Connected Stocks via Business Groups: Evidence from an Emerging Market

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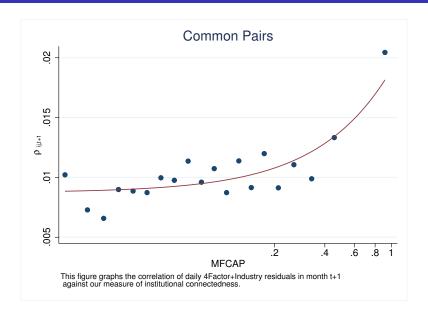
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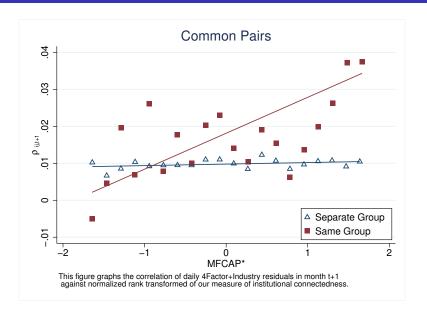
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Future Correlation and MFCAP



Future Correlation and MFCAP



Motivation

Does direct or indirect common ownership cause stock return co-movement?

- common ownership:
 - ullet We connect stocks through the common ownership by blockholders (ownership > 1%) for direct common ownership
 - We connect stocks through the ultimate owner for indirect common ownership
- We focus on excess return co-movement for a pair of the stocks
- We use common ownership (direct or indirect) to forecast cross-sectional variation in the realized correlation of four-factor + industry residuals
- We demonstrate that correlated trading can be a channel of co-movement

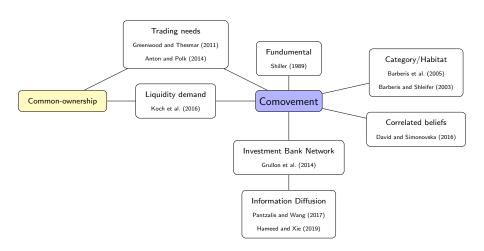
Why does it matter?

- Covariance
 - Covariance is a key component of risk in many financial applications.
 (Portfolio selection, Risk management, Hedging and Asset pricing)
 - Covariance is a significant input in risk measurement models (Such as Value-at-Risk)
- Return predictability
 - If it's valid, we can build a profitable buy-sell strategy

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Main effect



Our work

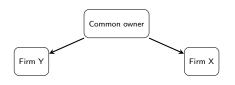
- We use daily records of block-holder ownership for firms
- We are not restricted to mutual funds ownership
- Furthermore, 85% of market belongs to the business groups
 - Would business groups be able to raise the co-movement of stock returns?
 - Cho and Mooney (2015):
 The strong co-movement between group returns and firm returns is explained by correlated fundamentals.
 - Kim et al. (2015):
 The increase in correlation appears to be driven more by non-fundamental factors such as correlated trading, rather than fundamental factors such as related-party transactions
 - Common ownership or business group (indirect common ownership) ?
 - Through which channel?

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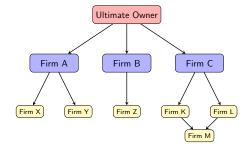
Pair composition

• Firms with at least one common owner



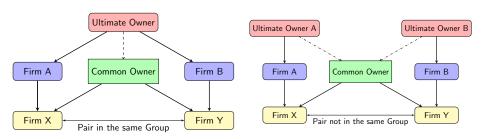
• In a business group, how can one pair be defined?

Business group



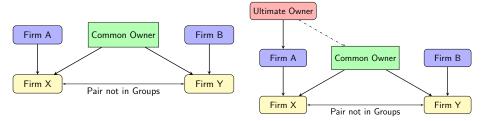
Pair Composition and Business Group

Pair in the Business Group



Pair Composition and Business Group

Pair not in any of Business Groups



Data Summary

- Data: 2014/03/25 (1393/01/06) 2020/03/18 (1398/12/28)
 - 72 Months
 - 618 firm including 562 firms with common owners

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
No. of Firms	365	376	447	552	587	618
No. of Blockholders	777	803	984	1297	1454	1458
No. of Groups	38	41	43	44	40	43
No. of Firms in Groups	249	268	300	336	346	375
Ave. Number of group Members	7	7	7	8	9	9
Ave. ownership of each Blockholders	21	22	22	21	22	23
Med. ownership of each Blockholders	7	8	8	8	8	9
Ave. Number of Owners	5	5	5	5	5	5
Ave. Block. Ownership	76	77	75	75	75	71

Pair Composition

- Pairs consist of two firms with at least one common owner
 - 93442 unique pairs which is 25% of possible pairs ($\frac{612*611}{2}$ = 373932)

	Mean	Min	Median	Max
Number of unique paris	24139	13272	23024	45795

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
No. of Pairs	20876	21187	27784	41449	47234	67232
No. of Pairs not in Groups	11452	11192	15351	26530	29182	43433
No. of Pairs not in the same Group	7962	8731	10971	12916	15366	20745
No. of Pairs in the same Group	923	955	1099	1260	1536	1774
Ave. Number of Common owner	1	1	1	1	1	1

Measuring Common-ownership

Anton and Polk (2014)

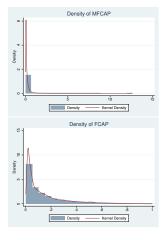
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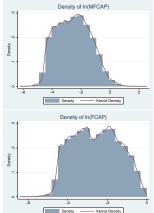
$$FCAP_{ij,t} = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^{F} (S_{i,t}^{f} P_{i,t} + S_{j,t}^{f} P_{j,t})}{S_{i,t} P_{i,t} + S_{j,t} P_{j,t}}$$

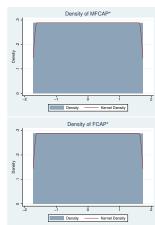
		MFCAP					FCAP			
	mean	std	min	median	max	mean	std	min	median	max
All	0.158	0.234	0.002	0.079	12.65	0.144	0.166	0.002	0.077	1.0
Same Group	0.474	0.478	0.005	0.367	6.174	0.346	0.265	0.004	0.321	1.0
Not Same Group	0.147	0.212	0.002	0.077	12.65	0.137	0.157	0.002	0.074	1.0
Same Industry	0.274	0.383	0.003	0.126	6.262	0.207	0.215	0.003	0.12	0.999
Not Same Industry	0.15	0.217	0.002	0.077	12.65	0.14	0.161	0.002	0.074	1.0

MFCAP vs. FCAP Distributions

Monthly







Correlation Calculation

4 Factor + Industry

Frist Step:

Estimate this model on periods of three month (From two months earlier):

• 4 Factor + Industry :

$$\begin{split} R_{i,t} &= \alpha_i + \beta_{\textit{mkt},i} R_{\textit{M},t} + \beta_{\textit{Ind},i} R_{\textit{Ind},t} \\ &+ \beta_{\textit{HML},i} \textit{HML}_t + \beta_{\textit{SMB},i} \textit{SMB}_t + \beta_{\textit{UMD},i} \textit{UMD}_t + \boxed{\varepsilon_{i,t}} \end{split}$$

 Second Step: Calculate monthly correlation of each stock pair's daily abnormal returns (residuals)

	mean	std	min	median	max
CAPM + Industry 4 Factor 4 Factor + Industry		0.200 0.202 0.199	-1.0 -1.0 -1.0	0.016 0.025 0.010	1.0 1.0 1.0

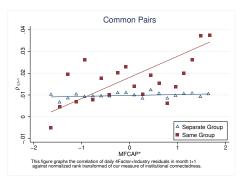
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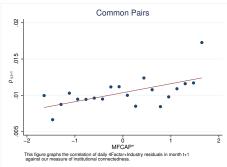
- **SameGroup**: Dummy variable for whether the two stocks belong to the same business group.
- **SameIndustry**: Dummy variable for whether the two stocks belong to the same Industry.
- SameSize: The negative of absolute difference in percentile ranking of size across a pair
- SameBookToMarket :The negative of absolute difference in percentile ranking of the book to market ratio across a pair
- CrossOwnership: The maximum percent of cross-ownership between two firms

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Correlation and Common Ownership





Estimation model

Use Fama-MacBeth to estimate this model

$$\rho_{ij,t+1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \mathsf{MFCAP}^*_{ij,t} + \beta_2 * \mathsf{SameGroup}_{ij} \\ + \beta_3 * \mathsf{MFCAP}^*_{ij,t} \times \mathsf{SameGroup}_{ij} \\ + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k * \mathsf{Control}_{ij,t} + \varepsilon_{ij,t+1}$$
 (1)

- Estimate the model on a monthly frequency
- Adjust standard errors by Newey and West adjustment with 4 lags $(4(70/100)^{\frac{2}{9}}=3.69\sim4)$

Methodology

Model Estimation

Normalized Rank-Transformed

		Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement								
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)				
MFCAP*	0.00104*	0.000633			0.000166	-0.000146				
	(2.44)	(1.51)			(0.38)	(-0.34)				
Same Group			0.0182***	0.0169***	0.0168***	0.0182***				
			(8.60)	(7.60)	(7.19)	(8.13)				
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				
PairType Control	No	No	No	No	No	Yes				
Observations	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996				

t statistics in parentheses

^{*} p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

Model Estimation

Normalized Rank-Transformed

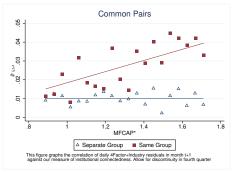
	Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
MFCAP*	0.00946***	-0.000535	-0.000602	-0.000484	-0.000484			
	(7.52)	(-1.24)	(-1.39)	(-1.16)	(-1.16)			
Same Group			0.00908***	0.00858***	0.00858***			
			(4.00)	(3.61)	(3.61)			
$(MFCAP^*) \times SameGroup$			0.0109***	0.0110***	0.0110***			
			(10.22)	(9.49)	(9.49)			
Sub-sample	SameGroup	Others	All	All	All			
Business Group FE	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			
Observations	58337	1607659	1665996	1665996	1665996			

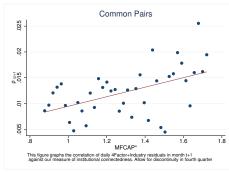
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Correlation and Common Ownership

High level of common ownership





Fama-MacBeth Estimation

High level of common ownership (sub-sample)

	Dependent	Variable:	Future Pairs's	s co-movement
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Same Group	0.0236***		-0.0280**	-0.0252*
	(8.27)		(-2.81)	(-2.38)
MFCAP*		0.00568	-0.00407	-0.00353
		(1.65)	(-1.15)	(-1.02)
$(MFCAP^*) \times SameGroup$			0.0363***	0.0340***
			(5.03)	(4.33)
Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Business Group FE	No	No	No	Yes
Observations	417377	417377	417377	417377

t statistics in parentheses

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All non-common owner pairs

		Dependent Variable: Future Pairs' co-movement								
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)			
SameGroup	0.0156***		0.0158***			0.0138***	0.0131***			
	(9.84)		(10.22)			(8.27)	(7.68)			
MFCAP*		-0.0000723	-0.000277	0.00169	-0.000322*	-0.000390**	-0.000427*			
		(-0.44)	(-1.80)	(1.42)	(-2.19)	(-2.70)	(-2.29)			
(MFCAP*) × SameGroup						0.00313**	0.00364**			
						(2.80)	(3.34)			
Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Sub-Sample	Total	Total	Total	SameGroups	Others	Total	Total			
Business Group FE	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes			
Observations	6018646	6018646	6018646	114526	5904120	6018646	6018646			

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TrunOver Koch et al. (2016)

$$\Delta \mathsf{TurnOver} = \mathsf{In}(\frac{\mathsf{TurnOver}_{i,t}}{\mathsf{TurnOver}_{i,t-1}}) = \mathsf{In}(\frac{\mathsf{volume}_{i,t}}{\mathsf{MarketCap}_{i,t}}) - \mathsf{In}(\frac{\mathsf{volume}_{i,t-1}}{\mathsf{MarketCap}_{i,t-1}})$$

	Deper	ndent Varia	ble: ΔTurn	Over;
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Δ TurnOver _{Market}	0.457***	0.351***	0.182***	0.235***
	(4.04)	(10.69)	(3.42)	(4.72)
Δ TurnOver _{Industry-i}	0.220***	0.159***	0.0528	0.117*
	(4.28)	(4.10)	(1.03)	(2.37)
$\Delta TurnOver_{Group-i}$			0.286***	0.213***
			(6.21)	(5.15)
Portfo. Weight	-	-	MC	MC
Control	No	Yes	No	Yes
Observations	746640	742341	305563	301329
R ²	0.298	0.579	0.460	0.749

t statistics in parentheses

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Business group and correlation in Turnover

	Dep	Dependent Variable: Future Monthly Correlation of Delta turnover							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)		
Same Group	0.0334*** (7.65)	0.0178** (2.97)			0.0216*** (5.09)	0.0161*** (3.74)	0.0167*** (3.89)		
MFCAP*			-0.000261 (-0.30)	-0.00284 (-1.50)	-0.00356 (-1.91)	-0.00389* (-2.09)	-0.00391* (-2.33)		
$\big(MFCAP^*\big) \times SameGroup$						0.00567 (1.92)	0.00555 (1.69)		
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Business Group FE	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		
Observations	1447955	1341445	1447955	1341445	1341445	1341445	1341445		

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Correlation in Turnover and Co-movement

		Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)		
$ ho_{t}$	0.0225*** (9.70)	0.0223*** (9.67)	0.0221*** (9.60)	0.0996*** (17.29)	0.0186*** (8.44)	0.0221*** (9.63)	0.0216*** (9.51)		
$ ho(\Delta TurnOver)_{t+1}$	0.0241*** (6.47)	0.0239*** (6.39)	0.0236*** (6.41)	0.0568*** (7.97)	0.0224*** (6.06)	0.0224*** (6.06)	0.0223*** (5.97)		
Same Group		0.0212*** (7.90)	0.0207*** (6.67)			0.0186*** (5.44)	0.0185*** (5.13)		
$SameGroup \times \rho(\DeltaTurnOver)_{t+1}$						0.0396*** (5.86)	0.0390*** (5.96)		
Control	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Sub-sample	Total	Total	Total	SameGroup	Others	Total	Total		
Business Group FE	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		
Observations	1447736	1447736	1447736	52562	1395174	1447736	1447736		

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Residual of Monthly Turnover

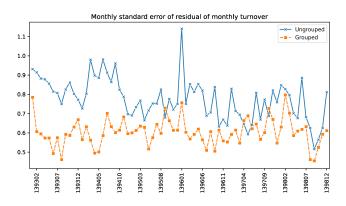
- $\bullet \ \mathsf{Turnover}_{i,t} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \times \mathsf{Turnover}_{i,\mathsf{avg}} + \alpha_2 \times \mathsf{Turnover}_{m,t} + \boxed{\varepsilon_{i,t}}$
 - Turnover_{i,t}: Monthly Turnover (Average of daily turnovers in each month)
 - Turnover_{i,avg}: Annual average of monthly turnover
 - Turnover_{m,t}: Market's turnover
- Assign residuals to the business groups

	$Firm \times Month$	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Grouped								
Ungrouped	8050	-0.001	0.822	-4.789	-0.509	-0.016	0.504	4.407
Grouped	18199	0.001	0.777	-4.832	-0.481	-0.033	0.469	4.955

Residual of Monthly Turnover

Standard error

Grouped	$Group \times Month$	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Ungrouped Grouped	72 2393		0.108 0.300					



Low residual standard error

	Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
Same Group	0.0180*** (8.45)	0.0189*** (8.09)	0.0151*** (5.24)	0.0131*** (5.00)	0.0351*** (5.80)		
LowResidualStd		0.00193 (1.99)	0.00159 (1.59)	-0.000678 (-0.84)			
${\sf LowResidualStd} \times {\sf SameGroup}$			0.00981* (2.57)	0.0119** (3.37)			
Group Turnover std_1					-0.00119 (-0.64)		
${\sf Group\ Turnover\ std}_2$					-0.00292* (-2.28)		
${\sf Group\ Turnover\ std}\times{\sf SameGroup}$					-0.0261** (-3.02)		
Group Size Effect	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
Business Group FE	No	No	No	Yes	No		
Observations	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996		

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Institutional Imbalance

• Seasholes and Wu (2007)

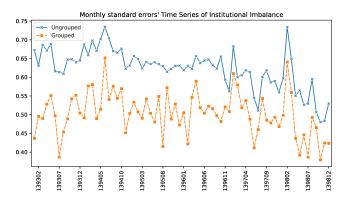
$$Imbalance_{ins} = \frac{Buy_{ins} - Sell_{ins}}{Buy_{ins} + Sell_{ins}}$$

	$Firm \times Month$	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Grouped								
Ungrouped	20197	0.010	0.630	-1.0	-0.474	0.016	0.479	1.0
Grouped	12021	-0.041	0.581	-1.0	-0.462	-0.009	0.341	1.0

Ins Imbalance std

Standard error

	$Group \times Month$	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Grouped								
Ungrouped	72	0.624	0.054	0.48	0.601	0.631	0.655	0.735
Grouped	2057	0.502	0.251	0.00	0.337	0.503	0.647	1.414



Low Ins Imbalance Group

	Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
Same Group	0.0180***	0.0186***	0.00982***	0.00931***	0.135***			
	(8.45)	(8.25)	(4.63)	(4.60)	(13.96)			
Low Imbalance std		0.000899	0.0000151	0.000421				
		(0.98)	(0.02)	(0.45)				
Low Imbalance std × SameGroup			0.0235***	0.0228***				
			(9.05)	(8.46)				
Group Ins Imb std ₁					0.00168			
· -					(0.25)			
Group Ins Imb std ₂					0.00986			
					(1.65)			
Group Ins Imb std × SameGroup					-0.198***			
·					(-12.76)			
Group Size Effect	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			
Business Group FE	No	No	No	Yes	No			
Observations	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	599765			

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Conclusion

- Direct common ownership affects firms' co-movement.
- Firms in the business groups co-move more than other pairs
- Direct common ownership only matters for firms in the business groups.
- In the Business groups, firms are traded in the same time and also in the same direction.

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- If two stocks in pair have n mutual owner, which total market cap divides them equally, the mentioned indexes equal n.
 - Each holder owns 1/n of each firm.
 - Firm's market cap is α_1 and α_2 :
 - So for each holder of firms we have $S_{i,t}^f P_{i,t} = \alpha_i$
 - SQRT

$$\left[\frac{\sum_{f=1}^{n} \sqrt{\alpha_1/n} + \sum_{f=1}^{n} \sqrt{\alpha_2/n}}{\sqrt{\alpha_1} + \sqrt{\alpha_2}}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{\alpha_1} + \sqrt{\alpha_2})}{\sqrt{\alpha_1} + \sqrt{\alpha_2}}\right]^2 = n$$

Quadratic

$$\left[\frac{\sum_{f=1}^{n} (\alpha_1/n)^2 + \sum_{f=1}^{n} (\alpha_2/n)^2}{\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2}\right]^{-1} = \left[\frac{\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2}{n(\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2)}\right]^{-1} = n$$



Anton and Polk (2014)

$$FCAP_{ij,t} = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^{F} (S_{i,t}^{f} P_{i,t} + S_{j,t}^{f} P_{j,t})}{S_{i,t}P_{i,t} + S_{j,t}P_{j,t}}$$

SQRT

Quadratic

$$\frac{\left[\frac{\sum_{f=1}^{F}(\sqrt{S_{i,t}^{f}P_{i,t}}+\sqrt{S_{j,t}^{f}P_{j,t}})}{\sqrt{S_{i,t}P_{i,t}}+\sqrt{S_{j,t}P_{j,t}}}\right]^{2}}{\sqrt{S_{i,t}P_{i,t}}+\sqrt{S_{j,t}P_{j,t}}}\right]^{2}$$

$$\left[\frac{\sum_{f=1}^{F}(\sqrt{S_{i,t}^{f}P_{i,t}}+\sqrt{S_{j,t}^{f}P_{j,t}})}{\sqrt{S_{i,t}P_{i,t}}+\sqrt{S_{j,t}P_{j,t}}}\right]^{2}\left[\frac{\sum_{f=1}^{F}[(S_{i,t}^{f}P_{i,t})^{2}+(S_{j,t}^{f}P_{j,t})^{2}]}{(S_{i,t}P_{i,t})^{2}+(S_{j,t}P_{j,t})^{2}}\right]^{-1}$$

Intuition

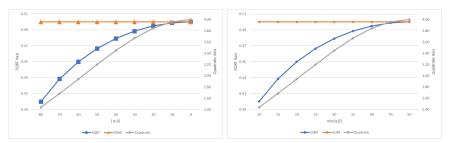
If for a pair of stocks with n mutual owners, all owners have even shares of each firm's market cap, then the proposed indexes will be equal to n. Proof

Example



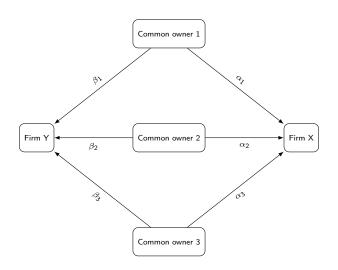
For better observation, assume that

- $\alpha + \beta = 100$
- both firm have equal market cap



Comparison of three methods for calculating common ownership

Example of three common owner



Example of three common owner

Ownership	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V	Type VI	Type VII
α_1	1/3	20	10	20	10	5	1
β_1	1/3	10	10	20	10	5	1
α_2	1/3	10	80	20	10	5	1
β_2	1/3	20	80	20	10	5	1
α_3	1/3	70	10	20	10	5	1
eta_3	1/3	70	10	20	10	5	1
SQRT	3	2.56	2.33	1.8	0.9	0.45	0.09
SUM	1	1	1	0.6	0.3	0.15	0.03
Quadratic	3	1.85	1.52	8.33	33.33	133.33	3333.33



Comparison

- For better comparison we relax previous assumptions:
 - Two Firms with different market caps.

	$(\alpha_1,\beta_1),(\alpha_2,\beta_2)$								
	(10,40),(10,40)		(15,35),	,(15,35)	(20,30),(20,30)				
MarketCap _x MarketCap _y	SQRT	SUM	SQRT	SUM	SQRT	SUM			
1	0.90	0.50	0.96	0.50	0.99	0.50			
2	0.80	0.40	0.89	0.43	0.96	0.47			
3	0.75	0.35	0.85	0.40	0.94	0.45			
4	0.71	0.32	0.83	0.38	0.92	0.44			
5	0.69	0.30	0.81	0.37	0.91	0.43			
6	0.67	0.29	0.80	0.36	0.91	0.43			
7	0.65	0.28	0.79	0.35	0.90	0.43			
8	0.64	0.27	0.78	0.34	0.90	0.42			
9	0.63	0.26	0.77	0.34	0.89	0.42			
10	0.62	0.25	0.76	0.34	0.89	0.42			

Comparison



Comparison of two methods for calculating common ownership

Conclusion

We use the SQRT measure because it has an acceptable variation and has fair values at a lower level of aggregate common ownership.

Common Ownership measure

	Dependent Variable: Future Monthly Correlation of 4F+Industry Residuals										
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	
Common Ownership Measure	0.00177***	0.00150**	0.00133**	0.00102	0.000936	0.000663	0.000536	0.000377	-0.0000197	-0.0000113	
	(3.93)	(2.90)	(2.76)	(1.87)	(1.90)	(1.17)	(1.06)	(0.65)	(-0.04)	(-0.02)	
Same Group			0.0156***	0.0157***	0.00774***	0.00813***	0.00575*	0.00624**	0.00503*	0.00549*	
•			(7.32)	(7.44)	(3.61)	(3.71)	(2.62)	(2.81)	(2.11)	(2.27)	
Common Ownership Measure × SameGroup					0.0103***	0.00935***	0.0110***	0.00992***	0.0119***	0.0107***	
					(7.76)	(6.72)	(7.47)	(6.49)	(7.94)	(6.97)	
SameIndustry							-0.000364	-0.000312	0.000286	0.000339	
							(-0.21)	(-0.19)	(0.17)	(0.21)	
SameSize							0.0133***	0.0135***	0.0131***	0.0132***	
							(4.48)	(4.56)	(4.61)	(4.68)	
SameBookToMarket							0.00772***	0.00772***	0.00893***	0.00893***	
							(4.55)	(4.58)	(5.05)	(5.09)	
CrossOwnership							0.0280*	0.0260	0.0303*	0.0283*	
							(2.07)	(1.93)	(2.27)	(2.14)	
Observations	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	1665996	
Group FE	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Measurement	Sum	Quadratic	Sum	Quadratic	Sum	Quadratic	Sum	Quadratic	Sum	Quadratic	
R ²	0.000171	0.000170	0.000348	0.000349	0.000443	0.000437	0.000898	0.000898	0.00575	0.00575	

t statistics in parentheses

^{*} p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

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Main Effect

Common-ownership and comovement effect

[Anton and Polk (2014)]

Stocks sharing many common investors tend to comove more strongly with each other in the future than otherwise similar stocks.

Common-ownership and liquidity demand

[Koch et al. (2016), Pastor and Stambaugh (2003), Acharya and Pedersen (2005)] Commonality in stock liquidity is likely driven by correlated trading among a given stock's investors. Commonality in liquidity is important because it can influence expected returns

• Trading needs and comovement

[Greenwood and Thesmar (2011)]

If the investors of mutual funds have correlated trading needs, the stocks that are held by mutual funds can comove even without any portfolio overlap of the funds themselves

• Stock price synchronicity and poor corporate governance

[Boubaker et al. (2014), Khanna and Thomas (2009), Morck et al. (2000)] Stock price synchronicity has been attributed to poor corporate governance and a lack of firm-level transparency. On the other hand, better law protection encourages informed trading, which facilitates the incorporation of firm-specific information into stock prices, leading to lower synchronicity.



Synchronicity and firm interlocks

JFE-2009-Khanna

- Three types of network
 - Equity network
 - ② Director network
 - Owner network
- Dependent variables

Using deterended weekly return for calculation

- **1** Pairwise returns synchronicity = $\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{t}} (n_{i,j,\mathbf{t}}^{\text{ups}}, n_{i,j,\mathbf{t}}^{\text{down}})}{T_{i,j}}$
- $2 Correlation = \frac{\textit{Cov}(i,j)}{\sqrt{\textit{Var}(i).\textit{Var}(j)}}$
- Tobit estimation of

$$f_{i,j}^d = \alpha I_{i,j} + \beta (1 * N_{i,j}) + \gamma Ind_{i,j} + \varepsilon_{i,j}$$

being in the same director network has a significant effect

Large controlling shareholder and stock price synchronicity JBF-2014-Boubaker

Stock price synchronicity:

$$SYNCH = \log(\frac{R_{i,t}^2}{1 - R_{i,t}^2})$$

where $R_{i,t}^2$ is the R-squared value from

$$\textit{RET}_{\textit{i},\textit{w}} = \alpha + \beta_1 \textit{MKRET}_{\textit{w}-1} + \beta_2 \textit{MKRET}_{\textit{w}} + \beta_3 \textit{INDRET}_{\textit{i},\textit{w}-1} + \beta_4 \textit{INDRET}_{\textit{i},\textit{w}} + \varepsilon_{\textit{i},\textit{w}}$$

OLS estimation of

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{SYNCH}_{i,t} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \textit{Excess}_{i,t} + \beta_2 \textit{UCF}_{i,t} + \sum_k \beta_k \textit{Control}_{i,t}^k \\ &+ \textit{IndustryDummies} + \textit{YearDummies} + \varepsilon_{i,t} \end{aligned}$$

- Stock price synchronicity increases with excess control
- Firms with substantial excess control are more likely to experience stock price crashes

Connected Stocks

JF-2014-Anton Polk

- Common active mutual fund owners
- Measuring Common Ownership

•
$$FCAP_{ij,t} = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^{F} (S_{i,t}^{f} P_{i,t} + S_{j,t}^{f} P_{j,t})}{S_{i,t}P_{i,t} + S_{j,t}P_{j,t}}$$

- ullet Using normalized rank-transformed as $FCAP_{ij,t}^*$
- $\rho_{ij,t}$: within-month realized correlation of each stock pair's daily four-factor returns

0

$$ho_{ij,t+1} = a + b_f imes \textit{FCAPF}^*_{ij,t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \textit{CONTROL}_{ij,t,k} + arepsilon_{ij,t+1}$$

Estimate these regressions monthly and report the time-series average as in Fama-MacBeth

Commonownership measurements

Model-based measures

•
$$\mathsf{HJL}^A_I(A,B) = \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} \frac{\alpha_{i,B}}{\alpha_{i,A} + \alpha_{i,B}}$$
 Harford et al. (2011)

- Bi-directional
- Pair-level measure of common ownership
- Its potential impact on managerial incentives
- Measure not necessarily increases when the relative ownership increases
- Accounts only for an investor's relative holdings

$$lacktriangledown$$
 MHHI $=\sum_{j}\sum_{k}s_{j}s_{k}rac{\sum_{i}\mu_{ij}
u_{ik}}{\sum_{i}\mu_{ij}
u_{ij}}$ Azar et al. (2018)

- Capture a specific type of externality
- Measured at the industry level
- Assumes that investors are fully informed about the externalities
- $\operatorname{\mathsf{GGL}}^A(A,B) = \sum_{i=1}^I \alpha_{i,A} g(\beta_{i,A}) \alpha_{i,B}$ Gilje et al. (2020)
 - Bi-directional
 - Less information
 - Not sensitive to the scope
 - Measure increases when the relative ownership of firm A increases

Commonownership measurements

Ad hoc common ownership measures

- $Overlap_{Count}(A, B) = \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} 1$ He and Huang (2017),He et al. (2019)
- $Overlap_{Min}(A,B) = \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} min\{\alpha_{i,A},\alpha_{i,B}\}$ Newham et al. (2018)
- Overlap_{AP}(A,B) = $\sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} \alpha_{i,A} \frac{\bar{\nu}_A}{\bar{\nu}_A + \bar{\nu}_B} + \alpha_{i,B} \frac{\bar{\nu}_B}{\bar{\nu}_A + \bar{\nu}_B}$ Anton and Polk (2014)
- $Overlap_{HL}(A,B) = \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} \alpha_{i,A} \times \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} \alpha_{i,B}$ Hansen and Lott Jr (1996) , Freeman (2019)
- Unappealing properties
 - Unclear is whether any of these measures represents an economically meaningful measure of common ownership's impact on managerial incentives.
 - Both Overlap_{Count} and Overlap_{AP} are invariant to the decomposition of ownership between the two firms, which leads to some unappealing properties.



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Fama-MacBeth Estimation

- Fama-MacBeth regression analysis is implemented using a two-step procedure.
 - The first step is to run periodic cross-sectional regression for dependent variables using data of each period.
 - The second step is to analyze the time series of each regression coefficient to determine whether the average coefficient differs from zero.

Fama-MacBeth (1973)

- Two Step Regression
 - First Step

$$Y_{i1} = \delta_{0,1} + \delta_{1,1}^{1} X_{i,1}^{1} + \dots + \delta_{k,1}^{k} X_{i,1}^{k} + \varepsilon_{i,1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Y_{iT} = \delta_{0,1} + \delta_{1,T}^{1} X_{i,T}^{1} + \dots + \delta_{k,T}^{k} X_{i,T}^{k} + \varepsilon_{i,T}$$

Second Step

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{Y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{Y}_T \end{bmatrix}_{T \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \delta_1^0 & \delta_1^1 & \dots & \delta_1^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & \delta_T^0 & \delta_T^1 & \dots & \delta_T^k \end{bmatrix}_{T \times (k+2)} \times \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \lambda_0 \\ \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_k \end{bmatrix}_{(k+2) \times 1}$$

• Fama-MacBeth technique was developed to account for correlation between observations on different firms in the same period

Calculating standard errors

- In most cases, the standard errors are adjusted following Newey and West (1987).
 - Newey and West (1987) adjustment to the results of the regression produces a new standard error for the estimated mean that is adjusted for autocorrelation and heteroscedasticity.
 - Only input is the number of lags to use when performing the adjustment

$$Lag = 4(T/100)^{\frac{2}{9}}$$

where T is the number of periods in the time series

