

## TIME DEPENDENT HESTON MODEL

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**Abstract.** The use of the Heston model is still challenging because it has a closed formula only when the parameters are constant [Hes93] or piecewise constant [MN03]. Hence, using a small volatility of volatility expansion and Malliavin calculus techniques, we derive an accurate analytical formula for the price of vanilla options for any time dependent Heston model (the accuracy is less than a few bps for various strikes and maturities). In addition, we establish tight error estimates. The advantage of this approach over Fourier based methods is its rapidity (gain by a factor 100 or more), while maintaining a competitive accuracy. From the approximative formula, we also derive some corollaries related first to equivalent Heston models (extending some work of Piterbarg on stochastic volatility models [Pit05b]) and second, to the calibration procedure in terms of ill-posed problems.

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**1. Introduction.** Stochastic volatility modeling has emerged in the late nineties as a way to manage the smile. In this work, we focus on the Heston model which is a lognormal model where the square of volatility follows a CIR<sup>1</sup> process. The call (and put) price has a closed formula in this model thanks to a Fourier inversion of the characteristic function (see Heston [Hes93], Lewis [Lew00] and Lipton [Lip02]). When the parameters are piecewise constant, one can still derive a recursive closed formula using a PDE method (see Mikhailov and Nogel [MN03]) or a Markov argument in combination with affine models (see Elices [Eli08]), but formula evaluation becomes increasingly time consuming. However, for general time dependent parameters there is no analytical formula and one usually has to perform Monte Carlo simulations. This explains the interest of recent works for designing more efficient Monte Carlo simulations: see Broadie and Kaya [BK06] for an exact simulation and bias-free scheme based on Fourier integral inversion; see Andersen [And08] based on a Gaussian moment matching method and a user friendly algorithm; see Smith [Smi08] relying on an almost exact scheme; see Alfonsi [Alf08] using higher order schemes and a recursive method for the CIR process. For numerical partial differential equations, we refer the reader to Kluge's doctoral dissertation [Klu02].

**Comparison with the literature.** A more recent trend in the quantitative literature has been the use of the so called approximation method to derive analytical formulae. This has led to an impressive number of papers, with many original ideas. For instance, Alòs et al. [ALV07] have been studying the short time behavior of implied volatility for stochastic volatility using an extension of Itô's formula. Another trend has focused on analytical techniques to derive the asymptotic expansion of the implied volatility near expiry (see for instance Berestycki et al. [BBF04], [Lab05], Hagan et al. [HKLW02], Lewis [Lew07], Osajima [Osa07] or Forde [For08]). But in

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<sup>1</sup>Nice properties for the CIR process are derived by Dufresne [Duf01], Göing-Jaesche and Yor [GJY03], Diop [Dio03], Alfonsi [Alf05] and Miri [Mir09].

these works the implied volatility near expiry does not have a closed formula because the related geodesic distance is not explicit. It can, however, be approximated by a series expansion [Lew07]. The drawback to these methods is their inability to handle non-homogeneous (that is to say time dependent) parameters. For long maturities, another approach has been the asymptotic expansion w.r.t. the mean reversion parameter of the volatility as shown in [FPS00]. In the case of zero correlation, averaging techniques as exposed in [Pit05b] and [Pit05a] can be used. Antonelli and Scarlatti take another view in [AS09] and have suggested price expansion w.r.t. correlation. For all of these techniques, the domain of availability of the expansion is restricted to either short or long maturities, to zero correlation, or to homogeneous parameters. In our work, we aim to give an analytical formula which covers both short and long maturities, that also handles time inhomogeneous parameters as well as non-null correlations. As a difference with several previously quoted papers, our purpose consists also of justifying mathematically our approximation.

The results closest to ours are probably those based on an expansion w.r.t. the volatility of volatility by Lewis [Lew00]: it is based on formal analytical arguments and is restricted to constant parameters. Our formula can be viewed as an extension of Lewis' formula in order to address a time dependent Heston model, using a direct probabilistic approach. In addition, we prove an error estimate which shows that our approximation formula for call/put is of order 2 w.r.t. the volatility of volatility. The advantage of this current approximation is that the evaluation is about 100 to 1000 times quicker than a Fourier based method (see our numerical tests).

**Comparison with our previous works [BGM09b] and [BGM09a].** Our approach here consists of expanding the price w.r.t. the volatility of volatility, and of computing the correction terms using Malliavin calculus. In these respects, the current approach is similar to our previous works [BGM09b] and [BGM09a], however, the techniques for estimating error are different. Indeed, we use the fact that the price of vanilla options can be expressed as an expectation of a smooth price function for stochastic volatility models. This is based on a conditioning argument as in [RT96]. Consequently, the smoothness hypotheses ( $H_1, H_2, H_3$ ) of our previous papers are no longer required. Note also that the square root function arising in the martingale part of the CIR process is not Lipschitz continuous. Hence, the Heston model does not fit the smoothness framework previously used. Therefore, to overcome this difficulty, we derive new technical results in order to prove the accuracy of the formula.

**Contribution of the paper.** We give an explicit analytical formula for the price of vanilla options in a time dependent Heston model. Our approach is based on an expansion w.r.t. a small volatility of volatility. This is practically justified by the fact that this parameter is usually quite small (of order 1 or less, see [Lew00] or [BK06] for instance). The resulting formula is the sum of two terms: the leading term is the Black-Scholes price for the model without volatility of volatility while the correction term is a combination of Greeks of the leading term with explicit weights depending only on the model parameters. Proving the accuracy of the expansion is far from straightforward, but with some technicalities and a relevant analysis of error, we succeed in giving tight error estimates. Our expansion enables us to obtain averaged parameters for the dynamic Heston model.

**Formulation of the problem.** We consider the solution of the stochastic differen-

tial equation (SDE):

$$dX_t = \sqrt{v_t}dW_t - \frac{v_t}{2}dt, \quad X_0 = x_0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$dv_t = \kappa(\theta_t - v_t)dt + \xi_t \sqrt{v_t}dB_t, \quad v_0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$d\langle W, B \rangle_t = \rho_t dt,$$

where  $(B_t, W_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a two-dimensional correlated Brownian motion on a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}, \mathbb{P})$  with the usual assumptions on filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ . In our setting,  $(X_t)_t$  is the log of the forward price and  $(v_t)_t$  is the square of the volatility which follows a CIR process with an initial value  $v_0 > 0$ , a positive mean reversion  $\kappa$ , a positive long-term level  $(\theta_t)_t$ , a positive volatility of volatility  $(\xi_t)_t$  and a correlation  $(\rho_t)_t$ . These time dependent parameters are assumed to be measurable and bounded on  $[0, T]$ .

To develop our approximation method, we will examine the following perturbed process w.r.t.  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t^\epsilon &= \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}dW_t - \frac{v_t^\epsilon}{2}dt, \quad X_0^\epsilon = x_0, \\ dv_t^\epsilon &= \kappa(\theta_t - v_t^\epsilon)dt + \epsilon \xi_t \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}dB_t, \quad v_0^\epsilon = v_0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

so that our perturbed process coincides with the initial one for  $\epsilon = 1$ :  $X_t^1 = X_t, v_t^1 = v_t$ . For the existence of the solution  $v^\epsilon$ , we refer to Chapter IX in [RY99] (moreover, the process is non-negative for  $k\theta_t \geq 0$ , see also the proof of Lemma 4.2). Our main purpose is to give an accurate analytic approximation, in a certain sense, of the expected payoff of a put option :

$$g(\epsilon) = e^{-\int_0^T r_t dt} \mathbb{E}[(K - e^{\int_0^T (r_t - q_t) dt + X_T^\epsilon})_+] \quad (1.4)$$

where  $r$  (resp.  $q$ ) is the risk-free rate (resp. the dividend yield),  $T$  is the maturity and  $\epsilon = 1$ . Extensions to call options and other payoffs are discussed later.

**Outline of the paper.** In Section 2, we explain the methodology of the small volatility of volatility expansion. An approximation formula is then derived in Theorem 2.3 and its accuracy stated in Theorem 2.4. This section ends by explicitly expressing the formula's coefficients for general time dependent parameters (constant, smooth and piecewise constant). Our expansion allows us to give equivalent constant parameters for the time dependent Heston model (see Subsection 2.6). As a second corollary, the options calibration for Heston's model using only one maturity becomes an ill-posed problem; we give numerical results to confirm this situation. In section 3, we provide numerical tests to benchmark our formula with the closed formula in the case of constant and piecewise constant parameters. In Section 4, we prove the accuracy of the approximation stated in Theorem 2.4: this section is the technical core of the paper. In Section 5, we establish lemmas used to make the calculation of the correction terms explicit (those derived in Theorem 2.3). In Section 6, we conclude this work and give a few extensions. In the appendix, we recall details about the closed formula (of Heston [Hes93] and Lewis [Lew00]) in the case of constant (and piecewise constant) parameters.

## 2. Smart Taylor expansion.

**2.1. Notations.** NOTATION 2.1. *Extremes of deterministic functions.*

For a càdlàg function  $l : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we denote  $l_{\text{Inf}} = \inf_{t \in [0, T]} l_t$  and  $l_{\text{Sup}} = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} l_t$ .

NOTATION 2.2. *Differentiation.*

(i) For a smooth function  $x \mapsto l(x)$ , we denote by  $l^{(i)}(x)$  its  $i$ -th derivative.

(ii) Given a fixed time  $t$  and for a function  $\epsilon \rightarrow f_t^\epsilon$ , we denote (if it has a meaning) the  $i^{\text{th}}$  derivative at  $\epsilon = 0$  by  $f_{i,t} = \frac{\partial^i f_t^\epsilon}{\partial \epsilon^i} |_{\epsilon=0}$ .

**2.2. Definitions.** In order to make the approximation explicit, we introduce the following family of operators indexed by maturity  $T$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. *Integral Operator.* We define the integral operator  $\omega_{t,T}^{(\cdot)}$  as follows:

(i) For any real number  $k$  and any integrable function  $l$ , we set

$$\omega_{t,T}^{(k,l)} = \int_t^T e^{ku} l_u du, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

(ii) For any real numbers  $(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  and for any integrable functions  $(l_1, \dots, l_n)$ , the  $n$ -times iteration is given by

$$\omega_{t,T}^{(k_1, l_1), \dots, (k_n, l_n)} = \omega_{t,T}^{(k_1, l_1, \omega_{t,T}^{(k_2, l_2), \dots, (k_n, l_n)})}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

(iii) When the functions  $(l_1, \dots, l_n)$  are equal to the unity constant function 1, we simply write

$$\tilde{\omega}_{t,T}^{k_1, \dots, k_n} = \omega_{t,T}^{(k_1, 1), \dots, (k_n, 1)}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

**2.3. About the CIR process. Assumptions.** In order to bound the approximation errors, we need a positivity assumption for the CIR process.

*Assumption (P).* The parameters of the CIR process (1.2) verify the following conditions:

$$\xi_{\text{Inf}} > 0, \quad \left( \frac{2\kappa\theta}{\xi^2} \right)_{\text{Inf}} \geq 1.$$

This assumption is crucial to ensure the positivity of the process on  $[0, T]$ , which is stated in detail in Lemma 4.2 (remember that  $v_0 > 0$ ). We have

$$\mathbb{P}(\forall t \in [0, T] : v_t > 0) = 1.$$

When the functions  $\theta$  and  $\xi$  are constant, Assumption (P) coincides with the usual Feller test condition  $\frac{2\kappa\theta}{\xi^2} \geq 1$  (see [KS88]).

Note that the above assumption ensures that the positivity property also holds for the perturbed CIR process (1.3): for any  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(\forall t \in [0, T] : v_t^\epsilon > 0) = 1$$

(see Lemma 4.2). We also need a uniform bound of the correlation in order to preserve the non degeneracy of the SDE (1.1) conditionally on  $(B_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ .

*Assumption (R).* The correlation is bounded away from -1 and +1:

$$|\rho|_{\text{Sup}} < 1.$$

**2.4. Taylor Development.** In this paragraph, we present the main steps leading to our results. Complete proofs are given later.

If  $(\mathcal{F}_t^B)_t$  denotes the filtration generated by the Brownian motion  $B$ , the distribution of  $X_T^\epsilon$  conditionally to  $\mathcal{F}_T^B$  is a Gaussian distribution with mean  $x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon} dB_t - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T v_t^\epsilon dt$  and variance  $\int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_t^\epsilon dt$  ( $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ ). Therefore, the function (1.4) can be expressed as follows:

$$g(\epsilon) = \mathbb{E}[P_{BS}(x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_t^\epsilon dt, \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_t^\epsilon dt)], \quad (2.1)$$

where the function  $(x, y) \rightarrow P_{BS}(x, y)$  is the put function price in a Black-Scholes model with spot  $e^x$ , strike  $K$ , total variance  $y$ , risk-free rate  $r_{eq} = \frac{\int_0^T r(t) dt}{T}$ , dividend yield  $q_{eq} = \frac{\int_0^T q(t) dt}{T}$  and maturity  $T$ . For the sake of completeness, we recall that  $P_{BS}(x, y)$  has the following explicit expression

$$Ke^{-r_{eq}T} \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \log\left(\frac{Ke^{-r_{eq}T}}{e^x e^{-q_{eq}T}}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{y}\right) - e^x e^{-q_{eq}T} \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \log\left(\frac{Ke^{-r_{eq}T}}{e^x e^{-q_{eq}T}}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{y}\right).$$

In the following, we expand  $P_{BS}(\cdot, \cdot)$  with respect to its two arguments. For this, we note that  $P_{BS}$  is a smooth function (for  $y > 0$ ). In addition, there is a simple relation between its partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial P_{BS}}{\partial y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 P_{BS}}{\partial x^2}(x, y) - \frac{\partial P_{BS}}{\partial x}(x, y) \right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y > 0, \quad (2.2)$$

which can be proved easily by a standard calculation left to the reader.

Under assumption (P), for any  $t$ ,  $v_t^\epsilon$  is  $C^2$  w.r.t  $\epsilon$  at  $\epsilon = 0$  (differentiation in  $L_p$ -sense). This result will be shown later. In addition,  $v^\epsilon$  does not vanish (for any  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ ).

Hence, by putting  $v_{i,t}^\epsilon = \frac{\partial^i v_t^\epsilon}{\partial \epsilon^i}$ , we get

$$dv_{1,t}^\epsilon = -\kappa v_{1,t}^\epsilon dt + \xi_t \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon} dB_t + \epsilon \xi_t \frac{v_{1,t}^\epsilon}{2\sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}} dB_t, \quad v_{1,0}^\epsilon = 0,$$

$$dv_{2,t}^\epsilon = -\kappa v_{2,t}^\epsilon dt + \xi_t \frac{v_{1,t}^\epsilon}{\sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}} dB_t + \epsilon \xi_t \frac{v_{2,t}^\epsilon}{2\sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}} dB_t - \epsilon \xi_t \frac{[v_{1,t}^\epsilon]^2}{4[v_t^\epsilon]^{3/2}} dB_t, \quad v_{2,0}^\epsilon = 0.$$

From the definitions  $v_{i,t}^\epsilon \equiv \frac{\partial^i v_t^\epsilon}{\partial \epsilon^i}|_{\epsilon=0}$ , we easily deduce

$$v_{0,t} = e^{-\kappa t} \left( v_0 + \int_0^t \kappa e^{\kappa s} \theta_s ds \right),$$

$$v_{1,t} = e^{-\kappa t} \int_0^t e^{\kappa s} \xi_s \sqrt{v_{0,s}} dB_s, \quad (2.3)$$

$$v_{2,t} = e^{-\kappa t} \int_0^t e^{\kappa s} \xi_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s. \quad (2.4)$$

Note that  $v_{0,t}$  coincides also with the expected variance  $\mathbb{E}(v_t)$  because of the linearity of the drift coefficient of  $(v_t)_t$ . Now, to expand  $g(\epsilon)$ , we use the Taylor formula twice,

first applied to  $\epsilon \rightarrow v_t^\epsilon$  and  $\sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}$  at  $\epsilon = 1$  using derivatives computed at  $\epsilon = 0$ :

$$v_t^1 = v_{0,t} + v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2} + \dots,$$

$$\sqrt{v_t^1} = \sqrt{v_{0,t}} + \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{4(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{v_{1,t}^2}{8(v_{0,t})^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \dots,$$

secondly for the smooth function  $P_{BS}$  at the second order w.r.t. the first and second variable around  $(x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{0,t} dt, \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{0,t} dt)$ . For convenience, we simply write

$$\tilde{P}_{BS} = P_{BS}(x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{0,t} dt, \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{0,t} dt), \quad (2.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^{i+j} \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} = \frac{\partial^{i+j} P_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j}(x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{0,t} dt, \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{0,t} dt).$$

Then, one gets

$$g(1) = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{P}_{BS}] \quad (2.6)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x} \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \left( \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{4(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{v_{1,t}^2}{8(v_{0,t})^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt \right)\right] \quad (2.7)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt\right] \quad (2.8)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] \quad (2.9)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] \quad (2.10)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x y} \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right) \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right)\right] \quad (2.11)$$

$$+ \mathcal{E} \quad (2.12)$$

where  $\mathcal{E}$  is the error in our Taylor expansion. In fact, we notice that:

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{P}_{BS}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[e^{-\int_0^T r_t dt} (K - e^{x_0 + \int_0^T (r_t - q_t - \frac{v_{0,t}}{2}) dt + \int_0^T \sqrt{v_{0,t}} (\rho_t dB_t + \sqrt{1 - \rho_t^2} dB_t^\perp)})_+ | \mathcal{F}_T^B]]]$$

$$= P_{BS}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt),$$

where  $B^\perp$  is a Brownian motion independent on  $\mathcal{F}_T^B$ . Furthermore, the relation (2.2) remains the same for  $\tilde{P}_{BS}$  and this enables us to simplify the expansion above. This gives:

PROPOSITION 2.2. *The approximation (2.12) is equivalent to*

$$g(1) = P_{BS}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt) + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T (v_{1,t} + v_{2,t}) dt\right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \left( \int_0^T v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] + \mathcal{E}.$$

The details of the proof are given in Subsection 5.2. At first sight, the above formula looks like a Taylor formula of  $P_{BS}$  w.r.t. the cumulated variance. In fact, it is different, note that the coefficient of  $v_{2,t}$  is not  $1/2$  but  $1$ . We do not have any direct interpretation of this formula.

The next step consists of making explicit the correction terms as a combination of Greeks of the BS price.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Under assumptions (P) and (R), the put<sup>2</sup> price is approximated by*

$$e^{-\int_0^T r_t dt} \mathbb{E}[(K - e^{\int_0^T (r_t - q_t) dt + X_T^1})_+] = P_{BS}(x_0, var_T) + \sum_{i=1}^2 a_{i,T} \frac{\partial^{i+1} P_{BS}}{\partial x^i y}(x_0, var_T) + \sum_{i=0}^1 b_{2i,T} \frac{\partial^{2i+2} P_{BS}}{\partial x^{2i} y^2}(x_0, var_T) + \mathcal{E}, \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$var_T = \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt, \quad a_{1,T} = \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1)}, \quad a_{2,T} = \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (0, \rho \xi), (-\kappa, 1)},$$

$$b_{0,T} = \omega_{0,T}^{(2\kappa, \xi^2 v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1), (-\kappa, 1)}, \quad b_{2,T} = \frac{a_{1,T}^2}{2}.$$

The proof is postponed to Subsection 5.3. Finally, we give an estimate regarding the error  $\mathcal{E}$  arising in the above theorem.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Under assumptions (P) and (R), the error in the approximation (2.13) is estimated as follows:*

$$\mathcal{E} = O([\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T}]^3 \sqrt{T}).$$

In view of Theorem 2.4, we may refer to the formula (2.13) as a second order approximation formula w.r.t. the volatility of volatility.

### 2.5. Computation of coefficients.

**Constant parameters.** The case of constant parameters  $(\theta, \xi, \rho)$  gives us the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  explicitly. Indeed in this case, the operator  $\omega$  is a simple iterated integration of exponential functions. Using Mathematica, we derive the following explicit expressions.

**PROPOSITION 2.5. Explicit computations.** *For constant parameters, one has:*

$$var_T = m_0 v_0 + m_1 \theta, \quad a_{1,T} = \rho \xi (p_0 v_0 + p_1 \theta),$$

$$a_{2,T} = (\rho \xi)^2 (q_0 v_0 + q_1 \theta), \quad b_{0,T} = \xi^2 (r_0 v_0 + r_1 \theta).$$

<sup>2</sup>The approximation formula for the call price is obtained using the call/put parity relation: in (2.13), it consists of replacing on the l.h.s. the put payoff by the call one, and on the r.h.s., the put price function  $P_{BS}$  by the similar call price function, while coefficients remain the same.

where

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(-1 + e^{\kappa T})}{\kappa}, & m_1 &= T - \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(-1 + e^{\kappa T})}{\kappa}, \\ p_0 &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(-\kappa T + e^{\kappa T} - 1)}{\kappa^2}, & p_1 &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(\kappa T + e^{\kappa T}(\kappa T - 2) + 2)}{\kappa^2}, \\ q_0 &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(-\kappa T(\kappa T + 2) + 2e^{\kappa T} - 2)}{2\kappa^3}, & q_1 &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(2e^{\kappa T}(\kappa T - 3) + \kappa T(\kappa T + 4) + 6)}{2\kappa^3}, \\ r_0 &= \frac{e^{-2\kappa T}(-4e^{\kappa T}\kappa T + 2e^{2\kappa T} - 2)}{4\kappa^3}, & r_1 &= \frac{e^{-2\kappa T}(4e^{\kappa T}(\kappa T + 1) + e^{2\kappa T}(2\kappa T - 5) + 1)}{4\kappa^3}. \end{aligned}$$

**REMARK 2.1.** In the case of constant parameters  $(\theta, \xi, \rho)$ , we retrieve the usual Heston model. In this particular case, our expansion coincides exactly with Lewis' volatility of volatility series expansion (see Equation (3.4), page 84 in [Lew00] for Lewis' expansion formula and page 93 in [Lew00] for the explicit calculation of the coefficients  $J^{(i)}$  with  $\varphi = \frac{1}{2}$ ). Using his notation, we have  $a_{1,T} = J^{(1)}$ ,  $a_{2,T} = J^{(4)}$  and  $b_{0,T} = J^{(3)}$ .

**Smooth parameters.** In this case, we may use a Gauss-Legendre quadrature formula for the computation of the terms  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Piecewise constant parameters.** The computation of the variance  $var_T$  is straightforward. Thus, it remains to provide explicit expressions of  $a$  and  $b$  as a function of the piecewise constant data. Let  $T_0 = 0 \leq T_1 \leq \dots \leq T_n = T$  such that  $\theta, \rho, \xi$  are constant on each interval  $]T_i, T_{i+1}[$  and are equal respectively to  $\theta_{T_{i+1}}, \rho_{T_{i+1}}, \xi_{T_{i+1}}$ . Before giving the recursive relation, we need to introduce the following functions:  $\tilde{\omega}_{1,t} = \omega_{0,t}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot})}$ ,  $\tilde{\omega}_{2,t} = \omega_{0,t}^{(2\kappa, \xi^2 v_{0,\cdot})}$ ,  $\alpha_t = \omega_{0,t}^{(k, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (0, \rho \xi)}$ ,  $\beta_t = \omega_{0,t}^{(2k, \xi^2 v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1)}$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.6. Recursive calculations.** For piecewise constant coefficients, one has:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1,T_{i+1}} &= a_{1,T_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{-\kappa} \tilde{\omega}_{1,T_i} + \rho_{T_{i+1}} \xi_{T_{i+1}} f_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^1(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ a_{2,T_{i+1}} &= a_{2,T_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{-\kappa} \alpha_{T_i} + \rho_{T_{i+1}} \xi_{T_{i+1}} \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{0, -\kappa} \tilde{\omega}_{1,T_i} + (\rho_{T_{i+1}} \xi_{T_{i+1}})^2 f_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^2(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ b_{0,T_{i+1}} &= b_{0,T_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{-\kappa} \beta_{T_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{-\kappa, -\kappa} \tilde{\omega}_{2,T_i} + \xi_{T_{i+1}}^2 f_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^0(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ \alpha_{T_{i+1}} &= \alpha_{T_i} + \rho_{T_{i+1}} \xi_{T_{i+1}} (T_{i+1} - T_i) \tilde{\omega}_{1,T_i} + \rho_{T_{i+1}}^2 \xi_{T_{i+1}}^2 g_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^1(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ \beta_{T_{i+1}} &= \beta_{T_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{-\kappa} \tilde{\omega}_{2,T_i} + \xi_{T_{i+1}}^2 g_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^2(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ \tilde{\omega}_{1,T_{i+1}} &= \tilde{\omega}_{1,T_i} + \rho_{T_{i+1}} \xi_{T_{i+1}} h_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^1(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ \tilde{\omega}_{2,T_{i+1}} &= \tilde{\omega}_{2,T_i} + \xi_{T_{i+1}}^2 h_{\kappa, v_{0,T_i}}^2(\theta_{T_{i+1}}, T_i, T_{i+1}), \\ v_{0,T_{i+1}} &= e^{-\kappa(T_{i+1} - T_i)}(v_{0,T_i} - \theta_{T_{i+1}}) + \theta_{T_{i+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\kappa, v_0}^0(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{e^{-2\kappa T}(e^{2\kappa t}(\theta - 2v_0) + e^{2\kappa T}((-2\kappa t + 2\kappa T - 5)\theta + 2v_0) + 4e^{\kappa(t+T)}((- \kappa t + \kappa T + 1)\theta + \kappa(t-T)v_0))}{4\kappa^3}, \\ f_{\kappa, v_0}^1(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T}(e^{\kappa T}((- \kappa t + \kappa T - 2)\theta + v_0) - e^{\kappa t}((\kappa t - \kappa T - 2)\theta - \kappa t v_0 + \kappa T v_0 + v_0))}{\kappa^2}, \\ f_{\kappa, v_0}^2(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{e^{-\kappa(t+3T)}(2e^{\kappa(t+3T)}((\kappa(T-t)-3)\theta + v_0) + e^{2\kappa(t+T)}((\kappa(\kappa(t-T)-4)(t-T)+6)\theta - (\kappa(\kappa(t-T)-2)(t-T)+2)v_0))}{2\kappa^3}, \\ g_{\kappa, v_0}^1(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{2e^{\kappa T}\theta + e^{\kappa t}(\kappa^2(t-T)^2 v_0 - (\kappa(\kappa(t-T)-2)(t-T)+2)\theta)}{2\kappa^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{\kappa, v_0}^2(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{e^{-\kappa T} (e^{2\kappa T} \theta - e^{2\kappa t} (\theta - 2v_0) + 2e^{\kappa(t+T)} (\kappa(t-T)(\theta - v_0) - v_0))}{2\kappa^2}, \\
h_{\kappa, v_0}^1(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{e^{\kappa T} \theta + e^{\kappa t} ((\kappa t - \kappa T - 1)\theta + \kappa(T-t)v_0)}{\kappa}, \\
h_{\kappa, v_0}^2(\theta, t, T) &= \frac{(e^{\kappa t} - e^{\kappa T})(e^{\kappa t}(\theta - 2v_0) - e^{\kappa T} \theta)}{2\kappa}, \\
\text{and } \tilde{\omega}_t^u(T) &= \frac{-e^{tu} + e^{Tu}}{u}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_t^{0,u}(T) = \frac{e^{Tu}(-tu + Tu - 1) + e^{tu}}{u^2}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_t^{u,u}(T) = \frac{(e^{tu} - e^{Tu})^2}{2u^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* According to Theorem 2.3, one has :

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{1, T_{i+1}} &= \int_0^{T_i} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} \omega_{t, T_{i+1}}^{(-\kappa, 1)} dt + \int_{T_i}^{T_{i+1}} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} \omega_{t, T_{i+1}}^{(-\kappa, 1)} dt \\
&= a_{1, T_i} + \int_0^{T_i} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} \omega_{t, T_{i+1}}^{(-\kappa, 1)} dt + \int_{T_i}^{T_{i+1}} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} \omega_{t, T_{i+1}}^{(-\kappa, 1)} dt \\
&= a_{1, T_i} + \omega_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{(-\kappa, 1)} \int_0^{T_i} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} dt + \int_{T_i}^{T_{i+1}} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} \omega_{t, T_{i+1}}^{(-\kappa, 1)} dt \\
&= a_{1, T_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{T_i, T_{i+1}}^{-\kappa} \tilde{\omega}_{1, T_i} + \rho_{T_{i+1}} \xi_{T_{i+1}} f_{\kappa, v_0, T_i}^1(\theta_{i+1}, T_i, T_{i+1}),
\end{aligned}$$

where the functions  $f_{\kappa, v_0}^1$  and  $\tilde{\omega}^{-\kappa}$  are calculated analytically using Mathematica. The other terms are calculated analogously.  $\square$

## 2.6. Corollaries of the approximation formula (2.13).

*Averaging Heston's model parameters.* We derive a first corollary of the approximation formula in terms of equivalent Heston models. As explained in [Pit05b], this averaging principle may facilitate efficient calibration. Namely, we search for equivalent constant parameters  $\bar{\kappa}, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\rho}$  for the Heston model<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
d\bar{X}_t &= \sqrt{\bar{v}_t} dW_t - \frac{\bar{v}_t}{2} dt, \quad \bar{X}_0 = x_0, \\
d\bar{v}_t &= \bar{\kappa}(\bar{\theta}_t - \bar{v}_t) dt + \bar{\xi} \sqrt{\bar{v}_t} dB_t, \quad \bar{v}_0 = v_0, \\
d\langle W, B \rangle_t &= \bar{\rho} dt,
\end{aligned}$$

that equalize the price of call/put options maturing at  $T$  in the time dependent model (equality up to the approximation error  $\mathcal{E}$ ). The following rules give the equivalent parameters as a function of the variance  $var_T$  and the coefficients  $a_{1,T}, a_{2,T}, b_{0,T}$  that are computed in the time dependent model. Results are expressed using

$$a = \frac{a_{2,T} m_1}{m_1 q_0 - m_0 q_1}, \quad b = -\frac{a_{1,T} m_1}{m_1 p_0 - m_0 p_1}, \quad c = var_T \left( \frac{p_1}{m_1 p_0 - m_0 p_1} - \frac{q_1}{m_1 q_0 - m_0 q_1} \right),$$

where  $m_0, m_1, p_0, p_1, q_0, q_1, r_0$  and  $r_1$  are given in Proposition 2.5.

**Averaging rule in the case of zero correlation.** If  $\rho_t \equiv 0$ , the equivalent constant parameters (for maturity  $T$ ) are

$$\bar{\kappa} = \kappa, \quad \bar{\theta} = \frac{var_T - m_0 v_0}{m_1}, \quad \bar{\xi} = \sqrt{\frac{b_{0,T}}{r_0 v_0 + r_1 \bar{\theta}}}, \quad \bar{\rho} = 0.$$

<sup>3</sup>In this approach, we leave the initial value  $\bar{v}_0$  equal to  $v_0$ . Indeed, it is not natural to modify its value since it is not a parameter, but rather an unobserved factor.

*Proof.* Two sets of prices coincide at maturity  $T$  if they have the same approximation formula (2.13). In this case  $a_{1,T} = a_{2,T} = b_{2,T} = 0$ , thus the approximation formula depends only on two quantities  $var_T$  and  $b_{0,T}$ . It is quite clear that there is not a single choice of parameters to fit these two quantities. A simple solution results from the choice of  $\bar{\kappa} = \kappa$  and  $\bar{\rho} = 0$ : then, using Proposition 2.5, we obtain the announced parameters  $\bar{\theta}$  and  $\bar{\xi}$ .  $\square$

REMARK 2.2. In this case of zero correlation and  $\theta = v_0 = \bar{\theta}$ , we exactly retrieve Piterbarg's results for the averaged volatility of volatility  $\bar{\xi}$  (see [Pit05b]).

**Averaging rule in the case of non zero correlation.** We follow the same arguments as before. Now the approximation formula also depends on the four quantities  $var_T$ ,  $a_{1,T}$ ,  $a_{2,T}$  and  $b_{2,T}$ . Thus, equalizing call/put prices at maturity  $T$  is equivalent to equalizing these four quantities in both models, by adjusting  $\bar{\kappa}, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\xi}$  and  $\bar{\rho}$ . Unfortunately, we have not found a closed expression for these equivalent parameters. An alternative and simpler way of proceeding consists of modifying the unobserved initial value  $\bar{v}_0$  of the variance process while keeping  $\bar{\kappa} = \kappa$ . For non-vanishing correlation  $(\rho_t)_t$ , it leads to two possibilities

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}_0 &= b \frac{(b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})}{2a} - \frac{p_1 var_T}{m_1 p_0 - m_0 p_1}, & \bar{\theta} &= \frac{var_T - m_0 \bar{v}_0}{m_1}, \\ \bar{\xi} &= \sqrt{\frac{b_{0,T}}{r_0 \bar{v}_0 + r_1 \bar{\theta}}}, & \bar{\rho} &= -\frac{2a}{\bar{\xi}(b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})}. \end{aligned}$$

In practice, only one solution gives realistic parameters. However, this rule is heuristic since there is a priori no guarantee that these averaged parameters satisfy the assumption (P), which is the basis for the arguments correctness.

*Proof.* Using Proposition 2.5, one has to solve the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} var_T &= m_0 \bar{v}_0 + m_1 \bar{\theta}, & a_{1,T} &= \bar{\rho} \bar{\xi} (p_0 \bar{v}_0 + p_1 \bar{\theta}), \\ a_{2,T} &= (\bar{\rho} \bar{\xi})^2 (q_0 \bar{v}_0 + q_1 \bar{\theta}), & b_{0,T} &= \bar{\xi}^2 (r_0 \bar{v}_0 + r_1 \bar{\theta}). \end{aligned}$$

The first equation gives  $\bar{\theta} = \frac{var_T - m_0 \bar{v}_0}{m_1}$ . Replacing this identity in  $a_{1,T}$  and  $a_{2,T}$  gives

$$\bar{v}_0 = \left( \frac{a_{1,T}}{(\bar{\rho} \bar{\xi})} - \frac{p_1 var_T}{m_1} \right) \frac{m_1}{p_0 m_1 - p_1 m_0}, \quad \bar{v}_0 = \left( \frac{a_{2,T}}{(\bar{\rho} \bar{\xi})^2} - \frac{q_1 var_T}{m_1} \right) \frac{m_1}{q_0 m_1 - q_1 m_0}.$$

It readily leads to a quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  with  $x = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho} \bar{\xi}}$ . By solving this equation, we easily complete the proof of the result.  $\square$

*Collinearity effect in the Heston model.* Another corollary of the approximation formula (2.13) is that we can obtain the same vanilla prices at time  $T$  with different sets of parameters. For instance, take on the one hand  $v_0 = \theta = 4\%$ ,  $\kappa_1 = 2$  and  $\xi_1 = 30\%$  (model  $M_1$ ) and on the other hand  $v_0 = \theta = 4\%$ ,  $\kappa_2 = 3$  and  $\xi_2 = 38.042\%$  (model  $M_2$ ), both models having zero correlation. The resulting error between implied volatilities within the two models are presented in Table 2.1: they are so small that prices can be considered as equal. Actually, this kind of example is easy to create even with non-null correlation: as before, in view of the approximation formula (2.13), it is sufficient to equalize the four quantities  $var_T$ ,  $a_{1,T}$ ,  $a_{2,T}$  and  $b_{2,T}$ .

As a consequence, calibrating a Heston model using options with a single maturity is an ill-posed problem, which is not a surprising fact.

TABLE 2.1

Error in implied Black-Scholes volatilities (in bp) between the closed formulas (see appendix) of the two models  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  expressed as relative strikes. Maturity is equal to one year.

strikes $K$	80%	90%	100%	110%	120%
model $M_1$	20.12%	19.64%	19.50%	19.62%	19.92%
model $M_2$	20.11%	19.65%	19.51%	19.62%	19.92%
errors (bp)	0.69	-0.35	-0.81	-0.42	0.34

**3. Numerical accuracy of the approximation.** We give numerical results of the performance of our method. In what follows, the spot  $S_0$ , the risk-free rate  $r$  and the dividend yield  $q$  are set respectively to 100, 0% and 0%. The initial value of the variance process is set to  $v_0 = 4\%$  (initial volatility equal to 20%). Then we study the numerical accuracy w.r.t.  $K$ ,  $T$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\rho$  by testing different values for these parameters.

TABLE 3.1

Set of maturities and strikes used for the numerical tests.

$T/K$								
3M	70	80	90	100	110	120	125	130
6M	60	70	80	100	110	130	140	150
1Y	50	60	80	100	120	150	170	180
2Y	40	50	70	100	130	180	210	240
3Y	30	40	60	100	140	200	250	290
5Y	20	30	60	100	150	250	320	400
7Y	10	30	50	100	170	300	410	520
10Y	10	20	50	100	190	370	550	730

In order to present more interesting results for various relevant maturities and strikes, we allow the range of strikes to vary over the maturities. The strike values evolve approximately as  $S_0 \exp(c \sqrt{\theta T})$  for some real numbers  $c$  and  $\theta = 6\%$ . The extreme values of  $c$  are chosen to be equal to  $\pm 2.57$ , which represents the 1%-99% quantile of the standard normal distribution. This corresponds to very out-of-the-money options or very deep-in-the-money options. The set of pairs (maturity, strike) chosen for the tests is given in Table 3.1.

*Constant parameters.* In Table 3.2, we report the numerical results when  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = 0\%$ , giving the errors of implied Black-Scholes volatilities between our approximation formula (see Equation (2.13)) and the price calculated using the closed formula (see appendix), for the maturities and strikes of Table 3.1. The table should be read as follows: for example, for one year maturity and strike equal to 170, the implied volatility is equal to 24.14% using the closed formula and 24.20% with the approximation formula, giving an error of -6.33 bps. In Table 3.2, we observe that the errors do not exceed **7 bps** for a large range of strikes and maturities. We notice that the errors are surprisingly higher for short maturities. At first sight, it is counterintuitive as one would expect our perturbation method to work better for short maturities and worse for long maturities, since the difference between our proxy model (BS with volatility  $(v_{0,t})_t$ ) and the original one is increasing w.r.t. time. In fact, this intuition is true for prices but not for implied volatilities. When we

TABLE 3.2

Implied Black-Scholes volatilities of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = 0\%$ .

3M	23.24%	22.14%	21.43%	21.19%	21.39%	21.86%	22.14%	22.44%
	23.06%	22.19%	21.42%	21.19%	21.38%	21.88%	22.19%	22.49%
	<b>18.01</b>	<b>-4.86</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>-2.68</b>	<b>-4.86</b>	<b>-4.71</b>
6M	24.32%	23.29%	22.55%	21.99%	22.10%	22.75%	23.17%	23.60%
	24.12%	23.36%	22.57%	21.98%	22.09%	22.79%	23.24%	23.65%
	<b>19.69</b>	<b>-7.17</b>	<b>-1.89</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>-3.97</b>	<b>-7.12</b>	<b>-4.57</b>
1Y	24.85%	24.06%	23.14%	22.90%	23.06%	23.66%	24.14%	24.38%
	24.78%	24.12%	23.14%	22.89%	23.06%	23.71%	24.20%	24.42%
	<b>7.72</b>	<b>-6.49</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>-4.54</b>	<b>-6.33</b>	<b>-4.27</b>
2Y	24.86%	24.36%	23.82%	23.61%	23.73%	24.16%	24.46%	24.76%
	24.86%	24.40%	23.82%	23.61%	23.72%	24.19%	24.50%	24.78%
	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>-3.51</b>	<b>-0.12</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>-2.54</b>	<b>-3.62</b>	<b>-1.71</b>
3Y	24.95%	24.53%	24.10%	23.89%	23.98%	24.27%	24.53%	24.74%
	24.94%	24.55%	24.10%	23.89%	23.98%	24.28%	24.55%	24.75%
	<b>1.80</b>	<b>-2.12</b>	<b>-0.33</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>-1.27</b>	<b>-2.12</b>	<b>-1.26</b>
5Y	24.88%	24.56%	24.20%	24.12%	24.17%	24.38%	24.53%	24.69%
	24.86%	24.57%	24.20%	24.12%	24.17%	24.39%	24.54%	24.70%
	<b>1.38</b>	<b>-0.96</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>-0.95</b>	<b>-0.59</b>
7Y	25.03%	24.46%	24.30%	24.23%	24.27%	24.42%	24.54%	24.65%
	24.97%	24.46%	24.30%	24.22%	24.27%	24.42%	24.55%	24.66%
	<b>5.72</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-0.33</b>	<b>-0.54</b>	<b>-0.35</b>
10Y	24.72%	24.51%	24.34%	24.30%	24.34%	24.44%	24.54%	24.62%
	24.71%	24.51%	24.34%	24.30%	24.34%	24.44%	24.54%	24.62%
	<b>0.42</b>	<b>-0.28</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>-0.29</b>	<b>-0.19</b>

compare the price errors (in Price bp<sup>4</sup>) for the same data, we observe in Table 3.3 that the error terms are not any bigger for short maturities but vary slightly over time with two observed effects. The error term first increases over time as the error between the proxy and the original model increases over time, as forecasted. But for long maturities, presumably because the volatility converges to its stationary regime, errors decrease. When we convert these prices to implied Black-Scholes volatilities, these error terms are dramatically amplified for short maturities due to very small vega. Finally, note that for fixed maturity, price errors are quite uniform w.r.t. strike  $K$ .

*Impact of the correlation.* Analogous results for correlations equal to  $-20\%$ ,  $20\%$  and  $-50\%$  are reported in Tables 3.4-3.5, 3.6-3.7 and 3.8-3.9. We notice that the errors are smaller for a correlation close to zero and become larger when the absolute value of the correlation increases. However, for realistic correlation values ( $-50\%$  for instance), the accuracy for the usual maturities and strikes remains excellent (error smaller than 20 bps), except for very extreme strikes.

*Impact of the volatility of volatility.* In view of Theorem 2.4, the smaller the volatility of volatility, the more accurate the approximation. In the following numerical tests, we increase  $\xi$ , while maintaining Assumption (P). Thus, the new Heston's parameters are  $\kappa = 10$ ,  $\xi = 1$  and  $\rho = -50\%$ , the other parameters remaining unchanged. The comparative results on implied volatilities and prices are presented in Table 3.10 and 3.11. As expected, the approximation is less accurate than for  $\xi = 30\%$ , but still accurate enough to be efficiently used for fast calibration. The results for prices are

<sup>4</sup>Error price bp =  $\frac{\text{Price Approximation} - \text{True Price}}{\text{Spot}} \times 10000$

TABLE 3.3

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = 0\%$ .

3M	30.00	20.08	10.87	4.22	1.14	0.24	0.10	0.04
	30.00	20.08	10.87	4.22	1.14	0.24	0.10	0.04
	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.11</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>-0.07</b>
6M	40.01	30.07	20.52	6.20	2.72	0.40	0.14	0.05
	40.01	30.08	20.52	6.19	2.71	0.40	0.14	0.05
	<b>0.05</b>	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>-0.34</b>	<b>-0.29</b>	<b>-0.08</b>
1Y	50.01	40.11	21.84	9.12	3.08	0.51	0.15	0.09
	50.01	40.11	21.84	9.11	3.07	0.52	0.16	0.09
	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-0.29</b>	<b>-0.12</b>
2Y	60.03	50.20	32.08	13.26	4.71	0.79	0.28	0.11
	60.03	50.20	32.08	13.26	4.71	0.79	0.29	0.11
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	<b>-0.29</b>	<b>-0.06</b>
3Y	70.02	60.15	41.70	16.39	5.73	1.21	0.36	0.15
	70.02	60.15	41.70	16.39	5.73	1.21	0.37	0.15
	<b>0.01</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>-0.31</b>	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>-0.07</b>
5Y	80.01	70.15	43.80	21.26	8.50	1.61	0.58	0.21
	80.01	70.15	43.80	21.26	8.50	1.61	0.58	0.21
	<b>0.01</b>	<b>-0.04</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>-0.19</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	<b>-0.04</b>
7Y	90.00	70.42	53.15	25.14	9.32	1.97	0.66	0.26
	90.00	70.42	53.15	25.14	9.32	1.97	0.67	0.26
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.04</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>-0.10</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
10Y	90.01	80.23	55.22	29.92	11.49	2.62	0.84	0.33
	90.01	80.23	55.22	29.92	11.49	2.62	0.84	0.33
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>-0.02</b>

more satisfactory than for implied volatilities. Once again, for short maturities, the errors in implied volatilities may be quite significant, except for options not-far-from-the-money.

*Impact of the assumption (P).* The assumption (P) is a technical assumption that we use to establish error estimates for the approximation formula (2.13). In the test that follows, we relax this assumption by taking new parameters  $\theta = 3\%$ ,  $\kappa = 2$ ,  $\xi = 40\%$  and  $\rho = 0\%$  for which the ratio  $2\kappa\theta/\xi^2 = 0.75 < 1$ . Results are reported in Tables 3.12 and 3.13. We observe that the approximation formula still works (errors are smaller than 20 bps) but it is less accurate (compare with Table 3.2 for which the ratio  $2\kappa\theta/\xi^2$  is equal to  $4 > 1$ ). An extension of the validity of our formula by relaxing Assumption (P) is presumably relevant. This investigation is left for further research.

*Piecewise constant parameters.* Heston's constant parameters have been set to:  $v_0 = 4\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ . In addition, the piecewise constant functions  $\theta$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\rho$  are equal respectively at each interval of the form  $]\frac{i}{4}, \frac{i+1}{4}[$  to  $4\% + i \times 0.05\%$ ,  $30\% + i \times 0.5\%$  and  $-20\% + i \times 0.35\%$ .

In the same Tables 3.15 and 3.16, we report values using three different formulas. For a given maturity, the first row is obtained using the closed formula with piecewise constant parameters (see appendix), the second row uses our approximation formula (2.13) and the third row uses the closed formula with constant parameters computed by averaging (see Section 2.6). In order to give complete information on our tests, we also report in Table 3.14 the values used for the averaging parameters (following Section 2.6).

Of course, the quickest approach is the use of the approximation formula (2.13). As before, its accuracy is very good, except for very extreme strikes. It is quite interesting to observe that the averaging rules that we propose are extremely

TABLE 3.4

Implied Black-Scholes volatilities of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = -20\%$ .

3M	24.50%	23.07%	21.92%	21.16%	20.84%	20.91%	21.04%	21.21%
	24.04%	23.14%	21.93%	21.15%	20.82%	20.87%	21.06%	21.37%
	<b>45.76</b>	<b>-7.65</b>	<b>-1.25</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>-2.73</b>	<b>-16.51</b>
6M	25.68%	24.38%	23.31%	21.94%	21.65%	21.68%	21.88%	22.15%
	25.19%	24.45%	23.38%	21.93%	21.63%	21.64%	21.96%	22.47%
	<b>49.49</b>	<b>-7.75</b>	<b>-7.32</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>-8.10</b>	<b>-32.52</b>
1Y	26.20%	25.14%	23.65%	22.82%	22.47%	22.51%	22.72%	22.86%
	25.92%	25.23%	23.68%	22.81%	22.44%	22.49%	22.89%	23.17%
	<b>28.04</b>	<b>-8.22</b>	<b>-2.65</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>-16.41</b>	<b>-31.56</b>
2Y	26.03%	25.28%	24.29%	23.51%	23.18%	23.09%	23.17%	23.29%
	25.95%	25.35%	24.32%	23.50%	23.16%	23.08%	23.25%	23.56%
	<b>7.83</b>	<b>-6.41</b>	<b>-2.54</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>-8.04</b>	<b>-26.37</b>
3Y	26.06%	25.40%	24.57%	23.78%	23.47%	23.34%	23.36%	23.42%
	25.95%	25.44%	24.60%	23.78%	23.45%	23.32%	23.41%	23.58%
	<b>11.21</b>	<b>-3.39</b>	<b>-2.44</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>-5.11</b>	<b>-16.68</b>
5Y	25.83%	25.28%	24.47%	24.01%	23.75%	23.57%	23.55%	23.55%
	25.75%	25.30%	24.47%	24.01%	23.74%	23.56%	23.56%	23.65%
	<b>8.29</b>	<b>-1.76</b>	<b>-0.65</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>-1.92</b>	<b>-9.38</b>
7Y	26.02%	24.97%	24.56%	24.11%	23.86%	23.70%	23.65%	23.64%
	25.82%	24.99%	24.57%	24.11%	23.85%	23.69%	23.67%	23.70%
	<b>20.23</b>	<b>-1.59</b>	<b>-0.59</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>-1.50</b>	<b>-6.16</b>
10Y	25.43%	24.99%	24.49%	24.19%	23.97%	23.81%	23.75%	23.72%
	25.40%	25.00%	24.49%	24.18%	23.96%	23.80%	23.76%	23.76%
	<b>3.46</b>	<b>-0.94</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>-0.95</b>	<b>-3.98</b>

accurate.

*Computational time.* Regarding the computational time, the approximation formula (2.13) yields essentially the same computational cost as the Black-Scholes formula, while the closed formula requires an additional space integration involving many exponential and trigonometric functions for which evaluation costs are higher. For instance, using a 2,6 GHz Pentium PC, the computations of the 64 numerical values in Table 3.2 (3.4, 3.6 or 3.8) take 4.71 ms using the approximation formula and 301ms using the closed formula. For the example with time dependent coefficients (reported in Table 3.15), the computational time for the 64 prices is about 40.2 ms using the approximation formula and 2574 ms using the closed formula. Roughly speaking, the use of the approximation formula enables us to speed up the valuation (and thus the calibration) by a factor 100 to 600.

**4. Proof of Theorem 2.4.** The proof is divided into several steps. In Subsection 4.1 we give the upper bounds for derivatives of the put function  $P_{BS}$ , in Subsection 4.2 the conditions for positivity of the squared volatility process  $v$ , in Subsection 4.3 the upper bounds for the negative moments of the integrated squared volatility  $\int_0^T v_t dt$ , in Subsection 4.4 the upper bounds for derivatives of functionals of the squared volatility process  $v$ . Finally, in Subsection 4.5, we complete the proof of Theorem 2.4 using the previous Subsections.

*Notations.* In order to alleviate the proofs, we introduce some notations specific to this section.

**Differentiation.** For every process  $Z^\epsilon$ , we write (if these derivatives have a meaning):

$$(i) \quad Z_{i,t} = \frac{\partial^i Z_t^\epsilon}{\partial \epsilon^i} \Big|_{\epsilon=0},$$

TABLE 3.5

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = -20\%$ .

3M	30.01	20.10	10.93	4.22	1.07	0.19	0.07	0.03
	30.00	20.11	10.93	4.22	1.06	0.19	0.07	0.03
	<b>0.10</b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>-0.18</b>
6M	40.01	30.10	20.60	6.18	2.61	0.31	0.10	0.03
	40.01	30.10	20.60	6.18	2.60	0.31	0.10	0.03
	<b>0.19</b>	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>-0.74</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>-0.41</b>
1Y	50.02	40.15	21.95	9.08	2.89	0.39	0.10	0.05
	50.02	40.15	21.96	9.08	2.88	0.39	0.10	0.06
	<b>0.23</b>	<b>-0.32</b>	<b>-0.60</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>-0.57</b>	<b>-0.64</b>
2Y	60.05	50.25	32.21	13.21	4.46	0.62	0.19	0.06
	60.05	50.25	32.21	13.20	4.44	0.62	0.20	0.07
	<b>0.12</b>	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>-0.69</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>-0.50</b>	<b>-0.69</b>
3Y	70.03	60.19	41.82	16.32	5.44	0.99	0.26	0.09
	70.03	60.19	41.83	16.31	5.43	0.99	0.26	0.10
	<b>0.12</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>-0.62</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>-0.42</b>	<b>-0.63</b>
5Y	80.02	70.18	43.91	21.16	8.17	1.35	0.44	0.14
	80.02	70.18	43.91	21.16	8.16	1.35	0.44	0.14
	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.28</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>-0.51</b>
7Y	90.00	70.47	53.25	25.02	8.94	1.68	0.51	0.18
	90.00	70.47	53.26	25.02	8.93	1.68	0.51	0.18
	<b>0.02</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>-0.44</b>
10Y	90.01	80.26	55.30	29.78	11.07	2.29	0.66	0.24
	90.01	80.26	55.30	29.78	11.06	2.29	0.67	0.24
	<b>0.02</b>	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>-0.11</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.38</b>

(ii) the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Taylor residual by  $R_{i,t}^{Z^\epsilon} = Z_t^\epsilon - \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{\epsilon^j}{j!} Z_{j,t}$ .

**Generic constants.** We keep the same notation  $C$  for all non-negative constants

(i) depending on universal constants, on a number  $p \geq 1$  arising in  $L_p$  estimates, on  $\theta_{\text{Inf}}$ ,  $v_0$  and  $K$ ;

(ii) depending in a non decreasing way on  $\kappa$ ,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho_{\text{Sup}}^2}}$ ,  $\theta_{\text{Sup}}$ ,  $\xi_{\text{Sup}}$ ,  $\frac{\xi_{\text{Sup}}}{\xi_{\text{Inf}}}$  and  $T$ .

We write  $A = O(B)$  when  $|A| \leq CB$  for a generic constant.

**Miscellaneous.**

(i) We write  $\sigma_t^\epsilon = \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}$  for the volatility for the perturbed process.

(ii) if  $(Z)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a càdlàg process, we denote by  $Z^*$  its running extremum:  $Z_t^* = \sup_{s \leq t} |Z_s|, \forall t \in [0, T]$ .

(iii) The  $L_p$  norm of a random variable is denoted, as usual, by  $\|Z\|_p = \mathbb{E}[|Z|^p]^{1/p}$ .

#### 4.1. Upper bounds for put derivatives.

LEMMA 4.1. For every  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ , there exists a polynomial  $P$  with positive coefficients such that:

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{\partial^{i+j} P_{BS}(x, y)}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} \right| \leq \frac{P(\sqrt{y})}{y^{\frac{(2+i-1)_+}{2}}}$$

*Proof.* Note that it is enough to prove the estimates for  $j = 0$ , owing to the relation (2.2). We now take  $j = 0$ . For  $i = 0$ , the inequality holds because  $P_{BS}$  is bounded. Thus

TABLE 3.6

Implied Black-Scholes volatilities of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = 20\%$ .

3M	21.81%	21.10%	20.89%	21.22%	21.89%	22.71%	23.13%	23.54%
	22.41%	21.11%	20.87%	21.22%	21.90%	22.78%	23.20%	23.55%
	<b>-59.86</b>	<b>-1.80</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>-0.82</b>	<b>-7.12</b>	<b>-7.19</b>	<b>-1.20</b>
6M	22.75%	22.05%	21.72%	22.04%	22.53%	23.71%	24.31%	24.47%
	23.41%	22.16%	21.66%	22.03%	22.53%	23.81%	24.40%	24.45%
	<b>-66.39</b>	<b>-10.95</b>	<b>5.61</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>-9.75</b>	<b>-8.77</b>	<b>2.21</b>
1Y	23.31%	22.83%	22.59%	22.97%	23.62%	24.72%	25.41%	24.80%
	23.83%	22.91%	22.55%	22.96%	23.64%	24.82%	25.46%	24.81%
	<b>-52.67</b>	<b>-8.05</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>-1.65</b>	<b>-9.85</b>	<b>-4.37</b>	<b>-1.19</b>
2Y	23.53%	23.33%	23.31%	23.70%	24.25%	25.16%	25.65%	24.93%
	23.77%	23.34%	23.28%	23.70%	24.27%	25.22%	25.68%	24.93%
	<b>-23.90</b>	<b>-1.04</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>-1.42</b>	<b>-6.19</b>	<b>-3.19</b>	<b>-0.67</b>
3Y	23.70%	23.56%	23.58%	23.99%	24.48%	25.15%	25.63%	24.83%
	23.93%	23.58%	23.56%	23.99%	24.49%	25.19%	25.64%	24.84%
	<b>-23.06</b>	<b>-1.95</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>-1.15</b>	<b>-3.93</b>	<b>-1.70</b>	<b>-0.92</b>
5Y	23.81%	23.76%	23.92%	24.23%	24.59%	25.15%	25.46%	24.74%
	23.96%	23.77%	23.91%	24.23%	24.59%	25.17%	25.47%	24.74%
	<b>-14.87</b>	<b>-0.62</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-0.59</b>	<b>-2.06</b>	<b>-0.94</b>	<b>-0.49</b>
7Y	23.92%	23.90%	24.03%	24.34%	24.68%	25.12%	25.39%	24.68%
	24.21%	23.89%	24.02%	24.34%	24.68%	25.13%	25.39%	24.68%
	<b>-28.79</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.48</b>	<b>-1.30</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>-0.30</b>
10Y	23.94%	23.99%	24.18%	24.42%	24.70%	25.06%	25.29%	24.63%
	23.99%	23.99%	24.18%	24.42%	24.71%	25.07%	25.29%	24.64%
	<b>-5.60</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>-0.32</b>	<b>-0.79</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>-0.17</b>

consider  $i \geq 1$ . Then by differentiating the payoff, one gets:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^i P_{BS}}{\partial x^i}(x, y) &= \partial_x^i \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\int_0^T r_t dt} (K - e^{x + \int_0^T (r_t - q_t) dt - \frac{y}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{T}} W_T})_+ \right] \\ &= -\partial_x^{i-1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{\left( e^{x + \int_0^T (r_t - q_t) dt - \frac{y}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{T}} W_T} \leq K \right)} e^{x - \int_0^T q_t dt - \frac{y}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{T}} W_T} \right] \\ &= -\partial_x^{i-1} \mathbb{E} [\Psi(x + G)] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Psi$  is a bounded function (by  $K$ ) and  $G$  is a Gaussian variable with zero mean and variance equal to  $y$ . For such a function, we write  $\mathbb{E}[\Psi(x + G)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Psi(z) \frac{e^{-(z-x)^2/(2y)}}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} dz$  and from this, it follows by a direct computation that

$$\left| \partial_x^{i-1} \mathbb{E}[\Psi(x + G)] \right| \leq \frac{C}{y^{\frac{i-1}{2}}}$$

for any  $x$  and  $y$ . We have proved the estimate for  $j = 0$  and  $i \geq 1$ .  $\square$

**4.2. Positivity of the squared volatility process  $v$ .** For a complete review related to time homogeneous CIR processes, we refer the reader to [GJY03]. For time dependent CIR process, see [Mag96] where the existence and representation using squared Bessel processes are provided.

To prove the positivity of the process  $v$ , we show that it can be bounded from below by a suitable time homogeneous CIR process, time scale being the only difference (see definition 5.1.2. in [RY99]). The arguments are quite standard, but since we

TABLE 3.7

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = 20\%$ .

3M	30.00	20.06	10.81	4.23	1.22	0.28	0.13	0.06
	30.00	20.06	10.81	4.23	1.22	0.29	0.13	0.06
	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>-0.12</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
6M	40.00	30.05	20.45	6.21	2.82	0.48	0.19	0.07
	40.00	30.05	20.44	6.21	2.82	0.49	0.20	0.07
	<b>-0.11</b>	<b>-0.19</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.92</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	<b>0.05</b>
1Y	50.01	40.08	21.72	9.14	3.26	0.64	0.22	0.10
	50.01	40.08	21.71	9.14	3.26	0.65	0.22	0.10
	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>-0.53</b>	<b>-1.25</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>-0.04</b>
2Y	60.02	50.15	31.94	13.31	4.96	0.97	0.39	0.11
	60.02	50.15	31.94	13.31	4.96	0.98	0.39	0.11
	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.04</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>-0.67</b>	<b>-1.18</b>	<b>-0.32</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
3Y	70.01	60.11	41.58	16.46	6.02	1.44	0.49	0.16
	70.01	60.11	41.57	16.46	6.03	1.45	0.49	0.16
	<b>-0.12</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>-0.67</b>	<b>-1.06</b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>-0.05</b>
5Y	80.01	70.11	43.68	21.36	8.83	1.87	0.75	0.21
	80.01	70.11	43.67	21.35	8.84	1.88	0.75	0.21
	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.48</b>	<b>-0.74</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>-0.04</b>
7Y	90.00	70.36	53.04	25.25	9.69	2.26	0.84	0.26
	90.00	70.36	53.04	25.25	9.70	2.27	0.84	0.26
	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.45</b>	<b>-0.57</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
10Y	90.01	80.20	55.13	30.06	11.91	2.96	1.04	0.34
	90.01	80.19	55.13	30.06	11.91	2.96	1.04	0.34
	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>-0.04</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-0.45</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.02</b>

need a specific statement that is not available in the literature, we detail the result and its proof. The time change  $t \mapsto A_t$  is defined by

$$t = \int_0^{A_t} \xi_s^2 ds.$$

Because  $\xi_{Inf} > 0$ ,  $A$  is a continuous, strictly increasing time change and its inverse  $A^{-1}$  enjoys the same properties.

LEMMA 4.2. Assume (P) and  $v_0 > 0$ . Denote by  $(y_s)_{0 \leq s \leq A_T^{-1}}$  the CIR process defined by

$$dy_t = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{\xi_{Inf}^2} y_t \right) dt + \sqrt{y_t} d\tilde{B}_t, \quad y_0 = v_0,$$

where  $\tilde{B}$  is the Brownian motion given by

$$\tilde{B}_t = \int_0^{A_t} \xi_s dB_s. \tag{4.1}$$

Then, a.s. one has  $v_t \geq y_{A_t^{-1}}$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . In particular,  $(v_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a.s. positive.

Proof. Note that  $(\tilde{B}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq A_T^{-1}}$  is really a Brownian motion because by Lévy's Characterization Theorem, it is a continuous local martingale with  $\langle \tilde{B}, \tilde{B} \rangle_t = t$  (see Proposition 5.1.5 [RY99] for the computation of the bracket). Now that we have set  $\tilde{v}_t = v_{A_t}$ , our aim is to prove that  $\tilde{v}_t \geq y_t$  for  $t \in [0, A_T^{-1}]$ . Using Propositions 5.1.4 and 5.1.5 [RY99], we write

$$\tilde{v}_t = v_0 + \int_0^{A_t} (\kappa(\theta_s - v_s) ds + \xi_s \sqrt{v_s} dB_s) = v_0 + \int_0^t \left( \frac{\kappa}{\xi_{A_s}^2} (\theta_{A_s} - \tilde{v}_s) ds + \sqrt{\tilde{v}_s} d\tilde{B}_s \right).$$

TABLE 3.8

Implied Black-Scholes volatilities of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = -50\%$ .

3M	26.13%	24.29%	22.60%	21.11%	19.95%	19.22%	19.03%	18.92%
	25.57%	24.43%	22.63%	21.11%	19.90%	18.99%	18.91%	19.57%
	<b>56.55</b>	<b>-14.06</b>	<b>-2.51</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>4.35</b>	<b>23.24</b>	<b>11.67</b>	<b>-64.22</b>
6M	27.47%	25.81%	24.31%	21.85%	20.92%	19.80%	19.55%	19.47%
	26.89%	25.97%	24.44%	21.84%	20.89%	19.50%	19.61%	21.11%
	<b>58.13</b>	<b>-16.68</b>	<b>-12.19</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>29.46</b>	<b>-5.28</b>	<b>-164.16</b>
1Y	27.96%	26.57%	24.34%	22.68%	21.51%	20.49%	20.19%	20.11%
	27.67%	26.75%	24.39%	22.66%	21.43%	20.24%	20.77%	21.73%
	<b>29.08</b>	<b>-18.08</b>	<b>-5.01</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>7.49</b>	<b>24.84</b>	<b>-58.18</b>	<b>-162.76</b>
2Y	27.56%	26.51%	24.93%	23.34%	22.31%	21.30%	20.95%	20.73%
	27.52%	26.65%	24.98%	23.33%	22.25%	21.15%	21.19%	22.20%
	<b>4.11</b>	<b>-14.03</b>	<b>-4.75</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>14.43</b>	<b>-23.17</b>	<b>-146.81</b>
3Y	27.53%	26.56%	25.22%	23.61%	22.66%	21.81%	21.39%	21.16%
	27.42%	26.66%	25.26%	23.60%	22.62%	21.71%	21.53%	22.04%
	<b>11.28</b>	<b>-9.11</b>	<b>-4.59</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>9.79</b>	<b>-14.43</b>	<b>-88.86</b>
5Y	27.11%	26.25%	24.83%	23.83%	23.10%	22.28%	21.94%	21.66%
	27.01%	26.31%	24.84%	23.82%	23.08%	22.23%	21.98%	22.14%
	<b>9.64</b>	<b>-5.22</b>	<b>-1.23</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>5.14</b>	<b>-4.04</b>	<b>-47.56</b>
7Y	27.35%	25.67%	24.92%	23.93%	23.23%	22.55%	22.22%	21.98%
	27.03%	25.71%	24.93%	23.93%	23.21%	22.52%	22.25%	22.28%
	<b>31.65</b>	<b>-3.57</b>	<b>-1.09</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>3.26</b>	<b>-3.91</b>	<b>-30.07</b>
10Y	26.40%	25.66%	24.70%	24.01%	23.40%	22.82%	22.50%	22.29%
	26.36%	25.68%	24.70%	24.00%	23.39%	22.80%	22.53%	22.48%
	<b>4.15</b>	<b>-2.43</b>	<b>-0.35</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>-2.65</b>	<b>-18.89</b>

Now we apply a comparison result for SDEs twice (see Proposition 5.2.18 in [KS88]).

1. First, one gets  $\tilde{v}_t \geq n_t$ , where  $(n_s)_s$  is the (unique) solution of

$$n_t = 0 + \int_0^t -\frac{\kappa}{\xi_{A_s}^2} n_s ds + \sqrt{n_s} d\tilde{B}_s,$$

because  $v_0 \geq 0$  and  $\frac{\kappa}{\xi_{A_s}^2}(\theta_{A_s} - x) \geq -\frac{\kappa}{\xi_{A_s}^2}x$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $s \in [0, A_T^{-1}]$ . Of course  $n_t = 0$ , thus  $\tilde{v}_t$  is non-negative.

2. Secondly, using the non-negativity of  $\tilde{v}$ , we only need to compare drift coefficients for the non-negative variable  $x$ . Under (P), since

$$\frac{\kappa}{\xi_{A_s}^2}(\theta_{A_s} - x) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{\xi_{Inf}^2}x \quad \forall x \geq 0, \forall s \in [0, A_T^{-1}],$$

we obtain  $\tilde{v}_t \geq y_t$  for  $t \in [0, A_T^{-1}]$  a.s.

Moreover, the positivity of  $y$  (and consequently that of  $v$ ) is standard: indeed,  $y$  is a 2-dimensional squared Bessel process with a time/space scale change (see [GJY03], or the proof of Lemma 4.3 below).  $\square$

#### 4.3. Upper bound for negative moments of the integrated squared volatility process $\int_0^T v_t dt$ .

LEMMA 4.3. Assume (P). Then for every  $p > 0$ , one has:

$$\sup_{0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1} \mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T v_t^\epsilon dt)^{-p}] \leq \frac{C}{T^p}.$$

TABLE 3.9

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 3$ ,  $\xi = 30\%$  and  $\rho = -50\%$ .

3M	30.01	20.14	11.01	4.21	0.95	0.12	0.03	0.01
	30.01	20.15	11.02	4.21	0.94	0.11	0.03	0.01
	<b>0.21</b>	<b>-0.47</b>	<b>-0.31</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>-0.36</b>
6M	40.02	30.15	20.70	6.16	2.43	0.19	0.04	0.01
	40.02	30.15	20.71	6.15	2.42	0.17	0.04	0.02
	<b>0.37</b>	<b>-0.59</b>	<b>-1.33</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-1.05</b>
1Y	50.04	40.21	22.11	9.03	2.59	0.22	0.03	0.01
	50.04	40.22	22.12	9.02	2.57	0.21	0.05	0.03
	<b>0.36</b>	<b>-0.88</b>	<b>-1.17</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>-1.05</b>	<b>-1.69</b>
2Y	60.08	50.33	32.38	13.11	4.06	0.39	0.08	0.02
	60.08	50.34	32.39	13.10	4.03	0.37	0.09	0.04
	<b>0.09</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>-1.32</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>-0.84</b>	<b>-2.00</b>
3Y	70.05	60.25	41.99	16.20	4.98	0.69	0.13	0.03
	70.05	60.25	42.00	16.19	4.96	0.67	0.13	0.05
	<b>0.17</b>	<b>-0.54</b>	<b>-1.21</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>-0.74</b>	<b>-1.80</b>
5Y	80.03	70.23	44.06	21.01	7.65	0.99	0.25	0.06
	80.03	70.23	44.07	21.00	7.64	0.98	0.26	0.07
	<b>0.11</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>-0.53</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	<b>-1.50</b>
7Y	90.00	70.54	53.40	24.84	8.36	1.28	0.31	0.09
	90.00	70.55	53.40	24.84	8.35	1.27	0.32	0.10
	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-0.41</b>	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>-0.45</b>	<b>-1.32</b>
10Y	90.02	80.30	55.42	29.57	10.43	1.82	0.44	0.13
	90.02	80.30	55.42	29.57	10.42	1.81	0.44	0.14
	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>-0.42</b>	<b>-1.17</b>

Before proving the result, we mention that analogous estimates appear in [BD07] (Lemmas A.1 and A.2): some exponential moments are stated under stronger conditions than those in assumption (P). In addition, the uniformity of the estimates w.r.t.  $\xi$  (or equivalently w.r.t.  $\epsilon$ ) is not emphasized. In our study, it is crucial to get uniform estimates w.r.t.  $\epsilon$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $p \geq \frac{1}{2}$  (for  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$ , we derive the result from the case  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  using the Hölder inequality). The proof is divided into two steps. We first prove the estimates in the case of constant coefficients  $\kappa$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\xi$  with  $\kappa\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\epsilon = 1$  and  $\xi = 1$ . Then, using the time change of Lemma 4.2, we derive the result for  $(v_t^\epsilon)_t$ . The critical point is to get estimates that are uniform w.r.t.  $\epsilon$ .

**Step 1.** Take  $\theta_t \equiv \theta$ ,  $\xi_t \equiv 1$ ,  $\kappa\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\epsilon = 1$  and consider

$$dy_t = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \kappa y_t\right)dt + \sqrt{y_t}dB_t, \quad y_0 = v_0,$$

for a standard Brownian motion  $B$ . We represent  $y$  as a time space transformed squared Bessel process (see [GJY03])

$$y_t = e^{-\kappa t} z_{\frac{(e^{\kappa t}-1)}{4\kappa}}$$

where  $z$  is a 2-dimensional squared Bessel process. Therefore, using a change of variable and the explicit expression of Laplace transform for the integral of  $z$  (see

TABLE 3.10

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3M	31.51%	28.04%	24.74%	21.83%	19.94%	19.45%	19.58%	19.85%
	30.68%	28.99%	24.95%	21.71%	19.38%	18.05%	19.76%	22.93%
	<b>82.46</b>	<b>-94.66</b>	<b>-21.22</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>56.44</b>	<b>140.23</b>	<b>-18.10</b>	<b>-308.17</b>
6M	31.45%	28.86%	26.52%	22.69%	21.36%	20.11%	20.05%	20.20%
	30.83%	29.59%	26.98%	22.58%	21.09%	19.14%	20.64%	24.03%
	<b>62.40</b>	<b>-73.58</b>	<b>-46.52</b>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>26.99</b>	<b>97.22</b>	<b>-59.12</b>	<b>-383.12</b>
1Y	30.09%	28.30%	25.44%	23.34%	21.89%	20.76%	20.49%	20.45%
	29.87%	28.72%	25.54%	23.28%	21.70%	20.30%	21.65%	23.17%
	<b>21.52</b>	<b>-42.32</b>	<b>-10.69</b>	<b>6.02</b>	<b>19.45</b>	<b>46.13</b>	<b>-115.72</b>	<b>-271.22</b>
2Y	28.45%	27.27%	25.51%	23.73%	22.58%	21.48%	21.12%	20.90%
	28.46%	27.47%	25.57%	23.71%	22.50%	21.28%	21.42%	22.75%
	<b>-0.53</b>	<b>-20.08</b>	<b>-6.39</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>8.11</b>	<b>19.97</b>	<b>-30.34</b>	<b>-184.76</b>
3Y	28.08%	27.05%	25.61%	23.88%	22.86%	21.96%	21.51%	21.27%
	27.98%	27.16%	25.66%	23.86%	22.81%	21.83%	21.67%	22.30%
	<b>9.78</b>	<b>-11.59</b>	<b>-5.41</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>12.13</b>	<b>-16.04</b>	<b>-102.46</b>
5Y	27.40%	26.52%	25.04%	24.00%	23.23%	22.38%	22.03%	21.75%
	27.31%	26.58%	25.05%	23.99%	23.21%	22.33%	22.07%	22.26%
	<b>9.15</b>	<b>-5.98</b>	<b>-1.31</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>-3.93</b>	<b>-51.20</b>
7Y	27.56%	25.84%	25.06%	24.05%	23.33%	22.63%	22.29%	22.05%
	27.24%	25.88%	25.08%	24.05%	23.31%	22.59%	22.33%	22.36%
	<b>32.00</b>	<b>-3.83</b>	<b>-1.14</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>-3.88</b>	<b>-31.56</b>
10Y	26.53%	25.77%	24.80%	24.09%	23.47%	22.88%	22.55%	22.34%
	26.49%	25.80%	24.80%	24.09%	23.46%	22.86%	22.58%	22.53%
	<b>4.02</b>	<b>-2.57</b>	<b>-0.36</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>-2.64</b>	<b>-19.49</b>

[BS02] p.377), one obtains for any  $u \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\exp(-u \int_0^T y_t dt)] &\leq \mathbb{E}[\exp(-4ue^{-2\kappa T} \int_0^{\frac{(e^{\kappa T}-1)}{4\kappa}} z_s ds)] \\ &\leq \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{2u}(1-e^{-\kappa T})}{2\kappa}\right)^{-1} \exp(-\sqrt{2u}e^{-\kappa T} v_0 \tanh(\frac{\sqrt{2u}(1-e^{-\kappa T})}{2\kappa})). \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with the identity  $x^{-p} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(p)} \int_0^\infty u^{p-1} e^{-ux} du$  for  $x = \int_0^T y_t dt$ , one gets:

$$\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T y_t dt)^{-p}] \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(p)} \int_0^\infty u^{p-1} \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{2u}(1-e^{-\kappa T})}{2\kappa}\right)^{-1} \exp(-\sqrt{2u}e^{-\kappa T} v_0 \tanh(\frac{\sqrt{2u}(1-e^{-\kappa T})}{2\kappa})) du.$$

Define the parameter  $\lambda^2 = \frac{(e^{\kappa T}-1)}{2\kappa v_0}$  and the new variable  $n = \frac{\sqrt{2u}(1-e^{-\kappa T})}{2\kappa} = v_0 e^{-\kappa T} \lambda^2 \sqrt{2u}$ .

It readily follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T y_t dt)^{-p}] \leq C \left(\frac{e^{\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^{2p} \int_0^\infty n^{2p-1} \cosh(n)^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\tanh(n)n}{\lambda^2}\right) dn,$$

where  $C$  is a constant depending only on  $v_0$  and  $p$ . We upper bound the above integral differently according to the value of  $\lambda$ .

(i) If  $\lambda \geq 1$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T y_t dt)^{-p}] \leq C \left(\frac{e^{\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^{2p} \int_0^\infty n^{2p-1} \cosh(n)^{-1} dn \leq C e^{2p\kappa T}. \quad (4.2)$$

TABLE 3.11

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 6\%$ ,  $\kappa = 10$ ,  $\xi = 1$  and  $\rho = -50\%$ .

3M	30.05	20.30	11.28	4.35	0.95	0.13	0.04	0.01
	30.04	20.35	11.31	4.33	0.87	0.08	0.05	0.05
	<b>0.99</b>	<b>-4.95</b>	<b>-2.80</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>4.62</b>	<b>-0.31</b>	<b>-3.51</b>
6M	40.06	30.28	20.96	6.40	2.54	0.21	0.05	0.01
	40.05	30.32	21.02	6.36	2.47	0.15	0.06	0.06
	<b>0.92</b>	<b>-3.90</b>	<b>-5.83</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>6.51</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>-1.28</b>	<b>-4.72</b>
1Y	50.08	40.31	22.37	9.29	2.71	0.24	0.04	0.02
	50.07	40.33	22.40	9.26	2.65	0.21	0.07	0.06
	<b>0.41</b>	<b>-2.60</b>	<b>-2.58</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>5.95</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>-2.52</b>	<b>-3.89</b>
2Y	60.10	50.39	32.54	13.33	4.18	0.41	0.09	0.02
	60.10	50.40	32.56	13.31	4.14	0.38	0.10	0.05
	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-1.58</b>	<b>-1.82</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>2.26</b>	<b>-1.17</b>	<b>-2.89</b>
3Y	70.06	60.28	42.09	16.38	5.09	0.71	0.13	0.03
	70.05	60.28	42.11	16.37	5.06	0.69	0.14	0.06
	<b>0.17</b>	<b>-0.73</b>	<b>-1.46</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>2.74</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>-0.86</b>	<b>-2.22</b>
5Y	80.04	70.25	44.15	21.15	7.76	1.02	0.26	0.06
	80.03	70.25	44.16	21.15	7.74	1.01	0.27	0.08
	<b>0.11</b>	<b>-0.36</b>	<b>-0.57</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	<b>-1.68</b>
7Y	90.00	70.56	53.46	24.96	8.45	1.31	0.32	0.09
	90.00	70.57	53.46	24.96	8.44	1.30	0.32	0.10
	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>-0.47</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>-0.46</b>	<b>-1.42</b>
10Y	90.02	80.31	55.47	29.67	10.51	1.85	0.44	0.13
	90.02	80.31	55.48	29.67	10.50	1.84	0.45	0.14
	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.19</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>-0.42</b>	<b>-1.23</b>

(ii) If  $\lambda \leq 1$ , split the integral into two parts,  $n \leq \operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda)$  and  $n \geq \operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda)$ . For the first part, simply use  $n \geq \tanh(n)$  for any  $n$ . For the second part, use  $\tanh(n) \geq \lambda$  and  $\cosh(n)^{-1} \leq 1$ . This gives

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_0^T y_t dt\right)^{-p}\right] \leq C \left[ \left(\frac{e^{\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^{2p} \int_0^{\operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda)} n^{2p-1} \cosh(n)^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\tanh^2(n)}{\lambda^2}\right) dn + \left(\frac{e^{\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^{2p} \int_{\operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda)}^{\infty} n^{2p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{n}{\lambda}\right) dn \right] := C[\mathcal{T}_1 + \mathcal{T}_2]. \quad (4.3)$$

We upper bound the two terms separately.

1. First term  $\mathcal{T}_1$ . Using the change of variable  $m = \frac{\tanh(n)}{\lambda}$ , one has:

$$\mathcal{T}_1 \leq e^{2p\kappa T} \lambda^{-4p+1} \int_0^1 \operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda m)^{2p-1} \cosh(\operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda m)) \exp(-m^2) dm.$$

Because of  $\lambda \leq 1$ , we have the following inequalities for  $m \in [0, 1]$ :

$$\operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda m) \leq \lambda \operatorname{arctanh}(m), \quad \cosh(\operatorname{arctanh}(\lambda m)) \leq \cosh(\operatorname{arctanh}(m)).$$

Using  $2p - 1 \geq 0$ , it readily follows that

$$\mathcal{T}_1 \leq \left(\frac{e^{2\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^p \int_0^1 \operatorname{arctanh}(m)^{2p-1} \cosh(\operatorname{arctanh}(m)) \exp(-m^2) dm. \quad (4.4)$$

2. Second term  $\mathcal{T}_2$ . Clearly, we have

$$\mathcal{T}_2 \leq \left(\frac{e^{\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^{2p} \int_0^{\infty} n^{2p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{n}{\lambda}\right) dn = \left(\frac{e^{2\kappa T}}{\lambda^2}\right)^p \int_0^{\infty} v^{2p-1} e^{-v} dv. \quad (4.5)$$

TABLE 3.12

Implied Black-Scholes volatilities of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 3\%$ ,  $\kappa = 2$ ,  $\xi = 40\%$  and  $\rho = 0\%$ .

3M	23.27%	21.25%	19.59%	18.86%	19.47%	20.64%	21.25%	21.85%
	22.35%	21.48%	19.56%	18.85%	19.43%	20.83%	21.48%	21.94%
	<b>92.35</b>	<b>-22.93</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>-18.90</b>	<b>-22.93</b>	<b>-9.79</b>
6M	24.10%	22.05%	20.22%	18.21%	18.68%	20.75%	21.78%	22.72%
	22.52%	22.26%	20.50%	18.14%	18.59%	21.16%	22.10%	22.51%
	<b>158.79</b>	<b>-20.74</b>	<b>-28.41</b>	<b>7.08</b>	<b>9.08</b>	<b>-40.69</b>	<b>-32.03</b>	<b>20.96</b>
1Y	23.96%	22.01%	18.89%	17.60%	18.51%	20.84%	22.23%	22.85%
	22.20%	22.14%	18.99%	17.45%	18.48%	21.42%	22.20%	22.30%
	<b>175.41</b>	<b>-12.81</b>	<b>-10.17</b>	<b>14.90</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>-57.41</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>54.89</b>
2Y	22.72%	21.05%	18.61%	17.24%	18.04%	20.26%	21.42%	22.42%
	21.40%	21.20%	18.83%	17.10%	18.06%	20.72%	21.32%	21.42%
	<b>132.35</b>	<b>-14.49</b>	<b>-22.09</b>	<b>14.34</b>	<b>-1.35</b>	<b>-46.40</b>	<b>9.96</b>	<b>100.04</b>
3Y	22.44%	20.84%	18.66%	17.16%	17.88%	19.60%	20.84%	21.67%
	20.74%	20.67%	18.93%	17.06%	17.91%	19.96%	20.67%	20.79%
	<b>170.16</b>	<b>16.92</b>	<b>-27.04</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>-3.17</b>	<b>-36.03</b>	<b>16.92</b>	<b>87.99</b>
5Y	21.56%	20.09%	17.86%	17.16%	17.61%	19.08%	19.94%	20.75%
	20.03%	19.88%	17.92%	17.10%	17.62%	19.28%	19.83%	20.03%
	<b>153.81</b>	<b>20.49</b>	<b>-5.89</b>	<b>5.27</b>	<b>-0.54</b>	<b>-19.86</b>	<b>11.43</b>	<b>72.25</b>
7Y	21.93%	19.01%	17.88%	17.17%	17.60%	18.76%	19.54%	20.16%
	19.51%	19.09%	17.95%	17.14%	17.62%	18.88%	19.39%	19.58%
	<b>241.42</b>	<b>-7.47</b>	<b>-6.53</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>-1.53</b>	<b>-12.47</b>	<b>14.41</b>	<b>58.41</b>
10Y	20.21%	18.92%	17.58%	17.20%	17.53%	18.42%	19.09%	19.61%
	19.24%	18.88%	17.60%	17.18%	17.54%	18.49%	18.97%	19.16%
	<b>96.63</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>-1.61</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>-0.93</b>	<b>-7.64</b>	<b>11.97</b>	<b>44.80</b>

Combining (4.3), (4.4) and (4.5), we obtain  $\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T y_t dt)^{-p}] \leq C(\frac{e^{2\kappa T}}{\lambda^2})^p$ . In view of the inequality ( $e^x - 1 \geq x, x \geq 0$ ), we have  $\lambda^2 = \frac{(e^{\kappa T} - 1)}{2\kappa v_0} \geq \frac{T}{2v_0}$ , which gives

$$\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T y_t dt)^{-p}] \leq C \frac{e^{2p\kappa T}}{T^p}, \quad (4.6)$$

available when  $\lambda \leq 1$ .

To sum up (4.2) and (4.6), we have proved that

$$\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T y_t dt)^{-p}] \leq C e^{2p\kappa T} (1 + \frac{1}{T^p}), \quad (4.7)$$

for a constant C depending only on p and  $v_0$ .

**Step 2.** Take  $\epsilon \in ]0, 1]$ . We apply Lemma 4.2 to  $v_t^\epsilon$ , in order to write  $v_t^\epsilon \geq y_{A_{\epsilon,t}^{-1}}^\epsilon$  where  $t = \int_0^{A_{\epsilon,t}} (\epsilon \xi_s)^2 ds$  and  $dy_t^\epsilon = (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{(\epsilon \xi_{inf})^2} y_t^\epsilon) dt + \sqrt{y_t^\epsilon} d\tilde{B}_t^\epsilon, y_0^\epsilon = y_0$ . Thus, we get  $\int_0^T v_t^\epsilon dt \geq$

TABLE 3.13

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and related errors (in bp), expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Parameters:  $\theta = 3\%$ ,  $\kappa = 2$ ,  $\xi = 40\%$  and  $\rho = 0\%$ .

3M	30.00	20.06	10.67	3.76	0.88	0.18	0.08	0.03
	30.00	20.07	10.67	3.76	0.88	0.18	0.08	0.03
	<b>0.12</b>	<b>-0.46</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>-0.88</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>-0.13</b>
6M	40.01	30.05	20.32	5.13	1.91	0.25	0.09	0.04
	40.00	30.05	20.35	5.11	1.89	0.27	0.10	0.03
	<b>0.29</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-2.15</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>-2.72</b>	<b>-1.01</b>	<b>0.29</b>
1Y	50.01	40.06	20.98	7.01	1.73	0.25	0.08	0.05
	50.00	40.06	21.00	6.95	1.73	0.29	0.08	0.04
	<b>0.55</b>	<b>-0.27</b>	<b>-1.80</b>	<b>5.92</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>-4.43</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.98</b>
2Y	60.01	50.07	30.89	9.70	2.28	0.28	0.10	0.04
	60.01	50.07	30.93	9.62	2.29	0.33	0.10	0.03
	<b>0.63</b>	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>-4.17</b>	<b>8.03</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-4.44</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>1.61</b>
3Y	70.01	60.04	40.60	11.82	2.56	0.36	0.10	0.04
	70.00	60.04	40.64	11.75	2.58	0.41	0.09	0.03
	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>-4.17</b>	<b>6.94</b>	<b>-1.42</b>	<b>-4.48</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>1.54</b>
5Y	80.00	70.03	41.45	15.21	3.75	0.38	0.11	0.04
	80.00	70.02	41.47	15.16	3.75	0.40	0.11	0.02
	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>-1.76</b>	<b>4.61</b>	<b>-0.34</b>	<b>-2.79</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>1.24</b>
7Y	90.00	70.07	51.04	17.97	3.78	0.39	0.10	0.03
	90.00	70.08	51.06	17.94	3.80	0.41	0.09	0.02
	<b>0.01</b>	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>-1.63</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>-1.07</b>	<b>-1.94</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>1.00</b>
10Y	90.00	80.03	51.95	21.43	4.55	0.46	0.10	0.03
	90.00	80.03	51.96	21.41	4.56	0.48	0.09	0.02
	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-0.64</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>-0.80</b>	<b>-1.44</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.76</b>

TABLE 3.14  
Equivalent averaged parameters.

$T$	$\bar{v}_0$	$\bar{\theta}$	$\bar{\xi}$	$\bar{\rho}$
3M	4 %	4 %	30 %	-20 %
6M	3.97 %	4.04 %	30.12 %	-19.93 %
1Y	3.28 %	4.38 %	30.89 %	-19.72 %
2Y	4.64 %	4.02 %	31.12 %	-18.95 %
3Y	56.24 %	4.04 %	32.10 %	-18.20 %
5Y	28.58 %	2.68 %	33.63 %	-16.52 %
7Y	84.92 %	0.59 %	35.41 %	-14.80 %
10Y	14.54 %	4.57 %	39.98 %	-12.32 %

$(\int_0^{A_{\epsilon,T}^{-1}} y_s^\epsilon ds) / (\epsilon \xi_{Sup})^2$  and in view of (4.7), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[(\int_0^T v_t^\epsilon dt)^{-p}] &\leq (\epsilon \xi_{Sup})^{2p} \mathbb{E}[(\int_0^{A_{\epsilon,T}^{-1}} y_s^\epsilon ds)^{-p}] \\ &\leq C(\epsilon \xi_{Sup})^{2p} e^{2p \frac{\kappa}{(\epsilon \xi_{Inf})^2} A_{\epsilon,T}^{-1}} (1 + \frac{1}{[A_{\epsilon,T}^{-1}]^p}) \\ &\leq C e^{2p \kappa \frac{\xi_{Sup}^2}{\xi_{Inf}^2} T} (\xi_{Sup}^{2p} + \frac{\xi_{Sup}^{2p}}{\xi_{Inf}^{2p}} \frac{1}{T^p}) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $\epsilon^2 \xi_{Inf}^2 T \leq A_{\epsilon,T}^{-1} \leq \epsilon^2 \xi_{Sup}^2 T$ .

TABLE 3.15

Implied Black-Scholes volatilities of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and of the averaging formula, expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Piecewise constant parameters.

3M	23.45%	21.88%	20.58%	19.70%	19.39%	19.55%	19.74%	19.97%
	22.73%	21.96%	20.60%	19.69%	19.35%	19.53%	19.84%	20.28%
	23.45%	21.88%	20.58%	19.70%	19.39%	19.55%	19.74%	19.97%
6M	24.09%	22.59%	21.30%	19.63%	19.33%	19.58%	19.92%	20.31%
	23.09%	22.60%	21.43%	19.61%	19.30%	19.58%	20.19%	20.93%
	24.09%	22.59%	21.30%	19.63%	19.33%	19.58%	19.92%	20.31%
1Y	23.95%	22.66%	20.76%	19.70%	19.37%	19.69%	20.12%	20.36%
	23.12%	22.66%	20.81%	19.68%	19.32%	19.78%	20.62%	21.05%
	23.95%	22.66%	20.76%	19.70%	19.37%	19.69%	20.12%	20.35%
2Y	23.26%	22.30%	21.01%	19.99%	19.66%	19.83%	20.09%	20.37%
	22.84%	22.33%	21.04%	19.96%	19.62%	19.90%	20.43%	21.02%
	23.26%	22.30%	21.01%	19.98%	19.66%	19.83%	20.09%	20.37%
3Y	23.28%	22.40%	21.27%	20.26%	19.96%	20.02%	20.23%	20.43%
	22.81%	22.38%	21.33%	20.24%	19.93%	20.04%	20.47%	20.90%
	23.28%	22.40%	21.27%	20.26%	19.96%	20.02%	20.23%	20.42%
5Y	23.22%	22.46%	21.34%	20.77%	20.54%	20.54%	20.65%	20.80%
	22.88%	22.44%	21.35%	20.77%	20.52%	20.55%	20.76%	21.09%
	23.22%	22.46%	21.34%	20.77%	20.54%	20.54%	20.64%	20.79%
7Y	23.86%	22.36%	21.81%	21.26%	21.06%	21.06%	21.16%	21.27%
	23.25%	22.39%	21.82%	21.26%	21.05%	21.07%	21.23%	21.45%
	23.86%	22.37%	21.81%	21.26%	21.06%	21.06%	21.15%	21.26%
10Y	23.59%	22.96%	22.30%	21.97%	21.82%	21.83%	21.92%	22.02%
	23.46%	22.98%	22.30%	21.97%	21.81%	21.84%	21.96%	22.12%
	23.59%	22.96%	22.30%	21.97%	21.82%	21.83%	21.92%	22.01%

Note that the upper bound does not depend on  $\epsilon \in ]0, 1]$ . For  $\epsilon = 0$ , the upper bound in Lemma 4.3 is also true because  $(v_t^0)_t$  is deterministic and

$$\max(v_0, \theta_{Sup}) \geq v_t^0 \geq \min(v_0, \theta_{Inf}) > 0. \quad (4.8)$$

□

**4.4. Upper bound for residuals of the Taylor development of  $g(\epsilon)$  defined in (1.4).** Throughout the following paragraph, we assume that  $(P)$  is in force. We define the variables:

$$P_T^\epsilon = \int_0^T \rho_t (\sigma_t^\epsilon - \sigma_{0,t}) dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} (v_t^\epsilon - v_{0,t}) dt, \quad Q_T^\epsilon = \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) (v_t^\epsilon - v_{0,t}) dt.$$

Notice that  $(x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{0,t} dt, \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{0,t} dt) + (P_T^1, Q_T^1) = (x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_t^1} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_t^1 dt, \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_t^1 dt)$ .

The main result of this subsection is the following proposition, the statement of which uses the notation introduced at the beginning of Section 4.

TABLE 3.16

Put prices of the closed formula, of the approximation formula and of the averaging formula, expressed as a function of maturities in fractions of years and relative strikes. Piecewise constant parameters.

3M	30.00	20.07	10.78	3.93	0.87	0.13	0.05	0.02
	30.00	20.08	10.78	3.93	0.87	0.13	0.05	0.02
6M	30.00	20.07	10.78	3.93	0.87	0.13	0.05	0.02
	40.01	30.06	20.41	5.53	2.06	0.18	0.05	0.01
	40.00	30.06	20.42	5.53	2.05	0.18	0.05	0.02
1Y	40.01	30.06	20.41	5.53	2.06	0.18	0.05	0.01
	50.01	40.07	21.33	7.85	1.97	0.17	0.03	0.02
	50.01	40.07	21.35	7.84	1.95	0.18	0.04	0.02
2Y	50.01	40.07	21.33	7.85	1.97	0.17	0.03	0.02
	60.02	50.11	31.38	11.23	2.92	0.24	0.06	0.01
	60.01	50.11	31.39	11.23	2.90	0.25	0.07	0.02
3Y	60.02	50.11	31.38	11.23	2.92	0.24	0.06	0.01
	70.01	60.07	41.07	13.92	3.55	0.41	0.08	0.02
	70.01	60.07	41.08	13.92	3.54	0.42	0.09	0.03
5Y	70.01	60.07	41.07	13.92	3.55	0.41	0.08	0.02
	80.01	70.07	42.64	18.37	5.74	0.61	0.15	0.04
	80.01	70.07	42.64	18.36	5.72	0.61	0.16	0.04
7Y	80.01	70.07	42.64	18.37	5.74	0.61	0.15	0.04
	90.00	70.24	52.22	22.15	6.46	0.86	0.21	0.06
	90.00	70.24	52.22	22.15	6.45	0.86	0.21	0.07
10Y	90.00	70.24	52.22	22.15	6.46	0.86	0.21	0.06
	90.01	80.14	54.13	27.17	8.71	1.42	0.35	0.11
	90.01	80.14	54.13	27.16	8.70	1.42	0.36	0.12
	90.01	80.14	54.13	27.17	8.71	1.42	0.35	0.11

PROPOSITION 4.4. One has the following estimates for every  $p \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_T^1\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T}) \sqrt{T}, \\ \|R_{2,T}^{P^1}\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 \sqrt{T}, \\ \|R_{2,T}^{(P^1)^2}\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 T, \\ \|Q_T^1\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T}) T, \\ \|R_{2,T}^{Q^1}\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 T, \\ \|R_{2,T}^{(Q^1)^2}\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 T^2, \\ \|R_{2,T}^{P^1 Q^1}\|_p &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 T^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate the derivatives and the residuals for the variables  $P_T^\epsilon$  and  $Q_T^\epsilon$ , we need first to prove the existence of the derivatives and the residuals of the volatility process  $\sigma_t^\epsilon = \sqrt{v_t^\epsilon}$  and its square  $v^\epsilon$ . Finally we prove Proposition 4.4.

**4.4.1. Upper bounds for derivatives of  $\sigma^\epsilon$  and  $v^\epsilon$ .** Under assumption (P), the volatility process  $\sigma_t^\epsilon$  is governed by the SDE:

$$d\sigma_t^\epsilon = \left( \left( \frac{\kappa\theta_t}{2} - \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_t^2}{8} \right) \frac{1}{\sigma_t^\epsilon} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \sigma_t^\epsilon \right) dt + \frac{\epsilon \xi_t}{2} dB_t, \quad \sigma_0^\epsilon = \sqrt{v_0}, \quad (4.9)$$

where we have used Ito's Lemma and positivity of  $v_t^\epsilon$  (see Lemma 4.2).

In order to estimate  $R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon}$ , we are going to prove that it verifies a linear equation

(Lemma 4.5) from which we deduce an a priori upper bound (Proposition 4.6). We iterate the same analysis for the residuals  $R_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon}$  (Proposition 4.7) and  $R_{2,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon}$  (Proposition 4.8). Analogously, we give upper bounds for the residuals of  $v_t^\epsilon$  (Proposition 4.9).

LEMMA 4.5. *Under (P), the process  $(R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = \sigma_t^\epsilon - \sigma_t^0)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is given by*

$$R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( -\frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} ds + \frac{\epsilon \xi_s}{2} dB_s \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} dU_t^\epsilon &= -\alpha_t^\epsilon U_t^\epsilon dt, \quad U_t^\epsilon = 1, \\ \alpha_t^\epsilon &= \left( \frac{\kappa \theta_t}{2} - \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_t^2}{8} \right) \frac{1}{\sigma_t^\epsilon \sigma_{0,t}} + \frac{\kappa}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From the definition  $(\sigma_{0,t})_t = (\sigma_t^0)_t$  and the equation (4.9), one obtains the SDE

$$d\sigma_{0,t} = \left( \frac{\kappa \theta_t}{2\sigma_{0,t}} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \sigma_{0,t} \right) dt, \quad \sigma_{0,0} = \sqrt{v_0}.$$

Substitute this equation in (4.9) to obtain

$$dR_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = -\alpha_t^\epsilon R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} dt - \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_t^2}{8\sigma_{0,t}} dt + \frac{\epsilon \xi_t}{2} dB_t, \quad R_{0,0}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = 0. \quad (4.10)$$

Note that  $R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon}$  is the solution of a linear SDE. Hence, it can be explicitly represented using the process  $U^\epsilon$  (see Th. 52 in [Pro90]):

$$R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( -\frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} ds + \frac{\epsilon \xi_s}{2} dB_s \right).$$

□

PROPOSITION 4.6. *Under (P), for every  $p \geq 1$  one has*

$$\|(R_{0,\cdot}^{\sigma^\epsilon})^*\|_p \leq C \epsilon \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t}.$$

*In particular, the application  $\epsilon \rightarrow \sigma_t^\epsilon$  is continuous<sup>5</sup> at  $\epsilon = 0$  in  $L_p$ .*

*Proof.* At first sight, the proof seems to be straightforward from Lemma 4.5. But actually, the difficulty lies in the fact that one can not uniformly in  $\epsilon$  upper bound  $U_t^\epsilon$  in  $L_p$  (because of the term with  $1/\sigma_t^\epsilon$  in  $\alpha_t^\epsilon$ ).

Using Lemma 4.5 and Ito's formula for the product  $(U_t^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( \int_0^t \frac{\epsilon \xi_s}{2} dB_s \right)$ , one has

$$R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( -\frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} ds \right) + \int_0^t \frac{\epsilon \xi_s}{2} dB_s - U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t \left( \int_0^s \frac{\epsilon \xi_u}{2} dB_u \right) d(U_s^\epsilon)^{-1}.$$

<sup>5</sup>Note that from the upper bound (4.11) in the proof, we easily obtain that the continuity also holds a.s., and not only in  $L_p$ . Since only the latter is needed in what follows, we do not go into detail.

Under (P), one has  $\alpha_t^\epsilon \geq \kappa/2 > 0$ , which implies that  $t \mapsto U_t^\epsilon$  is decreasing and  $t \mapsto (U_t^\epsilon)^{-1}$  is increasing. Thus,  $0 \leq U_s^\epsilon (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \leq 1$  for  $s \in [0, t]$ . Consequently, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon}| &\leq \int_0^t \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} ds + \left( \int_0^t \frac{\epsilon \xi_s}{2} dB_s \right)_t^* + \left( \int_0^t \frac{\epsilon \xi_s}{2} dB_s \right)_t^* (1 - U_t^\epsilon) \\ &\leq \int_0^t \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} ds + \left( \int_0^t \epsilon \xi_s dB_s \right)_t^*. \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

Now we easily complete the proof by observing that  $\sigma_{0,s} \geq \min(\sqrt{\theta_{inf}}, \sqrt{v_0})$  and  $\|(\int_0^t \xi_s dB_s)_t^*\|_p \leq C \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t}$ .  $\square$

We define

$$\sigma_{1,t} = U_t^0 \int_0^t (U_s^0)^{-1} \frac{\xi_s}{2} dB_s.$$

Therefore,  $(\sigma_{1,t})_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  solves the following SDE:

$$d\sigma_{1,t} = -\left(\frac{\kappa\theta_t}{2(\sigma_{0,t})^2} + \frac{\kappa}{2}\right)\sigma_{1,t}dt + \frac{\xi_t}{2}dB_t, \quad \sigma_{1,0} = 0, \quad (4.12)$$

and for every  $p \geq 1$

$$\|(\sigma_{1,\cdot})_t^*\|_p \leq C \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t}. \quad (4.13)$$

**PROPOSITION 4.7.** *Under (P), the process  $(R_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = \sigma_t^\epsilon - \sigma_t^0 - \epsilon\sigma_{1,t})_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  fulfills the equality:*

$$R_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( -\frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} + \epsilon\sigma_{1,s} \left( \frac{\alpha_s^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,s}} - \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} \right) R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} \right) ds.$$

Moreover, for every  $p \geq 1$ , one has

$$\|(R_{1,\cdot}^{\sigma^\epsilon})_t^*\|_p \leq C(\epsilon \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t})^2.$$

In particular, the application  $\epsilon \rightarrow \sigma_t^\epsilon$  is  $C^1$  at  $\epsilon = 0$  in  $L_p$  sense with the first derivative at  $\epsilon = 0$  equal to  $\sigma_{1,t}$  (justifying a posteriori the definition  $R_{1,\cdot}^{\sigma^\epsilon}$ ).

*Proof.* From Equations (4.10) and (4.12), it readily follows that

$$dR_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = -\alpha_t^\epsilon R_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} dt - \epsilon\sigma_{1,t} \left( \alpha_t^\epsilon - \frac{\kappa\theta_t}{2(\sigma_{0,t})^2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) dt - \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_t^2}{8\sigma_{0,t}} dt, \quad R_{1,0}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = 0.$$

Because of the identity

$$-\left( \alpha_t^\epsilon - \frac{\kappa\theta_t}{2(\sigma_{0,t})^2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{\alpha_t^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,t}} - \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,t}} \right) R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_t^2}{8(\sigma_{0,t})^2},$$

one deduces the equality

$$R_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( -\frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} + \epsilon\sigma_{1,s} \left( \frac{\alpha_s^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,s}} - \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} \right) R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8(\sigma_{0,s})^2} \right) ds.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{1,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon}| &\leq \int_0^t U_t^\epsilon (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} + \epsilon |\sigma_{1,s}| \left( \left( \frac{\alpha_s^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,s}} + \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} \right) |R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon}| + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8(\sigma_{0,s})^2} \right) \right) ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t U_t^\epsilon (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left( \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} + \epsilon |\sigma_{1,s}| \left( \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} |R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon}| + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8(\sigma_{0,s})^2} \right) \right) ds + \epsilon \int_0^t U_t^\epsilon (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \frac{\alpha_s^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,s}} |\sigma_{1,s}| |R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon}| ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t \left( \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8\sigma_{0,s}} + \epsilon |\sigma_{1,s}| \left( \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} |R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon}| + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8(\sigma_{0,s})^2} \right) \right) ds + \epsilon \left( \frac{\sigma_{1,\cdot} R_{0,\cdot}^{\sigma^\epsilon}}{\sigma_{0,\cdot}} \right)_t^*, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $U_t^\epsilon (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \leq 1$  for every  $s \in [0, t]$  and  $U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t \alpha_s^\epsilon (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} ds = 1 - U_t^\epsilon \leq 1$  for the third inequality. Apply Proposition 4.6 and Inequality (4.13) to complete the proof of the estimate of  $\|(R_{1,\cdot}^{\sigma^\epsilon})^*\|_p$ .  $\square$

We define  $(\sigma_{2,t})_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  as the solution of the linear equation

$$d\sigma_{2,t} = \left( -\left( \frac{\kappa \theta_t}{2(\sigma_{0,t})^2} + \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) \sigma_{2,t} + \kappa \theta_t \frac{(\sigma_{1,t})^2}{(\sigma_{0,t})^3} - \frac{\xi_t^2}{4\sigma_{0,t}} \right) dt, \quad \sigma_{2,0} = 0. \quad (4.14)$$

Clearly, for  $p \geq 1$ , we have

$$\|(\sigma_{2,\cdot})^*\|_p \leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t})^2. \quad (4.15)$$

**PROPOSITION 4.8.** *Under (P), the process  $(R_{2,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} = \sigma_t^\epsilon - \sigma_t^0 - \epsilon \sigma_{1,t} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \sigma_{2,t})_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  fulfills the equality:*

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} &= U_t^\epsilon \int_0^t (U_s^\epsilon)^{-1} \left[ \epsilon^2 \left( \left( \frac{\alpha_s^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,s}} - \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} \right) R_{0,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8(\sigma_{0,s})^2} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{2,s}}{2} - \frac{(\sigma_{1,s})^2}{\sigma_{0,s}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \epsilon \left( \left( \frac{\alpha_s^\epsilon}{\sigma_{0,s}} - \frac{\kappa}{2\sigma_{0,s}} \right) R_{1,s}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon^2 \xi_s^2}{8(\sigma_{0,s})^2} \right) \sigma_{1,s} \right] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for every  $p \geq 1$ , one has

$$\|(R_{2,\cdot}^{\sigma^\epsilon})^*\|_p \leq C(\epsilon \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t})^3.$$

In particular, the application  $\epsilon \rightarrow \sigma_t^\epsilon$  is  $C^2$  at  $\epsilon = 0$  in  $L_p$  sense with the second derivative at  $\epsilon = 0$  equal to  $\sigma_{2,t}$ .

*Proof.* The equality is easy to check. The estimate is proved in the same way as in the proof of Proposition 4.7, we therefore skip the details.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.9.** *The application  $\epsilon \rightarrow v_t^\epsilon$  is  $C^2$  at  $\epsilon = 0$  in  $L_p$  sense. The residuals for the squared volatility satisfy the following inequalities: for every  $p \geq 1$ , one has*

$$\begin{aligned} \|(R_{0,\cdot}^{v^\epsilon})^*\|_p &\leq C\epsilon \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t}, \\ \|(R_{1,\cdot}^{v^\epsilon})^*\|_p &\leq C(\epsilon \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t})^2, \\ \|(R_{2,\cdot}^{v^\epsilon})^*\|_p &\leq C(\epsilon \xi_{Sup} \sqrt{t})^3. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Note that  $v_t^\epsilon = (\sigma_t^\epsilon)^2 = (\sigma_{0,t} + R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon})^2 = v_{0,t} + 2\sigma_{0,t} R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + (R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon})^2$ . Thus, we have  $R_{0,t}^{v^\epsilon} = 2\sigma_{0,t} R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon} + (R_{0,t}^{\sigma^\epsilon})^2$ , which leads to the required estimate using  $\sigma_{0,t} \leq \max(\sqrt{v_0}, \sqrt{\theta_{Sup}})$  and Proposition 4.6. The other estimates are proved analogously using Propositions 4.7 and 4.8 and Inequalities (4.13) and (4.15).  $\square$

**4.4.2. Proof of Proposition 4.4.** We can write

$$P_T^1 = \int_0^T \rho_t R_{0,t}^{\sigma^1} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} R_{0,t}^{v^1} dt, \quad R_{2,T}^{P^1} = \int_0^T \rho_t R_{2,t}^{\sigma^1} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} R_{2,t}^{v^1} dt.$$

Then, using Propositions 4.6, 4.8 and Corollary 4.9, we prove the two first estimates of Proposition 4.4. The others inequalities are proved in the same way.

**4.5. Proof of Theorem 2.4.** For convenience, we introduce the following notation for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P}_{BS}(\lambda) &= P_{BS} \left( x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t ((1-\lambda) \sqrt{v_{0,t}} + \lambda \sqrt{v_t^1}) dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} ((1-\lambda)v_{0,t} + \lambda v_t^1) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. , \int_0^T (1-\rho_t^2) ((1-\lambda)v_{0,t} + \lambda v_t^1) dt \right), \\ \frac{\partial^{i+j} \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j}(\lambda) &= \frac{\partial^{i+j} P_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} \left( x_0 + \int_0^T \rho_t ((1-\lambda) \sqrt{v_{0,t}} + \lambda \sqrt{v_t^1}) dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} ((1-\lambda)v_{0,t} + \lambda v_t^1) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. , \int_0^T (1-\rho_t^2) ((1-\lambda)v_{0,t} + \lambda v_t^1) dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\tilde{P}_{BS}$  (see (2.5)) is a particular case of  $\bar{P}_{BS}$  for  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$\tilde{P}_{BS} = \bar{P}_{BS}(0), \quad \frac{\partial^{i+j} \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} = \frac{\partial^{i+j} \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j}(0).$$

Now, we represent the error  $\mathcal{E}$  in (2.12) using the previous notations. A second order Taylor expansion leads to

$$g(1) = \mathbb{E}(\bar{P}_{BS}(1)) = \mathbb{E}(\bar{P}_{BS}(0) + \partial_\lambda \bar{P}_{BS}(0) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\lambda^2 \bar{P}_{BS}(0) + \int_0^1 d\lambda \frac{(1-\lambda)^2}{2} \partial_\lambda^3 \bar{P}_{BS}(\lambda)).$$

The first term  $\mathbb{E}(\bar{P}_{BS}(0))$  is equal to (2.6). Approximations of the three above derivatives contribute to the error  $\mathcal{E}$ .

1. We have  $\mathbb{E}(\partial_\lambda \bar{P}_{BS}(0)) = \mathbb{E}(\frac{\partial \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x} P_T^1 + \frac{\partial \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} Q_T^1)$ . These two terms are equal to (2.7) and (2.8) plus an error equal to

$$\mathbb{E}(\frac{\partial \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x} R_{2,T}^{P^1} + \frac{\partial \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} R_{2,T}^{Q^1}).$$

2. Regarding the second derivatives, we have  $\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{2} \partial_\lambda^2 \bar{P}_{BS}(0)) = \mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} (P_T^1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} (Q_T^1)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x \partial y} P_T^1 Q_T^1)$ . These terms are equal to (2.9), (2.10) and (2.11), plus an error equal to

$$\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} R_{2,T}^{(P^1)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} R_{2,T}^{(Q^1)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x \partial y} R_{2,T}^{P^1 Q^1}).$$

3. The last term with  $\partial_\lambda^3 \bar{P}_{BS}$  is neglected and thus is considered as an error.

To sum up, we have shown that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= \sum_{i=0}^1 \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^1 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i y^{1-i}}(0) R_{2,T}^{(P^1)^i (Q^1)^{1-i}} \right] + \sum_{i=0}^2 \frac{C_2^i}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i y^{2-i}}(0) R_{2,T}^{(P^1)^i (Q^1)^{2-i}} \right] \\ &+ \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\lambda)^2}{2} \sum_{i=0}^3 C_3^i \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^3 \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i y^{3-i}}(\lambda) (P_T^1)^i (Q_T^1)^{3-i} \right] d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 4.1 and Assumption (R), one obtains for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial^{i+j} \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i y^j}(\lambda) \right\|_2 &\leq C \left\| \left( \int_0^T ((1-\lambda)v_{0,t} + \lambda v_t^1) dt \right)^{\frac{-(2j+i-1)_+}{2}} \right\|_4 \\ &\leq C((1-\lambda)) \left\| \left( \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt \right)^{\frac{-(2j+i-1)_+}{2}} \right\|_4 + \lambda \left\| \left( \int_0^T v_t^1 dt \right)^{\frac{-(2j+i-1)_+}{2}} \right\|_4 \end{aligned}$$

where we have applied a convexity argument. Finally, apply Lemma 4.3 with  $\epsilon = 0$  and  $\epsilon = 1$  to conclude that

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^{i+j} \bar{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i y^j}(\lambda) \right\|_2 \leq \frac{C}{(\sqrt{T})^{(2j+i-1)_+}},$$

uniformly w.r.t.  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Combining this with Proposition 4.4 yields that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{E}| &\leq C \left( \sum_{i=0}^1 (\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 \frac{T^{1-i/2}}{(\sqrt{T})^{1-i}} + \sum_{i=0}^2 (\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 \frac{T^{2-i/2}}{(\sqrt{T})^{3-i}} + \sum_{i=0}^3 (\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 \frac{T^{3-i/2}}{(\sqrt{T})^{5-i}} \right) \\ &\leq C(\xi_{Sup} \sqrt{T})^3 \sqrt{T}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.4 is proved.

## 5. Proof of Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 2.3.

**5.1. Preliminary results.** In this section, we bring together the results (and their proofs) which allow us to derive the explicit terms in the formula (2.13).

In the following,  $\alpha_t$  (resp.  $\beta_t$ ) is a square integrable and predictable process (resp. deterministic) and  $l$  is a smooth function with derivatives having, at most, exponential growth.

For the next Malliavin calculus computations, we freely use standard notations from [Nua06].

LEMMA 5.1. (Lemma 1.2.1 in [Nua06]) Let  $G \in \mathbb{D}^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ . One has

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ G \int_0^t \alpha_s dB_s \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^t \alpha_s D_s^B(G) ds \right],$$

where  $D^B(G) = (D_s^B(G))_{s \geq 0}$  is the first Malliavin derivative of  $G$  w.r.t.  $B$ .

Taking  $G = l(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t)$  gives the following result.

LEMMA 5.2. One has:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \int_0^T \alpha_t dB_t \right) l \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t \right) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} \alpha_t dt \right) l^{(1)} \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t \right) \right].$$

LEMMA 5.3. For any deterministic integrable function  $f$  and any continuous semimartingale  $Z$  vanishing at  $t=0$ , one has:

$$\int_0^T f(t)Z_t dt = \int_0^T \omega_{t,T}^{(0,f)} dZ_t.$$

*Proof.* This is an application of the Itô formula to the product  $\omega_{t,T}^{(0,f)}Z_t$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 5.4. One has:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T \beta_t v_{1,t} dt] &= \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, \beta)} \mathbb{E}[I^{(1)}(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t)], \\ \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T \beta_t v_{1,t}^2 dt] &= \omega_{0,T}^{(2\kappa, \xi^2 v_{0,\cdot}), (-2\kappa, \beta)} \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t)] \\ &\quad + 2\omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-2\kappa, \beta)} \mathbb{E}[I^{(2)}(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t)], \\ \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T \beta_t v_{2,t} dt] &= \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (0, \rho \xi), (-\kappa, \beta)} \mathbb{E}[I^{(2)}(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t)]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using Lemmas 5.2 ( $f(t) = e^{-\kappa t} \beta_t$ ,  $Z_t = \int_0^t e^{\kappa s} \xi_s \sqrt{v_{0,s}} dB_s$ ) and 5.3, one has:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T \beta_t v_{1,t} dt] &= \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T e^{-\kappa t} \beta_t \int_0^t e^{\kappa s} \xi_s \sqrt{v_{0,s}} dB_s dt] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[I(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T \omega_{t,T}^{(-\kappa, \beta)} e^{\kappa t} \xi_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[I^{(1)}(\int_0^T \rho_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} dB_t) \int_0^T \omega_{t,T}^{(-\kappa, \beta)} e^{\kappa t} \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} dt, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the first equality. The second and the third are proved in the same way.  $\square$

LEMMA 5.5. One has

$$\mathbb{E}[\frac{\partial^{i+j} \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j}] = \frac{\partial^{i+j} P_{BS}}{\partial x^i \partial y^j}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt).$$

*Proof.* One has

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\frac{\partial^i \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^i}] &= \frac{\partial^i P_{BS}}{\partial x^i}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt) \\ &= \frac{\partial^i P_{BS}}{\partial x^i}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tilde{P}_{BS}$  verifies the following relation

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x} \right), \quad (5.1)$$

we immediately obtain the result.  $\square$

### 5.2. Proof of Proposition 2.2. One has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x} \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \left( \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{4(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{v_{1,t}^2}{8(v_{0,t})^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt \right)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x} \right) \int_0^T \rho_t^2 (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2 v_{1,t}^2}{8v_{0,t}} dt\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T \rho_t^2 (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2 v_{1,t}^2}{8v_{0,t}} dt\right],
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 5.2 at the first equality and identity (5.1) at the second one. Plugging this relation into the approximation (2.12) and summing the second and third line, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
g(1) &= \mathbb{E}[\tilde{P}_{BS}] + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt\right] \\
&\quad - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2 v_{1,t}^2}{8v_{0,t}} dt\right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right) \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right)\right] + \mathcal{E}. \quad (5.2)
\end{aligned}$$

In addition, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2 v_{1,t}^2}{8v_{0,t}} dt\right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) \left( \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^3 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2} \right) \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt\right],
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Ito's Lemma for the square at the first equality, Lemma 5.2 at the second and Identity (5.1) at the third one. Substituting this relation in the

approximation (5.2) and summing the second and fourth line, one gets

$$\begin{aligned}
g(1) &= \mathbb{E}[\tilde{P}_{BS}] + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T (v_{1,t} + \frac{v_{2,t}}{2}) dt\right] \\
&+ \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} \left( \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right) \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right) \right)\right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right)^2\right] + \mathcal{E}. \tag{5.3}
\end{aligned}$$

We now study the second term of (5.3). In the computations below, we use Ito's Lemma for the second equality, Lemma 5.2 and Identity (5.1) for the third equality and Lemma 5.1 ( $G = \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} v_{1,t}$ ) for the fourth one; it gives

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} \left( \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right) \left( \int_0^T \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \int_0^T \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right) \right)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} \left( \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) (\rho_t^2 + 1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \right) \left( \rho_t \frac{v_{1,t}}{2(v_{0,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_t - \frac{\rho_t^2}{2} v_{1,t} dt \right) \right)\right] \\
&= \int_0^T \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} v_{1,t} \left( \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2(v_{0,s})^{\frac{1}{2}}} dB_s - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) dt \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^t \left( \int_0^s (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right] \right] \\
&= \int_0^T \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial xy} (v_{1,t} \left( - \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds \right) + \int_0^t \rho_s \frac{v_{1,s}}{2\sqrt{v_{0,s}}} D_s^B v_{1,t} ds) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\partial^3 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x^2 y} v_{1,t} \int_0^t \frac{\rho_s^2}{2} v_{1,s} ds dt + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right] \right].
\end{aligned}$$

From Equation (2.3), one has  $D_s^B v_{1,t} = e^{-kt} e^{ks} \xi_s \sqrt{v_{0,s}}$ . Hence it is deterministic. Thus, using Identity (5.1) and Lemma 5.2 for the first equality and Equation (2.4) for the second equality, one has:

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^T \left( \left( \int_0^t \rho_s^2 v_{1,s} ds \right) v_{1,t} dt + \left( \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t \frac{v_{1,s}}{2v_{0,s}} e^{-kt} e^{ks} \xi_s \sqrt{v_{0,s}} dB_s \right) dt \right] \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^T \left( \left( \int_0^t \rho_s^2 v_{1,s} ds \right) v_{1,t} dt + \left( \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \right) \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T \frac{v_{2,t}}{2} dt\right].
\end{aligned}$$

Now, plug this last equality into (5.3) and use the identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \left( \left( \int_0^t \rho_s^2 v_{1,s} ds \right) v_{1,t} dt + \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \rho_t^2 v_{1,t} dt \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^T (1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right)^2 = \\ & \int_0^T \left( \left( \int_0^t \rho_s^2 v_{1,s} ds \right) v_{1,t} dt + \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds (\rho_t^2 + 1 - \rho_t^2) v_{1,t} dt \right) = \\ & \int_0^T \left( \left( \int_0^t (\rho_s^2 + 1 - \rho_s^2) v_{1,s} ds \right) v_{1,t} dt \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^T v_{1,t} dt \right)^2; \end{aligned}$$

it immediately gives the result.

**5.3. Proof of Theorem 2.3. Proof. Step 1:** We show the equality

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y} \int_0^T (v_{1,t} + v_{2,t}) dt \right] = \sum_{i=1}^2 a_{i,T} \frac{\partial^{i+1} P_{BS}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt)}{\partial x^i y},$$

where

$$a_{1,T} = \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1)}, \quad a_{2,T} = \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (0, \rho \xi), (-\kappa, 1)}.$$

Actually, the result is an immediate application of Lemma 5.4 and Lemma 5.5.

**Step 2:** We show the equality

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \left( \int_0^T v_{1,t} dt \right)^2 \right] = \sum_{i=0}^1 b_{2i,T} \frac{\partial^{2i+2} P_{BS}(x_0, \int_0^T v_{0,t} dt)}{\partial x^{2i} y^2},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_{0,T} &= \omega_{0,T}^{(2\kappa, \xi^2 v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1), (-\kappa, 1)}, \\ b_{2,T} &= \omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1), (\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1)} + 2\omega_{0,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1), (-\kappa, 1)} = \frac{a_{1,T}^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \left( \int_0^T v_{1,t} dt \right)^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t v_{1,s} ds \right) v_{1,t} dt \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^T \left( \int_t^T e^{-\kappa s} ds \right) (e^{\kappa t} v_{1,t}^2 dt + \xi_t \sqrt{v_{0,t}} e^{\kappa t} \left( \int_0^t v_{1,s} ds \right) dB_t) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial y^2} \int_0^T \left( \int_t^T e^{-\kappa s} ds \right) e^{\kappa t} v_{1,t}^2 dt \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^3 \tilde{P}_{BS}}{\partial x y^2} \int_0^T \omega_{t,T}^{(\kappa, \rho \xi v_{0,\cdot}), (-\kappa, 1)} v_{1,t} dt \right], \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 5.3 ( $f(t) = e^{-\kappa t}$ ,  $Z_t = (\int_0^t v_{1,s} ds)(e^{\kappa t} v_{1,t})$ ) for the second equality and Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3 ( $f(t) = (\int_t^T e^{-\kappa s} ds) \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} e^{\kappa t}$ ,  $Z_t = \int_0^t v_{1,s} ds$ ) for the last one.

An application of the first and second equality in Lemma 5.4 gives the announced

result. Actually, it remains to show that  $b_{2,T} = a_{1,T}^2/2$ . Indeed, consider two càdlàg functions  $f$  and  $g : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\int_0^T f_t(\int_t^T g_s ds) dt)^2}{2} &= \frac{\int_0^T \int_0^T f_{t_1}(\int_{t_1}^T g_{t_3} dt_3) f_{t_2}(\int_{t_2}^T g_{t_4} dt_4) dt_2 dt_1}{2} \\ &= \int_0^T f_{t_1}(\int_{t_1}^T \int_{t_1}^T g_{t_3} f_{t_2}(\int_{t_2}^T g_{t_4} dt_4) dt_3 dt_2) dt_1 \\ &= \int_0^T f_{t_1}(\int_{t_1}^T f_{t_2} \int_{t_2}^T \int_{t_2}^T g_{t_3} g_{t_4} dt_3 dt_4 dt_2 \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^T g_{t_3} \int_{t_3}^T f_{t_2} \int_{t_2}^T g_{t_4} dt_4 dt_2 dt_3) dt_1 \\ &= 2 \int_0^T f_{t_1} \int_{t_1}^T f_{t_2} \int_{t_2}^T g_{t_3} \int_{t_3}^T g_{t_4} dt_3 dt_4 dt_2 dt_1 \\ &\quad + \int_0^T f_{t_1} \int_{t_1}^T g_{t_3} \int_{t_3}^T f_{t_2} \int_{t_2}^T g_{t_4} dt_4 dt_2 dt_3 dt_1. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $f(t) = \rho_t \xi_t v_{0,t} e^{kt}$  and  $g(t) = e^{-kt}$  in the previous equality readily gives  $b_{2,T} = \frac{a_{1,T}^2}{2}$ , which finishes the proof.  $\square$

**6. Conclusion.** We have established an approximation pricing formula for call/put options in the time dependent Heston models. We prove that the error is of order 3 w.r.t. the volatility of volatility and 2 w.r.t. the maturity. In practice, taking the Fourier method as a benchmark, the accuracy is excellent for a large range of strikes and maturities. In addition, the computational time is about 100 to 1000 times smaller than using an efficient Fourier method.

Following the arguments in [BGM09b], our formula extends immediately to other payoffs depending on  $S_T$  (note that the identities (2.2) and (5.1) are valid for any payoff of this type). As explained in [BGM09b], the smoother the payoff, the higher the error order w.r.t.  $T$ ; the less smooth the payoff, the lower the error order w.r.t.  $T$ . For digital options, the error order w.r.t.  $T$  becomes  $3/2$  instead of 2.

Extensions to exotic options and to the third order expansion formula w.r.t. the volatility of volatility are left for further research.

**7. Appendix: closed formulas in Heston model.** There are few closed representations for the call/put prices written on the asset  $S_t = e^{\int_0^t (r_s - q_s) ds} e^{X_t}$  in the Heston model (defined in (1.1) and (1.2)). We focus on the Heston formula [Hes93] and on the Lewis formula [Lew00]. Both of them rely on the knowledge of the characteristic function of the log-asset price  $(X_t)_t$  and on Fourier transform-based approaches.

(i) In [Hes93], Heston obtains a representation in a *Black-Scholes* form:

$$Call_{Heston}(t, S_t, v_t; T, K) = S_t e^{-\int_t^T q_s ds} P_1 - K e^{-\int_t^T r_s ds} P_2,$$

where both probabilities  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are equal to a one-dimensional integral of characteristic functions.

(ii) In [Lew00], Lewis takes advantage of the generalized Fourier transform, by using an integration along a straight line in the complex plane parallel to the real

axis. It is important to detect the strip where the integration is safe. Lewis suggests the use of complex numbers  $z$  such that  $\Im z = \frac{1}{2}$ . His formula writes

$$Call_{Heston}(t, S_t, v_t; T, K) = S_t e^{-\int_t^T q_s ds} - \frac{K e^{-\int_t^T r_s ds}}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{i}{2} - \infty}^{\frac{i}{2} + \infty} e^{-izX} \phi_T(-z) \frac{dz}{z^2 - iz}$$

where  $X = \log\left(\frac{S_t e^{-\int_t^T q_s ds}}{K e^{-\int_t^T r_s ds}}\right)$  and  $\phi_T(z) = \mathbb{E}(e^{z(X_T - X_t)} | \mathcal{F}_t)$ . Then, the above integral is evaluated by numerical integration.

Using PDE arguments in combination with affine models, we can obtain an explicit formula for  $\phi_T(z)$  in the case of constant Heston parameters. In addition, it can be computed without discontinuities in  $z$ , following the arguments in [JK05]. For piecewise constant parameters, the characteristic function  $\phi_T(z)$  can be computed recursively using nested Riccati equations with constant coefficients: we refer to the work by Mikhailov and Nogel [MN03].

In our numerical tests, we prefer the Lewis formula which gives better numerical results, in particular for very small or very large strikes, compared to the Heston formula.

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