

# Volatility modeling: state of the art & outlook

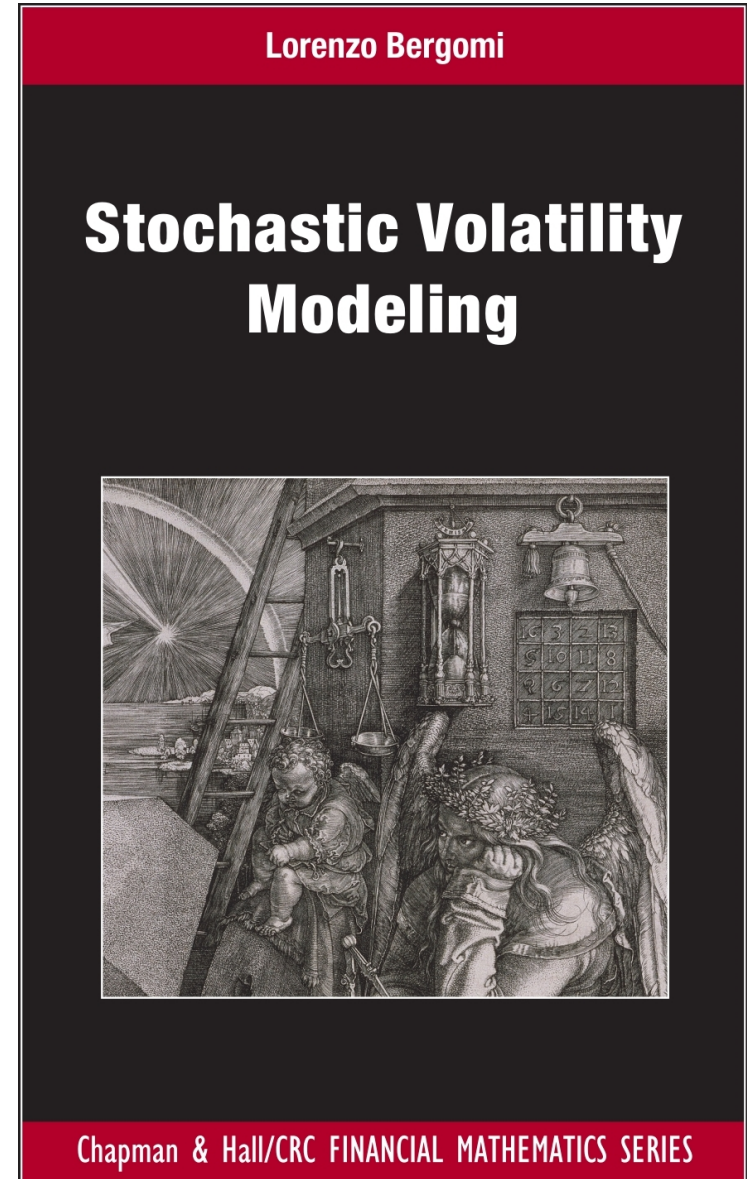
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# Outline

- ▶ The vanilla trader
- ▶ The exotic trader
- ▶ The local volatility model
- ▶ Stochastic volatility models
- ▶ Local-stochastic volatility models
- ▶ Beyond models?



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## Two *ideal types* of derivative traders: the vanilla trader

- ▶ Risk-manages vanillas
- ▶ Hedge instruments: underlyings/futures/forwards
- ▶ Pricing function  $P(t, S, \bullet)$ .  $\bullet \equiv$  model parameters
- ▶ P&L of delta-hedged position – assume has sold option + assume zero interest rate

$$P\&L = -\left(P(t + \delta t, S + \delta S, \bullet) - P(t, S, \bullet)\right) + \Delta \delta S$$

- ▶ Use Black-Scholes pricing function and take  $\Delta = \frac{dP}{dS}$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}^2 S^2 \frac{d^2 P}{dS^2} = 0$$

- ▶ Expand at order 1 in  $t$ , order 2 in  $\delta S$ . P&L reads:

$$P\&L = \frac{1}{2} S^2 \frac{d^2 P}{dS^2} \left( \frac{\delta S^2}{S^2} - \hat{\sigma}^2 \delta t \right)$$

- ▶ Notice there are additional contributions to the P&L:

$$P\&L = \frac{1}{2} S^2 \frac{d^2 P}{dS^2} \left( \frac{\delta S^2}{S^2} - \hat{\sigma}^2 \delta t \right) + \frac{dP}{d\hat{\sigma}} \delta \hat{\sigma} + \frac{d^2 P}{dS d\hat{\sigma}} \delta S \delta \hat{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 P}{d\hat{\sigma}^2} \delta \hat{\sigma}^2 + \dots$$

- ▶ First portion (Gamma/Theta P&L) is by no means small

## Two *ideal types* of derivative traders: the exotic trader

- ▶ Risk-manages exotics
- ▶ Uses vanillas/delta-hedged vanillas as hedge instruments
- ▶ Pricing function takes as input vanilla option prices / vanilla implied volatilities:

$$P(t, S, \hat{\sigma}_{KT}, \bullet) \quad P(t, S, O_{KT}, \bullet)$$

- ▶ Denote by  $A_i$  prices of hedging instruments:  $S$  and  $O_{KT}$
- ▶ P&L of delta and vega-hedged option position – assume zero interest rate

$$P\&L = -\left(P(t + \delta t, A + \delta A, \bullet) - P(t, A, \bullet)\right) + \sum_i \frac{dP}{dA_i} \delta A_i$$

- ▶ Expanding at order 1 in  $\delta t$ , order 2 in  $\delta A$ :

$$P\&L = -\frac{dP}{dt} \delta t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \frac{d^2 P}{dA_i dA_j} \delta A_i \delta A_j$$

⇒ How to tell if  $P(t, A, \bullet)$  is a non-nonsensical pricing function?

- ▶ There exists a positive matrix  $\hat{C}$  such that  $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} A_i A_j \frac{d^2 P}{dA_i dA_j} \hat{C}_{ij}$
- ▶ P&L reads:

$$P\&L = -\frac{1}{2} \sum A_i A_j \frac{d^2 P}{dA_i dA_j} \left( \frac{\delta A_i}{A_i} \frac{\delta A_j}{A_j} - \hat{C}_{ij} \delta t \right)$$

## Two *ideal types* of derivative traders: the exotic trader – 2

- ▶ The  $\hat{C}_{ij}$  are called break-even covariances
- ▶ For a given model, they are functions of  $(t, A_i, \bullet)$  with  $\bullet \equiv$  model parameters
- ▶ They can equivalently be expressed in terms of volatilities and correlations
- ▶ In what follows, use implied volatilities  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$  rather than vanilla option prices
- ▶ Ideally we would like to be able to specify breakeven levels:
  - ▶ Volatilities of  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$
  - ▶ Correlations of the  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$  among themselves and with  $S$
- ▶ Let us now assess different types of models
  - ▶ The Local Volatility (LV) model
  - ▶ Stochastic volatility (SV) models
  - ▶ Local-stochastic volatility (LSV) models
  - ▶ But wait – do we actually need a model?

## The LV model

- ▶ Historically, LV model introduced as extension of BS with deterministic inst. vol.

$$dS_t = (r - q)S_t dt + \sigma(t, S_t)S_t dW_t$$

- ▶  $\sigma(t, S)$  backed out of call prices  $O_{KT}$  by the Dupire formula

$$\sigma(T, K)^2 = 2 \frac{\frac{dO}{dT} + qO + (r - q)K \frac{dO}{dK}}{K^2 \frac{d^2 O}{dK^2}}$$

- ▶ LV function is not a fundamental object, only has an ancillary function
- ▶ Pricing function in LV model – that trader uses – is:

$$P(t, S, \hat{\sigma}_{KT}) \quad \text{or} \quad P(t, S, O_{KT})$$

⇒ No parameter ??

- ▶ In LV model *for a fixed LV function* all assets are *functions* of  $t, S$
- ⇒ 1-dimensional Markov representation in terms of  $t, S$ , for all assets
- ▶ *With a fixed LV function*, pricing function  $P^{LV}(t, S, \sigma)$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{KT} \equiv \Sigma_{KT}^{LV}(t, S, \sigma)$$

## The LV model – 2

- ▶ Full P&L of naked exotic option position reads - now with interest rates:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\&L = & - \frac{dP}{dS} (\delta S - rS\delta t) - \frac{dP}{d\hat{\sigma}_{KT}} * (\delta\hat{\sigma}_{KT} - \mu_{KT}\delta t) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} S^2 \frac{d^2P}{dS^2} \left[ \frac{\delta S^2}{S^2} - \sigma^2(t, S) \delta t \right] \\
 & - \frac{d^2P}{dS d\hat{\sigma}_{KT}} * S \hat{\sigma}_{KT} \left[ \frac{\delta S}{S} \frac{\delta\hat{\sigma}_{KT}}{\hat{\sigma}_{KT}} - \sigma(t, S) \nu_{KT} \delta t \right] \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2P}{d\hat{\sigma}_{KT} d\hat{\sigma}_{K'T'}} * \hat{\sigma}_{KT} \hat{\sigma}_{K'T'} \left[ \frac{\delta\hat{\sigma}_{KT}}{\hat{\sigma}_{KT}} \frac{\delta\hat{\sigma}_{K'T'}}{\hat{\sigma}_{K'T'}} - \nu_{KT} \nu_{K'T'} \delta t \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ where the (lognormal) vol  $\nu_{KT}$  of  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$  is given by:

$$\nu_{KT} = \frac{1}{\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}} \frac{d\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}}{dS} S \sigma(t, S)$$

- ▶ and  $\mu_{KT}$  is given by:

$$\mu_{KT} = \frac{d\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(t, S) S^2 \frac{d^2\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}}{dS^2} + rS \frac{d\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}}{dS}$$

- ▶ For a perfectly delta-hedged/vega-hedged position

⇒ The first 2 contributions vanish

⇒ Remaining P&L is of the non-nonsensical type in slide 3

## The LV model – 3

- ▶ Pricing function takes as input  $t$ , the prices of hedge instruments – and that's it
- ▶ Not possible to choose the vol of  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$ 
  - ▶  $\nu_{KT}$  is determined by derivative of  $\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}$  with respect to  $S$
  - ▶  $\Sigma_{KT}^{LV}$  determined by local vol function  $\sigma(t, S)$
  - ▶ Set by the market smile used for calibration
- ⇒ Correlations between implied vols =  $\pm 100\%$
- ⇒ Correlations between  $S$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$  =  $\pm 100\%$
- ▶ Can we size up  $\nu_{KT}$ ?



## The LV model – 4

- ▶ Let us focus on the vol of the ATM vol  $\hat{\sigma}_{K=S,T}$ , and consider the vol  $\tilde{\nu}_{K=S,T}$ . It is the volatility of the floating ATM volatility:

$$\tilde{\nu}_{K=S,T} = \frac{1}{\Sigma_{S,T}^{\text{LV}}} \frac{d\Sigma_{K=S,T}^{\text{LV}}}{dS} S \sigma(t, S) = \frac{1}{\Sigma_{S,T}^{\text{LV}}} \frac{d\Sigma_{K=S,T}^{\text{LV}}}{d \ln S} \sigma(t, S)$$

- ▶ For a flat smile,  $\sigma(t, S)$  does not depend on  $S \Rightarrow$  neither does  $\Sigma_{KT}^{\text{LV}}$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\nu}_{K=S,T} = 0$$

- ▶ Denote by  $\mathcal{S}_\tau$  the ATM skew for maturity  $\tau$ :

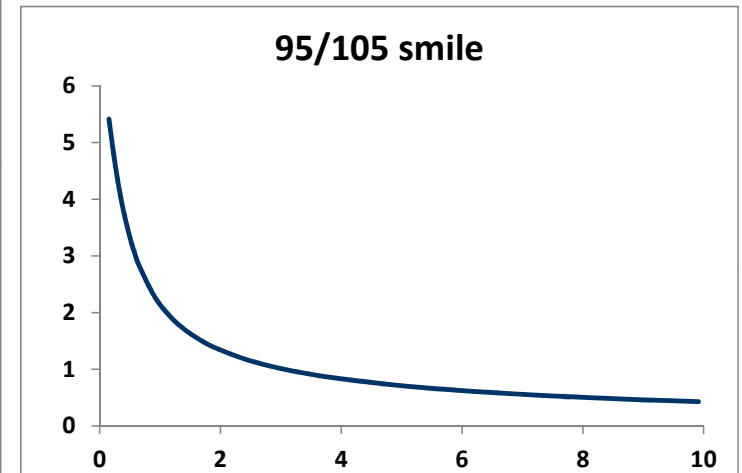
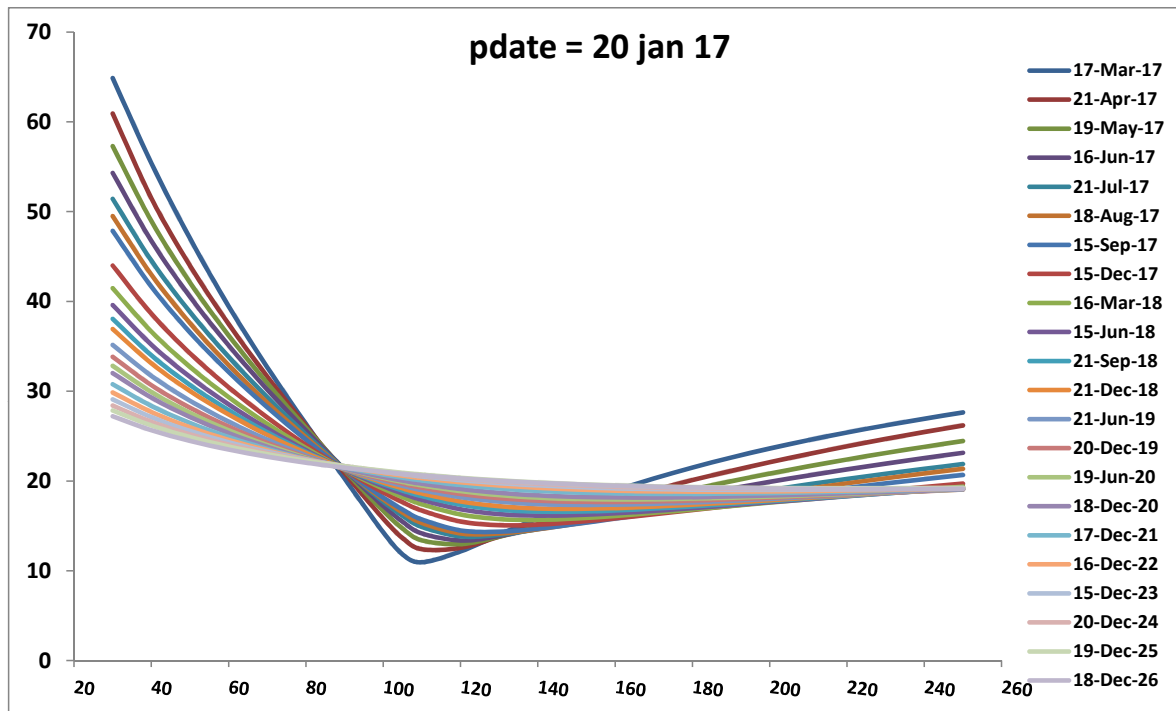
$$\mathcal{S}_\tau = \left. \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{K\tau}}{d \ln K} \right|_{K=S}$$

- ▶ At order 1 in  $S$ :

$$\frac{d\Sigma_{ST}^{\text{LV}}}{d \ln S} = \mathcal{S}_T + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathcal{S}_\tau d\tau$$

## The LV model – 5

- ▶ Example of index smile. Right:  $(\hat{\sigma}_{0.95S,T} - \hat{\sigma}_{1.05S,T})$  as a function of  $T$  (years)



- ▶ In the LV mode the pricing function of an exotic option reads:

$$P(t, S, \hat{\sigma}_{KT}) \quad \text{or} \quad P(t, S, O_{KT})$$

- ▶ No additional parameter to input
- ▶ Vols of vols, correlations, are set by market smile
  - ▶ Like them  $\Rightarrow$  use model
  - ▶ Don't like them  $\Rightarrow$  don't use model

## SV models - 1

- ▶ We would like to have a handle on the dynamics of implied vols
  - ▶ Not just let model decide – as in the LV model
- ▶ Can we model the dynamics of vanilla implied volatilities directly?

$$\begin{cases} dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^S \\ d\hat{\sigma}_t^{KT} = \star dt + \bullet dW_t^{KT} \end{cases}$$

- ⇒ Short answer: no
  - ⇒ Implied volatilities of vanilla options are too complicated objects
- ▶ Other (convex) European payoffs with simpler implied volatilities?
  - ▶ Yes: the logswap

$$f(S) = -2 \ln S$$

- ▶ In BS, zero interest rate for simplicity, price is given by:

$$P_T(t, S) = -2 \ln S + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}_T^2 (T - t)$$

- ⇒ Curve of the  $\hat{\sigma}_T$

## SV models - 2

- ▶ Consider an increasing sequence of dates  $T_i$
- ▶ Building block:
  - ▶ +1 logswap of maturity  $T_{i+1}$
  - ▶ -1 logswap of maturity  $T_i$
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  payoff =  $\ln\left(\frac{S_{T_{i+1}}}{S_{T_i}}\right)$
- ▶ Price in BS:

$$\begin{aligned}P_{i,i+1}(t, S) &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}_{i,i+1}^2 (T_{i+1} - T_i) \\ &= P_{T_{i+1}}(t, S) - P_{T_i}(t, S)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,i+1}^2$  is proportional to  $P$ , a price  $\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{i,i+1}^2$  has no drift
- ▶ Also holds with non-zero interest rates
- ▶ Connection with the  $\hat{\sigma}_T$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i,i+1}^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{T_{i+1}}^2 (T_{i+1} - t) - \hat{\sigma}_{T_i}^2 (T_i - t)}{T_{i+1} - T_i}$$

- ▶ Replace finite difference by derivative  $\Rightarrow$  continuous forward variances  $\xi^T$

$$\xi^T = \left. \frac{d}{d\tau} \left( \hat{\sigma}_\tau^2 (\tau - t) \right) \right|_{\tau=T}$$

## SV models - 3

- ▶ General form of a stochastic volatility model:

$$\begin{cases} dS_t = rS_t dt + \sqrt{\xi_t^t} dW_t^S \\ d\xi_t^T = \bullet dW_t^T \end{cases}$$

with correlations  $\rho_{ST} dt, \rho_{TT}$

- ▶ This is called a forward-variance model
- ▶ All models written on the inst. variance  $V_t$  can be written this way
- ▶ Example: Heston model – no interest rates:

$$\begin{cases} dS_t = \sqrt{V_t} S_t dW_t \\ dV_t = -k(V_t - V^0)dt + \nu\sqrt{V_t} dZ_t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} dS_t = \sqrt{\xi_t} S_t dW_t \\ d\xi_t^T = \nu e^{-k(T-t)} \sqrt{\xi_t^t} dZ_t \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Are the  $\xi^T$  easier to model than the  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$ ? Yes:
  - ▶ they are driftless
  - ▶ just ensure  $\xi^T \geq 0$
- ▶  $\xi^T$ : 1-dimensional set of instruments
- ⇒ Can calibrate at most one implied vol per maturity
- ▶ What should we choose for  $\bullet$  ?

## SV models - 4

- ▶ Empirically, ATM vols & logswap implied vols are  $\approx$  lognormal
- ▶ Typically, the inst. (lognormal) volatility of  $\hat{\sigma}_T$  has a power-law dependence on  $T$

$$\text{vol}(\hat{\sigma}_T) = \nu_0 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{T} \right)^\alpha$$

- ▶ Typical realized values – for indices:  $\nu_{3m} \approx 60\%$ ,  $\alpha \in [0.3, 0.6]$
- ▶ Similar levels for volatilities of ATM volatilities
- ▶ How do achieve this in a forward variance model?

### ⇒ Recepte

- ▶ Use same Brownian motion for all of the  $\xi^T$
- ▶ Make vol of  $\xi^T$  proportional to  $(T - t)^{-\alpha}$

$$d\xi_t^T = \frac{\lambda}{(T - t)^\alpha} dZ_t$$

## SV models - 5

- ▶ Let's check. By definition of  $\xi_t^T$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_T^2 = \frac{1}{T-t} \int_t^T \xi_t^T d\tau$$

- ▶ We have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\hat{\sigma}_T^2) &= \bullet dt + \frac{1}{T-t} \int_t^T d\xi_t^T d\tau \\ &= \bullet dt + \frac{1}{T-t} \int_t^T \frac{\lambda}{(\tau-t)^\alpha} dZ_t d\tau \\ &= \bullet dt + \frac{\lambda}{1-\alpha} \frac{1}{(T-t)^\alpha} dZ_t \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Instantaneous vol of  $\hat{\sigma}_T^2 \propto \frac{1}{(T-t)^\alpha}$  / Same for  $\hat{\sigma}_T$ : YES!

- ▶ Use in fact lognormal version of model:

$$d\xi_t^T = \xi_t^T \frac{\lambda}{(T-t)^\alpha} dZ_t$$

- ▶ This is called a *rough volatility* model
- ▶ Pricing in a rough volatility model?

## SV models - 6

- ▶ Simulation of the  $\xi^T$ :

$$d \ln \xi_t^T = \bullet dt + \frac{\lambda}{(T-t)^\alpha} dZ_t$$

$$\ln \frac{\xi_t^T}{\xi_0^T} = f(t, T) + \int_0^t \frac{\lambda}{(T-\tau)^\alpha} dZ_\tau$$

- ▶ Problem: each  $\xi_t^T$  has to be simulated individually: non-Markovian model
- ⇒ Use discrete 1-month forward variances ⇒ still 120 state variables for a 10-year product
- ⇒ And this is just for a 1-factor model with all volatilities correlated 100%!
- ⇒ Rough volatility models not usable in practice
  
- ▶ What to do?
- ▶ In fact no need for the  $(T-t)^{-\alpha}$  dependence right down to  $(T-t) \rightarrow 0/+ \infty$
- ▶ Can we mimic the  $(T-t)^{-\alpha}$  form on an interval  $[T_{\min}, T_{\max}]$  and get a Markovian (read: usable) model?



## SV models - 7

- ▶ Try exponential form

$$d \ln \xi_t^T = \bullet dt + e^{-k(T-t)} dB_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{\xi_t^T}{\xi_0^T} &= f(t, T) + \int_0^t e^{-k(T-\tau)} dB_\tau \\ &= f(t, T) + e^{-k(T-t)} X_t \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_t = \int_0^t e^{-k(t-\tau)} dB_\tau$

- ▶ All forward variances are a function of just 1 state variable:  $X_t$
- ▶  $X_t$  is an Ornstein-Ühlenbeck process – easy to simulate

$$\text{vol}(\hat{\sigma}_T) \propto \frac{1 - e^{-kT}}{kT} \neq \left(\frac{\tau_0}{T}\right)^\alpha$$

- ⇒ To reasonably mimic power-law dependence, need at least two factors
- ⇒ 2-factor model (LB - 2004):

$$\frac{d\xi_t^T}{\xi_t^T} = (2\nu\alpha_\theta) \left( (1-\theta)e^{-k_1(T-t)} dW_t^1 + \theta e^{-k_2(T-t)} dW_t^2 \right)$$

$$\alpha_\theta = 1/\sqrt{(1-\theta)^2 + \theta^2 + 2\rho_{12}\theta(1-\theta)}$$

+ correlations  $\rho_{1S}, \rho_{2S}$  of  $W^1, W^2$  with  $S$

## SV models - 8

- Requires simulation of 2 OU processes:

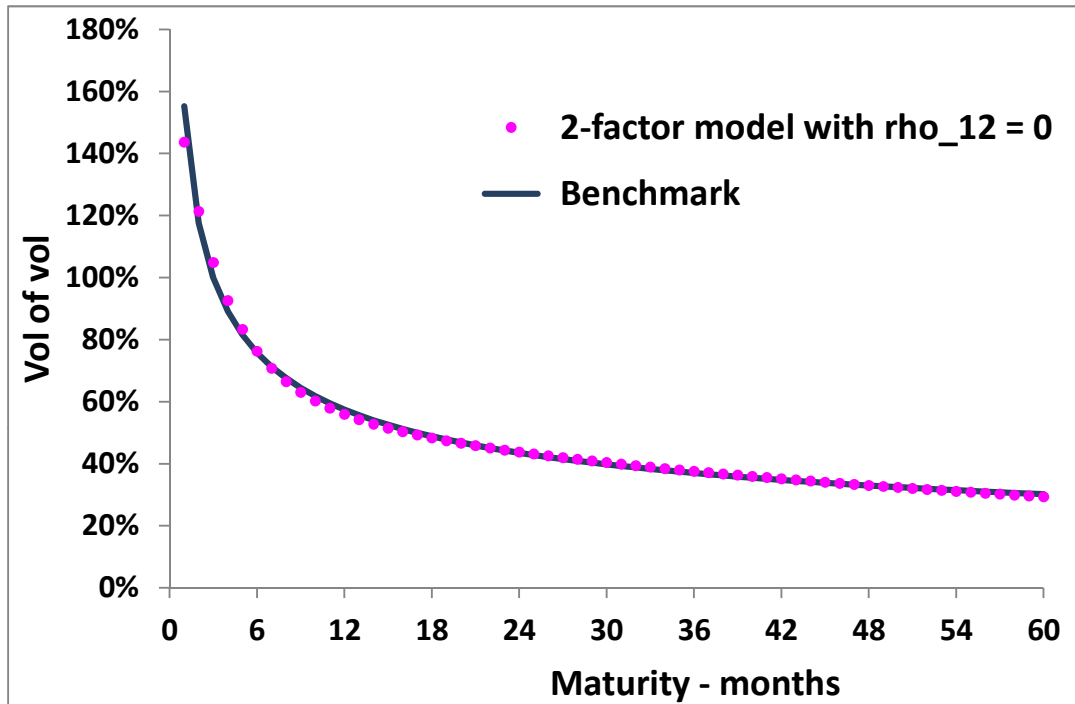
$$dX_t^1 = -k_1 X_t^1 dt + dW_t^1, \quad dX_t^2 = -k_2 X_t^2 dt + dW_t^2$$

- For a flat term structure of logswap volatilities –  $\hat{\sigma}_T$  all identical:

$$\text{vol}(\hat{\sigma}_T) = (\nu\alpha\theta) \sqrt{(1-\theta)^2 I(k_1 T)^2 + \theta^2 I(k_2 T)^2 + 2\rho_{12}\theta(1-\theta)I(k_1 T)I(k_2 T)}$$

$$I(x) = (1 - e^{-x}) / x$$

- Example: take  $\tau_0 = 3\text{months}$ ,  $\nu_0 = 100\%$ ,  $\alpha = 0.4$ :



Some sets with alpha = 0.4		
nu	120.9%	135.8%
theta	57.9%	30.1%
k1	0.58	2.59
k2	1.19	0.32
rho_12	-95%	-50%
nu	174.0%	178.2%
theta	24.5%	23.8%
k1	5.35	6.02
k2	0.28	0.27
rho_12	0%	20%
nu	185.1%	190.1%
theta	23.1%	22.8%
k1	7.26	8.34
k2	0.24	0.22
rho_12	60%	99%

- Different sets  $\Rightarrow$  different correlations between the  $\hat{\sigma}_T$  / with  $S$

## SV models - 9

- ▶ Model parameters generate the dynamics of implied volatilities AND the smile
- ▶ Can we characterize the relationship between both?
- ▶ At order 1 in the volatility of volatility, for a flat term structure of logswap volatilities, the ATM skew for maturity  $T$  is given by:

$$\mathcal{S}_T = \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_T^3 T} \int_0^T \frac{T-t}{T} E[\langle d\ln S_t d\hat{\sigma}_{T,t}^2 \rangle]$$

- ▶ In a model where:
  - $\hat{\sigma}_T$  is lognormal, with  $\text{vol}(\hat{\sigma}_T) = \nu_0 \left(\frac{\tau_0}{T}\right)^\alpha$
  - All  $\hat{\sigma}_T$  are 100% correlated
  - Correlation of  $S$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_T$  is  $\rho$

the ATM skew  $\mathcal{S}_T$  and curvature  $\mathcal{C}_T$  are given, resp. at order 1 and 2 in  $\nu_0$  by:

$$\mathcal{S}_T = \frac{\rho\nu_0}{2-\alpha} \left(\frac{\tau_0}{T}\right)^\alpha$$
$$\mathcal{C}_T = \frac{\nu_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}_T} \frac{1}{3-2\alpha} \left(1 - 6 \frac{1-\alpha}{(2-\alpha)^2} \rho^2\right) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{T}\right)^{2\alpha}$$

⇒ Note that  $\mathcal{C}_T$  is not just a function of vol-of-vol

## SV models - conclusion

- ▶ Pricing function of SV models:

$$P(t, S, \xi, \bullet)$$

- ▶ In SV model, we can calibrate a 1-dimensional family of convex payoffs – determines initial curve  $\xi_0$ 
  - ▶ For example, logswap or ATM volatilities
- ▶ A 2-factor model based on OU processes provides sufficient control on
  - ▶ The term-structure of vols of vols
  - ▶ Correlation of  $S$  with short- and long-dated implied vols
- ▶ Once volatilities and spot/vol correlations are set, smile is set
- ▶ How to build a model that takes as input the whole surface of vanilla implied vols  $\hat{\sigma}_{KT}$ ?

## LSV models

- ▶ One way: add a local volatility component  $\Rightarrow$  LSV model

$$\begin{cases} dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma(t, S) \sqrt{\xi_t^t} dW_t^S \\ d\xi_t^T = (2\nu\alpha\theta) \xi_t^T \left( (1-\theta)e^{-k_1(T-t)} dW_t^1 + \theta e^{-k_2(T-t)} dW_t^2 \right) \end{cases}$$

- ▶ How do we determine  $\sigma(t, S)$  ?
- ▶ Imagine we have already determined the LV function of the LV model:

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma_{LV}(t, S) dW_t^S$$

- ▶ LV/ LSV models give rise to same densities for  $S_T, \forall T$

$\Rightarrow$  Giöngy theorem:

$$\sigma^2(t, S) E[\xi_t^t | S, t] = \sigma_{LV}^2(t, S) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma(t, S) = \frac{\sigma_{LV}(t, S)}{\sqrt{E[\xi_t^t | S, t]}}$$

- ▶ How do we compute the conditional expectation?
- $\Rightarrow$  Particle method (J. Guyon/P. Henry-Labordère)
- ▶  $\sigma(t, S)$  may not exist – no existence theorem, in contrast to LV

## LSV models – conclusion

- ▶ In LSV model pricing function is:

$$P(t, S, \hat{\sigma}_{KT}, \bullet)$$

- ▶ Params: control on vols of vols / spot/vol and vol/vol correlations
- ▶ But there are limitations
- ▶ At order 1 in  $\sigma(t, S)$  and order 1 in  $\nu$ , ATM skew is given by:

$$S_T = \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_T^3 T} \int_0^T \frac{T-t}{T} E[\langle d\ln S_t d\hat{\sigma}_{T,t}^2 \rangle]$$

- ⇒ Enforces relationship between term structure of market ATM skew and spot/vol covariance

- ▶ Still, sufficient control in practice
- ▶ Present dynamics of index vols altered by large market positions in autocallables
- ▶ Need ability to set quite different levels of spot/vol correlation for short/long maturities. Typically:
  - ▶ spot/1-year vol: -80%
  - ▶ spot/5-year vol: +40%
  - ▶ 1-year vol/5-year vol: 0%

## Do we actually need a model ?

- ▶ Option hedging is a stochastic control problem
- ▶ Ex: need to price a 1-year ATM call option on the S&P500
- ▶ Assume daily delta rehedging. 250 trading days in 1 year:  $t_i$
- ▶ Need to determine 250 *functions*  $\Delta_i(S)$

- ▶ Determine functions  $\Delta_i$  so as to minimize variance of final P&L:

$$P\&L = -(S_{t_N} - K)^+ + \sum_i \Delta_i(S_{t_i})(S_{t_{i+1}} - S_{t_i})$$

- ⇒ Machine-learning problem
- ⇒ Take large historical sample of S&P500 – slice it up in 1-year paths
- ⇒ Parametrize  $\Delta_i(S)$  with  $N$  neural networks
- ⇒ Perform minimization with stochastic gradient
- ⇒ Once done, we have the delta strategy. The option price  $P$  is given by:

$$P = -E_{\text{histo}}[P\&L]$$

- ▶ ex: Hedged Monte-Carlo (M. Potters, J.P. Bouchaud, D. Sestovic)

## Do we actually need a model ? – 2

- ▶ Recently it has been proposed to just do away with models and price derivatives as outlined above
- ▶ Can include vanilla options as hedge instruments
- ▶ First, need a *lot* of histo. data
- ▶ Imagine we get a price  $P = 7.8$ 
  - ▶ What kind of bid-offer should we quote:  $[7.7, 7.9]$ ?  $[7.5, 8.0]$ ?
  - ▶ Could split the sample in sub-samples and look at distribution of prices
  - ▶ Need a really big sample
  - ▶ Still question: which feature of the dynamics is it that gives rise to this distribution of prices?
- ⇒ We know it's actually volatility that determines price ⇒ bid/offer should be quoted in vol points
- ▶ But what if we don't know this?
- ▶ Way to go: generate the sample with a model
  - ▶ Dynamics of assets does not need to be risk-neutral
  - ▶ Use machine-learning algo to determine hedging strategy
  - ▶ Can easily include transaction costs
  - ▶ Open challenge



# Conclusion

- ▶ Many open challenges in risk-management of derivatives
- ▶ Symmetric challenges with P&L explain
  - ▶ How do we break it down into vanilla-like / non-vanilla-like P&L ?
- ▶ Interesting times ahead!

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