

# Asymptotic expansions for fractional stochastic volatility models

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However the implied volatility is not available in closed form for most models. Its asymptotic behaviour is available via (small/large  $k, \tau$ ) approximations.

Implied volatility ( $\sigma_\tau(k)$ ) asymptotics as  $|k| \uparrow \infty$ ,  $\tau \downarrow 0$  or  $\tau \uparrow \infty$ :

- Hagan-Kumar-Lesniewski-Woodward (2003/2015): small-maturity for the SABR model
- Berestycki-Busca-Florent (2004): small- $\tau$  using PDE methods for diffusions.
- Henry-Labordère (2009): small- $\tau$  asymptotics using differential geometry.
- Forde et al.(2012), Jacquier et al.(2012): small/ large  $\tau$  using large deviations.
- Lee (2003), Benaim-Friz (2009), Gulisashvili (2010-2012), Caravenna-Corbetta (2016), De Marco-Jacquier-Hillairet (2013):  $|k| \uparrow \infty$ .
- Laurence-Gatheral-Hsu-Ouyang-Wang (2012): small- $\tau$  in local volatility models.
- Fouque et al.(2000-2011): perturbation techniques for slow and fast mean-reverting stochastic volatility models.
- Mijatović-Tankov (2012): small- $\tau$  for jump models.
- Bompis-Gobet (2015): asymptotic expansions in the presence of both local and stochastic volatility using Malliavin calculus.

*Related works:*

- Deuschel-Friz-Jacquier-Violante (CPAM 2014), De Marco-Friz (2014): small-noise expansions using Laplace method on Wiener space (Ben Arous-Bismut approach).
- Baudoin-Ouyang (2010): small-noise expansions in a fractional setting
- Forde-Zhang (2015): large deviations in a fractional stochastic volatility setting
- Guennon-Jacquier-Roome (2015): large deviations in a fractional Heston model

## Motivation

- Classical stochastic volatility models generate a constant short-maturity ATM skew and a large-maturity one proportional to  $\tau^{-1}$ ;
- However, short-term data suggests a time decay of the ATM skew proportional to  $\tau^{-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$ .
- One solution: adding volatility factors (risk of over-parameterisation). Gatheral's Double Mean-Reverting, Bergomi-Guyon, each factor acting on a specific time horizon.
- In the Lévy case (Tankov, 2010), the situation is different, as  $\tau \downarrow 0$ :
  - in the pure jump case with  $\int_{(-1,1)} |x| \nu(dx) < \infty$ , then  $\sigma_\tau^2(0) \sim c\tau$ ;
  - in the  $(\alpha)$  stable case,  $\sigma_\tau^2(0) \sim c\tau^{1-2/\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ ;
  - for out-of-the-money options,  $\sigma_\tau^2(k) \sim \frac{k^2}{2\tau |\log(\tau)|}$ .

## Rough volatility models

- Gatheral-Jaisson-Rosenbaum and Bayer-Gatheral-Friz (2014,1015) proposed a fractional volatility model:

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= S_t(\sigma_t dZ_t + \mu_t dt), \\ \sigma_t &= \exp(X_t), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where

$$X_t = \mu W_t^H - \alpha(X_t - m)dt,$$

for  $\mu, \alpha > 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  for a Bm  $Z$  and a fBm motion  $W^H$  with Hurst parameter  $H$ .

- Time series of the Oxford-Man SPX realised variance as well as implied volatility smiles of the SPX suggest that  $H \in (0, 1/2)$ : **short-memory** volatility.
- Is not statistically rejected by Ait-Sahalia-Jacod's test (2009) for Itô diffusions.
- Main drawback: loss of Markovianity ( $H \neq 1/2$ ) rules out PDE techniques, and Monte Carlo is computationally intensive.

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**Remark:** The setting of Forde-Zhang '16 is included. With a leap of faith Gatheral-Jaisson-Rosenbaum '14 and Bayer-Friz-Gatheral '15 as well.

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**Remark:** Scaling (4)  $\Rightarrow$  short-time (cf. Forde-Zhang (2015)), scaling (5)  $\Rightarrow$  tails.

### Theorem (Harms-H-Jacquier)

Consider an SDE of the form (2). Then the density of  $X_T^\varepsilon$  admits an expansion

$$f_\varepsilon(T, x) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Lambda(x)}{\varepsilon^{2\beta}} + \frac{\Lambda'(x)\widehat{X}_T}{\varepsilon^\beta}\right) \varepsilon^{-\min(\kappa_1, \beta)} \left(c_0 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{\delta(\kappa_1, \beta)})\right), \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0,$$

where

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$$d\widehat{X}_t = \left[ \partial_x b(0, \phi_t^{k_0}) + \partial_x \sigma(\phi_t^{h_0}) \cdot \dot{k}_0(t) \right] \widehat{X}_t dt + \partial_{\varepsilon\beta} b(0, \phi_t^{k_0}) dt, \quad \widehat{X}_0 = \partial_{\varepsilon\beta} x_0^\varepsilon|_{\varepsilon=0},$$

where  $\phi^{k_0}$  denotes the ODE solution of the same SDE (2) replacing  $\varepsilon^\beta dW$  by  $\dot{k}_0$  and  $x_0^\varepsilon$  by  $x_0$ .

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**Proof:** Take  $T = 1$ ,  $\epsilon^2 = t$  and consider  $(X_t^\epsilon, Y_t^\epsilon) := (\epsilon^{2H-1}X_{\epsilon^2 t}, Y_{\epsilon^2 t})$  with  $X_0^\epsilon = 0$ ,  $Y_0^\epsilon = y_0 > 0$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Short-time scaling:

$$dX_t^\epsilon = -\epsilon^{2H+1} \frac{(Y_t^\epsilon)^2}{2} dt + \epsilon^{2H} Y_t^\epsilon dW_t, \quad dY_t^\epsilon = \epsilon^2 (a + bY_t^\epsilon) dt + \epsilon^{2H} cdW_t^H, \quad (4)$$

Note that the drift vanishes in the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $x_0^\epsilon = x_0 = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow (\widehat{X}_t, \widehat{Y}_t) \equiv 0$ , so that there is no  $1/\epsilon^\beta = 1/t^{\beta/2}$  term in the exponential.

## Corollary: tail asymptotics

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## Outlook: Moderate regimes

- Moderate Regimes (in the sense of Friz-Gerhold-Pinter '16) interpolate between out-of-the-money calls with fixed strike  $\left(\log \frac{K}{S_0}\right) = k > 0$  and at-the-money  $k = 0$  calls: Now  $k_t = ct^\theta \Rightarrow$  MOTM (for  $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}$ ) and AATM (for larger  $\theta$ )
- Reflects market data: options closer expiry  $\Rightarrow$  strikes closer to the money first observed by Mijatović-Tankov on FX markets
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- MOTM expansions naturally involve quantities very familiar to practitioners, notably spot (implied) volatility, implied volatility skew . . .
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### Theorem (Bayer-Friz-Gulisashvili-H-Stemper)

Consider a moderately out-of-the-money call  $k_t = x^{1/2-H+\theta}$ ;  $\theta \in (0, H)$  resp.  $\theta \in (0, \frac{2H}{3})$ . Then as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , the following (non-Markovian extension of Osajima-energy-expansion) holds

$$\log c(k_t, t) \approx \frac{1}{2} \Lambda''(0) \frac{x^2}{t^{2H-2\theta}} + \frac{1}{6} \Lambda'''(0) \frac{x^3}{t^{2H-3\theta}},$$

where we have explicit expressions:  $\Lambda''(0) = \frac{1}{\sigma_0}$  and  $\Lambda'''(0) = -\rho \frac{6\sigma'_0}{\sigma_0^4} \langle K, 1 \rangle$ .

Here  $K$  denotes the Volterra kernel and  $\langle K, 1 \rangle := \int_0^1 \int_0^t K(t, s) ds dt$ .

## Notations

- $\mathcal{H}$ : absolutely continuous paths  $[0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  starting at 0 such that  $\|\dot{h}\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 < \infty$ .
- $\mathcal{H}_H := K_H \mathcal{H}$  and  $k := K_H h$ , where  $K_H$  denotes the Volterra kernel.
- For fixed  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\phi^k$  is the (unique) ODE solution to

$$\dot{\phi}_t^k = \sigma_0(\phi_t^k) dt + \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(\phi_t^k) dk_t^i, \quad \phi_0^k = (x_0, y_0).$$

- Denote  $\psi^k := \Pi_1 \phi^k$  its projection on to the first coordinate  $X$ .
- $\mathcal{K}_a := \{k \in \mathcal{H}_H : \psi_T^k = a \in \mathbb{R}\} \neq \emptyset$  ("by Hörmander condition").
- $\Lambda(a) := \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|k\|_H^2 : k \in \mathcal{K}_a \right\}$ .

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Choose  $F$  such that  $F(\cdot) + \Lambda_{x_0}(\cdot)$  has a non-degenerate minimum at  $z$ . This implies that  $k \mapsto F(\phi_T^k(x_0, y_0)) + \frac{1}{2} \|k\|_{\mathcal{H}_H}^2$  has a non-degenerate minimum at  $k_0 \in H$ .

(For instance  $F(z) = \lambda|z - x|^2 - [\Lambda_{x_0, y_0}(z) - \Lambda_{x_0, y_0}(x)]$  with  $\lambda > 0$ ).

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The rest of the proof follows Ben Arous' proof for  $X_T^\varepsilon$ .

Thank you!