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## No-arbitrage assumption on commodities market.



Let T>0. There exists  $\mathbb{Q}\sim\mathbb{P}$  on  $\mathcal{F}_{T}^{W}$  such that :

- 1 each  $\tilde{S}^i/S^0$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -martingale w.r.t.  $\mathcal{F}^W$
- 2 the laws of  $W^0$  and  $\eta$  do not change
- 3  $\mathcal{F}_{T}^{0}, \mathcal{F}_{T}^{W}, \mathcal{F}_{T}^{\eta}$  are independent conditionally to  $\mathcal{F}_{t}, t < T$

#### Remarks

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# Electricity forward prices III: some remarks



This model is able to explain three basic features of electricity market as :

- Observed spikes in electricity spot prices dynamics
- Non-convergence of electricity forward prices towards spot (day-ahead) prices as t ↑ T. Indeed,

$$F_t(T) \to F_T(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n S_T^{(i)} \mathbb{Q}_T[x \in I_i^{\pi}(T)]|_{x = D_T, \pi = \pi_T}.$$

 $F_T(T) \neq P_T$  whenever  $\eta$  is non-degenerate.

■ The paths of electricity forward prices are much smoother than the corresponding spot prices.

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