this case, one may use the **Dates** node provided by **ScheduleData**. As an example of such a case, consider table 22 which shows the periods for a commodity swap leg on the arithmetic average of the nearby month NYMEX WTI future contract settlement price. In this example, the *Calculation*

Period runs from the day after the previous future contract expiry to and including the nearby month's contract expiry. In this case, we need to use explicit dates as shown in listing 248.

Start Date	End Date
2019-11-21	2019-12-19
2019-12-20	2020-01-21
2020-01-22	2020-02-20
2020-02-21	2020-03-20

Table 22: Commodity derivative explicit schedule.

Listing 248: `ScheduleData` node for explicit periods.

```

<ScheduleData>
  <Dates>
    <Calendar>NullCalendar</Calendar>
    <Convention>Unadjusted</Convention>
    <Dates>
      <Date>2019-11-21</Date>
      <Date>2019-12-19</Date>
      <Date>2020-01-21</Date>
      <Date>2020-02-20</Date>
      <Date>2020-03-20</Date>
    </Dates>
  </Dates>
</ScheduleData>

```

8.3.24 Commodity Floating Leg Data

The `CommodityFloatingLegData` node outline is shown in listing 249. The meaning and allowable values for each node are as follows:

- **Name:** An identifier specifying the commodity being referenced in the leg. Table 38 lists the allowable values for **Name** and gives a description.
- **PriceType:** It is *Spot* if the leg is referencing a commodity spot price. It is *FutureSettlement* if the leg is referencing a commodity future contract settlement price.

Allowable values: *Spot*, *FutureSettlement*

- **Quantities:** This node is used to specify a constant quantity or a quantity that varies over the calculation periods. The usage of this node is analogous to the usage of the **Notionals** node as outlined in section 8.3.3.

Each **Quantity** is the number of units of the underlying commodity covered by the transaction or calculation period. The unit type is defined in the underlying contract specs for the commodity name in question. For avoidance of doubt, the **Quantity** is the number of units of the underlying commodity, not the number of contracts.

- **CommodityQuantityFrequency** [Optional]: In some cases, the quantity in a commodity derivatives contract is given as a quantity per time period. This

quantity is then multiplied by the number of such time periods in each calculation period to give the quantity relevant for that full calculation period. The `CommodityQuantityFrequency` can be set to

- *PerCalculationPeriod*: This indicates that quantitie(s) as given are for the full calculation period and that no multiplication or alteration is required. This is the default setting if this node is omitted.
- *PerPricingDay*: This indicates that the quantitie(s) are to be considered per pricing date. In general, this can be seen on averaging contracts where the quantity provided must be multiplied by the number of pricing dates in the averaging period to give the quantity applicable for the full calculation period i.e. the quantity to which the average price over the period is applied.
- *PerHour*: This indicates that quantitie(s) are to be considered per hour. This is common in the electricity markets. The quantity then must be multiplied by the hours per day to give the quantity for a given pricing date. Also, if the contract is averaging, the resulting daily amount is multiplied by the number of pricing dates in the period to give the quantity for the full calculation period. Note that the hours per day may be specified in the `HoursPerDay` node directly. If it is omitted, it is looked up in the conventions associated with the commodity. If it is not found there and *PerHour* is used, an exception is thrown during trade building.
- *PerCalendarDay*: This indicates that quantitie(s) are to be considered per calendar day in the period. In other words, the quantity provided is multiplied by the number of calendar days in the period to give the quantity applicable for the full calculation period.
- *PerHourAndCalendarDay*: This indicates that quantitie(s) are to be considered per hour and per calendar day in the period. In other words, the quantity provided is multiplied by the number of calendar days and number of hours per day in the period to give the quantity applicable for the full calculation period. The number of hours per period is corrected by daylight saving hours as specified in the conventions of the commodity.

Allowable values: *PerCalculationPeriod*, *PerPricingDay*, *PerHour*, *PerCalendarDay*, *PerHourAndCalendarDay*. Defaults to *PerCalculationPeriod* if omitted.

- `CommodityPayRelativeTo` [Optional]: The allowable values for this node are `CalculationPeriodStartDate`, `CalculationPeriodEndDate`, `TerminationDate`, `FutureExpiryDate`. They specify whether payment is relative to the calculation period start date, calculation period end date, leg maturity date or the future expiry date (not allowed for averaging legs) respectively. The default is `CalculationPeriodEndDate`. The payment date is then further adjusted by the payment conventions outlined in section 8.3.3 i.e. `PaymentConvention` and `PaymentLag`. If explicit payment dates are given via the `PaymentDates` node described in section 8.3.3, then those explicit payment dates are used instead and adjusted by the `PaymentCalendar` and `PaymentConvention`.

Allowable values: *CalculationPeriodStartDate*, *CalculationPeriodEndDate*,

TerminationDate. Defaults to *CalculationPeriodEndDate* if omitted.

- **Spreads** [Optional]: This node allows for the addition of an optional spread to the referenced commodity price in each calculation period. The usage of this node is exactly as described in section 8.3.6, except that for a Commodity leg, the Spread is not a percentage but an amount in the currency the commodity is quoted in.

Allowable values: Each child **Spread** element can take any real number. Defaults to zero spread in each calculation period if the **Spreads** node is omitted.

- **Gearings** [Optional]: This node allows for the multiplication of the referenced commodity price in each calculation period by an optional gearing factor. The usage of this node is exactly as described in section 8.3.6. If the **Gearings** node is omitted, the gearing is one in each calculation period. Note that any spread is added to the referenced price before the gearing is applied.
- **PricingDateRule** [Optional]: The allowable values are *FutureExpiryDate* and *None*. This setting is ignored when **IsAveraged** is *true* or when **PriceType** is *Spot*. In particular, when there is no averaging and the leg is referencing a commodity future contract price, setting **PricingDateRule** to *FutureExpiryDate* ensures that the future contract price is observed on its expiry date i.e. that the *Pricing Date* is the future contract expiry date. The particular future contract being referenced is determined by the **IsInArrears** node and the **FutureMonthOffset** node. If **IsInArrears** is *true*, a base date is set as the calculation period end date. If **IsInArrears** is *false* a base date is set as the calculation period start date. The base date's month and year is then possibly moved forward by an integral number of months using the **FutureMonthOffset** node value. If this node value is zero, the base date's month and year are unchanged. The *Pricing Date* is then the expiry date of the future contract with base date month and base date year. Setting **PricingDateRule** to *None* allows the *Pricing Date* to be determined using the **PricingCalendar** and **PricingLag** below.

Allowable values: *FutureExpiryDate*, *None*. Defaults to *FutureExpiryDate* if omitted.

- **PricingCalendar** [Optional]: This is the business day calendar used to determine pricing date(s) and in the application of the **PricingLag** if provided. If it is omitted, the calendar that has been set up for the reference commodity future contract or referenced commodity spot price will be used.
- **PricingLag** [Optional]: Any non-negative integer is allowed here. This node indicates that the *Pricing Date* is this number of business days before a given base date. The base date is the period start date if **IsInArrears** is *true* and it is the period end date if **IsInArrears** is *false*. This setting is not used when **IsAveraged** is *true*.

Allowable values: Any non-negative integer. Defaults to zero if omitted.

- **PricingDates** [Optional]: This node is not used when **IsAveraged** is *true*. When **IsAveraged** is *false*, this node allows the *Pricing Date* in each period to be given an explicit value. If this node is included, it must contain the same number of

PricingDate nodes as calculation periods. In general, this node is omitted but is used when the other options do not give the desired *Pricing Date* as specified in the trade's contractual terms.

- **IsAveraged** [Optional]: This node is set to *true* if the *Floating Price* is the arithmetic average of the commodity reference price over each business day in the calculation period. This node is set to *false* if there is no averaging of the underlying commodity price. Note that **IsAveraged** must be set to *true* if the **Name** given references a future contract that is averaging itself. There is more on this below.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if omitted.

- **IsInArrears** [Optional]: This node is not used when **IsAveraged** is *true*. Although, if the observed underlying is averaging itself, having **IsAveraged** set to *true* would be ignored with regards this node. As noted above, this setting determines a base date from which the *Pricing Date* is determined. The base date is the period end date if **IsInArrears** is *true* and it is the period start date if **IsInArrears** is *false*. How the *Pricing Date* is then determined from this base date is determined by the **PricingDateRule** node or the **PricingCalendar** and **PricingLag** nodes.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *true* if omitted.

- **FutureMonthOffset** [Optional]: This node allows any non-negative integer value. If this node is omitted, it is set to zero. The node has a different usage depending on whether **IsAveraged** is *true* or *false*:
 - If **IsAveraged** is *true*, this node indicates which future contract is being referenced on each *Pricing Date* in the calculation period by acting as an offset from the next available expiry date. If **FutureMonthOffset** is zero, the settlement price of the next available monthly contract that has not expired with respect to the *Pricing Date* is used as the price on that *Pricing Date*. If **FutureMonthOffset** is one, the settlement price of the second available monthly contract that has not expired with respect to the *Pricing Date* is used as the price on that *Pricing Date*. Similarly for other positive values of **FutureMonthOffset**.
 - If **IsAveraged** is *false*, this node acts as an offset for the contract month and is used in conjunction with the **IsInArrears** setting to determine the future contract being referenced. If **IsInArrears** is *true*, a base date is set as the calculation period end date. If **IsInArrears** is *false*, a base date is set as the calculation period start date. If **FutureMonthOffset** is zero, the future contract month and year is taken as the base date's month and year. If **FutureMonthOffset** is one, the future contract month and year is taken as the month following the base date's month and year and so on for all positive values of **FutureMonthOffset**.
- **DeliveryRollDays** [Optional]: This node allows any non-negative integer value and is only applicable when **IsAveraged** is *true*. When averaging a commodity future contract price during a calculation period, where the calculation period includes the contract expiry date, this node's value indicates when we should

begin using the next future contract prices in the averaging. If the value is zero, we should include the contract prices up to and including the contract expiry. If the value is one, we should include the contract prices up to and including the day that is one business day before the contract expiry and then switch to using the next contract prices thereafter. Similarly for other non-negative integer values.

Allowable values: Any non-negative integer. Defaults to zero if omitted.

- **IncludePeriodEnd** [Optional]: If this node is set to *true*, the period end date is included in the calculation period. If it is set to *false*, the period end date is excluded from the calculation period. There is more about this in the section [8.3.23](#). If this node is omitted, it is set to *true*. In general, this node should be omitted and allowed to take its default value.
- **ExcludePeriodStart** [Optional]: If this node is set to *true*, the period start date is excluded from the calculation period. If it is set to *false*, the period start date is included from the calculation period. There is more about this in the section [8.3.23](#). If this node is omitted, it is set to *true*. In general, this node should be omitted and allowed to take its default value.
- **HoursPerDay** [Optional]: This node is used if **CommodityQuantityFrequency** is set to *PerHour* or *PerHourAndCalendarDay*. It is described above under **CommodityQuantityFrequency**.

Allowable values: A number between 0 and 24. If omitted it defaults to the value of the **HoursPerDay** node in the conventions for the referenced commodity.

- **UseBusinessDays** [Optional]: A boolean flag that defaults to *true* if omitted. It is not applicable if **IsAveraged** is *false*. When set to *true*, the pricing dates in the averaging period are the set of **PricingCalendar** good business days. When set to *false*, the pricing dates in the averaging period are the complement of the set of **PricingCalendar** good business days. This may be useful in certain situations. For example, the contract ICE PW2 with specifications [here](#) averages the PJM Western Hub locational marginal prices over each day in the averaging period that is a Saturday, Sunday or NERC holiday. So, in this case, **UseBusinessDays** would be *false* and **PricingCalendar** would be US-NERC to generate the correct pricing dates in the averaging period.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *true* if omitted.

- **UnrealisedQuantity** [Optional]: A boolean flag that defaults to *false* if omitted. This is a rarely used flag. When set to *true*, it allows the user, on a given valuation date, to enter the current period quantity as an amount remaining in the current period after the valuation date i.e. the unrealised portion of the current period's quantity. This unrealised quantity is then scaled up internally to give the quantity over the full period.

Allowable values: *true*, *false*. Defaults to *false* if omitted.

- **LastNDays** [Optional]: This node allows a positive integer value less than or equal to 31 and is currently only supported when **PriceType** is **FutureSettlement**. When included, instead of the commodity future price being

observed on the single *Pricing Date* in the period, it is observed on the *LastNDays Pricing Dates*, up to and including the original *Pricing Date*, for which future settlement prices are available.

- **Tag [Optional]:** This node takes any string and can be used to link the floating leg with a fixed leg that has not explicitly provided its own quantities. This can be useful in situations where the quantities on the floating leg are specified with a **CommodityQuantityFrequency** that is not simply **PerCalculationPeriod**. The fixed leg does not have the **CommodityQuantityFrequency** field. In these cases, the fixed leg can omit its **Quantities** node and take the quantities from the floating leg. This **Tag** node allows the fixed leg to link to a specific floating leg if there is more than one floating leg on the trade i.e. the fixed leg must just have the same **Tag**. The link is also used to set the payment dates of the fixed leg if **CommodityPayRelativeTo** is set to **FutureExpiryDate**.
- **DailyExpiryOffset [Optional]:** This node allows any non-negative integer value. It only has effect the underlying commodity **Name** is not being averaged and has a daily contract frequency.

If this node is omitted, it defaults to zero. This node indicates which future contract is being referenced on each *Pricing Date* by acting as a business day offset, using the commodity **Name**'s expiry calendar, from the *Pricing Date*. It is useful e.g. in the base metals market where a future contract on each *Pricing Date* is the cash contract on that *Pricing Date* i.e. the contract with expiry date two business days after the *Pricing Date*. In this case, the **DailyExpiryOffset** would be set to 2.

- **FXIndex [Optional]:** If **IsAveraged** is *true* this node allows the fx conversion to be applied daily in the computation of averaged cash flows. It cannot be used with the **Indexing** node.

Allowable values: See Table 34 for supported fx indices.

We note above that **IsAveraged** must be set to *true* if the **Name** given references a future contract that is averaging itself. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not lead to the prices of the averaging future contract being averaged in each calculation period. Instead, a check is performed in the code if the contract defined by **Name** is averaging, and if the leg itself is averaging we switch to observing the averaging future contract price on the single *Pricing Date* determined by the **PricingDateRule** node or the **PricingCalendar** and **PricingLag** nodes or the **PricingDates** node. This is best illustrated using an example. Suppose that we have a commodity swap with the schedule shown in table 23. Suppose that the *Floating Price* for the swap is specified as *For each Calculation Period, the arithmetic average of the Commodity Reference Price, for each Commodity Business Day in the Calculation Period* and that the *Commodity Reference Price* is specified as *OIL-WTI-NYMEX* with *Delivery Date of First Nearby Month*. There are two approaches to setting up the XML for this commodity floating leg:

1. The first approach is shown in listing 250. Note that the **Name** is **NYMEX:CL** to indicate the NYMEX WTI future contract, **IsAveraged** is **true** and **FutureMonthOffset** is 0 to indicate that we are using the nearby month contract price in the averaging. This approach is clear.

Listing 249: Commodity floating leg data outline.

```
<CommodityFloatingLegData>
  <Name>...</Name>
  <PriceType>...</PriceType>
  <Quantities>
    <Quantity>...</Quantity>
  </Quantities>
  <CommodityQuantityFrequency>...</CommodityQuantityFrequency>
  <CommodityPayRelativeTo>...</CommodityPayRelativeTo>
  <Spreads>
    <Spread>...</Spread>
  </Spreads>
  <Gearings>
    <Gearing>...</Gearing>
  </Gearings>
  <PricingDateRule>...</PricingDateRule>
  <PricingCalendar>...</PricingCalendar>
  <PricingLag>...</PricingLag>
  <PricingDates>
    <PricingDate>...</PricingDate>
  </PricingDates>
  <IsAveraged>...</IsAveraged>
  <IsInArrears>...</IsInArrears>
  <FutureMonthOffset>...</FutureMonthOffset>
  <DeliveryRollDays>...</DeliveryRollDays>
  <IncludePeriodEnd>...</IncludePeriodEnd>
  <ExcludePeriodStart>...</ExcludePeriodStart>
  <HoursPerDay>...</HoursPerDay>
  <UseBusinessDays>...</UseBusinessDays>
  <Tag>...</Tag>
  <DailyExpiryOffset>...</DailyExpiryOffset>
</CommodityFloatingLegData>
```

2. The second approach is to use the `CommodityFloatingLegData` shown in listing 251. Note that we have changed the `Name` to `NYMEX:CSX` to reference the NYMEX WTI Financial Futures contract. This future contract settlement price at expiry is the exact payoff of the swap leg in that it is the arithmetic average of the nearby month NYMEX WTI future contract settlement prices over the calendar month. The contract details are given [here](#). We keep `IsAveraged` set to `true`. If we set `IsAveraged` to `false`, an error will be thrown. When `IsAveraged` is set to `true` and the `Name` references a future contract that is averaging, it is understood that the commodity leg is to use the same averaging as the future contract. In this case, we switch to a non-averaging cashflow in the code and read the averaged price directly off the price curve that we have set up using the averaging future contract prices.

In some cases, we will only have an averaging future contract available as an allowable `Name` value. For example, `NYMEX:A7Q` is one such instance. The contract details are given [here](#). This future contract's price at the end of each contract month is the *arithmetic average of the OPIS Mt. Belvieu Natural Gasoline (non-LDH) price for each business day during the contract month*. The corresponding commodity floating leg would be set up with `Name` set to `NYMEX:A7Q` and `IsAveraged` set to `true`. Again, for the avoidance of doubt, we are not averaging the averaging future contract price.

Instead, we switch to a non-averaging cashflow in the code and read the averaged price directly off the price curve that we have built out of `NYMEX:A7Q` future contract prices. We are pricing a leg that has the same payoff as the future contract.

If we have an averaging coupon and the valuation date is during the coupon period, the choice between the first and second approach above will have an effect on the sensitivities that are generated for that one single coupon. It should not affect the NPV of the coupon. The effect becomes more pronounced as the number of days remaining in the coupon period reduce. In the first approach, the coupon is priced by reading the expected future prices on future *Pricing Dates* off the non-averaging future price curve and fetching past fixed settlement prices on past *Pricing Dates*. All of these prices are then averaged. It is clear that as the valuation date approaches the final date in the coupon period, the sensitivity decreases because any bump in the curve used for pricing is only affecting the values on the remaining future *Pricing Dates*. In the second approach, the average price relevant for the full coupon period is read directly off the averaging future price curve. Any bump to the averaging future price curve affects the full coupon regardless of the position of the valuation date in the coupon period. The sensitivity will therefore be larger than using the first approach and the difference will become more noticeable as the valuation date moves towards the end of the coupon period. This subtlety can lead to differences that are larger than expected on basis swaps with averaging coupons and short maturities. If one commodity floating leg references a non-averaging price curve and the other leg references an averaging price curve, the differing effects of the bump outlined above on each leg can lead to a larger than expected net sensitivity.

Start Date	End Date	Quantity Per Period
2019-09-01	2019-09-30	5,000
2019-10-01	2019-10-31	5,000

Table 23: Example commodity swap schedule.

8.3.25 Equity Margin Leg

An equity margin leg is specified in a `LegData` node with `LegType` set to `EquityMargin`. It is used to define a sequence of cashflows that are linked to an equity price and it's associated margin factor. Each cashflow has an associated *Calculation Period*. This leg is typically used to represent a part of a Total Return Swap (TRS) on an Equity Index Future. The full TRS on the Equity Index Future uses `TradeType Swap`, and one leg of type *Equity*, and the other leg of type *EquityMargin*. Note that the equity identifier on both legs (the `Name` field) should be for the Equity Index, and not the Future.

The outline of an equity margin leg is given in listing 252. It has the usual `LegData` elements described in section 8.3.3 and a `EquityMarginLegData` node that is described in section 8.3.26 below.

8.3.26 Equity Margin Leg Data

The `EquityMarginLegData` node outline is shown in listing 252. The meaning and allowable values for each node are as follows:

Listing 250: Example WTI averaging floating leg, first approach.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>CommodityFloating</LegType>
  <Payer>true</Payer>
  <Currency>USD</Currency>
  <PaymentLag>2</PaymentLag>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <PaymentCalendar>US-NYSE</PaymentCalendar>
  <CommodityFloatingLegData>
    <Name>NYMEX:CL</Name>
    <PriceType>FutureSettlement</PriceType>
    <Quantities>
      <Quantity>5000</Quantity>
    </Quantities>
    <IsAveraged>true</IsAveraged>
    <FutureMonthOffset>0</FutureMonthOffset>
  </CommodityFloatingLegData>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Rules>
      <StartDate>2019-09-01</StartDate>
      <EndDate>2019-10-31</EndDate>
      <Tenor>1M</Tenor>
      <Calendar>NullCalendar</Calendar>
      <Convention>Unadjusted</Convention>
      <TermConvention>Unadjusted</TermConvention>
      <Rule>Backward</Rule>
      <EndOfMonth>true</EndOfMonth>
    </Rules>
  </ScheduleData>
</LegData>
```

Listing 251: Example WTI averaging floating leg, second approach.

```
<CommodityFloatingLegData>
<Name>NYMEX:CSX</Name>
<PriceType>FutureSettlement</PriceType>
<Quantities>
  <Quantity>5000</Quantity>
</Quantities>
<IsAveraged>true</IsAveraged>
<FutureMonthOffset>0</FutureMonthOffset>
</CommodityFloatingLegData>
```

- **Rates:** The fixed real rate(s) of the leg. While this can be a single value, a vector of values or a dated vector of values. Allowable values: Each rate element can take any real number. The rate is expressed in decimal form, e.g. *0.05* is a rate of 5%..
- **InitialMarginFactor:** this node is used to specify the equity margin factor for the first period of the trade. It's a percentage that reflecting the current applicable official Exchange initial margin requirement. It is expressed in decimal form, e.g. *0.05* is a rate of 5%..
- **EquityLegData:** this node is used to specify the underlying equity details. It's

Listing 252: Equity Margin leg outline.

```
<LegData>
  <LegType>EquityMargin</LegType>
  <Payer>true</Payer>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <PaymentConvention>Following</PaymentConvention>
  <PaymentLag>2D</PaymentLag>
  <PaymentCalendar>TARGET</PaymentCalendar>
  <ScheduleData>
    <Dates>
      <Dates>
        <Date>2019-12-31</Date>
        <Date>2020-03-30</Date>
        <Date>2020-06-30</Date>
        <Date>2020-09-30</Date>
        <Date>2020-12-30</Date>
        <Date>2021-03-30</Date>
      </Dates>
    </Dates>
  </ScheduleData>
  <PaymentDates>
    <PaymentDate>...</PaymentDate>
  </PaymentDates>
  <EquityMarginLegData>
    ...
  </EquityMarginLegData>
</LegData>
```

values are as outlined in section 8.3.16.

- **Multiplier** [Optional]: in some cases, the cashflow amounts are multiplied by a fixed amount. Defaults to 1.

Listing 253: Equity margin leg data outline.

```
<EquityMarginLegData>
  <Rates>
    <Rate>0.003</Rate>
  </Rates>
  <InitialMarginFactor>0.12</InitialMarginFactor>
  <Multiplier>10</Multiplier>
  <EquityLegData>
    <ReturnType>Total</ReturnType>
    <Name>RIC:..STOXX50E</Name>
    <InitialPrice>2946</InitialPrice>
    <NotionalReset>>false</NotionalReset>
    <FixingDays>2</FixingDays>
  </EquityLegData>
</EquityMarginLegData>
```

8.3.27 CDS Reference Information

This trade component can be used to define the reference entity, tier, currency and documentation clause in credit derivative trades. For example, it can be used in the

CreditDefaultSwapData section in a CDS trade and in the **BasketData** section in credit derivatives involving more than one underlying reference entity. The value for each of these fields is generally agreed and specified in the credit derivative contract and they determine the credit curve that is used in pricing the trade.

Listing 254: CDS reference information node

```
<ReferenceInformation>
  <ReferenceEntityId>...</ReferenceEntityId>
  <Tier>...</Tier>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <DocClause>...</DocClause>
</ReferenceInformation>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **ReferenceInformation** node are as follows:

- **ReferenceEntityId**: This is typically a six digit Markit RED code specifying the underlying reference entity with the prefix **RED**: e.g. **RED:008CA0**.
- **Tier**: The debt tier that is applicable for the specified reference entity in the credit derivative. Table 39 provides the allowable values.
- **Currency**: The currency that is applicable for the specified reference entity in the credit derivative. Table 28 provides the allowable values.
- **DocClause**: The documentation clause that is applicable for the specified reference entity in the credit derivative. This defines what constitutes a credit event for the contract as well as any limitations on the deliverable debt in the event of a credit event. Table 40 provides the allowable values.

8.3.28 Basket Data

This trade component node is used in credit derivative trades referencing more than one reference entity e.g. in the **IndexCreditDefaultSwapData** node of an index CDS trade. It contains **Name** sub-nodes with the details of each constituent reference entities (names) of the basket. An example structure of the **BasketData** trade component node is shown in Listing 255.

```

<BasketData>
  <Name>
    <IssuerId>CPTY_1</IssuerId>
    <CreditCurveId>RED:...</CreditCurveId>
    <Notional>100000.0</Notional>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
  </Name>
  <Name>
    <IssuerId>CPTY_2</IssuerId>
    <CreditCurveId>RED:...</CreditCurveId>
    <Notional>100000.0</Notional>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
  </Name>
  <Name>
    <IssuerId>CPTY_3</IssuerId>
    <CreditCurveId>RED:...</CreditCurveId>
    <Notional>100000.0</Notional>
    <Currency>USD</Currency>
  </Name>
  ...
</BasketData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in each **Name** sub-node of the **BasketData** node follow below.

- **IssuerId**: A unique identifier for the index component reference entity. For informational purposes and not used for pricing.
Allowable values: Any alphanumeric string.
- **CreditCurveId**: The unique identifier of the index component defining one of the default curves used for pricing. The pricing can be set up to either use the curve identifiers of the index components, or one single index curve id defined in the trade specific data. A **ReferenceInformation** node may be used in place of this **CreditCurveId** node.
Allowable values: See **CreditCurveId** for credit trades - single name in Table 36. Duplicate **CreditCurveId**:s are not allowed.
- **ReferenceInformation**: This node may be used as an alternative to the **CreditCurveId** node to specify the reference entity, tier, currency and documentation clause for the basket constituent. This in turn defines the credit curve used for this basket constituent in the pricing. The **ReferenceInformation** node is described in further detail in Section 8.3.27.
- **Notional**: The notional of the index component reference entity. Note that the sum of index component notionals (all names) must match the fixed premium leg notional. Allowable values: Any positive real number.
- **Weight**: Can be used, instead of **Notional**, to specify the weight of the index component reference entity. Note that the sum of index component notionals (all names) must match 1. Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- Currency: Defines the currency of the component, only mandatory together with a given notional.

8.3.29 Underlying

This trade component can be used to define the underlying entity for an Equity, Commodity or FX trade, but it can also define an underlying interest rate, inflation index, credit name or an underlying bond. It can be used for a single underlying, or within a basket with associated weight. For an equity underlying a string representation is used to match **Underlying** node to required configuration and reference data. The string representation is of the form IdentifierType:Name:Currency:Exchange, with all entries optional except for Name.

Listing 256: Underlying node

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>...</Type>
  <Name>...</Name>
  <Weight>...</Weight>
  <Currency>...</Currency>
  <IdentifierType>...</IdentifierType>
  <Exchange>...</Exchange>
  <PriceType>...</PriceType>
  <FutureMonthOffset>...</FutureMonthOffset>
  <DeliveryRollDays>...</DeliveryRollDays>
  <DeliveryRollCalendar>...</DeliveryRollCalendar>
</Underlying>
```

Example structures of the **Underlying** trade component node are shown in Listings 257 and 258 for an equity underlying, in Listing 261 for an fx underlying, in Listing 262 for a commodity underlying, in Listing 263 for an underlying interest rate index, in Listing 264 for an underlying inflation index, in Listing 265 for an underlying credit name, in listing 266 for an underlying bond.

Listing 257: Equity Underlying - RIC

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Equity</Type>
  <Name>.SPX</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
  <IdentifierType>RIC</IdentifierType>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 258: Equity Underlying - ISIN

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Equity</Type>
  <Name>NL0000852580</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
  <IdentifierType>ISIN</IdentifierType>
  <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  <Exchange>XAMS</Exchange>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 259: Equity Underlying - FIGI

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Equity</Type>
  <Name>BBG000BLNNV0</Name>
  <IdentifierType>FIGI</IdentifierType>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 260: Equity Underlying - Bloomberg Identifier (Parsekey)

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Equity</Type>
  <Name>BARC LN Equity</Name>
  <IdentifierType>BBG</IdentifierType>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 261: FX Underlying

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>FX</Type>
  <Name>ECB-EUR-USD</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 262: Commodity Underlying

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Commodity</Type>
  <Name>NYMEX:CL</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
  <PriceType>FutureSettlement</PriceType>
  <FutureMonthOffset>0</FutureMonthOffset>
  <DeliveryRollDays>0</DeliveryRollDays>
  <DeliveryRollCalendar>TARGET</DeliveryRollCalendar>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 263: InterestRate Underlying

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>InterestRate</Type>
  <Name>USD-CMS-10Y</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 264: Inflation Index Underlying

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Inflation</Type>
  <Name>USCPI</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
  <!-- optional -->
  <Interpolation>Linear</Interpolation>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 265: Credit Underlying

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Credit</Type>
  <Name>ISSUER_A</Name>
  <Weight>1.0</Weight>
</Underlying>
```

Listing 266: Bond Underlying

```
<Underlying>
  <Type>Bond</Type>
  <Name>US69007TAB08</Name>
  <IdentifierType>ISIN</IdentifierType>
  <Weight>0.5</Weight>
  <BidAskAdjustment>-0.0025</BidAskAdjustment>
</Underlying>
```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **Underlying** node are as follows:

- **Type:** The type of the Underlying asset.

Allowable values: *Equity*, *FX*, *Commodity*, *InterestRate*, *Inflation*, *Credit*, *Bond*

- **Name:** The name of the Underlying asset.

Allowable values:

Equity: See **Name** for equity trades in Table [37](#)

FX: A string on the form SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2, where SOURCE is the FX fixing source, and the fixing is expressed as amount in CCY2 per one unit of

CCY1. See Table 34, and note that the FX- prefix is not included in **Name** as it is already included in **Type**.

InterestRate: Any valid interest rate index name, see Table 32

Inflation: Any valid zero coupon inflation index (CPI) name, See Table 35

Credit: Any valid credit name with a configured default curve, see Table 36

Bond: Any valid bond identifier, the bond must be set up in the reference data.

Commodity: An identifier specifying the commodity being referenced in the leg. Table 38 lists the allowable values for **Name** and gives a description.

- **Weight** [Optional]: The relative weight of the underlying if part of a basket. For a single underlying this can be omitted or set to 1.

Allowable values: A real number. Defaults to 1 if left blank or omitted.

Notes on negative weights in the *TotalReturnSwap* trade type:

Negative weights for *EquityOptionPositions* are allowed, but not recommended.

A negative weight for an *EquityOptionPosition* is equivalent to inverting the *LongShort* flag in the respective *OptionData* node.

For *EquityPositions* a negative weight means that flows are in the opposite direction of the *Payer* flag on the return leg. A use case for negative weights is for a basket of *EquityPositions* that include both long and short positions.

- **IdentifierType** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Equity* or *Bond*. The type of the identifier being used.

Allowable values: *RIC*, *ISIN*, *FIGI*, *BBG*. Defaults to *RIC*, if left blank or omitted, and **Type**: is *Equity*.

- **Currency** [Mandatory when **IdentifierType** is *ISIN*]: Only valid when **Type** is *Equity*. The currency the underlying equity is quoted in. Used when **IdentifierType** is *ISIN*, to - together with the **Exchange** convert a given ISIN to a RIC code.

Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**. Mandatory when **IdentifierType** is *ISIN*, and should not be used for other **IdentifierType**s. When **Type** is *Equity*, Minor Currencies in Table 28 are also allowable.

- **Exchange** [Mandatory when **IdentifierType** is *ISIN*]: Only valid when **Type** is *Equity*. A string code representing the exchange the equity is traded on. Used when **IdentifierType** is *ISIN*, to - together with the **Currency** convert a given ISIN to a RIC code.

Allowable values: The MIC code of the exchange, see Table 41. Mandatory when **IdentifierType** is *ISIN*, and should not be used for other **IdentifierType**s.

- **PriceType** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Commodity*. Whether the Spot or Future price is referenced.

Allowable values: *Spot*, *FutureSettlement*. Mandatory when **Type** is *Commodity*.

- **FutureMonthOffset** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Commodity*. Only relevant for the *FutureSettlement* price type, in which case the $N + 1$ th future with expiry greater than **ObservationDate** for the given commodity underlying will be referenced.

Allowable values: An integer. Mandatory for when **Type** is *Commodity* and **PriceType** is *FutureSettlement*.

- **DeliveryRollDays** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Commodity*. The number of days the observation date is rolled forward before the next future expiry is looked up.

Allowable values: An integer. Defaults to 0 if left blank or omitted, and **Type** is *Commodity*.

- **DeliveryRollCalendar** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Commodity*. The calendar used to roll forward the observation date.

Allowable values: See Table 30. Defaults to the null calendar if left blank or omitted, and **Type** is *Commodity*.

- **Interpolation** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Inflation*. The index observation interpolation between fixings.

Allowable values: Flat, Linear

- **BidAskAdjustment** [Optional]: Only valid when **Type** is *Bond*. A correction applied to the price found in the market data (usually mid), if the bond basket price is defined on the bid or ask side rather than mid.

Allowable values: Any real number.

8.3.30 StrikeData

This trade component that can be used to define the strike entity for commodity, equity and bond options. It can be used to define either a Price or Yield strike, with examples below in 267 and 268 respectively.

Listing 267: Strike Price

```

<StrikeData>
  <StrikePrice>
    <Value>1</Value>
    <Currency>EUR</Currency>
  </StrikePrice>
</StrikeData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **StrikePrice** node are as follows:

- **Value**: The strike price.

Allowable values: Any positive real number.

Trade Data Container	Supported Barrier Styles
FxBarrierOptionData	<i>American</i>
FxDigitalBarrierOptionData	<i>American</i>
FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData	<i>European</i>
FxTouchOptionData	<i>American</i>
FxDoubleTouchOptionData	<i>American</i>
FxDoubleBarrierOptionData	<i>American</i>
FxKIKOBarrierOptionData	<i>American</i>

Table 24: Supported barrier styles per trade data container

- **Currency** [Mandatory for Quanto/Compo, Optional otherwise]: The currency of the amount given in **Value**, i.e. the strike currency.

Note:

Quanto: The payment/leg currency and the currency the underlying asset is quoted in differ. The strike currency is in the currency the asset is quoted in.

Compo (Composite): The payment/leg currency and the currency the underlying asset is quoted in differ. The strike currency is in the payment/leg currency.

Allowable values: See Table 28 **Currency**. Minor Currencies in Table 28 are also allowable. In non-quanto/compo cases, if left blank or omitted, it defaults to the currency of the leg for equity and commodity options, and to the currency the underlying bond is quoted in for BondOptions using reference data.

Listing 268: Strike Yield

```

<StrikeData>
  <StrikeYield>
    <Yield>0.055</Yield>
    <Compounding>SimpleThenCompounded</Compounding>
  </StrikeYield>
</StrikeData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **StrikeYield** node are as follows:

- **Yield**: A Yield quoted in decimal form, e.g. 10% should be entered as 0.1.

Allowable values: Any real number.

- **Compounding** [Optional]: The compounding or the yield given in **Yield**.

Allowable values: *Simple*, *Compounded*, *Continuous*, *SimpleThenCompounded*.

Defaults to *SimpleThenCompounded* if left blank or omitted.

8.3.31 Barrier Data

This trade component node is used within the trade data containers listed in table 24. Note that not every trade type allows for all barrier styles, the allowable combinations are listed in in table 24.

The barrier data element is specified as in listing 269

```

<BarrierData>
  <Type>UpAndIn</Type>
  <Style>American</Style>
  <Levels>
    <Level>1.2</Level>
  </Levels>
  <Rebate>100000</Rebate>
  <RebateCurrency>USD</RebateCurrency>
  <RebatePayTime>atExpiry</RebatePayTime>
</BarrierData>

```

The meanings and allowable values of the elements in the **BarrierData** node follow below.

- **Type**: Specifies barrier type. The allowable values are given in Table 25.

Type	Description
<i>UpAndOut</i>	The underlying price starts below the barrier level and has to move up for the option to be knocked out.
<i>DownAndOut</i>	The underlying price starts above the barrier level and has to move down for the option to become knocked out.
<i>UpAndIn</i>	The underlying price starts below the barrier level and has to move up for the option to become activated.
<i>DownAndIn</i>	The underlying price starts above the barrier level and has to move down for the option to become activated.
<i>KnockOut</i>	For double level only. The underlying price starts between the barrier levels and has to move up or down for the option to be knocked out.
<i>KnockIn</i>	For double level only. The underlying price starts between the barrier levels and has to move up or down for the option to become activated.
<i>CumulatedProfitCap</i>	For TaRFs only. The instrument terminates once the generated profit reaches the CumulatedProfitCap.
<i>CumulatedProfitCapPoints</i>	For TaRFs only. The instrument terminates once the generated profit divided by fixing amount and absolute value of leverage reaches the CumulatedProfitCapPoints.
<i>FixingCap</i>	For TaRFs only. The instrument terminates once the number of observations where a profit is generated reaches the FixingCap.
<i>FixingFloor</i>	For Accumulators only. The first n fixings are guaranteed regardless of whether the trade has been knocked out already.

Table 25: Allowable Type Values.

- **Style[Optional]**: Specifies the monitoring style of the barrier. Optional, if not given, defaults to the supported barrier style (see table 24 and if both *American* and *European* barriers are supported, defaults to *American*). Allowable values: *American*, *European*.

- **Level**: The barrier level, defined as the amount in sold (domestic) currency per unit bought (foreign) currency. Double barrier instruments can have two **Level** elements, and these must be in ascending order.
Allowable values: Any positive real number.

- **Rebate[Optional]**: The barrier rebate is a fixed amount, expressed in domestic / sold currency paid out to the option holder if a barrier option expires inactive, i.e. it is not knocked in/out. Note that **Rebate** is supported for
 - **FxBarrierOptionData**
 - **FxDigitalBarrierOptionData**
 - **FxDoubleBarrierOptionData**
 - **FxEuropeanBarrierOptionData**

only. If defined for several “in” barriers, the amounts must be identical across all barrier definitions (because the rebate amount is paid if none of the “in” barrier is touched and can therefore not depend on the particular barrier). Also, the **RebatePayTime** must be *atExpiry* for “in” barriers obviously.

Allowable values: Any positive real number. Defaults to zero if omitted. Cannot be left blank.

- **RebateCurrency [Optional]**: The currency in which the rebate amount is paid. Defaults to the natural pay currency of the trade.

Allowable Values: See Table 28 **Currency**.

- **RebatePayTime [Optional]**: For “in” barriers only *atExpiry* is allowed. For “out” barriers, both *atExpiry* and *atHit* is possible. If not given, defaults to “atExpiry”.

Allowable Values: *atExpiry*, *atHit*

8.4 Allowable Values

Date	
Date Fields	Allowable Values
All Date fields: StartDate EndDate Date ExerciseDate PayDate ValueDate NearDate FarDate etc	Any of the following date formats are supported: <i>yyyymmdd</i> <i>yyyy-mm-dd</i> <i>yyyy/mm/dd</i> <i>yyyy.mm.dd</i> <i>dd-mm-yy</i> <i>dd/mm/yy</i> <i>dd.mm.yy</i> <i>dd-mm-yyyy</i> <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i> <i>dd.mm.yyyy</i> and Dates as serial numbers, comparable to Microsoft Excel dates, with a minimum of 367 for Jan 1, 1901, and a maximum of 109574 for Dec 31, 2199.

Table 26: Allowable Values for Date

Convention	
Roll Convention Fields	Allowable Values
All Convention fields: Convention TermConvention PaymentConvention etc	<i>F, Following, FOLLOWING</i> <i>MF, ModifiedFollowing, Modified Following, MODIFIEDF</i> <i>P, Preceding, PRECEDING</i> <i>MP, ModifiedPreceding, Modified Preceding, MODIFIEDP</i> <i>U, Unadjusted, INDIFF</i> <i>NEAREST</i> (takes future date in case of equal distance)

Table 27: Allowable Values for Roll Conventions

Currency	
Category	Allowable Values
Fiat Currencies	<i>AED, AFN, ALL, AMD, ANG, AOA, ARS, AUD, AWG, AZN, BAM, BBD, BDT, BGN, BHD, BIF, BMD, BND, BOB, BOV, BRL, BSD, BTN, BWP, BYN, BZD, CAD, CDF, CHE, CHF, CHW, CLF, CLP, CNH, CNT, CNY, COP, COU, CRC, CUC, CUP, CVE, CZK, DJF, DKK, DOP, DZD, EGP, ERN, ETB, EUR, FJD, FKP, GBP, GEL, GGP, GHS, GIP, GMD, GNF, GTQ, GYD, HKD, HNL, HRK, HTG, HUF, IDR, ILS, IMP, INR, IQD, IRR, ISK, JEP, JMD, JOD, JPY, KES, KGS, KHR, KID, KMF, KPW, KRW, KWD, KYD, KZT, LAK, LBP, LKR, LRD, LSL, LYD, MAD, MDL, MGA, MKD, MMK, MNT, MOP, MRU, MUR, MVR, MWK, MXN, MXV, MYR, MZN, NAD, NGN, NIO, NOK, NPR, NZD, OMR, PAB, PEN, PGK, PHP, PKR, PLN, PYG, QAR, RON, RSD, RUB, RWF, SAR, SBD, SCR, SDG, SEK, SGD, SHP, SLL, SOS, SRD, SSP, STN, SVC, SYP, SZL, THB, TJS, TMT, TND, TOP, TRY, TTD, TWD, TZS, UAH, UGX, USD, USN, UYI, UYU, UYW, UZS, VES, VND, VUV, WST, XAF, XAU, XCD, XOF, XPF, XSU, XUA, YER, ZAR, ZMW, ZWL</i>
Minor Currencies	<i>GBp, GBX</i> (for pennies of GBP) <i>ILa, ILX</i> (for agorot of ILS) <i>ZAc, ZAC, ZAX</i> (for cents of ZAR) Note: Minor Currency codes are only supported for equity products.
Precious Metals treated as Currencies	<i>XAG, XAU, XPD, XPT</i>
Cryptocurrencies	<i>BTC, XBT, ETH, ETC, BCH, XRP, LTC</i>
This full list of currencies is available via loading the provided currencies.xml at start-up. Note: Currency codes must also match available currencies in the simulation.xml file.	

Table 28: Allowable Values for Currency

Rule	
Allowable Values	Effect
<i>Backward</i>	Backward from termination date to effective date.
<i>Forward</i>	Forward from effective date to termination date.
<i>Zero</i>	No intermediate dates between effective date and termination date.
<i>ThirdWednesday</i>	All dates but effective date and termination date are taken to be on the third Wednesday of their month (with forward calculation.)
<i>LastWednesday</i>	All dates but effective date and termination date are taken to be on the last Wednesday of their month (with forward calculation.)
<i>ThirdThursday</i>	All dates but effective date and termination date are taken to be on the third Thursday of their month (with forward calculation.)
<i>ThirdFriday</i>	All dates but effective date and termination date are taken to be on the third Friday of their month (with forward calculation.)

<i>MondayAfterThird-Friday</i>	All dates but effective date and termination date are taken to be on the Monday following the third Friday of their month (with forward calculation.)
<i>TuesdayAfterThird-Friday</i>	All dates but effective date and termination date are taken to be on the Tuesday following the third Friday of their month (with forward calculation.)
<i>Twentieth</i>	All dates but the effective date are taken to be the twentieth of their month (used for CDS schedules in emerging markets.) The termination date is also modified.
<i>TwentiethIMM</i>	All dates but the effective date are taken to be the twentieth of an IMM month (used for CDS schedules.) The termination date is also modified.
<i>OldCDS</i>	Same as <i>TwentiethIMM</i> with unrestricted date ends and long/short stub coupon period (old CDS convention).
<i>CDS</i>	<p>Credit derivatives standard rule defined in 'Big Bang' changes in 2009.</p> <p>For quarterly periods (Tenor set to <i>3M</i>): (Assuming no FirstDate/LastDate) Dates fall on 20th of March, June, September, December. A <i>Following</i> roll convention will be applied if the 20th falls on a non-business day. If the EndDate in the schedule is set to a date beyond the rolled quarterly CDS date, the actual trade termination date will be on the following quarterly CDS date. The first coupon will be paid on the quarterly CDS date following the StartDate, and be for the period since the previous quarterly CDS date.</p> <p>For monthly periods (Tenor set to <i>1M</i>): (Assuming no FirstDate/LastDate) Dates fall on 20th of each month, but the termination is still adjusted to be in line with quarterly periods. If the EndDate in the schedule is set to a date beyond the rolled quarterly CDS date (i.e. the 20th+roll Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec), the actual termination date will be on the following quarterly CDS date, causing a long final stub. The first coupon will be paid on the next 20th monthly following the StartDate, and be for the period since the previous month's 20th.</p>
<i>CDS2015</i>	<p>Credit derivatives standard rule updated in 2015. Same as <i>CDS</i> but with termination dates adjusted to 20th June and 20th December. For schedule EndDates from the 20th of March to the 19th September, both included, the termination date will fall on the 20th June (with <i>Following</i> roll). For schedule EndDates from the 20th September to the 19th March, both included, the termination date will fall on the 20th December (with <i>Following</i> roll).</p>

Table 29: Allowable Values for Rule

Calendar	
Allowable Values	Resulting Calendar
<i>TARGET, TGT, EUR</i>	Target Calendar
<i>CA, CAN, CAD, TRB</i>	Canada Calendar
<i>JP, JPN, JPY, TKB</i>	Japan Calendar
<i>CH, CHE, CHF, ZUB</i>	Switzerland Calendar
<i>GB, GBR, GBP, LNB, UK</i>	UK Calendar
<i>US, USA, USD, NYB</i>	US Calendar
<i>US-SET</i>	US Settlement Calendar
<i>US-GOV</i>	US Government Bond Calendar
<i>US-NYSE, New York stock exchange</i>	US NYSE Calendar
<i>US with Libor impact</i>	US Calendar for Libor fixings
<i>US-NERC</i>	US NERC Calendar
<i>AR, ARG, ARS</i>	Argentina Calendar
<i>AU, AUD, AUS</i>	Australia Calendar
<i>AT, AUT, ATS</i>	Austria Calendar
<i>BE, BEL, BEF</i>	Belgium Calendar
<i>BW, BWA, BWP</i>	Botswana Calendar
<i>BR, BRA, BRL</i>	Brazil Calendar
<i>CL, CHL, CLP</i>	Chile Calendar
<i>CN, CHN, CNH, CNY</i>	China Calendar
<i>CO, COL, COP</i>	Colombia Calendar
<i>CY, CYP</i>	Cyprus Calendar
<i>CZ, CZE, CZK</i>	Czech Republic Calendar
<i>DK, DNK, DKK, DEN</i>	Denmark Calendar
<i>FI, FIN</i>	Finland Calendar
<i>FR, FRF</i>	France Calendar
<i>DE, DEU</i>	Germany Calendar
<i>GR, GRC</i>	Greek Calendar
<i>HK, HKG, HKD</i>	Hong Kong Calendar
<i>HU, HUN, HUF</i>	Hungary Calendar
<i>IS, ISL, ISK</i>	Iceland Calendar
<i>IN, IND, INR</i>	India Calendar
<i>ID, IDN, IDR</i>	Indonesia Calendar
<i>IE, IRL</i>	Ireland Calendar
<i>IL, ISR, ILS</i>	Israel Calendar
<i>Telbor</i>	Tel Aviv Inter-Bank Offered Rate Calendar
<i>IT, ITA, ITL</i>	Italy Calendar
<i>LU, LUX, LUF</i>	Luxembourg Calendar
<i>MX, MEX, MXN</i>	Mexico Calendar
<i>MY, MYS, MYR</i>	Malaysia Calendar
<i>NL, NLD, NZD</i>	New Zealand Calendar

<i>NO, NOR, NOK</i>	Norway Calendar
<i>PE, PER, PEN</i>	Peru Calendar
<i>PH, PHL, PHP</i>	Philippines Calendar
<i>PO, POL, PLN</i>	Poland Calendar
<i>RO, ROU, RON</i>	Romania Calendar
<i>RU, RUS, RUB</i>	Russia Calendar
<i>SAU, SAR</i>	Saudi Arabia
<i>AE, ARE, AED</i>	United Arab Emirates
<i>SG, SGP, SGD</i>	Singapore Calendar
<i>ZA, ZAF, ZAR, SA</i>	South Africa Calendar
<i>KR, KOR, KRW</i>	South Korea Calendar
<i>ES, ESP</i>	Spain Calendar
<i>SE, SWE, SEK, SS</i>	Sweden Calendar
<i>TW, TWN, TWD</i>	Taiwan Calendar
<i>TH, THA, THB</i>	Thailand Calendar
<i>TR, TUR, TRY</i>	Turkey Calendar
<i>UA, UKR, UAH</i>	Ukraine Calendar
<i>BVMF</i>	Brazil Bovespa Calendar
<i>XTSE</i>	Canada Toronto Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>XSHG</i>	China Shanghai Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>XFRA</i>	Germany Frankfurt Stock Exchange
<i>XETR</i>	Germany XETRA Calendar
<i>ECAG</i>	Germany EUREX Calendar
<i>EUWA</i>	Germany EUWAX Calendar
<i>XJKT</i>	Indonesia Jakarta Stock Exchange (now IDX) Calendar
<i>XIDX</i>	Indonesia Indonesia Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>XDUB</i>	Ireland Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>XTAE</i>	Israel Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>XMIL</i>	Italy Italian Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>MISX</i>	Russia Moscow Exchange Calendar
<i>XKRX</i>	Korea Exchange Calendar
<i>XSWX</i>	Switzerland SIX Swiss Exchange Calendar
<i>XLON</i>	UK London Stock Exchange
<i>XLME</i>	UK London Metal Exchange
<i>XNYS</i>	US New York Stock Exchange Calendar
<i>WMR</i>	Thomson Reuters QM/Reuters Spot
<i>WeekendsOnly</i>	Weekends Only Calendar
<i>ICE_FuturesUS</i>	ICE Futures U.S. Currency, Stock and Credit Index, Metal, Nat Gas, Power, Oil and Environmental
<i>ICE_FuturesUS_1</i>	ICE Futures U.S. Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton and FCOJ
<i>ICE_FuturesUS_2</i>	ICE Futures U.S. Canola
<i>ICE_FuturesEU</i>	ICE Futures Europe
<i>ICE_FuturesEU_1</i>	ICE Futures Europe for contracts where 26 Dec is a holiday
<i>ICE_EndexEnergy</i>	ICE Endex European power and natural gas products
<i>ICE_EndexEquities</i>	ICE Endex European equities
<i>ICE_SwapTradeUS</i>	ICE Swap Trade U.S.

<i>ICE_SwapTradeUK</i>	ICE Swap Trade U.K.
<i>ICE_FuturesSingapore</i>	ICE futures Singapore
<i>CME</i>	CME group exchange calendar

Table 30: Allowable Values for Calendar. Combinations of calendars can be provided using comma separated calendar names.

DayCount Convention	
Allowable Values	Resulting DayCount Convention
<i>A360, Actual/360, ACT/360, Act/360</i>	Actual 360
<i>A365, A365F, Actual/365 (Fixed), Actual/365 (fixed), ACT/365.FIXED, ACT/365, ACT/365L, Act/365, Act/365L</i>	Actual 365 Fixed
<i>A364, Actual/364, Act/364, ACT/364</i>	Actual 364
<i>Actual/365 (No Leap), Act/365 (NL), NL/365, Actual/365 (JGB)</i>	Actual 365 Fixed (No Leap Year)
<i>Act/365 (Canadian Bond)</i>	Actual 365 Fixed (Canadian Bond)
<i>T360, 30/360, 30/360 (Bond Basis), ACT/nACT, 30/360 US, 30U/360, 30US/360</i>	Thirty 360 (US)
<i>30E/360 (Eurobond Basis), 30E/360, 30/360 AIBD (Euro), 30E/360.ICMA, 30E/360 ICMA</i>	Thirty 360 (European)
<i>30E/360E, 30E/360 ISDA, 30E/360.ISDA, 30/360 German, 30/360 (German)</i>	Thirty 360 (German)
<i>30/360 Italian, 30/360 (Italian)</i>	Thirty 360 (Italian)
<i>ActActISDA, ACT/ACT.ISDA, Actual/Actual (ISDA), ActualActual (ISDA), ACT/ACT, ACT</i>	Actual Actual (ISDA)
<i>ActActISMA, Actual/Actual (ISMA), ActualActual (ISMA), ACT/ACT.ISMA</i>	Actual Actual (ISMA)
<i>ActActICMA, Actual/Actual (ICMA), ActualActual (ICMA), ACT/ACT.ICMA</i>	Actual Actual (ICMA)
<i>ActActAFB, ACT/ACT.AFB, Actual/Actual (AFB)</i>	Actual Actual (AFB)
<i>BUS/252, Business/252</i>	Brazilian Bus/252
<i>1/1</i>	1/1

Table 31: Allowable Values for DayCount Convention

Index	
On form CCY-INDEX-TENOR, and matching available indices in the market data configuration.	
Index Component	Allowable Values
CCY-INDEX	<i>EUR-EONIA</i>
	<i>EUR-ESTER, EUR-ESTR, EUR-STR</i>
	<i>EUR-EURIBOR, EUR-EURIBOR365</i>
	<i>EUR-LIBOR</i>
	<i>EUR-CMS</i>
	<i>USD-FedFunds</i>
	<i>USD-SOFR</i>
	<i>USD-Prime</i>
	<i>USD-LIBOR</i>
	<i>USD-SIFMA</i>
	<i>USD-CMS</i>
	<i>GBP-SONIA</i>
	<i>GBP-LIBOR</i>
	<i>GBP-CMS</i>
	<i>GBP-BoEBase</i>
	<i>JPY-LIBOR</i>
	<i>JPY-TIBOR</i>
	<i>JPY-EYTIBOR</i>
	<i>JPY-TONAR</i>
	<i>JPY-CMS</i>
	<i>CHF-LIBOR</i>
	<i>CHF-SARON</i>
	<i>AUD-LIBOR</i>
	<i>AUD-BBSW</i>
	<i>CAD-CDOR</i>
	<i>CAD-BA</i>
	<i>SEK-STIBOR</i>
	<i>SEK-LIBOR</i>
	<i>SEK-STINA</i>
	<i>DKK-LIBOR</i>
	<i>DKK-CIBOR</i>
	<i>DKK-CITA</i>
	<i>SGD-SIBOR</i>
	<i>SGD-SOR</i>
	<i>HKD-HIBOR</i>
	<i>HKD-HONIA</i>
	<i>NOK-NIBOR</i>
	<i>HUF-BUBOR</i>
	<i>IDR-IDRFIX</i>
	<i>INR-MIFOR</i>
	<i>MXN-TIE</i>
	<i>PLN-WIBOR</i>
	<i>RUB-MOSPRIME</i>
	<i>SKK-BRIBOR</i>
	<i>THB-THBFIX</i>
	<i>THB-THOR</i>
	<i>THB-TIBOR</i>
	<i>NZD-BKBM</i>
TENOR	An integer followed by <i>D, W, M or Y</i>

Defaults for FixingDays	
Index	Default value
Ibor indices	2, except for the Ibor indices below:
<i>USD-SIFMA</i>	1
<i>GBP-LIBOR</i>	0
<i>AUD-BBSW</i>	0
<i>CAD-CDOR</i>	0
<i>CNY-SHIBOR</i>	1
<i>HKD-HIBOR</i>	0
<i>MXN-TIE</i>	1
<i>MYR-KLIBOR</i>	0
<i>TRY-TRLIBOR</i>	0
<i>ZAR-JIBAR</i>	0
Overnight indices	0, except for the Overnight indices below:
<i>CHF-TOIS</i>	1
<i>CLP-CAMARA</i>	2
<i>PLN-POLONIA</i>	1
<i>DKK-DKKOIS</i>	1
<i>SEK-SIOR</i>	1

Table 33: Defaults for FixingDays

FX Index	
Index Format	Allowable Values
FX-SOURCE-CCY1-CCY2	The FX- part of the string stays constant for all currency pairs. SOURCE is the market data fixing source defined in the market configuration. CCY1 and CCY2 are the ISO currency codes of the fx pair. Fixings are expressed as amount in CCY2 for one unit of CCY1.

Table 34: Allowable values for FX index fixings.

Inflation CPI Index	
Trade Data	Allowable Values
Index for CPI leg	Any string (provided it is the ID of an inflation index in the market configuration)

Table 35: Allowable values for CPI index.

Credit CreditCurveId	
Trade Data	Allowable Values
CreditCurveId for credit trades - single name and index	Any string (provided it is the ID of a single name or index reference entity in the market configuration). Typically a RED-code with the <i>RED:</i> prefix Examples: <i>RED:2I65BRHH6</i> (CDX N.A. High Yield, Series 13, Version 1) <i>RED:008CA0/SNRFOR/USD/MR14</i> (Agilent Tech Senior USD)

Table 36: Allowable values for credit *CreditCurveId*

Equity Name	
Trade Data	Allowable Values
Name for equity trades	Any string (provided it is the ID of an equity in the market configuration). Typically a RIC-code with the <i>RIC:</i> prefix Examples: <i>RIC:.SPX</i> (S&P 500 Index) <i>RIC:EEM.N</i> (iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF)

Table 37: Allowable values for equity *Name*.

Commodity Curve Name	
Trade Data	Allowable Values
Name for commodity trades	Any string (provided it is the ID of an commodity in the market configuration)

Table 38: Allowable values for commodity data.

Tier	
Value	Description
SNRFOR	Senior unsecured for corporates or foreign debt for sovereigns
SUBLT2	Subordinated or lower Tier 2 debt for banks
SNRLAC	Senior loss absorbing capacity
SECDOM	Secured for corporates or domestic debt for sovereigns
JRSUBUT2	Junior subordinated or upper Tier 2 debt for banks
PREFT1	Preference shares or Tier 1 capital for banks
LIEN1	First lien
LIEN2	Second lien
LIEN3	Third lien

Table 39: Allowable values for *Tier*

DocClause	
Value	Description
CR	Full or old restructuring referencing the 2003 ISDA Definitions
MM	Modified modified restructuring referencing the 2003 ISDA Definitions
MR	Modified restructuring referencing the 2003 ISDA Definitions
XR	No restructuring referencing the 2003 ISDA Definitions
CR14	Full or old restructuring referencing the 2014 ISDA Definitions
MM14	Modified modified restructuring referencing the 2014 ISDA Definitions
MR14	Modified restructuring referencing the 2014 ISDA Definitions
XR14	No restructuring referencing the 2014 ISDA Definitions

Table 40: Allowable values for DocClause

Exchange	
Trade Data	Allowable Values
Exchange	Any string, typically a MIC code (provided it is the ID of an exchange in the market configuration)

Table 41: Allowable Values for Exchange

Boolean nodes	
Node Value	Evaluates To
Y, YES, TRUE, true, 1	true
N, NO, FALSE, false, 0	false

Table 42: Allowable values for boolean node

9 Netting Set Definitions

The netting set definitions file - `netting.xml` - contains a list of definitions for various ISDA netting agreements. The file is written in XML format.

Each netting set is defined within its own `NettingSet` node. All of these `NettingSet` nodes are contained as children of a `NettingSetDefinitions` node.

There are two distinct cases to consider:

- An ISDA agreement which does not contain a *Credit Support Annex* (CSA).
- An ISDA agreement which does contain a CSA.

9.1 Uncollateralised Netting Set

If an ISDA agreement does not contain a Credit Support Annex, the portfolio exposures are not eligible for collateralisation. In such a case the netting set can be defined within the following XML template:

Listing 270: Uncollateralised netting set definition

```
<NettingSet>
  <NettingSetId> </NettingSetId>
  <ActiveCSAFlag> </ActiveCSAFlag>
  <CSADetails></CSADetails>
</NettingSet>
```

The meanings of the various elements are as follows:

- `NettingSetId`: The unique identifier for the ISDA netting set.
Allowable values: Any string
- `ActiveCSAFlag` [Optional]: Boolean indicating whether the netting set is covered by a Credit Support Annex. Allowable values: For uncollateralised netting sets this flag should be *False*. If left blank or omitted, defaults to *True*.
- `CSADetails` [Optional]: Node containing as children details of the governing Credit Support Annex. For uncollateralised netting sets, this node is not needed.

9.2 Collateralised Netting Set

If an ISDA agreement contains a Credit Support Annex, the portfolio exposures are eligible for collateralisation. In such a case the netting set can be defined within the following XML template:

```

<NettingSet>
  <NettingSetId> </NettingSetId>
  <ActiveCSAFlag> </ActiveCSAFlag>
  <CSADetails>
    <Bilateral> </Bilateral>
    <CSACurrency> </CSACurrency>
    <Index> </Index>
    <ThresholdPay> </ThresholdPay>
    <ThresholdReceive> </ThresholdReceive>
    <MinimumTransferAmountPay> </MinimumTransferAmountPay>
    <MinimumTransferAmountReceive> </MinimumTransferAmountReceive>
    <IndependentAmount>
      <IndependentAmountHeld> </IndependentAmountHeld>
      <IndependentAmountType> </IndependentAmountType>
    </IndependentAmount>
    <MarginingFrequency>
      <CallFrequency> </CallFrequency>
      <PostFrequency> </PostFrequency>
    </MarginingFrequency>
    <MarginPeriodOfRisk> </MarginPeriodOfRisk>
    <CollateralCompoundingSpreadReceive>
    </CollateralCompoundingSpreadReceive>
    <CollateralCompoundingSpreadPay> </CollateralCompoundingSpreadPay>
    <EligibleCollaterals>
      <Currencies>
        <Currency>USD</Currency>
        <Currency>EUR</Currency>
        <Currency>CHF</Currency>
        <Currency>GBP</Currency>
        <Currency>JPY</Currency>
        <Currency>AUD</Currency>
      </Currencies>
    </EligibleCollaterals>
    <ApplyInitialMargin>Y</ApplyInitialMargin>
    <InitialMarginType>Bilateral</InitialMarginType>
    <CalculateIMAmount>true</CalculateIMAmount>
    <CalculateVMAmount>true</CalculateVMAmount>
  </CSADetails>
</NettingSet>

```

CSADetails

The **CSADetails** node contains details of the Credit Support Annex which are relevant for the purposes of exposure calculation. The meanings of the various elements are as follows:

- **Bilateral** [Optional]: There are three possible values here:
 - *Bilateral*: Both parties to the CSA are legally entitled to request collateral to cover their counterparty credit risk exposure on the underlying portfolio.
 - *CallOnly*: Only we are entitled to hold collateral; the counterparty has no such entitlement.
 - *PostOnly*: Only the counterparty is entitled to hold collateral; we have no

such entitlement.

Defaults to *Bilateral* if left blank or omitted.

- **CSACurrency** [Optional]: A three-letter ISO code specifying the master currency of the CSA. All monetary values specified within the CSA are assumed to be denominated in this currency.
Allowable values: Any currency. See Table 28.
- **Index** [Optional]: The index is used to derive the fixing which is used for compounding cash collateral in the master currency of the CSA.
Allowable values: An alphanumeric string of the form CCY-INDEX-TENOR. CCY, INDEX and TENOR must be separated by dashes (-). CCY and INDEX must be among the supported currency and index combinations. TENOR must be an integer followed by *D*, *W*, *M* or *Y*, except for Overnight indices which do not require a TENOR. See Table 32.
- **ThresholdPay** [Optional]: A threshold amount above which the counterparty is entitled to request collateral to cover excess exposure.
Allowable values: Any number.
- **ThresholdReceive** [Optional]: A threshold amount above which we are entitled to request collateral from the counterparty to cover excess exposure.
Allowable values: Any number.
- **MinimumTransferAmountPay** [Optional]: Any margin calls issued by the counterparty must exceed this minimum transfer amount. If the collateral shortfall is less than this amount, the counterparty is not entitled to request margin.
Allowable values: Any number.
- **MinimumTransferAmountReceive** [Optional]: Any margin calls issued by us to the counterparty must exceed this minimum transfer amount. If the collateral shortfall is less than this amount, we are not entitled to request margin.
Allowable values: Any number.
- **IndependentAmount** [Optional]: This element contains two child nodes:
 - **IndependentAmountHeld**: The netted sum of all independent amounts covered by this ISDA agreement/CSA.
Allowable values: Any number. A negative number implies that the counterparty holds the independent amount.
 - **IndependentAmountType**: The nature of the independent amount as defined within the Credit Support Annex.
Allowable values: The only supported value here is *FIXED*.
- **MarginingFrequency**: This element contains two child nodes:
 - **CallFrequency**: The frequency with which we are entitled to request additional margin from the counterparty (e.g. *1D*, *2W*, *1M*).
Allowable values:
 - **PostFrequency**: The frequency with which the counterparty is entitled to request additional margin from us.

Allowable values: Any period definition (e.g. *2D*, *1W*, *1M*, *1Y*).

This covers only the case where only one party has to post an independent amount. In a future release this will be extended to the situation prescribed by the Basel/IOSCO regulation (initial margin to be posted by both parties without netting).

- **MarginPeriodOfRisk**: The length of time assumed necessary for closing out the portfolio position after a default event.
Allowable values: Any period definition (e.g. *2D*, *1W*, *1M*, *1Y*).
- **CollateralCompoundingSpreadReceive**: The spread over the O/N interest accrual rate taken by the clearing house, when holding collateral.
Allowable values: Any number.
- **CollateralCompoundingSpreadPay**: The spread over the O/N interest accrual rate taken by the clearing house, when collateral is held by the counterparty.
Allowable values: Any number.
- **EligibleCollaterals**: For now the only supported type of collateral is cash. If the CSA specifies a set of currencies which are eligible as collateral, these can be listed using **Currency** nodes.
Allowable values: Any currency. See Table 28.
- **ApplyInitialMargin**: Apply (dynamic) initial Margin in addition to variation margin
Allowable values: Boolean node, the set of allowable values is given in Table 42.
- **InitialMarginType** There are three possible values here:
 - *Bilateral*: Both parties to the CSA are legally entitled to request collateral to cover their MPOR risk exposure on the underlying portfolio.
 - *CallOnly*: Only we are entitled to hold collateral; the counterparty has no such entitlement.
 - *PostOnly*: Only the counterparty is entitled to hold collateral; we have no such entitlement.
- **CalculateIMAmount**: Boolean indicating whether to calculate initial margin from SIMM. For uncollateralised netting sets this flag will be ignored. This only applies to the SA-CCR calculations.
Allowable values: Boolean node, the set of allowable values is given in Table 42.
- **CalculateVMAmount**: Boolean indicating whether to calculate variation margin from the netting set NPV. For uncollateralised netting sets this flag will be ignored. This only applies to the SA-CCR calculations.
Allowable values: Boolean node, the set of allowable values is given in Table 42.

10 Market Data

In this section we discuss the market data, which enters into the calibration of OREs risk factor evolution models. Market data in the `market.txt` file is given in three columns; Date, Quote and Quote value.

- **Date:** The as of date of the market quote value.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- **Quote:** A generic description that contains Instrument Type and Quote Type, followed by instrument specific descriptions (see 10.1 ff.). The base of a quote consists of InstType/QuoteType followed by instrument specific information separated by slashes "/".

Allowable values for Instrument Types and Quote Types are given in Table 43.

- **Quote Value:** The market quote value in decimal form for the given quote on the given as of date. Quote values are assumed to be mid-market.

Allowable values: Any real number.

Market Data Parameter	Allowable Values
Instrument Type	<i>ZERO, DISCOUNT, MM, MM_FUTURE, FRA, IMM_FRA, IR_SWAP, BASIS_SWAP, CC_BASIS_SWAP, CDS, CDS_INDEX, FX_SPOT, FX_FWD, SWAPTION, CAPFLOOR, FX_OPTION, HAZARD_RATE, RECOVERY_RATE, ZC_INFLATIONSWAP, YY_INFLATIONSWAP, ZC_INFLATIONCAPFLOOR, SEASONALITY, EQUITY_SPOT, EQUITY_FWD, EQUITY_DIVIDEND, EQUITY_OPTION, BOND, INDEX_CDS_OPTION, CPR, COMMODITY, COMMODITY_FWD, COMMODITY_OPTION</i>
Quote Type	<i>BASIS_SPREAD, CREDIT_SPREAD, YIELD_SPREAD, HAZARD_RATE, RATE, RATIO, PRICE, RATE_LNVOL, RATE_NVOL, RATE_SLNVOL, BASE_CORRELATION, SHIFT</i>

Table 43: Allowable values for Instrument and Quote type market data.

An excerpt from a typical `market.txt` file is shown in Listing [272](#).

```

2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/0D/1D 0.013750
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/1D/1D 0.010500
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/2D/1D 0.010500
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/2D/1W 0.009500
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/2D/1M 0.008700
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/2D/2M 0.009100
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/2D/3M 0.010200
2011-01-31 MM/RATE/EUR/2D/4M 0.011000

2011-01-31 FRA/RATE/EUR/3M/3M 0.013080
2011-01-31 FRA/RATE/EUR/4M/3M 0.013890
2011-01-31 FRA/RATE/EUR/5M/3M 0.014630
2011-01-31 FRA/RATE/EUR/6M/3M 0.015230

2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/1Y 0.014400
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/1Y3M 0.015400
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/1Y6M 0.016500
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/2Y 0.018675
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/3Y 0.022030
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/4Y 0.024670
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/5Y 0.026870
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/6Y 0.028700
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/7Y 0.030125
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/8Y 0.031340
2011-01-31 IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/3M/9Y 0.032450

```

10.1 Zero Rate

The instrument specific information to be captured for quotes representing Zero Rates is shown in Table 44.

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>ZERO</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE, YIELD_SPREAD</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the Zero rate
CurveId	A CCY concatenated with a Tenor. Should match CurveIds in the <code>yield-curves.xml</code> file	Unique identifier for the yield curve associated with the zero quote
DayCounter	See DayCount Convention in Table 31	The day count basis associated with the zero quote
Tenor or ZeroDate	Tenor: An integer followed by D, W, M or Y, ZeroDate: See Date in Table 26	Either a Tenor for tenor based zero quotes, or an explicit maturity date (ZeroDate)

Table 44: Zero Rate

Examples with a Tenor and with a ZeroDate:

- ZERO/RATE/USD/USD6M/A365F/6M

- ZERO/RATE/USD/USD6M/A365F/12-05-2018

10.2 Discount Factor

The instrument specific information to be captured for quotes representing Discount Factors is shown in Table 45.

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>DISCOUNT</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the Discount rate
CurveId	A CCY concatenated with a Tenor. Should match CurveIds in the <code>yield-curves.xml</code> file	Unique identifier for the yield curve associated with the discount quote
Term or Discount-Date	Term: An integer followed by D, W, M or Y, Discount-Date: See Date in Table 26	Either a Term is used to determine the maturity date, or an explicit maturity date (Discount Date) is given.

Table 45: Discount Rate

If a Term is given in the last element of the quote, it is converted to a maturity date using the calendar, specified in the conventions. Bear in mind, only zero conventions (see Listing 108) can be used for the discount factor instruments.

Examples with a Term and with a DiscountDate:

- DISCOUNT/RATE/EUR/EUR3M/3Y
- DISCOUNT/RATE/EUR/EUR3M/A365F/12-05-2018

10.3 FX Spot Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>FX</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Unit currency	See Currency in Table 26	Unit/Source currency
Target currency	See Currency in Table 26	Target currency

Table 46: FX Spot Rate

Example:

- FX/RATE/EUR/USD

10.4 FX Forward Rate

An FX Forward quote is expected in either a “forward points” quotation, or an “outright” quotation.

The forward points convention is given by:

$$\text{Forward Points} = \frac{\text{FX Forward} - \text{FX Spot}}{\text{Conversion Factor}}$$

with conversion factor set to 1.

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>FX_FWD</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Unit currency	See Currency in Table 26	Unit/Source currency
Target currency	See Currency in Table 26	Target currency
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y.	Period from today to maturity

Table 47: FX Forward Rate

The forward outright is given by:

$$\text{Forward Outright} = \text{FX Spot} + \text{Forward Points} \times \text{Conversion Factor}$$

with conversion factor set to 1.

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>FX_FWD</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Unit currency	See Currency in Table 26	Unit/Source currency
Target currency	See Currency in Table 26	Target currency
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y.	Period from today to maturity

Table 48: FX Forward Rate

Example:

- FXFWD/RATE/EUR/USD/1M
- FXFWD/PRICE/EUR/USD/3M

10.5 Deposit Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>MM</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the Deposit rate
IndexName	Optional, any string	Generally used to differentiate money market rates referencing different interest rate indices with the same tenor
Forward start	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y.	Period from today to start
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y.	Period from start to maturity

Table 49: Deposit Rate

Deposits are usually quoted as ON (Overnight), TN (Tomorrow Next), SN (Spot Next), SW (Spot Week), 3W (3 Weeks), 6M (6 Months), etc.

Forward start for ON is today (i.e. forward start = 0D), for TN tomorrow (forward start = 1D), for SN two days from today (forward start = 2D). For longer term Deposits, forward start is derived from conventions, see 7.11, and is between 0D and 2D, i.e. "spot days" are between 0 and 2.

Example:

- MM/RATE/EUR/2D/3M

10.6 FRA Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>FRA</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the FRA rate
Forward start	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Period from today to start
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Period from start to maturity

Table 50: FRA Rate

FRAs are typically quoted as e.g. 6x9 which means forward start 6M from today, maturity 9M from today, with appropriate adjustment of dates.

IMM FRA quotes are represented as follows.

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>IMM_FRA</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the FRA rate
Start	An integer	Number of IMM dates from today to start
End	An integer	Number of IMM dates from today to maturity

Table 51: IMM FRA Rate

Example:

- FRA/RATE/EUR/9M/3M
- IMM_FRA/RATE/EUR/2/3

10.7 Money Market Futures Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>MM_FUTURE</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the MM Future price
Expiry	Alphanumeric string of the form YYYY-MM	Expiry month and year
Contract	String	Contract name
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Underlying Term

Table 52: Money Market Futures Price

Expiry month is quoted here as YYYY-MM. The exact expiry date follows from a date rule defined in the future conventions, see 7.11.3.

Example:

- MM_FUTURE/PRICE/EUR/2018-06/LIF3ME/3M

10.8 Overnight Index Futures Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>OI_FUTURE</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the Overnight Index Future price
Expiry	Alphanumeric string of the form YYYY-MM	Expiry month and year
Contract	String	Contract name
Term	An integer followed by M or Y	Underlying Term in months or years

Table 53: Overnight Index Futures Price

Expiry month is quoted here as YYYY-MM. The exact expiry date follows from a date rule defined in the future conventions, see 7.11.3.

Example: Three Months SOFR Futures (DEC 2019):

- OI_FUTURE/PRICE/USD/2019-12/CME:SR3Z2019/3M

10.9 Swap Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>IR_SWAP</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the Swap rate
IndexName	Optional, any string	Generally used to differentiate swaps referencing different interest rate indices with the same tenor
Forward start	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Generic period from today to start
Tenor	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Underlying index period
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Swap length from start to maturity

Table 54: Swap Rate

Forward start is usually not quoted, but needs to be derived from conventions.

Example:

- IR_SWAP/RATE/EUR/2D/6M/10Y

10.10 Basis Swap Spread

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>BASIS_SWAP</i>	
Quote Type	<i>BASIS_SPREAD</i>	
Flat tenor	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Zero spread leg's index tenor
Tenor	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Non-zero spread leg's index tenor
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the basis swap spread
Optional Identifier	String	Basis swap name
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Swap length from start to maturity

Table 55: Basis Swap Spread

Examples:

- BASIS_SWAP/BASIS_SPREAD/6M/3M/CHF/10Y
- BASIS_SWAP/BASIS_SPREAD/3M/1D/USD/2Y
- BASIS_SWAP/BASIS_SPREAD/3M/1D/USD/LIBOR_PRIME/2Y
- BASIS_SWAP/BASIS_SPREAD/3M/1D/USD/LIBOR_FEDFUNDS/2Y

10.11 Cross Currency Basis Swap Spread

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>CC_BASIS_SWAP</i>	
Quote Type	<i>BASIS_SPREAD</i>	
Flat currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency for zero spread leg
Flat tenor	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Zero spread leg's index tenor
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency for non-zero spread leg
Tenor	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Non-zero spread leg's index tenor
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Swap length from start to maturity

Table 56: Cross Currency Basis Swap Spread

Example:

- CC_BASIS_SWAP/BASIS_SPREAD/USD/3M/JPY/6M/10Y

10.12 CDS Spread

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	CDS	
Quote Type	CREDIT_SPREAD or CONV_CREDIT_SPREAD	
Entity	String	The CDS reference entity name
Tier	String	The CDS tier
DocClause	String	Optional, the CDS doc clause
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	The CDS currency
Term	A valid tenor string	The CDS tenor
RunningSpread	A number	The CDS running coupon in bps e.g. 100 for 0.01

Table 57: CDS spread quote

There are two possible quote types to allow for the presence of two CDS spread types in the market data. In particular, there is typically a conventional CDS spread and a par CDS spread quoted in the market. The quote type distinction here would allow the conventional spreads to be stored with quote type set to `CONV_CREDIT_SPREAD` and the par spreads to be stored with quote type set to `CREDIT_SPREAD`. As noted in the table above, the CDS documentation clause and CDS running spread is optional. The following list shows valid CDS spread quote examples.

- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/5Y
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/5Y/100
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14/5Y
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14/5Y/100
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/MR14/10Y
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/MR14/10Y/500
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/1Y
- CDS/CREDIT_SPREAD/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/1Y/500

10.13 CDS Upfront Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	CDS	
Quote Type	PRICE	
Entity	String	The CDS reference entity name
Tier	String	The CDS tier
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	The CDS currency
DocClause	String	Optional, the CDS doc clause
Term	A valid tenor string	The CDS tenor
RunningSpread	A number	The CDS running coupon in bps e.g. 100 for 0.01

Table 58: CDS upfront price quote

As noted in the table above, the CDS documentation clause and CDS running spread is optional. Note that if the running spread is omitted from the CDS upfront price quote string, it should be included in any default curve configuration that uses those quotes. In other words, to bootstrap a default curve from CDS price quotes, the contractual running spread needs to be provided in either the quote string or in the default curve configuration. If both are provided, the running spread in the quote string takes precedence. The following list shows valid CDS upfront price quote examples.

- CDS/PRICE/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/5Y
- CDS/PRICE/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/5Y/100
- CDS/PRICE/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14/5Y
- CDS/PRICE/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14/5Y/100
- CDS/PRICE/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/MR14/10Y
- CDS/PRICE/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/MR14/10Y/500
- CDS/PRICE/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/1Y
- CDS/PRICE/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/1Y/500

10.14 CDS Recovery Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	RECOVERY_RATE	
Quote Type	RATE	
Entity	String	The CDS reference entity name
Tier	String	The CDS tier
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	The CDS currency
DocClause	String	Optional, the CDS doc clause

Table 59: CDS Recovery Rate

As noted in the table above, the CDS documentation clause is optional. The following list shows valid recovery rate quote examples.

- RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/JPM/SNRFOR/USD
- RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/JPM/SNRFOR/USD/XR14
- RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR/MR14
- RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/RBS/SUBLT2/EUR

10.15 CDS Option Implied Volatility

A CDS option implied volatility quote can take any one of the following four forms:

1. INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[EXPIRY]
2. INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[EXPIRY]/[STRIKE]
3. INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[TERM]/[EXPIRY]
4. INDEX_CDS_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/[NAME]/[TERM]/[EXPIRY]/[STRIKE]

The terms in the quote string have the following interpretations:

- The [NAME] is the name of the CDS reference entity or index CDS.
- The [EXPIRY] is the expiry of the CDS option and may be a tenor or an explicit date.
- The [TERM] is optional and gives the term of the underlying CDS or index CDS. This should be a tenor e.g. 3Y, 5Y, etc.
- The [STRIKE] is optional and gives the strike of the CDS or index CDS option.

10.16 Security Recovery Rate

Bond recovery rates can also be specified per security. This requires only one key, the security ID, no need to specify a seniority or currency as for CDS:

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>RECOVERY_RATE</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
ID	String	Security ID

Table 60: Security Recovery Rate

Example:

- RECOVERY_RATE/RATE/SECURITY_1

10.17 Hazard Rate (Instantaneous Probability of Default)

This allows to directly pass hazard rates as instantaneous probabilities of default.

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>HAZARD_RATE</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Issuer	String	Issuer name
Seniority	String	Seniority status
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Hazard rate currency
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Generic period from start to maturity

Table 61: Hazard Rate

Example:

- HAZARD_RATE/RATE/CPTY_A/SR/USD/30Y
- HAZARD_RATE/RATE/CPTY_C/SR/EUR/0Y

10.18 FX Option Implied Volatility

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>FX_OPTION</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE_LNVOL</i>	
Unit currency	See Currency in Table 26	Unit/Source currency
Target currency	See Currency in Table 26	Target currency
Expiry	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Period from today to expiry
Strike	<i>ATM, RR, BF</i>	ATM (Straddle), RR (Risk Reversal), BF (Butterfly)

Table 62: FX Option Implied Volatility

Volatilities are quoted in terms of strategies - at-the-money straddle, risk reversal and butterfly.

Example:

- FX_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/USD/3M/ATM

10.19 Cap Floor Implied Volatility

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>CAPFLOOR</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE_LNVOL, RATE_NVOL, RATE_SLNVOL, SHIFT</i>	Lognormal quoted volatility, normal quoted volatility, shifted lognormal quoted volatility, shift quote.
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the cap floor volatility.
Term	A valid tenor string	Period from start to cap or floor maturity.
IndexTenor	A valid tenor string	Underlying index tenor e.g. 3M for EUR-EURIBOR-3M.
ATM	1 or 0	True, i.e. 1, for an ATM quote and false, i.e. 0, for a strike quote.
Relative	1 or 0	Should be set to 1 for a quote relative to ATM and to 0 for an absolute strike quote.
Strike	Real number	Strike of cap or floor. Should be set to 0 for an ATM quote.

Table 63: Cap floor implied volatility quote

If a cap floor shift quote needs to be provided, i.e. in the case of a shifted lognormal surface, the quote is of the form **CAPFLOOR/SHIFT/Currency/IndexTenor** where the meaning of **Currency** and **IndexTenor** are given in Table 63.

We have the following examples of cap floor implied volatility quotes:

- **CAPFLOOR/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/10Y/6M/1/1/0**: 10Y ATM cap floor implied lognormal volatility quote where the index tenor is 6M.
- **CAPFLOOR/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/10Y/6M/0/0/0.035**: 10Y 3.5% strike cap floor implied lognormal volatility quote where the index tenor is 6M.

10.20 Swaption Implied Volatility

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>SWAPTION</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE_LNVOL</i> , <i>RATE_NVOL</i> , <i>RATE_SLNVOL</i> , <i>SHIFT</i>	Lognormal quoted volatility, Normal quoted volatility, shifted lognormal quoted volatility, shift quote.
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the Swaption volatility
Expiry	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Period from start to expiry
Term	An integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Underlying Swap term
Dimension	<i>Smile</i> , <i>ATM</i>	Whether volatility quote is a Smile or ATM
Strike	Real number	Strike rate - (not required for ATM), as deviation from the ATM strike

Table 64: Swaption Implied Volatility

Note: The volatility quote is expected to be an absolute volatility, and not the deviation from the at-the-money volatility (the latter is e.g. the quotation convention used by BGC partners).

If a swaption shift quote needs to be provided, i.e. in the case of a shifted lognormal surface, the quote is of the form **SWAPTION/SHIFT/Currency/Term** where the meaning of **Currency** and **Term** are given in Table 64.

Examples:

- **SWAPTION/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/5Y/10Y/ATM** (absolute ATM vol quote)
- **SWAPTION/RATE_LNVOL/EUR/5Y/10Y/Smile/0.0050** (absolute vol quote for ATM strike plus 50bp)

10.21 Equity Spot Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>EQUITY_SPOT</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the equity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the equity

Table 65: Equity Spot Price

10.22 Equity Forward Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>EQUITY_FWD</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the equity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the equity
Maturity	Date string, or integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the forward quote

Table 66: Equity Forward Price

Examples:

- EQUITY_FWD/PRICE/SP5/USD/2016-06-16
- EQUITY_FWD/PRICE/SP5/USD/2Y

10.23 Equity Dividend Yield

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>EQUITY_DIVIDEND</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the equity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the equity
Maturity	Date string, or integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the forward quote

Table 67: Equity Dividend Yield Rate

Examples:

- EQUITY_DIVIDEND/RATE/SP5/USD/2016-06-16
- EQUITY_DIVIDEND/RATE/SP5/USD/2Y

10.24 Equity Option Implied Volatility

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>EQUITY_OPTION</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE_LNVOL</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the equity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the equity
Expiry	Date string, or integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the forward quote
Strike	ATM/AtmSpot (= ATM), ATM/AtmFwd (=ATMF), MNY/[Spot|Fwd]/1.2 where 1.2 is the moneyness level, or a Real for an absolute strike	strike
CallPut	C for Call, P for Put	Optional Call/Put flag (defaults to Call)

Table 68: Equity Option Implied Volatility

Volatilities are quoted as a function of strike price - either at-the-money spot or forward, a moneyness level or else a specified real number, corresponding to the absolute strike value. Only log-normal implied volatilities (*RATE_LNVOL*) are supported.

If K is the absolute strike, S the spot, F the forward and m the moneyness level, we have $K = Sm$ if spot moneyness and $K = Fm$ if forward moneyness is specified.

Example:

- EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/SP5/USD/6M/ATMF
- EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/SP5/USD/2018-06-30/ATMF
- EQUITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/SP5/USD/6M/MNY/Fwd/1.2

10.25 Equity Option Premium

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>EQUITY_OPTION</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the equity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the equity
Expiry	Date string, or integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the forward quote
Strike	ATM/AtmSpot (= ATM), ATM/AtmFwd (=ATMF) or a Real for an absolute strike	strike
CallPut	C for Call, P for Put	Optional Call/Put flag (defaults to Call)

Table 69: Equity Option Premium

Premiums are quoted as a function of strike price - either at-the-money spot or forward or else a specified real number, corresponding to the absolute strike value.

Example:

- EQUITY_OPTION/PRICE/SP5/USD/6M/ATMF
- EQUITY_OPTION/PRICE/SP5/USD/2018-06-30/2000
- EQUITY_OPTION/PRICE/SP5/USD/2018-06-30/2000/C

10.26 Commodity Spot Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>COMMODITY</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the commodity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the commodity

Table 70: Commodity Spot Price

Examples:

- COMMODITY/PRICE/PM:XAUUSD/USD

10.27 Commodity Forward Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>COMMODITY_FWD</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the commodity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the commodity
Maturity	Date string, or integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the forward quote

Table 71: Commodity Forward Price

Examples:

- COMMODITY_FWD/PRICE/NYMEX:CL/USD/2030-11-20

10.28 Commodity Option Implied Volatility

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>COMMODITY_OPTION</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE_LNVOL</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the commodity
Currency	See Currency in Table 26	Currency of the commodity
Expiry	Date string, or integer followed by D, W, M or Y or continuation notation c1, c2, etc	Expiry of the volatility quote, for continuation notation c1 indicates the next expiry, c2 the one after that, etc.
Vol Quote Type, or Absolute Strike	DEL, ATM or MNY or a Real for absolute strikes	DEL is for delta quotes, i.e. the volatility is for a call or put option with a given delta. ATM is for At-The-Money volatility quotes. MNY is for volatility smile quotes for given relative moneyness levels. Each Vol Quote Type is described further in sub-tables below. Note that instead of a Vol Quote Type, an absolute strike level can be entered

Table 72: Commodity Option Implied Volatility - Root table

Property	Allowable values	Description
Vol Quote Type	DEL, ATM or MNY	In this table it is assumed DEL is chosen.
Delta Convention	Fwd or Spot	Delta forward or spot quote
Option Type	Call or Put	Option type for the delta quote
Delta	a positive Real number, typically between 0.1 and 0.45	Delta, e.g. a delta of 0.40 for a Call means that if the underlying commodity price increases by 1 unit, the call option price increases by 0.40 units

Table 73: Commodity Option Implied Volatility - Delta Quotes Table

Property	Allowable values	Description
Vol Quote Type	DEL, ATM or MNY	In this table it is assumed ATM is chosen.
Atm Convention	AtmFwd, AtmSpot, or AtmDeltaNeutral	Atm Forward or Atm Spot quote, to be used standalone, or when the smile is given by moneyness (MNY) quotes. The Delta Neutral Atm to be used as standalone, or when the smile is given by delta (DEL) quotes. Note that when AtmFwd or AtmSpot are used, the string stops here, no further entries "tokens" are required
Atm Quote Type	DEL	When AtmDeltaNeutral is used, the quote type must be set to Delta (DEL)
Atm Delta Convention	Fwd or Spot	When AtmDeltaNeutral is used, the Atm delta quote can be a Spot or Forward quote.

Table 74: Commodity Option Implied Volatility - ATM Quotes Table

Property	Allowable values	Description
Vol Quote Type	DEL, ATM or MNY	In this table it is assumed MNY is chosen.
Moneyness Type	Fwd or Spot	Moneyness Forward or Spot quote
Moneyness	a positive Real number	The relative moneyness expressed in decimal form, relative to the AtmSpot or the AtmFwd strikes

Table 75: Commodity Option Implied Volatility - Moneyness Quotes Table

Volatilities are quoted:

- as a function of the delta - either the delta neutral at-the-money spot or forward, or for a call or put option with a given delta, or
- as a function of strike price - either at-the-money spot or forward, or a relative strike moneyness level, or else
- as a specified real number, corresponding to the absolute strike value.

Only log-normal implied commodity volatilities (`RATE_LNVOL`) are supported.

For strike quoted volatilities, If K is the absolute strike, S the spot, F the forward and m the moneyness level, we have $K = Sm$ if spot moneyness and $K = Fm$ if forward moneyness is specified.

Example of delta forward quotes:

```
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/ICE:B/USD/c9/DEL/Fwd/Put/0.40
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/ICE:B/USD/c9/DEL/Fwd/Put/0.45
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/ICE:B/USD/c9/ATM/AtmDeltaNeutral/DEL/Fwd
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/ICE:B/USD/c9/DEL/Fwd/Call/0.45
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/ICE:B/USD/c9/DEL/Fwd/Call/0.40
```

Example of delta spot quotes:

```
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAGEUR/EUR/1Y/DEL/Spot/Put/0.35
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAGEUR/EUR/1Y/DEL/Spot/Put/0.45
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAGEUR/EUR/1Y/ATM/AtmDeltaNeutral/DEL
/Spot
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAGEUR/EUR/1Y/DEL/Spot/Call/0.25
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAGEUR/EUR/1Y/DEL/Spot/Call/0.15
```

Example of forward strike quotes with relative moneyness:

```
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/NYMEX:AA5/USD/c11/MNY/Fwd/1.40
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/NYMEX:AA5/USD/c11/MNY/Fwd/1.20
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/NYMEX:AA5/USD/c11/ATM/AtmFwd
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/NYMEX:AA5/USD/c11/MNY/Fwd/0.80
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/NYMEX:AA5/USD/c11/MNY/Fwd/0.60
```

Example of absolute moneyness quotes:

```
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAUUSD/USD/c12/1600
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAUUSD//USD/c12/1700
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAUUSD//USD/c12/1800
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAUUSD//USD/c12/1900
COMMODITY_OPTION/RATE_LNVOL/PM:XAUUSD//USD/c12/2000
```

10.29 Zero Coupon Inflation Swap Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<code>ZC_INFLATIONSWAP</code>	
Quote Type	<code>RATE</code>	
Index	String	Identifying name of the inflation index
Maturity	integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the swap quote

Table 76: Zero Coupon Inflation Swap Rate

Examples:

- ZC_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/EUHICPXT/1Y
- ZC_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/EUHICPXT/2Y

Examples for inflation index names include EUHICP, EUHICPXT, FRHICP, FRCPI, UKRPI, USCPI, ZACPI, BEHICP, AUCPI.

10.30 Year on Year Inflation Swap Rate

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>YY_INFLATIONSWAP</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Index	String	Identifying name of the inflation index
Maturity	integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the swap quote

Table 77: Year on Year Inflation Swap Rate

Examples:

- YY_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/EUHICPXT/1Y
- YY_INFLATIONSWAP/RATE/EUHICPXT/2Y

Examples for inflation index names include EUHICP, EUHICPXT, FRHICP, FRCPI, UKRPI, USCPI, ZACPI, BEHICP.

10.31 Zero Coupon Inflation Cap Floor Price

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>ZC_INFLATIONCAPFLOOR</i>	
Quote Type	<i>PRICE</i>	
Index	String	Identifying name of the inflation index
Maturity	integer followed by D, W, M or Y	Maturity of the swap quote
Cap/Floor	C or F	Cap or Floor tag
Strike	Real number	Strike

Table 78: Zero Coupon Inflation Cap Floor Price

Examples:

- ZC_INFLATIONCAPFLOOR/PRICE/EUHICPXT/1Y/F/-0.02
- ZC_INFLATIONCAPFLOOR/PRICE/EUHICPXT/2Y/C/0.01

Examples for inflation index names include EUHICP, EUHICPXT, FRHICP, FRCPI, UKRPI, USCPI, ZACPI, BEHICP.

10.32 Inflation Seasonality Correction Factors

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>SEASONALITY</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Type	MULT	Type of the correction factor
Index	String	Identifying name of the inflation index
Month	JAN, ..., DEC	Month of the correction factor

Table 79: Inflation Seasonality Correction Factors

Examples:

- SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/EUHICPXT/JAN
- SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/EUHICPXT/FEB
- SEASONALITY/RATE/MULT/EUHICPXT/NOV

Examples for inflation index names include EUHICP, EUHICPXT, FRHICP, FRCPI, UKRPI, USCPI, ZACPI, BEHICP.

10.33 Bond Yield Spreads

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>BOND</i>	
Quote Type	<i>YIELD_SPREAD</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the bond

Table 80: Bond Yield Spreads

This quote provides the spread for a specified bond over the benchmark rate.

Examples:

- BOND/YIELD_SPREAD/SECURITY_1

10.34 Base Correlations

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>CDS_INDEX</i>	
Quote Type	<i>BASE_CORRELATION</i>	
Index	String	CDS index name
Term	Period (e.g. 5Y)	Term on the base correlation curve, the curve is flat if quotes for only one term are provided
DetachmentPoint	Real in (0..1)	Detachment point of the equity tranche this quote refers to

Table 81: Base correlation quotes

This quote provides the base correlation for a CDS index' equity tranche with the specified detachment point. Example:

- CDS_INDEX/BASE_CORRELATION/2I65BYBD6/5Y/0.03

Typically there are several base correlation quotes per term for several detachment points such as 0.03, 0.07, 0.15.

10.35 Correlations

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>Correlation</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE or PRICE</i>	
Index1	String	Identifying name of the first index
Index2	String	Identifying name of the second index

Table 82: Correlation quotes

This quote either provides the correlation between two indices, in which case Quote Type is RATE, or a premium that can be used to bootstrap the correlations, in which case Quote Type is Price. Currently only CMS Spread correlations are supported, in this case the Price quote is the price of a CMS Spread Cap.

Examples:

- CORRELATION/RATE/INDEX1/INDEX2/1Y/ATM

10.36 Conditional Prepayment Rates

Property	Allowable values	Description
Instrument Type	<i>CPR</i>	
Quote Type	<i>RATE</i>	
Name	String	Identifying name of the bond

Table 83: Conditional Prepayment Rates

This quote provides the spread for a specified bond over the benchmark rate.

Examples:

- CPR/RATE/SECURITY_1

11 Fixing History

Historical fixings data in the `fixings.txt` file is given in three columns; Index Name, Fixing Date and Index value. Columns are separated by semicolons ";" or blanks. Fixings are used in cases where the current coupon of a trade has been fixed in the past, or other path dependent features.

- Fixing Date: The date of the fixing.

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table 26.

- Index Name: The name of the Index.

Allowable values are given in Table 84.

- Index Value: The index value for the given fixing date.

Allowable values: Any real number (not expressed as a percentage or basis points).

An excerpt of a fixings file is shown in Listing 273. Note that alternative index name formats are used (Table 84).

Listing 273: Excerpt of a fixings file

```
20150202 EUR-EONIA -0.00024
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-1M 0.00003
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-1W -0.00022
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-2W -0.00017
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-3M 0.00055
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-3M 0.00055
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-6M 0.00134
20150202 EUR-EURIBOR-6M 0.00271
20150202 GBP-LIBOR-12M 0.009565
20150202 GBP-LIBOR-1M 0.0050381
20150202 GBP-LIBOR-1W 0.0047938
20150202 GBP-LIBOR-3M 0.0056338
20150202 GBP-LIBOR-6M 0.006825
20150202 JPY-LIBOR-12M 0.0026471
20150202 JPY-LIBOR-1M 0.0007143
20150202 JPY-LIBOR-1W 0.0004357
20150202 JPY-LIBOR-3M 0.0010429
20150202 JPY-LIBOR-6M 0.0014357
20150202 USD-LIBOR-12M 0.006194
20150202 USD-LIBOR-1M 0.001695
20150202 USD-LIBOR-1W 0.00136
20150202 USD-CMS-10Y 0.01500
20150202 EUR-CMS-20Y 0.01700
20150202 FX-ECB-EUR-USD 1.0919
20150801 FRHICP 100.36
```

IR Index of form CCY-INDEX-TENOR:	
Index Component	Allowable Values
CCY-INDEX	<i>EUR-EONIA</i>
	<i>EUR-EURIBOR</i>
	<i>EUR-LIBOR</i>
	<i>USD-FedFunds</i>
	<i>USD-Prime</i>
	<i>USD-LIBOR</i>
	<i>GBP-SONIA</i>
	<i>GBP-LIBOR</i>
	<i>JPY-TONAR</i>
	<i>JPY-LIBOR</i>
	<i>CHF-LIBOR</i>
	<i>CHF-TOIS</i>
	<i>AUD-LIBOR</i>
	<i>AUD-BBSW</i>
	<i>CAD-CDOR</i>
	<i>CAD-BA</i>
	<i>CAD-LIBOR</i>
	<i>SEK-STIBOR</i>
	<i>SEK-STINA</i>
	<i>SEK-LIBOR</i>
	<i>DKK-LIBOR</i>
	<i>DKK-CIBOR</i>
	<i>DKK-CITA</i>
	<i>SGD-SIBOR</i>
	<i>HKD-HIBOR</i>
	<i>CZK-PRIBOR</i>
	<i>HUF-BUBOR</i>
	<i>IDR-IDRFIX</i>
	<i>INR-MIFOR</i>
	<i>JPY-TIBOR</i>
	<i>JPY-EYTIBOR</i>
	<i>KRW-KORIBOR</i>
	<i>MXN-TIIE</i>
	<i>MYR-KLIBOR</i>
	<i>NOK-NIBOR</i>
	<i>NZD-BKBM</i>
	<i>PLN-WIBOR</i>
	<i>RUB-MOSPRIME</i>
	<i>SEK-STIBOR</i>
	<i>SGD-SOR</i>
	<i>SKK-BRIBOR</i>
	<i>TWD-TAIBOR</i>
	<i>THB-THBFIX</i>
	<i>THB-BIBOR</i>
	<i>ZAR-JIBAR</i>
	<i>DEM-LIBOR</i>
TENOR	An integer followed by <i>D</i> , <i>W</i> , <i>M</i> or <i>Y</i>

Table 84: Allowable values for IR indices.

If the interest rate index is for an overnight rate (e.g. EONIA), then the third token (i.e. the tenor) is not needed.

IR Swap Index of form CCY-CMS-TENOR or CCY-CMS-TAG-TENOR:	
Index Component	Allowable Values
CCY	Any supported currency code
CMS	Must be “CMS” (to denote a swap index)
TAG	An optional tag that allows to define several CMS indices per currency
TENOR	An integer followed by <i>D</i> , <i>W</i> , <i>M</i> or <i>Y</i>

Table 85: Allowable values for IR swap indices.

FX fixings of form FX-SOURCE-FOR-DOM:	
Index Component	Allowable Values
FX	Must be “FX” (to denote an FX fixing)
SOURCE	Any string
FOR	Any supported currency code
DOM	Any supported currency code

Table 86: Allowable values for FX fixings.

Zero Inflation Indices of form NAME:	
Index Component	Allowable Values
NAME	<i>CACPI</i> <i>DKCPI</i> <i>EUHICP</i> <i>EUHICPXT</i> <i>FRHICP</i> <i>FRCPI</i> <i>SECPI</i> <i>UKRPI</i> <i>USCPI</i> <i>ZACPI</i> <i>BEHICP</i>

Table 87: Allowable values for zero inflation indices.

Generic Indices of form GENERIC-NAME:	
Index Component	Allowable Values
GENERIC	Must be “GENERIC” (to denote a generic fixing)
NAME	Any string

Table 88: Allowable values for generic indices.

12 Dividends History

Historical dividend payments data in the `dividends.txt` file is given in three columns; Equity Name, Ex-Dividend Date and Dividend Amount in the Currency of the Equity Curve. Columns are separated by semicolons ";" or blanks. Dividends are used in some trades with path dependent features.

- Ex-Dividend Date: The day the stock starts trading without the value of the dividend payment

Allowable values: See **Date** in Table [26](#).

- Equity Name: The name of the dividend paying equity.

Allowable values are the names of the Equity Curves defined in `curveconfig.xml`.

- Dividend Amount: The amount of the dividend payment date.

Allowable values: Any real number (not expressed as a percentage).

An excerpt of a fixings file is shown in Listing [274](#).

Listing 274: Excerpt of a dividends file

20130411	DAI:GR	2.2
20140410	DAI:GR	2.25
20150402	DAI:GR	2.45
20160407	DAI:GR	3.25
20170330	DAI:GR	3.25
20180406	DAI:GR	3.65
20190523	DAI:GR	3.25
20120815	HSBA:LN	5.5538
20121024	HSBA:LN	5.604
20130320	HSBA:LN	11.585
20130522	HSBA:LN	6.58
20130821	HSBA:LN	6.2033
20131023	HSBA:LN	6.102
20140312	HSBA:LN	11.2919
20140521	HSBA:LN	5.8768
20140820	HSBA:LN	6.1622
20141023	HSBA:LN	6.3633
20150305	HSBA:LN	13.4
20150521	HSBA:LN	6.3709
20150813	HSBA:LN	6.4436
20151022	HSBA:LN	6.6015
20160303	HSBA:LN	14.7908
20160519	HSBA:LN	7.5421
20160811	HSBA:LN	7.6633
20161020	HSBA:LN	8.0417
20170223	HSBA:LN	16.6757
20170518	HSBA:LN	7.8636
20170803	HSBA:LN	7.577
20171012	HSBA:LN	7.6405
20180222	HSBA:LN	14.762
20180517	HSBA:LN	7.5502
20180816	HSBA:LN	7.632
20181011	HSBA:LN	7.78
20190221	HSBA:LN	15.9271
20190516	HSBA:LN	7.8368

A Methodology Summary

A.1 Risk Factor Evolution Model

ORE applies the cross asset model described in detail in [21] to evolve the market through time. So far the evolution model in ORE supports IR and FX risk factors for any number of currencies, Equity and Inflation as well as Credit. Extensions to full simulation of Commodity is planned.

The Cross Asset Model is based on the Linear Gauss Markov model (LGM) for interest rates, lognormal FX and equity processes, Dodgson-Kainth model for inflation, LGM or Extended Cox-Ingersoll-Ross model (CIR++) for credit, and a single-factor log-normal model for commodity curves. We identify a single *domestic* currency; its LGM process, which is labelled z_0 ; and a set of n foreign currencies with associated LGM processes that are labelled z_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$.

We denote the equity spot price processes with state variables s_j and the index of the denominating currency for the equity process as $\phi(j)$. The dividend yield corresponding to each equity process s_j is denoted by q_j .

Following [21], 13.27 - 13.29 we write the inflation processes in the domestic LGM measure with state variables $z_{I,k}$ and $y_{I,k}$ for $k = 1, \dots, K$ and the credit processes in the domestic LGM measure with state variables C, k and $y_{C,k}$ for $k = 1, \dots, K$. If we consider n foreign exchange rates for converting foreign currency amounts into the single domestic currency by multiplication, x_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$, then the cross asset model is given by the system of SDEs

$$\begin{aligned}
dz_0 &= \alpha_0 dW_0^z \\
dz_i &= \gamma_i dt + \alpha_i dW_i^z, \quad i > 0 \\
\frac{dx_i}{x_i} &= \mu_i dt + \sigma_i dW_i^x, \quad i > 0 \\
\frac{ds_j}{s_j} &= \mu_j^S dt + \sigma_j^S dW_j^S \\
dz_{I,k} &= \alpha_{I,k}(t) dW_k^I \\
dy_{I,k} &= \alpha_{I,k}(t) H_{I,k}(t) dW_k^I \\
dz_{C,k} &= \alpha_{C,k}(t) dW_k^C \\
dy_{C,k} &= H_{C,k}(t) \alpha_{C,k}(t) dW_k^C \\
\gamma_i &= -\alpha_i^2 H_i - \rho_{ii}^{zx} \sigma_i \alpha_i + \rho_{i0}^{zz} \alpha_i \alpha_0 H_0 \\
\mu_i &= r_0 - r_i + \rho_{0i}^{zx} \alpha_0 H_0 \sigma_i \\
\mu_j^S &= (r_{\phi(j)}(t) - q_j(t) + \rho_{0j}^{zs} \alpha_0 H_0 \sigma_j^S - \epsilon_{\phi(j)} \rho_{j\phi(j)}^{sx} \sigma_j^S \sigma_{\phi(j)}) \\
r_i &= f_i(0, t) + z_i(t) H_i'(t) + \zeta_i(t) H_i(t) H_i'(t), \quad \zeta_i(t) = \int_0^t \alpha_i^2(s) ds \\
dW_a^\alpha dW_b^\beta &= \rho_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} dt, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \{z, x, I, C\}, \quad a, b \text{ suitable indices}
\end{aligned}$$

where we have dropped time dependencies for readability, $f_i(0, t)$ is the instantaneous forward curve in currency i , and ϵ_i is an indicator such that $\epsilon_i = 1 - \delta_{0i}$, where δ is the Kronecker delta.

Parameters $H_i(t)$ and $\alpha_i(t)$ (or alternatively $\zeta_i(t)$) are LGM model parameters which determine, together with the stochastic factor $z_i(t)$, the evolution of numeraire and zero bond prices in the LGM model:

$$N(t) = \frac{1}{P(0, t)} \exp \left\{ H_t z_t + \frac{1}{2} H_t^2 \zeta_t \right\} \quad (13)$$

$$P(t, T, z_t) = \frac{P(0, T)}{P(0, t)} \exp \left\{ -(H_T - H_t) z_t - \frac{1}{2} (H_T^2 - H_t^2) \zeta_t \right\}. \quad (14)$$

Note that the LGM model is closely related to the Hull-White model in T-forward measure [21].

The parameters $H_{I,k}(t)$ and $\alpha_{I,k}(t)$ determine together with the factors $z_{I,k}(t), y_{I,k}(t)$ the evolution of the spot Index $I(t)$ and the forward index $\hat{I}(t, T) = P_I(t, T)/P_n(t, T)$ defined as the ratio of the inflation linked zero bond and the nominal zero bond,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{I}(t, T) &= \frac{\hat{I}(0, T)}{\hat{I}(0, t)} e^{(H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(t)) z_{I,k}(t) + \tilde{V}(t, T)} \\ I(t) &= I(0) \hat{I}(0, t) e^{H_{I,k}(t) z_{I,k}(t) - y_{I,k}(t) - V(0, t)} \end{aligned}$$

with, in case of domestic currency inflation,

$$\begin{aligned} V(t, T) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T (H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(s))^2 \alpha_{I,k}^2(s) ds \\ &\quad - \rho_{0,k}^{zI} H_0(T) \int_t^T (H_{I,k}(t) - H_{I,k}(s)) \alpha_0(s) \alpha_{I,k}(s) ds \\ \tilde{V}(t, T) &= V(t, T) - V(0, T) - V(0, t) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (H_{I,k}^2(T) - H_{I,k}^2(t)) \zeta_{I,k}(t, 0) \\ &\quad + (H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(t)) \zeta_{I,k}(t, 1) \\ &\quad + (H_0(T) H_{I,k}(T) - H_0(t) H_{I,k}(t)) \zeta_{0I}(t, 0) \\ &\quad - (H_0(T) - H_0(t)) \zeta_{0I}(t, 1) \\ V(0, t) &= \frac{1}{2} H_{I,k}^2(t) \zeta_{I,k}(t, 0) - H_{I,k}(t) \zeta_{I,k}(t, 1) + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_{I,k}(t, 2) \\ &\quad - H_0(t) H_{I,k}(t) \zeta_{0I}(t, 0) + H_0(t) \zeta_{0I}(t, 1) \\ \zeta_{I,k}(t, k) &= \int_0^t H_{I,k}^k(s) \alpha_{I,k}^2(s) ds \\ \zeta_{0I}(t, k) &= \rho_{0,k}^{zI} \int_0^t H_{I,k}^k(t) \alpha_0(s) \alpha_{I,k}(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

and for foreign currency inflation in currency $i > 0$, with

$$\tilde{V}(t, T) = V(t, T) - V(0, T) + V(0, T)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
V(t, T) = & \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T (H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(s))^2 \alpha_{I,k}(s) ds \\
& - \rho_{0,k}^{zI} \int_t^T H_0(s) \alpha_0(s) (H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(s)) \alpha_{I,k}(s) ds \\
& - \rho_{i,k}^{zI} \int_t^T (H_i(T) - H_i(s)) \alpha_i(s) (H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(s)) \alpha_{I,k}(s) ds \\
& + \rho_{i,k}^{xI} \int_t^T \sigma_i(s) (H_{I,k}(T) - H_{I,k}(s)) \alpha_{I,k}(s) ds
\end{aligned}$$

Commodity

Each commodity component models the commodity price curve as

$$\frac{dF(t, T)}{F(t, T)} = \sigma e^{-\kappa(T-t)} dW(t) \quad (15)$$

which is a single-factor version of the Gabillon (1991) model that is e.g. described in [21]. It can also be seen as the Schwartz (1997) model formulated in terms of forward curve dynamics. The extension to the full Gabillon model with two factors and time-dependent multiplier

$$\frac{dF(t, T)}{F(t, T)} = \alpha(t) (\sigma_S e^{-\kappa(T-t)} dW_S(t) + \sigma_L (1 - e^{-\kappa(T-t)}) dW_L(t)) \quad (16)$$

for richer dynamics of the curve and accurate calibration to options will follow.

The commodity components' Wiener processes can be correlated. However, the integration of commodity components into the overall CAM assumes zero correlations between commodities and non-commodity drivers for the time being.

To propagate the one-factor model, we can use an artificial (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck) spot price process

$$\begin{aligned}
dX(t) &= -\kappa X(t) dt + \sigma(t) dW(t), \quad X(0) = 0 \\
X(t) &= X(s) e^{-\kappa(t-s)} + \int_s^t \sigma e^{-\kappa(t-u)} dW(u)
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
F(t, T) &= F(0, T) \exp \left(X(t) e^{-\kappa(T-t)} - \frac{1}{2} (V(0, T) - V(t, T)) \right) \\
V(t, T) &= e^{-2\kappa T} \int_t^T \sigma^2 e^{2\kappa u} du.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\mathbb{V}[\ln F(T, T)] = \mathbb{V}[X(T)]$$

is the variance that is used in the pricing of a Futures Option which in turn is used in the calibration of the Schwartz model.

Alternatively, one can use the drift-free state variable $Y(t) = e^{\kappa t} X(t)$ with

$$dY(t) = \sigma e^{\kappa t} dW(t).$$

Both choices of state dynamics are possible in ORE.

A.2 Analytical Moments of the Risk Factor Evolution Model

We follow [21], chapter 16. The expectation of the interest rate process z_i conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0} at $t_0 + \Delta t$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{t_0}[z_i(t_0 + \Delta t)] &= z_i(t_0) + \mathbb{E}_{t_0}[\Delta z_i], \quad \text{with } \Delta z_i = z_i(t_0 + \Delta t) - z_i(t_0) \\ &= z_i(t_0) - \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} H_i^z (\alpha_i^z)^2 du + \rho_{0i}^{zz} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} H_0^z \alpha_0^z \alpha_i^z du \\ &\quad - \epsilon_i \rho_{ii}^{zx} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} \sigma_i^x \alpha_i^z du \end{aligned}$$

where ϵ_i is zero for $i = 0$ (domestic currency) and one otherwise.

The expectation of the FX process x_i conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0} at $t_0 + \Delta t$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{t_0}[\ln x_i(t_0 + \Delta t)] &= \ln x_i(t_0) + \mathbb{E}_{t_0}[\Delta \ln x_i], \quad \text{with } \Delta \ln x_i = \ln x_i(t_0 + \Delta t) - \ln x_i(t_0) \\ &= \ln x_i(t_0) + (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z(s)) z_0(s) - (H_i^z(t) - H_i^z(s)) z_i(s) \\ &\quad + \ln \left(\frac{P_0^n(0, s)}{P_0^n(0, t)} \frac{P_i^n(0, t)}{P_i^n(0, s)} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t (\sigma_i^x)^2 du \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left((H_0^z(t))^2 \zeta_0^z(t) - (H_0^z(s))^2 \zeta_0^z(s) - \int_s^t (H_0^z)^2 (\alpha_0^z)^2 du \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left((H_i^z(t))^2 \zeta_i^z(t) - (H_i^z(s))^2 \zeta_i^z(s) - \int_s^t (H_i^z)^2 (\alpha_i^z)^2 du \right) \\ &\quad + \rho_{0i}^{zx} \int_s^t H_0^z \alpha_0^z \sigma_i^x du \\ &\quad - \int_s^t (H_i^z(t) - H_i^z(s)) \gamma_i du, \quad \text{with } s = t_0, \quad t = t_0 + \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\gamma_i = -H_i^z (\alpha_i^z)^2 + H_0^z \alpha_0^z \alpha_i^z \rho_{0i}^{zz} - \sigma_i^x \alpha_i^z \rho_{ii}^{zx}$$

The expectation of the Inflation processes $z_{I,k}, y_{I,k}$ conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0} at any time $t > t_0$ is equal to $z_{I,k}(t_0)$ resp. $y_{I,k}(t_0)$ since both processes are drift free.

The expectation of the equity processes s_j conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0} at $t_0 + \Delta t$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{t_0}[\ln s_j(t_0 + \Delta t)] &= \ln s_j(t_0) + \mathbb{E}_{t_0}[\Delta \ln s_j], \quad \text{with } \Delta \ln s_j = \ln s_j(t_0 + \Delta t) - \ln s_j(t_0) \\
&= \ln s_j(t_0) + \ln \left[\frac{P_{\phi(j)}(0, s)}{P_{\phi(j)}(0, t)} \right] - \int_s^t q_j(u) du - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t \sigma_j^S(u) \sigma_j^S(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{0j}^{zs} \int_s^t \alpha_0(u) H_0(u) \sigma_j^S(u) du - \epsilon_{\phi(j)} \rho_{j\phi(j)}^{sx} \int_s^t \sigma_j^S(u) \sigma_{\phi(j)}(u) du \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(H_{\phi(j)}^2(t) \zeta_{\phi(j)}(t) - H_{\phi(j)}^2(s) \zeta_{\phi(j)}(s) - \int_s^t H_{\phi(j)}^2(u) \alpha_{\phi(j)}^2(u) du \right) \\
&\quad + (H_{\phi(j)}(t) - H_{\phi(j)}(s)) z_{\phi(j)}(s) + \epsilon_{\phi(j)} \int_s^t \gamma_{\phi(j)}(u) (H_{\phi(j)}(t) - H_{\phi(j)}(u)) du
\end{aligned}$$

The IR-IR covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}[\Delta z_a, \Delta \ln x_b] &= \rho_{0a}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z(s)) \alpha_0^z \alpha_a^z du \\
&\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zz} \int_s^t \alpha_a^z (H_b^z(t) - H_b^z(s)) \alpha_b^z du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ab}^{zx} \int_s^t \alpha_a^z \sigma_b^x du.
\end{aligned}$$

The IR-FX covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}[\Delta z_a, \Delta \ln x_b] &= \rho_{0a}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z(s)) \alpha_0^z \alpha_a^z du \\
&\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zz} \int_s^t \alpha_a^z (H_b^z(t) - H_b^z(s)) \alpha_b^z du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ab}^{zx} \int_s^t \alpha_a^z \sigma_b^x du.
\end{aligned}$$

The FX-FX covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}[\Delta \ln x_a, \Delta \ln x_b] &= \int_s^t (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z)^2 (\alpha_0^z)^2 du \\
&\quad - \rho_{0a}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_a^z(t) - H_a^z) \alpha_a^z (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z) \alpha_0^z du \\
&\quad - \rho_{0b}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z) \alpha_0^z (H_b^z(t) - H_b^z) \alpha_b^z du \\
&\quad + \rho_{0b}^{zx} \int_s^t (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z) \alpha_0^z \sigma_b^x du \\
&\quad + \rho_{0a}^{zx} \int_s^t (H_0^z(t) - H_0^z) \alpha_0^z \sigma_a^x du \\
&\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zx} \int_s^t (H_a^z(t) - H_a^z) \alpha_a^z \sigma_b^x du \\
&\quad - \rho_{ba}^{zx} \int_s^t (H_b^z(t) - H_b^z) \alpha_b^z \sigma_a^x du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ab}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_a^z(t) - H_a^z) \alpha_a^z (H_b^z(t) - H_b^z) \alpha_b^z du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ab}^{xx} \int_s^t \sigma_a^x \sigma_b^x du
\end{aligned}$$

The IR-INF covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}[\Delta z_a, \Delta z_{I,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{zI} \int_s^t \alpha_a(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
\text{Cov}[\Delta z_a, \Delta y_{I,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{zI} \int_s^t \alpha_a(s) H_{I,b}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds
\end{aligned}$$

The FX-INF covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}[\Delta x_a, \Delta z_{I,b}] &= \rho_{0b}^{zI} \int_s^t \alpha_0(s) (H_0(t) - H_0(s)) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
&\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zI} \int_s^t \alpha_a(s) (H_a(t) - H_a(s)) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
&\quad + \rho_{ab}^{xI} \int_s^t \sigma_a(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
\text{Cov}[\Delta x_a, \Delta y_{I,b}] &= \rho_{0b}^{zI} \int_s^t \alpha_0(s) (H_0(t) - H_0(s)) H_{I,b}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
&\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zI} \int_s^t \alpha_a(s) (H_a(t) - H_a(s)) H_{I,b}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
&\quad + \rho_{ab}^{xI} \int_s^t \sigma_a(s) H_{I,b}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds
\end{aligned}$$

The INF-INF covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}[\Delta z_{I,a}, \Delta z_{I,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{II} \int_s^t \alpha_{I,a}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
\text{Cov}[\Delta z_{I,a}, \Delta y_{I,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{II} \int_s^t \alpha_{I,a}(s) H_{I,b}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds \\
\text{Cov}[\Delta y_{I,a}, \Delta y_{I,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{II} \int_s^t H_{I,a}(s) \alpha_{I,a}(s) H_{I,b}(s) \alpha_{I,b}(s) ds
\end{aligned}$$

The equity/equity covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov} [\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta \ln[s_j]] &= \rho_{\phi(i)\phi(j)}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u))(H_{\phi(j)}(t) \\
&\quad - H_{\phi(j)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \alpha_{\phi(j)}(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zs} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \sigma_j^S(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{\phi(j)i}^{zs} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(j)}(t) - H_{\phi(j)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(j)}(u) \sigma_i^S(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ij}^{ss} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) \sigma_j^S(u) du
\end{aligned}$$

The equity/FX covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov} [\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta \ln[x_j]] &= \rho_{\phi(i)0}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u))(H_0(t) - H_0(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \alpha_0(u) du \\
&\quad - \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u))(H_j(t) - H_j(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \alpha_j(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zx} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \sigma_j(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{i0}^{sz} \int_s^t (H_0(t) - H_0(u)) \alpha_0(u) \sigma_i^S(u) du \\
&\quad - \rho_{ij}^{sz} \int_s^t (H_j(t) - H_j(u)) \alpha_j(u) \sigma_i^S(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ij}^{sx} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) \sigma_j(u) du
\end{aligned}$$

The equity/IR covariance over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov} [\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta z_j] &= \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zz} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \alpha_j(u) du \\
&\quad + \rho_{ij}^{sz} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) \alpha_j(u) du
\end{aligned}$$

The equity/inflation covariances over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Cov[\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta z_{I,j}] &= \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zI} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \alpha_{I,j}(u) du \\ &\quad + \rho_{ij}^{sI} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) \alpha_{I,j}(u) du \\ Cov[\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta y_{I,j}] &= \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zI} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) H_{I,j}(u) \alpha_{I,j}(u) du \\ &\quad + \rho_{ij}^{sI} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) H_{I,j}(u) \alpha_{I,j}(u) du \end{aligned}$$

The expectation of the Credit processes $z_{C,k}, y_{C,k}$ conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0} at any time $t > t_0$ is equal to $z_{C,k}(t_0)$ resp. $y_{C,k}(t_0)$ since both processes are drift free.

The credit/credit covariances over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Cov[\Delta z_{C,a}, \Delta z_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{CC} \int_s^t \alpha_{C,a}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \\ Cov[\Delta z_{C,a}, \Delta y_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{CC} \int_s^t \alpha_{C,a}(u) H_{C,b}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \\ Cov[\Delta y_{C,a}, \Delta y_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{CC} \int_s^t \alpha_{C,a}(u) H_{C,a}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) H_{C,b}(u) du \end{aligned}$$

The IR/credit covariances over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Cov[\Delta z_a, \Delta z_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{zC} \int_s^t \alpha_a(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \\ Cov[\Delta z_a, \Delta y_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{zC} \int_s^t \alpha_a(u) H_{C,b}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \end{aligned}$$

The FX/credit covariances over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Cov[\Delta x_a, \Delta z_{C,b}] &= \rho_{0b}^{zC} \int_s^t \alpha_0(s) (H_0(t) - H_0(s)) \alpha_{C,b}(s) ds \\ &\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zC} \int_s^t \alpha_a(s) (H_a(t) - H_a(s)) \alpha_{C,b}(s) ds \\ &\quad + \rho_{ab}^{xC} \int_s^t \sigma_a(s) \alpha_{C,b}(s) ds \\ Cov[\Delta x_a, \Delta y_{C,b}] &= \rho_{0b}^{zC} \int_s^t \alpha_0(s) (H_0(t) - H_0(s)) H_{C,b}(s) \alpha_{C,b}(s) ds \\ &\quad - \rho_{ab}^{zC} \int_s^t \alpha_a(s) (H_a(t) - H_a(s)) H_{C,b}(s) \alpha_{C,b}(s) ds \\ &\quad + \rho_{ab}^{xC} \int_s^t \sigma_a(s) H_{C,b}(s) \alpha_{C,b}(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

The inflation/credit covariances over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[\Delta z_{I,a}, \Delta z_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{IC} \int_s^t \alpha_{I,a} \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \\ \text{Cov}[\Delta z_{I,a}, \Delta y_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{IC} \int_s^t \alpha_{I,a} H_{C,b}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \\ \text{Cov}[\Delta y_{I,a}, \Delta z_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{IC} \int_s^t \alpha_{I,a} H_{I,a}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) du \\ \text{Cov}[\Delta y_{I,a}, \Delta y_{C,b}] &= \rho_{ab}^{IC} \int_s^t \alpha_{I,a} H_{I,a}(u) \alpha_{C,b}(u) H_{C,b}(u) du\end{aligned}$$

The equity/credit covariances over the interval $[s, t] := [t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$ (conditional on \mathcal{F}_{t_0}) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta z_{C,j}] &= \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zC} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) \alpha_{C,j}(u) du \\ &\quad + \rho_{ij}^{sC} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) \alpha_{C,j}(u) du \\ \text{Cov}[\Delta \ln[s_i], \Delta y_{C,j}] &= \rho_{\phi(i)j}^{zC} \int_s^t (H_{\phi(i)}(t) - H_{\phi(i)}(u)) \alpha_{\phi(i)}(u) H_{C,j}(u) \alpha_{C,j}(u) du \\ &\quad + \rho_{ij}^{sC} \int_s^t \sigma_i^S(u) H_{C,j}(u) \alpha_{C,j}(u) du\end{aligned}$$

A.3 Change of Measure

We can change measure from LGM to the T-Forward measure by applying a shift transformation to the H parameter of the domestic LGM process, as explained in [21] and shown in Example 12, section 5.12. This does not involve amending the system of SDEs above.

In the following we show how to move from the LGM to the Bank Account measure when we start with the Cross Asset Model in the LGM measure. This description and the implementation in ORE is limited so far to the cross currency case.

First note that the stochastic Bank Account (BA) can be written

$$B(t) = \frac{1}{P(0, t)} \exp \left(\int_0^t (H_t - H_s) \alpha_s dW_s^B + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (H_t - H_s)^2 \alpha_s^2 ds \right)$$

with Wiener processes in the BA measure. We can express this in terms of the domestic LGM's state variable $z(t)$ and an auxiliary random variable $y(t)$

$$B(t) = \frac{1}{P(0, t)} \exp \left(H(t) z(t) - y(t) + \frac{1}{2} (H^2(t) \zeta_0(t) + \zeta_2(t)) \right)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} dz(t) &= \alpha(t) dW^B(t) - H(t) \alpha^2(t) dt \\ dy(t) &= H(t) \alpha(t) dW^B(t) \\ \zeta_n(t) &= \int_0^t \alpha^2(s) H^n(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

Note the drift of LGM state variable $z(t)$ in the BA measure and the auxiliary state variable $y(t)$ which is driven by the same Wiener process as $z(t)$. The instantaneous correlation of dz and dy is one, but the terminal correlation of $z(t)$ and $y(t)$ is less than one because of their different volatility functions. This is all we need to switch measure to BA in a pure domestic currency case.

To change measure in the cross currency case we need to make changes to the SDE beyond adding an auxiliary state variable y and adding a drift to the domestic LGM state. Let us write down the SDEs in the LGM and BA measure with respective drift terms that ensure martingale properties.

SDE in the LGM measure

$$\begin{aligned} dz_0 &= \alpha_0 dW_0^z \\ dz_i &= \left(-\alpha_i^2 H_i - \rho_{ii}^{zx} \sigma_i \alpha_i + \rho_{i0}^{zz} \alpha_i \alpha_0 H_0 \right) dt + \alpha_i dW_i^z \\ d \ln x_i &= \left(r_0 - r_i - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i^2 + \rho_{0i}^{zx} \alpha_0 H_0 \sigma_i \right) dt + \sigma_i dW_i^x \end{aligned}$$

SDE in the BA measure

$$\begin{aligned} dy_0 &= \alpha_0 H_0 d\widetilde{W}_0^z \\ dz_0 &= -\alpha_0^2 H_0 dt + \alpha_0 d\widetilde{W}_0^z \\ dz_i &= \left(-\alpha_i^2 H_i - \rho_{ii}^{zx} \sigma_i \alpha_i \right) dt + \alpha_i d\widetilde{W}_i^z \\ d \ln x_i &= \left(r_0 - r_i - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i^2 \right) dt + \sigma_i d\widetilde{W}_i^x, \quad r_i = f_i(0, t) + z_i(t) H_i'(t) + \zeta_i(t) H_i(t) H_i'(t) \end{aligned}$$

Blue terms are added, red terms are removed when moving from LGM to BA.

These drift term changes lead to the following changes in conditional expectations

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\Delta y_0] &= 0 \\
\mathbb{E}[\Delta z_0] &= - \int_s^t H_0 \alpha_0^2 du \\
\mathbb{E}[\Delta z_i] &= - \int_s^t H_i \alpha_i^2 du - \rho_{ii}^{zx} \int_s^t \sigma_i^x \alpha_i du + \rho_{0i}^{zz} \int_s^t H_0 \alpha_0 \alpha_i du \\
\mathbb{E}[\Delta \ln x] &= (H_0(t) - H_0(s)) z_0(s) - (H_i(t) - H_i(s)) z_i(s) \\
&\quad + \ln \left(\frac{P_0^n(0, s)}{P_0^n(0, t)} \frac{P_i^n(0, t)}{P_i^n(0, s)} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t (\sigma_i^x)^2 du \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(H_0^2(t) \zeta_0(t) - H_0^2(s) \zeta_0(s) - \int_s^t H_0^2 \alpha_0^2 du \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(H_i^2(t) \zeta_i(t) - H_i^2(s) \zeta_i(s) - \int_s^t H_i^2 \alpha_i^2 du \right) \\
&\quad + \rho_{0i}^{zx} \int_s^t H_0 \alpha_0 \sigma_i^x du \\
&\quad - \int_s^t (H_i(t) - H_i) \gamma_i du \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma_i = -\alpha_i^2 H_i - \rho_{ii}^{zx} \sigma_i \alpha_i + \rho_{i0}^{zz} \alpha_i \alpha_0 H_0 \\
&\quad + \int_s^t (H_0(t) - H_0) \gamma_0 du \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma_0 = -H_0 \alpha_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

and the following additional variances and covariances

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}[\Delta y_0] &= \int_s^t \alpha_0^2 H_0^2 du \\
\text{Cov}[\Delta y_0, \Delta z_i] &= \rho_{0i}^{zz} \int_s^t \alpha_0 H_0 \alpha_i du \\
\text{Cov}[\Delta y_0, \Delta \ln x_i] &= \int_s^t (H_0(t) - H_0) \alpha_0^2 H_0 du \\
&\quad - \rho_{0i}^{zz} \int_s^t \alpha_0 H_0 (H_i(t) - H_i) \alpha_i du \\
&\quad + \rho_{0i}^{zx} \int_s^t \alpha_0 H_0 \sigma_i^x du
\end{aligned}$$

Example 36 in section 5.36 illustrates the effect of the choice of measure on exposure simulations.

A.4 Exposures

In ORE we use the following exposure definitions

$$EE(t) = EPE(t) = \mathbb{E}^N \left[\frac{(NPV(t) - C(t))^+}{N(t)} \right] \quad (17)$$

$$ENE(t) = \mathbb{E}^N \left[\frac{(-NPV(t) + C(t))^+}{N(t)} \right] \quad (18)$$

where $NPV(t)$ stands for the netting set NPV and $C(t)$ is the collateral balance¹⁴ at time t . Note that these exposures are expectations of values discounted with numeraire N (in ORE the Linear Gauss Markov model's numeraire) to today, and expectations are taken in the measure associated with numeraire N . These are the exposures which enter into unilateral CVA and DVA calculation, respectively, see next section. Note that we sometimes label the expected exposure (17) EPE, not to be confused with the Basel III Expected Positive Exposure below.

Basel III defines a number of exposures each of which is a 'derivative' of Basel's Expected Exposure:

Expected Exposure

$$EE_B(t) = \mathbb{E}[\max(NPV(t) - C(t), 0)] \quad (19)$$

Expected Positive Exposure

$$EPE_B(T) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t < T} EE_B(t) \cdot \Delta t \quad (20)$$

Effective Expected Exposure, recursively defined as running maximum

$$EEE_B(t) = \max(EEE_B(t - \Delta t), EE_B(t)) \quad (21)$$

Effective Expected Positive Exposure

$$EPE_B(T) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t < T} EEE_B(t) \cdot \Delta t \quad (22)$$

The last definition, Effective EPE, is used in Basel documents since Basel II for Exposure At Default and capital calculation. Following [12, 13] the time averages in the EPE and EEPE calculations are taken over *the first year* of the exposure evolution (or until maturity if all positions of the netting set mature before one year).

To compute $EE_B(t)$ consistently in a risk-neutral setting, we compound (17) with the deterministic discount factor $P(t)$ up to horizon t :

$$EE_B(t) = \frac{1}{P(t)} EE(t)$$

Finally, we define another common exposure measure, the *Potential Future Exposure* (PFE), as a (typically high) quantile α of the NPV distribution through time, similar to Value at Risk but at the upper end of the NPV distribution:

$$PFE_\alpha(t) = (\inf \{x | F_t(x) \geq \alpha\})^+ \quad (23)$$

where F_t is the cumulative NPV distribution function at time t . Note that we also take the positive part to ensure that PFE is a positive measure even if the quantile yields a negative value which is possible in extreme cases.

¹⁴ $C(t) > 0$ means that we have *received* collateral from the counterparty

A.5 Exposures using American Monte Carlo

The exposure analysis implemented in ORE that is used in the bulk of the examples in this user guide, mostly vanilla portfolios, is divided into two independent steps:

1. in a first step a list of NPVs (or a “NPV cube”) is computed. The list is indexed by the trade ID, the simulation time step and the scenario sample number. Each entry of the cube is computed using the same pricers as for the T0 NPV calculation by shifting the evaluation date to the relevant time step of the simulation and updating the market term structures to the relevant scenario market data. The market data scenarios are generated using a *risk factor evolution model* which can be a cross asset model, but also be based on e.g. historical simulation.
2. in a second step the generated NPV cube is passed to a post processor that aggregates the results to XVA figures of different kinds.

We label this approach in the following as the *classic* exposure analysis.

The AMC module in ORE allows to replace the first step by a different approach which works faster in particular for exotic deals. The second step remains the same. The risk factor evolution model coincides with the pricing models for the single trades in this approach and is always a cross asset model operated in a pricing measure.

For AMC the entries of the NPV cube are now viewed as conditional NPVs at the simulation time given the information that is generated by the cross asset model’s driving stochastic process up to the simulation time. The conditional expectations are then computed using a regression analysis of some type. In our current implementation this is chosen to be a parametric regression analysis.

The regression models are calibrated per trade during a training phase and later on evaluated in the simulation phase. The set of paths in the two phases is in general different w.r.t. their number, time step structure, and generation method (Sobol, Mersenne Twister) and seed. Typically the regressand is the (deflated) dirty *path* NPV of the trade in question, or also its underlying NPV or an option continuation value (to take exercise decisions or represent the physical underlying for physical exercise rights). The regressor is typically the model state. Certain exotic features that introduce path-dependency (e.g. a TaRN structure) may require an augmentation of the regressor though (e.g. by the already accumulated amount in case of the TaRN).

The path NPVs are generated at their *natural event dates*, like the fixing date for floating rate coupons or the payment date for fixed cashflows. This reduces the requirements for the cross asset model to provide closed form expressions for the numeraire and conditional zero bonds only.

Since the evaluation of the regression functions is computationally cheap the overall timings of the NPV cube generation are generally smaller compared to the classic approach, in particular for exotic deals like Bermudan Swaptions.

From a methodology point of view an important difference between the classic and the AMC exposure analysis lies in the model consistency: While the conditional NPVs computed with AMC are by construction consistent with the risk factor evolution model driving the XVA simulation, the scenario NPVs in the classic approach are in

general not consistent in this sense unless the market scenarios are fully implied by the cross asset model. Here “fully implied” means that not only rate curves, but also market volatility and correlation term structures like FX volatility surfaces, Swaption volatilities or CMS correlation term structures as well as other parameters used by the single trade pricers have to be deduced from the cross asset model, e.g. the mean reversion of the Hull White 1F model and a suitable model volatility feeding into a Bermudan Swaption pricer.

We note that the generation of such implied term structures can be computationally expensive even for simple versions of a cross asset model like one composed from LGM IR and Black-Scholes FX components etc., and even more so for more exotic component flavours like Cheyette IR components, Heston FX components etc.

In the current implementation only a subset of all ORE trade types can be simulated using AMC while all other trade types are still simulated using the classic engine. The separation of the trades and the joining of the resulting classic and AMC cubes is automatic. The post processing step is run on the joint cube from the classic and AMC simulations as before.

Trade types supported by AMC so far:

1. Swap
2. CrossCurrencySwap
3. FxOption
4. BermudanSwaption
5. MultiLegOption

A.5.1 Implementation Details

AMC valuation engine and AMC pricing engines

The `AMCValuationEngine` is responsible for generating a NPV cube for a portfolio of AMC enabled trades and (optionally) to populate a `AggregationScenarioData` instance with simulation data for post processing, very similar to the classic `ValuationEngine` in ORE.

The AMC valuation engine takes a cross asset model defining the risk factor evolution. This is set up identically to the cross asset model used in the `CrossAssetModelScenarioGenerator`. Similarly the same parameters for the path generation (given as a `ScenarioGeneratorData` instance) are used, so that it is guaranteed that both the AMC engine and the classic engine produce the same paths, hence can be combined to a single cube for post processing. It is checked, that a non-zero seed for the random number generation is used.

The portfolio that the AMC engine consumes is build against an engine factory set up by a pricing engine configuration given in the `amc` analytics type (see ??). This configuration should select special AMC engine builders which (by a pure naming convention) have the engine type “AMC”. These engine builders are retrieved from `getAmcEngineBuilders()` in `oreappplus.cpp` and are special in that unlike usual engine builders they take two parameters

1. the cross asset model which serves as a risk factor evolution model in the AMC valuation engine
2. the date grid used within the AMC valuation engine

For technical reasons, the configuration also contains configurations for `CapFlooredIborLeg` and `CMS` because those are used within the trade builders (more precisely the leg builders called from these) to build the trade. The configuration can be the same as for T0 pricing for them, it is actually not used by the AMC pricing engines.

The AMC engine builders build a smaller version of the global cross asset model only containing the model components required to price the specific trade. Note that no deal specific calibration of the model is performed.

The AMC pricing engines perform a T0 pricing and - as a side product - can be used as usual T0 pricing engines if a corresponding engine builder is supplied, see ??.

In addition the AMC pricing engines perform the necessary calculations to yield conditional NPVs on the given global simulation grid. How these calculations are performed is completely the responsibility of the pricing engines, although some common framework for many trade types is given by a base engine, see A.5.1. This way the approximation of conditional NPVs on the simulation grid can be tailored to each product and also each single trade, with regards to

1. the number of training paths and the required date grid for the training (e.g. containing all relevant coupon and exercise event dates of a trade)
2. the order and type of regression basis functions to be used
3. the choice of the regressor (e.g. a TaRN might require a regressor augmented by the accumulated coupon amount)

The AMC pricing engines then provide an additional result labelled `amcCalculator` which is a class implementing the `AmcCalculator` interface which consists of two methods: The method `simulatePath()` takes a `MultiPath` instance representing one simulated path from the global risk factor evolution model and returns an array of conditional, deflated NPVs for this path. The method `npvCurrency()` returns the currency c of the calculated conditional NPVs. This currency can be different from the base currency b of the global risk factor evolution model. In this case the conditional NPVs are converted to the global base currency within the AMC valuation engine by multiplying them with the conversion factor

$$\frac{N_c(t)X_{c,b}(t)}{N_b(t)} \quad (24)$$

where t is the simulation time, $N_c(t)$ is the numeraire in currency c , $N_b(t)$ is the numeraire in currency b and $X_{c,b}(t)$ is the FX rate at time t converting from c to b .

The technical criterion for a trade to be processed within the AMC valuation engine is that a) it can be built against the AMC engine factory described above and b) it provides an additional result `amcCalculator`. If a trade does not meet these criteria it

is simulated using the classic valuation engine. The logic that does this is located in the override of the method `OREAppPlus::generateNPVCube()`.

The AMC valuation engine can also populate an aggregation scenario data instance. This is done only if necessary, i.e. only if no classic simulation is performed anyway. The numeraire and fx spot values produced by the AMC valuation engine are identical to the classic engine. Index fixings are close, but not identical, because the AMC engine used the T0 curves for projection while the classic engine uses scenario simulation market curves, which are not exactly matching those of the T0 market. In this sense the AMC valuation engine produces more precise values compared to the classic engine.

The multileg option AMC base engine and derived engines

Table 11 provides an overview of the implemented AMC engine builders. These builders use the following QuantExt pricing engines

1. `McLgmSwapEngine` for single currency swaps
2. `McCamCurrencySwapEngine` for cross currency swaps
3. `McCamFxOptionEngine` for fx options
4. `McLgmSwaptionEngine` for Bermudan swaptions
5. `McMultiLegOptionEngine` for Multileg option

All these engine are based on a common `McMultiLegBaseEngine` which does all the computations. For this each of the engines sets up the following protected member variables (serving as parameters for the base engine) in their `calculate()` method:

1. `leg_`: a vector of `QuantLib::Leg`
2. `currency_`: a vector of `QuantLib::Currency` corresponding to the leg vector
3. `payer_`: a vector of +1.0 or -1.0 double values indicating receiver or payer legs
4. `exercise_`: a `QuantLib::Exercise` instance describing the exercise dates (may be `nullptr`, if the underlying represents the deal already)
5. `optionSettlement_`: a `Settlement::Type` value indicating whether the option is settled physically or in cash

A call to `McMultiLegBaseEngine::calculate()` will set the result member variables

1. `resultValue_`: T0 NPV in the base currency of the cross asset model passed to the pricing engine
2. `underlyingValue_`: T0 NPV of the underlying (again in base ccy)
3. `*amcCalculator_`: the AMC calculator engine to be used in the AMC valuation engine

The specific engine implementations should convert the `resultValue_` to the npv currency of the trade (as defined by the (ORE) trade builder) so that they can be used as regular pricing engine consistently within ORE. Note that only the additional

`amcCalculator` result is used by the AMC valuation engine, not any of the T0 NPVs directly.

A.5.2 Limitations and Open Points

This sections lists known limitations of the AMC simulation engine.

Trade Features

Some trade features are not yet supported by the multileg option engine:

1. legs with fx resetting feature
2. legs with naked option = true
3. coupon types are restricted to Ibor and CMS
4. exercise flows (like a notional exchange common to cross currency swaptions) are not supported

Flows Generation (for DIM Analysis)

At the current stage the AMC engine does not generate flows which are required for the DIM analysis in the post processor.

State interpolation for exercise decisions

During the simulation phase exercise times of a specific trade are not necessarily part of the simulated time grid. Therefore the model state required to take the exercise decision has in to be interpolated in general on the simulated path. Currently this is done using a simple linear interpolation while from a pure methodology point of view a Brownian Bridge would be preferable. In our tests we do not see a big impact of this approximation though.

Missing recalibration of the `MCMultiLegOptionEngine`

The MC Multi Leg Option Engine builder uses the `CrossAssetModelBuilder` to set up the pricing model. This class does not implement the `ModelBuidler` interface meaning that the model is not recalibrated in a sensitivity analysis run. Therefore the sensitivities calculated by this engine are not valid.

Basis Function Selection

Currently the basis function system is generated by specifying the type of the functions and the order, see `??`. The number of independent variables varies by product type and details. Depending on the number of independent variables and the order the number of generated basis functions can get quite big which slows down the computation of regression coefficients. It would be desirable to have the option to filter the full set of basis functions, e.g. by explicitly enumerating them in the configuration, so that a high order can be chosen even for products with a relatively large number of independent variables (like e.g. FX Options or Cross Currency Swaps).

A.5.3 Outlook: Trade Compression

For vanilla trades where the regression is only required to produce the NPV cube entries (and not to take exercise decisions etc.) it is not strictly necessary to do the regression analysis on a single trade level¹⁵. Although in the current implementation there is no direct way to do the regression analysis on whole (sub-)portfolios instead of single trades, one can represent such a subportfolio as a single technical trade (e.g. as a single swap or multileg option trade) to achieve a similar result. This might lead to better performance than the usual single trade calculation. However one should also try to keep the regressions as low-dimensional as possible (for performance and accuracy reasons) and therefore define the sub-portfolios by e.g. currency, i.e. as big as possible while at the same time keeping the associated model dimension as small as possible.

A.6 CVA and DVA

Using the expected exposures in A.4 unilateral discretised CVA and DVA are given by [21]

$$CVA = \sum_i PD(t_{i-1}, t_i) \times LGD \times EPE(t_i) \quad (25)$$

$$DVA = \sum_i PD_{Bank}(t_{i-1}, t_i) \times LGD_{Bank} \times ENE(t_i) \quad (26)$$

where

$EPE(t)$ expected exposure (17)

$ENE(t)$ expected negative exposure (18)

$PD(t_i, t_j)$ counterparty probability of default in $[t_i; t_j]$

$PD_{Bank}(t_i, t_j)$ our probability of default in $[t_i; t_j]$

LGD counterparty loss given default

LGD_{Bank} our loss given default

Note that the choice t_i in the arguments of $EPE(t_i)$ and $ENE(t_i)$ means we are choosing the *advanced* rather than the *postponed* discretization of the CVA/DVA integral [16]. This choice can be easily changed in the ORE source code or made configurable.

Moreover, formulas (25, 26) assume independence of credit and other market risk factors, so that PD and LGD factors are outside the expectations. With the extension of ORE to credit asset classes and in particular for wrong-way-risk analysis, CVA/DVA formulas is generalised and is applicable to calculations with dynamic credit

$$CVA^{dyn} = \sum_i \mathbb{E}^N \left[\frac{PD^{dyn}(t_{i-1}, t_i) \times PE(t_i)}{N(t)} \right] \times LGD \quad (27)$$

$$DVA^{dyn} = \sum_i \mathbb{E}^N \left[\frac{PD_{Bank}^{dyn}(t_{i-1}, t_i) \times NE(t_i)}{N(t)} \right] \times LGD_{Bank} \quad (28)$$

¹⁵except single trade exposures are explicitly required of course

where

- $PE(t)$ random variables representing positive exposure at $t : (NPV(t) - C(t))^+$
- $NE(t)$ random variables representing negative exposure at $t : (-NPV(t) + C(t))^+$
- $PD^{dyn}(t_i, t_j)$ random variables representing counterparty probability of default in $[t_i; t_j]$
- $PD_{Bank}^{dyn}(t_i, t_j)$ random variables representing our probability of default in $[t_i; t_j]$
- LGD counterparty loss given default
- LGD_{Bank} our loss given default

A.7 FVA

Any exposure (uncollateralised or residual after taking collateral into account) gives rise to funding cost or benefits depending on the sign of the residual position. This can be expressed as a Funding Value Adjustment (FVA). A simple definition of FVA can be given in a very similar fashion as the sum of unilateral CVA and DVA which we defined by (25,26), namely as an expectation of exposures times funding spreads:

$$\begin{aligned}
 FVA = & \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n f_l(t_{i-1}, t_i) \delta_i \mathbb{E}^N \{ S_C(t_{i-1}) S_B(t_{i-1}) [-NPV(t_i) + C(t_i)]^+ D(t_i) \}}_{\text{Funding Benefit Adjustment (FBA)}} \\
 & - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n f_b(t_{i-1}, t_i) \delta_i \mathbb{E}^N \{ S_C(t_{i-1}) S_B(t_{i-1}) [NPV(t_i) - C(t_i)]^+ D(t_i) \}}_{\text{Funding Cost Adjustment (FCA)}} \quad (29)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

- $D(t_i)$ stochastic discount factor, $1/N(t_i)$ in LGM
- $NPV(t_i)$ portfolio value at time t_i
- $C(t_i)$ Collateral account balance at time t_i
- $S_C(t_j)$ survival probability of the counterparty
- $S_B(t_j)$ survival probability of the bank
- $f_b(t_j)$ borrowing spread for the bank relative to OIS flat
- $f_l(t_j)$ lending spread for the bank relative to OIS flat

For details see e.g. Chapter 14 in Gregory [19] and the discussion in [21].

The reasoning leading to the expression above is as follows. Consider, for example, a single partially collateralised derivative (no collateral at all or CSA with a significant threshold) between us (the Bank) and counterparty 1 (trade 1).

We assume that we enter into an offsetting trade with (hypothetical) counterparty 2 which is perfectly collateralised (trade 2). We label the NPV of trade 1 and 2 $NPV_{1,2}$ respectively (from our perspective, excluding CVA). Then $NPV_2 = -NPV_1$. The respective collateral amounts due to trade 1 and 2 are C_1 and C_2 from our perspective. Because of the perfect collateralisation of trade 2 we assume $C_2 = NPV_2$. The

imperfect collateralisation of trade 1 means $C_1 \neq NPV_1$. The net collateral balance from our perspective is then $C = C_1 + C_2$ which can be written $C = C_1 + C_2 = C_1 + NPV_2 = -NPV_1 + C_1$.

- If $C > 0$ we receive net collateral and pay the overnight rate on this notional amount. On the other hand we can invest the received collateral and earn our lending rate, so that we have a benefit proportional to the lending spread f_l (lending rate minus overnight rate). It is a benefit assuming $f_l > 0$. $C > 0$ means $-NPV_1 + C_1 > 0$ so that we can cover this case with “lending notional” $[-NPV_1 + C_1]^+$.
- If $C < 0$ we post collateral amount $-C$ and receive the overnight rate on this amount. Amount $-C$ needs to be funded in the market, and we pay our borrowing rate on it. This leads to a funding cost proportional to the borrowing spread f_b (borrowing rate minus overnight). $C < 0$ means $NPV_1 - C_1 > 0$, so that we can cover this case with “borrowing notional” $[NPV_1 - C_1]^+$. If the borrowing spread is positive, this term proportional to $f_b \times [NPV_1 - C_1]^+$ is indeed a cost and therefore needs to be subtracted from the benefit above.

Formula (29) evaluates these funding cost components on the basis of the original trade’s or portfolio’s NPV . Perfectly collateralised portfolios hence do not contribute to FVA because under the hedging fiction, they are hedged with a perfectly collateralised opposite portfolio, so any collateral payments on portfolio 1 are canceled out by those of the opposite sign on portfolio 2.

A.8 COLVA

When the CSA defines a collateral compounding rate that deviates from the overnight rate, this gives rise to another value adjustment labeled COLVA [21]. In the simplest case the deviation is just given by a constant spread Δ :

$$COLVA = \mathbb{E}^N \left[\sum_i -C(t_i) \cdot \Delta \cdot \delta_i \cdot D(t_{i+1}) \right] \quad (30)$$

where $C(t)$ is the collateral balance¹⁶ at time t and $D(t)$ is the stochastic discount factor $1/N(t)$ in LGM. Both $C(t)$ and $N(t)$ are computed in ORE’s Monte Carlo framework, and the expectation yields the desired adjustment.

Replacing the constant spread by a time-dependent deterministic function in ORE is straight forward.

A.9 Collateral Floor Value

A less trivial extension of the simple COLVA calculation above, also covered in ORE, is the case where the deviation between overnight rate and collateral rate is stochastic itself. A popular example is a CSA under which the collateral rate is the overnight rate *floored at zero*. To work out the value of this CSA feature one can take the difference of discounted margin cash flows with and without the floor feature. It is shown in [21]

¹⁶see A.4, $C(t) > 0$ means that we have *received* collateral from the counterparty

that the following formula is a good approximation to the collateral floor value

$$\Pi_{Floor} = \mathbb{E}^N \left[\sum_i -C(t_i) \cdot (-r(t_i))^+ \cdot \delta_i \cdot D(t_{i+1}) \right] \quad (31)$$

where r is the stochastic overnight rate and $(-r)^+ = r^+ - r$ is the difference between floored and 'un-floored' compounding rate.

Taking both collateral spread and floor into account, the value adjustment is

$$\Pi_{Floor,\Delta} = \mathbb{E}^N \left[\sum_i -C(t_i) \cdot ((r(t_i) - \Delta)^+ - r(t_i)) \cdot \delta_i \cdot D(t_{i+1}) \right] \quad (32)$$

A.10 Dynamic Initial Margin and MVA

The introduction of Initial Margin posting in non-cleared OTC derivatives business reduces residual credit exposures and the associated value adjustments, **CVA** and **DVA**.

On the other hand, it gives rise to additional funding cost. The value of the latter is referred to as Margin Value Adjustment (**MVA**).

To quantify these two effects one needs to model Initial Margin under future market scenarios, i.e. Dynamic Initial Margin (**DIM**). Potential approaches comprise

- Monte Carlo VaR embedded into the Monte Carlo simulation
- Regression-based methods
- Delta VaR under scenarios
- ISDA's Standard Initial Margin (SIMM) under scenarios

We skip the first option as too computationally expensive for ORE. In the current ORE release we focus on a relatively simple regression approach as in [22, 25]. Consider the netting set values $NPV(t)$ and $NPV(t + \Delta)$ that are spaced one margin period of risk Δ apart. Moreover, let $F(t, t + \Delta)$ denote cumulative netting set cash flows between time t and $t + \Delta$, converted into the NPV currency. Let $X(t)$ then denote the netting set value change during the margin period of risk excluding cash flows in that period:

$$X(t) = NPV(t + \Delta) + F(t, t + \Delta) - NPV(t)$$

ignoring discounting/compounding over the margin period of risk. We actually want to determine the distribution of $X(t)$ conditional on the 'state of the world' at time t , and pick a high (99%) quantile to determine the Initial Margin amount for each time t . Instead of working out the distribution, we content ourselves with estimating the conditional variance $\mathbb{V}(t)$ or standard deviation $S(t)$ of $X(t)$, assuming a normal distribution and scaling $S(t)$ to the desired 99% quantile by multiplying with the usual factor $\alpha = 2.33$ to get an estimate of the Dynamic Initial Margin DIM :

$$\mathbb{V}(t) = \mathbb{E}_t[X^2] - \mathbb{E}_t^2[X], \quad S(t) = \sqrt{\mathbb{V}(t)}, \quad DIM(t) = \alpha S(t)$$

We further assume that $\mathbb{E}_t[X]$ is small enough to set it to the expected value of $X(t)$ across all Monte Carlo samples X at time t (rather than estimating a scenario dependent mean). The remaining task is then to estimate the conditional expectation

$\mathbb{E}_t[X^2]$. We do this in the spirit of the Longstaff Schwartz method using regression of $X^2(t)$ across all Monte Carlo samples at a given time. As a regressor (in the one-dimensional case) we could use $NPV(t)$ itself. However, we rather choose to use an adequate market point (interest rate, FX spot rate) as regression variable x , because this is generalised more easily to the multi-dimensional case. As regression basis functions we use polynomials, i.e. regression functions of the form $c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n$ where the order n of the polynomial can be selected by the user. Choosing the lowest order $n = 0$, we obtain the simplest possible estimate, the variance of X across all samples at time t , so that we apply a single $DIM(t)$ irrespective of the 'state of the world' at time t in that case. The extension to multi-dimensional regression is also implemented in ORE. The user can choose several regressors simultaneously (e.g. a EUR rate, a USD rate, USD/EUR spot FX rate, etc.) in order to cover complex multi-currency portfolios.

Given the DIM estimate along all paths, we can next work out the Margin Value Adjustment [21] in discrete form

$$MVA = \sum_{i=1}^n (f_b - s_I) \delta_i S_C(t_i) S_B(t_i) \times \mathbb{E}^N [DIM(t_i) D(t_i)]. \quad (33)$$

with borrowing spread f_b as in the FVA section A.7 and spread s_I received on initial margin, both spreads relative to the cash collateral rate.

A.11 KVA (CCR)

The KVA is calculated for the Counterparty Credit Risk Capital charge (CCR) following the IRB method concisely described in [20], Appendix 8A. It is following the Basel rules by computing risk capital as the product of alpha weighted exposure at default, worst case probability of default at 99.9 and a maturity adjustment factor also described in the Basel annex 4. The risk capital charges are discounted with a capital discount factor and summed up to give the total CCR KVA after being multiplied with the risk weight and a capital charge (following the RWA method).

Basel II internal rating based (IRB) estimate of worst case probability of default: large homogeneous pool (LHP) approximation of Vasicek (1997), KVA regulatory probability of default is the worst case probability of default floored at 0.03 (the latter is valid for corporates and banks, no such floor applies to sovereign counterparties):

$$PD_{99.9\%} = \max \left(floor, N \left(\frac{N^{-1}(PD) + \sqrt{\rho} N^{-1}(0.999)}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} \right) - PD \right)$$

N is the cumulative standard normal distribution,

$$\rho = 0.12 \frac{1 - e^{-50PD}}{1 - e^{-50}} + 0.24 \left(1 - \frac{1 - e^{-50PD}}{1 - e^{-50}} \right)$$

Maturity adjustment factor for RWA method capped at 5, floored at 1:

$$MA(PD, M) = \min \left(5, \max \left(1, \frac{1 + (M - 2.5)B(PD)}{1 - 1.5B(PD)} \right) \right)$$

where $B(PD) = (0.11852 - 0.05478 \ln(PD))^2$ and M is the effective maturity of the portfolio (capped at 5):

$$M = \min \left(5, 1 + \frac{\sum_{t_k > 1yr} EE_B(t_k) \Delta t_k B(0, t_k)}{\sum_{t_k \leq 1yr} EEE_B(t_k) \Delta t_k B(0, t_k)} \right)$$

where $B(0, t_k)$ is the risk-free discount factor from the simulation date t_k to today, Δt_k is the difference between time points, $EE_B(t_k)$ is the expected (Basel) exposure at time t_k and $EEE_B(t_k)$ is the associated effective expected exposure.

Expected risk capital at t_i :

$$RC(t_i) = EAD(t_i) \times LGD \times PD_{99.9\%} \times MA(PD, M)$$

where

- $EAD(t_i) = \alpha \times EEPE(t_i)$
- $EEPE(t_i)$ is estimated as the time average of the running maximum of $EPE(t)$ over the time interval $t_i \leq t \leq t_i + 1$
- α is the multiplier resulting from the IRB calculations (Basel II defines a supervisory alpha of 1.4, but gives banks the option to estimate their own α , subject to a floor of 1.2).
- the maturity adjustment MA is derived from the EPE profile for times $t \geq t_i$

KVA_{CCR} is the sum of the expected risk capital amount discounted at *capital discount rate* r_{cd} and compounded at rate given by the product of *capital hurdle* h and *regulatory adjustment* a :

$$KVA_{CCR} = \sum_i RC(t_i) \times \frac{1}{(1 + r_{cd})^{\delta(t_{i-1}, t_i)}} \times \delta(t_{i-1}, t_i) \times h \times a$$

assuming Actual/Actual day count to compute the year fractions *delta*.

In ORE we compute KVA CCR from both perspectives - “our” KVA driven by EPE and the counterparty default risk, and similarly “their” KVA driven by ENE and our default risk.

A.12 KVA (BA-CVA)

This section briefly summarizes the calculation of a capital value adjustment associated with the CVA capital charge (in the basic approach, BA-CVA) as introduced in Basel III [13, 14, 15]. ORE implements the *stand-alone* capital charge *SCVA* for a netting set and computes a KVA for it¹⁷. In the basic approach, the

¹⁷In the reduced version of BA-CVA, where hedges are not recognized, the total BA-CVA capital charge across all counterparties c is given by

$$K = \sqrt{\left(\rho \sum_c SCVA_c \right)^2 + (1 - \rho^2) \sum_c SCVA_c^2}$$

stand-alone capital charge for a netting set is given by

$$SCVA = RW_c \cdot M \cdot EEPE \cdot DF$$

with

- supervisory risk weight RW_c for the counterparty;
- effective netting set maturity M as in section A.11 (for a bank using IMM to calculate EAD), but without applying a cap of 5;
- supervisory discount DF for the netting set which is equal to one for banks using IMM to calculate $EEPE$ and $DF = (1 - \exp(-0.05 M)) / (0.05 M)$ for banks not using IMM to calculate $EEPE$.

The associated capital value adjustment is then computed for each netting set's stand-alone CVA charge as above

$$KVA_{BA-CVA} = \sum_i SCVA(t_i) \times \frac{1}{(1 + r_{cd})^{\delta(t_{i-1}, t_i)}} \times \delta(t_{i-1}, t_i) \times h \times a$$

with

$$SCVA(t_i) = RW_c \cdot M(t_i) \cdot EEPE(t_i) \cdot DF$$

where we derive both M and $EEPE$ from the EPE profile for times $t \geq t_i$.

In ORE we compute KVA BA-CVA from both perspectives - “our” KVA driven by EPE and the counterparty risk weight, and similarly “their” KVA driven by ENE and our risk weight.

Note: Banks that use the BA-CVA for calculating CVA capital requirements are allowed to cap the maturity adjustment factor $MA(PD, M)$ in section A.11 at 1 for netting sets that contribute to CVA capital, if using the IRB approach for CCR capital.

A.13 Collateral Model

The collateral model implemented in ORE is based on the evolution of collateral account balances along each Monte Carlo path taking into account thresholds, minimum transfer amounts and independent amounts defined in the CSA, as well as margin periods of risk.

ORE computes the collateral requirement (aka *Credit Support Amount*) through time along each Monte Carlo path

$$CSA(t_m) = \begin{cases} \max(0, V_{set}(t_m) - I_A - T_{hold}), & V_{set}(t_m) - I_A \geq 0 \\ \min(0, V_{set}(t_m) - I_A + T_{hold}), & V_{set}(t_m) - I_A < 0 \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

where

- $V_{set}(t_m)$ is the value of the netting set as of time t_m ,
- T_{hold} is the threshold exposure below which no collateral is required (possibly asymmetric),

with supervisory correlation $\rho = 0.5$ to reflect that the credit spread risk factors across counterparties are not perfectly correlated. Each counterparty $SCVA_c$ is given by a sum over all netting sets with this counterparty.

- I_A is the sum of all collateral independent amounts attached to the underlying portfolio of trades (positive amounts imply that the bank has received a net inflow of independent amounts from the counterparty), assumed here to be cash.

As the collateral account already has a value of $C(t_m)$ at time t_m , the collateral shortfall is simply the difference between $C(t_m)$ and $CSA(t_m)$. However, we also need to account for the possibility that margin calls issued in the past have not yet been settled (for instance, because of disputes). If $M(t_m)$ denotes the net value of all outstanding margin calls at t_m , and $\Delta(t)$ is the difference $\Delta(t) = CSA(t_m) - C(t_m) - M(t_m)$ between the *Credit Support Amount* and the current and outstanding collateral, then the actual margin *Delivery Amount* $D(t_m)$ is calculated as follows:

$$D(t_m) = \begin{cases} \Delta(t), & |\Delta(t)| \geq MTA \\ 0, & |\Delta(t)| < MTA \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

where MTA is the minimum transfer amount.

A.13.1 Margin Period of Risk

After a counterparty defaults, it takes time to close out the portfolio. During this time period the portfolio value will change upon market conditions, therefore the portfolio's close-out value is subject to market risk, which is referred also as the close-out risk and the corresponding close-out period is called as the *Margin Period of Risk* (MPoR).

Therefore, when a loss on the defaulted counterparty is realised at time t_d , the last time the collateral could be received is $t_d - \tau$, where τ denotes the MPoR. That is, the collateral at time t_d is determined by the collateral value at $t_d - \tau$, namely $CSA(t_d - \tau)$, see equation 34.

In ORE, we have two approaches to incorporate MPoR in the exposure simulations:

- *Close-out Approach*: Simulating on an auxiliary close-out grid additional to the default time grid.
- *Lagged Approach*: Simulating only on a default time grid and delaying the margin calls on the grid.

In the *Close-out Approach*, we use an auxiliary “close-out” grid in addition to the main simulation grid (see section 7.4). The main simulation grid is used to compute “default values” which feed into the collateral balance $C(t)$ filtered by MTA and Threshold etc. The auxiliary “close-out” grid, offset from the main grid by the MPoR, is used to compute the delayed close-out values $V(t)$ associated with default time t ¹⁸. The difference between $V(t)$ and $C(t)$ causes a residual exposure $[V(t) - C(t)]^+$ even if minimum transfer amounts and thresholds are zero, see for example [17]. This approach allows a detailed modelling of what happens in the close-out period by calculating the close-out values in different ways. ORE currently supports two options:

- the close-out value can be computed as of default date, by just evolving the market from default date to close-out date (“sticky date”), or

¹⁸We note that in ORE when the exposure of an uncollateralised netting-set or a single trade without considering the netting-set is calculated, then the default value is calculated at the main simulation grid, not on the close-out grid.

- the close-out value can be computed as of close-out date, by evolving both valuation date and market over the close-out period (“actual date”), i.e., the portfolio ages and cash flows might occur in the close-out period causing spikes in the evolution of exposures.

The option “sticky date” is more aggressive in that it avoids any exposure evolution spikes due to contractual cashflows that occur in the close-out period after default, the only exposure effect is due to market evolution over the period. The “actual date” option is more conservative in that it includes the effect of all contractual cash flows in the close-out period, in particular outgoing cashflows at any time in the period which cause an exposure jump upwards. A more detailed framework for collateralised exposure modelling is introduced in the article [23], indicating a potential route for extending ORE.

On the other hand, in the *Lagged Approach* the simulation is conducted only on a default time grid. The collateral values are calculated, by delaying the delivery amounts between default times, specified by the *Margin Period of Risk* (MPoR) which leads to residual exposure.

In table 89, we present a toy example to illustrate how the delayed margin calls lead to residual exposures. In this example, we assume that the default time grid is equally-spaced with time steps that match the MPoR (which is 1M). Further, we assume zero threshold and MTA. At the initial time, the delivery amount is 2.00, which is the difference between the initial value of the portfolio and the default value at 1M. If this amount were settled immediately, then the collateral value would have been 10 and hence the residual exposure would have been zero at 1M. The delay of the delivery amount by MPoR implies a collateral value of 8.00 until 1M and hence a residual exposure of 2.

Time Grid	Default Value	Delivery Amount	Delivery Amount Delayed	Collateral Value	NPV
0	8.00	2.00	True		
1M	10.00	5.00	True	8.00	10.00
2M	15.00	-3.00	True	10.00	15.00
3M	12.00	-3.00	True	15.00	12.00
4M	9.00	5.00	True	12.00	9.00
5M	14.00	6.00	True	9.00	14.00
6M	20.00			14.00	20.00

Table 89: Toy example for delayed margin calls.

Some remarks and observations:

- *Lagged Approach* has the disadvantage that we need to use equally-spaced time grids with time steps that match the MPoR. In the above example, let us assume that the MPoR is 2W. Then, delaying the first delivery amount by 2W would still imply a collateral value of 10.00 at 1M and hence a zero residual exposure.
- In *Lagged Approach* approach, we support three calculation (settlement) types where the delay of the *Delivery Amount* depends on its sign. The above example

corresponds to a “symmetric” calculation type where both positive and negative delivery amounts are settled with delay, see section 7.1.3 for other calculation types.

- In ORE, the *Close-out Approach* is the preferred method -and the *Lagged Approach* is the legacy method- to incorporate MPoR in the collateral model.

A.14 Exposure Allocation

XVAs and exposures are typically computed at netting set level. For accounting purposes it is typically required to *allocate* XVAs from netting set to individual trade level such that the allocated XVAs add up to the netting set XVA. This distribution is not trivial, since due to netting and imperfect correlation single trade (stand-alone) XVAs hardly ever add up to the netting set XVA: XVA is sub-additive similar to VaR. ORE provides an allocation method (labeled *marginal allocation* in the following) which slightly generalises the one proposed in [18]. Allocation is done pathwise which first leads to allocated expected exposures and then to allocated CVA/DVA by inserting these exposures into equations (25,26). The allocation algorithm in ORE is as follows:

- Consider the netting set’s discounted *NPV* after taking collateral into account, on a given path at time t :

$$E(t) = D(0, t) (NPV(t) - C(t))$$

- On each path, compute contributions A_i of the latter to trade i as

$$A_i(t) = \begin{cases} E(t) \times NPV_i(t)/NPV(t), & |NPV(t)| > \epsilon \\ E(t)/n, & |NPV(t)| \leq \epsilon \end{cases}$$

with number of trades n in the netting set and trade i ’s value $NPV_i(t)$.

- The *EPE* fraction allocated to trade i at time t by averaging over paths:

$$EPE_i(t) = \mathbb{E} [A_i^+(t)]$$

By construction, $\sum_i A_i(t) = E(t)$ and hence $\sum_i EPE_i(t) = EPE(t)$.

We introduced the *cutoff* parameter $\epsilon > 0$ above in order to handle the case where the netting set value $NPV(t)$ (almost) vanishes due to netting, while the netting set ‘exposure’ $E(t)$ does not. This is possible in a model with nonzero MTA and MPoR. Since a single scenario with vanishing $NPV(t)$ suffices to invalidate the expected exposure at this time t , the cutoff is essential. Despite introducing this cutoff, it is obvious that the marginal allocation method can lead to spikes in the allocated exposures. And generally, the marginal allocation leads to both positive and negative *EPE* allocations.

As a an example for a simple alternative to the marginal allocation of *EPE* we provide allocation based on today’s single-trade CVAs

$$w_i = CVA_i / \sum_i CVA_i.$$

This yields allocated exposures proportional to the netting set exposure, avoids spikes and negative *EPE*, but does not distinguish the ‘direction’ of each trade’s contribution to *EPE* and *CVA*.

A.15 Sensitivity Analysis

ORE's sensitivity analysis framework uses “bump and revalue” to compute Interest Rate, FX, Inflation, Equity and Credit sensitivities to

- Discount curves (in the zero rate domain)
- Index curves (in the zero rate domain)
- Yield curves including e.g. equity forecast yield curves (in the zero rate domain)
- FX Spots
- FX volatilities
- Swaption volatilities, ATM matrix or cube
- Cap/Floor volatility matrices (in the caplet/floorlet domain)
- Default probability curves (in the “zero rate” domain, expressing survival probabilities $S(t)$ in term of zero rates $z(t)$ via $S(t) = \exp(-z(t) \times t)$ with Actual/365 day counter)
- Equity spot prices
- Equity volatilities, ATM or including strike dimension
- Zero inflation curves
- Year-on-Year inflation curves
- CDS volatilities
- Base correlation curves

Apart from first order sensitivities (deltas), ORE computes second order sensitivities (gammas and cross gammas) as well. Deltas are computed using up-shifts and base values as

$$\delta = \frac{f(x + \Delta) - f(x)}{\Delta},$$

where the shift Δ can be absolute or expressed as a relative move Δ_r from the current level, $\Delta = x \Delta_r$. Gammas are computed using up- and down-shifts

$$\gamma = \frac{f(x + \Delta) + f(x - \Delta) - 2f(x)}{\Delta^2},$$

cross gammas using up-shifts and base values as

$$\gamma_{cross} = \frac{f(x + \Delta_x, y + \Delta_y) - f(x + \Delta_x, y) - f(x, y + \Delta_y) + f(x, y)}{\Delta_x \Delta_y}.$$

From the above it is clear that this involves the application of 1-d shifts (e.g. to discount zero curves) and 2-d shifts (e.g. to Swaption volatility matrices). The structure of the shift curves/matrices does not have to match the structure of the underlying data to be shifted, in particular the shift “curves/matrices” can be less granular than the market to be shifted. Figure 36 illustrates for the one-dimensional case how shifts are applied.

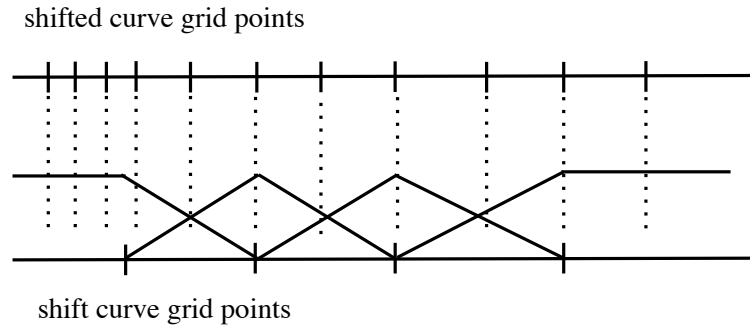


Figure 36: 1-d shift curve (bottom) applied to a more granular underlying curve (top).

Shifts at the left and right end of the shift curve are extrapolated flat, i.e. applied to all data of the original curve to the left and to the right of the shift curve ends. In between, all shifts are distributed linearly as indicated to the left and right up to the adjacent shift grid points. As a result, a parallel shift of the all points on the shift curve yields a parallel shift of all points on the underlying curve.

The two-dimensional case is covered in an analogous way, applying flat extrapolation at the boundaries and “pyramidal-shaped” linear interpolation for the bulk of the points.

The details of the computation of sensitivities to implied volatilities in strike direction can be summarised as follows, see also table 90 for an overview of the admissible configurations and the results that are obtained using them.

For *Swaption Volatilities*, the initial market setup can be an ATM surface only or a full cube. The simulation market can be set up to simulate ATM only or to simulate the full cube, but the latter choice is only possible if a full cube is set up in the initial market. The sensitivity set up must match the simulation setup with regards to the strikes (i.e. it is ATM only if and only if the simulation setup is ATM only, or it must contain exactly the same strike spreads relative to ATM as the simulation setup). Finally, if the initial market setup is a full cube, and the simulation / sensitivity setup is to simulate ATM only, then sensitivities are computed by shifting the ATM volatility w.r.t. the given shift size and type and shifting the non-ATM volatilities by the same absolute amount as the ATM volatility.

For *Cap/Floor Volatilities*, the initial market setup always contains a set of fixed strikes, i.e. there is no distinction between ATM only and a full surface. The same holds for the simulation market setup. The sensitivity setup may contain a different strike grid in this case than the simulation market. Sensitivity are computed per expiry and per strike in every case.

For *Equity Volatilities*, the initial market setup can be an ATM curve or a full surface. The simulation market can be set up to simulate ATM only or to simulate the full surface, where a full surface is allowed even if the initial market setup in an ATM curve only. If we have a full surface in the initial market and simulate the ATM curve only in the simulation market, sensitivities are computed as in the case of Swaption Volatilities, i.e. the ATM volatility is shifted w.r.t. the specified shift size and type and the non-ATM volatilities are shifted by the same absolute amount as the ATM volatility. If the simulation market is set up to simulate the full surface, then all

volatilities are shifted individually using the specified shift size and type. In every case the sensitivities are aggregated on the ATM bucket in the sensitivity report.

For *FX Volatilities*, the treatment is similar to Equity Volatilities, except for the case of a full surface definition in the initial market and an ATM only curve in the simulation market. In this case, the pricing in the simulation market is using the ATM curve only, i.e. the initial market's smile structure is lost.

For *CDS Volatilities* only an ATM curve can be defined.

In all cases the smile dynamics is “sticky strike”, i.e. the implied vol used for pricing a deal does not change if the underlying spot price changes.

Type	Init Mkt. Config.	Sim. Mkt Config.	Sensitivity Config.	Pricing	Sensitivities w.r.t.
Swaption	ATM	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	ATM Shifts
Swaption	Cube	Simulate Cube	Shift Smile Strikes	Full Cube	Smile Strike Shifts ^a
Swaption	Cube	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	Full Cube	ATM Shifts ^b
Cap/Floor	Surface	Simulate Surface	Shift Smile Strikes	Full Surface	Smile Strike Shifts
Equity	ATM	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	ATM Shifts
Equity	ATM	Simulate Surface	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	Smile Strike Shifts ^c
Equity	Surface	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	Full Surface	ATM Shifts ^b
Equity	Surface	Simulate Surface	Shift ATM only	Full Surface	Smile Strike Shifts ^c
FX	ATM	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	ATM Shifts
FX	ATM	Simulate Surface	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	Smile Strike Shifts ^c
FX	Surface	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	ATM Shifts
FX	Surface	Simulate Surface	Shift ATM only	Full Surface	Smile Strike Shifts ^c
CDS	ATM	Simulate ATM only	Shift ATM only	ATM Curve	ATM Shifts

Table 90: Admissible configurations for Sensitivity computation in ORE

^asmile strike spreads must match simulation market configuration

^bsmile is shifted in parallel

^cresult sensitivities are aggregated on ATM

A.16 Par Sensitivity Analysis

The “raw” sensitivities in ORE are generated in a computationally convenient domain (such as zero rates, caplet/floorlet volatilities, integrated hazard rates, inflation zero rates). These raw sensitivities are typically further processed in risk analytics such as VaR measures. On the other hand, for hedging purposes one is rather interested in sensitivities with respect to fair rates of hedge instruments such as Forward Rate Agreements, Swaps, flat Caps/Floors, CDS, Zero Coupon Inflation Swaps.

It is possible to generate par sensitivities from raw sensitivities using the chain rule as follows, and this is the approach taken in ORE. Recall for example the fair swap rate c for some maturity as a function of zero rates z_i in a single curve setting:

$$c = \frac{1 - e^{-z_n t_n}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i e^{-z_i t_i}}$$

More realistically, a given fair swap rate might be a function of the zero rates spanning the discount and index curves in the chosen currency. In a multi currency curve setting, that swap rate might even be a function of the zero rates spanning a foreign (collateral) currency discount curve, foreign and domestic currency index curves. Generally, we can write any fair par rate c_i as function of raw rates z_j ,

$$c_i \equiv c_i(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

This function may not be available in closed form, but numerically we can evaluate the sensitivity of c_i with respect to changes in all raw rates,

$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z_j}.$$

These sensitivities form a *Jacobi* matrix of derivatives. Now let V denote some trade's price. Its sensitivity with respect a raw rate change $\partial V/\partial z_k$ can then be expressed in terms of sensitivities w.r.t. par rates using the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial V}{\partial c_i} \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z_j},$$

or in vector/matrix form

$$\nabla_z V = C \cdot \nabla_c V, \quad C_{ji} = \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z_j}.$$

Given the raw sensitivity vector $\nabla_z V$, we need to invert the Jacobi matrix C to obtain the par rate sensitivity vector

$$\nabla_c V = C^{-1} \cdot \nabla_z V.$$

We then compute the Jacobi matrix C by

- setting up par instruments with links to all required term structures expressed in terms of raw rates
- “bumping” all relevant raw rates and numerically computing the par instrument's fair rate shift for each bump
- thus filling the Jacobi matrix with finite difference approximations of the partial derivatives $\partial c_i/\partial z_j$.

The par rate conversion supports the following par instruments:

- Deposits
- Forward rate Agreements
- Interest Rate Swaps (fixed vs. ibor)
- Overnight Index Swaps
- Tenor Basis Swaps (ibor vs. ibor)
- Overnight Index Basis Swaps (ibor vs. OIS)
- FX Forwards
- Cross Currency Basis Swaps
- Credit Default Swaps
- Caps/Floors

A.17 Value at Risk

For the computation of the parametric, or variance-covariance VaR, we rely on a second order sensitivity-based P&L approximation

$$\pi_S = \sum_{i=1}^n D_{T_i}^i V \cdot Y_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n D_{T_i, T_j}^{i,j} V \cdot Y_i \cdot Y_j \quad (36)$$

with

- portfolio value V
- random variables Y_i representing risk factor returns; these are assumed to be multivariate normally distributed with zero mean and covariance matrix $C = \{\rho_{i,k} \sigma_i \sigma_k\}_{i,k}$, where σ_i denotes the standard deviation of Y_i ; covariance matrix C may be estimated using the Pearson estimator on historical return data $\{r_i(j)\}_{i,j}$. Since the raw estimate might not be positive semidefinite, we apply a salvaging algorithm to ensure this property, which basically replaces negative Eigenvalues by zero and renormalises the resulting matrix, see [26];
- first or second order derivative operators D , depending on the market factor specific shift type $T_i \in \{A, R, L\}$ (absolute shifts, relative shifts, absolute log-shifts), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} D_A^i V(x) &= \frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x_i} \\ D_R^i V(x) = D_L^i f(x) &= x_i \frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x_i} \end{aligned}$$

and using the short hand notation

$$D_{T_i, T_j}^{i,j} V(x) = D_{T_i}^i D_{T_j}^j V(x)$$

In ORE, these first and second order sensitivities are computed as finite difference approximations (“bump and revalue”).

To approximate the p -quantile of π_S in (36) ORE offers the techniques outlined below.

Delta Gamma Normal Approximation

The distribution of (36) is non-normal due to the second order terms. The delta gamma normal approximation in ORE computes mean m and variance v of the portfolio value change π_S (discarding moments higher than two) following [27] and provides a simple VaR estimate

$$VaR = m + N^{-1}(q) \sqrt{v}$$

for the desired quantile q (N is the cumulative standard normal distribution). Omitting the second order terms in (36) yields the delta normal approximation.

Cornish-Fisher Expansion

The first four moments of the distribution of π_S in (36) can be computed in closed form using the covariance matrix C and the sensitivities of first and second order D_i and $D_{i,k}$, see e.g. [27]. Once these moments are known, an approximation to the true quantile of π_S can be computed using the Cornish-Fisher expansion, see also [7], which in practice often gives a decent approximation of the true value, but may also show bigger differences in certain configurations.

Saddlepoint Approximation

Another approximation of the true quantile of π_S can be computed using the Saddlepoint approximation using results from [28] and [29]. This method typically produces more accurate results than the Cornish-Fisher method, while still being fast to evaluate.

Monte Carlo Simulation

By simulating a large number of realisations of the return vector $Y = \{Y_i\}_i$ and computing the corresponding realisations of π_S in (36) we can estimate the desired quantile as the quantile of the empirical distribution generated by the Monte Carlo samples. Apart from the Monte Carlo Error no approximation is involved in this method, so that albeit slow it is well suited to produce values against which any other approximate approaches can be tested. Numerically, the simulation is implemented using a Cholesky Decomposition of the covariance matrix C in conjunction with a pseudo random number generator (Mersenne Twister) and an implementation of the inverse cumulative normal distribution to transform $U[0, 1]$ variates to $N(0, 1)$ variates.

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