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The Multifractal Asset Pricing Model: A Revolutionary Unified Framework for Derivative Valuation and Market Efficiency

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Abstract

This paper introduces the Multifractal Asset Pricing Model (MAPM), a revolutionary framework that unifies Pareto-Lévy stable distribution theory (α), fractional Brownian motion theory (H), and multifractal theory (λ). MAPM replaces traditional derivative pricing with a unified system where each derivative represents a claim on a specific segment of a multifractal return distribution.

MAPM insists on a universal α for all derivatives of a given asset, as required by the Pareto-Lévy convolution theorem, while H and λ may vary systematically across derivative types due to sampling and path-dependence structure. Empirical analysis on the NASDAQ 100 (1998–2025) validates α universality ($\alpha = 1.8$) and derivative-specific H and λ patterns. Kelly-criterion trading enforces efficiency and transforms red-noise to pink-noise spectra. Twelve fundamental theorems are established, unifying disparate modeling traditions under MAPM.^[1]

1. Introduction: Unifying Three Mathematical Traditions

1.1 The Crisis in Traditional Derivative Modeling

Modern derivative pricing is fragmented, with each new empirical anomaly addressed through additional model complexity (stochastic vol, jumps, local vol, etc.), leading to a proliferation of parameters and internal inconsistency. No unified theoretical foundation underpins this landscape—complex models attempt to patch over phenomena best addressed by a fundamentally new approach.^[1]

1.2 The MAPM Revolution

MAPM synthesizes three distinct frameworks:

- **Pareto-Lévy stable distribution theory** (α : tail index; controls heaviness and convolution stability; universal across derivatives).
- **Fractional Brownian motion** (H : Hurst exponent; controls long-memory/persistence; derivative-specific by sampling).
- **Multifractal theory** (λ : intermittency coefficient; controls clustering and regime shifts; derivative-specific by path-dependence).^[1]

MAPM's innovation is to recognize that only three parameters fully describe the return space for all derivatives, with α enforced as universal by mathematical necessity.

1.3 Mathematical Integration and Parameter Consistency

- **α (stability index)**: Constant across all derivatives—convolution stability (required for arbitrage-free pricing).
- **H (Hurst exponent)**: Varies by derivative sampling of the underlying.
- **λ (intermittency)**: Varies by derivative path-dependence.

This framework aligns theory and empirical findings for all financial derivatives.^[1]

1.4 The Convergence of Mathematical Traditions

Each tradition developed to address a separate aspect of randomness (extremes, memory, clustering), but MAPM proves these must be unified in finance. All three effects are simultaneously present in real-world data, so any correct derivative pricing model must reflect all three within coherent constraints.^[1]

2. Mathematical Foundations: Three-Framework Integration

2.1 Pareto-Lévy Stability Index and Parameter Consistency

- **Convolution Theorem**: If X_1 and X_2 are independent stable rvs with α , then $X_1 + X_2$ is stable with the same α .
- **Stability Index α** :
 - Theoretical: $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ($\alpha = 1$: Cauchy, $\alpha = 2$: Gaussian)

- Empirical: $1.5 \leq \alpha \leq 1.8$ in financial returns (NASDAQ 100: $\alpha = 1.8 \pm 0.034$)
- **Critical:** Any cross-derivative inconsistency in α destroys convolution property and arbitrage-free pricing.^[1]

Table 1: Three-Framework Parameter Integration

Parameter	Source	Symbol	Range	NASDAQ 100	Mathematical Role	Derivative Consistency	
Stability Index	Pareto-Lévy	α	^[1]	1.8 ± 0.034	Heavy tails, convolution	Must be identical	
Hurst Exponent	Frac. Brownian Motion	H	(0,1)	0.55 ± 0.023	Long-range dependence	Varies by sampling	
Intermittency	Multifractal Theory	λ	$[0, \infty)$	0.32 ± 0.124	Volatility clustering	Varies by path-depend.	
Hausdorff Dimension	Scaling	D_H	(1,2)	1.45 ± 0.023	Path roughness (2-H)	Derivative-specific	^[1]

2.2 Fractional Brownian Motion and Derivative-Specific Sampling

- **H controls autocorrelation:**
 - $H = 0.5$ (Brownian, no memory), $H > 0.5$ (persistence), $H < 0.5$ (mean-reversion)
- **Derivatives:**
 - European: $H \approx H_{\text{underlying}}$ (direct sampling)
 - Asian: $H < H_{\text{underlying}}$ (averaging reduces persistence)
 - Barrier/Lookback: $H > H_{\text{underlying}}$ (first-passage/extreme-value amplifies).^[1]

2.3 Multifractal Theory and Path-Dependence

- **λ measures volatility clustering:** $\lambda = 0$: monofractal; $\lambda > 0$: multifractal
- **Derivatives:**
 - European: $\lambda \approx \lambda_{\text{underlying}}$
 - Asian: $\lambda < \lambda_{\text{underlying}}$ (averaging smooths)
 - Barrier/Digital: $\lambda > \lambda_{\text{underlying}}$ (amplifies clustering).^[1]

2.4 Lambda Regimes and MaxEnt

- **Three regimes:** Identified by MaxEnt:
 - Regime I ($\lambda \leq 0.2$): Efficient, minimal clustering
 - Regime II ($0.2 < \lambda \leq 0.6$): Typical, balanced
 - Regime III ($\lambda > 0.6$): Crisis, extreme clustering

- **Persistence:** Regime I (75%), II (70%), III (60%).^[1]

Table 2: Lambda Regime Classification

Regime	λ Range	Freq	Dominant Framework	Market State	Parameter Variation	
I	$0 \leq \lambda \leq 0.2$	16.2%	Frac. Brownian Motion	Efficient trends	Minimal	
II	$0.2 < \lambda \leq 0.6$	68.4%	Balanced Integration	Normal clustering	Significant	
III	$\lambda > 0.6$	15.4%	Multifractal Theory	Crisis/intermit.	Amplified	^[1]

2.5 Characteristic Function Approach

- **No closed-form PDF:** Use Zolotarev characteristic function for derivative-specific density, holding α universal, customizing H and λ .^[1]

3. Fundamental Theorems: Corrected Three-Framework Integration

3.1 Core Theorems

- **Theorem 1:** Scaling relation $S_q(\tau) = C_q \times \tau^{\{qH - \lambda q(q-1)/2\}}$
- **Theorem 2:** α consistency: $\alpha_{\text{underlying}} = \alpha_{\text{derivative}}$ (F-test)
- **Theorem 3:** $H, \lambda = f(\text{sampling, path-dependence})$
- **Theorem 4:** Kelly-optimal trading: mean return $E[r_t] \rightarrow 0$ while preserving parameter structure
- **Theorem 5:** Parameter relationships are functional, predictable ($R^2 > 0.85$ for all).^[1]

Table 3: Fundamental Theorems and Parameter Structure

Theorem	Scope	Key Result	Empirical Test	Validation	
Three-Framework Scaling	All	$S_q(\tau) = C_q \tau^{\{qH - \lambda q(q-1)/2\}}$	Structure function	✓	
α Consistency	Universal	$\alpha_{\text{underlying}} = \alpha_{\text{derivative}}$	Cross-derivative F-test	✓	
H and λ Variation	Derivative	$H, \lambda = f(\text{sampling, path-dep.})$	Derivative-specific t-tests	✓	
Kelly Efficiency	All	$E[r_t] \rightarrow 0$ under optimization	Kelly beta tests	✓	
Param. Relationships	H, λ	Predictable functional forms	Regression $R^2 > 0.85$	✓	^[1]

4. Contingent Claim Partitioning

4.1 The Universal-Specific Pricing Formula

- **α universal (must):** Required for arbitrage-free pricing.
- **H, λ specific:** Sampling/path-dependence effect.

4.2 European Options: Baseline

- $\alpha_{Eur} = \alpha_{underlying}$
- $H_{Eur} \approx H_{underlying}$
- $\lambda_{Eur} \approx \lambda_{underlying}$

4.3 Asian Options: Averaging Effects

- $\alpha_{Asian} = \alpha_{underlying}$
- $H_{Asian} < H_{underlying}$
- $\lambda_{Asian} < \lambda_{underlying}$

4.4 Barrier Options: Enhanced Sensitivity

- $\alpha_{Barrier} = \alpha_{underlying}$
- $H_{Barrier} > H_{underlying}$
- $\lambda_{Barrier} > \lambda_{underlying}$

4.5 Digital Options: Pure Tail Test

- $\alpha_{Digital} = \alpha_{underlying}$
- $H_{Digital} \approx H_{underlying}$
- $\lambda_{Digital} \approx \lambda_{underlying}$

Mathematical relationships and model forms provided in text. ^[1]

Table 4: MAPM vs. Traditional Model Comparison

Feature	Black-Scholes	Heston	LocalVol	JumpDiff	MAPM	
Parameters	1 (σ)	5	100+	6–8	3 (α, H, λ)	
α Consistency	No	No	No	No	Yes (universal)	
H Variation	No	No	No	No	Yes (sampling-dep.)	
λ Adaptation	No	No	No	No	Yes (path-dep.)	
Internal Consistency	No	No	No	No	Yes	
Regime Recognition	No	No	No	Limited	Yes (3 regimes)	

Feature	Black-Scholes	Heston	LocalVol	JumpDiff	MAPM	
Param. Stability	Poor	Poor	Very Poor	Poor	Excellent	
Crisis Performance	Fails	Fails	Fails	Moderate	Robust	[1]

5. Market Efficiency Through Kelly Criterion

5.1 Kelly Optimization

- **Universal α** is preserved under trading.
- **H and λ** adapt to derivative-specific features.
- **Martingale:** Kelly-optimal trading drives $E[r_t] \rightarrow 0$ for all derivatives, preserving full α , H, λ structure. [1]

5.2 Spectral Transformation

- **All derivatives:** Red noise (clustered volatility) transformed to pink noise under Kelly efficiency.
- **Parameter-specific:** H and λ manifest in derivative-specific spectral features – empirical, testable. [1]

6. Empirical Results: Parameter Consistency and Variation

6.1 Sample and Estimation

- **Data:** NASDAQ 100, 1998–2025, all standard derivatives.
- **α :** Universal via maximum likelihood.
- **H and λ :** Structure function and multifractal analysis (per derivative). [1]

6.2 Alpha Consistency

- F-statistic = 1.23, $p = 0.31$. Fail to reject α consistency: strong support for convolution requirement.
- $\alpha = 1.798 \pm 0.034$ across all derivatives. Stable for 27 years.

6.3 H Variation by Derivative

Derivative	H	Relation	Sampling Effect
Underlying	0.547	Baseline	Direct observation
European	0.545	~Underlying	Minimal change
Asian	0.493	<Underlying	Averaging reduces persis.

Derivative	H	Relation	Sampling Effect
Barrier	0.584	>Underlying	Enhances trend sensitivity
Digital	0.549	~Underlying	Minimal effect

- **Asian < Underlying:** $t = -3.47$, $p < 0.001$
- **Barrier > Underlying:** $t = 4.23$, $p < 0.001$
- **European \approx Underlying:** $t = -0.18$, $p = 0.86$.^[1]

6.4 λ Variation by Derivative

Derivative	λ	Relation	Path-Dependence Effect
Underlying	0.324	Baseline	Direct observation
European	0.321	~Underlying	No path-dependence
Asian	0.267	<Underlying	Averaging smooths clustering
Barrier	0.389	>Underlying	Amplifies clustering extremes
Digital	0.328	~Underlying	Binary payoffs

- **Asian < Underlying:** $t = -2.89$, $p = 0.004$
- **Barrier > Underlying:** $t = 3.15$, $p = 0.002$
- **European \approx Underlying:** $t = -0.09$, $p = 0.93$.^[1]

Table 5: NASDAQ 100 Parameter Structure Validation

Test Category	Test	Result	Significance	Interpretation	
α Consistency	Cross-deriv F-test	$F=1.23$, $p=0.31$	No rejection	Confirms convolution	
H Variation	Asian < Underlying	$t=-3.47$, $p<0.001$	Significant	Averaging reduces H	
H Variation	Barrier > Underlying	$t=4.23$, $p<0.001$	Significant	Amplifies H	
λ Variation	Asian < Underlying	$t=-2.89$, $p=0.004$	Significant	Averaging smooths λ	
λ Variation	Barrier > Underlying	$t=3.15$, $p=0.002$	Significant	Amplifies λ	
Relationships	Param R^2	All >0.85	Highly significant	Predictable relations	^[1]

6.5 Main Pricing Accuracy Results

Model	Structure	RMSE	Relative To MAPM
MAPM	α universal, H/λ variable	0.732	Baseline
MAPM-Fixed	α , H , λ all const	0.891	-18%
Black-Scholes	Gaussian	1.224	-40%
Heston	Stoch vol	1.087	-33%

Parameter variation improves pricing by 18% over fixed-parameter models.^[1]

7. Conclusion: Revolutionary Parameter Structure Discovery

7.1 The Parameter Consistency-Variation Discovery

- **MAPM's central result:** α universality is mathematically necessary; H and λ must be allowed to vary by sampling/path-dependence for empirical and theoretical validity.
- **Violation of α consistency breaks model;** flexibility in H/λ explains empirical success.^[1]

7.2 Empirical Validation

- **NASDAQ 100:** Universal α , derivative-specific H/λ , predictable mathematical relationships, all statistically validated ($R^2 > 0.85$).

7.3 Theoretical Implications

- **Convolution stability** requires α consistency.
- **Fractional Brownian and multifractal** frameworks legitimize parameter variation for H and λ , supporting both practical implementation and deep theoretical rigor.^[1]

8. Revolutionary Implications

8.1 Paradigm Transformation

- MAPM eliminates the patchwork model problem, unifying derivative pricing theory across all instruments and empirical conditions.
- **Parameter structure is both a scientific discovery and a practical implementation guide.**

8.2 Impact on Finance

- **Enhanced efficiency:** Accurate pricing, better risk aggregation, improved market stability.
- **Innovation:** Enables creation of new derivatives with predictable pricing, supports regulatory review, and deepens understanding of market microstructure.^[1]

8.3 Scientific Maturation

- Finance shifts from phenomenological modeling to rigorous theoretical foundation.

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