

# How are stocks connected?

## Evidence from an emerging market

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- **Stock return co-movement is caused by direct or indirect common ownership?**
  - common ownership:
    - 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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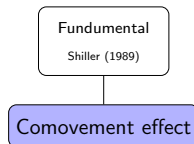
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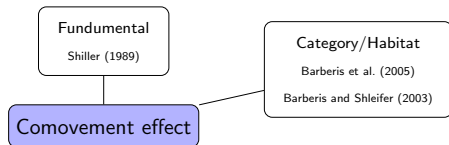
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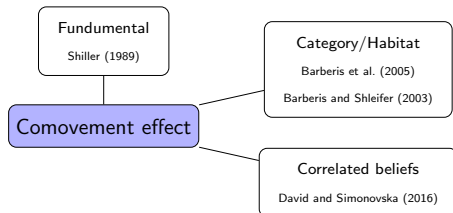


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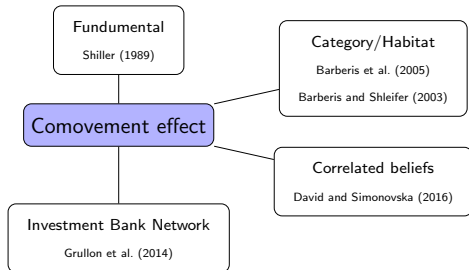




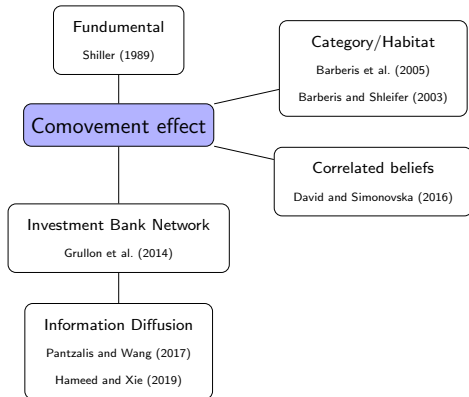
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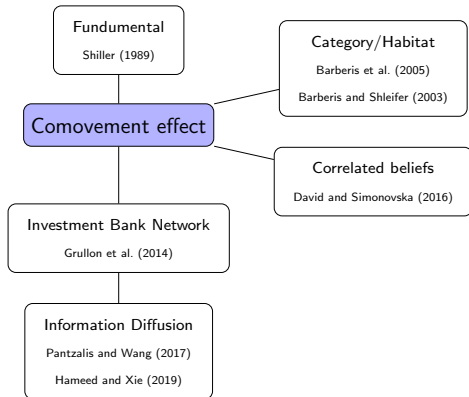


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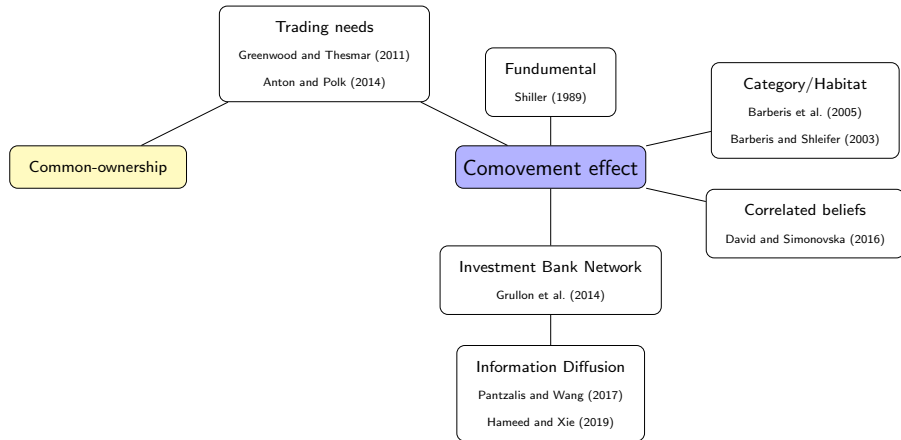


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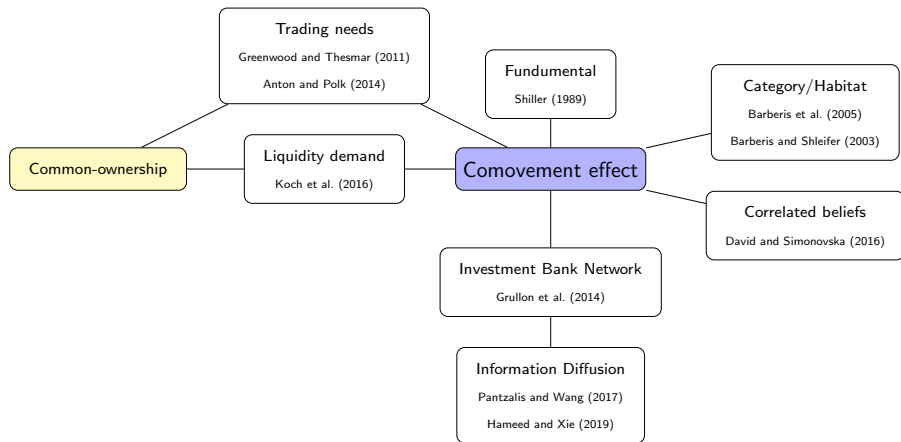
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- We use daily records of block-holder ownership for firms
- We are not restricted to mutual funds ownership
- Furthermore, 85% of market belongs to the business groups
  - Would business groups be able to raise the co-movement of stock returns?
    - 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?

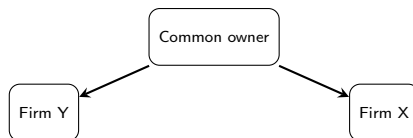
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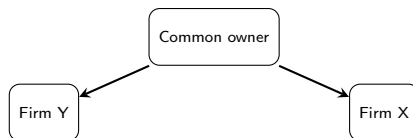
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- In a business group, how can one pair be defined?
  - What is the business group?

# Pair Composition and Business Group

Business Group

Ultimate Owner

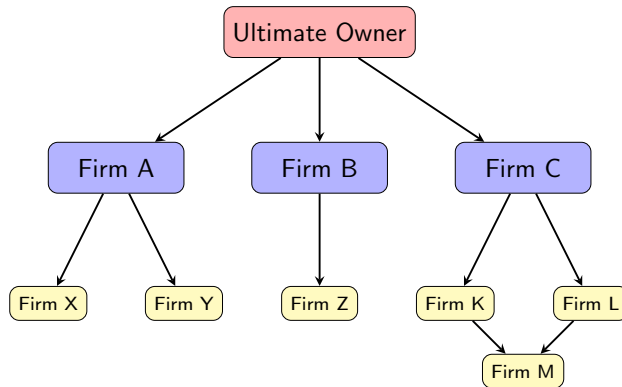
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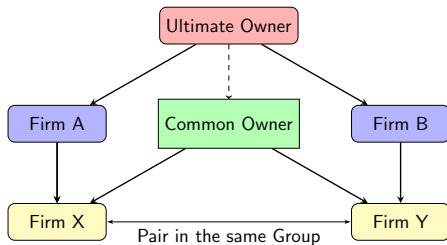
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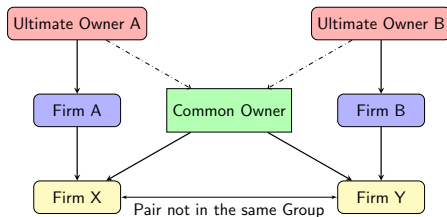
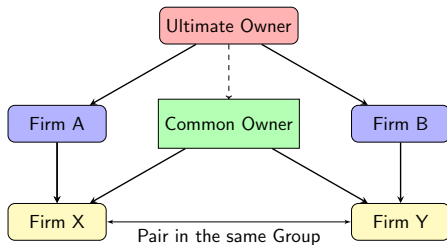
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# Data Summary

- We use blockholders' data from 2014/03/25 (1393/01/06) to 2020/03/18 (1398/12/28)
  - Includes of 72 Months
  - Consists of 618 firm including 562 firm 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)

SQRT

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

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## 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](#)

# MFCAP vs. FCAP Summary

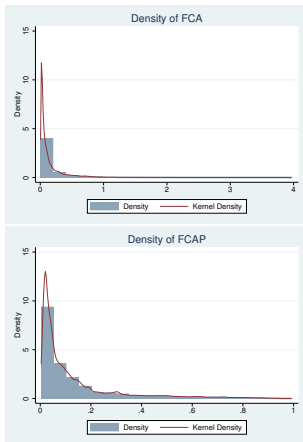
| subset | FCAP  |            |                |               |                   | MFCAP  |            |                |               |                   |
|--------|-------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
|        | All   | Same Group | Not Same Group | Same Industry | Not Same Industry | All    | Same Group | Not Same Group | Same Industry | Not Same Industry |
| mean   | 0.144 | 0.346      | 0.072          | 0.207         | 0.140             | 0.158  | 0.474      | 0.087          | 0.274         | 0.150             |
| std    | 0.166 | 0.265      | 0.102          | 0.215         | 0.161             | 0.234  | 0.478      | 0.154          | 0.383         | 0.217             |
| min    | 0.002 | 0.004      | 0.003          | 0.003         | 0.002             | 0.002  | 0.005      | 0.003          | 0.003         | 0.002             |
| 25%    | 0.030 | 0.081      | 0.020          | 0.041         | 0.029             | 0.031  | 0.096      | 0.020          | 0.044         | 0.030             |
| 50%    | 0.077 | 0.321      | 0.037          | 0.120         | 0.074             | 0.079  | 0.367      | 0.038          | 0.126         | 0.077             |
| 75%    | 0.193 | 0.561      | 0.078          | 0.314         | 0.187             | 0.191  | 0.691      | 0.087          | 0.351         | 0.183             |
| max    | 1.000 | 1.000      | 0.998          | 0.999         | 1.000             | 12.650 | 6.174      | 6.184          | 6.262         | 12.650            |

## Results

- By the proposed measurement, common ownership increases
- Common ownership is greater in pairs that are in the same business group and industry

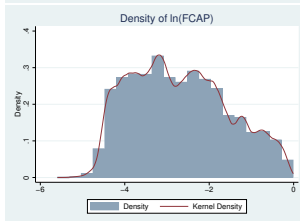
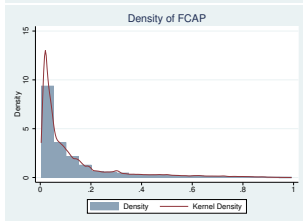
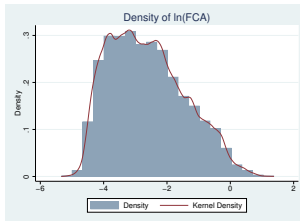
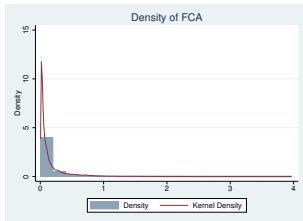
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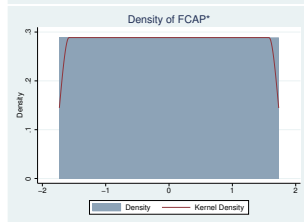
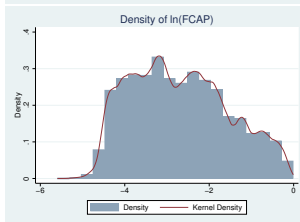
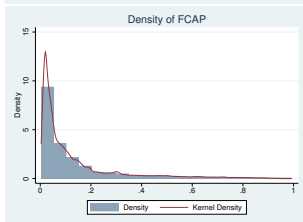
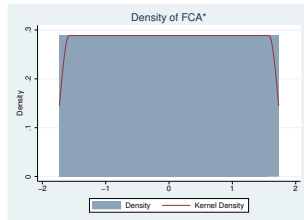
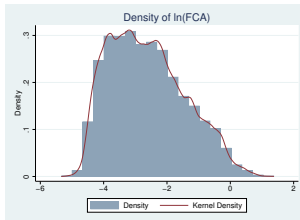
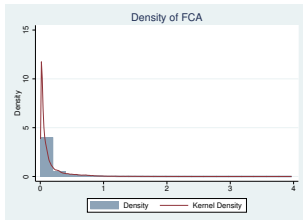
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# Correlation Calculation

## 4 Factor + Industry

### 1 First Step:

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

- 4 Factor + Industry (5 Factor) :

$$R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{mkt,i}R_{M,t} + \beta_{Ind,i}R_{Ind,t} + \beta_{HML,i}HML_t + \beta_{SMB,i}SMB_t + \beta_{UMD,i}UMD_t + \boxed{\varepsilon_{i,t}}$$

### 2 Second Step:

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

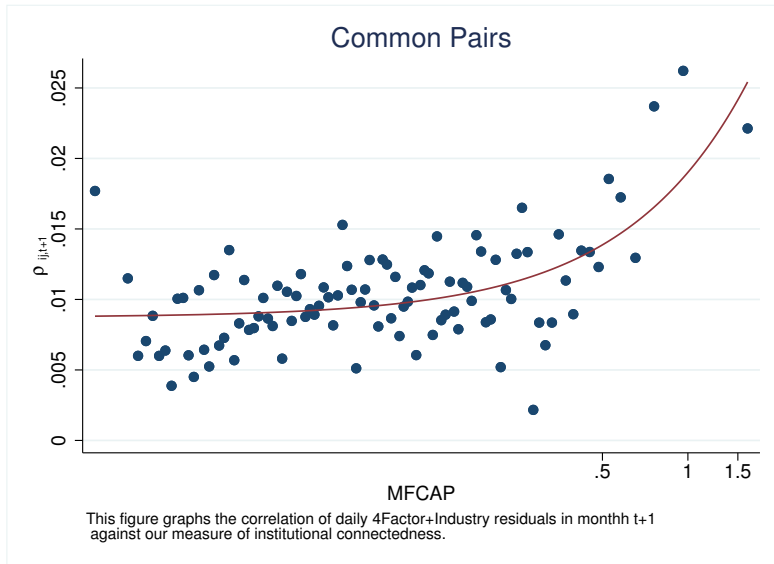
|                     | mean  | std   | min  | median | max |
|---------------------|-------|-------|------|--------|-----|
| CAPM + Industry     | 0.021 | 0.200 | -1.0 | 0.016  | 1.0 |
| 4 Factor            | 0.032 | 0.202 | -1.0 | 0.025  | 1.0 |
| 4 Factor + Industry | 0.016 | 0.199 | -1.0 | 0.010  | 1.0 |

## Conclusion

We use the 4 Factor + Industry model to control for exposure to systematic risk because it almost captures all correlations between two firms in each pair.



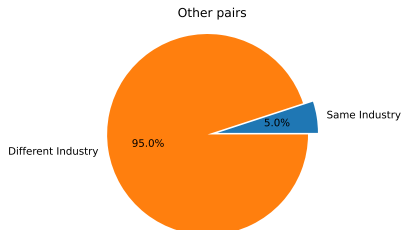
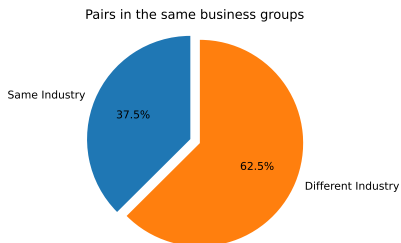
# Future Correlation via *FCA*



- **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

# Industry & Business group

|                          | Yes            | No               |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| SameIndustry             | 4541<br>(5.7%) | 74837<br>(94.3%) |
| SameGroup                | 1834<br>(6.3%) | 27157<br>(93.7%) |
| SameGroup & SameIndustry | 696<br>(0.9%)  | 79378<br>(99.1%) |



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- 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

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{i1} &= \delta_{0,1} + \delta_{1,1}^1 X_{i,1}^1 + \cdots + \delta_{k,1}^k X_{i,1}^k + \varepsilon_{i,1} \\ &\vdots \\ Y_{iT} &= \delta_{0,1} + \delta_{1,T}^1 X_{i,T}^1 + \cdots + \delta_{k,T}^k X_{i,T}^k + \varepsilon_{i,T} \end{aligned}$$

- Second Step

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

- 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

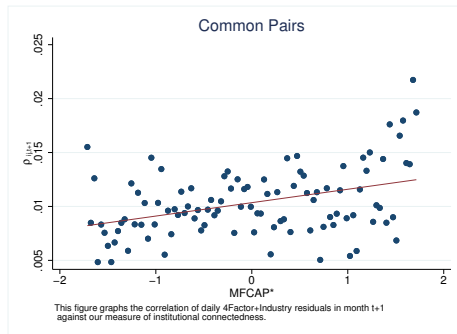
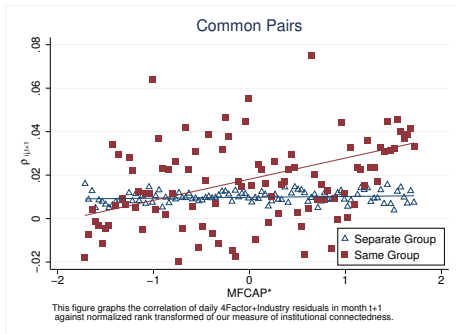
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# Future Correlation via *MFCAP*

Normalized Rank-Transformed



- Use Fama-MacBeth to estimate this model

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{ij,t+1} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{MFCAP}_{ij,t}^* + \beta_2 * \text{SameGroup}_{ij} \\ & + \beta_3 * \text{MFCAP}_{ij,t}^* \times \text{SameGroup}_{ij} \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k * \text{Control}_{ij,t} + \varepsilon_{ij,t+1}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

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

# Model Estimation

## Normalized Rank-Transformed

|                  | Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                  | (1)  | (2)                | (3)                 | (4)                 | (5)                 | (6)                 |
| MFCAP*           | 0.00150**<br>(2.90)                            | 0.00112*<br>(2.11) |                     |                     | 0.000736<br>(1.33)  | 0.000308<br>(0.60)  |
| Same Group       |  |                    | 0.0166***<br>(8.54) | 0.0153***<br>(7.90) | 0.0147***<br>(6.97) | 0.0164***<br>(8.68) |
| Observations     | 1665996  | 1665996            | 1665996             | 1665996             | 1665996             | 1665996             |
| Sub-sample       | All  | All                | All                 | All                 | All                 | All                 |
| Group Effect     | No   | No                 | No                  | No                  | No                  | No                  |
| Controls         | No   | Yes                | No                  | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| PairType Control | No   | No                 | No                  | No                  | No                  | Yes                 |
| R <sup>2</sup>   | 0.000170                                       | 0.000652           | 0.000180            | 0.000637            | 0.000804            | 0.00120             |

t statistics in parentheses

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

# Model Estimation

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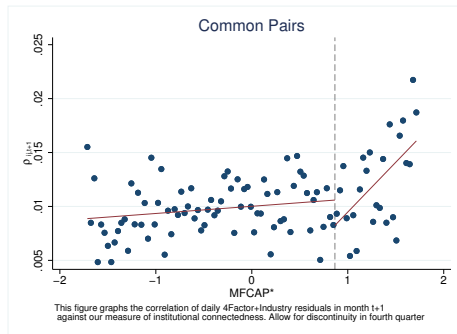
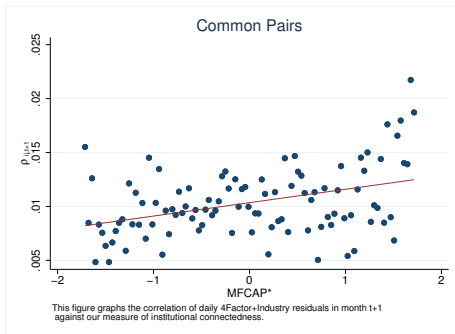
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|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                             | (1)  | (2)                   | (3)                   | (4)                  | (5)                  |
| MFCAP*                      | 0.00936***<br>(6.75)                           | -0.0000113<br>(-0.02) | -0.0000771<br>(-0.14) | -0.000175<br>(-0.34) | -0.000175<br>(-0.34) |
| Same Group                  |  |                       | 0.00750***<br>(3.53)  | 0.00684**<br>(2.96)  | 0.00684**<br>(2.96)  |
| (MFCAP*) $\times$ SameGroup |  |                       | 0.0105***<br>(6.72)   | 0.0109***<br>(7.02)  | 0.0109***<br>(7.02)  |
| Observations                | 58337  | 1607659               | 1665996               | 1665996              | 1665996              |
| Sub-sample                  | SameGroup                                      | Others                | All                   | All                  | All                  |
| Group Effect                | No   | No                    | No                    | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| Controls                    | Yes  | Yes                   | Yes                   | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| PairType Control            | Yes  | Yes                   | Yes                   | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| $R^2$                       | 0.0174   | 0.000942              | 0.00130               | 0.00605              | 0.00605              |

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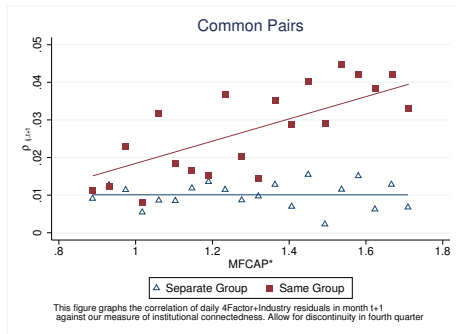
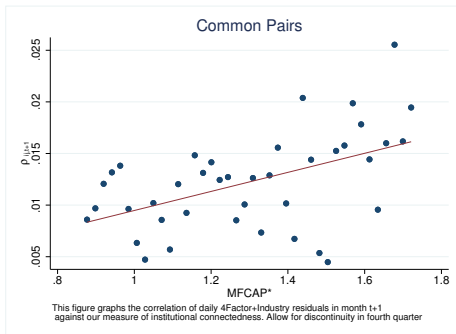
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## Discontinuity



# 4 Factor + Industry Future Correlation via *MFCAP*\*

## Discontinuity & Business Groups



# Fama-MacBeth Estimation

## Discontinuity (sub-sample)

|                      | Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement |                     |                      |                     |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                      | (1)  | (2)                 | (3)                  | (4)                 | (5)                  | (6)                  | (7)                  |
| Same Group           | 0.0287***<br>(9.98)                            |                     | 0.0293***<br>(10.54) | 0.0270***<br>(9.96) | 0.0261***<br>(9.66)  | -0.0280**<br>(-2.81) | -0.0252*<br>(-2.38)  |
| MFCAP*               |  | 0.00949**<br>(2.81) | -0.000569<br>(-0.17) | -0.00119<br>(-0.35) | -0.00100<br>(-0.29)  | -0.00407<br>(-1.15)  | -0.00353<br>(-1.02)  |
| (MFCAP*) × SameGroup |  |                     |                      |                     |                      | 0.0363***<br>(5.03)  | 0.0340***<br>(4.33)  |
| SameIndustry         |  |                     |                      | 0.00643**<br>(3.34) | 0.00540**<br>(2.76)  | 0.00492*<br>(2.48)   | 0.00547*<br>(2.50)   |
| SameSize             |  |                     |                      |                     | 0.00676*<br>(2.39)   | 0.00588*<br>(2.11)   | 0.00465<br>(1.57)    |
| SameBookToMarket     |  |                     |                      |                     | 0.00917***<br>(3.88) | 0.00909***<br>(3.87) | 0.00925***<br>(3.93) |
| CrossOwnership       |  |                     |                      |                     | 0.0321*<br>(2.16)    | 0.0378*<br>(2.45)    | 0.0417**<br>(2.65)   |
| Observations         | 417377   | 417377              | 417377               | 417377              | 417377               | 417377               | 417377               |
| Group FE             | No   | No                  | No                   | No                  | No                   | No                   | Yes                  |
| PairType Control     | Yes  | Yes                 | Yes                  | Yes                 | Yes                  | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| R <sup>2</sup>       | 0.00212  | 0.000961            | 0.00236              | 0.00279             | 0.00358              | 0.00388              | 0.0146               |

*t* statistics in parentheses

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

# All non-common owner pairs

regression

| Dependent Variable: Future Pairs' co-movement |                     |                       |                      |                   |                       |                        |                       |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | (1)                 | (2)                   | (3)                  | (4)               | (5)                   | (6)                    | (7)                   |
| SameGroup                                     | 0.0156***<br>(9.84) |                       | 0.0158***<br>(10.22) |                   |                       | 0.0138***<br>(8.27)    | 0.0131***<br>(7.68)   |
| MFCAP*  |                     | -0.0000723<br>(-0.44) | -0.000277<br>(-1.80) | 0.00169<br>(1.42) | -0.000322*<br>(-2.19) | -0.000390**<br>(-2.70) | -0.000427*<br>(-2.29) |
| (MFCAP*) × SameGroup                          |                     |                       |                      |                   |                       | 0.00313**<br>(2.80)    | 0.00364**<br>(3.34)   |
| Observations                                  | 6018646             | 6018646               | 6018646              | 114526            | 5904120               | 6018646                | 6018646               |
| Sub Sample                                    | Total               | Total                 | Total                | SameGroups        | Others                | Total                  | Total                 |
| Group Effect                                  | No                  | No                    | No                   | No                | No                    | No                     | Yes                   |
| Controls                                      | Yes                 | Yes                   | Yes                  | Yes               | Yes                   | Yes                    | Yes                   |
| R <sup>2</sup>                                | 0.000765            | 0.000700              | 0.000803             | 0.0121            | 0.000629              | 0.000829               | 0.00354               |

t statistics in parentheses

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$$\Delta \text{TurnOver} = \ln\left(\frac{\text{TurnOver}_{i,t}}{\text{TurnOver}_{i,t-1}}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{\text{volume}_{i,t}}{\text{MarketCap}_{i,t}}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{\text{volume}_{i,t-1}}{\text{MarketCap}_{i,t-1}}\right)$$

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| Dependent Variable: $\Delta \text{TurnOver}_i$ |                     |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|  | (1)                 | (2)                 | (3)                | (4)                 | (5)                | (6)                 |
| $\Delta \text{TurnOver}_{\text{Market}}$       | 0.431***<br>(14.56) | 0.453***<br>(14.49) | 0.287***<br>(8.23) | 0.321***<br>(14.03) | 0.288***<br>(6.92) | 0.321***<br>(14.14) |
| $\Delta \text{TurnOver}_{\text{Group}}$        |                     |                     | 0.245***<br>(6.31) | 0.234***<br>(7.15)  | 0.284***<br>(6.02) | 0.273***<br>(7.19)  |
| $\Delta \text{TurnOver}_{\text{Industry}}$     | 0.155***<br>(6.53)  | 0.169***<br>(6.99)  | 0.174*<br>(2.08)   | 0.118***<br>(3.68)  | 0.152<br>(1.47)    | 0.0430<br>(1.19)    |
| Observations                                   | 626813              | 623759              | 305563             | 301329              | 305563             | 301329              |
| Weight   | -                   | -                   | MC $\times$ CR     | MC $\times$ CR      | MC                 | MC                  |
| Control  | No                  | Yes                 | No                 | Yes                 | No                 | Yes                 |
| $R^2$  | 0.141               | 0.180               | 0.242              | 0.282               | 0.236              | 0.277               |

*t* statistics in parentheses

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

# High Beta Group

|                                  | Dependent Variable: Future Pairs's co-movement |                     |                     |                     |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | (1)  | (2)                 | (3)                 | (4)                 |
| Same Group                       | 0.0180***<br>(8.45)                            | 0.0178***<br>(8.25) | 0.0118***<br>(5.26) | 0.0133***<br>(5.81) |
| HighBetaGroup                    |  | 0.000988<br>(1.35)  | 0.000808<br>(1.09)  | 0.000485<br>(0.44)  |
| HighBetaGroup $\times$ SameGroup |  |                     | 0.00702*<br>(2.00)  | 0.00477<br>(1.38)   |
| Observations                     | 1665996  | 1665996             | 1665996             | 1665996             |
| Group Effect                     | No   | No                  | No                  | Yes                 |
| Pair Size FE                     | Yes  | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| Sub-sample                       | Total  | Total               | Total               | Total               |
| Controls                         | Yes  | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                 |
| $R^2$                            | 0.00120  | 0.00133             | 0.00141             | 0.00594             |

*t* statistics in parentheses

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

# Pairwise correlations in turnover

|                      | Dependent Variable: Future Monthly Correlation of Delta turnover |                    |                      |                     |                     |                      |                      |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                      | (1)  | (2)                | (3)                  | (4)                 | (5)                 | (6)                  | (7)                  |
| Same Group           | 0.0334***<br>(7.65)  | 0.0178**<br>(2.97) |                      |                     | 0.0216***<br>(5.09) | 0.0161***<br>(3.74)  | 0.0167***<br>(3.89)  |
| MFCAP*               |  |                    | -0.000261<br>(-0.30) | -0.00284<br>(-1.50) | -0.00356<br>(-1.91) | -0.00389*<br>(-2.09) | -0.00391*<br>(-2.33) |
| (MFCAP*) × SameGroup |  |                    |                      |                     |                     | 0.00567<br>(1.92)    | 0.00555<br>(1.69)    |
| Observations         | 1447955  | 1341445            | 1447955              | 1341445             | 1341445             | 1341445              | 1341445              |
| Group Effect         | No   | No                 | No                   | No                  | No                  | No                   | Yes                  |
| Controls             | No   | Yes                | No                   | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| R <sup>2</sup>       | 0.000573   | 0.00303            | 0.000317             | 0.00307             | 0.00337             | 0.00349              | 0.0147               |

*t* statistics in parentheses

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

# Turnover or Co-movement?

- Same Industry instrumental variable for  $\rho(\Delta \text{TurnOver})_{t+1}$ 
  - **Relevance:** First stage
  - **Exogeneity:** Trade cannot affect firms' industry
  - **Exclusion restriction:** We eliminate return of industry from co-movement calculation

# Turnover or Co-movement?

|                                      | First Stage<br>(1)   | Reduced form<br>(2)  | Second Stage<br>(3)  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SameIndustry                         | 0.0285***<br>(14.59) | 0.00133<br>(1.09)    |                      |
| $\rho(\Delta \text{TurnOver})_{t+1}$ |                      |                      | 0.0805*<br>(2.45)    |
| Same Group                           | 0.0242***<br>(10.73) | 0.0167***<br>(9.72)  | 0.0174***<br>(10.40) |
| SameSize                             | 0.0332***<br>(3.47)  | 0.0158***<br>(5.67)  | 0.0160***<br>(9.18)  |
| SameBookToMarket                     | 0.0183***<br>(4.38)  | 0.00711***<br>(4.46) | 0.00554***<br>(4.48) |
| CrossOwnership                       | 0.0393***<br>(3.52)  | 0.0172<br>(1.59)     | 0.0165*<br>(2.13)    |
| Observations                         | 1341445              | 1665996              | 1447736              |
| Method                               | FE                   | FE                   | 2sls                 |
| Group FE                             | Yes                  | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| Pair Size Control                    | Yes                  | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| Lag of Dep. Var.                     | Yes                  | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| $R^2$                                | 0.00231              | 0.00111              |                      |

t statistics in parentheses

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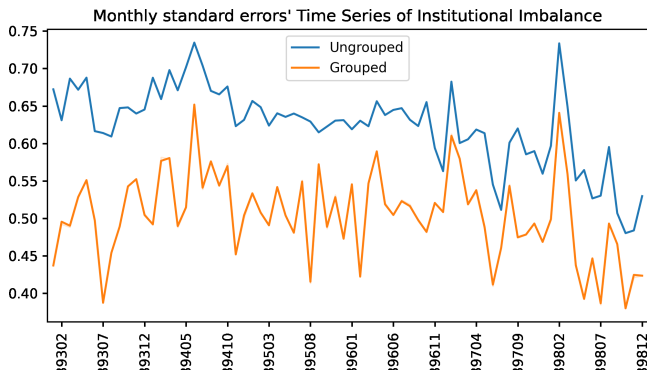
- Seasholes and Wu (2007)

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

|           | Group × 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

|           | Group × 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   | 2039          | 0.507 | 0.247 | 0.00 | 0.343 | 0.504 | 0.648 | 1.414 |



# Low Ins Imbalance Group

|                                      | Future Monthly Corr. of 4F+Ind. Residuals |                     |                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | (1)                                       | (2)                 | (3)                  | (4)                  |
| Same Group                           | 0.0166***<br>(9.38)                       | 0.0167***<br>(9.31) | 0.00786***<br>(3.90) | 0.00786***<br>(3.90) |
| Low Imbalance std                    |   | 0.00104<br>(1.03)   | 0.000192<br>(0.19)   | 0.000192<br>(0.19)   |
| Low Imbalance std $\times$ SameGroup |   |                     | 0.0240***<br>(6.90)  | 0.0240***<br>(6.90)  |
| Observations                         | 1665996                                   | 1665996             | 1665996              | 1665996              |
| Group Effect                         | No  | No                  | No                   | No                   |
| Pair Size FE                         | Yes                                       | Yes                 | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| Sub-sample                           | Total                                     | Total               | Total                | Total                |
| Controls                             | Yes                                       | Yes                 | Yes                  | Yes                  |
| $R^2$                                | 0.00105                                   | 0.00117             | 0.00129              | 0.00129              |

*t* statistics in parentheses

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# Conclusion

- Direct common ownership can affect 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
- Firms in the same business group trade together

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# Measuring Common Ownership

## Proof

- 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  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ :
  - 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

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

Back

# Measuring Common-ownership

Anton and Polk (2014)

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

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SQRT

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

Quadratic

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

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SQRT

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

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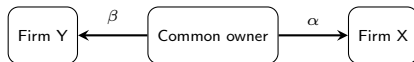
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## Intuition

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](#)

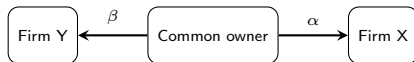
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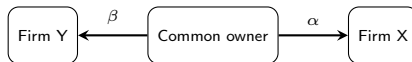


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- $\alpha + \beta = 100$
- both firm have equal market cap

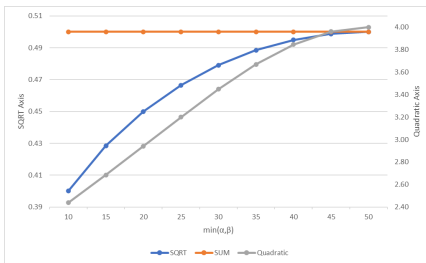
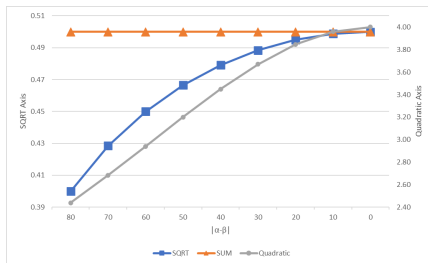
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Comparison of three methods for calculating common ownership

# Measuring Common Ownership

Example of three common owner

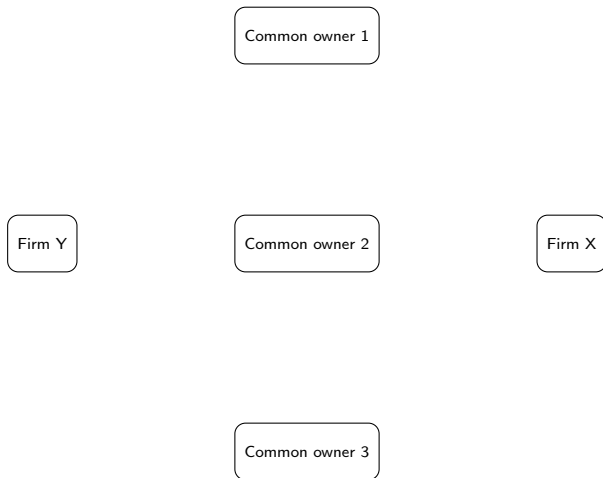
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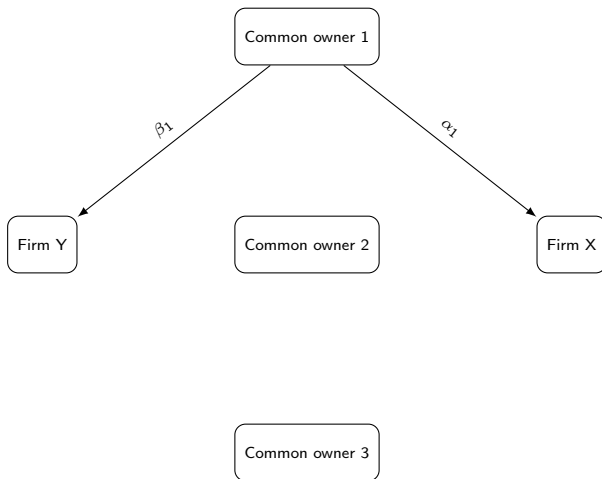
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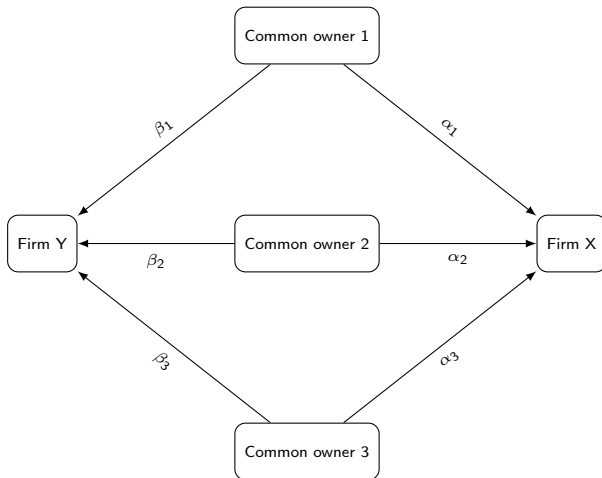
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# Measuring Common Ownership

Example of three common owner

| Ownership  | Type I | Type II | Type III | Type IV | Type V | Type VI | Type VII |
|------------|--------|---------|----------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| $\alpha_1$ | 1/3    | 20      | 10       | 20      | 10     | 5       | 1        |
| $\beta_1$  | 1/3    | 10      | 10       | 20      | 10     | 5       | 1        |
| $\alpha_2$ | 1/3    | 10      | 80       | 20      | 10     | 5       | 1        |
| $\beta_2$  | 1/3    | 20      | 80       | 20      | 10     | 5       | 1        |
| $\alpha_3$ | 1/3    | 70      | 10       | 20      | 10     | 5       | 1        |
| $\beta_3$  | 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  |

# Measuring Common Ownership

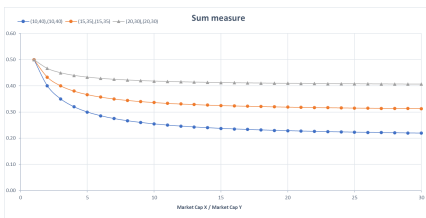
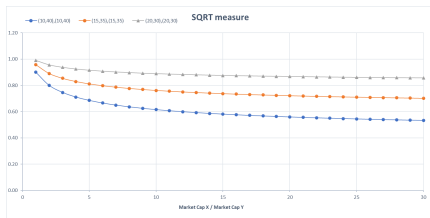
## Comparison

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

| $\frac{\text{MarketCap}_x}{\text{MarketCap}_y}$ | $(\alpha_1, \beta_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ |      |                    |      |                    |      |
|---|--|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
|   | $(10,40), (10,40)$                         |      | $(15,35), (15,35)$ |      | $(20,30), (20,30)$ |      |
|   | 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 |

# Measuring Common Ownership

## 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***<br>(3.93)  | 0.00150**<br>(2.90) | 0.00133**<br>(2.76) | 0.00102<br>(1.87)   | 0.000936<br>(1.90)   | 0.000663<br>(1.17)   | 0.000536<br>(1.06)   | 0.000377<br>(0.65)   | -0.0000197<br>(-0.04) | -0.0000113<br>(-0.02) |
| Same Group                           |   |                     | 0.0156***<br>(7.32) | 0.0157***<br>(7.44) | 0.00774***<br>(3.61) | 0.00813***<br>(3.71) | 0.00575*<br>(2.62)   | 0.00624**<br>(2.81)  | 0.00503*<br>(2.11)    | 0.00549*<br>(2.27)    |
| Common Ownership Measure × SameGroup |   |                     |                     |                     | 0.0103***<br>(7.76)  | 0.00935***<br>(6.72) | 0.0110***<br>(7.47)  | 0.00992***<br>(6.49) | 0.0119***<br>(7.94)   | 0.0107***<br>(6.97)   |
| SameIndustry                         |   |                     |                     |                     |                      |                      | -0.000364<br>(-0.21) | -0.000312<br>(-0.19) | 0.000286<br>(0.17)    | 0.000339<br>(0.21)    |
| SameSize                             |   |                     |                     |                     |                      |                      | 0.0133***<br>(4.48)  | 0.0135***<br>(4.56)  | 0.0131***<br>(4.61)   | 0.0132***<br>(4.68)   |
| SameBookToMarket                     |   |                     |                     |                     |                      |                      | 0.00772***<br>(4.55) | 0.00772***<br>(4.58) | 0.00893***<br>(5.05)  | 0.00893***<br>(5.09)  |
| CrossOwnership                       |   |                     |                     |                     |                      |                      | 0.0280*<br>(2.07)    | 0.0260<br>(1.93)     | 0.0303*<br>(2.27)     | 0.0283*<br>(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 <sup>2</sup>                       | 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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- 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

Graph

# Synchronicity and firm interlocks

JFE-2009-Khanna

- Three types of network

- 1 Equity network
- 2 Director network
- 3 Owner network

- Dependent variables

Using detrended weekly return for calculation

- 1 Pairwise returns synchronicity =  $\frac{\sum_t (n_{i,j,t}^{up} n_{i,j,t}^{down})}{T_{i,j}}$

- 2 Correlation =  $\frac{Cov(i,j)}{\sqrt{Var(i) \cdot Var(j)}}$

- Tobit estimation of

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

being in the same director network has a significant effect

# Large controlling shareholder and stock price synchronicity

JBF-2014-Boubaker

- Stock price synchronicity:

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

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

$$RET_{i,w} = \alpha + \beta_1 MKRET_{w-1} + \beta_2 MKRET_w + \beta_3 INDRET_{i,w-1} + \beta_4 INDRET_{i,w} + \varepsilon_{i,w}$$

- OLS estimation of

$$\begin{aligned} SYNCH_{i,t} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 Excess_{i,t} + \beta_2 UCF_{i,t} + \sum_k \beta_k Control_{i,t}^k \\ & + IndustryDummies + YearDummies + \varepsilon_{i,t} \end{aligned}$$

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

- Common active mutual fund owners
- Measuring Common Ownership
  - $FCAP_{ij,t} = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^F (S_{i,t}^f P_{i,t} + S_{j,t}^f P_{j,t})}{S_{i,t} P_{i,t} + S_{j,t} P_{j,t}}$
  - Using normalized rank-transformed as  $FCAP_{ij,t}^*$
- $\rho_{ij,t}$  : within-month realized correlation of each stock pair's daily four-factor returns

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$$\rho_{ij,t+1} = a + b_f \times FCAP_{ij,t}^* + \sum_{k=1}^n CONTROL_{ij,t,k} + \varepsilon_{ij,t+1}$$

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

# Commonownership measurements

## Model-based measures

- $HJL_I^A(A, B) = \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} \frac{\alpha_{i,B}}{\alpha_{i,A} + \alpha_{i,B}}$  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
- $MHHI = \sum_j \sum_k s_j s_k \frac{\sum_i \mu_{ij} \nu_{ik}}{\sum_i \mu_{ij} \nu_{ij}}$  Azar et al. (2018)
  - Capture a specific type of externality
  - Measured at the industry level
  - Assumes that investors are fully informed about the externalities
- $GGL^A(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^I \alpha_{i,A} g(\beta_{i,A}) \alpha_{i,B}$  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)

- $Overlap_{AP}(A, B) = \sum_{i \in I^{A,B}} \alpha_{i,A} \frac{\bar{v}_A}{\bar{v}_A + \bar{v}_B} + \alpha_{i,B} \frac{\bar{v}_B}{\bar{v}_A + \bar{v}_B}$

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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