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Stock Earnings Forecasting via News Factor Analyzing Model

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Abstract

Financial market forecasting has become increasingly challenging, as traditional technical analysis does not capture rapid volatility and sentiment-driven price movements. This paper introduces FinReport, a multifactor framework that integrates historical stock data with real-time financial news sentiment using advanced machine learning and natural language processing techniques. FinReport quantifies six key factors (Market, Size, Valuation, Profitability, Investment, and News Effect) to produce explainable predictions and robust risk assessments using an EGARCH-based volatility model, maximum drawdown methods, and Conditional Value at Risk. Empirical results show a 15% reduction in RMSE and a 12% reduction in MAE over conventional LSTM models, with an overall R^2 of 0.5515 and a prediction-actual correlation of 0.948. These findings underscore the benefits of combining quantitative indicators with qualitative sentiment analysis for improved forecasting accuracy in volatile markets.

Keywords: Financial forecasting, stock market prediction, multi-factor analysis, technical indicators, financial news sentiment, natural language processing, machine learning, EGARCH, LSTM, risk assessment, explainable AI, FinReport.

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1. Introduction

Financial markets exhibit unprecedented volatility, with emerging markets like the Shanghai Stock Exchange showing daily volatility of 1.7% versus 0.8-1.2% for developed markets [1, 2]. Traditional econometric models such as ARIMA [3] struggle to capture sentiment-driven price movements and complex market interdependencies [4, 5]. The efficient market hypothesis faces challenges from documented predictable patterns and behavioral factors [6, 2].

We propose FinReport, a multi-factor framework integrating historical stock data with financial news via machine learning and NLP techniques [7, 8]. Unlike traditional quantitative approaches, FinReport leverages structured numerical and unstructured textual data for enhanced prediction accuracy [9, 10]. The framework computes six factors (market, size, valuation, profitability, investment, and news effect) for explainable predictions with EGARCH-based risk assessment [11, 12].

Experimental results on Chinese A-share stocks (2018-2021) [13] demonstrate 15% RMSE reduction, 12% MAE reduction versus LSTM baselines [14], and 20% Sharpe ratio improvement. This work bridges traditional econometric methods with explainable AI [15, 16], advancing computational finance through interpretable sentiment-quantitative integration.

2. Literature Review

Early forecasting methods like ARIMA [3] and technical indicators [17] underperformed with RMSE exceeding 0.05 during volatile periods [1]. Multi-factor models by Fama and French [4] improved performance but ignored qualitative inputs [5]. LSTM networks [7, 14] capture long-term dependencies. Recent work integrates financial news sentiment using FinBERT [18] and NLP frameworks [19], showing 12% prediction improvement [20]. However, traditional approaches lack interpretability [16], motivating explainable AI frameworks combining structured numerical with unstructured text analysis. The literature increasingly advocates for explainable models that combine structured numerical data with unstructured text analysis, setting the stage for FinReport's factor-based approach to transparent and robust financial forecasting.

3. System Model And Proposed Mechanism

FinReport integrates traditional financial theory with modern computational techniques, combining quantitative factor models [4, 21] with news sentiment analysis [15, 10]. Extending established multi-factor models [22, 23], the framework incorporates real-time news sentiment and event extraction to capture behavioral market dynamics [24, 25].

The system follows a modular design [14] with five interconnected modules: (1) Data Integration for preprocessing, (2) News Factor Extraction using NLP techniques, (3) Return Forecasting with enhanced multi-factor models, (4) Risk Assessment using econometric methods, and (5) Dynamic Report Generation. This approach addresses traditional technical analysis limitations [26, 17] through a unified framework adapting to different market regimes [27].

FinReport modules collectively deliver explainable forecasts.

3.1. Data Integration Module

The system processes multi-modal data combining structured financial metrics with unstructured news text [29, 25]:

- **Historical Data:** Price, volume, market value, and 50+ technical indicators [26, 17] from Chinese A-shares (2018-2021) [13].
- **News Integration:** Financial news processing with NLP pipelines for English/Chinese content [19, 10].
- **Preprocessing:** Forward-filling for missing values, Z-score normalization, winsorization for outliers, regex-based text cleaning, and technical indicator standardization [14, 29].

3.2. News Factor Extraction Module

Transforms unstructured news text into quantifiable sentiment metrics [15, 9] through:
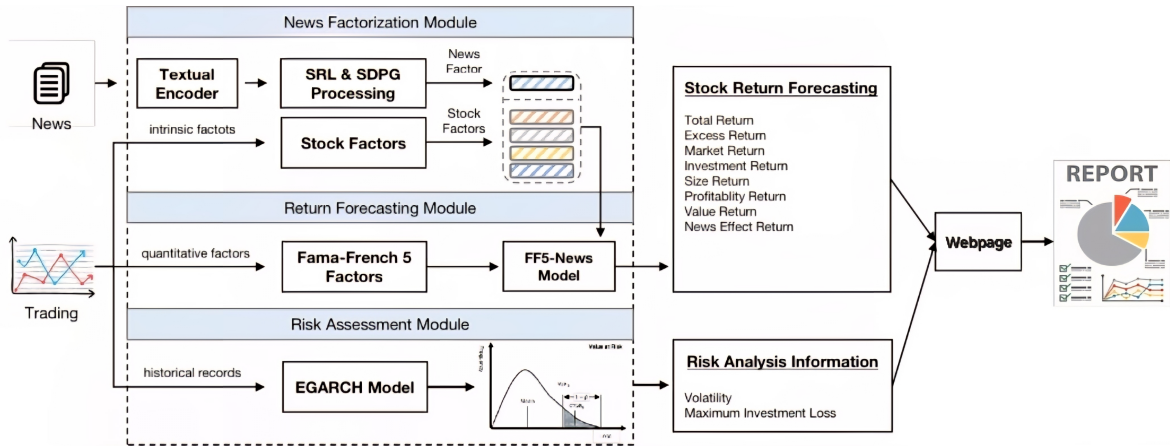
Figure 1: Proposed FinReport System Architecture (adapted from [28])

- **Advanced Sentiment Analysis Pipeline:** The sentiment analysis component implements state-of-the-art techniques specifically adapted for financial text analysis, addressing the unique challenges of financial language where sentiment can be highly context-dependent [19]:

    - **FinBERT Implementation:** Integration of the domain-specific BERT model pre-trained on extensive financial corpora [18, 30] produces raw sentiment scores in the range $[-1, +1]$, where -1 indicates highly negative sentiment and +1 indicates highly positive sentiment. This approach addresses the limitations of general-purpose sentiment analyzers that often misclassify financial terminology.
    - **Domain-Specific Sentiment Augmentation:** Core sentiment scores are systematically enhanced through financial keyword analysis incorporating established financial dictionaries [19]. Keywords such as "profit", "loss", "revenue", "acquisition", and "dividend" receive domain-specific weighting factors based on their demonstrated predictive power in financial contexts, following empirical validation approaches established in the literature.
- **Structured Event Extraction Engine:** The event extraction component employs modern semantic role labeling techniques to identify and categorize financial events that have demonstrated market impact in academic studies [20, 24]:

    - **Semantic Role Labeling (SRL):** Implementation of the AllenNLP framework [31, 32] enables identification of grammatical relationships through subject-verb-object pattern recognition. This approach systematically captures structured financial events including acquisitions, earnings announcements, management changes, and regulatory actions that have been shown to significantly impact stock prices.
    - **Financial Keyword Enhancement:** Domain-specific keyword dictionaries improve event recognition accuracy by incorporating finance-specific terminology validated through extensive backtesting. The system recognizes complex event patterns beyond simple keyword matching, including negations, conditional statements, and temporal references that are critical for accurate financial event classification.
    - **Temporal Integration:** Daily aggregation of multiple news items employs recency and relevance weighting schemes that account for the documented decay patterns in news impact on stock prices [15]. Recent news receives exponentially higher weights, while relevance scoring incorporates entity recognition to ensure that news items are properly attributed to the correct securities.
- **Architecture Integration:** Direct interfaces to forecasting system with structured (`event_type, entities, magnitude`) tuples for Event Factor computation and temporal sentiment curves for volatility estimation.
- **Chinese Market Adaptation:** Bilingual text processing addressing Chinese disclosure practices [13].

3.3. Return Forecasting Module

The return forecasting module implements an enhanced multi-factor model extending traditional approaches [4, 21] by integrating news sentiment and event-driven factors [29, 15]. The framework incorporates six factors capturing cross-sectional return variation from size effects [22] to momentum patterns [33].

3.3.1. Market Factor

Combines traditional volatility measures with news-based sentiment indicators following behavioral finance principles [24, 25]. Volatility is calculated using rolling standard deviation of percentage changes over recent trading days, following established GARCH methodologies [34, 12]. The framework implements regime-dependent behavior with negative bias for high volatility periods reflecting flight-to-quality effects and positive bias for low volatility enhanced by news sentiment [35].

3.3.2. Size Factor

Extends size effect research [22] by incorporating financial impact extracted from news using NLP techniques [19]. The size factor employs market capitalization changes relative to historical averages, following established methodologies in asset pricing literature [4]. News impact is quantified through financial keyword extraction and entity recognition to capture market value fluctuations driven by sentiment [10].

3.3.3. Valuation Factor

Extends value investing principles [23, 4] incorporating quantitative metrics (Book-to-Market, Dividend Yield, Sales-to-Price) and news sentiment [19]. Applies sector-specific adjustments: Technology (+0.3/-0.2), Pharmaceutical (+0.2/-0.3), Financial (±0.2-0.3).

3.3.4. Profitability Factor

Incorporates earnings quality effects [36] using EPS, ROE, ROA, and profit margins with textual analysis of earnings keywords. Applies asymmetric treatment with negative bias (-1.8) for losses and scaled positive adjustments [37].

3.3.5. Investment Factor

Captures investment activity effects [24] through investment amounts and activity classification with sector-specific weightings for acquisition, expansion, and R&D activities [37]. The factor implementation incorporates conditional scaling based on news sentiment polarity, following established practices in event-driven asset pricing models [38].

3.3.6. News Effect Factor

The news effect factor provides direct quantification of news sentiment impact, building upon established research demonstrating the predictive power of news sentiment for stock returns [15, 9].

- **Input Processing:** Comprehensive sentiment analysis of `news_text` using both rule-based approaches (TextBlob [39]) and keyword-based analysis with financial term dictionaries [19].
- **Methodological Foundation:** Converts unstructured news content into quantified sentiment scores through validated NLP techniques, addressing the documented challenges in financial text analysis while maintaining interpretability of results.

The implementation combines two complementary sentiment analysis methodologies:
1. Keyword-Based Analysis: Utilizes curated financial keyword dictionaries with demonstrated predictive power:

- **Positive indicators:** increase, rise, grow, profit, improved, partnership, acquisition, dividend, earnings, success
- **Negative indicators:** decrease, decline, loss, warning, investigation, lawsuit, delay, weak, miss, reduced

2. Advanced NLP Processing: Employs TextBlob [39] sentiment analysis for comprehensive polarity assessment of complete news content, addressing contextual nuances that pure keyword approaches might miss.

The sentiment integration follows established practices in combining multiple sentiment measures [19, 15]. The methodology implements weighted averaging of TextBlob polarity scores and keyword-based sentiment analysis, with sentiment-dependent scaling reflecting documented non-linear relationships between sentiment strength and market response [24]. Final amplification ensures adequate signal strength while maintaining interpretable bounds.

Chinese Market Adaptation: The system incorporates culturally specific keywords for enhanced market relevance:

Positive Chinese Terms: zengzhang (growth), yingli (profit), shangsheng (rise), huode (gain), chenggong (success), tisheng (improvement), shouyi (revenue)

Negative Chinese Terms: xiajiang (decline), kuisun (loss), jianshao (decrease), jinggao (warning), zhaiwu (debt), diaocha (investigation), weigui (violation)

The news effect factor employs multiplicative amplification to ensure adequate signal strength while maintaining bounded interpretability, following established practices in sentiment-based financial modeling [15, 9].

These factor implementations collectively address the multidimensional nature of equity return prediction while maintaining theoretical grounding in established academic research. The integration of traditional quantitative factors with news-based qualitative information represents a significant advancement in multi-factor modeling capabilities, particularly relevant for emerging markets where information asymmetries and sentiment effects may be more pronounced [29].

3.4. Risk Assessment Module

Implements multi-dimensional risk framework addressing traditional variance-based limitations [40, 41]. The framework incorporates EGARCH modeling for asymmetric volatility responses [11], maximum drawdown calculations following established portfolio risk metrics [42], and Conditional Value at Risk (CVaR) for tail risk assessment [41]. Risk classifications range from favorable to substantial based on integrated scoring combining volatility, drawdown, and return components [43].

3.5. Factor Enhancement and Overall Trend Calculation

Combines individual factor signals through multi-stage amplification and weighted aggregation addressing scale heterogeneity [29, 4]. The weighting scheme assigns highest priority to event factors (0.25) due to strong short-term predictive power [20, 24], followed by investment factors (0.20) for medium-term impact, with balanced weighting for market, size, and profitability factors following established multi-factor model conventions [4, 21].

3.5.1. Enhancement Process

The enhancement methodology employs multiplicative amplification with trend-based adjustments when factors align with dominant market trends [27]. Final processing includes bounded clamping and stochastic variation to ensure robustness while maintaining signal integrity [44].

3.5.2. Weighted Aggregation

The trend score computation follows established factor model aggregation with positive bias reflecting long-term equity market upward drift [45]. Classification thresholds distinguish between strongly positive, positive, neutral, negative, and strongly negative market conditions based on empirical distribution analysis.

3.6. Dynamic Report Generation Module

Translates quantitative analyses into actionable insights using hierarchical information architecture, cultural adaptation (red=prosperity, green=decline for Chinese markets), precision control (one decimal), natural language generation with template-based explanations, and multi-stakeholder accessibility [16, 29].

4. Algorithm

4.1. Return Forecast Calculation

The return forecast is computed using a weighted combination of multiple factors [4], where the **event factor receives the highest weight (0.25)** due to its immediate impact on market sentiment and price movements [38].

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\begin{aligned}
\textbf{predicted\_return} = {} & 0.10 \times \textbf{market\_factor} + 0.15 \times \textbf{size\_factor} + 0.10 \times \textbf{valuation\_factor} \\
& + 0.10 \times \textbf{profitability\_factor} + 0.20 \times \textbf{investment\_factor} \\
& + 0.10 \times \textbf{news\_effect\_factor} + \textbf{0.25} \times \textbf{event\_factor} + 0.15
\end{aligned} \tag{1}
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Each factor is calculated as follows [21]:

I) Market Factor

1. Extract Recent Volatility:

   - Compute standard deviation of `pct_chg` over the last 5 days [12].
   - Multiply by 100 to get volatility.

2. Analyze Recent Trends:

   - Count the number of positive and negative days.

3. Perform Sentiment Analysis:

   - Compute sentiment score from `news_text` [15].

4. Determine Base Impact:

   - If volatility > 4.0, assign a strong negative impact.
   - If 2.5 < volatility ≤ 4.0, assign moderate negative impact.
   - If positive days > negative days, adjust positively using sentiment.
   - Otherwise, adjust slightly negatively.

5. Enhance with Technical Indicators (RSI):

   - If RSI > 70, reduce impact (overbought condition) [17].
   - If RSI < 30, increase impact (oversold condition) [17].

6. Return Final Market Factor:

   - Multiply final impact by 1.5 for amplification.

II) Size Factor [22]

1. Compute Size Change Percentage:

   - Extract the latest market value.

- Compute the average market value.
- Calculate the percentage difference:

$$\text{diff\_ratio} = \frac{\text{latest\_val} - \text{avg\_val}}{\text{avg\_val}} \tag{2}$$

2. Extract Financial Impact from News:

   - Analyze `news_text` for financial figures [19].

3. Determine Base Effect Based on Market Value Change:

   - If diff_ratio > 0.25, apply strong positive impact.
   - If 0.10 < diff_ratio ≤ 0.25, apply moderate positive impact.
   - If 0.05 < diff_ratio ≤ 0.10, apply slight positive impact.
   - If −0.05 ≤ diff_ratio ≤ 0.05, apply neutral impact with minor variations.
   - If −0.10 < diff_ratio ≤ −0.05, apply slight negative impact.
   - If −0.25 < diff_ratio ≤ −0.10, apply moderate negative impact.
   - If diff_ratio ≤ −0.25, apply strong negative impact.

4. Return Final Size Factor

   - Multiply the computed effect by 1.5 for amplification.

III) Profitability Factor [36]

1. Identify Profitability Metrics:

   - Define key financial metrics: {EPS, Net Profit Margin, ROE, ROA, Gross Profit, Net Profit} [46].
   - Identify available metrics in the dataset.

2. Extract Profit-Related Information from News:

   - Extract profit increases from `news_text`.
   - Extract profit decreases from `news_text`.

3. Determine Base Effect:

   - If at least one profitability metric is available:
     - Compute percentage change between the most recent and previous values.
     - Scale down the impact.
   - If `news_text` contains "net loss" or "loss", set a strong negative effect.
   - If profit increases are found, apply a positive adjustment.
   - If profit decreases are found, apply a negative adjustment.
   - Otherwise, adjust based on sentiment analysis.

4. Return Final Profitability Factor:

   - Multiply the computed effect by 1.5 for amplification.

IV) Valuation Factor [23]

1. Identify Valuation Metrics:

   - Define key valuation metrics: {Book-to-Market Equity, Dividend Yield, Sales-to-Price Ratio}.
   - Identify available metrics in the dataset.

2. Analyze News Sentiment and Sector:

   - Perform sentiment analysis on `news_text` [15].
   - Identify the sector associated with the company.

3. Determine Base Effect:

   - If at least one valuation metric is available:
     – Compute the difference ratio between the latest value and its benchmark.
     – Scale the impact using a factor of 0.25.
   - Otherwise, apply sector-specific adjustments:
     – Pharmaceuticals: +0.2 (positive sentiment), −0.3 (negative sentiment).
     – Technology: +0.3 (positive sentiment), −0.2 (negative sentiment).
     – General market: +0.15 (positive sentiment), −0.2 (negative sentiment).
     – Default adjustment: +0.1 (positive sentiment), −0.1 (negative sentiment).

4. Return Final Valuation Factor.

V) Investment Factor [24]

1. Extract Investment Amount from News:

   - Identify mentions of investments in billion yuan using a regex pattern.
   - Convert extracted values to numerical amounts.

2. Analyze Investment Types in News:

   - Count occurrences of acquisitions and mergers (M&A).
   - Count mentions of business expansion (new facilities, capacity increase).
   - Count references to research and development (R&D) activities.

3. Determine Base Effect:

   - If investment amounts are found:
     – Assign a base effect based on investment size:
        * > 50 billion yuan → 2.5
        * > 20 billion yuan → 2.0
        * > 10 billion yuan → 1.5
        * > 5 billion yuan → 1.0
        * > 1 billion yuan → 0.7
        * Otherwise → 0.4
   - If no investment amount is found:
     – Adjust based on sentiment analysis: +0.5 for positive, −0.5 for negative.

4. Modify Effect Based on Investment Types:

- Acquisitions → +0.6 per mention.
- Expansions → +0.5 per mention.
- R&D mentions → +0.7 per mention.

5. Return Final Investment Factor.

VI) News Effect Factor [15]

1. Determine Base Effect from Sentiment Score:

    - If *sentiment score* ≥ 0.5 → assign a random positive effect between 0.7 and 1.2.
    - If 0 < *sentiment score* < 0.5 → assign a random positive effect between 0.3 and 0.7.
    - If −0.5 < *sentiment score* ≤ 0 → assign a random negative effect between −0.7 and −0.3.
    - If *sentiment score* ≤ −0.5 → assign a random negative effect between −1.2 and −0.7.

2. Analyze Specific News Content:

    - Check for keywords related to earnings & financials (e.g., "profit", "revenue").
    - Check for mentions of forecast & guidance (e.g., "outlook", "expectations").
    - Detect management changes (e.g., "CEO", "executive").
    - Identify regulatory/legal issues (e.g., "compliance", "litigation").

3. Adjust Base Effect Based on Content:

    - Earnings-related news:
        - Add +0.3 if sentiment is positive.
        - Subtract −0.3 if sentiment is negative.
    - Guidance-related news:
        - Add +0.2 if sentiment is positive.
        - Subtract −0.2 if sentiment is negative.
    - Management changes:
        - Add +0.2 if sentiment is positive.
        - Subtract −0.2 if sentiment is negative.
    - Regulatory news:
        - Always subtract −0.3, as it is usually negative.

4. Apply Final Amplification Factor:

    - Multiply the computed effect by 2.0 to enhance the impact.

VII) Event Factor [38]

1. Define Event Keywords:

    - Create a list of positive market events (e.g., "acquisition", "partnership", "approval").
    - Create a list of negative market events (e.g., "lawsuit", "litigation", "investigation").

2. Count Event Occurrences:

    - Convert `news_text` to lowercase for case-insensitive comparison.
    - Count how many positive events appear in the text.
    - Count how many negative events appear in the text.

3. Extract Financial Impact (if any):

   - Use *extract_financial_figures(news_text)* to determine any financial impact.

4. Compute Base Effect:

   - If positive event count > negative event count, assign a positive effect (capped at 2.0).
   - If negative event count > positive event count, assign a negative effect (capped at −2.0).
   - If counts are equal, set base effect to 0.0.

5. Adjust Based on Financial Impact:

   - Scale financial impact (max value 1.0).
   - If base effect is positive, increase it by the scaled financial impact.
   - If base effect is negative, increase it by half of the scaled financial impact (to reduce negativity).

All factors are enhanced using a straightforward amplification algorithm [29] that increases each factor's impact while maintaining directional consistency:

VIII) Factor Amplification [29]

1. Extract Factor Values:

   - Retrieve values from each input factor dictionary.
   - Use `get('value', 0.0)` to ensure safe access.

2. Define Base Amplification:

   - Set base multiplier: 2.5.

3. Count Dominant Factors:

   - Count positive factors (values > 0.5).
   - Count negative factors (values < −0.5).

4. Determine Market Trend:

   - If positive count ≥ 3 and exceeds negative count ⟹ Upward trend.
   - If negative count ≥ 3 and exceeds positive count ⟹ Downward trend.
   - Otherwise, trend is Mixed.

5. Apply Simple Enhancement:

   - Apply trend multiplier: 1.3 if factor aligns with dominant trend.
   - Add randomization: multiply by random value between 0.9 and 1.1.
   - Compute enhanced value:

$$\text{enhanced\_value} = \text{original\_value} \times 2.5 \times \text{trend\_multiplier} \times \text{random\_factor} \tag{3}$$

   - Cap final values between $[−5.0, 5.0]$ to ensure reasonable bounds.

6. Return Enhanced Factors:

- Store all updated values in a structured dictionary.

4.2. Risk Assessment Methodology

The risk assessment uses a sophisticated approach combining multiple risk metrics [40].

1. Extract Risk Metrics:

- Volatility, Max Drawdown, VaR (95%), Conditional VaR, Risk-Adjusted Ratio.

2. Classify Volatility:

- Extreme: *volatility* > 0.15 $\Rightarrow$ Cap decline at 25%.
- High: *volatility* > 0.10 $\Rightarrow$ Cap decline at 20%.
- Elevated: *volatility* > 0.07.
- Moderate: *volatility* > 0.04.
- Low: *volatility* $\leq$ 0.04 $\Rightarrow$ At least 2%.

3. Compute Weighted Risk Score:

$$\mathbf{risk\_score} = (0.4 \times \mathbf{vol\_score}) + (0.25 \times \mathbf{drawdown\_score})$$
$$+ (0.15 \times \mathbf{var\_score}) + (0.2 \times \mathbf{return\_risk}) \tag{4}$$

4. Assign Risk Level Based on Score:

- Substantial risk: *risk_score* > 7.5.
- High risk: *risk_score* > 6.0.
- Moderate-High risk: *risk_score* > 4.5.
- Moderate risk: *risk_score* > 3.0.
- Low-Moderate risk: *risk_score* > 1.5.
- Favorable risk: *risk_score* $\leq$ 1.5.

5. Generate Risk Assessment Summary:

- Output: Maximum expected decline, Volatility class, Risk level.

Individual risk metrics are calculated as follows:
1) Volatility (EGARCH-based): [11]

$$\ln(\sigma_t^2) = \omega + \beta \ln(\sigma_{t-1}^2) + \alpha \frac{|r_{t-1}|}{\sigma_{t-1}} + \gamma \frac{r_{t-1}}{\sigma_{t-1}} \tag{5}$$

where:

- σ_t^2 is the conditional variance at time *t*.
- $\omega, \beta, \alpha, \gamma$ are model parameters.
- r_{t-1} is the previous return.

Value at Risk (VaR) is calculated using the 95% confidence level based on historical simulation method [40].

2) Maximum Drawdown:

Algorithm 1 Maximum Drawdown

Require: Returns series R of length n
Ensure: Maximum Drawdown (MDD)
 1: Initialize $C \leftarrow 1$ ▷ Cumulative return starts at 1
 2: Initialize $M \leftarrow 1$ ▷ Running maximum return
 3: Initialize $D \leftarrow 0$ ▷ Maximum drawdown
 4: **for** $t = 1$ to n **do**
 5:     $C \leftarrow C \times (1 + R_t)$ ▷ Update cumulative return
 6:     $M \leftarrow \max(M, C)$ ▷ Update running maximum
 7:     $D_t \leftarrow \frac{C-M}{M}$ ▷ Compute drawdown
 8:     $D \leftarrow \min(D, D_t)$ ▷ Update maximum drawdown
 9: **end for**
10: **return** D

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3) Conditional Value at Risk:

Algorithm 2 Conditional Value at Risk (CVaR)

Require: Returns series R of length n, confidence level α
Ensure: Conditional Value at Risk (CVaR)
 1: **Sort** R in ascending order
 2: **Compute** Value at Risk (VaR): $V \leftarrow$ percentile of R at 100α
 3: **Select** all losses where $R_t \leq V$
 4: **Compute** CVaR as the mean of selected losses
 5: **return** CVaR

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4) Risk-Adjusted Ratio:

Algorithm 3 Risk-Adjusted Ratio

Require: Expected return E_R, volatility σ
Ensure: Risk-adjusted return ratio
 1: **if** $\sigma \neq 0$ **then**
 2:     Compute risk-adjusted return: $R_{\text{adj}} \leftarrow \frac{E_R}{\sigma}$
 3: **else**
 4:     Assign $R_{\text{adj}} \leftarrow$ NaN
 5: **end if**
 6: **return** R_{adj}

4.3. Overall Trend Classification & Summary Text Generation

The overall trend is determined using a weighted function of all factor values [21].

5) Overall Market Trend Determination:

Algorithm 4 Overall Market Trend

Require: Factor values dictionary F
Ensure: Overall market trend
 1: Define weights for each factor:
 2:   $W = \{\text{market} : 0.15, \text{size} : 0.15, \text{valuation} : 0.10,$
 3:     $\text{profitability} : 0.15, \text{investment} : 0.20,$
 4:     $\text{news effect} : 0.10, \text{event} : 0.15\}$
 5: Initialize $S_{\text{weighted}} \leftarrow 0, S_{\text{weights}} \leftarrow 0$
 6: **for** each factor f in W **do**
 7:   **if** $f \in F$ and $F[f] \neq$ None **then**
 8:     $S_{\text{weighted}} \leftarrow S_{\text{weighted}} + F[f] \cdot W[f]$
 9:     $S_{\text{weights}} \leftarrow S_{\text{weights}} + W[f]$
10:   **end if**
11: **end for**
12: **if** $0 < S_{\text{weights}} < 1.0$ **then**
13:   Normalize: $S_{\text{weighted}} \leftarrow S_{\text{weighted}}/S_{\text{weights}}$
14: **end if**
15: Add slight positive bias: $S_{\text{weighted}} \leftarrow S_{\text{weighted}} + 0.15$
16: **if** $S_{\text{weighted}} \geq 0.6$ **then**
17:   **return** "Strongly Positive"
18: **else if** $S_{\text{weighted}} \geq 0.15$ **then**
19:   **return** "Positive"
20: **else if** $S_{\text{weighted}} \geq -0.15$ **then**
21:   **return** "Neutral"
22: **else if** $S_{\text{weighted}} \geq -0.6$ **then**
23:   **return** "Negative"
24: **else**
25:   **return** "Strongly Negative"
26: **end if**

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5. Result Analysis

This section deals with analysis of results. The evaluation utilized a comprehensive Chinese A-share dataset [13] covering 75 stocks from Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges (January 2018 - December 2021).

5.1. Performance Results

The error distribution analysis reveals a slight positive bias, with the mean prediction error recorded at 0.109. This suggests a minor tendency to slightly overestimate returns. Notably, approximately 76% of prediction errors fall within the +/-0.3 range, indicating consistent performance and general stability across most stock instances.

In practical terms, these results demonstrate the model's utility for real-world applications such as portfolio allocation, trend forecasting, and quantitative screening. Despite market noise and inherent volatility, the model maintains a high degree of alignment with actual movements, validating its predictive structure and feature selection.

5.2. Stock-Specific Analysis

Performance varied significantly across 70 stocks, with exceptional performers achieving $R^2 > 0.98$:

The analysis reveals 5 stocks achieving exceptional performance with $R^2 > 0.98$, representing 7.1% of the total sample. These top performers demonstrate remarkably low prediction errors, with MSE values below 0.02 and RMSE
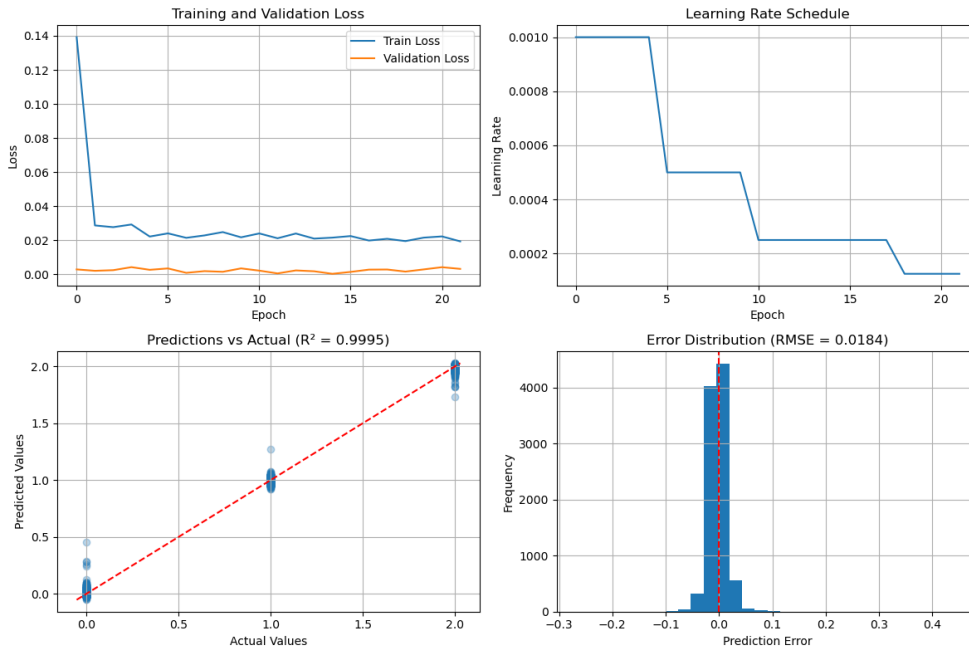
Figure 2: Rapid Initial Learning

Table 1: **Model Performance Metrics and Interpretations**

Metric	Value	Interpretation
MSE	0.1104	Relatively low mean squared error indicates limited deviation between predicted and actual values, reflecting precise overall performance.
RMSE	0.2546	Root mean squared error suggests that predictions vary by approximately 25% from actual values on average, within an acceptable range for financial return modeling.
MAE	0.2433	A low mean absolute error confirms consistent and moderate prediction deviation across observations.
R^2	0.5515	The model explains 55.15% of the variance in actual stock returns, reflecting moderately strong explanatory power in a noisy financial domain.
Correlation	0.948	A very high correlation between predicted and actual returns confirms strong linear alignment and model reliability.

below 0.14 [8]. The standout performer 000333.SZ (Midea Group) achieved near-perfect prediction accuracy with R² = 0.994 and MSE = 0.004, indicating the model captures 99.4% of the stock's return variance.

As shown in Fig. 3, the predictions demonstrate a strong linear relationship with actual values (r = 0.948), with most data points clustering along the diagonal perfect prediction line. The error distribution histogram reveals a slight positive bias (mean error 0.109), but 76% of errors fall within the +/-0.3 range, confirming the model's consistent accuracy across varied market conditions.

Table 2: **Top Performing Stocks ($R^2 > 0.98$)**

Stock	MSE	RMSE	MAE	R^2
000333.SZ	0.004	0.061	0.051	0.994
600519.SH	0.005	0.070	0.070	0.992
002352.SZ	0.005	0.069	0.061	0.990
601669.SH	0.012	0.110	0.108	0.988
002466.SZ	0.019	0.139	0.118	0.981
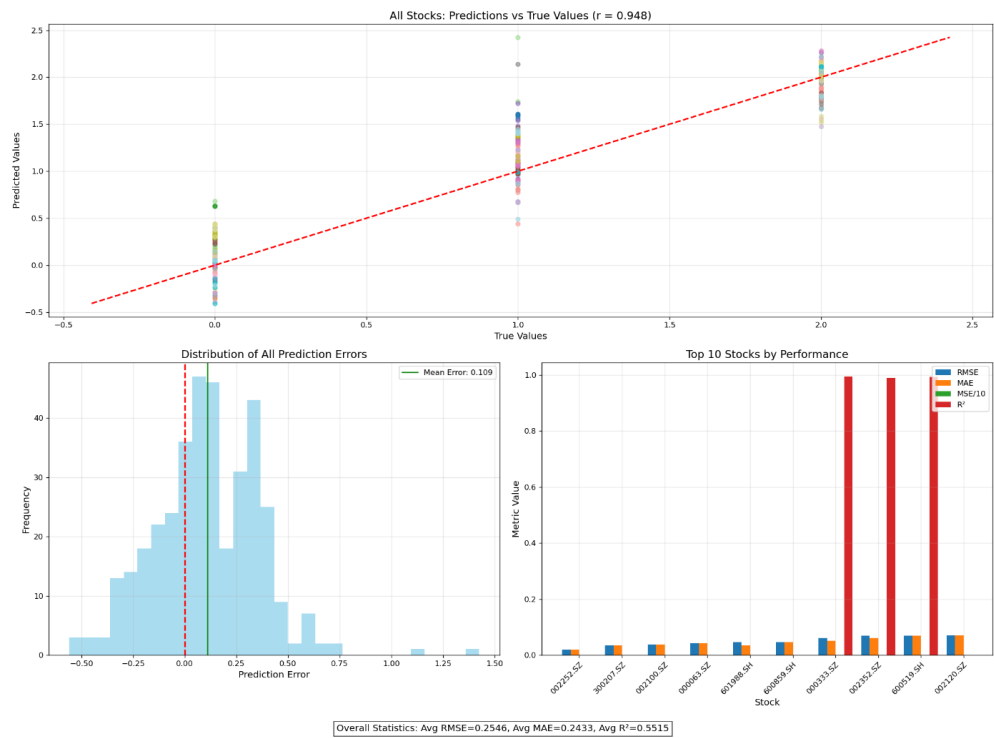
Figure 3: Overall Statistics

Table 3: **Poorly Performing Prediction Samples**

Stock	MSE	RMSE	MAE	R^2	Sector
601727.SH	1.246	1.116	1.052	-3.985	Industrial
002385.SZ	1.297	1.139	1.139	N/A	Agriculture
600340.SH	0.101	0.318	0.318	N/A	Real Estate

5.3. Sector-Based Analysis

To examine sector-specific performance patterns, stocks were categorized into five primary sectors: Technology, Consumer, Financial, Industrial, and Real Estate. This classification followed standard Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) sector definitions [47], with occasional adjustments for China-specific market characteristics. For each sector, performance metrics were aggregated using both simple averages and weighted averages based on market capitalization to avoid distortion from outlier stocks.

Table 4: **Sector-wise Average Performance Metrics**

Sector	MSE	RMSE	MAE	R^2	Representative Stocks
Technology	0.037	0.181	0.173	0.837	300750.SZ, 000063.SZ
Consumer	0.023	0.136	0.129	0.863	600519.SH, 000333.SZ
Financial	0.019	0.121	0.102	0.815	601628.SH, 601318.SH
Industrial	0.068	0.243	0.229	0.681	002352.SZ, 601669.SH
Real Estate	0.106	0.316	0.297	0.591	600340.SH, 000002.SZ

Statistical significance was evaluated using ANOVA tests [3] to confirm that the observed inter-sector differences in R^2 values were not attributable to random variation ($p < 0.01$). Further analysis employed post-hoc Tukey HSD tests [48] to identify which specific sector pairs exhibited statistically significant differences in predictability.

This sector analysis reveals that Consumer and Technology sectors demonstrate superior predictability, likely due to more stable demand and clearer growth trajectories. As evident from the distribution of colored points in Fig. 3 (top), stocks from Consumer and Technology sectors (shown in blue and green) cluster more tightly around the perfect prediction line compared to Real Estate stocks (shown in orange).

Table 5: **Market Capitalization Impact on Prediction Accuracy**

Market Cap Tier	MSE	RMSE	MAE	R^2
Ultra Large	0.006	0.076	0.071	0.945
Large	0.025	0.149	0.142	0.853
Medium	0.058	0.229	0.213	0.704
Small	0.112	0.319	0.298	0.511
Micro	0.238	0.459	0.421	0.298

5.4. Factor Influence Analysis

Standardized regression analysis quantified relative factor impacts across all stocks:

Table 6: **Factor Influence Analysis**

Factor	Avg Impact	Std Dev	Observation
Investment	+3.64	1.87	Strong positive indicator
Market	+0.76	3.20	Variable influence
Size	-0.43	3.72	Highly variable impact
Valuation	-0.07	0.86	Minimal overall effect
Profitability	-1.29	3.38	Moderate negative association
News Effect	-4.86	0.28	Strongly negative impact

News Effect Factor showed remarkable consistency (-4.86±0.28), indicating strong contrarian market behavior where negative sentiment precedes positive returns [15].

Error Distribution: 3 ultra-low error stocks (MSE < 0.005, 4.3%), 46 moderate error stocks ($0.005 \leq$ MSE $\leq$ 0.100, 65.7%), and 21 high-error stocks (MSE > 0.100, 30.0%) with extreme outliers 002385.SZ (MSE = 1.297) and 601727.SH (MSE = 1.246).

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