YieldMax Quantitative Optimization Engine

Core Optimization Framework

1. Multi-Factor Yield Optimization Model

The core objective function maximizes risk-adjusted returns after all costs:

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maximize: Σ(i∈chains, j∈protocols) [R_ij * A_ij - C_ij - S_ij] * (1 - σ_ij)

where:
R_ij = yield rate on chain i, protocol j
A_ij = allocation amount
C_ij = total cost (gas + CCIP + slippage)
S_ij = MEV/sandwich attack expected loss
σ_ij = risk factor (0 to 1)

subject to:
Σ A_ij = TVL
A_ij ≥ 0
A_ij ≤ max_allocation_j * TVL
R_ij * A_ij - C_ij ≥ min_profit_threshold
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2. Rebalancing Decision Algorithm

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```python
def should_rebalance(current_state, market_state):
    """
    Determines if rebalancing is profitable after all costs
    """
    # Calculate potential new allocation
    optimal_allocation = optimize_allocation(market_state)

    # Estimate total rebalancing cost
    rebalance_cost = calculate_rebalance_cost(
        current_state,
        optimal_allocation
    )

    # Calculate expected profit improvement
    current_yield = calculate_portfolio_yield(current_state)
    optimal_yield = calculate_portfolio_yield(optimal_allocation)

    # Time-weighted profit calculation (4-hour epoch)
    time_to_next_epoch = 4 * 3600  # seconds
    profit_improvement = (optimal_yield - current_yield) * TVL * time_to_next_epoch / SECONDS_F

    # Profitability conditions
    conditions = {
        'profitable': profit_improvement > rebalance_cost * 1.5,  # 50% safety margin
        'urgent': profit_improvement > rebalance_cost * 3,        # High priority
        'min_size': profit_improvement > 1000,                    # $1000 minimum
        'risk_adjusted': calculate_risk_score(optimal_allocation) < 0.7
    }

    return all([
        conditions['profitable'],
        conditions['min_size'],
        conditions['risk_adjusted']
    ]), conditions['urgent']

def calculate_rebalance_cost(current, target):
    """
    Comprehensive cost model for rebalancing
    """
    total_cost = 0

    for chain_from, protocol_from, amount in get_withdrawals(current, target):
        # Withdrawal costs
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        gas_cost = GAS_PRICES[chain_from] * GAS_UNITS['withdraw'][protocol_from]
        slippage = amount * SLIPPAGE_MODEL[protocol_from](amount)

        # CCIP message cost (if cross-chain)
        ccip_cost = 0
        if needs_cross_chain(chain_from, get_target_chain(target, amount)):
            ccip_cost = CCIP_BASE_COST[chain_from] + CCIP_PER_BYTE * 32

        total_cost += gas_cost + slippage + ccip_cost

    for chain_to, protocol_to, amount in get_deposits(current, target):
        # Deposit costs
        gas_cost = GAS_PRICES[chain_to] * GAS_UNITS['deposit'][protocol_to]

        # MEV protection cost (private mempool fees)
        mev_protection = amount * 0.0005 if amount > 100000 else 0

        total_cost += gas_cost + mev_protection

    return total_cost
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3. Gas Estimation Models

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```python
class GasEstimator:
    def __init__(self):
        # Base gas units for operations (mainnet calibrated)
        self.base_gas = {
            'ethereum': {
                'deposit': {'aave': 150000, 'compound': 180000},
                'withdraw': {'aave': 200000, 'compound': 220000},
                'ccip_send': 150000,
                'ccip_receive': 100000
            },
            'arbitrum': {
                'deposit': {'aave': 500000, 'compound': 600000},
                'withdraw': {'aave': 600000, 'compound': 700000},
                'ccip_send': 200000,
                'ccip_receive': 150000
            },
            'optimism': {
                'deposit': {'aave': 400000, 'compound': 500000},
                'withdraw': {'aave': 500000, 'compound': 600000},
                'ccip_send': 180000,
                'ccip_receive': 130000
            }
        }

        # Dynamic multipliers based on network congestion
        self.congestion_multiplier = {
            'low': 1.0,
            'medium': 1.5,
            'high': 2.5,
            'extreme': 4.0
        }

    def estimate_operation_cost(self, chain, operation, protocol, amount, urgency='medium'):
        """
        Returns cost in USD for a given operation
        """
        # Get base gas units
        gas_units = self.base_gas[chain][operation][protocol]

        # Apply congestion multiplier
        congestion = self.get_network_congestion(chain)
        gas_units *= self.congestion_multiplier[congestion]
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        # Apply size multiplier (larger transactions need more gas)
        if amount > 1000000:  # >$1M
            gas_units *= 1.2

        # Get current gas price from oracle
        gas_price = self.get_gas_price(chain)  # in gwei

        # Calculate cost
        eth_cost = (gas_units * gas_price) / 1e9
        usd_cost = eth_cost * self.get_eth_price()

        return usd_cost

    def batch_efficiency_calculator(self, operations):
        """
        Calculate gas savings from batching operations
        """
        individual_cost = sum(self.estimate_operation_cost(*op) for op in operations)

        # Batching saves ~60% on average
        batch_overhead = 50000  # Fixed overhead for batch transaction
        per_operation = 30000   # Marginal cost per operation in batch

        batch_gas = batch_overhead + (per_operation * len(operations))
        batch_cost = self.gas_to_usd(operations[0][0], batch_gas)

        savings = individual_cost - batch_cost
        efficiency = savings / individual_cost

        return {
            'individual_cost': individual_cost,
            'batch_cost': batch_cost,
            'savings': savings,
            'efficiency': efficiency,
            'profitable': savings > 0
        }
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4. Yield Prediction Models

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```python
class YieldPredictor:
    def __init__(self):
        self.history_weight = 0.7  # Weight for historical data
        self.current_weight = 0.3  # Weight for current rates

    def predict_yield(self, protocol, chain, horizon='4h'):
        """
        Predict yield using weighted moving average with volatility adjustment
        """
        # Get historical yields (last 7 days, hourly)
        historical = self.get_historical_yields(protocol, chain, days=7)

        # Calculate weighted moving averages
        wma_24h = self.weighted_moving_average(historical[-24:], decay=0.95)
        wma_7d = self.weighted_moving_average(historical, decay=0.99)

        # Current rate from Data Streams
        current_rate = self.get_current_rate(protocol, chain)

        # Volatility adjustment
        volatility = np.std(historical[-24:])
        volatility_penalty = 1 - (volatility / current_rate) * 0.5

        # Time-based prediction
        predictions = {
            '1h': current_rate * 0.9 + wma_24h * 0.1,
            '4h': current_rate * 0.7 + wma_24h * 0.3,
            '24h': wma_24h * 0.6 + wma_7d * 0.4,
        }

        # Apply volatility penalty
        adjusted_prediction = predictions[horizon] * volatility_penalty

        # MEV impact estimation (yield reduction from MEV)
        mev_impact = self.estimate_mev_impact(protocol, chain)

        return max(adjusted_prediction - mev_impact, 0)

    def estimate_mev_impact(self, protocol, chain):
        """
        Estimate yield reduction from MEV attacks
        """
        base_mev_risk = {
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        'ethereum': 0.002,  # 0.2% base risk
        'arbitrum': 0.0005,
        'optimism': 0.0008,
        'polygon': 0.0003
    }

    protocol_multiplier = {
        'aave': 0.5,      # Lower risk due to size
        'compound': 0.6,
        'morpho': 1.2,    # Higher risk, smaller protocol
        'spark': 1.0
    }

    return base_mev_risk[chain] * protocol_multiplier[protocol]
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5. Portfolio Allocation Optimization

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```python
def optimize_allocation(market_state, constraints):
    """
    Markowitz-inspired optimization with DeFi-specific constraints
    """
    n_chains = len(SUPPORTED_CHAINS)
    n_protocols = len(SUPPORTED_PROTOCOLS)
    n_assets = n_chains * n_protocols

    # Expected returns matrix (after costs)
    returns = np.zeros(n_assets)
    for i, (chain, protocol) in enumerate(product(SUPPORTED_CHAINS, SUPPORTED_PROTOCOLS)):
        gross_yield = market_state['yields'][chain][protocol]
        costs = estimate_position_costs(chain, protocol, TVL / n_assets)
        returns[i] = gross_yield - costs

    # Covariance matrix (protocol correlations)
    cov_matrix = calculate_protocol_correlations(market_state)

    # Optimization constraints
    def constraint_sum_to_one(x):
        return np.sum(x) - 1.0

    def constraint_max_allocation(x, max_pct=0.4):
        return max_pct - np.max(x)

    def constraint_min_position(x, min_size=50000):
        # Positions must be 0 or >= min_size
        return np.min([xi if xi == 0 else xi - min_size/TVL for xi in x])

    def constraint_max_chains(x, max_chains=3):
        # Limit active chains for gas efficiency
        chains_used = len(set([i // n_protocols for i, xi in enumerate(x) if xi > 0]))
        return max_chains - chains_used

    # Risk-adjusted Sharpe ratio objective
    def objective(x):
        portfolio_return = np.dot(x, returns)
        portfolio_variance = np.dot(x, np.dot(cov_matrix, x))

        # Add penalties
        concentration_penalty = np.sum(x**2) * 0.1  # Penalize concentration
        complexity_penalty = len([xi for xi in x if xi > 0]) * 0.001  # Penalize many positions
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    sharpe = (portfolio_return - RISK_FREE_RATE) / np.sqrt(portfolio_variance)
    return -(sharpe - concentration_penalty - complexity_penalty)

# Solve optimization
constraints = [
    {'type': 'eq', 'fun': constraint_sum_to_one},
    {'type': 'ineq', 'fun': constraint_max_allocation},
    {'type': 'ineq', 'fun': constraint_min_position},
    {'type': 'ineq', 'fun': constraint_max_chains}
]

bounds = [(0, 1) for _ in range(n_assets)]
x0 = np.ones(n_assets) / n_assets  # Equal weight starting point

result = minimize(objective, x0, method='SLSQP', bounds=bounds, constraints=constraints)

return result.x
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6. Risk Scoring Methodology

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```python
class RiskScorer:
    def __init__(self):
        self.risk_factors = {
            'protocol_tvl': 0.2,       # Size matters for security
            'time_deployed': 0.15,     # Battle-tested protocols
            'audit_score': 0.2,        # Security audits
            'oracle_risk': 0.15,       # Price manipulation risk
            'liquidity_depth': 0.2,    # Exit liquidity
            'governance_risk': 0.1     # Centralization risk
        }

    def calculate_protocol_risk(self, protocol, chain):
        """
        Returns risk score 0 (safe) to 1 (risky)
        """
        scores = {}

        # Protocol TVL risk (inverse relationship)
        tvl = self.get_protocol_tvl(protocol, chain)
        scores['protocol_tvl'] = 1 / (1 + np.log(tvl / 1e6))  # Log scale, $1M base

        # Time deployed (days)
        days_deployed = self.get_deployment_age(protocol, chain)
        scores['time_deployed'] = 1 / (1 + days_deployed / 365)  # 1 year = low risk

        # Audit score (0-10 scale)
        audit_rating = self.get_audit_rating(protocol)
        scores['audit_score'] = 1 - (audit_rating / 10)

        # Oracle risk
        oracle_type = self.get_oracle_type(protocol, chain)
        oracle_risks = {
            'chainlink': 0.1,
            'uniswap_twap': 0.3,
            'custom': 0.6,
            'none': 1.0
        }
        scores['oracle_risk'] = oracle_risks.get(oracle_type, 0.5)

        # Liquidity depth
        exit_liquidity = self.get_exit_liquidity(protocol, chain)
        scores['liquidity_depth'] = 1 / (1 + exit_liquidity / 1e7)  # $10M = low risk
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        # Governance risk
        governance_type = self.get_governance_type(protocol)
        gov_risks = {
            'immutable': 0.0,
            'timelock': 0.2,
            'multisig': 0.4,
            'dao': 0.3,
            'admin': 0.8
        }
        scores['governance_risk'] = gov_risks.get(governance_type, 0.5)

        # Weighted average
        total_risk = sum(
            scores[factor] * weight
            for factor, weight in self.risk_factors.items()
        )

        return total_risk

    def calculate_systemic_risk(self, allocations):
        """
        Portfolio-level risk including correlations
        """
        # Concentration risk (Herfindahl index)
        hhi = sum(alloc**2 for alloc in allocations)
        concentration_risk = hhi

        # Correlation risk
        correlation_matrix = self.get_protocol_correlations()
        correlation_risk = np.mean(correlation_matrix[correlation_matrix < 1])

        # Chain risk (single chain failure)
        chain_allocations = self.aggregate_by_chain(allocations)
        max_chain_exposure = max(chain_allocations.values())

        return {
            'total_risk': 0.4 * concentration_risk + 0.3 * correlation_risk + 0.3 * max_chain_e
            'concentration': concentration_risk,
            'correlation': correlation_risk,
            'chain_exposure': max_chain_exposure
        }
```

7. MEV Protection and Execution Strategy

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```python
class MEVProtection:
    def __init__(self):
        self.sandwich_threshold = 100000  # $100k triggers protection

    def calculate_execution_strategy(self, amount, chain, urgency):
        """
        Determines optimal execution to minimize MEV
        """
        if amount < self.sandwich_threshold:
            return {
                'method': 'public',
                'slippage': 0.003,  # 0.3%
                'estimated_loss': amount * 0.0005
            }

        # Large transactions need protection
        strategies = []

        # Strategy 1: Time-based splitting
        if urgency == 'low':
            chunks = math.ceil(amount / 500000)  # $500k chunks
            strategies.append({
                'method': 'time_split',
                'chunks': chunks,
                'interval': 900,  # 15 minutes
                'slippage': 0.002,
                'estimated_loss': amount * 0.0003
            })

        # Strategy 2: Commit-reveal
        if chain == 'ethereum':
            strategies.append({
                'method': 'commit_reveal',
                'delay': 300,  # 5 minutes
                'slippage': 0.001,
                'estimated_loss': amount * 0.0002 + 50  # Fixed cost
            })

        # Strategy 3: Private mempool
        flashbots_chains = ['ethereum', 'arbitrum']
        if chain in flashbots_chains:
            strategies.append({
                'method': 'flashbots',
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                'slippage': 0.0005,
                'estimated_loss': amount * 0.0001 + 100  # Tip + slippage
            })

        # Choose optimal strategy
        return min(strategies, key=lambda s: s['estimated_loss'])

    def randomize_execution_time(self, base_time, window=300):
        """
        Add randomness to execution timing
        """
        # Exponential distribution for unpredictability
        delay = np.random.exponential(window / 3)
        return base_time + min(delay, window)
```

8. Profitability Models

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class ProfitabilityCalculator:
    def __init__(self):
        self.fee_structure = {
            'management': 0.005,    # 0.5% annually
            'performance': 0.10,    # 10% of profits
            'gas_subsidy_tvl': 10e6 # Subsidize until $10M TVL
        }

    def calculate_position_profitability(self, position, timeframe='annual'):
        """
        Real profitability after ALL costs
        """
        # Gross yield
        gross_yield = position['rate'] * position['amount']

        # Operating costs
        rebalances_per_year = 365 * 24 / 4  # 4-hour epochs
        rebalance_cost_annual = position['rebalance_cost'] * rebalances_per_year / position['pa

        # Protocol fees
        management_fee = position['amount'] * self.fee_structure['management']
        performance_fee = max(0, gross_yield - rebalance_cost_annual) * self.fee_structure['per

        # Slippage and MEV losses
        mev_loss_annual = position['amount'] * position['mev_risk'] * 12  # Monthly MEV events

        # Net calculation
        net_yield = gross_yield - rebalance_cost_annual - management_fee - performance_fee - me

        return {
            'gross_yield': gross_yield,
            'operating_costs': rebalance_cost_annual,
            'protocol_fees': management_fee + performance_fee,
            'mev_losses': mev_loss_annual,
            'net_yield': net_yield,
            'net_apy': net_yield / position['amount'],
            'profitable': net_yield > 0
        }

    def minimum_profitable_position_size(self, chain, protocol, yield_rate):
        """
        Calculate minimum position size for profitability
        """
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        # Fixed costs per rebalance
        rebalance_cost = self.estimate_rebalance_cost(chain, protocol)

        # Required yield to cover costs (4-hour epoch)
        required_yield_per_epoch = rebalance_cost * 1.5  # 50% margin

        # Minimum size calculation
        hours_per_year = 365 * 24
        epochs_per_year = hours_per_year / 4

        min_size = required_yield_per_epoch * epochs_per_year / yield_rate

        # Round up to nearest $10k
        return math.ceil(min_size / 10000) * 10000
```

9. Real-Time Rebalancing Triggers

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```python
class RebalanceTriggerEngine:
    def __init__(self):
        self.triggers = {
            'yield_differential': 0.02,    # 2% APY difference
            'risk_threshold': 0.7,         # Risk score limit
            'liquidity_crisis': 0.5,       # 50% liquidity drop
            'gas_opportunity': 0.3,        # 30% gas price drop
            'protocol_emergency': True     # Immediate trigger
        }

    def evaluate_triggers(self, current_state, market_state):
        """
        Real-time evaluation of rebalancing triggers
        """
        triggers_hit = []

        # Yield differential trigger
        current_yield = self.calculate_portfolio_yield(current_state)
        optimal_yield = self.calculate_optimal_yield(market_state)
        if optimal_yield - current_yield > self.triggers['yield_differential']:
            triggers_hit.append({
                'type': 'yield_differential',
                'urgency': 'medium',
                'potential_gain': (optimal_yield - current_yield) * TVL
            })

        # Risk trigger
        risk_score = self.calculate_portfolio_risk(current_state)
        if risk_score > self.triggers['risk_threshold']:
            triggers_hit.append({
                'type': 'risk_threshold',
                'urgency': 'high',
                'risk_reduction_needed': risk_score - 0.6
            })

        # Liquidity trigger
        for position in current_state['positions']:
            liquidity_ratio = self.get_liquidity_ratio(position)
            if liquidity_ratio < self.triggers['liquidity_crisis']:
                triggers_hit.append({
                    'type': 'liquidity_crisis',
                    'urgency': 'critical',
                    'affected_position': position,
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                'action': 'emergency_exit'
            })

    # Gas opportunity trigger
    current_gas = self.get_gas_prices()
    avg_gas = self.get_average_gas_prices(days=7)
    for chain, price in current_gas.items():
        if price < avg_gas[chain] * (1 - self.triggers['gas_opportunity']):
            triggers_hit.append({
                'type': 'gas_opportunity',
                'urgency': 'low',
                'chain': chain,
                'savings_potential': (avg_gas[chain] - price) / avg_gas[chain]
            })

    return triggers_hit
```

10. Cross-Chain Arbitrage Detection

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```python
class CrossChainArbitrage:
    def __init__(self):
        self.min_profit_threshold = 500  # $500 minimum profit
        self.execution_time = 300        # 5 minutes max

    def detect_arbitrage_opportunities(self, market_state):
        """
        Find profitable cross-chain yield arbitrage
        """
        opportunities = []

        for protocol in SUPPORTED_PROTOCOLS:
            yields_by_chain = {
                chain: market_state['yields'][chain][protocol]
                for chain in SUPPORTED_CHAINS
                if protocol in market_state['yields'][chain]
            }

            if len(yields_by_chain) < 2:
                continue

            # Find yield differentials
            max_chain = max(yields_by_chain, key=yields_by_chain.get)
            min_chain = min(yields_by_chain, key=yields_by_chain.get)

            yield_diff = yields_by_chain[max_chain] - yields_by_chain[min_chain]

            # Calculate execution costs
            withdrawal_cost = self.estimate_cost('withdraw', min_chain, protocol)
            ccip_cost = self.estimate_ccip_cost(min_chain, max_chain)
            deposit_cost = self.estimate_cost('deposit', max_chain, protocol)

            total_cost = withdrawal_cost + ccip_cost + deposit_cost

            # Time-based profitability
            profit_per_dollar = yield_diff / 365 / 24 * (self.execution_time / 3600)
            min_amount = (total_cost + self.min_profit_threshold) / profit_per_dollar

            if min_amount < 10e6:  # Reasonable amount (<$10M)
                opportunities.append({
                    'protocol': protocol,
                    'from_chain': min_chain,
                    'to_chain': max_chain,
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                'yield_differential': yield_diff,
                'min_profitable_amount': min_amount,
                'execution_cost': total_cost,
                'estimated_profit': min_amount * profit_per_dollar - total_cost,
                'roi': (min_amount * profit_per_dollar - total_cost) / total_cost
            })

    # Sort by ROI
    return sorted(opportunities, key=lambda x: x['roi'], reverse=True)
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Implementation Summary

This optimization engine provides:

1. **True Profitability**: Every decision includes gas, slippage, MEV, and protocol fees
2. **Dynamic Triggers**: Real-time monitoring with profit thresholds before any action
3. **Risk Management**: Multi-factor risk scoring prevents chasing unsustainable yields
4. **Gas Optimization**: Batching logic and chain selection minimize execution costs
5. **MEV Protection**: Multiple strategies to prevent value extraction

The engine ensures profitability through:

- Minimum position sizes based on real costs
- 4-hour rebalancing cycles for cost amortization
- 50% profit margins on all operations
- Dynamic fee models based on network conditions

This is designed for mainnet reality, not testnet dreams.