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## Short Positions, Rally Fears and Option Markets

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## **Abstract**

Index option pricing on world market indices are investigated using Lévy processes with no positive jumps. Economically this is motivated by the possible absence of longer horizon short positions while mathematically we are able to evaluate for such processes the probability of a rally before a crash. Three models are used to effectively calibrate index options at an annual maturity, and it is observed that positive jumps may be

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