

Fernwey × Prediction Markets (Polymarket + Kalshi)

Stock-Market Sentiment & Event-Impact Module —

Work Plan

Goal: turn prediction-market prices (implied probabilities) into a clean, comparable, explainable sentiment + event-risk signal for equities, and integrate it into Fernwey's research/alerts workflow.

1) What the paper contributes (in plain English)

- Prediction markets (e.g., Polymarket) often create multiple related contracts about the same underlying event; contract prices should be internally consistent but sometimes aren't, creating arbitrage opportunities.
- The paper proposes a scalable way to find and categorize dependency relationships between markets/conditions (e.g., 'Team A wins' implies 'Team A wins by ≥ 2 '), so you can compare correlated markets efficiently.
- They use (a) text embeddings to cluster/triage related markets by topical similarity + time proximity, and (b) LLMs to extract logical relationships from market descriptions in a structured format (e.g., JSON).
- They then use historical order book / trade data to measure when inconsistencies existed and whether they were exploited (two types: intra-market rebalancing vs inter-market combinatorial arbitrage).
- Takeaway for Fernwey: the key engineering is the dependency graph + probability aggregation layer that turns many messy contracts into one clean probability per event.

2) Why this matters for stock analysis (Fernwey use case)

- Prediction markets are real-money, high-frequency 'belief aggregators'—often faster than news or social media for event probabilities.
- For equities, the useful output is not 'arbitrage'; it's an event probability curve over time (and confidence/uncertainty), which can be converted into a backtestable sentiment/risk factor.
- Examples: elections affecting sectors, regulatory rulings affecting a company (antitrust, approvals), macro prints (CPI, rate decisions), litigation outcomes, M&A approvals, geopolitics.

- Fernwey can surface: (1) market-implied probability of event outcomes, (2) probability shock (how quickly it changed), and (3) dispersion (disagreement across markets/platforms).

3) Product concept: 'Event Probability → Equity Sentiment' pipeline

Core idea: ingest Polymarket + Kalshi markets, clean/normalize probabilities, aggregate correlated markets into a single event probability, and map events to tickers/industries to produce equity-relevant signals.

3.1 Outputs Fernwey should expose to users

- Event Dashboard: probability timeline ($P(t)$), volume/liquidity, and key moments (big moves).
- Sentiment Score: standardized z-score of probability movement and momentum (e.g., 1d/7d change).
- Uncertainty/Dispersion: spread across sources (Polymarket vs Kalshi) and across correlated contracts.
- Equity Impact Lens: 'Which tickers are most exposed?' + concise explanation linking event → fundamental drivers.
- Alerts: threshold-based (e.g., probability crosses 60%), shock-based ($\Delta P > X\%$ in Y hours), divergence-based (platform disagreement $> X\%$).

4) End-to-end workflow (engineering + research)

4.1 Data ingestion

- Polymarket: market metadata (question/description, outcomes/conditions, end_date, category), price/time series, liquidity/volume; optionally on-chain events if needed.
- Kalshi: contract metadata + price/time series + volume/order-book if available.
- News/filings (Fernwey existing): for explaining why probability moved and for mapping to tickers.

4.2 Market normalization (make probabilities comparable)

- Binary markets: interpret price as implied probability (optionally adjust for fees/spread).
- Multi-outcome markets ('Negative Risk'): ensure outcomes are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive; normalize so $\sum p_i \approx 1$.
- Edge cases: duplicated markets, inconsistent end dates, thin liquidity; down-weight low-liquidity markets.

- Create a canonical 'Event' object: {event_id, title, end_time, platform_markets[], outcomes[], tickers[] }.

4.3 Correlated market linking (the paper's core idea)

- Step A — Candidate generation (cheap): group markets by topic + time proximity using embeddings; filter by overlapping named entities (people/places/tickers) and end dates.
- Step B — Relationship extraction (precise): use an LLM to infer logical dependencies between contracts/outcomes (implication, complement, subset). Output a structured JSON graph.
- Step C — Human-in-the-loop: for high-impact events mapped to major tickers, allow analysts to approve/override relationships.

4.4 Probability aggregation into one 'event probability'

- Within a single multi-outcome event: use normalized outcome probabilities ($p_1 \dots p_k$).
- Across correlated markets: combine probabilities using a weighted ensemble (weights = $f(\text{liquidity, volume, recency, platform reliability, spread})$).
- Produce: $P_{\text{event}}(\text{outcome}=i, t)$ + confidence bands (e.g., via dispersion or Bayesian shrinkage).
- Derive features: ΔP (1h/24h/7d), momentum, probability volatility, and 'surprise' vs baseline.

4.5 Mapping events to equities (impact graph)

- Ticker/entity linking: NER + knowledge base; store {event \leftrightarrow ticker} with rationale.
- Impact type: revenue risk, margin risk, regulatory risk, cost of capital, demand shock, supply shock, sentiment-only.
- Directionality: each outcome has a sign (+/-/mixed) per ticker; start with simple rules + manual overrides.

4.6 Stock-side modeling & backtesting

- Build datasets: event-probability features aligned to equity returns/vol/volume (intraday + daily).
- Backtests: event-window studies and intraday shock windows; compare to baselines (news-only, social sentiment).
- Model options (start simple): linear/logistic models using ΔP and momentum; then add interactions (sector, liquidity, macro regime).

- Evaluation: information coefficient (IC), hit-rate around shocks, incremental explanatory power vs standard factors, stability across time.

4.7 Fernwey UX integration (web + iMessage)

- Web Hub: event pages with probability chart, related markets, and 'What changed?' auto-summary with sources.
- Chat/iMessage: user asks 'How is the market pricing {event}?' → current probability + recent move + implication for tickers.
- Alerts: subscribe to {ticker} or {event}; push probability changes + short explanation.
- Audit trail: store aggregation inputs + dependency graph snapshot used for each answer.

5) Implementation plan (phased)

Phase 0 — 1 week: scope + schemas

- Define Event schema + Market schema + Mapping schema.
- Pick 10–20 high-value events mapped to public tickers for a pilot.
- Decide minimal data: price/time series + volume + descriptions.

Phase 1 — 2–3 weeks: ingestion + normalization MVP

- Integrate APIs (Polymarket + Kalshi) into a unified data store.
- Implement normalization for binary + multi-outcome; compute Σp checks and liquidity filters.
- Build a simple event page showing $P(t)$ for one outcome + volume.

Phase 2 — 2–4 weeks: correlation linking + aggregation

- Embedding-based candidate linking + LLM relationship extraction to produce dependency graphs.
- Weighted aggregation across correlated markets/platforms; output confidence/dispersion metrics.
- Unit tests: known synthetic examples (e.g., winner vs winner-by-margin).

Phase 3 — 3–6 weeks: equity mapping + sentiment factor

- Event↔ticker mapping pipeline with human review UI.
- Compute sentiment features and run event studies; document 'where it adds signal.'

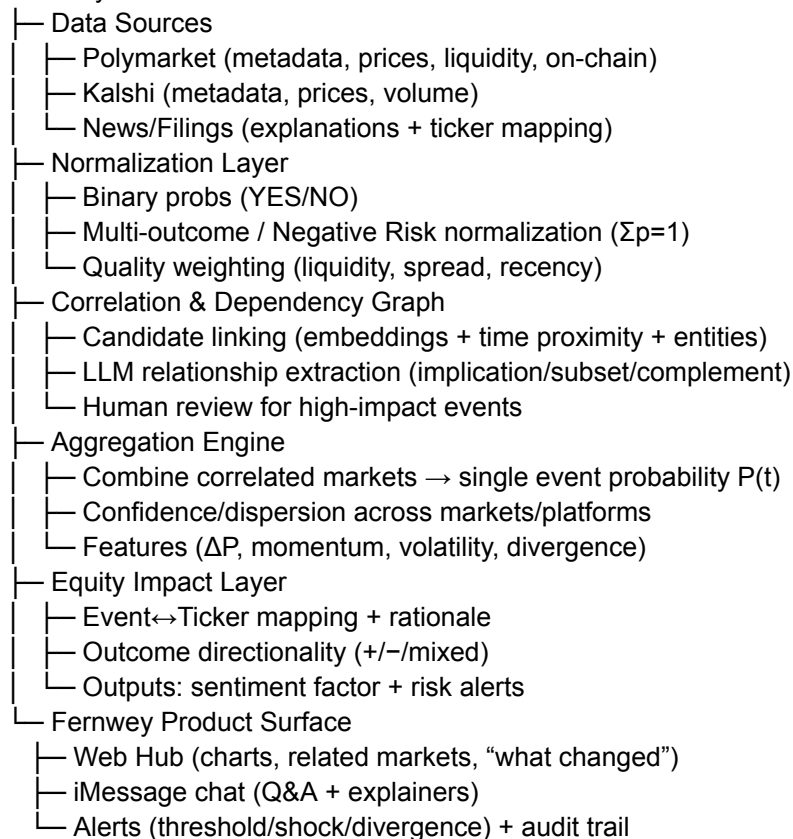
- Add alert triggers and chat responses.

Phase 4 — ongoing: scale + hardening

- Expand event categories; improve relationship extraction prompts; add platform-specific adjustments.
- Monitoring, data-quality checks, and drift dashboards.
- Compliance: clear disclaimers; focus on data + research tools (no personalized advice).

6) Mind map (copy/paste friendly)

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7) Deliverables checklist

- Unified market/event database + API layer
- Normalization + Negative Risk handling
- Correlation linking + dependency graph JSON

- Aggregation outputs: $P(t)$, dispersion, features
- Equity mapping table: event↔ticker↔directionality
- Backtest report: does it add signal?
- Fernwey UI components (event page, chat responses, alerts)