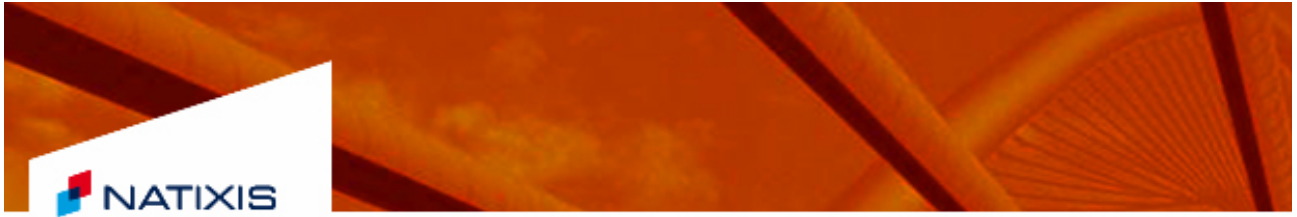


Global Alpha Model For Spreadoptions

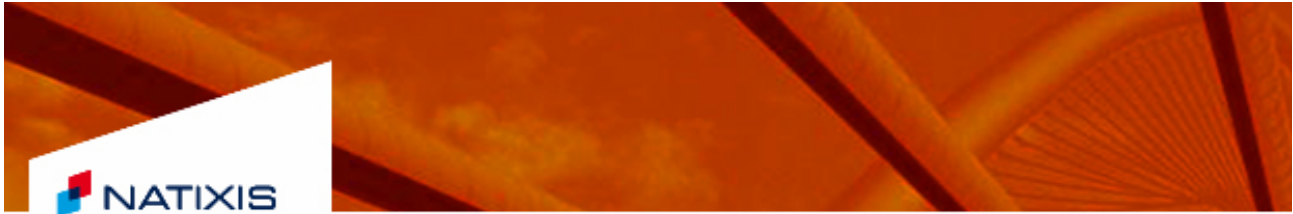
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The Requirements

- Anti - blackbox model
- Modular
- Simple to understand the principle
- Simple to modify and to amend
- Flexible enough for e few smiles or a large number of smiles

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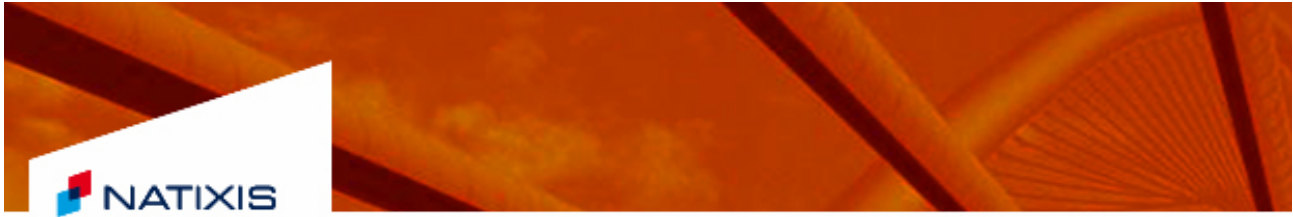


A Simple Heston Model

$$dS = \alpha \sqrt{v} \, dW_1;$$

$$dv = \lambda (\theta - v) \, dt + \nu \sqrt{v} \left(\rho \, dW_1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \, dW_2 \right);$$





Integrate and apply Ito

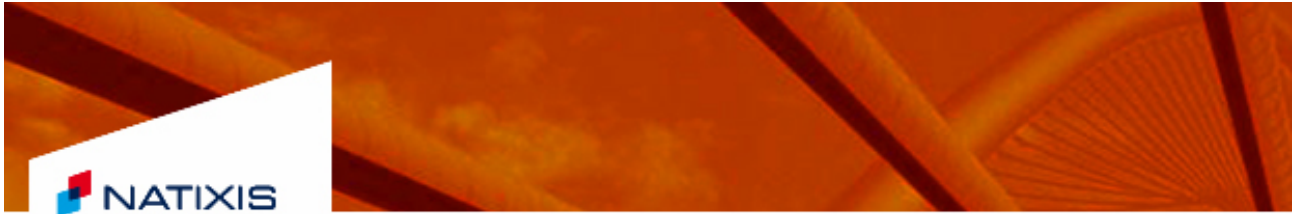
$$S(t) = \int_0^t \alpha \sqrt{v(t)} dW_{1,s}$$

$$v(t) = \lambda \int_0^t (\theta - v(t)) dt + \nu \int_0^t \sqrt{v(t)} \left(\rho dW_{1,s} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_{2,s} \right)$$

et en appliqua Ito

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{v(t)} &= \sqrt{v(0)} + \lambda \int_0^t \left(\frac{(\theta - v(s))}{2 \sqrt{v(s)}} - \frac{\nu^2}{4 \sqrt{v(s)}} \right) ds + \\ &\quad \nu \int_0^t \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{v(s)}} \left(\rho dW_{1,s} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_{2,s} \right) \end{aligned}$$





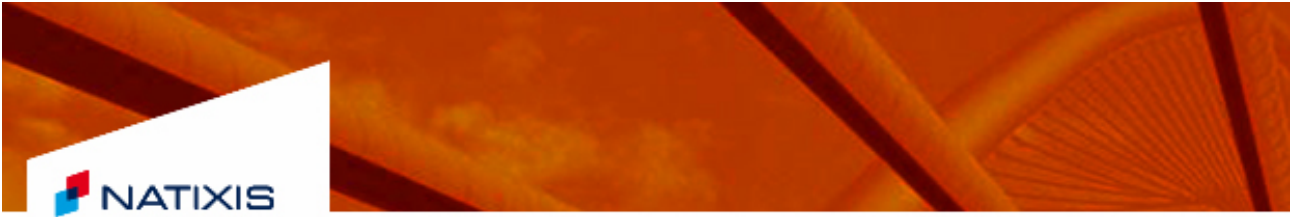
$S(t)$ at the second order in t

$$S^{(2)}(t) = \int_0^t \alpha(\sqrt{v(0)}) dW_{1,u} + \int_0^t \alpha \left(v \int_0^u \frac{1}{2\sqrt{v(s)}} \left(\rho dW_{1,s} + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} dW_{2,s} \right) \right) dW_{1,u} + \int_0^t \alpha \left(\lambda \int_0^u \left(\frac{(\theta - v(s))}{2\sqrt{v(s)}} - \frac{v^2}{4\sqrt{v(s)}} \right) ds \right) dW_{1,u}$$

we reapply Ito and neglect everything beyond order 0 for $\frac{1}{\sqrt{v(s)}}$

After Simplification, the Martingale part of S at the second order

$$\text{Martingale}[S^{(2)}(t)](t) = \int_0^t \alpha(\sqrt{v(0)}) dW_{1,u} + \frac{\alpha \rho v}{2\sqrt{v(0)}} \int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{1,s} dW_{1,u} + \frac{\alpha \sqrt{1-\rho^2} v}{2\sqrt{v(0)}} \int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{2,s} dW_{1,u}$$



Intrinsèque formulation of the second order martingale part

$$\text{let } S_g(t) = \int_0^t \alpha(\sqrt{v(0)}) dW_{1,u}$$

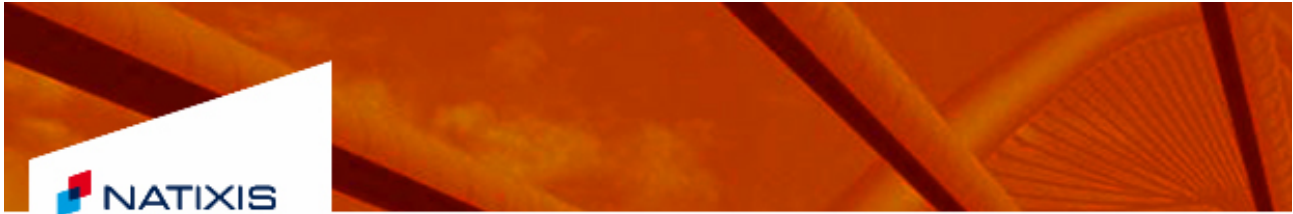
In the Wiener space, $\int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{1,s} dW_{1,u}$ and $\int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{2,s} dW_{1,u}$ are orthogonal

$$\|\text{Martingale}[S^{(2)}(t)] - S_g(t)\|^2 =$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2 v}{2 \sqrt{v(0)}} \left\| \rho \int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{1,s} dW_{1,u} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{2,s} dW_{1,u} \right\|^2 = \frac{\alpha^2 v^2}{4 v(0)}$$

$$\text{let } H(t) = \int_0^t \int_0^u dW_{1,s} dW_{1,u} \text{ it is a Chi2}$$

$$\text{Martingale}[S^{(2)}(t)].H(t) = \frac{\alpha \rho v}{2 \sqrt{v(0)}}$$



Local formulation of the Intrinseque second order martingale approximation

$$\|\text{Martingale}[S^{(2)}(t)] - S_g(t)\|^2 = \frac{\text{var}(\text{vol}(S(t)))}{2}$$

$$\text{Martingale}[S^{(2)}(t)].H(t) = \frac{\text{covar}(S(t), v(t))}{2 v(0)^2}$$

So a process having the same triplet
 {instantaneous volatility, variance of the volatility and instantaneous correlation Under - vol}
 is the same process in the sense of Watanabe at the second order in t



Gobal Alpha model with 4 assets and 4 main sources of noise + residuals

$$dS_1 = \alpha_{11} \sqrt{v_1} S_1 dW_1 + \alpha_{12} \sqrt{v_2} S_1 dW_2 + \alpha_{13} \sqrt{v_3} S_1 dW_3 + \alpha_{14} \sqrt{v_4} S_1 dW_4 + \sqrt{v_5} S_1 dW_5;$$

$$dS_2 = \alpha_{21} \sqrt{v_1} S_2 dW_1 + \alpha_{22} \sqrt{v_2} S_2 dW_2 + \alpha_{23} \sqrt{v_3} S_2 dW_3 + \alpha_{24} \sqrt{v_4} S_2 dW_4 + \sqrt{v_6} S_2 dW_6;$$

$$dS_3 = \alpha_{31} \sqrt{v_1} S_3 dW_1 + \alpha_{32} \sqrt{v_2} S_3 dW_2 + \alpha_{33} \sqrt{v_3} S_3 dW_3 + \alpha_{34} \sqrt{v_4} S_3 dW_4 + \sqrt{v_7} S_3 dW_7;$$

$$dS_4 = \alpha_{41} \sqrt{v_1} S_4 dW_1 + \alpha_{42} \sqrt{v_2} S_4 dW_2 + \alpha_{43} \sqrt{v_3} S_4 dW_3 + \alpha_{44} \sqrt{v_4} S_4 dW_4 + \sqrt{v_8} S_4 dW_8;$$

$$dv_1 = \lambda_1 (\theta_1 - v_1) dt + \nu_1 \sqrt{v_1} dW_9;$$

$$dv_2 = \lambda_2 (\theta_2 - v_2) dt + \nu_2 \sqrt{v_2} dW_{10};$$

$$dv_3 = \lambda_3 (\theta_3 - v_3) dt + \nu_3 \sqrt{v_3} dW_{11};$$

$$dv_4 = \lambda_4 (\theta_4 - v_4) dt + \nu_4 \sqrt{v_4} dW_{12};$$

$$dv_5 = \lambda_5 (\theta_5 - v_5) dt + \nu_5 \sqrt{v_5} dW_{13};$$

$$dv_6 = \lambda_6 (\theta_6 - v_6) dt + \nu_6 \sqrt{v_6} dW_{14};$$

$$dv_7 = \lambda_7 (\theta_7 - v_7) dt + \nu_7 \sqrt{v_7} dW_{15};$$

$$dv_8 = \lambda_8 (\theta_8 - v_8) dt + \nu_8 \sqrt{v_8} dW_{16};$$

$$dW_1 dW_9 = \rho_1 dt;$$

$$dW_2 dW_{10} = \rho_2 dt;$$

$$dW_3 dW_{11} = \rho_3 dt;$$

$$dW_4 dW_{12} = \rho_4 dt;$$

$$dW_5 dW_{13} = \rho_5 dt;$$

$$dW_6 dW_{14} = \rho_6 dt;$$

$$dW_7 dW_{15} = \rho_7 dt;$$

$$dW_8 dW_{16} = \rho_8 dt;$$

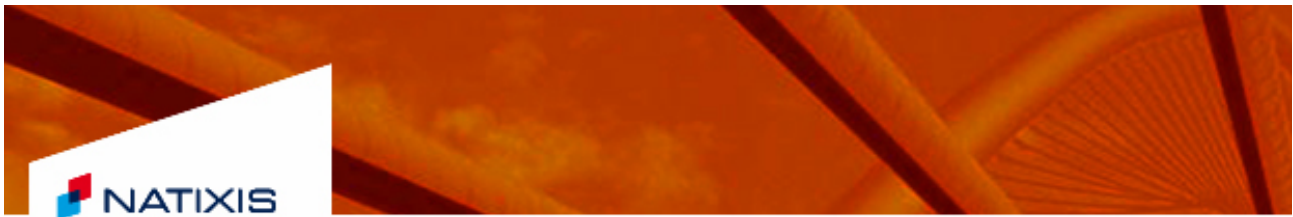
$$\text{other} = 0$$



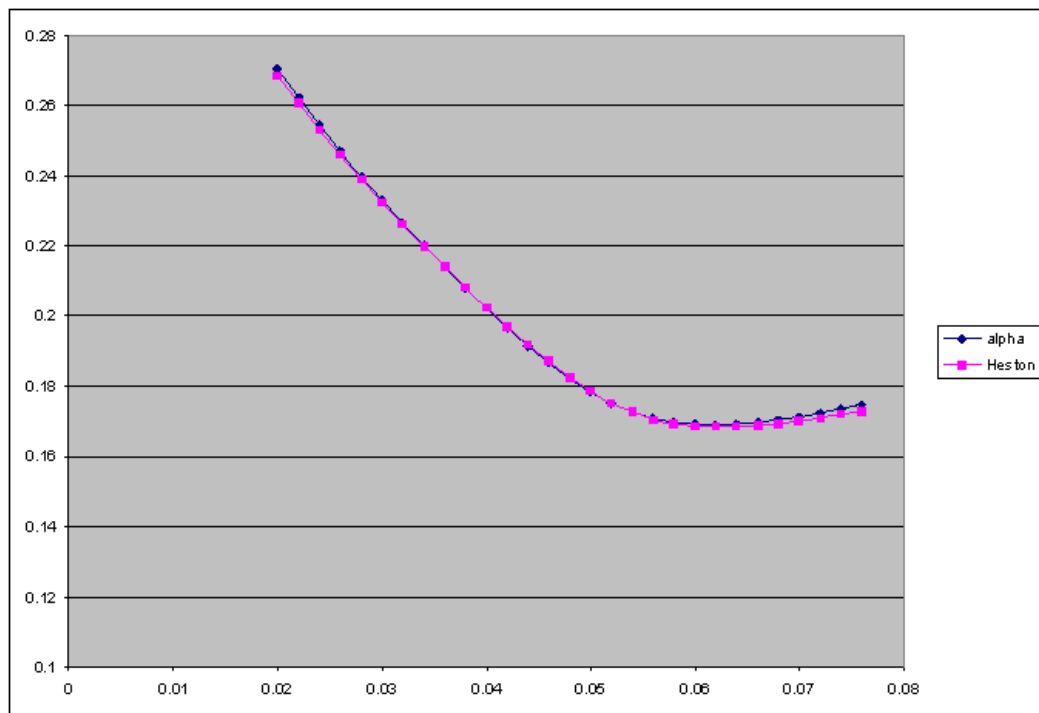
The Observables for the 4+4 global alpha

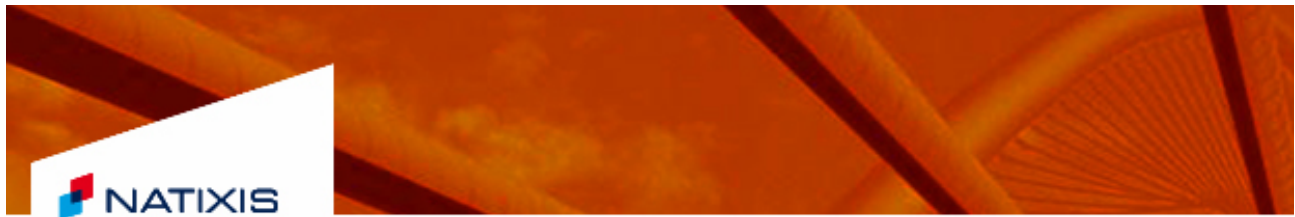
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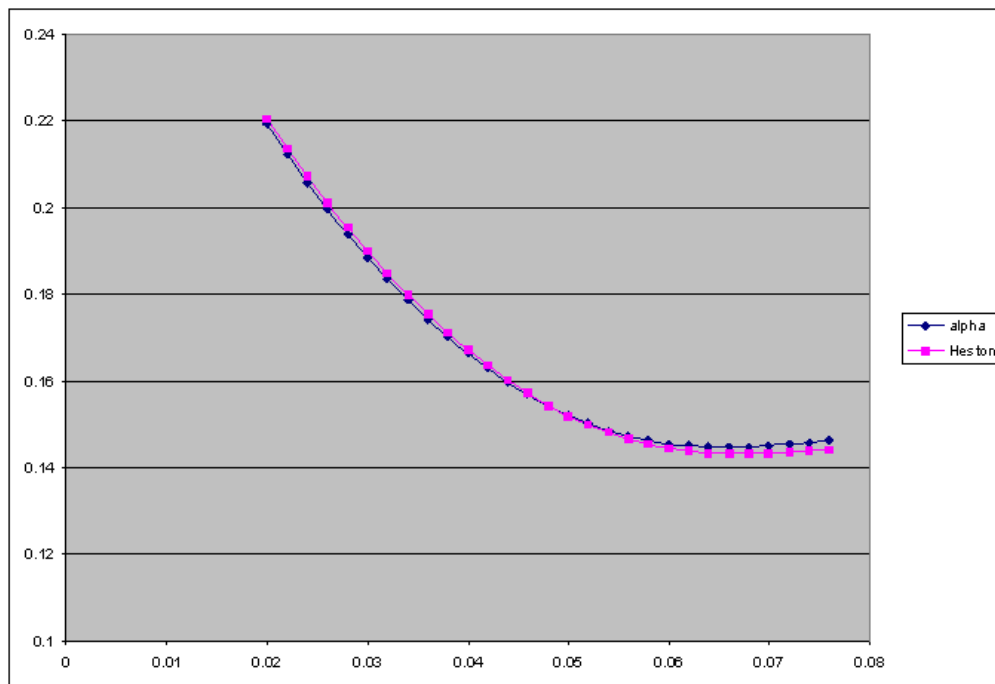


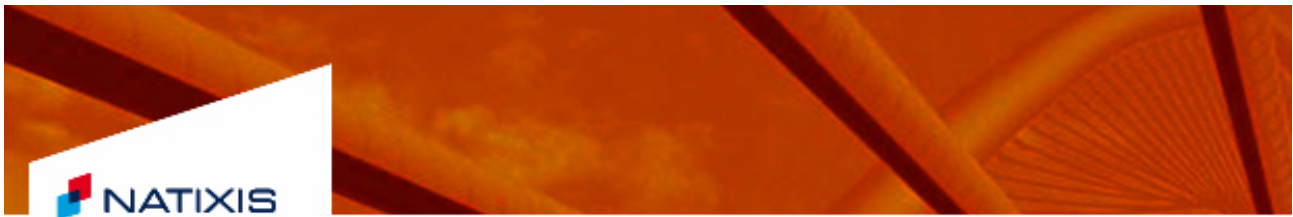
Example Implied volatility T=1 years



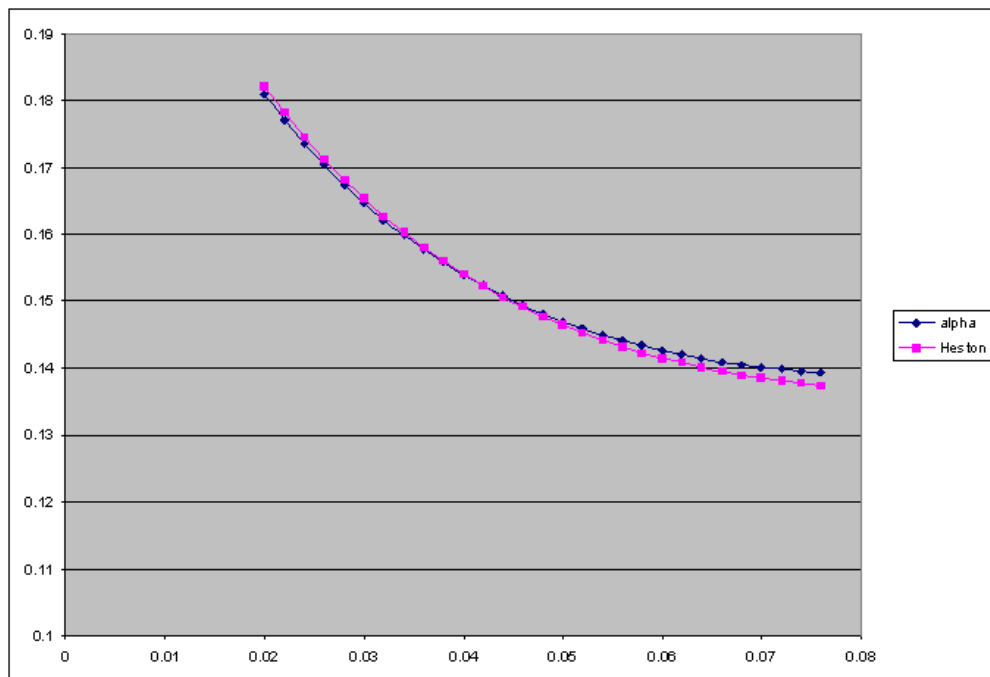


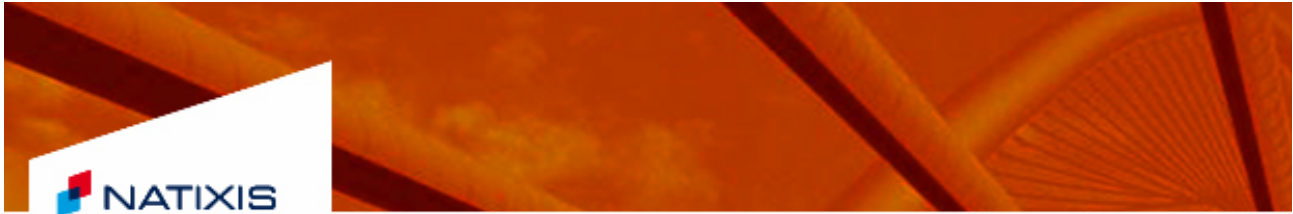
Example Implied volatility T=10 years





Example Implied volatility T=30 years

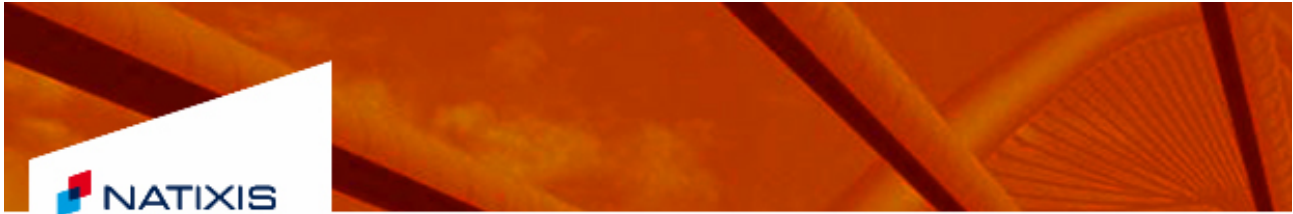




Explication for the high level of accuracy

- (1) The original process and the approximated process have the same mean reversion
⇒ Long term vol of vol the same
- (2) At any time $\lim_{\text{vol of vol} \rightarrow 0} \text{exact}$

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Spreadoptions

Same level of accuracy with Normal
Heston

Applying it to Spreadoption with Normal
Heston

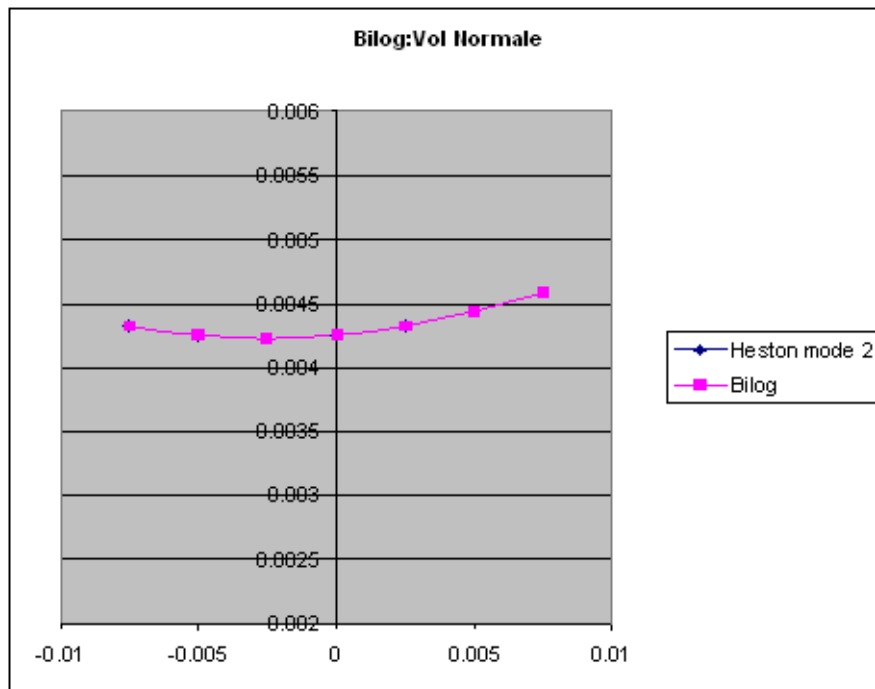
Need to check condition (2)

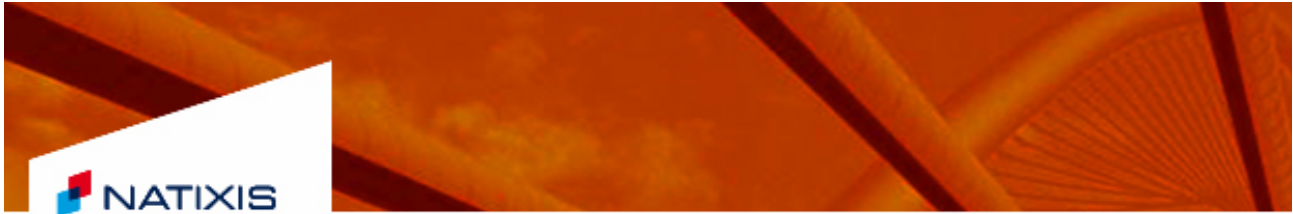
First idea :

$\text{observable}_N(\text{vol of vol}) = \text{observable}_R(\text{vol of vol}) -$
 $\text{observable}_R(\text{vol of vol} = 0) + \text{observable}_{\text{Bilog}}(\text{vol of vol} = 0)$
 – but does not work very well → bias for long maturities and
 resulting negative $\text{observable}_N(\text{vol of vol})$ from time to time.

Better Idea :

$\text{effective observable}_{\text{Bilog}} = \text{Calibrate}_{\text{Bilog}}(V0, \rho, \nu)$
 $\text{observable}_N(\text{vol of vol}) =$
 $\text{observable}_R(\text{vol of vol}) - \text{observable}_R(\text{vol of vol} = 0) + \text{effective observable}_{\text{Bilog}}$
 (2) verified by construction





Pricing of Spreadoption

- (1) Computation of the observables
- (2) Correction of the observables to get the right (volvol->0) behaviour
- (3) Normal Heston

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Schema of the calibration

$$\text{Min} \left[\sum_{i \in \{\text{option}, \text{spreadoption}\}}^n \alpha^i_{V0} (V0^i_{\text{market}} - V0^i_{\text{model}})^2 + \alpha^i_{\text{VarVar}} (\text{VarVar}^i_{\text{market}} - \text{VarVar}^i_{\text{model}})^2 + \alpha^i_{\text{CoVar}} (\text{CoVar}_{\text{market}} - \text{CoVar}^i_{\text{model}})^2 \right]$$

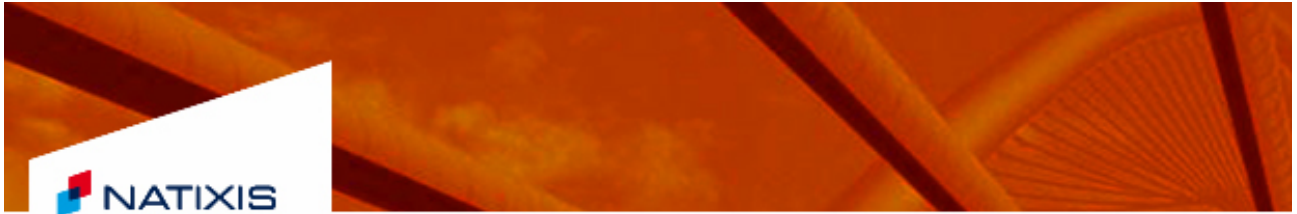
α^i are typically determined by :

$$\alpha^i_{V0} = \frac{1}{(V0^i_{\text{model}})^2}$$

$$\alpha^i_{\text{VarVar}} = \frac{1}{(\text{VarVar}^i_{\text{model}})^2}$$

$$\alpha^i_{\text{CoVar}} = \frac{1}{(\text{Abs}[\text{CoVar}^i_{\text{model}}]_{\text{average}})^2}$$





Generalization of the alpha model to smiled basket and signed smiled basket



Smiled PCA approach

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Conclusion

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