# estudy2: an R package for the event study

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#### Introduction

#### Definition:

Event study is a statistical toolbox that allows to examine the impact of certain events on the stock valuation of a company(-ies).

#### Methodology (starting point)

- N securities (stocks of insurance companies)
- t<sub>e</sub>: the day of the event
- Parameters:
  - $-\Delta$ : the length of the estimation window
  - w<sub>b</sub>: the # of days before the event
  - w<sub>a</sub>: the # of days after the event



# Methodology (market models)

• Adjusted mean-returns model  $R_{i,t} = \bar{R}_i + \epsilon_{i,t}$ 

$$A_{i,t} = R_{i,t} - \bar{R}_i$$

• Adjusted market-returns model  $R_{i,t} = R_{M,t} + \epsilon_{i,t}$ 

$$A_{i,t} = R_{i,t} - R_{M,t}$$

• Single-index market model  $R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_i \cdot R_{M,t} + \epsilon_{i,t}$ 

$$A_{i,t} = R_{i,t} - \hat{\alpha}_i - \hat{\beta}_i \cdot R_{M,t}$$

### Methodology (statistical tests)

#### Parametric tests:

- Student's t-test
- Brown and Warner (1980)
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- Patell (1976)
- Boehmer et al. (1991)
- Lamb (1995)

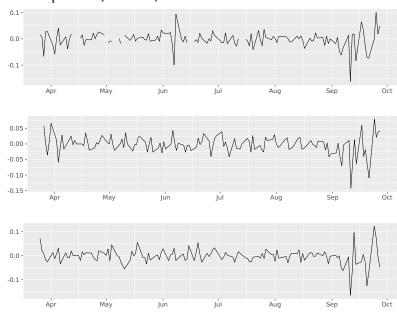
#### • Nonparametric tests:

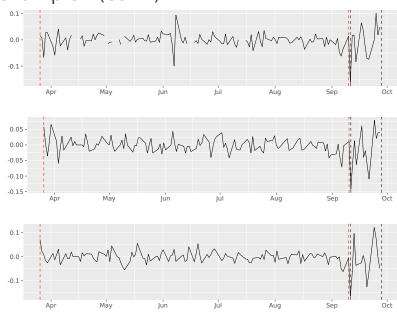
- Sign test
- Generalized sign test
- Corrado and Zivney (1992)
- Rank test
- Modified rank test
- Wilcoxon signed-rank test

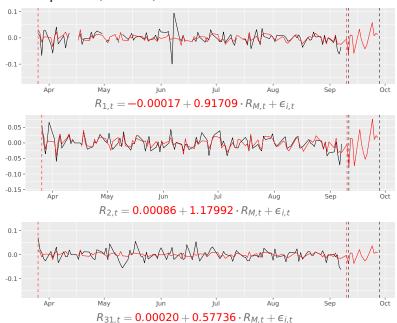
# An example of event study: 9/11 terrorist attacks

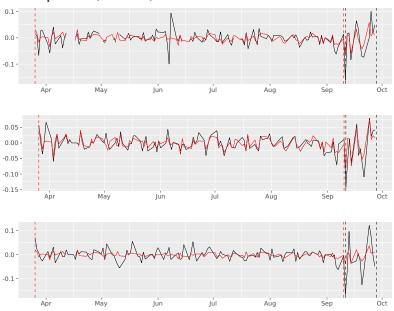
- 31 European non-life companies 17 FL, 10 P&C, 4 Re
- $\Delta = 120$ ,  $W_b = 0$ ,  $W_a = 17$
- Single-index market model with STOXX Global 1800 as proxy is used

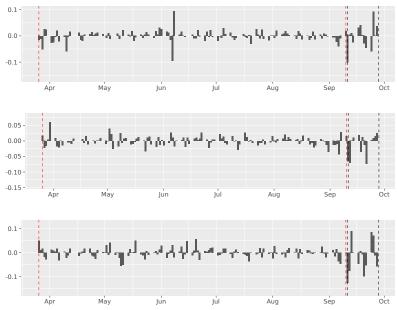












# Existing commercial solutions

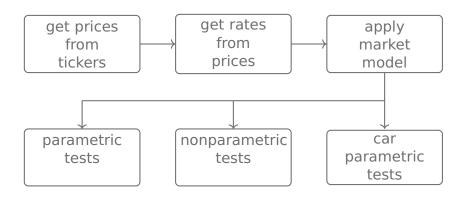
- eventstudy.com
- eventstudymetrics.com
- eventstudytools.com\*







#### github.com/irudnyts/estudy2



#### Code snippet (example from help file)

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tickers <-- c("ALV.DE", ..., "TOP.CO")
prices <- get prices from tickers(tickers,</pre>
     start = as.Date("2000-01-01"),
     end = as.Date("2002-01-01"),
     quote = "Close", retclass = "list")
rates <-- get rates from prices (prices,
     quote = "Close", multi day = TRUE,
     compounding = "continuous")
securities returns <-- apply market model(
     rates = rates,
     market model = "mean adj",
     estimation start = as.Date("2001-03-26"),
     estimation end = as.Date("2001-09-10"))
parametric tests (securities returns,
     as.Date("2001-09-11"),
     as.Date("2001-09-28"))
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#### Our research

#### Purposes:

- examine the impact of selected shocks and their significance on the stock valuation of insurance companies
- investigate the relation of companies characteristics and the effect caused by such events
- compare different test statistics on the same set of events and firms

#### > summary(research)

The impact of 13 major catastrophes (6 hurricanes, 3 earthquakes, 2 winter storms, and 2 airline crashes) on 87 listed non-life insurer have been analyzed:

- There is no clear pattern in stock responses to catastrophes
- North American and Western European companies behave differently
- Only for several events the market capitalization is the essential characteristic, which influence the reaction
- Reinsurance companies are the most sensitive to the catastrophe events

# Thank you!