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可轉換公司債是一種重要的公司債,它允許債券投資人將債券轉換成發行公司的 股票,以分享公司的獲利和成長。建構一個精確地具違約風險的可轉債的評價方 法十分棘手,因為必須同時處理可轉債所具備的債券和權益特性,和這些特性和 公司的違約風險的複雜關聯。本研究計畫建構一個兩因子的樹狀結構,可同時模 擬股價和短利的隨機過程,以處理可轉債的權益和債券特性。本文使用結構式模 型來處理信用風險,該模型將股票視為以公司資產為標的物的衍生性金融商品。 透過衍生性商品的評價公式和股票價格,可推得對應的公司資產價值以及違約風 險。此外,股權的稀釋效應(源自可轉債的轉換)和公司違約時的回復率也可以內 生推得。本文提供的數值實驗和敏感度分析驗證了評價模型的正確性。

關鍵字:可轉債,信用風險,結構式模型,樹狀結構

#### **Abstract**

A convertible bond is one of the important type of corporate bonds that attract investors by allowing them to convert the bond into the issuing firm's stock to share the profit and the growth of the firm. Developing an accurate method for pricing convertible bonds can be intractable due to convertible bond's hybrid attributes of both fixed-income securities and equities, and their complex relations to firm's default risk. This project develop a two-factor tree model (stock prices and interest rates) for evaluating the hybrid features of convertible bonds. I follow the structural credit risk model by viewing the stock price as a contingent claim on the firm's asset. Therefore, the evolution of the firm value process and in consequence the default probability can be endogenous derived from the stock price process. In addition, both the dilution effect (due to bond conversions) and the recovery rate (if the firm defaults) can also be derived endogenously in my model. Numerical results and sensitive analysis are given to verify the robustness of my model.

**Keywords:** convertible bond, credit risk, structural model, tree.

### **1 Preface**

A convertible bond is a kind of corporate bond that allows a bond holder to share the profit and growth of the issuing firm by converting his bond into a predetermined amount of the firm's stocks at certain predetermined time points. It can be viewed as a bond with an embedded call option on the issuer's stock. With the upside potential of the embedded call option, the investor would buy a convertible bond even if it is issued at higher price or carries a lower coupon rate. Thus the firm can raise debt capital with less interest expense by issuing convertible bonds. Nowadays, convertible bonds are frequently traded in the financial markets. Developing a robust method for accurately pricing vulnerable convertible bonds is thus important. However, it can be intractable due to convertible bond's hybrid attributes of both fixed-income securities and equities, and their complex relations among these attributes and the default risk.

## **2 The Goal of this Research Project**

This project develop a robust method for pricing vulnerable convertible bonds. To evaluate convertible bond under the consideration of its hybrid attributes of fixedincome securities and equities, our method simultaneously models the evolutions of issuing firm's stock price process and the short-term interest rate process. To simultaneously model relation between issuing firm's default risk and the stock price, my project incorporate the first-passage model, a structural credit risk model that allows premature defaults, into our pricing method. Specifically, the stock of issuing firm is viewed as a down-and-out call option of the firm's value. Thus the firm's asset value and its volatility can be endogenously solved by slightly modifying the formulas for structural credit risk model proposed in Merton (1974). In addition, the default probability and the recovery rate can be simultaneously solved under this framework. Besides, the dilution effect due to bond conversion can be also analyzed by substituting the firm value endogenously derived in my method into the equations for capital structure proposed in Brennan and Schwartz (1980). Our numerical experiments suggest that my method not only provides reasonable pricing results, but also clearly sketch the theoretical relations among the the prices of contingent claims (like stock and bonds) on firm value and the default event.

### **3 Literature Review**

Brennan and Schwartz (1977) assume that the firm value process follows the lognormal diffusion process and derive a partial differential equation (PDE) for pricing convertible bonds. Brennan and Schwartz (1980) incorporate the Vasicek short rate model (see Vasicek, 1977) into their PDE pricing method. The PDE is solved numerically by the finite difference method since modeling the optimal convertible and callable strategies is a free boundary problem which can not be solved analytically. Their methods are hard to be applied since the firm value can not be directly observed from the real world markets. That might be why most recent convertible bond pricing methods model the stock price process instead of firm value process. Besides, premature defaults are not considered in their methods.

Tsiveriotis and Fernandes (1998) use CRR tree (see Cox et al., 1979) to model the stock price process and use this tree to price defaultable convertible bonds. Instead of explicitly analyzing the default event, they decompose the value of convertible bond into equity and debt components. During the backward induction procedure, the default risk is considered by discounting the future cash flows of debt component by the risky rate, as we price defaultable bonds. The equity component is discounted by the risk-free rate as we price derivatives with risk-neutral variation method. On the other hand, Hung and Wang (2002) explicitly model the default events by taking advantage of the reduced model pioneered by Jarrow and Turnbull (1995), and develop a tree for pricing defaultable convertible bonds. The reduced model is a credit risk model that directly models the default process of the firm without modeling the firm value. Hung and Wang (2002) model the term structure of the risk-free interest rate with BDT interest model (see Black et al., 1990). They assume that the recovery rate is given exogenously and solve the default probability at each time step of the tree by calibrating the term structure of the credit spread. These default probabilities are incorporated into their two-factor (the stock price and the short rate) tree model to price defaultable convertible bonds. Chambers and Lu (2007) argue that the correlation between the interest rate and the stock price is not considered in Hung and Wang (2002) paper. However, the correlation seems to affect convertible bond prices significantly as suggested in Ho and Pfeffer (1996). Thus they propose a new pricing method incorporating the correlation factor into the Hung and Wang's tree model.

In these reduced-form based models, the endogenously modeled stock price process is irrelevant to the default probabilities in their model. However, a higher stock price should imply that the firm is in a better financial status and has lower default risk, and vice versa. On the other hand, the tree model proposed in Bandreddi et al. (2007) suggests that the default probability can be described as a function of the stock price. But their function can not be well explained theoretically. To address this problem, my method take advantage of the structural model, which view the stock price as a call option on firm's value (see Merton, 1974). The relation between the default probability and the stock price can be theoretically explained.

## **4 Preliminaries**

#### **4.1 Modeling the Stock Price Process**



Figure 1: **The Structure of CRR Tree and the Trinomial Structure.** A two-time-step CRR tree is illustrated in panel (a). *u* and *d* denote the upward and downward multiplication factors of the CRR tree. The log-price between two adjacent nodes at the same time step is 2*σ √* ∆*t*. The trinomial structure is illustrated in panel (b).  $\hat{\mu} + 2\sigma$ *√*  $\Delta t, \ \hat{\mu}, \ \hat{\mu} - 2 \sigma$ *√* ∆*t* denote the *v*(*X*)-log-prices for nodes *A*, *B*, and *C*, respectively.  $\mu$  denotes the conditional expectation of  $v(X)$ -log-price at time  $t + \Delta t$ .  $|\alpha|$ ,  $|\beta|$ , and  $|\gamma|$  denote the log distance between  $\mu$  and nodes *A*, *B*, and *C*, respectively. In both panels, the branching probability for each branch is listed next to the branch.

If the firm is solvent, the stock price of the issuing firm at time  $t$ ,  $S_t$ , is assumed to follow the lognormal diffusion process

$$
dS_t = r_t S_t dt + \sigma_s S_t dZ_s, \qquad (1)
$$

where  $r_t$  denotes the risk-free short rate at time  $t$ ,  $\sigma_s$  denotes the stock price volatility, *Z<sup>s</sup>* is a Brownian motion. Otherwise, the stock price is zero once the firm defaults. Note that  $r_t$  is assumed to be a constant  $r$  in my one-factor tree.

To model the stock price process of a defaultable firm, I use a modification version of the CRR tree (see Cox et al., 1979) illustrated in panel (a) of Fig. 1 with occasional insertion of trinomial structure (see Dai and Lyuu, 2010) illustrated illustrated in panel (b) to keep my tree structure valid. In the CRR tree structure, the stock price *S* can move upward to *Su* with probability *p* and move downward to *Sd* with probability  $1 - p$ , where  $\Delta t$  denotes the length of a time step,  $u = e^{\sigma_s \sqrt{\Delta t}}$ ,  $d = 1/u$ , and  $p = \frac{e^{r_t \Delta t} - d}{u - d}$  $\frac{t^{2k}-d}{u-d}$ . Define the *V*-log-price of stock price *V*<sup>'</sup> as ln(*V*'/*V*) for convenience. Then the log-distance between the *S*-log-prices of any two adjacent nodes at the same time step of the CRR lattice is  $2\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}$ .

Dealing with the default events with the CRR tree might result in invalid branching probabilities as discussed later. The trinomial structure illustrated in Fig. 1 (b) will be inserted (if necessary) into the CRR tree to deal with this problem. Denote the stock price of node *Z* as  $v(Z)$  for convenience. By the lognormality of stock price, the mean  $\mu$  and the variance **Var** of the  $v(X)$ -log-price of the stock price at time  $t + \Delta t$ ,  $S_{t+\Delta t}$ , given  $S_t = v(X)$  are

$$
\mu \equiv (r - \sigma^2/2) \Delta t, \qquad (2)
$$
  
Var  $\equiv \sigma^2 \Delta t.$ 

The outgoing trinomial branches from node *X* to node *A*, *B*, and *C* should match  $\mu$ and variance Var with feasible branching probabilities; that is, the branching probabilities  $p_u$ ,  $p_m$ , and  $p_d$  must be between 0 and 1 to keep the trinomial structure valid. Recall that the log distance between any two adjacent nodes at the time  $t + \Delta t$  is  $2\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}$  due to the nature of CRR lattice. Therefore, at time  $t + \Delta t$ , there must exist a unique node *B* whose  $v(X)$ -log-price  $\hat{\mu}$  lies in the interval  $[\mu - \sigma \sqrt{\Delta t}, \mu + \sigma \sqrt{\Delta t}]$ . We select node *B* and its two adjacent nodes *A* and *C* to construct a trinomial structure from node X. The branching probabilities from node X (i.e.,  $p_u$ ,  $p_m$ ,  $p_d$ ) can be obtained by solving

$$
p_u \alpha + p_m \beta + p_d \gamma = 0, \qquad (3)
$$

$$
p_u(\alpha)^2 + p_m(\beta)^2 + p_d(\gamma)^2 = \text{Var},\tag{4}
$$

$$
p_u + p_m + p_d = 1,\t\t(5)
$$

where the conditional mean and the variance are matched in Eqs. (3) and (4), respec-<br>*√*  $\text{tively, } \alpha \equiv \hat{\mu} + 2\sigma\sqrt{\Delta}t - \mu, \ \beta \equiv \hat{\mu} - \mu, \text{ and } \gamma \equiv \hat{\mu} - 2\sigma\sqrt{\Delta}t - \mu. \text{ Dai and Lyuu (2010)}$ suggest that Eqs.  $(3)$ – $(5)$  yield valid branching probabilities.

## **5 Pricing Convertible Bonds with a Novel One-Factor Tree Model**



Figure 2: **The Stock Tree and Its Linkage to Firm Value and Default Risk.** A two-time-step one-factor tree for modeling the evolution of stock price is illustrated in panel (a). The stock prices and the corresponding firm values for nodes *A*, *B*, and *C* are listed above the node. The probability for each branch is listed on the branch.  $\lambda_A$ ,  $\lambda_B$ , and  $\lambda_C$  denotes the default probabilities for nodes *A*, *B*, and *C*, respectively. The outgoing trinomial structure (given the firm survives during time  $[\Delta t, 2\Delta t]$ ) follows the construction method discussed in Fig. 1 (b). Panel (b) explain how to calculate the default probability under the first passage model.

To keep discussion easy, I will first introduce a simplified version of the pricing method, the one-factor tree (see Fig. 2 (a)), that simulates the evolution of stock price process without considering the interest rate risk. The relation between the stock price and the default risk can be modeled by taking advantage of the firstpassage model. The vulnerable convertible bond without considering interest rate risk can be evaluated under this one-factor tree.

The equity value can be viewed as a contingent claim on the firm value in the first-passage model proposed in Black and Cox (1976). Specifically, the firm defaults and equity holders receive nothing once its value hits the exogenously given default boundary. The default boundary at time *t*,  $B_t$ , is set as  $De^{-\gamma(T-t)}$ , where *D* denotes the amount of debt due at maturity date  $T$ ,  $\gamma$  denotes exogenously defined variable.

Thus, the equity value at time *t*, *E<sup>t</sup>* , can be viewed as a down-and-out call option on the firm value  $V_t$  since the payoff of the equity at time  $T$  is

$$
E_T = \begin{cases} (V_T - D)^+ & \text{if } V_t > B_t, \ 0 \le t \le T, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}
$$

where  $V_t$  and  $B_t$  denotes the firm value at time *t*. Thus the equity value can be evaluated by the down-and-out call option pricing formula as follows:

$$
E_t = V_t N(x) - De^{-rT} N(x - \sigma_v \sqrt{T}) - V_t (B_t/\chi_t)^{2\lambda} N(y) + De^{-rT} (B_t/\chi_t)^{2\lambda - 2} N(y - \sigma_v \sqrt{T}), \quad (6)
$$

where N denotes the cumulative distribution function of standard normal random variable,

$$
x = \frac{\ln(V_t|_{B_t})}{\sigma_v \sqrt{T}} + \Lambda \sigma_v \sqrt{T}, \quad y = \frac{\ln(B_t|_{V_t})}{\sigma_v \sqrt{T}} + \Lambda \sigma_v \sqrt{T}, \Lambda = (r - \sigma_v^2/2) / \sigma_v^2.
$$

Besides, the relation between the equity value, equity value's volatility (which is equal to the stock price volatility  $\sigma_s$ ), the firm value  $V_t$ , and firm value's volatility  $\sigma_v$  can be derived by Ito's lemma as suggested in Black and Cox (1976) as follows.

$$
\sigma_e E_t = N(x)\sigma_v V_t,\tag{7}
$$

Note the equity value  $E_t$  can be estimated by multiplying the stock price by the number of outstanding shares, and the stock price volatility  $\sigma_s$  can be estimated by either the implied volatility derived by the stock's options or the historical volatility derived by the historical stock prices. Thus the firm's value at time  $t$ ,  $V_t$ , and its volatility  $\sigma_v$  can be solved by substituting  $E_t$  and  $\sigma_s$  into Eqs. (6) and (7).

With above procedure, we can obtain the firm value for each node of one-factor tree as illustrated in Fig. 2 (a). Then we can estimate the default probability  $\lambda^X$ , the conditional probability for the firm defaults within a time step ∆*t* given the stock price begins at node X. Take Fig. 2 (b) for example.  $\lambda^A$  denotes the probability that the firm value begins at *V* and hits the default boundary within a time step  $\Delta t$ . This default probability can be calculated by taking advantage of the reflection principle (see Shreve, 2004). Specifically, define the first hitting time  $\tau$  as  $\inf\{t \geq 0 : V_t \leq B_t\}$ . The probability to hit the default boundary prior to time *s* given the information up to time  $t, F_t$ , as follows:

$$
P(\tau \le s | F_t) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\ln\left(B_t/V_t\right) - \left(r - \kappa - \gamma - 0.5\sigma_V^2\right)(s - t)}{\sigma_V\sqrt{s - t}}\right) + (B_t/V_t) \exp\left[2\left(\frac{r - \gamma - 0.5\sigma_V^2}{\sigma_V^2}\right)\right] \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\ln\left(B_t/V_t\right) + \left(r - \kappa - \gamma - 0.5\sigma_v^2\right)(s - t)}{\sigma_V\sqrt{s - t}}\right).
$$
\n(8)

 $\lambda^A$  is obtained by substituting 0,  $\Delta t$  for *t* and *s* into Eq. (8). The default probabilities for other nodes, says  $\lambda^B$  and  $\lambda^C$ , can be derived in similar ways.

To keep the stock price grows at the risk-free rate under the consideration of default possibility, the branching probabilities in the CRR tree must be adjusted. The default intensity for an arbitrary node  $X$ ,  $\lambda$ <sup>*x*</sup>, can be derived from the default probability as follows:

$$
e^{-\lambda^{X}\Delta t} = 1 - \lambda^{X} \Rightarrow \lambda^{X} = \frac{-\ln(1 - \lambda^{X})}{\Delta t}.
$$

The following derivation shows that the stock price grows at the risk-free rate by setting the upward branch probability for node *X*,  $p^X$ , as  $\frac{\exp((r+\lambda'X)\Delta t)-d}{x-d}$  $\frac{u-a}{u-d}$ :

$$
e^{-r\Delta t} \left[ 0(1 - e^{-\lambda' x \Delta t}) + S u p^X e^{-\lambda' x \Delta t} + S d (1 - p^X) e^{-\lambda' x \Delta t} \right]
$$
  
= 
$$
e^{-(r+\lambda' x)\Delta t} \left[ S u \frac{e^{(r+\lambda' x)\Delta t} - d}{u - d} + S d \frac{u - e^{(r+\lambda' x)\Delta t}}{u - d} \right]
$$
  
= S.

Take node A in Fig. 2 (a) for example. The stock price will become 0 due to firm default with probability  $\lambda^A$ , move up to *Su* with probability  $p^A(a - \lambda^A)$ , and move down to *Sd* with probability  $(1 - p^A) (1 - \lambda^A)$ .

Note that the branching probabilities might be infeasible if the short rate  $r_t$  or the default density  $\lambda^{\prime X}$  is too high. Specifically, the upward branching probability for node *X* exceeds one if  $(r_t + \lambda'^X) \Delta t > \sigma \sqrt{\Delta t}$ . To address this problem, the outgoing branches will adopt the trinomial structure introduced in Fig. 1 (b) instead of binomial one. Take node *C* in Fig. 2 (a) for example. The trinomial structure is constructed by changing the mean of stock return  $\mu$  defined in Eq. (2) as  $(r + \lambda^{\prime C}) \Delta t$ to make the conditional growth rate of stock price  $r + \lambda$ <sup>*C*</sup> given that the firm survives at time 2∆*t*. This will ensure that the stock price from node *C* still grows at the risk free rate, which can be verified as follows:

$$
e^{-r\Delta t} \left[ 0(1 - e^{-\lambda'^{X}\Delta t}) + e^{-\lambda'^{X}\Delta t} \left( Su^{2}p_{u}^{C} + Sp_{m}^{C} + Sd^{2}p_{d}^{C} \right) \right]
$$
  
=  $e^{-r\Delta t} \left[ e^{-\lambda'^{X}\Delta t} e^{(r+\lambda'^{X})} \right]$   
= S.

Note that in this example, node *E* and its adjacent nodes *C* and *E* are chosen as successor nodes connected by the outgoing branches from node *C* under the condition that *Sd*-log price of node *E*, i.e.,  $\ln(S/Sd)$ , is within the range of  $[(r + \lambda)^C - \sigma^2/2] \Delta t$ *σ*  $\sqrt{\Delta t}$ ,  $(r + \lambda'^C - \sigma^2/2) \Delta t + \sigma$ *√*  $\overline{\Delta t}$ . The valid branching probabilities (i.e.,  $p_u^c, p_m^c$ ) and  $p_d^c$  can be solved by Eqs. (3)–(5). The default probability within a time step  $\Delta t$ can be obtained by Eq. (8).

The recovery rate in each node of my tree model can be endogenously determined. For an arbitrary node *X* at time *t*, the bond value contributed from the recovery of firm's default during the time interval  $[t, t + \Delta t]$  can be expressed as

$$
F_D \equiv \frac{\int_t^{t + \Delta t} p(s) \left[ f_2 B_s - \text{SB}_\tau \right]^+ e^{-r_t(s-t)}}{N_C},\tag{9}
$$

where  $B_s$  denotes the default boundary at time  $s$ ,  $SB_s$  denotes the value required to repay the bonds senior to convertible bonds at time *s*, and *N<sup>C</sup>* denotes the number of outstanding convertible bonds. The density of default probability *p*(*s*) can be derived by differentiating Eq. (8) with respect to *s*. Recall that the recovery rate is defined as the amount recovered in the event of a default as a percentage of the face value. Thus we have

$$
F_D = \lambda^X \delta^X F,\tag{10}
$$

where  $\delta^X$  denotes the recovery rate at node X, and F denotes the face value of the bond.  $\delta^X$  can be endogenously derived by substituting  $F_D$  obtained from Eq. (9) and  $\lambda^X$  obtained from Eq. (8) into Eq. (10).

Converting the convertible bonds into stocks would increase the number of outstanding stocks and dilute the stock value. Without considering the dilution effect, the conversion value of a convertible bond would be overestimated as  $qS^{BC}$ , where  $S<sup>BC</sup>$  denotes the stock value before conversion. To model the dilution effect, we follow Brennan and Schwartz (1980) assumption that the firm asset is composed of three securities: straight bonds, convertible bonds, and stocks. Thus the firm value before the conversion of convertible bonds can be expressed as follows:

$$
V = N_B B + N_C C + N_O S^{BC},\tag{11}
$$

where *B* denotes the market value of each straight bond,  $N_B$  denotes the number of straight bonds, *C* denotes the value of a convertible bond, *N<sup>C</sup>* denotes the number of convertible bonds, and *N<sup>O</sup>* denotes the number of stocks. After converting the convertible bonds into the stock, the firm asset is composed of straight bonds and stocks:

$$
V = N_B B + (N_O + N_C q) S^{AC},
$$

where  $q$  denotes conversion ratio,  $N_{C}q$  denotes the incremental amounts of stocks due to bond conversion, and *S* AC denotes the stock price after bond conversion. Thus the conversion value is  $qS^{\text{AC}} = \frac{q(V-N_B B)}{N_O+N_O a}$  $\frac{N_O+N_Cq}{N_O+N_Cq}$ .

### **6 Extension to a Two-Factor Pricing Model**

Both the stock price process and the Hull-White short-term interest rate process Hull and While (1990) are simulated in my two-factor tree method. The stock price is simulated with the CRR tree with the occasional trinomial branches insertions as illustrated in Fig. 2 (a). The short rate process is simulated by the Hull and White interest rate tree (see Hull and While, 1996). Our tree is then constructed by merging these two trees. The correlations between the stock price process and the short rate process is modeled by the branching probabilities adjustment method proposed in Brigo and Mercurio (2006); Hull and While (1994).

Briys and De Varenne (1997) propose the bond pricing formula under the Hull-White term structure model, and this formula is applied to solve the firm value and its volatility given the equity value and the interest rate term structure in my method. Specifically, the equity value *E* can be expressed as the firm value *V* minus the debt value $D(V)$ 

$$
E = V - D(V),\tag{12}
$$

where the debt value  $D_t(V)$  can be expressed as as function of the firm value V as follows:

$$
D_t = FP(t, T) \left[ 1 - P_E(\ell_t, 1) + P_E(q_t, \ell_t/q_t) - (1 - f_1)\ell_t \left( N(-d_3) + N(-d_4)/q_t \right) \right] \tag{13}
$$

$$
- (1 - f_2)\ell_t \left( N(d_3) - N(d_1) + \frac{N(d_4) - n(d_6)}{q_t} \right) \bigg],
$$

where *F* denotes face value,  $P(t, T)$  denotes the value at time *t* of a zero coupon bond matured at time  $T$ ,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  denote the liquidation cost at maturity and prior to maturity. Therefore the firm value at time  $V_t$  and its volatility  $\sigma_v$  is obtained by substituting the equity value  $E_t$  and its volatility that can be observed from the market into Eqs. (12) and (7).

## **7 Numerical Results**

We price the six-year zero-coupon convertible bond issued by Lucent discussed in Hung and Wang (2002); Chambers and Lu (2007). These two papers are based on the reduced model and the parameters that can be directly found in their papers are listed as follows. The initial stock price  $S_0$  is 15.006, the stock volatility  $\sigma_s =$ 0*.*353836, the time to maturity is 6 years, the number of time steps is 6, the face value of the convertible bond is 100, the conversion ratio is 5.07524, and the correlation between the stock and the interest rate is -0.1. The call prices are 94.205, 96.098,

and 98.030 for the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth year, respectively. The risk-free zero coupon rates are 5.969%, 6.209%, 6.373%, 6.455%, 6.504%, and 6.554% for the first, the second, *. . .*, and the sixth year. Other parameters that are not considered in reduced credit risk models, like the number of outstanding stocks, are derived from the financial report of Lucent. The numbers of outstanding stocks and convertible bonds are 642,062,656 and 2,290,000, respectively. The payment of straight bond due at maturity is estimated by the value of liability minus the face value of convertible bonds; which is 20,195,000,000 in this example. The pricing results proposed by Hung and Wang (2002) and Chambers and Lu (2007) are 90.4633 and 90.83511, respectively. Our pricing result 90.1903, like the results in aforementioned two papers, are close to the market price 88.706.

## **8 Conclusions and Self Evaluation of the Project**

This research project develop the a convertible bond pricing method based on the structural model. To evaluate convertible bond under the consideration of its hybrid attributes of fixed-income securities and equities, our method simultaneously models the evolutions of issuing firms stock price process and the short-term interest rate process. The relations among the default probability, the firm value, the stock price, and the dilution effect are endogenously built. Numerical results verify the robustness of my model. I am now currently organize the researching results of this project and submit it to an academic journal. I will try to incorporate the reduced credit risk model into my pricing method. I will also try to extend this pricing method to price other vulnerable securities.

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## 出席國際學術會議心得報告



一、參加會議經過

今年在美國Asheville舉辦的2010 Southern Finance Conference annual meeting是美國舉 辦的重要的財金研討會暨Southern finance association 的年會,本研討會是全世界幾個 最重要而且水準也最高的財金研討會之一。我在這個研討會中主要發表的paper提供數值評價 模型來分析資本結構,該數值方法可處理數值計算誤差,並處理公司資產價值因配息(或配股 立)而出現跳動的問題,並指出公司的最適資本結構如何受不同的配息或股利政策的影響。 American University 的 Kent Baker提供不少懇切的意見,他認為我的論文數據模擬的做的 不錯,不過希望我能著重在重要財務意含的分析,例如分析債券條款的影響以及公司的最適 股利政策。

此外,我還參加了其他 session,例如在探討選擇權評價的 session 中,Prof. Chang 就用實證的方法分析當市場上有不得放空的限制或是標的股票價格太高時,對 put call parity 的影響。Prof. Caver 則分析實質選擇權對於產油公司的股價之影響,Prof. Cain 則使用選擇權的角度,建構公司的投資機會模型,並分析公司的最適持有現金量,以確保 公司可掌握投資機會,避免違約風險,又不至於持有太多閒置資金。

在其他 session 中 Prof. Abhay 則分析房地產共同基金的績效,並分析 REIT 的投資 表現跟基金經理人進場時間的關係。Prof. Suite 則講解如何將研究成果發表成論文,並 分析目前的教職市場以及不同等級的學校對研究的要求。有另一個學者則報告如何提高計 算 Conditional Value at Risk 的效率,他並使用 Quasi-Monte Carlo simulation,來驗 證在適當的統計工具下,可用較少量的樣本資料以及較少的計算時間,就可以得到精確的 統計評估數據。這些統計工具的應用方面的研究,對於實證上有很大的幫助。

二、與會心得

這幾年參與過幾場國際學術研討會,我覺得對學術研究及國際視野的拓展都十分有幫 助。在研討會上一方面可跟其他大學的人互動,知道研究領域的最新動態。另一方面也

可接觸不同國家的人,學習他們的文化以及思維模式,提伸自己的世界觀。本人十分感 謝國科會及交大能提供適當的補助,並且希望政府能夠針對支持學者參與相關的學術活 動,提高研究水平。

# 國科會補助計畫衍生研發成果推廣資料表

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註:本項研發成果若尚未申請專利,請勿揭露可申請專利之主要內容。







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