



Volatility Strategies

Technical Addendum

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This presentation provides detailed information on the technologies underpinning the Proteom Fund strategies.

More information about the Proteom Fund, its management, the technologies and the strategies can be found in:

1. The Strategy Presentation
2. The 2-page Strategy Summary
3. The Zephyr Style Advisor Report
4. The Detailed Strategy Analysis
5. The Fund's Due Diligence Questionnaire

All of the above are available on the Proteom web site at www.proteomcapital.com

Key Investment Concepts

- Returns are non-Gaussian
- Volatility is stochastic
 - Varies over time
 - Predictably
 - With 'long memory'
- Portfolio Construction
 - Cointegration
- Risk Management
 - Hedging extreme event risk

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There is little point in seeking sources of sustainable alpha using Gaussian models which we know provide a poor fit to the empirical behavior of financial markets.

Traditional option pricing models fail to incorporate important information about the stochastic behavior of volatility, in particular its “long memory” behavior which causes it to behave much more predictably than asset return processes.

In terms of portfolio construction, things have moved on a long way from the 1950's mean-variance optimization approach introduced by Markowitz. The concept of cointegration, developed by Nobel prize winning economist Clive Granger, provides a more modern and effective approach to constructing portfolios which has stable risk-return characteristics across a wide range of market conditions.

Finally, in terms of Risk Management, the traditional VaR methodology, while useful, is not enough. We know that risk management techniques that rely on unstable correlation are liable to break down during extreme market conditions, when they are most needed. Proteom uses a risk management technique specifically developed for hedging extreme event risk.

Volatility Modeling

- What is “volatility”?
 - Second moment of returns distribution
 - Unobservable
 - Not the standard deviation of returns
- Range-based volatility metrics
 - More efficient, less “noisy”
 - Normally distributed
 - Important characteristic for modeling purposes

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Volatility is the second moment of the returns distribution. Unlike asset returns, it is unobservable both before and after the event.

The standard deviation of returns is NOT volatility - it is an *estimator* of volatility, and a very noisy one at that. It contains of great deal of measurement error. So a lot of what people are estimating and trading is not volatility – it’s noise.

These facts have been recognised since the 1970’s and attempts have been made by Parkinson, Garman and Klass and others to come up with estimators that are more efficient than standard deviation. It is only very recently that the math has been done to enable us to identify the optimal volatility metric, the one used by Proteom. This metric, which is based on price ranges, is around 3x more efficient than standard deviation. This gives Proteom an information advantage even model the modeling process begins – we are all looking through a “cloudy glass” at an unobservable process, its just that the clear we use is significantly less opaque. Another advantage is that, unlike standard deviation, the Proteom metric is Normally distributed – about the only truly Normally distributed process in finance! As a result modeling procedures are much easier and more efficient.

Model Type I

- Long Memory
 - Volatility persistence or trending behavior
- Mean Reversion
 - Short term transient behavior
 - Rapid mean reversion
- Multifactor Models
 - Persistent, long memory component
 - Transient component

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Proteom uses an investment program developed by the investment research and consulting firm Investment Analytics.

The program operates on a ground-up approach with several different individual models for every asset in the investment universe. Each model emphasizes different aspects of volatility behavior and will perform best under different market conditions. The types of model include:

- **Long memory models** that model the important long term serial autocorrelation effects which are pervasive in asset volatility processes. These models perform best when the behavior of the process is dominated by reinforcing trends, such as applied in the period from 1995–1999 and from 2003–mid 2004 in US equity volatility markets.
- Short term models that capture transient **mean-reverting behavior** another important characteristic of volatility. These models typically give rise to contrarian trading recommendations.
- **Multifactor models** that model the interaction of long memory and transient volatility processes.

Model Type II

- Skewness and Kurtosis Models
 - Interaction between the volatility and returns process
- Asymmetry Models
 - Captures important asymmetry effects
- Markov State Models
 - Multiple “regimes” of volatility
 - Transition probabilities

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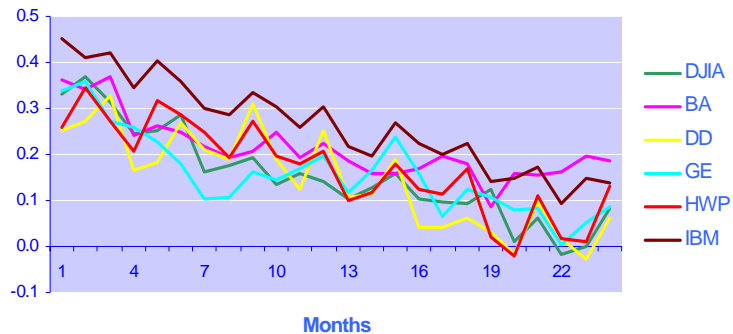
•Models that follow the interaction and feedback between the asset returns and volatility processes, which give rise to **skewness and kurtosis** in the returns process.

•**Asymmetry models** that take account of the tendency of volatility to spike more during market sell-off than during periods when the market is strong.

•**Markov models** that identify different volatility regimes and associated state transition probabilities.

Volatility Long Memory

Volatility Autocorrelations

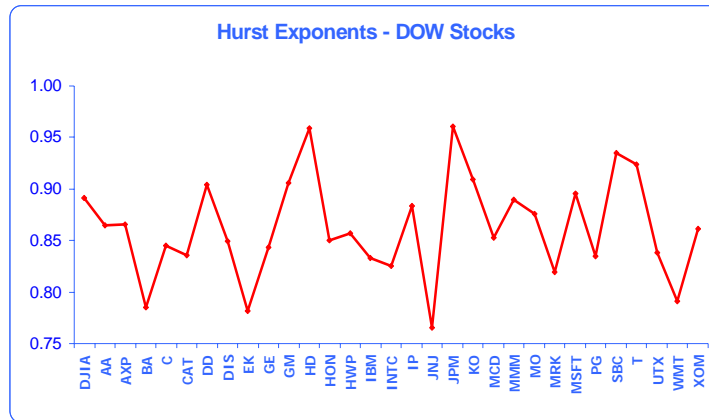


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The conditional distribution of asset volatility has been the subject of extensive empirical research in the last decade. The overwhelming preponderance of evidence points to the existence of pronounced long term dependence in volatility, characterized by slow decay rates in autocorrelations and significant correlations at long lags (e.g. Crato and de Lima, 1993, and Ding, Granger and Engle, 1993).

Andersen, Bollerslev, Diebold and Ebens, 2000 find similar patterns for autocorrelations in the realized volatility processes for the Dow 30 stocks - autocorrelations remain systematically above the conventional Bartlett 95% confidence band as far out as 120 days. Comparable results are seen when autocorrelations are examined for daily log range volatility, as the chart illustrates. Here we see significant autocorrelations in some stocks as far back as two years.

DOW Stock Volatility – Long Memory



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Tests for long range dependence were initially developed by Mandelbrot using a refined version of a test statistic, the Rescaled Range, initially developed by English hydrologist Harold Hurst (1951). Mandelbrot and Wallis (1969) use the R/S statistic to detect long range dependence in the following way. For a random process there is scaling relationship between the rescaled range and the number of observations n of the form:

$R/S(n) \sim n^H$ where H is known as the Hurst exponent. For a white noise process $H = 0.5$, whereas for a persistent, long memory process $H > 0.5$. The difference $d = (H - 0.5)$ represents the degree of fractional integration in the process.

Here we estimate Hurst exponents for the volatility processes of the Dow 30 stocks and find estimates of H in the region 0.75-0.95. These are **VERY** persistent long-memory processes.

Multifactor Models

- Transient (h_t) & long term (q_t) components
- Volatility asymmetry (δ)

$$\ln h_t - \ln h_{t-1} = k_h (\ln q_{t-1} - \ln h_{t-1}) + \phi_h X_{t-1}^D + \delta_h R_{t-1} / h_{t-1}$$

$$\ln q_t - \ln q_{t-1} = k_q (\mathcal{Q} - \ln q_{t-1}) + \phi_q X_{t-1}^D + \delta_q R_{t-1} / h_{t-1}$$

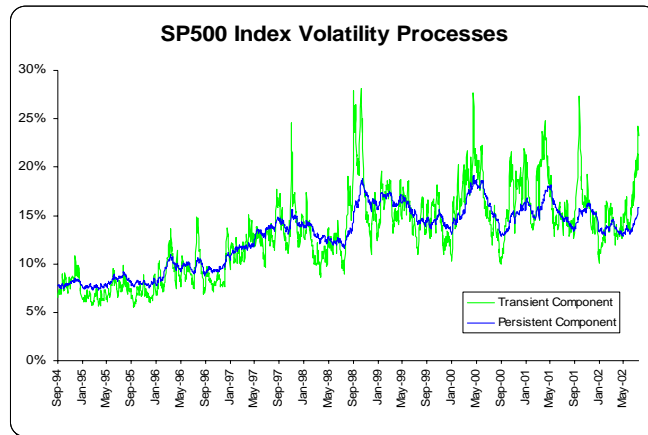
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This is an example of one of the two-factor models we use in the modeling system. It is a two factor model combining long term (trending) mean volatility with short term, mean reverting, transient volatility.

$\ln q_t$ can be interpreted as a slowly-moving stochastic mean around which log volatility $\ln h_t$ makes large but transient deviations (with a process determined by the parameters k_h , f_h and d_h).

The parameters q , k_q , f_q and d_q determine the long-run mean, sensitivity of the long run mean to lagged absolute returns, and the asymmetry of absolute return sensitivity respectively.

Two-Factor Model for SP500 Index Volatility



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This is an example of a two-factor model of S&P500 index volatility. Notice the slow-moving long term stochastic mean process (in blue) which tends to trend. Around it oscillates the short term transient process (in green) which tends to mean revert with a half life of a few days.

Model Management System

- MMS updates each model daily
 - 800+ models in total!
- Rates model performance
 - Around 30 statistical criteria
 - Current vs. historical performance for each model
 - Relative performance of each model
 - Regime shift detection
- Produces forecasts
 - Automatically biases in favor of best performing models
 - Makes system very robust to changing market conditions
- Creates trading sheet
 - Identifies option mispriced by 50% or more
 - 30-40 opportunities daily

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There are between 4-6 models for each stock. With 200 stocks in the investment universe, there are in excess of 800 models in total.

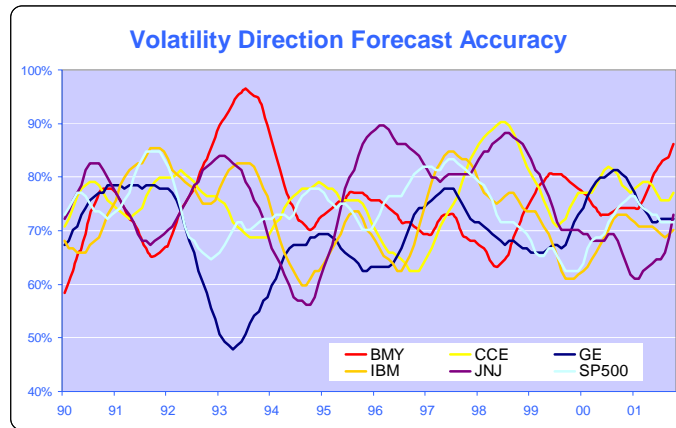
The models are maintained by a Model Management System (“MMS”) that analyses the data processed by the data management system, updates each of the models, produces current forecasts and evaluations the performance of each of the models. The MMS rates each model on the basis of approximately 30 different criteria and compares the current performance of each model with its historical performance, with the performance of other models of the same process and with the performance of models for other asset processes. The MMS then selects the best models, whose aggregate results lie in the upper quartile of performance. In this way the system automatically biases volatility forecasts to favor models best suited to current market conditions, while filtering out models which are currently performing with lower accuracy.

Note that, in addition to the forecasting models, there is a class of models whose purpose is to detect regime shifts in the underlying volatility processes. Regime shifts may occur as a result of, for instance, merger activity, new product launches, or large-scale changes in the firm’s capital structure. They may also occur across entire markets, as happened in Asian markets in 1997. Our models detect these kind of changes very quickly and reliably: for instance they have detected regime shifts in stocks like IBM in the mid-1980’s when the IBM PC was launched; also automotive stocks in the early 1980’s at the time of the Chrysler bail-out; and in banking stocks during the Latin-American debt crisis of the late 1980’s. More recently, they identified regime shifts in the technology sector in the mid 1990’s and again in 2000. Various complex econometric procedures are applied to examine and adjust models for volatility processes which have undergone a regime shift. The regime-shift detection procedures make the entire methodology much more robust and reliable than most stat. arb. systems.

The final stage of the modelling process entails the creation and distribution a trading sheet containing the detailed trading recommendations. The sheet gives the current volatility forecast for every stock in the investment universe, but highlights only those option trades which meet the pricing differential criterion. Options that have been selected for purchase (sale) are highlighted in blue (red), and the sheet gives the market bid and offer prices and the theoretical price based on the systems volatility forecasts. In addition, the output shows the quantity of options to be bought or sold, the % price differential and the option delta, so that trades can readily be executed on a market-neutral basis.

Trading sheets are contained in an Excel workbook, which is emailed by an automated email server to a specified list of email recipients, usually members of the trading and risk management team.

Volatility Forecasting



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There are approximately 30 different criteria used to assess the performance of each model. The Model Management System uses an adaptive weighting system to evaluate these criteria and judge their relative importance. An overall performance “score” is produced which is used to compare the performance of each model against its historical performance and against its peers.

The criteria break down into two broad categories: measures of forecasting performance and measures of statistical goodness of fit. Both sets of criteria are important, but greater weight is assigned to forecasting performance in assessing the overall model performance. The single most important model criterion is direction prediction accuracy, as this closely correlates with strategy performance. The direction prediction criterion measures the ability of the model to forecast the direction of the underlying process one period ahead. A random predictor would expect to achieve a DP score of 50%. The Investment Analytics models achieve a DP accuracy level of close to 75%, across all assets and time periods. This means that, on average, the models correctly predict the future direction of volatility three periods out of four.

Volatility Cointegration

- Baskets of volatility move together
- Stable, long term relationships
 - Much more important than correlation
- Example:
 - Volatility in NYMEX vs IPE

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The concept of cointegration was due to Nobel prize winning economist Clive Granger in the 1990's. It is best illustrated by means of an example. Consider the prices series of a spot and futures contract on a commodity such as gold. Both series are non-stationary – the prices of gold can vary anywhere between \$200 and \$800 an ounce (or higher). In fact the series are integrated order 1, meaning that the first difference of each series (i.e. the returns process) is a stationary white noise process. Non-stationary series are, understandably, very difficult to trade profitably.

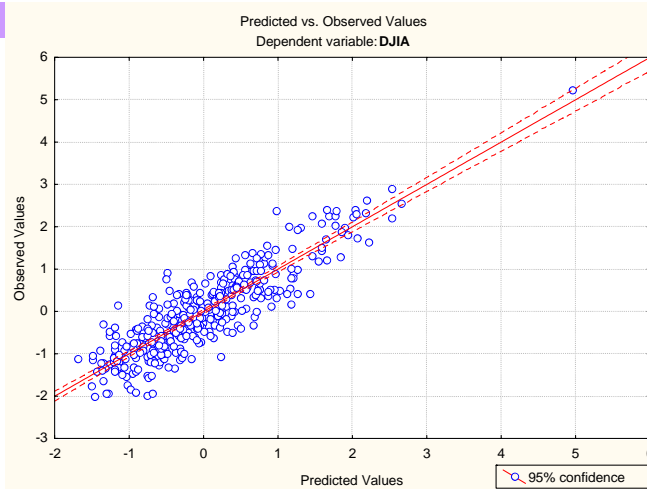
Now consider a series consisting of the differential between the spot and futures prices, i.e. the Basis. This too is a stochastic process, but unlike the price series it is stationary – it fluctuates inside a range. The reason for this behavior is of course that cash and carry arbitrage obliges the basis to remain within bounds. In this example, we would say that the spot and future price series are cointegrated order 1. There are two important points to note. The first is that cointegrated “baskets” such as the Basis in the above example, are inherently more stable, and hence easier to trade, than the underlying non-stationary price processes. The second point is that cointegration relationships tend to be more reliable than correlation relationships because they relate to some underlying economic factor (cash and carry arbitrage, in the example). Hence portfolios constructed using the principles of cointegration will tend to have more reliable risk/return characteristics than portfolios constructed using classical portfolio theory, which is based on (unstable) correlations.

During the portfolio construction stage the modelling system decides on the amounts of capital to the available arbitrage opportunities. The system examines the multivariate behaviour of the volatility processes and identifies cointegrated baskets, comprising long and short volatility positions that typically have more stable risk-returns characteristics than the individual underlying processes. The procedure is comparable to the mean-variance optimization procedure due to Markovitz, but is significantly more sophisticated. The resulting baskets or portfolios tend to have more stable and robust performance characteristics than portfolios constructed in the traditional way using correlations, as the latter are notoriously unstable, especially during market crashes.

The cointegrated baskets identified by the system are tested by a simulation process to ensure that their performance characteristics meet the minimum criteria and behave robustly under varying market conditions. A genetic algorithm is employed to select the most appropriate baskets for trading.

Dow Cointegration Model

- DJIA
 - DD
 - GE
 - IP
 - MMM
 - MRK
 - UTX
 - XOM
- $R^2 = 78\%$



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Cointegration is important because it suggests the possibility of constructing volatility portfolios with stable behavioral properties, which is clearly desirable for investment purposes. The regression relationship is statistically highly significant. The adjusted R2 of 78% indicates that a substantial proportion of the variation in Dow index volatility is explained by variation in the log-range of these seven constituent stocks.

In other words, we can construct a cointegrated basket comprising the volatility processes of these constituent stocks and, if we wish, hedge that portfolio using Dow options. This is a more sophisticated approach to the familiar dispersion trading strategy.

In the Proteom strategies the system identifies similar cointegrated volatility baskets and creates the overall portfolio by combining them in a sensible way.

Risk Management

- Extreme Markets / Event Risk
 - Operate portfolio within stated Value-at-Risk limit
 - Stress test for 20% down move
 - Diversification (across stocks, option maturities)
 - CrashMetrics @ methodology to hedge tail risk
- Volatility Risk
 - Stress test for 50% increase in volatility
 - Attempt to remain Gamma positive or limit negative Gamma
 - Buy cheap wing protection
- Liquidity
 - Screen socks for liquidity
 - Invest in only most highly liquid SP500 names (plus SPX and QQQ)
 - Maximum allocation to any single stock is 4% of capital
- Execution
 - Monitor earnings
 - Screen out trades in stocks with M&A activity, FDA approvals, etc

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- The SVF portfolio is operated within a 1% daily VaR limit (95% confidence). There have been fewer than expected penetrations of that limit since inception.
- In addition the portfolio is stress tested for 20% market crashed to ensure that losses are within limits. The portfolio is very highly diversified across 300 stocks, with multiple option strikes and maturities. The degree of diversification is comparable to that of the entire S&P 500 index. We also use CrashMetrics specifically to hedge the tail risk in the portfolio.
- The portfolio is also stress tested for quantum leaps in volatility. We attempt to keep the portfolio Gamma neutral or positive in the wings and also Theta positive (which we achieve by buying cheap Gamma and selling expensive Theta).
- All of the stocks in the universe are screened to ensure adequate liquidity both in the options and underlying stocks (for hedging purposes). The allocation to any individual names is capped at 4% of capital.
- At the time of execution model recommendations are screened by experienced traders for event-specific risks such as earnings, FDA approval decisions, or merger activity.

CrashMetrics®

- Correlations unstable during market crashes
- Dataset & methodology for measuring exposure to extremes
- Finds worst outcome for portfolio
 - $\Delta P_{\text{worst}} = -\Delta_c^2 / 2\Gamma_c$
- Platinum Hedging
 - Optimal hedge under extreme scenario
 - Hedging is static
 - Minimize cost
 - Avoid illiquidity during crashes
 - Reduces model error
 - Unstable parameters such as volatility and correlation not used

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Correlations tend to 1 during market crashes, which negates the benefits of diversification for hedging purposes. It also means that VaR assessment is likely to be too low.

Proteom uses a new approach to extreme risk management called CrashMetrics. This is like CAPM for crashes: we look at extreme days in the market and how each stock performed on those days. By regressing the excess return on the stock against excess returns on the index for those days we can estimate an “extreme beta”, which we call a crash Kappa. This measures the sensitivity of a particular stock to a market crash. Kappas can vary significantly from ordinary betas. For example, P&G, which has a beta around 1, has a crash Kappa of around 1.7, one of the highest in the investment universe. In other words, P&G is a great stock to be long volatility in during market crashes!

Just as with betas, we can estimate the overall portfolio crash Kappa as the weighted average of the individual stock Kappas. This tells us how much the portfolio will lose in a market crash.

The final step in the process is to hedge the crash risk using a Platinum Hedge.

This is a combination of options which provides the required level of protection for least cost. Notice some advantage of this approach compared to other hedging approaches :

- The hedge is static, and doesn't require rebalancing as a crash is happening
- The hedge is ex-ante, “fire-and-forget” – it doesn't require markets to remain open during a crash episode
- This is a “worst case” approach to hedging, which consequently provides a lot of margin for error
- There is no dependency on unstable model parameters like correlations. Crash Kappas are typically very stable, much more so that CAPM Betas, as the regression correlations are considerably higher.

Summary

- Unique quantitative approach
 - Advanced proprietary econometric models
 - Sophisticated model management
 - Portfolio construction using latest econometric theories
 - Built-in crash protection
- Proven track record
- Experienced, capable management team

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