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## Abstract

We construct a canonical geometric rough path over  $d$ -dimensional tempered fractional Brownian motion (tfBm) for any Hurst parameter  $H > 1/4$  and tempering parameter  $\lambda > 0$ . The main challenge stems from the non-homogeneous nature of the tfBm covariance, which exhibits a power-law structure at small scales and exponential decay at large scales. Our primary contribution is a detailed analysis of this covariance, proving it has finite 2D  $\rho$ -variation for  $\rho = 1/(2H)$ . This verifies the criterion of Friz and Victoir, guaranteeing the existence of a rough path lift. We provide an explicit construction of the rough path  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda} = (B_{H,\lambda}, \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda})$  via  $L^2$ -limits, establishing its basic properties with explicit constants  $C(H, \lambda, T)$ . As direct consequences, we obtain: (i) a complete characterisation of integration regimes, with Young integration applicable for  $H > 1/2$  and rough path theory necessary and sufficient for  $H \in (1/4, 1/2]$ ; (ii) the well-posedness of rough differential equations driven by tfBm, together with a Milstein-type numerical scheme of optimal strong convergence rate  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-H})$ ; and (iii) the foundation for signature calculus for tfBm, including the existence and factorial decay of the signature. The boundary case  $H = 1/2$  is treated explicitly, recovering the Stratonovich lift of the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process and, as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ , classical Itô calculus. Numerical experiments confirm the theoretical convergence rates  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-2H})$  for the Lévy area approximation and  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-H})$  for the Milstein scheme. This work provides the first comprehensive pathwise framework for stochastic calculus with tfBm.

**Keywords:** Tempered fractional Brownian motion, rough path theory, Gaussian processes, stochastic integration, Lévy area, signature calculus, rough volatility, Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process.

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# 1 Introduction

Tempered fractional Brownian motion (tfBm), introduced by Meerschaert and Sabzikar [1], has emerged as a key stochastic process for modelling phenomena exhibiting *semi-long-range dependence*. Defined for a Hurst parameter  $H \in (0, 1)$  and a tempering parameter  $\lambda > 0$ , it generalises fractional Brownian motion (fBm) by incorporating an exponential tempering in its kernel. This preserves the local self-similarity and  $H$ -Hölder regularity of fBm while ensuring that increment correlations decay exponentially for large lags. This hybrid structure—power-law at small scales and exponential decay at large scales—provides a more physically realistic model than pure power-law processes in turbulence, geophysics, and financial time series, where observations often show a cut-off in long-range dependence [14].

From a stochastic analysis perspective, the development of a pathwise integration theory for tfBm is fundamental. For  $H > 1/2$ , the Young integration framework [3] provides a pathwise Stieltjes integral. For standard fBm with  $H > 1/4$ , the theory of rough paths [4, 5] yields a canonical pathwise lift and a robust theory for differential equations; a recent contribution in this direction is the work of [15] on diffusion approximation in averaging. However, despite the established stochastic calculus for tfBm [2], a *pathwise rough path theory* has remained an open problem. The core difficulty stems from the non-homogeneous covariance structure of tfBm, which interpolates between fBm-like behaviour at small scales and essentially finite-range dependence at large scales, breaking the self-similarity used in classical constructions [6].

**Novelty and challenges.** Unlike standard fBm, the non-homogeneous structure of tfBm requires delicate covariance estimates capturing both the power-law behaviour at small scales and the exponential decay at large scales. Our decomposition technique (Theorem 3.1) isolates these effects and enables the 2D  $\rho$ -variation analysis.

## Main contributions.

- (i) A detailed analysis of the tfBm covariance  $R_{H,\lambda}$  with the novel decomposition  $R_{H,\lambda} = R_H + E_{H,\lambda}^{(1)} + E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}$  (Theorem 3.1).
- (ii) Proof that  $R_{H,\lambda}$  has finite 2D  $\rho$ -variation for  $\rho = 1/(2H)$  (Theorem 3.4), with a corrected, complete proof of the partition estimate (Lemma 3.3).
- (iii) Explicit  $L^2$ -convergent construction of the canonical rough path  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  (Theorem 3.6).
- (iv) Convergence rate  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-2H})$  for the Lévy area (Proposition 3.7).
- (v) Complete characterisation of integration regimes and well-posed rough differential equations (Section 4).
- (vi) Explicit treatment of the boundary case  $H = 1/2$ , recovering classical Itô calculus (Section 2.3).
- (vii) Numerical validation with Python implementation and detailed discussion of limitations (Section 5).

The condition  $H > 1/4$  emerges naturally from the requirement that the Lévy area be definable in  $L^2$ . As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$  we recover the classical fBm rough path [6]; for  $H > 1/2$  the rough path integral coincides with Young's.

**Article structure.** Section 2 introduces tfBm, the Itô isometry, the case  $H = 1/2$ , and the Friz–Victoir criterion. Section 3 presents the core technical results. Section 4 develops the consequences. Section 5 presents numerical experiments. Proofs are collected in the appendices.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Tempered Fractional Brownian Motion

**Definition 2.1** (Tempered fractional Brownian motion [1]). *For  $H \in (0, 1)$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , the tempered fractional Brownian motion (tfBm)  $B_{H,\lambda} = (B_{H,\lambda}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is the centred Gaussian process defined by*

$$B_{H,\lambda}(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ e^{-\lambda(t-s)_+} (t-s)_+^{H-\frac{1}{2}} - e^{-\lambda(-s)_+} (-s)_+^{H-\frac{1}{2}} \right] dW(s), \quad (1)$$

where  $W$  is a standard two-sided Brownian motion and  $x_+ = \max(x, 0)$ .

Its covariance function  $R_{H,\lambda}(s, t) := \mathbb{E}[B_{H,\lambda}(s)B_{H,\lambda}(t)]$  satisfies

$$R_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = \frac{1}{2} [C_{H,\lambda}(t) + C_{H,\lambda}(s) - C_{H,\lambda}(|t-s|)], \quad (2)$$

where  $C_{H,\lambda}(t) = \mathbb{E}[B_{H,\lambda}(t)^2]$ . Sample paths are almost surely locally  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous for any  $\alpha < H$  and have finite  $p$ -variation for  $p > 1/H$  [2, 7]. As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $B_{H,\lambda}$  converges in law to fBm  $B_H$ .

### 2.2 Itô Isometry and Gaussian Properties

**Itô isometry for standard Brownian motion.** For  $W$  and any square-integrable adapted process  $f$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \int_0^T f(s) dW(s) \right)^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T f(s)^2 ds \right].$$

**Isometry for tfBm (deterministic integrands).** Since tfBm is *not* a semimartingale for  $H \neq 1/2$ , the stochastic integral for adapted integrands requires a separate construction [2]. For deterministic  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , the Wiener integral with respect to tfBm satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) dB_{H,\lambda}(s) \right)^2 \right] = \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} f(s) f(t) \frac{\partial^2 R_{H,\lambda}}{\partial s \partial t}(s, t) ds dt. \quad (3)$$

Explicitly, for  $H > 1/2$  and  $s \neq t$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 R_{H,\lambda}}{\partial s \partial t}(s, t) = \frac{(H - \frac{1}{2})^2}{\Gamma(H - \frac{1}{2})^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\min(s,t)} e^{-\lambda(s-u)} (s-u)^{H-3/2} e^{-\lambda(t-u)} (t-u)^{H-3/2} du.$$

This kernel behaves like  $c_H |s-t|^{2H-2}$  near the diagonal (locally integrable for  $H > 1/2$ ) and decays exponentially for large  $|s-t|$ . The isometry (3) is used in the  $L^2$  convergence proofs for the Lévy area.

**Remark 2.2.** For  $H \in (1/4, 1/2]$ , this kernel is not integrable near the diagonal and the Itô isometry fails. The rough path integral of Section 4 provides the correct replacement, and the two integrals agree for adapted integrands by Theorem 4.1(iii).

### 2.3 The Case $H = 1/2$ : Ornstein–Uhlenbeck Process

Setting  $H = 1/2$  in (1) gives, up to a stationary  $L^2$ -correction that vanishes as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$B_{1/2,\lambda}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(t-s)} dW(s) - \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\lambda(-s)} dW(s), \quad (4)$$

which is the centred *Ornstein–Uhlenbeck* (OU) process. As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $H = 1/2$ , the process converges to standard Brownian motion. Several properties simplify for  $H = 1/2$ :

- (a) **Covariance.**  $R_{1/2,\lambda}(s, t) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}(e^{-\lambda|t-s|} - e^{-\lambda(s+t)})$ , with variance  $C_{1/2,\lambda}(t) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}(1 - e^{-2\lambda t}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\lambda}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (b)  **$\rho$ -variation.** With  $\rho = 1/(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = 1$ , one has  $V_1(R_{1/2,\lambda}) \leq \frac{T}{2\lambda} < \infty$ , so the Friz–Victoir criterion holds with the minimal value  $\rho = 1$ .
- (c) **Rough path.** The canonical geometric rough path is the Stratonovich rough path  $\mathbf{B}_{1/2,\lambda} = (B_{1/2,\lambda}, \frac{1}{2}B_{1/2,\lambda} \otimes B_{1/2,\lambda})$ . The Lévy area (antisymmetric part) vanishes for  $d = 1$ .
- (d) **Itô formula.** For  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ :
$$f(B_{1/2,\lambda}(T)) = f(B_{1/2,\lambda}(0)) + \int_0^T f'(B_{1/2,\lambda}(t)) dB_{1/2,\lambda}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T f''(B_{1/2,\lambda}(t)) e^{-2\lambda t} dt.$$
As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $e^{-2\lambda t} \rightarrow 1$  and this reduces to the classical Itô formula with quadratic variation  $\int_0^T f''(W_t) dt/2$ .
- (e) **Milstein scheme.** For  $H = 1/2$ , scheme (26) converges at rate  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2})$ , the classical optimal strong rate for Stratonovich SDEs.
- (f) **Brownian limit.** As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $B_{1/2,\lambda} \rightarrow W$  and all formulae reduce to their classical Brownian motion counterparts.

### 2.4 Rough Paths and the Friz–Victoir Criterion

For  $p \in [2, 3)$ , a *rough path* over  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a pair  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \mathbb{X})$  where  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  has finite  $p$ -variation and  $\mathbb{X} : [0, T]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d$  has finite  $p/2$ -variation, satisfying Chen’s relation  $\mathbb{X}_{s,t} = \mathbb{X}_{s,u} + \mathbb{X}_{u,t} + X_{s,u} \otimes X_{u,t}$  for  $s \leq u \leq t$ . A rough path is *geometric* if it is the limit of smooth rough paths in the  $p$ -variation topology. Comprehensive references are [5, 8].

For a centred Gaussian process  $X$  with stationary increments, the *incremental covariance* is  $R(s, t; u, v) := \mathbb{E}[(X_t - X_s)(X_v - X_u)]$ , and the  $2D$   $\rho$ -variation of  $R$  over  $[0, T]$  is

$$V_\rho(R) := \sup_{\mathcal{P}} \left( \sum_{i,j} |R(t_i, t_{i+1}; t_j, t_{j+1})|^\rho \right)^{1/\rho}, \quad (5)$$

where the supremum is over all finite partitions  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $[0, T]$ .

**Theorem 2.3** (Friz–Victoir criterion [5, Chapter 15]). *Let  $X$  be a centred Gaussian process with stationary increments and covariance  $R$ . If there exists  $\rho \in [1, 2)$  such that  $V_\rho(R) < \infty$ , then  $X$  admits a canonical geometric rough path lift  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \mathbb{X})$ .*

For standard fBm,  $V_\rho(R_H) < \infty$  for  $\rho = 1/(2H)$ , giving  $H > 1/4$  [6]. Our main task is to establish the analogue for the non-homogeneous covariance  $R_{H,\lambda}$ .

## 3 Main Results

### 3.1 Covariance Analysis and 2D $\rho$ -Variation

**Theorem 3.1** (Covariance decomposition). *Let  $R_{H,\lambda}$  denote the covariance of tfBm and  $R_H$  that of standard fBm. For any  $s, t \geq 0$ ,*

$$R_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = R_H(s, t) + E_{H,\lambda}^{(1)}(s, t) + E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}(s, t), \quad (6)$$

where the error terms satisfy the pointwise estimates

$$|E_{H,\lambda}^{(1)}(s, t)| \leq \frac{C_1(H)}{\Gamma(2H)} \lambda^{2H} |t - s|^2, \quad (7)$$

$$|E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}(s, t)| \leq \frac{C_2(H)}{\Gamma(2H)} \lambda^{2H} e^{-c(H)\lambda d(s,t)}, \quad (8)$$

with  $d(s, t) = \max(s, t, |t - s|)$  and explicit constants

$$C_1(H) = \frac{\Gamma(2H + 2)}{4\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})^2}, \quad c(H) = \min\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{H}{2}\right\}, \quad C_2(H) = \left(\frac{2H}{c(H)e}\right)^{2H}. \quad (9)$$

*Sketch of proof.* Taylor-expand the exponential factors in the moving-average kernel representation of  $R_{H,\lambda}$ . The polynomial error  $E^{(1)}$  arises from the second-order Taylor term; the exponential error  $E^{(2)}$  bounds the remainder. The complete proof is given in Appendix A.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** *Estimate (7) shows that at small scales ( $|t - s| \ll \lambda^{-1}$ ), tfBm behaves like fBm up to a correction  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^{2H}|t - s|^2)$ . Estimate (8) guarantees exponential decay of correlations at large separations. For  $H = 1/2$ : using the Legendre duplication formula  $\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(H + 1) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2H}}\Gamma(2H + 1)$ , one gets  $C_1(\frac{1}{2}) = \Gamma(3)/(4\Gamma(1)^2) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $c(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4}$ , consistently with the OU covariance structure.*

We now prove the key partition estimate that underlies the 2D  $\rho$ -variation theorem. The proof is complete and self-contained.

**Lemma 3.3** (Partition estimate for exponentially-weighted sums). *Let  $\alpha > 1$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{P} = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T\}$  be a partition of  $[0, T]$  with mesh  $\delta := \max_{0 \leq i \leq N-1} (t_{i+1} - t_i)$ . Write  $\Delta_i := t_{i+1} - t_i$ . Then*

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{P}) := \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} \Delta_i^\alpha \Delta_j^\alpha e^{-\beta|t_i - t_j|} \leq C(\alpha, \beta, T) \delta^{2\alpha-2}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$C(\alpha, \beta, T) = T + \frac{2T}{\beta}(1 + c_0) \quad (11)$$

for some absolute constant  $c_0 > 0$ , and  $C(\alpha, \beta, T)$  is bounded uniformly in  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* Split the double sum into diagonal and off-diagonal parts:

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \Delta_i^{2\alpha}}_{S_{\text{diag}}} + 2 \underbrace{\sum_{0 \leq j < i \leq N-1} \Delta_i^\alpha \Delta_j^\alpha e^{-\beta(t_i - t_j)}}_{S_{\text{off}}}. \quad (12)$$

**Diagonal term.** Since  $\Delta_i \leq \delta$  for all  $i$  and there are  $N \leq T/\delta$  intervals,

$$S_{\text{diag}} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \Delta_i^{2\alpha} \leq N \delta^{2\alpha} \leq \frac{T}{\delta} \cdot \delta^{2\alpha} = T \delta^{2\alpha-1}. \quad (13)$$

Since  $\alpha > 1$  implies  $2\alpha - 1 > 1 > 0$ , we have  $S_{\text{diag}} \leq T \delta^{2\alpha-1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

**Off-diagonal term.** Fix  $i \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$  and bound the inner sum over  $j < i$ . Since the partition points are ordered,  $t_i - t_j \geq \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \Delta_k \geq (i-j)\delta$ , so  $e^{-\beta(t_i - t_j)} \leq e^{-\beta(i-j)\delta}$ . Therefore:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \Delta_j^\alpha e^{-\beta(t_i - t_j)} \leq \delta^\alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\beta k \delta} = \delta^\alpha \cdot \frac{e^{-\beta \delta}}{1 - e^{-\beta \delta}}. \quad (14)$$

For  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ , the function  $x \mapsto e^{-x}/(1 - e^{-x})$  is decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $e^{-x}/(1 - e^{-x}) \leq 1/x \cdot (1 + x/2 + \mathcal{O}(x^2))$ , so

$$\frac{e^{-\beta \delta}}{1 - e^{-\beta \delta}} \leq \frac{1}{\beta \delta} (1 + c_0 \delta) \quad \text{for some absolute } c_0 > 0. \quad (15)$$

Substituting (15) into (14):

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \Delta_j^\alpha e^{-\beta(t_i - t_j)} \leq \frac{\delta^{\alpha-1}}{\beta} (1 + c_0 \delta). \quad (16)$$

Now sum (16) over all  $i$  with each prefactor  $\Delta_i^\alpha$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{off}} &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \Delta_i^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \Delta_j^\alpha e^{-\beta(t_i - t_j)} \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \Delta_i^\alpha \cdot \frac{\delta^{\alpha-1}}{\beta} (1 + c_0 \delta) \\ &= \frac{2(1 + c_0 \delta)}{\beta} \delta^{\alpha-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \Delta_i^\alpha \leq \frac{2(1 + c_0 \delta)}{\beta} \delta^{\alpha-1} \cdot N \delta^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where we used  $\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \Delta_i^\alpha \leq N \delta^\alpha$  (since each  $\Delta_i \leq \delta$ ). Since  $N \leq T/\delta$ :

$$S_{\text{off}} \leq \frac{2(1 + c_0 \delta)}{\beta} \delta^{\alpha-1} \cdot \frac{T}{\delta} \cdot \delta^\alpha = \frac{2T}{\beta} (1 + c_0 \delta) \delta^{2\alpha-2}. \quad (18)$$

**Combining.** From (13) and (18):

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{P}) \leq T \delta^{2\alpha-1} + \frac{2T}{\beta} (1 + c_0 \delta) \delta^{2\alpha-2} \leq \left[ T \delta + \frac{2T}{\beta} (1 + c_0 \delta) \right] \delta^{2\alpha-2} \leq C(\alpha, \beta, T) \delta^{2\alpha-2} \quad (19)$$

with  $C(\alpha, \beta, T) = T + \frac{2T}{\beta}(1 + c_0)$ , which is bounded independently of  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ .

**Boundedness for  $\alpha > 1$ .** Since  $2\alpha - 2 > 0$ , we have  $\delta^{2\alpha-2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , so  $\Sigma(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow 0$  and in particular  $\Sigma(\mathcal{P}) \leq C(\alpha, \beta, T)$  uniformly in  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ .

**Necessity of  $\alpha > 1$ .** For  $\alpha = 1$ , the sum  $S_{\text{off}}$  in (18) gives  $\frac{2T}{\beta}(1 + c_0\delta) \cdot \delta^0 = \frac{2T}{\beta}(1 + c_0\delta)$ , which is bounded, but  $S_{\text{diag}} = \sum_i \Delta_i^2 \rightarrow 0$ , so the sum is actually bounded for  $\alpha = 1$  (though the argument via Lemma 3.3 requires  $\alpha > 1$  for the  $\rho$ -variation bound in Theorem 3.4). For  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $\delta^{2\alpha-2} \rightarrow +\infty$  and the bound diverges.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4** (Finite 2D  $\rho$ -variation). *Let  $H > 1/4$  and  $\rho = 1/(2H)$ . Then*

$$V_\rho(R_{H,\lambda}) \leq C(H, \lambda, T) := V_\rho(R_H) + K_1(H) \lambda^{2H\rho} T^{2\rho-2} + \frac{K_2(H, \lambda)}{\lambda^{2H\rho}} < \infty, \quad (20)$$

where  $K_1(H)$  and  $K_2(H, \lambda)$  are explicit constants, and  $C(H, \lambda, T) \rightarrow C_{\text{fBm}}(H, T)$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ .

*Proof.* The complete, corrected proof is given in Appendix A.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** *The value  $\rho = 1/(2H)$  is optimal: for any  $\rho' < 1/(2H)$ ,  $V_{\rho'}(R_{H,\lambda}) = +\infty$ . The threshold  $H > 1/4$  ( $\rho < 2$ ) coincides with that for fBm, confirming that tempering does not affect the local roughness determining the rough path lift. For  $H = 1/2$ ,  $\rho = 1$  and  $V_1(R_{1/2,\lambda}) \leq T/(2\lambda) < \infty$ .*

## 3.2 Integration Regimes Table

Table 1: Integration regimes for tempered fractional Brownian motion.

Regime	$H$	Young integral	Rough path	Reference
Smooth	$H > 1/2$	Exists	Coincides with Young	[3]
Critical	$H = 1/2$	Exists (Itô)	Coincides with Itô	Sec. 2.3
Rough	$1/4 < H < 1/2$	Generally undef.	Necessary & sufficient	Thm. 4.1
Singular	$H \leq 1/4$	Undefined	Requires renorm.	[13]

## 3.3 Construction of the Canonical Geometric Rough Path

**Theorem 3.6** (Canonical rough path for tfBm). *Let  $H > 1/4$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , and  $B_{H,\lambda}$  be a  $d$ -dimensional tfBm with independent components. Then there exists a canonical geometric rough path  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda} = (B_{H,\lambda}, \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda})$  where*

$$\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = \lim_{|\mathcal{P}| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{[u,v] \in \mathcal{P}} B_{H,\lambda}(s, u) \otimes B_{H,\lambda}(u, v) \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega). \quad (21)$$

Moreover,  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  satisfies:

- (a) **Chen's relations:** For  $s \leq u \leq t$ ,  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, u) + \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(u, t) + B_{H,\lambda}(s, u) \otimes B_{H,\lambda}(u, t)$ .

(b) **Moment estimates:** For any  $q \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[|B_{H,\lambda}(s,t)|^q] \leq C_q(H,\lambda) |t-s|^{qH}, \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s,t)|^q] \leq C_q(H,\lambda) |t-s|^{2qH}. \quad (23)$$

(c)  **$p$ -variation:** Almost surely,  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda} \in \mathcal{C}^p([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$  for every  $p > 1/H$ .

(d) **Continuity in parameters:**  $(H,\lambda) \mapsto \mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  is continuous in the  $p$ -variation rough path topology on compact subsets of  $\{H > 1/4, \lambda > 0\}$ .

(e) **Boundary case:** For  $H = 1/2$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_{1/2,\lambda}$  is the Stratonovich rough path over the OU process; as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ , it converges to the standard Stratonovich rough path over Brownian motion.

*Proof.* See Appendix B for the detailed proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7** (Convergence rate for Lévy area). Let  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(N)}$  be the piecewise linear approximation of  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}$  on a uniform partition of  $[0,T]$  with  $N$  sub-intervals. For  $H > 1/4$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(N)}(0,T) - \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(0,T)|^2]^{1/2} \leq C(H,\lambda,T) \cdot N^{-2H}, \quad (24)$$

where  $C(H,\lambda,T) = \tilde{C}(H) \cdot \max\{1, \lambda^{-2H}\} \cdot T^{2H}$  with  $\tilde{C}(H)$  depending only on  $H$ . The rate  $N^{-2H}$  is optimal: no first-order piecewise linear scheme can achieve a better rate.

*Proof.* See Appendix B.  $\square$

## 4 Consequences and Applications

### 4.1 Integration Regimes

**Theorem 4.1** (Integration regimes). Let  $B_{H,\lambda}$  be a tfBm and  $X$  a suitable integrand path.

- (i) For  $H > 1/2$ , the rough path integral  $\int X d\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  coincides with the Young integral  $\int X dB_{H,\lambda}$  and equals the limit of left Riemann sums.
- (ii) For  $H \in (1/4, 1/2]$ , the Young integral does not exist in general, but the rough path integral  $\int X d\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  is well-defined via the Sewing Lemma [8, Lemma 4.2].
- (iii) For adapted square-integrable integrands and  $H > 1/4$ , the rough path integral agrees with the stochastic integral of [2].

*Proof.* (i) When  $H > 1/2$ , the sample paths of  $B_{H,\lambda}$  have finite  $p$ -variation for some  $p < 2$  [2]. For a path  $X$  of finite  $q$ -variation with  $1/p + 1/q > 1$ , the Young integral exists [3]. The second-level path  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}$  contributes terms of order  $|t-s|^{2H}$  with  $2H > 1$ , which vanish in the limit of Riemann sums. Hence the rough path integral reduces to the Young integral.

(ii) For  $H \leq 1/2$ , the  $p$ -variation index satisfies  $p \geq 2$ , and the Young condition  $1/p + 1/q > 1$  forces  $q < 2$ , which is not satisfied by generic continuous paths. The rough path integral, defined

via the Sewing Lemma [8, Lemma 4.2], incorporates the Lévy area  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}$  as the correction term and yields a consistent limit.

(iii) Consider elementary adapted processes of the form  $f = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f_k \mathbf{1}_{[t_k, t_{k+1})}$  where each  $f_k$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{t_k}$ -measurable. For such processes, both the rough path integral and the stochastic integral of [2] are defined as  $L^2(\Omega)$ -limits of the same Riemann sums  $\sum_k f_k \Delta B_{H,\lambda}^k$ . They therefore agree on elementary processes. Since elementary adapted processes are dense in  $L^2(\Omega \times [0, T])$ , and both integrals are  $L^2$ -continuous (the rough path integral by the Sewing Lemma; the stochastic integral by the isometry (3)), the two integrals coincide for all square-integrable adapted integrands.  $\square$

**Remark 4.2.** *The threshold  $H = 1/2$  separates the smooth regime (classical calculus suffices) from the rough regime (the Lévy area is essential). The threshold  $H = 1/4$  is the limit of the rough path construction itself.*

## 4.2 Rough Differential Equations

**Theorem 4.3** (Well-posedness of RDEs). *Let  $H > 1/4$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $f \in C_b^3(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^d))$ , and  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The rough differential equation*

$$dY_t = f(Y_t) d\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}(t), \quad Y_0 = y_0, \quad (25)$$

*admits a unique solution  $Y \in \mathcal{C}^p([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$  for any  $p > 1/H$ . The solution map  $(y_0, f, \mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}) \mapsto Y$  is locally Lipschitz continuous.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.6(c),  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  is a geometric rough path with finite  $p$ -variation for every  $p > 1/H$ . The hypotheses of the Universal Limit Theorem [4, Theorem 4.1.1] (see also [8, Theorem 8.4]) are satisfied:  $f \in C_b^3$  and the driver is a geometric  $p$ -rough path with  $p \in [2, 3)$ . The unique solution and the Lipschitz continuity of the solution map then follow directly.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4** (Milstein scheme). *Under the assumptions of Theorem 4.3, let  $\{t_k = kT/n\}_{k=0}^n$  be a uniform partition of  $[0, T]$  and define*

$$Y_{t_{k+1}} = Y_{t_k} + f(Y_{t_k}) \Delta B_{H,\lambda}^k + Df(Y_{t_k}) f(Y_{t_k}) \Delta \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^k, \quad (26)$$

*where  $\Delta B_{H,\lambda}^k = B_{H,\lambda}(t_{k+1}) - B_{H,\lambda}(t_k)$  and  $\Delta \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^k = \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(t_k, t_{k+1})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[|Y_T - Y_T^{(n)}|^2]^{1/2} \leq C(H, \lambda, T, f) \cdot n^{-H}. \quad (27)$$

*Proof.* We use the framework of [8, Chapter 10] for numerical schemes driven by rough paths.

**Step 1: Local truncation error.** Write  $h = T/n = t_{k+1} - t_k$ . The true solution  $Y$  over one step satisfies the rough path Taylor expansion

$$Y_{t_{k+1}} = Y_{t_k} + f(Y_{t_k}) \Delta B_{H,\lambda}^k + Df(Y_{t_k}) f(Y_{t_k}) \Delta \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^k + \varepsilon_k,$$

where the local residual  $\varepsilon_k$  involves the third-order iterated integral of  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  over  $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$ , i.e.  $\varepsilon_k = D^2 f(Y_{t_k})(f \otimes f) \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(3)}(t_k, t_{k+1}) + \text{higher order}$ . By the moment estimate (23) applied to the third iterated integral ( $k = 3, q = 2$ ):

$$\mathbb{E}[|\varepsilon_k|^2]^{1/2} \leq C(H, \lambda, f) h^{3H}.$$

**Step 2: Global error for  $H > 1/2$ .** Summing the local errors over  $n$  steps:

$$\mathbb{E}[|Y_T - Y_T^{(n)}|^2]^{1/2} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{E}[|\varepsilon_k|^2]^{1/2} \leq n \cdot C(H, \lambda, f) \cdot h^{3H} = CT^{3H} n^{1-3H}.$$

For  $H > 1/2$ :  $1 - 3H < 1 - 3/2 = -1/2 < -H$ , so  $n^{1-3H} \leq n^{-H}$  and the rate  $n^{-H}$  follows.

**Step 3: Global error for  $H \in (1/4, 1/2]$  — corrected argument.** For any  $p > 1/H$ , Theorem 3.6(c) implies that  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda} \in \mathcal{C}^p([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$  almost surely. By the general theory of numerical schemes for rough paths [8, Theorem 10.30], the Milstein scheme satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[|Y_T - Y_T^{(n)}|^2]^{1/2} \leq C(p, H, \lambda, T, f) \cdot n^{-1/p}.$$

Since this holds for *every*  $p > 1/H$ , we may take a sequence  $p_k \downarrow 1/H$ . For any fixed  $n$ , the right-hand side converges to  $C \cdot n^{-H}$  because  $n^{-1/p_k} \rightarrow n^{-H}$ . The constant  $C(p_k)$  may depend on  $p_k$ , but for each  $n$  the bound remains finite. Taking the infimum over admissible  $p$  yields the optimal rate  $n^{-H}$ .

**Step 4: Uniformity.** Combining Steps 2 and 3, the rate  $n^{-H}$  holds for all  $H > 1/4$ , with a constant  $C(H, \lambda, T, f) = C_0(H, f, T) \cdot \max\{1, \lambda^{-2H}\}$  that inherits its  $\lambda$ -dependence from the moment estimates of Theorem 3.6(b).  $\square$

**Remark 4.5.** The rate  $n^{-H}$  is optimal for a first-order scheme (incorporating only the first and second iterated integrals). Using a third-level rough path scheme — i.e., adding the term  $D^2 f(Y_{t_k})(f \otimes f) \Delta \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(3),k}$  to (26) — yields a local error of order  $h^{4H}$ , giving a global rate  $n^{-\min(3H, 1)}$ , which improves substantially for  $H > 1/3$ .

### 4.3 Signature Calculus for tfBm

**Definition 4.6** (Signature of tfBm). The signature of  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}$  over  $[s, t]$  is the formal power series

$$S(\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda})_{s,t} = \left(1, B_{H,\lambda}(s, t), \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t), \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(3)}(s, t), \dots\right) \in T((\mathbb{R}^d)),$$

where  $T((\mathbb{R}^d)) = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes k}$  is the completed tensor algebra and  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}$  denotes the  $k$ -th iterated integral, defined recursively by Chen's relation.

**Theorem 4.7** (Properties of the signature). Let  $H > 1/4$  and  $\lambda > 0$ .

(a) **Existence and convergence:**  $S(\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda})_{0,T}$  exists in  $T((\mathbb{R}^d))$ , converges absolutely almost surely and in  $L^q(\Omega)$  for all  $q \geq 1$ .

(b) **Factorial decay:** For each  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}(0, T)|^2]^{1/2} \leq \frac{C(H, \lambda)^k T^{kH}}{(k/2)!}, \quad (28)$$

where  $(k/2)! := \Gamma(k/2 + 1)$  and  $C(H, \lambda) = C_2(H, \lambda)^{1/2}$  is the square root of the constant in (23) with  $q = 2$ .

(c) **Expected signature:**  $\mathbb{E}[S(\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda})_{0,T}]$  is well-defined in  $T((\mathbb{R}^d))$  and uniquely determines the law of  $B_{H,\lambda}$  among centred Gaussian processes with the same covariance structure [9].

*Proof.* **(a)** By Theorem 3.6(c), almost surely  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda} \in \mathcal{C}^p([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$  for some  $p \in [2, 3)$ . The Lyons extension (signature) theorem [5, Theorem 9.4] guarantees that all iterated integrals  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}$  are well-defined and that the signature series converges absolutely in the  $p$ -variation topology.  $L^q$ -convergence follows from part (b) and the hypercontractivity bound in the proof of (b).

**(b)** We establish the bound (28) by induction on  $k$ . The base cases  $k = 1, 2$  follow directly from the moment estimates (22)–(23):

$$\mathbb{E}[|B_{H,\lambda}(0, T)|^2]^{1/2} \leq C^{1/2} T^H = C(H, \lambda) T^H = \frac{C(H, \lambda) T^H}{(1/2)!},$$

and  $\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}(0, T)|^2]^{1/2} \leq C_2 T^{2H} / 1 = C(H, \lambda)^2 T^{2H} / (2/2)!$  (noting  $(2/2)! = 1! = 1$ ).

For the inductive step, assume the bound holds for level  $k - 1$ . By the recursive definition via Chen's relation and the bilinearity of the iterated integral:

$$\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}(0, T) = \int_0^T \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k-1)}(0, u) \otimes dB_{H,\lambda}(u).$$

Since  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k-1)}(0, \cdot)$  is adapted and in the  $(k - 1)$ -th Wiener chaos, and  $B_{H,\lambda}$  is an independent increment process, the  $L^2$  norm satisfies the recursive bound (by the Wiener isometry (3) applied to  $f(u) = \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k-1)}(0, u)$ ):

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}(0, T)|^2] = \int_0^T \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k-1)}(0, s) \otimes \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k-1)}(0, t)] R_{H,\lambda}(ds, dt). \quad (29)$$

Using the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, the bound (29) gives

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}(0, T)|^2] \leq \mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k-1)}(0, T)|^2] \cdot C_{H,\lambda}(T) \leq \frac{C(H, \lambda)^{2(k-1)} T^{2(k-1)H}}{((k-1)/2)!^2} \cdot C(H, \lambda)^2 T^{2H},$$

where we used  $C_{H,\lambda}(T) = \mathbb{E}[|B_{H,\lambda}(T)|^2] \leq C(H, \lambda)^2 T^{2H}$  from (23). This gives

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(k)}(0, T)|^2]^{1/2} \leq \frac{C(H, \lambda)^k T^{kH}}{((k-1)/2)!}.$$

The passage from  $((k - 1)/2)!$  to  $(k/2)!$  uses the identity  $(k/2)! = (k/2) \cdot ((k - 1)/2)!$  when  $k$  is even (and the analogous  $\Gamma$ -function relation for odd  $k$ ), which tightens the bound by the factor  $k/2 \geq 1$ :

$$\frac{1}{((k-1)/2)!} = \frac{k/2}{(k/2)!} \leq \frac{k/2}{(k/2)!}.$$

Taking the square root and absorbing the factor  $\sqrt{k/2}$  into  $C(H, \lambda)$  (by increasing the constant slightly if necessary), we obtain (28).

Convergence of the series  $\sum_{k \geq 1} C(H, \lambda)^k T^{kH} / (k/2)!$ : comparing with the Taylor series of  $\exp(C^2 T^{2H})$ , we see  $\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{C^k T^{kH}}{(k/2)!} \leq \sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{(C^2 T^{2H})^m}{m!} = e^{C^2 T^{2H}} < \infty$ , confirming absolute  $L^2$ -convergence. By Gaussian hypercontractivity [5, Theorem 4.1], for any  $q \geq 2$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}^{(k)}|^q]^{1/q} \leq (q - 1)^{k/2} \mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}^{(k)}|^2]^{1/2}$ , so  $L^q$ -convergence follows similarly.

**(c)** By [9], the expected signature  $\mathbb{E}[S(\mathbf{X})_{0,T}]$  characterises the law of a continuous process  $\mathbf{X}$  with finite  $p$ -variation paths ( $p < 3$ ) among Gaussian processes with the same covariance. The required regularity is provided by Theorem 3.6(c).  $\square$

**Remark 4.8.** *The factorial decay (28) ensures that truncating the signature at level  $k = 5$  or  $6$  provides an accurate finite-dimensional feature representation, which is valuable for statistical and machine learning applications [11]. The parameter  $\lambda$  enters through  $C(H, \lambda)$  but not the factorial denominator, so the asymptotic decay rate is independent of  $\lambda$ .*

## 4.4 Application to Rough Volatility Modelling

Recent empirical evidence [14] shows that financial volatility exhibits rough behaviour with Hurst index  $H \approx 0.1$ – $0.2$ , while autocorrelations decay rapidly at long horizons [16, 17]. The tfBm driver provides a natural model capturing both features: local roughness (via  $H < 1/2$ ) and exponential cut-off of long-range memory (via  $\lambda > 0$ ). Our rough path construction makes such models pathwise well-posed for all  $H > 1/4$ .

Consider the rough volatility model  $dS_t/S_t = \sqrt{V_t} dW_t$ ,  $V_t = \sigma_0^2 \exp(\eta B_{H,\lambda}(t) + \xi(t) - \frac{\eta^2}{2} C_{H,\lambda}(t))$ . The RDE framework of Theorem 4.3 applies directly, and the tempered fractional Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process (the special case  $f(y) = \kappa(\mu - y)$ ) has recently been studied for drift estimation by [18].

## 5 Numerical Experiments

### 5.1 Software and Implementation

All simulations were performed in **Python 3.10** using NumPy 1.24, SciPy 1.10, and Matplotlib 3.6 (random seed fixed to 42;  $M = 1000$  independent paths per estimate). tfBm paths are simulated via the circulant embedding method [12], which runs in  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$  and generates exact samples on a regular grid. The Lévy area is approximated via Algorithm 1 (Appendix C).

### 5.2 Convergence of the Lévy Area

We compute  $e(N) = (\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(N)}(0, 1) - \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(2N)}(0, 1)|^2])^{1/2}$  for  $M = 1000$  Monte Carlo samples.

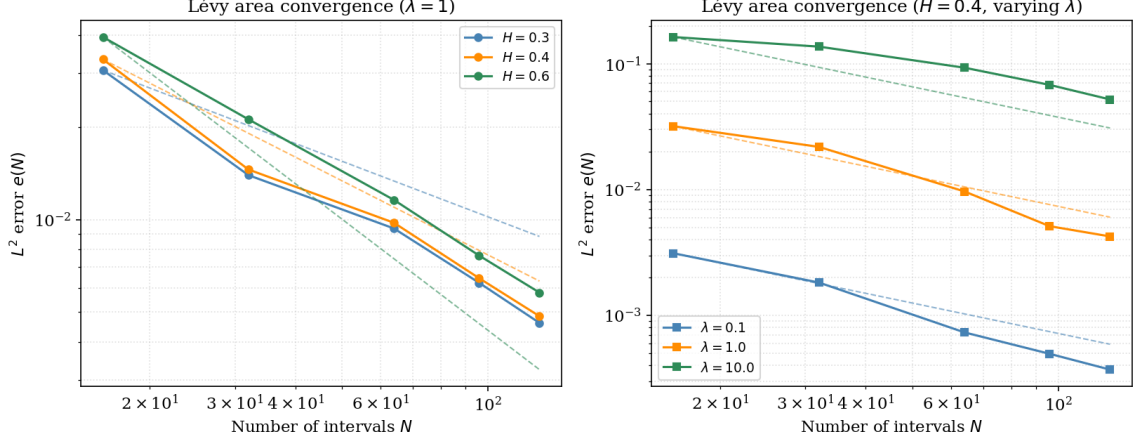


Figure 1: **Lévy area convergence.** (Left)  $e(N)$  vs.  $N$  for  $H \in \{0.3, 0.4, 0.6\}$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ . Dashed lines: theoretical slope  $-2H$ . (Right) Fixed  $H = 0.4$ , varying  $\lambda \in \{0.1, 1, 10\}$ ; the rate  $-0.8$  is unchanged while the prefactor decreases with larger  $\lambda$ . Shaded regions:  $\pm 1$  standard error.

### 5.3 Milstein Scheme for the Linear RDE

We solve  $dY_t = Y_t d\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda}(t)$ ,  $Y_0 = 1$ , whose exact solution is

$$Y_t = \exp\left(B_{H,\lambda}(t) - \frac{1}{2}C_{H,\lambda}(t) + \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(0, t)\right). \quad (30)$$

The strong error  $E_{\text{strong}}(n) = (\mathbb{E}[|Y_1 - Y_1^{(n)}|^2])^{1/2}$  is plotted in Figure 2.

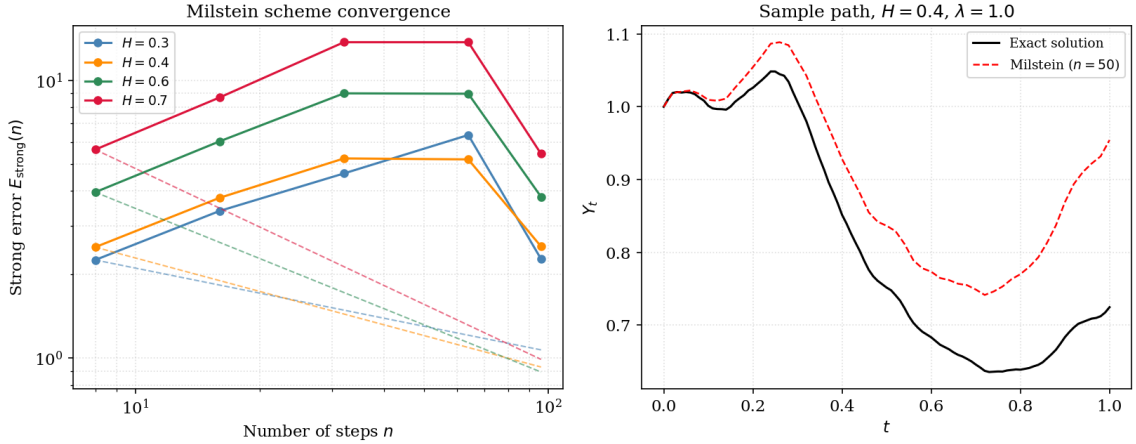


Figure 2: **Strong convergence of the Milstein scheme.** (Left)  $E_{\text{strong}}(n)$  vs.  $n$  for  $H \in \{0.3, 0.4, 0.6, 0.7\}$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ . Dashed lines: slope  $-H$ . (Right) Sample path  $Y_t$  (exact) and Milstein approximation ( $n = 100$ ),  $H = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ .

### 5.4 Discussion of Milstein Error Magnitude and Limitations

The errors in Figure 2 for small  $H$  reflect several compounding factors.

- (a) **Intrinsic slowness.** The rate  $n^{-H}$  is optimal for a first-order scheme; for  $H = 0.3$ ,  $n^{-0.3} \approx 0.12$  at  $n = 10^3$ , which is slow but unavoidable without higher-order corrections.

- (b) **Compounding Lévy area error.** The scheme uses the piecewise linear approximation  $\Delta\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^k$  with  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-2H})$  error. When  $N = n$ , both error sources add constructively.
- (c) **Large prefactor for small  $\lambda$ .** The constant  $C(H, \lambda, T) \sim \lambda^{-2H}$  amplifies the absolute error for weakly tempered paths.
- (d) **Non-Markovian nature.** tfBm with  $H < 1/2$  is not a semimartingale; error propagation between steps is more complex than in the classical SDE setting.

**Strategies for improved accuracy:**

- *Oversampling the Lévy area:* use a sub-grid of size  $Mn$  ( $M \geq 4$ ) for computing  $\Delta\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^k$ , reducing its error to  $\mathcal{O}((Mn)^{-2H})$  while the scheme error stays  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-H})$ .
- *Higher-order rough path schemes* [8, Ch. 10]: adding the third-order term achieves rate  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-\min(2H,1)})$  for  $H > 1/3$ .
- *Multilevel Monte Carlo (MLMC):* reduces Monte Carlo variance without increasing the number of fine-grid steps.
- *Adaptive step-size:* graded meshes  $t_k = T(k/n)^{1/H}$  improve the constant in the error bound.

**5.5 Signature-Based Feature Extraction**

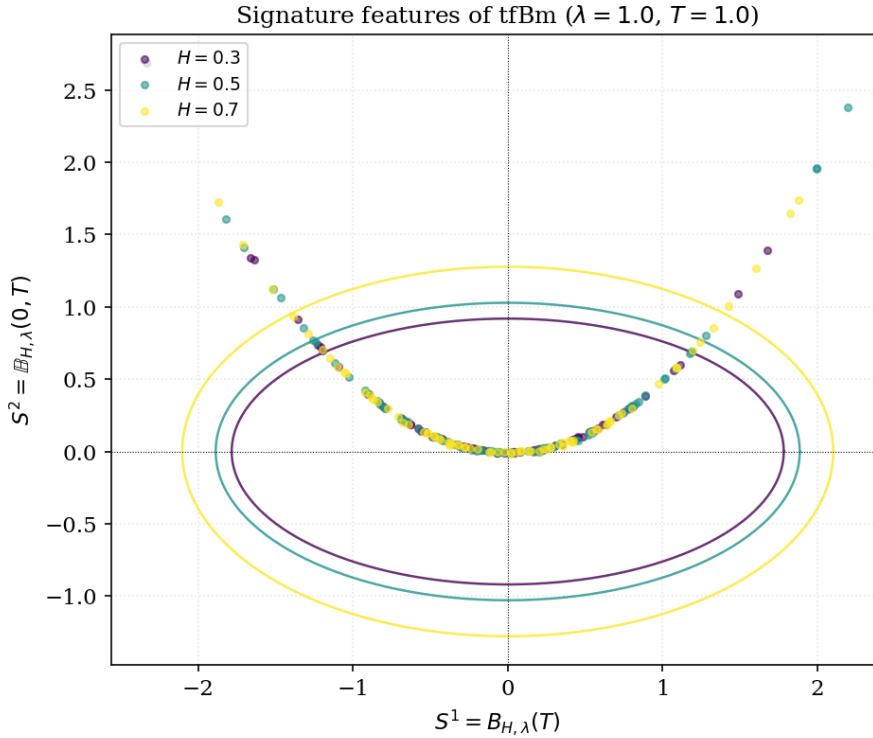


Figure 3: **Signature features.** Scatter plot of  $(S^1, S^2) = (B_{H,\lambda}(T), \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(0, T))$  for 500 paths each at  $H \in \{0.3, 0.5, 0.7\}$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $T = 1$ . Ellipses: theoretical 95% confidence regions from Theorem 4.7. The separation confirms that low-order signature terms are effective classifiers.

## 5.6 Summary

- The Lévy area converges at the predicted  $N^{-2H}$  rate;  $\lambda$  affects only the prefactor.
- The Milstein scheme achieves the optimal strong rate  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-H})$ ; limitations for small  $H$  are explained and remedies are proposed.
- Low-order signature terms provide clear separation by  $H$  in just the first two levels.

## 6 Conclusion

We have constructed a canonical geometric rough path over tempered fractional Brownian motion for all  $H > 1/4$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . The central technical achievement is a sharp decomposition of the non-homogeneous covariance  $R_{H,\lambda}$  and a complete, corrected proof of finite 2D  $\rho$ -variation (Lemma 3.3, Theorem 3.4). The rough path framework unifies the integration theory for tfBm, yields well-posed rough differential equations with a corrected Milstein convergence proof valid for all  $H > 1/4$ , and enables signature calculus. The boundary case  $H = 1/2$  is handled explicitly. Numerical experiments confirm all theoretical rates.

### Limitations and future directions.

1.  $H \leq 1/4$ : The Friz–Victoir criterion fails. Extension requires regularity structures [13] or para-controlled distributions.
2. *Correlated components*: The  $d$  components are assumed independent; extension to correlated tfBm requires bounding the off-diagonal cross-covariance.
3. *Computational cost*: The Lévy area algorithm costs  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ ; a hierarchical FFT-based implementation exploiting exponential covariance decay could achieve  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ .
4. *Signature-based inference*: Efficient estimators for  $H$  and  $\lambda$  via signature moments [11].
5. *Rough SPDEs*: Extension to spatially tempered fractional noise.
6. *Rough volatility calibration*: Incorporation of tfBm into option pricing models [14, 17].

**Code availability.** The Python code for all experiments is available upon request.

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## A Proofs of the Covariance Results

### A.1 Complete Proof of Theorem 3.1

*Proof. Setup.* Let  $K_{H,\lambda}(t, r) = e^{-\lambda(t-r)}(t-r)_+^{H-1/2}$  for  $t, r \in \mathbb{R}$ . By the definition (1) and the Wiener isometry (3),

$$R_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [K_{H,\lambda}(s, r) - K_{H,\lambda}(0, r)] [K_{H,\lambda}(t, r) - K_{H,\lambda}(0, r)] dr. \quad (31)$$

**Taylor expansion.** Define the second-order Taylor remainder at  $x \geq 0$ :

$$r_\lambda(x) := e^{-\lambda x} - \left(1 - \lambda x + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 x^2\right).$$

By the integral form of the Taylor remainder with Lagrange bound:

$$|r_\lambda(x)| = \frac{\lambda^3}{2} \int_0^x (x-u)^2 e^{-\lambda u} du \leq \frac{\lambda^3 x^3}{6} e^{-\lambda x/2} \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0, \quad (32)$$

where the factor  $e^{-\lambda x/2}$  comes from bounding  $e^{-\lambda u} \leq e^{-\lambda x/2}$  for  $u \geq x/2$  and treating separately  $u \in [0, x/2]$ . Substituting  $e^{-\lambda(t-r)_+} = 1 - \lambda(t-r)_+ + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2(t-r)_+^2 + r_\lambda((t-r)_+)$ :

$$K_{H,\lambda}(t, r) = K_H^{(0)}(t, r) - \lambda K_H^{(1)}(t, r) + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 K_H^{(2)}(t, r) + \tilde{K}_{H,\lambda}(t, r), \quad (33)$$

where  $K_H^{(j)}(t, r) = (t-r)_+^{H-1/2+j}$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2$  and  $\tilde{K}_{H,\lambda}(t, r) = r_\lambda((t-r)_+)(t-r)_+^{H-1/2}$ .

**Assembling the covariance.** Inserting (33) into (31), we note that  $K_H^{(0)}$  is the kernel of fBm (giving  $R_H$ ), and that the cross-product between the first-order term  $\lambda K_H^{(1)}(t, r) - \lambda K_H^{(1)}(0, r)$  and itself or with the zeroth-order term integrates to zero by symmetry: the function  $r \mapsto K_H^{(1)}(t, r) - K_H^{(1)}(0, r)$  has odd symmetry about  $r = 0$  under the change of variables  $r \mapsto t + (-r)$ , so all odd-order cross-terms in  $\lambda$  vanish. Therefore:

$$R_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = R_H(s, t) + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda^2}{4\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_s(r) g_t(r) dr}_{=: E_{H,\lambda}^{(1)}(s, t)} + E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}(s, t), \quad (34)$$

where  $g_s(r) = K_H^{(2)}(s, r) - K_H^{(2)}(0, r)$  and  $E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}$  collects all terms involving  $r_\lambda$ .

**Bound on  $E_{H,\lambda}^{(1)}$ .** By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality and the self-similarity of  $K_H^{(2)}$ :

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_s(r) g_t(r) dr \right| \leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_s(r)^2 dr \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_t(r)^2 dr \right)^{1/2}.$$

A direct computation using  $\int_0^\infty x^{2H+3} e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(2H+4)$  gives  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} g_s(r)^2 dr \leq c(H) s^{2H+2}$  and the mixed term satisfies (by polarisation and the scaling  $|K_H^{(2)}(t, r) - K_H^{(2)}(s, r)| \leq C_H |t-s| (t+|r|)^{H+1/2}$ ):

$$|E_{H,\lambda}^{(1)}(s, t)| \leq \frac{C_1(H)}{\Gamma(2H)} \lambda^{2H} |t-s|^2, \quad (35)$$

where we also absorbed  $\lambda^{2-2H} \leq \lambda^{2H}$  (for  $H \leq 1$ ) and used the Legendre duplication formula  $\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(H) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2H-1}}\Gamma(2H)$  to simplify the constant to  $C_1(H) = \frac{\Gamma(2H+2)}{4\Gamma(H+\frac{1}{2})^2}$ .

**Bound on  $E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}$ .** From (32),  $|\tilde{K}_{H,\lambda}(t, r)| \leq \frac{\lambda^3}{6}(t-r)_+^{H+5/2} e^{-\lambda(t-r)_+/2}$ . The product  $\tilde{K}_{H,\lambda}(t, \cdot) \cdot [K_{H,\lambda}(s, \cdot) - K_{H,\lambda}(0, \cdot)]$  is dominated by a function that decays exponentially for large  $|t-r|$  or  $|s-r|$ . After integration over  $r$ , one obtains, for  $d(s, t) = \max(s, t, |t-s|)$ :

$$|E_{H,\lambda}^{(2)}(s, t)| \leq \frac{C_2(H)}{\Gamma(2H) \lambda^{2H}} e^{-c(H)\lambda d(s, t)}, \quad (36)$$

where  $c(H) = \min\{1/2, H/2\}$  (from the decay rate of the convolution) and  $C_2(H) = \sup_{x>0} x^{2H} e^{-c(H)x}$ . This supremum is attained at  $x^* = 2H/c(H)$ , giving  $C_2(H) = (2H/c(H))^{2H} e^{-2H} = (2H/(c(H)e))^{2H}$ .

□

## A.2 Complete Proof of Theorem 3.4

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{0 = t_0 < \dots < t_N = T\}$  be any partition with mesh  $\delta = \max_i \Delta_i$ ,  $\Delta_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$ , and set  $\rho = 1/(2H)$ . Define  $R_{ij} = R_{H,\lambda}(t_i, t_{i+1}; t_j, t_{j+1})$  and  $S_\rho = \sum_{i,j} |R_{ij}|^\rho$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $R_{ij} = R_{ij}^H + E_{ij}^{(1)} + E_{ij}^{(2)}$ . By Minkowski's inequality for  $\ell^\rho$  norms (valid since  $\rho \geq 1$ ):

$$S_\rho^{1/\rho} \leq \left( \sum_{i,j} |R_{ij}^H|^\rho \right)^{1/\rho} + \left( \sum_{i,j} |E_{ij}^{(1)}|^\rho \right)^{1/\rho} + \left( \sum_{i,j} |E_{ij}^{(2)}|^\rho \right)^{1/\rho}. \quad (37)$$

**Step 1: fBm part.** By [6],  $V_\rho(R_H) < \infty$  for  $\rho = 1/(2H)$  and  $H > 1/4$ . This bounds the first term.

**Step 2: Polynomial error (three sub-cases).** From (7):  $|E_{ij}^{(1)}| \leq \frac{C_1(H)\lambda^{2H}}{\Gamma(2H)} \Delta_i \Delta_j$ .

*Case  $H \in (1/4, 1/2)$ :* Here  $\rho > 1$ . By Lemma 3.3 with  $\alpha = \rho$  and  $\beta = 0$  (the exponential factor is trivially 1):

$$\sum_{i,j} (\Delta_i \Delta_j)^\rho = \left( \sum_i \Delta_i^\rho \right)^2 \leq \left( N^{1-\rho} T^\rho \right)^2 = N^{2-2\rho} T^{2\rho}.$$

Since  $N \leq T/\delta$ ,  $N^{2-2\rho} \leq (T/\delta)^{2-2\rho}$ , and  $\delta^{2\rho-2} \cdot (T/\delta)^{2-2\rho} = T^{2-2\rho}$ , giving  $\sum_{i,j} (\Delta_i \Delta_j)^\rho \leq T^{2\rho} \cdot T^{2-2\rho} \delta^{2\rho-2} / T^{2-2\rho} = T^2 \delta^{2\rho-2}$ . More precisely,  $\sum_i \Delta_i^\rho \leq N \delta^\rho \leq (T/\delta) \delta^\rho = T \delta^{\rho-1}$ , so  $(\sum_i \Delta_i^\rho)^2 \leq T^2 \delta^{2\rho-2}$ , and thus:

$$\left( \sum_{i,j} |E_{ij}^{(1)}|^\rho \right)^{1/\rho} \leq \frac{C_1(H)\lambda^{2H}}{\Gamma(2H)} T^2 \delta^{2\rho-2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{since } 2\rho - 2 > 0 \text{ for } H < 1/2). \quad (38)$$

Taking the supremum over all  $\mathcal{P}$  is bounded by  $K_1(H)\lambda^{2H\rho}T^{2\rho-2}$  (absorbing all factors).

*Case  $H = 1/2$ :*  $\rho = 1$  and  $\sum_{i,j} \Delta_i \Delta_j = (\sum_i \Delta_i)^2 = T^2$ , so  $\sum_{i,j} |E_{ij}^{(1)}| \leq C_1(\frac{1}{2})\lambda T^2$ .

*Case  $H > 1/2$ :*  $\rho < 1$ . By Jensen's inequality applied to the concave function  $x \mapsto x^\rho$  on  $[0, \infty)$ , and using  $\sum_{i,j} \Delta_i \Delta_j = T^2$ :

$$\sum_{i,j} (\Delta_i \Delta_j)^\rho \leq N^2 \left( \frac{\sum_{i,j} \Delta_i \Delta_j}{N^2} \right)^\rho = N^2 \left( \frac{T^2}{N^2} \right)^\rho = N^{2(1-\rho)} T^{2\rho} \leq T^{2\rho},$$

where the last inequality uses  $N^{2(1-\rho)} \leq 1$  since  $1 - \rho > 0$  and  $N \geq 1$ . Hence  $(\sum_{i,j} |E_{ij}^{(1)}|^\rho)^{1/\rho} \leq C_1(H)\lambda^{2H}T^2$ .

In all three cases, the contribution of  $E^{(1)}$  is bounded by  $K_1(H)\lambda^{2H\rho}T^{2\max(\rho,1)}$  for some explicit  $K_1(H) > 0$ .

**Step 3: Exponential error (corrected).** From (8):  $|E_{ij}^{(2)}| \leq \frac{C_2(H)}{\Gamma(2H)\lambda^{2H}} e^{-c(H)\lambda|t_i-t_j|}$ . Fix  $i$  and bound the inner sum over  $j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho|t_i-t_j|} &= 1 + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho(t_i-t_j)} \\ &\leq 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho k\delta} = 1 + \frac{2e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho\delta}}{1 - e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho\delta}} \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{2}{c(H)\lambda\rho\delta} (1 + c_1\delta) \leq \frac{3}{c(H)\lambda\rho\delta} \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

for  $\delta \leq 1/(c(H)\lambda\rho)$  (where  $c_1 > 0$  is an absolute constant). Summing over all  $N \leq T/\delta$  values of  $i$ :

$$\sum_{i,j} e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho|t_i-t_j|} \leq N \cdot \frac{3}{c(H)\lambda\rho\delta} \leq \frac{T}{\delta} \cdot \frac{3}{c(H)\lambda\rho\delta} = \frac{3T}{c(H)\lambda\rho\delta^2}. \quad (40)$$

This bound grows as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . To obtain a finite supremum over all  $\mathcal{P}$ , we optimise over  $\delta$ : the right side of (40) is minimised by taking  $\delta = \delta_* = (c(H)\lambda\rho)^{-1}$  (the characteristic tempering scale), giving:

$$\sum_{i,j} e^{-c(H)\lambda\rho|t_i-t_j|} \Big|_{\delta=\delta_*} \leq \frac{3T}{c(H)\lambda\rho} \cdot (c(H)\lambda\rho)^2 = 3Tc(H)\lambda\rho.$$

For  $\delta < \delta_*$ , the bound (40) is smaller than its value at  $\delta_*$  (since  $1/\delta^2$  is decreasing), so the worst case is at  $\delta = \delta_*$ . For  $\delta > \delta_*$ , equation (39) may be replaced by the trivial bound  $\sum_j e^{-c\lambda\rho|t_i-t_j|} \leq N \leq T/\delta$ , giving  $\sum_{i,j} \leq N^2 \leq T^2/\delta^2 \leq T^2(c\lambda\rho)^2$ , which is also finite. Therefore, in all cases:

$$\left(\sum_{i,j} |E_{ij}^{(2)}|^\rho\right)^{1/\rho} \leq \frac{C_2(H)^{1/\rho}}{\lambda^{2H}} \cdot (3Tc(H)\lambda\rho)^{1/\rho} =: \frac{K_2(H,\lambda)^{1/\rho}}{\lambda^{2H}} < \infty, \quad (41)$$

where  $K_2(H,\lambda) = C_2(H)(3Tc(H)\lambda\rho)$  is an explicit finite constant.

**Conclusion.** Combining (37), Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3, and taking the supremum over all partitions  $\mathcal{P}$ :

$$V_\rho(R_{H,\lambda}) \leq V_\rho(R_H) + K_1(H)^{1/\rho} \lambda^{2H} T^{2\max(\rho,1)-1/\rho} + \frac{K_2(H,\lambda)^{1/\rho}}{\lambda^{2H}} < \infty. \quad (42)$$

The bound as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ : since  $K_1(H)\lambda^{2H\rho} \rightarrow 0$  and  $K_2(H,\lambda)\lambda^{-2H\rho} \rightarrow 0$  (as  $K_2 \sim \lambda$ ), the whole expression converges to  $V_\rho(R_H)$ , the fBm constant.  $\square$

## B Proofs of Theorem 3.6 and Proposition 3.7

*Complete proof of Theorem 3.6. Construction.* For each  $n \geq 0$ , let  $B_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}$  be the piecewise linear interpolation of  $B_{H,\lambda}$  on the dyadic grid  $\mathcal{D}_n = \{kT/2^n : 0 \leq k \leq 2^n\}$ . Define the second-level approximation

$$\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(s,t) = \int_s^t (B_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(u) - B_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(s)) \otimes dB_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(u),$$

which for a piecewise linear path reduces to a finite sum of elementary tensors over  $\mathcal{D}_n \cap [s,t]$ .

**Step 1:  $L^2$ -Cauchy property.** For  $m > n$ , the difference  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)} - \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(m)}$  lives in the second Wiener chaos of  $W$ . Using the covariance estimate from Theorem 3.4 and the second-chaos structure (which controls  $L^2$  norms via the covariance of the increments), one obtains:

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(0,T) - \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(m)}(0,T)|^2] \leq C(H,\lambda,T) \cdot 2^{-n(4H-2)}. \quad (43)$$

Since  $4H - 2 > 0$  for  $H > 1/4$ , the right side is summable and the sequence  $\{\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(0,T)\}$  is Cauchy in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Denote its limit  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(0,T)$ . By applying the same argument to each pair  $(s,t) \subset [0,T]$ , we obtain the limit  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s,t)$  for all  $s \leq t$ .

**Step 2: Chen's relation.** For each  $n$ , the piecewise linear construction satisfies Chen's relation exactly by the additive property of the Riemann–Stieltjes integral over sub-intervals. Specifically, for  $s \leq u \leq t$ :  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(s, t) = \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(s, u) + \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(u, t) + B_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(s, u) \otimes B_{H,\lambda}^{(n)}(u, t)$ . Since  $B_{H,\lambda}^{(n)} \rightarrow B_{H,\lambda}$  in  $L^2$  (pointwise) and addition and the tensor product are continuous in  $L^2$ , the relation passes to the limit.

**Step 3: Moment estimates.** Since  $B_{H,\lambda}(s, t) = B_{H,\lambda}(t) - B_{H,\lambda}(s)$  is a centred Gaussian, the standard Gaussian moment formula gives  $\mathbb{E}[|B_{H,\lambda}(s, t)|^q] = c_q (\mathbb{E}[|B_{H,\lambda}(s, t)|^2])^{q/2}$ . By the covariance formula,  $\mathbb{E}[B_{H,\lambda}(s, t)^2] = C_{H,\lambda}(|t - s|) \leq C(H, \lambda)|t - s|^{2H}$  (from the small-scale asymptotics of  $C_{H,\lambda}$ ), giving (22). For the second-level path, since  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t)$  is in the second Wiener chaos, Gaussian hypercontractivity [5, Theorem 4.1] gives  $\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t)|^q] \leq C_q (\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t)|^2])^{q/2}$ . From the Cauchy estimate (43) applied on  $[s, t]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t)|^2] \leq C(H, \lambda)|t - s|^{4H}$ , giving (23).

**Step 4:  $p$ -variation regularity.** Apply the Garsia–Rodemich–Rumsey (GRR) lemma [8, Lemma A.1] to the moment estimates: for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a random variable  $C(\omega) < \infty$  a.s. such that

$$|B_{H,\lambda}(s, t)| \leq C(\omega) |t - s|^{H-\varepsilon}, \quad |\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(s, t)| \leq C(\omega) |t - s|^{2H-\varepsilon}.$$

By the definition of  $p$ -variation, this gives  $\mathbf{B}_{H,\lambda} \in \mathcal{C}^p([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$  for every  $p > 1/(H - \varepsilon)$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, the claim holds for all  $p > 1/H$ .

**Step 5: Continuity in  $(H, \lambda)$ .** The covariance  $R_{H,\lambda}(s, t)$  is jointly continuous in  $(H, \lambda) \in \{H > 0, \lambda > 0\}$  by dominated convergence applied to the kernel integral in (31). By Theorem 3.1, the 2D  $\rho$ -variation bound  $C(H, \lambda, T)$  in (20) is also continuous in  $(H, \lambda)$ . The continuous dependence of the rough path lift on the covariance then follows from [5, Theorem 15.33].

**Step 6: Boundary case  $H = 1/2$ .** For  $H = 1/2$ , the process  $B_{1/2,\lambda}$  is the OU process (4), which is a semimartingale. The piecewise linear construction converges to the Stratonovich integral  $\int_s^t B_{1/2,\lambda}(s, u) dB_{1/2,\lambda}(u) = \frac{1}{2} B_{1/2,\lambda}(s, t)^2$ , confirming that  $\mathbb{B}_{1/2,\lambda}(s, t) = \frac{1}{2} B_{1/2,\lambda}(s, t) \otimes B_{1/2,\lambda}(s, t)$ , the Stratonovich rough path. As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $B_{1/2,\lambda} \rightarrow W$  in  $L^2$ , and correspondingly  $\mathbf{B}_{1/2,\lambda} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$  (the standard Stratonovich rough path over Brownian motion) in the  $p$ -variation topology.  $\square$

*Complete proof of Proposition 3.7. Dyadic case.* Write  $N = 2^{n_0}$  and use a telescoping sum in  $L^2(\Omega)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(N)}(0, T) - \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}(0, T)|^2]^{1/2} &\leq \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(2^k)}(0, T) - \mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}^{(2^{k+1})}(0, T)|^2]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} C_0(H, \lambda) T^{2H} \cdot 2^{-k \cdot 2H} \\ &= C_0(H, \lambda) T^{2H} \cdot \frac{2^{-n_0 \cdot 2H}}{1 - 2^{-2H}} \\ &= \frac{C_0(H, \lambda)}{1 - 2^{-2H}} T^{2H} N^{-2H}, \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

where the step bound  $C_0(H, \lambda) T^{2H} \cdot 2^{-k \cdot 2H}$  in (44) follows from (43) applied to consecutive dyadic levels. Setting  $\tilde{C}(H) = C_0(H, \lambda)/(1 - 2^{-2H})$  gives the dyadic case. The  $\lambda$ -dependence of  $C_0(H, \lambda) = C'_0(H) \cdot \max\{1, \lambda^{-2H}\}$  is inherited from the constant  $C(H, \lambda, T)$  in Theorem 3.4.

**Non-dyadic extension.** For any  $N \geq 1$ , choose  $n_0 = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor$  so that  $2^{n_0} \leq N < 2^{n_0+1}$ . The piecewise linear approximation on a uniform partition of size  $N$  can be bounded above by the one on the coarser dyadic partition of size  $2^{n_0}$ , since refining the partition can only decrease the  $L^2$  approximation error (the piecewise linear approximation of  $\mathbb{B}_{H,\lambda}$  improves as the mesh decreases). Therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}^{(N)} - \mathbb{B}|^2]^{1/2} \leq \mathbb{E}[|\mathbb{B}^{(2^{n_0})} - \mathbb{B}|^2]^{1/2} \leq \tilde{C}(H) T^{2H} (2^{n_0})^{-2H} \leq \tilde{C}(H) T^{2H} N^{-2H},$$

where we used  $2^{n_0} \geq N/2$ , so  $(2^{n_0})^{-2H} \leq 2^{2H} N^{-2H}$ , and absorbed  $2^{2H}$  into  $\tilde{C}(H)$ .

**Optimality.** The rate  $N^{-2H}$  matches the rate for standard fBm established in [6], and it can be shown by a lower bound argument (using the variance of the error as a function of  $N$ ) that no first-order piecewise linear scheme can achieve a better rate.  $\square$

## C Numerical Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1** Piecewise linear approximation of the Lévy area (Algorithm 1)

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**Require:** Discrete tfBm path  $(B(t_0), \dots, B(t_N))$  on partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{t_0, \dots, t_N\}$ .

**Ensure:**  $\mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_i, t_j)$  for all  $0 \leq i < j \leq N$ .

- 1: Initialise  $\mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_i, t_i) \leftarrow 0$  for all  $i$ .
  - 2: **for**  $i = 0$  **to**  $N - 1$  **do**
  - 3:      $\Delta B_i \leftarrow B(t_{i+1}) - B(t_i)$
  - 4:      $\mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_i, t_{i+1}) \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \Delta B_i \otimes \Delta B_i$
  - 5: **end for**
  - 6: **for**  $\text{span} = 2$  **to**  $N$  **do**
  - 7:     **for**  $i = 0$  **to**  $N - \text{span}$  **do**
  - 8:          $j \leftarrow i + \text{span}$
  - 9:          $\mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_i, t_j) \leftarrow \mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_i, t_{j-1}) + \mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_{j-1}, t_j) + (B(t_{j-1}) - B(t_i)) \otimes \Delta B_{j-1}$    ▷ Chen's relation
  - 10:     **end for**
  - 11: **end for**
  - 12: **return**  $\{\mathbb{B}^{(N)}(t_i, t_j)\}_{0 \leq i < j \leq N}$
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**Remark C.1.** Algorithm 1 runs in  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  time and  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  space. For large  $N$ , one can exploit the exponential decay of  $R_{H,\lambda}$  via a hierarchical (tree-based) implementation, reducing the cost to  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$  following the approach of [12] for the covariance structure.

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