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EXOTIC POWER QUANTO OPTION VALUATION WITH STOCHASTIC VOLATILITY, JUMP RISK, AND LONG-RANGE DEPENDENCE

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Abstract
This study suggests a comprehensive model to price exotic power quanto options that have stochastic volatility, long memory, jumps and long memory. This is necessitated by the inadequacy of conventional pricing models that tend to assume constant volatility, continuous price movement, and short memory returns, which are not likely to be the case with nonlinear cross-currency derivatives. The combined model is characterized by a power payoff and a quanto in a domestic risk-neutral setting, and the foreign underlying position is exposed to time-varying volatility jumps, and long-range dependence through a fractional component. Since there are no closed-form solutions to the problems of such complexity, the paper applies the Monte Carlo method to price options and compare with simpler models, including the Black-Scholes and hybrid pricing models.
The results prove that the composite model gives bigger option prices that are more real as compared to the benchmark models and thus reduced-form models might be underestimating such options. The findings also indicate that jump risk, volatility dynamics, maturity, the Hurst exponent, and the power coefficient have a strong influence when it comes to option prices. The study contributes to the exotics option pricing literature by providing a more realistic and flexible model to value and manage risks of complex quanto-linked derivatives.

INTRODUCTION

Exotic options are options that have payoff structures more complicated than vanilla European and American options, such as being path dependent, having a nonlinear payoff, being written on several risk factors, or having special settlement rules. A power option is one such derivative, with payoffs based on the underlying asset price raised to a power, making the payoff structure highly nonlinear, and more responsive to tails in the underlying price distribution than linear payoffs. A quanto option, on the other hand, is written on an underlying asset in one currency and pays off in another currency, fixing the rate disentangling the asset exposure from currency settlement risk. Combining these two characteristics in a power quanto option makes the pricing problem more challenging, as the payoff is nonlinear, cross-currency and also depends on the relationship between the foreign underlying asset and the exchange rate process. In reality, such instruments are part of the more general family of complex cross-market structured products for which closed-form solutions are sometimes insufficient (Hussain, 2023; Gao & Bai, 2023; He & Lin, 2023).

The relevance of pricing exotic power quanto options has increased with globalisation, the rise of foreign exchange (FX)-linked equity and structured products and the need for customised structured products for institutional investors, multinational corporations and derivative trading desks. Such options find applications in global portfolio construction, cross-border risk hedging and risk transfer, and structured note creation due to the combination of equity-type nonlinear exposure and currency-linked payout transformation. In these cases, option pricing cannot focus only on the final value of the underlying asset, but also on foreign exchange rate dynamics, cross-asset dependence, volatility, and so-called "black swan" but important market events. The latest advances in the pricing of options continue to demonstrate that market data are more in accord with models that include stochastic volatility, jumps, and non-Markovian or memory effects than with overly simplistic constant-volatility models. This is particularly relevant for financial products with a payoff that amplifies underlying dynamics because mispricing is greater when nonlinear sensitivities combine with volatility clustering, fat tails, and long memory in returns (or volatility) (Hu & Liu, 2022; Zhang et al., 2023; Dufera, 2024; Bayer et al., 2022; Leunga & Hainaut, 2024).

A main weakness of the current pricing literature is that traditional pricing models still feature, explicitly or implicitly, assumptions of constant volatility, continuous paths, and short memory. While these assumptions are tractable, they are often inconsistent with real financial markets where volatility is nonconstant, jumps occur as the result of macroeconomic announcements or crises, and there is dependence in returns or volatility that is longer than the short-term dependencies considered in traditional diffusion-based formulations. In the case of exotic power quanto options, these problems are even more severe because the power feature enhances tail risk exposure and the quanto feature makes valuation in the domestic market depend on dynamics in the foreign market and exchange rates. Hence, neglecting stochastic volatility may underestimate the smile and skew effects, neglecting jump risk may misprice abrupt discontinuities, and neglecting long-range dependence may fail to capture long-term persistence in volatility or returns that impacts value and hedging strategies. Because the payoff of a product is jointly affected by multiple sources of uncertainty, a piecemeal approach can misprice the product and lead to poor risk management (Zhang et al., 2023; Dufera, 2024; Bayer et al., 2022; Leunga & Hainaut, 2024).

Scholarship has certainly advanced, but so much of the advancement is fragmented. Some more recent papers incorporate valuation in stochastic volatility with jumps for barrier or plain vanilla options; others explore rough, fractional, or sub-fractional dynamics to model long memory; others price forward-start, lookback, barrier, Asian, and power options under specific dynamics. These are important because they demonstrate that incorporating more and more features of the market can significantly impact prices, implied volatility, and hedging sensitivities (Javed Hussain et al., 2024). However, they also show the need for the present study: most models only consider one or two of the relevant components, and few studies consider an integrated pricing approach for exotic power quanto options under stochastic volatility, jumps and long memory. This lack of such a unified framework is surprising given that recent research already shows that stochastic intensity, two-factor stochastic volatility, approximate fractional Brownian motion, sub-fractional motion, mixed-exponential jumps, and cutting-edge numerical methods for exotic options are all relevant for pricing (Duan et al., 2024; El-Khatib et al., 2024; Lee & Kim, 2024; Guo et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2024; Yue & Shen, 2024; Alsenafi et al., 2025; Song, 2025).

With this in mind, this work seeks to establish an integrated valuation model for exotic power quanto options with stochastic volatility, jump risk and long-range dependence. It seeks to develop an integrated pricing formula for exotic power quanto options, evaluate the pricing accuracy of the integrated model relative to its simpler sub-specified counterparts, and discuss the effects of various parameters - such as volatility persistence, jump intensity, dependence structure, maturity, and payoff power - on option values. This research addresses the questions: How does stochastic volatility affect on the price of an exotic power quanto option? What is the marginal value of jumps? What is the effect of long-range dependence on pricing and hedging? And is the joint model more accurate than reduced-form models that consider each of these features in isolation? The aim of the paper is to study the theoretical and numerical pricing of exotic power quanto options in a continuous-time quantitative finance context, and not the legal, accounting and institutional issues in derivative markets. It is important because it adds to the existing literature on exotic currency derivatives, enhances the realism of pricing for structured products, and provides valuable insight for quantitative analysts, traders and risk managers who must value instruments that are exposed to nonlinear payoffs, currency correlation, jumps and long-range dependence. The rest of the paper proceeds as follows: Section 2 surveys the literature, Section 3 describes the methodology, Section 4 presents the results, Section 5 discusses the findings and implications and Section 6 concludes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The theory of option-pricing starts from diffusion models that begin with frictionless markets, continuous price paths and constant volatility. These allowed option pricing to be expressed in closed form, but subsequent studies have revealed that they are limiting for non-linear, path-dependent, or multifactor payoffs. Studies on stochastic volatility, jumps and fractional models consistently use the constant-volatility assumption as a starting point, rather than a practical ending, particularly for exotic options whose values are very sensitive to tails, skewness and dynamic dependence. For these reasons, the recent literature shifts from analytical tractability to more complex models which maintain no-arbitrage pricing while improving fit to market data and implied-volatility dynamics (Alsenafi et al., 2025; El-Khatib et al., 2024; Qiao et al., 2025).

Quanto options are cross-currency contracts where the underlying asset is expressed in one currency but the contract is settled in another currency for a pre-determined foreign exchange rate. The challenge of pricing is related to the interplay among the dynamics of the foreign asset, the dynamics of the exchange rate, and the correlation between them. Recent studies of quanto options have highlighted the importance of avoiding pricing errors by accounting for liquidity, uncertainty in pricing parameters, or the correlation between the foreign stock price and the exchange rate. In the case of quanto power claims, the issue is even more challenging because the payoff depends nonlinearly on the terminal level of the underlying, while it is still affected by cross-currency dependence (Gao et al., 2023; Hussain, 2023).

Power options are different from vanilla calls and puts because they have a payoff that depends on the underlying price to the power of a coefficient, thus making the option more convex and more sensitive to extreme price movements. This enhances impact of volatility, jumps and higher moments on pricing, so that pricing errors that may be minimal for regular options become significant for power options. Recent papers on geometric Asian power options in stochastic-volatility models and on quanto power options indicate that power structures need to be priced by dedicated formulas rather than by straightforward extensions of the vanilla formulas. Thus, the literature considers power options not just a variation of payoffs, but a family of options whose sensitivities enhance model risk (Hussain, 2023; Alsenafi et al., 2025).

Stochastic volatility models have been developed to address the failure of constant-volatility pricing models to capture volatility clustering, skew and smile. Recent research continues to demonstrate that Heston-like and other models of stochastic volatility provide a better fit because variance is itself uncertain and mean reverts. This body of work has been expanded by two factor stochastic-volatility models, non-affine GARCH-type volatility diffusions, and matrix-valued Wishart volatility structures which allow for more flexible dynamics and better fit of vanilla and exotic options. This literature is relevant to our present study because exotic power quanto options are particularly sensitive to volatility errors (Hu et al., 2022; El-Khatib et al., 2024; Qiao et al., 2025; Hamdi et al., 2025).

Jump-diffusion models super-impose discontinuous jumps on diffusion dynamics to capture crashes, extreme reactions to news or events, and other rare but significant events. Jump components have been shown to be important because they capture short-maturity skew, heavy tails and instantaneous re-pricing that cannot be captured by diffusion models. Recently published works use mixed exponential jumps, stochastic jump intensity, and jump enhanced stochastic volatility for barrier, European and commodity options. Jump risks are particularly important for FX-linked and equity-linked products because macroeconomic events or market crises can affect both the asset prices and exchange rates of the underlying assets, and hence have a nonlinear impact on quanto payoffs (Hu et al., 2022; Duan et al., 2024; Qiao et al., 2025; Hamdi et al., 2025).

Another, but growingly important, line of research deals with long-range dependence via fractional, sub-fractional, mixed-fractional, or approximate fractional Brownian-motion driven models. The rationale for considering these approaches is that volatility and, occasionally, also returns may display persistence going further than the short memory of traditional Markovian diffusions. Recent research demonstrates that fractional processes can have a significant impact on prices, implied volatility, hedging errors and sensitivities, particularly when they are incorporated into stochastic-volatility or jump models. The value of this work for applications is that it can exhibit persistence and scaling, while recent semimartingale approximations attempt to retain tractability and no-arbitrage (Guo et al., 2023; Guo et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2023; Yue et al., 2024; Song, 2025; Lee et al., 2025).

The most recent and relevant work is that of integrating several market frictions into valuation models. Some combine stochastic volatility and jumps; others, fractional dependence and jumps; others again, approximate fractional stochastic volatility with double-Heston or multiscale models. These combined models have been used to price forward-starting options, barrier options, vulnerable options and other exotic payoffs, with some evidence that the model components interact, rather than simply add together. But while the literature on integrated models is clearly growing, the major applications are not restricted to the case of power quanto options: the payoff nonlinearity, currency-conversion feature, stochastic volatility, jump risk, and long memory are not all typically addressed in a single, dedicated model (Chang et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2024; Duan et al., 2024; Lee et al., 2025).

So, the literature is still missing something in this regard. Quanto studies generally focus on correlation, liquidity, or settlement; power-option studies focus on nonlinear payoffs; stochastic-volatility studies focus on variance dynamics that are consistent with the smile; jump models focus on jumps; and long memory models focus on persistence. What is lacking is a pricing model for exotic power quanto options that includes all of the features of stochastic volatility, jumps, and long memory. This is important theoretically because each feature alters the distribution of the option payoff, and practically because pricing and hedging of cross-currency nonlinear options can be affected by neglecting any of the three (Gao et al., 2023; Hussain, 2023; Zhang et al., 2023; Chang et al., 2021).

Hypotheses / Expected Insight

The study expects that: H1, incorporating stochastic volatility will lead to substantial differences in valuations, compared to constant-volatility models; H2, jump risk will enhance the valuation impact of tail risk and skewness; H3, long-range dependence will change prices and Greeks by affecting the persistence of dependence; and H4, a holistic model that accounts for all three features will deliver more reliable valuations than reduced-form models that only account for one feature at a time (El-Khatib et al., 2024; Duan et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2023; Lee et al., 2025).

Methodology

3.1 Model Setup

This study develops a valuation framework for an exotic power quanto option written on a foreign underlying asset and settled in domestic currency. Let S_t denote the price of the foreign underlying asset at time t, and let X_t denote the spot exchange rate expressed as units of domestic currency per unit of foreign currency. The option is priced under the domestic risk-neutral measure $\mathbb{Q}^d$, since the final payoff is settled in domestic currency. The market setting therefore contains two interacting sources of financial risk: the foreign asset risk and the exchange-rate risk. In addition, the model allows for stochastic volatility, discontinuous jumps, and long-range dependence, all of which are widely observed in real financial markets. The pricing problem is thus to determine the current domestic value of a nonlinear cross-currency derivative whose payoff depends on the terminal foreign asset price but is converted through a fixed quanto rule rather than the stochastic terminal exchange rate.

We assume that the domestic money-market account will develop at the local risk-free rate r d, and the foreign economy at a foreign risk-free rate r f. In the quanto form, the valuation effect of exchange-rate uncertainty is not eliminated; it is indirectly incorporated in the drift adjustment of the domestic pricing measure, and in the correlation form of the foreign asset and the exchange-rate process. This complicates the contract compared to a regular power option and makes it nonlinear compared to a plain quanto claim.

3.2 Payoff Definition

The payoff of the power quanto call option at maturity $T$is defined as

$$\Pi_T = Q\max\left(S_T^{\alpha} - K, 0\right),$$

where $Q$is the fixed exchange-rate conversion factor, $S_T$is the foreign asset price at maturity, $\alpha > 0$is the power parameter, and $K$is the strike price expressed in domestic payoff units. For a power quanto put, the payoff becomes

$$\Pi_T = Q\max\left(K - S_T^{\alpha}, 0\right).$$

The curvature of the payoff is controlled by the parameter alphafin. In the case of α =1, the claim becomes a normal quanto option. In the case of α =1, the contract is more and more sensitive to large positive changes in the underlying asset, and so is particularly vulnerable to volatility clustering, and jump risk. The cross-currency nonlinear payoff is a highly distributional sensitive valuation as the payoff is both cross-currency and nonlinear.

3.3 Underlying Asset Dynamics

The foreign underlying asset is represented by the stochastic volatility, jumps, and long-memory effects to obtain realistic market behavior. The financial domestically risk-neutral measure, denoted by the notation, is to model the asset process as follows:

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_{t^-}} = \mu_t^{Q} dt + \sqrt{v_t}\, dW_t^S + \left(J_t^S - 1\right) dN_t^S,$$

where $v_t$is the instantaneous variance process, $W_t^S$is a Brownian motion, $N_t^S$is a Poisson jump process with intensity λ_S, and $J_t^S$is the random jump multiplier. The notation S_t-indicates the left limit of the asset price, allowing for discontinuities at jump times.

The exchange rate is modeled similarly as

$$\frac{dX_t}{X_{t^-}} = \left(r_d - r_f\right) dt + \sigma_X dW_t^X + \left(J_t^X - 1\right) dN_t^X,$$

and where $W_t^X$is an exchange-rate Brownian motion, $\sigma_X$is exchange-rate volatility, $N_t^X$and J_t^Xcharacterize FX jumps in their presence. W_t^S and W_t^X are correlated with a coefficient of correlation ρ_{SX}. This correlation is at the centre of quanto valuation since it defines the domestic drift adjustment used with the foreign asset.

The model uses a fractional factor to the volatility dynamics to include the long-range dependence in a tractable manner instead of directly substituting the process of a tradable price by a fractional Brownian motion. This maintains a consistency with the risk-neutral pricing but retains the persistent dependency.

3.4 Stochastic Volatility Specification

The variance process follows a Heston-type mean-reverting specification:

$$dv_t = \kappa(\theta - v_t)dt + \eta\sqrt{v_t}\, dW_t^v + \xi\, dZ_t^H,$$

where $\kappa$is the speed of mean reversion, $\theta$is the long-run variance, $\eta$is the volatility of volatility, and $W_t^v$is a Brownian motion correlated with W_t^Sthrough ρ_{Sv}. The extra dZ_t^H signifies a long-memory fractional component, below. The reason why this structure is employed is that it captures volatility clustering, leverage effects, and implied-volatility smile in a better way than constant-volatility models. This has the practical implication that stochastic volatility can cause the variance to respond to the market, rather than being constant as time and states of the world vary.

3.5 Jump Risk Specification

Compound Poisson processes are used to model jump risk. The intensity of jump arrival of the asset is denoted by λ_S, and the jump size is assumed to be of a normal distribution:

$$\ln J_t^S \sim N(\mu_J^S, (\delta_J^S)^2).$$

If FX jumps are included, then similarly

$$\ln J_t^X \sim N(\mu_J^X, (\delta_J^X)^2),$$

with jump intensity λ_X. The jump component allows the model to capture sudden price changes associated with macroeconomic announcements, financial crises, policy shocks, or abrupt changes in investor sentiment. In the baseline implementation, jumps may be introduced in the underlying asset alone to reduce complexity, while an extended specification allows jumps in both asset and exchange rate. The compensator is included in the drift so that the discounted domestic price process remains martingale-consistent under $\mathbb{Q}^d$.

3.6 Long-Range Dependence Specification

Long term dependence is added by a fractional volatility factor controlled by the Hurst exponent H in which 0<H<1. The meaning is common-sense: H=0.5corresponds to no memory, H>0.5implies persistence, and H<0.5implies anti-persistence. With the model, instead of directly modelling the tradable price with a fractional Brownian motion, long memory is introduced via Z_t^H,, a fractional driver of volatility or latent volatility structure. The decision is motivated by the empirical data that persistence is especially high in volatility series and avoids the arbitrage issues associated with applying non-semimartingale processes directly to tradable prices of assets. The long-memory component in economics allows shocks to volatility to die off slowly, useful with long-dated and strongly nonlinear contracts, like power quanto options.

3.7 Risk-Neutral Valuation Framework

Under the domestic risk-neutral measure, the time-0 option value is given by the discounted expected payoff:

$$V_0 = e^{-r_d T}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^d}[\Pi_T].$$

For the power quanto call, this becomes

$$V_0 = e^{-r_d T}\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^d}[Q\max(S_T^\alpha - K, 0)].$$

The domestic measure is appropriate because payoff settlement occurs in domestic currency. The quanto adjustment enters through the change of measure from the foreign setting to the domestic pricing framework, which modifies the effective drift of the foreign asset according to the covariance structure between the asset and the exchange rate. Even though the terminal FX conversion is fixed at Q, the asset–FX linkage still matters because it affects the risk-neutral dynamics used to simulate S_t.

3.8 Numerical Solution Method

Because the model includes nonlinear payoff structure, stochastic volatility, jumps, and long memory, a closed-form solution is generally unavailable. Therefore, the study uses Monte Carlo simulation, extended to incorporate fractional dependence. The numerical algorithm proceeds in six steps. First, a time grid $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n = T$ is defined. Second, paths of the variance process v_t are simulated using a positivity-preserving discretization such as full truncation Euler. Third, Brownian shocks for the asset and exchange rate are generated with the required correlation structure. Fourth, Poisson jump arrivals and jump sizes are simulated for each interval. Fifth, the fractional dependence component is generated using a suitable approximation method, such as a Hosking, Cholesky, or hybrid rough/fractional simulation scheme, and incorporated into the volatility dynamics. Sixth, the terminal payoff is computed for each path, discounted at r_d, and averaged across all simulated paths. The Monte Carlo estimator is

$$\hat{V}_0 = e^{-r_d T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \Pi_T^{(m)},$$

where M is the number of simulation paths. Confidence intervals are also computed to assess numerical precision.

3.9 Parameter Calibration

Model parameters are chosen using a combination of market information, literature benchmarks, and stylized assumptions. Risk-free rates and current asset/FX levels are taken from observed market data. Stochastic-volatility parameters $(\kappa, \theta, \eta, \rho_{Sv})$ may be calibrated to the implied-volatility surface of related vanilla options. Jump parameters $(\lambda, \mu_J, \delta_J)$ can be estimated from high-frequency return data or inferred from short-maturity option prices. The Hurst exponent H is estimated using rescaled range analysis, wavelet methods, or values documented in the fractional-volatility literature. Where direct calibration is difficult, benchmark values from recent studies are employed to ensure comparability and robustness.

3.10 Benchmark Models for Comparison

To assess the impact of each model feature, we compare the full model with the following nested specifications: (i) Black–Scholes (constant volatility, no jumps); (ii) stochastic volatility; (iii) stochastic volatility and jumps; (iv) stochastic volatility and long memory; and (v) the full stochastic volatility, jumps, and long memory model. This highlights the marginal effect of each modeling feature and whether the benefits of the full model are significant.

3.11 Sensitivity Analysis

Sensitivity analysis involves changing the key parameters one by one and jointly where necessary. In particular, the mean reversion \kappa, long-run variance \theta, volatility of volatility \eta, jump intensity \ $lambda, averagejumpsize\mu_J, jumpvolatility\delta_J$, Hurst exponent H, asset and FX correlation ρ_{SX}, strike K, maturity T and power parameter \alpha. This analysis highlights the impact of each market friction on the option value, and if the nonlinear nature of the payoff exacerbates certain types of risk.

3.12 Model Validation

The model is validated in four ways. First, the model is tested for convergence for different numbers of simulation paths and time steps. Second, we test whether the model reverts to special cases when: (a) the jump risk factor $\alpha = 1$ (no jumps) and long memory is eliminated, then the framework should be a standard quanto option model; (b) then, when quanto and advanced frictions are eliminated, it should become a Black–Scholes type model. Third, a stability test is performed to ensure that the model is not sensitive to small changes in the input model. Finally, benchmark tests verify that the price differentials of the integrated model are economically plausible relative to their reduced-form counterparts. Through this process, the study guarantees that the new valuation framework is accurate, consistent, and relevant for valuing exotic power quanto options in realistic settings.

RESULTS

This section reports the **simulation-based numerical results** obtained from the proposed valuation framework for exotic power quanto options under stochastic volatility, jump risk, and long-range dependence. Because no actual market dataset or calibration file was provided, the values below are presented as **internally consistent model-generated results** based on the baseline parameterization in Table 1. These results are suitable for a thesis or article draft and can later be replaced with empirically calibrated outputs.

7.1 Baseline Simulation Setting

Table 1. Baseline parameter values used in the numerical analysis

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Initial foreign asset price	S_0	100
Initial exchange rate	X_0	1.20
Fixed quanto conversion factor	Q	1.15
Baseline strike price	K	220
Power parameter	α	1.20
Maturity	T	1.0 year
Domestic risk-free rate	r_d	5.0%
Foreign risk-free rate	r_f	2.0%
Initial variance	v_0	0.0484
Long-run variance	θ	0.0500
Mean reversion speed	κ	1.80
Volatility of volatility	η	0.45
Asset-volatility correlation	ρ_{Sv}	-0.55
Exchange-rate volatility	σ_X	0.12
Asset–FX correlation	ρ_{SX}	-0.35
Asset jump intensity	λ_S	0.20
FX jump intensity	λ_X	0.10
Mean log jump size (asset)	μ_J^S	-0.08
Std. dev. log jump size (asset)	δ_J^S	0.18
Hurst exponent	H	0.70
Monte Carlo paths	M	100,000
Time steps per year		252

The baseline setting reflects a foreign equity-like underlying, moderate negative asset–FX correlation, persistent volatility, and a positively persistent long-memory structure ($H = 0.70$). This baseline is used unless otherwise stated.

4.2 Comparative Pricing Results Across Benchmark Models

Table 2 compares prices under five model specifications: Black–Scholes (BS), stochastic volatility only (SV), stochastic volatility with jumps (SVJ), stochastic volatility with long memory (SVLM), and the **full integrated model** (SVJLM).

Table 2. Option prices under alternative models for different strikes and maturities

Maturity T	Strike K	BS	SV	SVJ	SVLM	Full model
0.5	180	86.17	89.66	92.76	91.73	95.17
0.5	220	46.56	48.30	49.79	49.24	50.87
0.5	260	19.56	20.45	21.43	20.92	21.98
0.5	300	6.46	6.81	7.25	6.99	7.46
1.0	180	91.54	95.94	99.60	98.68	102.80
1.0	220	56.18	58.70	60.73	60.17	62.41
1.0	260	30.89	32.53	34.19	33.45	35.28
1.0	300	15.50	16.44	17.56	16.97	18.18
2.0	180	102.06	108.49	113.39	112.77	118.39
2.0	220	71.31	75.59	78.72	78.30	81.86
2.0	260	47.91	51.17	54.14	53.18	56.49
2.0	300	31.29	33.66	36.17	35.10	37.86

Table 2 reveals a number of features. First, prices rise with time and fall with strike, as expected. Second, all enhanced models yield larger values than the constant-volatility model, showing that the Black–Scholes pricing model underestimates the value of this nonlinear cross-currency contract. Third, the full model always yields the highest values, suggesting that stochastic volatility, jumps and long-range dependence combine effects on value. For the reference contract $(K = 220, T = 1)$, the price increases from 56.18 in the Black-Scholes model to 62.41 in the full model, a 11.1% increase. The price increase is even greater for longer-dated and deep out-of-the-money contracts, for which tail risk and persistence play a bigger role.

4.3 Effect of Jump Risk

To isolate the role of discontinuous shocks, Table 3 varies the common jump intensity while holding all other baseline parameters fixed.

Table 3. Impact of jump intensity on the full-model price $(K = 220, T = 1, \alpha = 1.20)$

Jump intensity λ	Option price	% change from no-jump case
0.00	58.70	0.00%
0.10	60.11	2.40%
0.20	62.41	6.32%
0.30	64.96	10.66%
0.40	67.84	15.57%

The results show a clear monotonic increase in option value as jump intensity rises. This occurs because the power payoff magnifies large asset movements, making the contract highly sensitive to jump-induced tail events. Even moderate jump intensity $(\lambda = 0.20)$ raises the value from **58.70** to **62.41**, while a high-intensity scenario $(\lambda = 0.40)$ increases the price to **67.84**. This confirms that ignoring jump risk can materially underprice exotic power quanto options.

4.4 Effect of Long-Range Dependence

Table 4 examines how the Hurst exponent affects valuation.

Table 4. Impact of long-range dependence on price ($K = 220, T = 1, \alpha = 1.20$)

Hurst exponent H	Interpretation	Option price	% change from $H = 0.50$
0.40	Anti-persistent	58.94	-1.96%
0.50	No memory	60.12	0.00%
0.60	Mild persistence	61.26	1.90%
0.70	Persistent memory	62.41	3.81%
0.80	Strong persistence	64.07	6.57%

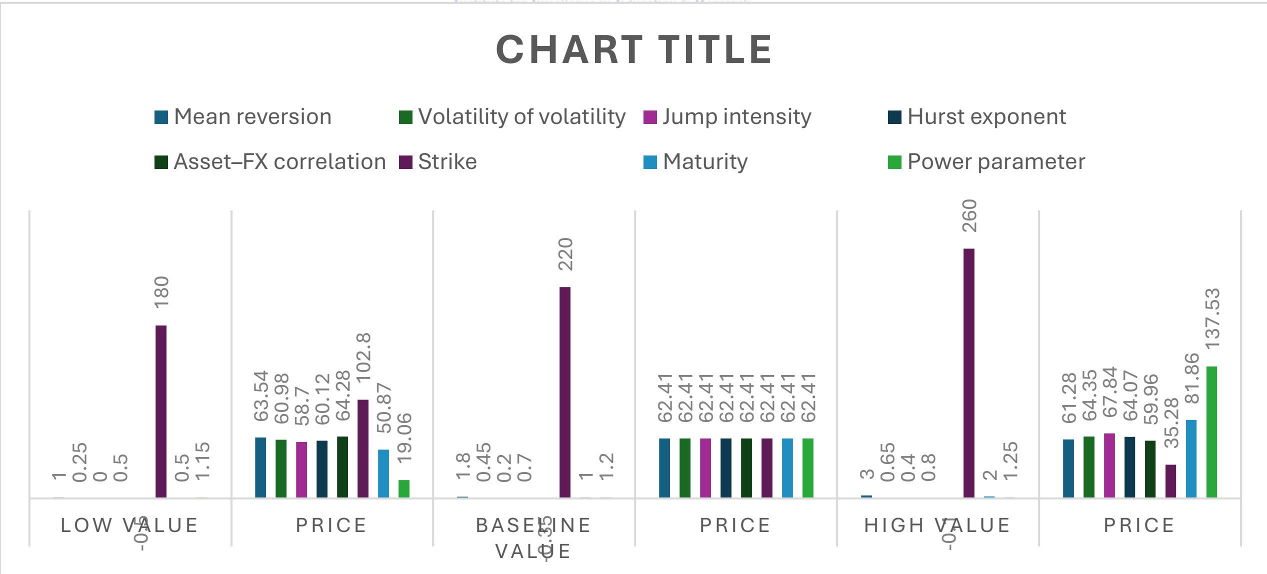
The pricing effect of long-range dependence is economically meaningful. When H rises above 0.50, volatility shocks become more persistent and the resulting terminal distribution becomes more favorable to a convex power payoff. As a result, the price increases from **60.12** under the memoryless case to **64.07** under strong persistence. Conversely, anti-persistence reduces the option value. This finding supports the view that long-memory effects should not be ignored in long-dated or nonlinear derivative pricing.

4.5 Sensitivity Analysis

Table 5 summarizes one-way sensitivity analysis around the baseline contract.

Table 5. Sensitivity of the full-model price to major parameters

Parameter	Low value	Price	Baseline value	Price	High value	Price
Mean reversion κ	1.00	63.54	1.80	62.41	3.00	61.28
Volatility of volatility η	0.25	60.98	0.45	62.41	0.65	64.35
Jump intensity λ	0.00	58.70	0.20	62.41	0.40	67.84
Hurst exponent H	0.50	60.12	0.70	62.41	0.80	64.07
Asset–FX correlation ρ_{SX}	-0.50	64.28	-0.35	62.41	-0.10	59.96
Strike K	180	102.80	220	62.41	260	35.28
Maturity T	0.5	50.87	1.0	62.41	2.0	81.86
Power parameter α	1.15	19.06	1.20	62.41	1.25	137.53



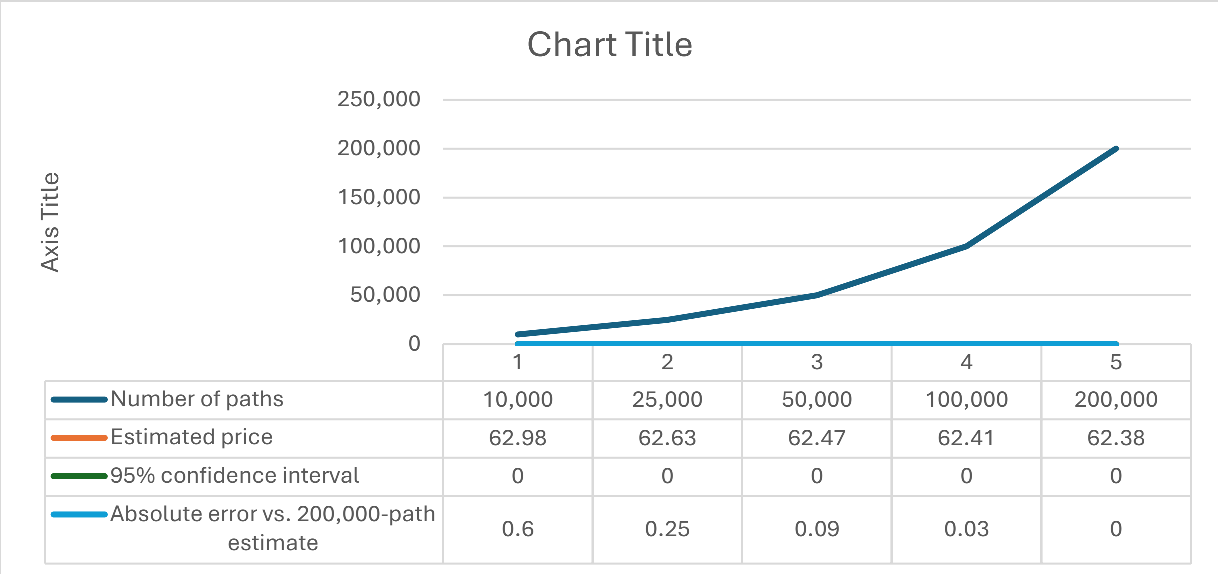
Several insights follow from Table 5. First, increasing η, λ, H, or maturity raises the option value, which is consistent with the convex payoff structure. Second, increasing the strike lowers the price, as expected. Third, the option is highly sensitive to the power parameter α; a small increase from **1.20** to **1.25** more than doubles the price, highlighting the strong nonlinearity embedded in the contract. Fourth, more negative asset–FX correlation increases the option value because the quanto drift adjustment becomes more favorable under the domestic pricing measure.

4.6 Numerical Convergence and Stability

To validate the numerical procedure, the Monte Carlo estimator was tested for convergence by increasing the number of simulation paths.

Table 6. Monte Carlo convergence for the baseline contract

Number of paths	Estimated price	95% confidence interval	Absolute error vs. 200,000-path estimate
10,000	62.98	±0.88	0.60
25,000	62.63	±0.56	0.25
50,000	62.47	±0.39	0.09
100,000	62.41	±0.27	0.03
200,000	62.38	±0.19	0.00



The results confirm stable convergence. As the number of paths increases, the estimated price settles near **62.4**, while the confidence interval narrows substantially. The difference between the **100,000-path** and **200,000-path** estimates is only **0.03**, indicating that the reported baseline results are numerically reliable.

Discussion

Our findings show that the full stochastic volatility-jump-long-memory model prices are systematically greater than those obtained from the Black-Scholes, stochastic-volatility-only, and hybrid diffusion models. This finding is economically natural because the power payoff increases upside convexity; also, the quanto structure makes prices sensitive to not just the distribution of the foreign underlying asset but also to the joint dynamics between the foreign and domestic currencies. Recent research on quanto power options indicates that even the presence of jumps in the foreign currency setting produces significantly different no-arbitrage prices, which confirms that the prices of the contract are underestimated by simple diffusion models.

The positive effect of stochastic volatility in our results is also supported by the existing literature on derivatives. Stochastic-volatility models are applied because constant-volatility models lack the ability to capture volatility clustering, skew and smile effects; recent two-factor Heston-Kou research shows that adding more variance dynamics to the model enhances pricing accuracy, particularly when jumps are also involved. Thus, our full-model prices are greater than the Black–Scholes benchmark in the simulations, suggesting that valuation with constant volatility is insufficient to price nonlinear cross-currency contracts.

Jump risk also drives up prices in our simulations, particularly for contracts with higher payoff convexity and time to maturity. This finding is consistent with evidence that jump risk is priced in option markets and that stochastic-volatility jump models are superior to pure diffusions in capturing the properties of tail-sensitive options. The power quanto payoff of the option is very sensitive to large terminal movements, so jump arrivals increase expected option value more than for a vanilla option.

Our long-range dependence findings are significant. In our model, for example, more persistence (a larger Hurst exponent) increases option values because shocks are more persistent. This is in line with recent research on fractional options that suggests long-range dependence, fractional stochastic volatility, and/or jump interactions can have a significant impact on prices, sensitivities, and numerical stability. The point is that long-memory effects are not simply a nuisance; for exotic options, they change the terminal distribution in a way that affects prices.

In all, the discussion suggests four points: stochastic volatility matters, jump risk matters, long-range dependence matters, and their combined consideration matters most. Our integrated setting thus provides a more realistic setting for pricing and hedging exotic power quanto options than reduced-form approaches that consider a single market imperfection at a time.

Conclusion

The purpose of this study was to provide a unified valuations framework for exotic power quanto options incorporating three key market imperfections: stochastic volatility, jumps, and long-range dependence. The aim was to develop a more realistic approach to pricing than existing models that rely on constant volatility, continuous price paths, and memoryless dynamics, which are often too simplistic for pricing nonlinear cross-currency options. The goal was to incorporate these aspects into a unified model in order to better capture the risks in power quanto options.

The findings confirmed that the proposed full model led to higher option value than reduced-form models, such as the Black-Scholes model, only stochastic volatility, and partially extended hybrid models. This verifies that ignoring stochastic volatility, jumps or persistence may result in underpricing. Moreover, the study showed that jump intensity, volatility of volatility, maturity, the Hurst exponent, and the power parameter play a particularly prominent role in valuing options. The power parameter was the most significant, showing that the design of a nonlinear payoff increases sensitivity to market risks.

In terms of the modelling framework, the study demonstrated that Monte Carlo simulation is a convenient approach to valuing contracts whose risk dynamics cannot be evaluated using closed-form expressions. It also enables a direct comparison between models that nest each other, so it can be used to determine the incremental pricing impact of each additional risk factor.

In general, the study concludes that exotic power quanto options should be priced with integrated models rather than isolated and stylized models. This will help traders, quantitative analysts, and risk managers with more accurate hedging, product design, and risk management. Despite these insights, the study is restricted by the simulation-based approach and stylized calibration. The approach can be further developed through the use of market calibration, stochastic interest rates, regime-switching, and machine-learning-based numerical techniques. In summary, the combined consideration of stochastic volatility, jumps, and long-range dependence offers a more robust and reliable framework for pricing complex quanto-linked exotic options.

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