

# Connected Stocks: Evidence from Tehran Stock Exchange

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- **Can the common ownership cause stock return comovement ?**
  - We connect stocks through the common ownership by blockholders (ownership  $> 1\%$ )
  - We focus on excess return comovement for a pair of the stocks
  - We use common ownership to forecast cross-sectional variation in the realized correlation of four-factor + industry residuals

# 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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### Selected measure

We need a pair-level measure, which is bi-directional, so we use the AP measure.



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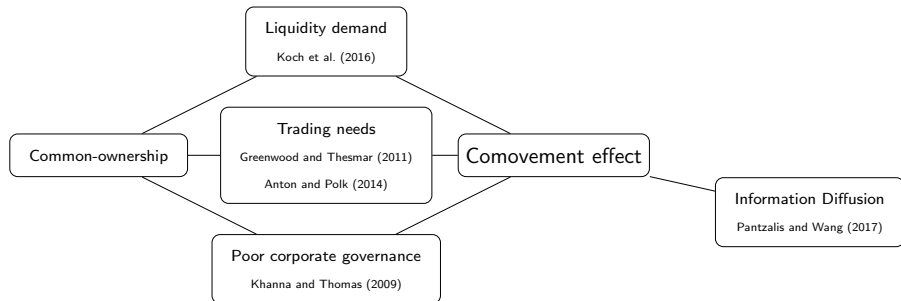
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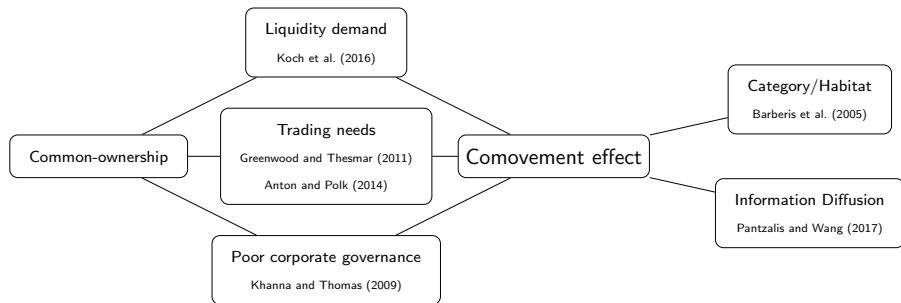
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Quadratic

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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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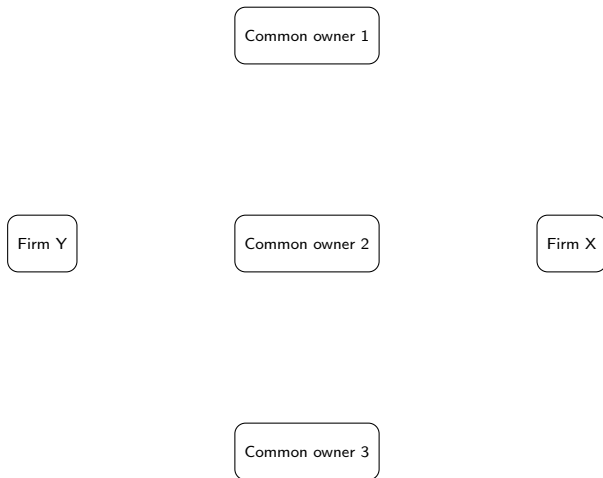
Example of three common owner

Firm Y

Firm X

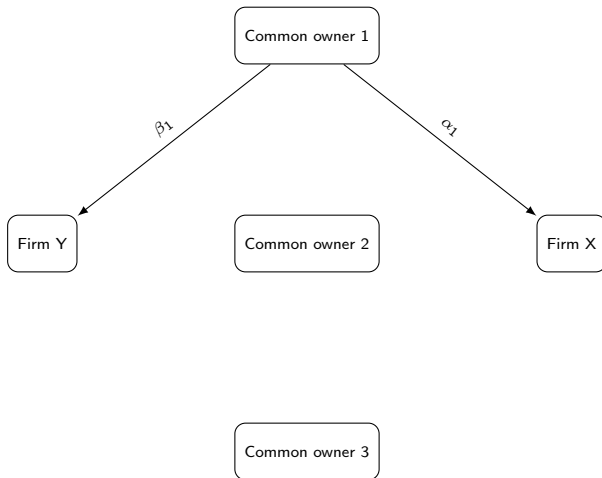
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Ownership	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V	Type VI	Type VII
$\alpha_1$	1/3	20	10	20	10	5	1
$\beta_1$	1/3	10	10	20	10	5	1
$\alpha_2$	1/3	10	80	20	10	5	1
$\beta_2$	1/3	20	80	20	10	5	1
$\alpha_3$	1/3	70	10	20	10	5	1
$\beta_3$	1/3	70	10	20	10	5	1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



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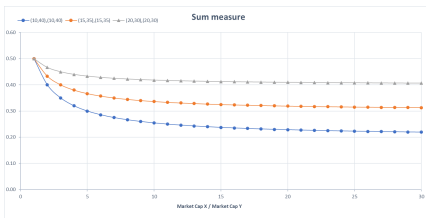
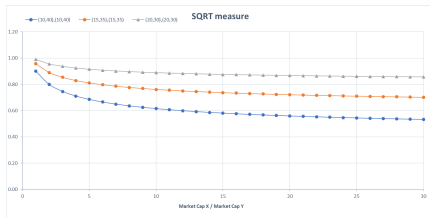
## Comparison

- 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.

# Pair Composition and Business Group

Business Group

Ultimate Owner

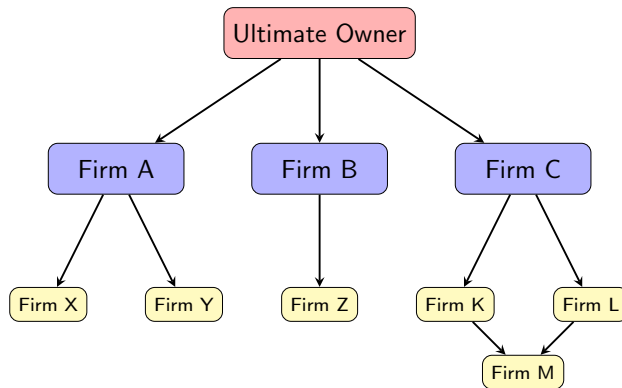
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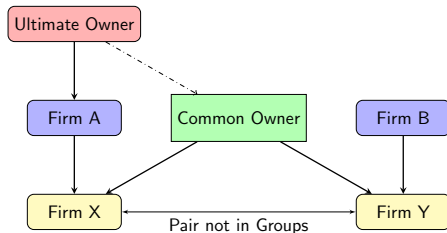
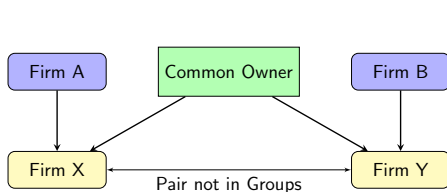
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## Pair in the Business Group



# Pair Composition and Business Group

Pair not in any of Business Groups



# Data Summary

- We use blockholders' data from 2015/03/25 (1394/01/06) to 2020/03/18 (1398/12/28)
  - Includes of 1203 Days and 60 Months
  - Consists of 600 firm including 548 firm with common owners

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Meann
No. of Firms	355	383	520	551	579	602	498
No. of Blockholders	724	887	1274	1383	1409	1390	1178
No. of Groups	41	42	46	45	40	40	42
No. of Firms not in Groups	113	128	207	224	247	270	198
No. of Firms in Groups	242	265	332	339	332	332	307
Mean Number of Members	6	6	7	8	8	8	7
Med. of Number of Members	4	4	6	5	6	6	5
Mean Of each Blockholder's ownership	21.30	22.00	20.80	20.50	21.90	23.00	21.58
Med. of Owners' Percent	7.94	7.55	6.95	6.34	8.31	9	8
Mean Number of Blockholders	5	5	5	5	5	4	5
Med. Number of Owners	4	4	4	4	4	3	4
Mean Block. Ownership	71.6	71.2	68	67.7	65.4	62.00	67.65
Med. Block. Ownership	79.9	80.1	77	77.1	72.9	69.70	76.12



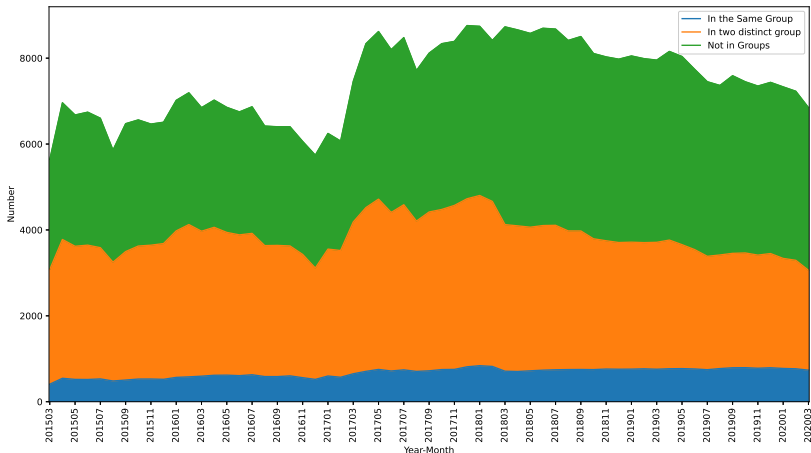
# Pair Composition

- Pairs consist of two firms with at least one common owner
  - 18692 unique pairs which is 10% of possible pairs ( $\frac{548+547}{2} = 149878$ )

	mean	min	median	max
Number of unique paris	7448	5642	7451	8759

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Mean
No. of Pairs	8188	9934	11925	12998	12055	8195	10549
No. of Groups	40	41	43	43	38	38	41
No. of Pairs not in Groups	3491	3879	5213	5876	6175	4466	4850
No. of Pairs in the same Group	675	795	1016	1120	1062	807	913
No. of Pairs not in the same Group	3853	4845	5221	5339	4440	2817	4419
Mean Number of Common owner	1.21	1.19	1.19	1.16	1.17	1.16	1.18
Med. Number of Common owner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.00
Mean Number of Pairs in one Group	24	26	27	29	28	21	25.83
Med. Number of Pairs in one Group	10	11	9	6	7	6	8.17
Mean Percent of each Blockholder	16.53	17.12	16.82	16.87	16.73	16.61	16.78
Med. Percent of each Blockholder	9.92	9.95	9.78	9.65	10.03	10.57	9.98
Mean Number of Owners	5.82	5.79	5.7	5.78	5.91	6.08	5.85
Med. Number of Owners	5.91	5.88	5.77	5.84	5.95	6.09	5.91
Mean Block. Ownership	71.68	72.82	71.38	72.09	71.79	72.55	72.05
Med. Block. Ownership	73.37	74.57	72.89	73.61	73.14	73.79	73.56

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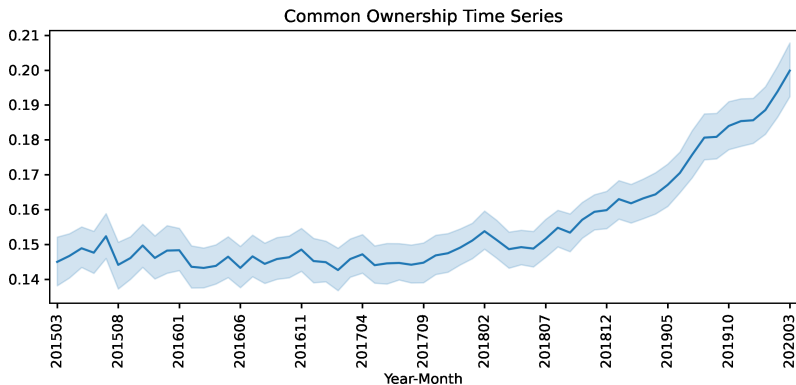
# FCA vs. FCAP Summary

	variable	count(month × id)	mean	std	min	25%	median	75%	max
Total	FCA	454343	0.144	0.235	0.003	0.025	0.058	0.151	3.967
	FCAP	454343	0.123	0.164	0.003	0.024	0.054	0.144	0.992
Same Group	FCA	44109	0.491	0.418	0.005	0.170	0.435	0.691	3.967
	FCAP	44109	0.396	0.259	0.004	0.145	0.405	0.608	0.985
Not Same Group	FCA	410234	0.107	0.168	0.003	0.023	0.050	0.119	3.734
	FCAP	410234	0.094	0.117	0.003	0.022	0.048	0.117	0.992
Same Industry	FCA	56549	0.345	0.409	0.007	0.055	0.189	0.512	3.967
	FCAP	56549	0.258	0.242	0.006	0.051	0.165	0.431	0.992
Not Same Industry	FCA	397794	0.116	0.181	0.003	0.024	0.051	0.124	2.619
	FCAP	397794	0.104	0.140	0.003	0.023	0.048	0.122	0.985

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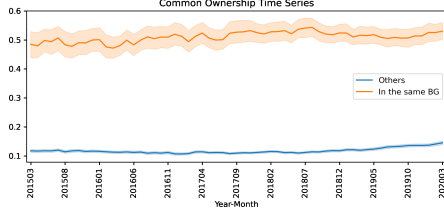
- By the proposed measurement, common ownership increases
- Common ownership is greater in pairs that are in the same business group and industry

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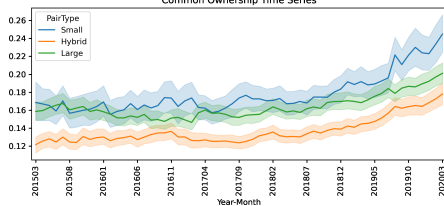


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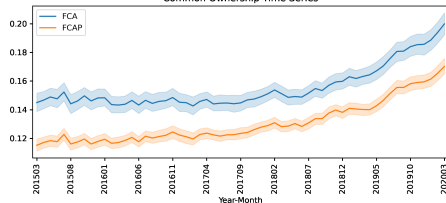
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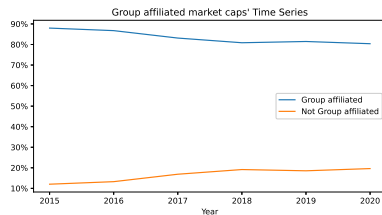
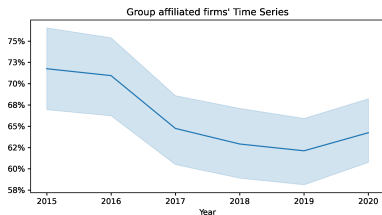
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# Group affiliated firm's time series



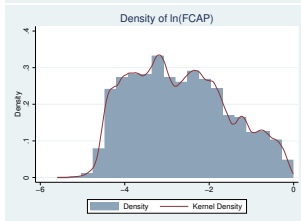
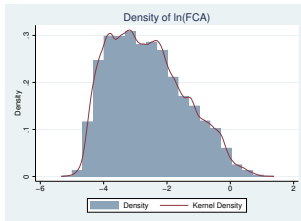
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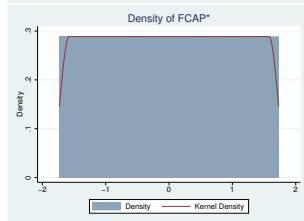
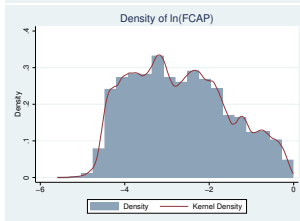
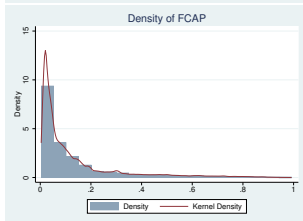
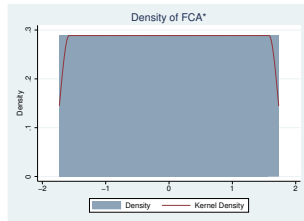
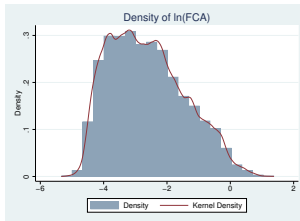
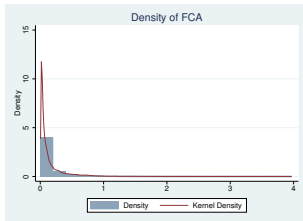
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# Correlation Calculation

## 4 Factor + Industry

### 1 First Step:

Estimate each of these models on periods of three month:

- CAPM + Industry (2 Factor):

$$R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{mkt,i}R_{M,t} + \beta_{Ind,i}R_{Ind,t} + \boxed{\varepsilon_{i,t}}$$

- 4 Factor :

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

- 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)

# Correlation Calculation Results

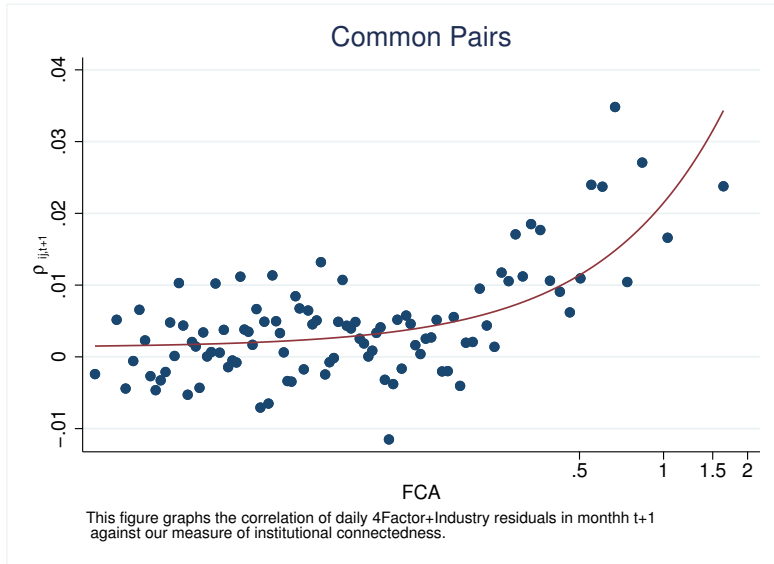
Factors	mean	std	min	max
SMB	0.19	1.47	-5.64	19.52
HML	-0.12	1.39	-4.90	23.20
Winner – Loser	0.69	1.06	-2.61	8.58
Market	0.24	1.23	-4.71	4.89

$\rho_{ij,t}$	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
CAPM + Industry	0.01	0.33	-1	-0.194	0.006	0.208	1
4 Factor	0.04	0.34	-1	-0.172	0.035	0.249	1
4 Factor + Industry	0.01	0.33	-1	-0.194	0.005	0.206	1
4 Factor + Industry (With Lag)	0.01	0.32	-1	-0.194	0.006	0.206	1

## 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.

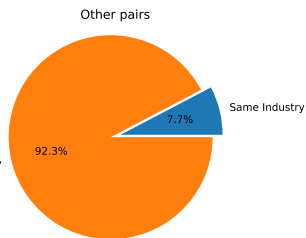
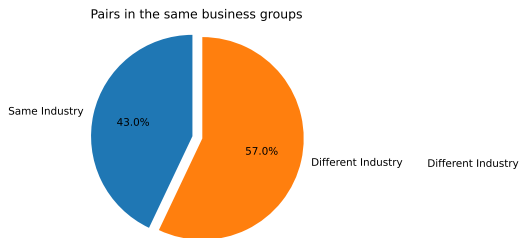
# Future Correlation via *FCA*



- $\rho_t$  : Current period correlation
- **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

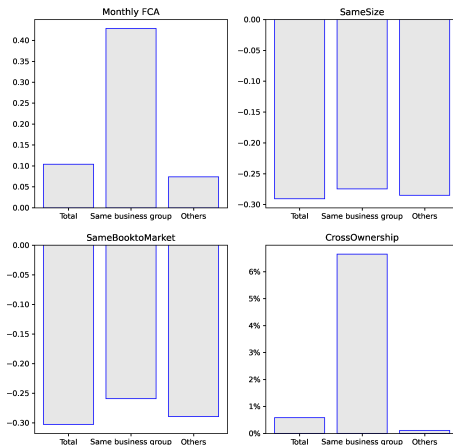
# Industry & Business group

Type of Pairs	Yes	No
SameIndustry	1760 (10%)	16739 (90%)
SameGroup	1118 (6%)	17381 (94%)
SameGroup & SameIndustry	492 (3%)	18007 (97%)



# Business group

## Pairs' characteristic



# Summary of Controls

## Variables' distribution

	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
SameIndustry	0.10	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
SameGroup	0.06	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Size1	0.72	0.21	0.01	0.58	0.78	0.91	1.00
Size2	0.43	0.25	0.00	0.23	0.42	0.62	0.99
SameSize	-0.29	0.21	-0.97	-0.42	-0.24	-0.12	0.00
BookToMarket1	0.53	0.26	0.00	0.34	0.54	0.73	1.00
BookToMarket2	0.52	0.24	0.00	0.34	0.52	0.71	1.00
SameBookToMarket	-0.30	0.19	-0.99	-0.42	-0.26	-0.15	0.00
CrossOwnership	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96



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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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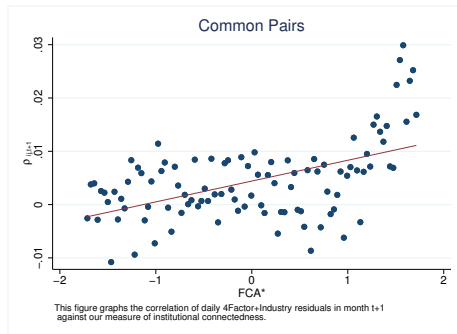
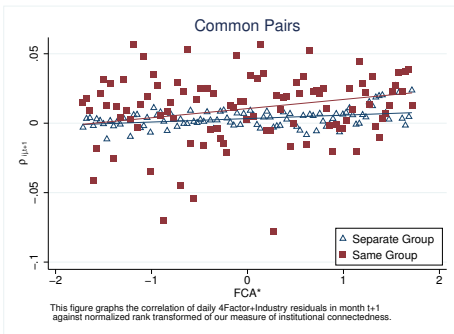
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# Future Correlation via *FCA*

## Normalized Rank-Transformed



- Use Fama-MacBeth to estimate this model

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

- Estimate the model on a monthly frequency
- Adjust standard errors by Newey and West adjustment with 4 lags  
( $4(60/100)^{\frac{2}{9}} = 3.57 \sim 4$ )

# Model Estimation

## Normalized Rank-Transformed

Dependent Variable: Future Monthly Correlation of 4F+Industry Residuals							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Same Group	0.0138*** (5.76)	0.0128*** (6.29)			0.00978*** (4.29)	0.00458 (1.43)	0.00356 (1.11)
FCA*			0.00405*** (4.94)	0.00375*** (5.12)	0.00296*** (3.77)	0.00258*** (3.53)	0.00273*** (3.51)
(FCA*) × SameGroup						0.00524** (3.21)	0.00517** (3.18)
Observations	388492	388492	388492	388492	388492	388492	388492
Group Effect	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.000404	0.00200	0.000423	0.00201	0.00229	0.00245	0.00875

*t* statistics in parentheses

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



# All non-common owner pairs

regression

	Future Monthly Correlation of 4F+Industry Residuals					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Common Ownership		-0.00350** (-3.30)	-0.00445*** (-4.22)	0.00651* (2.48)		-0.00527*** (-4.72)
SameGroup	0.0122*** (5.81)		0.0140*** (7.01)			0.00607* (2.09)
Common Ownership $\times$ SameGroup						0.0157*** (5.51)
FCA*					0.00174* (2.43)	
Observations	5148109	5148109	5148109	76240	76240	5148109
Sub Sample	Total	Total	Total	SameGroups	SameGroups	Total
Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
$R^2$	0.000455	0.000456	0.000504	0.0135	0.0135	0.000528

$t$  statistics in parentheses

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# Business group return

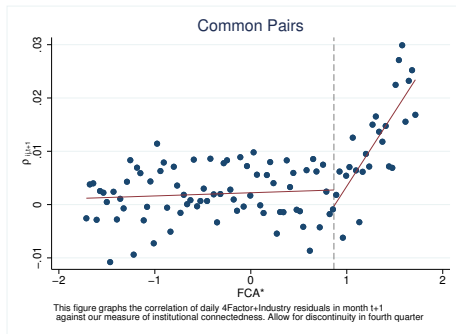
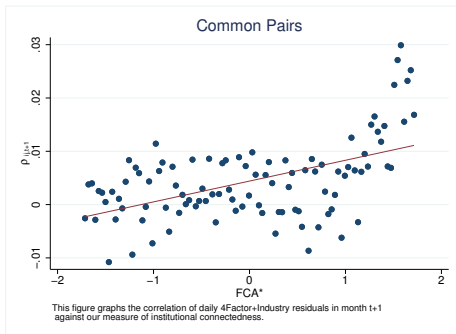
	Return <sub>i</sub> - r <sub>f</sub> = R <sub>i</sub>				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>R<sub>M</sub></i>	0.801*** (29.99)	0.643*** (10.68)	0.701*** (11.05)	0.257*** (8.84)	0.280*** (9.02)
<i>R<sub>Industry</sub></i>		-2.085 (-0.92)	-1.878 (-0.93)	-0.150 (-0.48)	-0.148 (-0.50)
<i>R<sub>Businessgroup</sub></i>				0.493*** (11.36)	0.493*** (11.34)
<i>SMB</i>			0.104*** (3.52)		0.0770*** (5.24)
<i>UMD</i>			0.0282 (1.23)		0.0218 (1.94)
<i>HML</i>			0.102*** (6.05)		0.0395*** (6.39)
Constant	0.0442 (1.92)	0.0145 (0.53)	-0.0297 (-0.83)	0.0499*** (3.87)	0.0198 (1.25)
Observations	207552	207552	207552	207552	207552
<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.123	0.196	0.213	0.672	0.679

t statistics in parentheses

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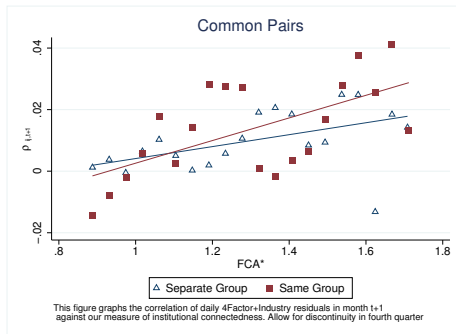
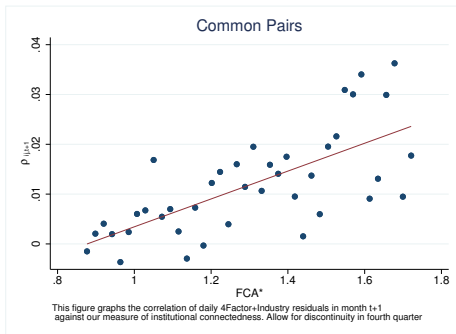
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## Discontinuity

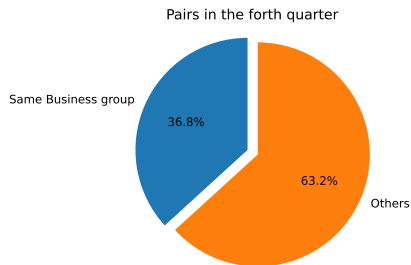
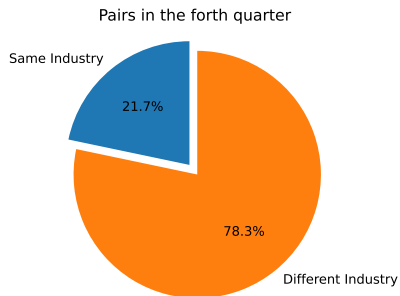


# 4 Factor + Industry Future Correlation via $FCA^*$

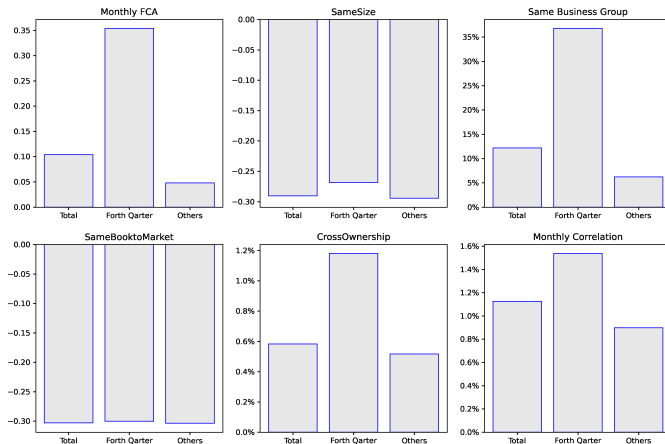
## Discontinuity & Business Groups



# Forth quarter summary



# Forth quarter summary



# Fama-MacBeth Estimation

## Discontinuity (sub-sample)

	Dependent Variable: Future Monthly Correlation of 4F+Industry Residuals					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
FCA*	0.0288*** (5.47)	0.0271*** (5.47)	0.0232*** (4.73)	0.0214*** (3.88)	0.0208*** (3.90)	0.0157** (2.99)
Same Group				0.00268 (0.96)	0.00232 (0.83)	0.00175 (0.56)
$\rho_t$		0.0574*** (8.65)	0.0574*** (8.69)	0.0573*** (8.69)	0.0569*** (8.72)	0.0559*** (9.20)
SameIndustry			0.00783** (3.16)	0.00742** (2.91)	0.00532* (2.49)	0.00700* (2.60)
SameSize					0.00423 (0.79)	0.00524 (0.98)
SameBookToMarket					0.0201*** (3.73)	0.0191** (3.45)
CrossOwnership					0.0294 (1.55)	0.0197 (1.04)
Observations	97944	97944	97944	97944	97944	97944
Group FE	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
$R^2$	0.00130	0.00584	0.00684	0.00764	0.0100	0.0332

t statistics in parentheses

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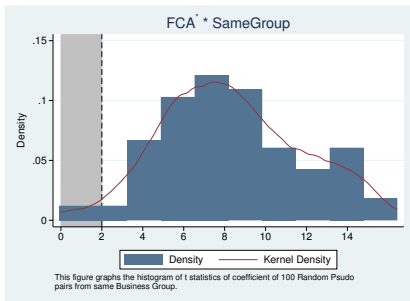
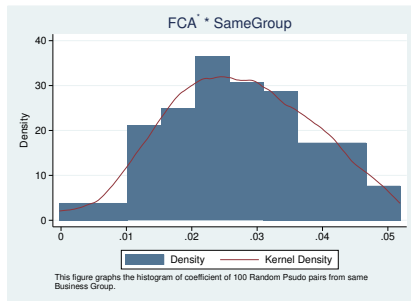
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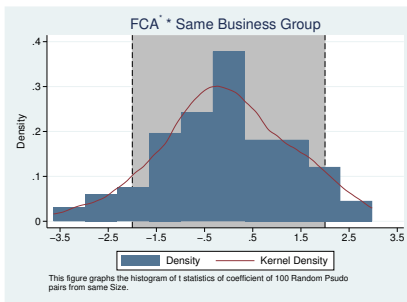
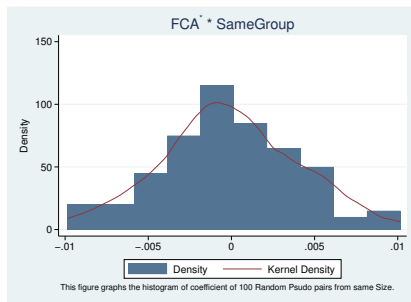
# Random Pairs from Same Business Group

$\beta_3$  in model 1



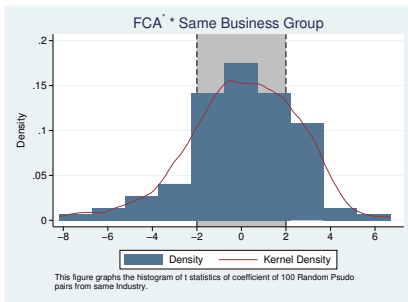
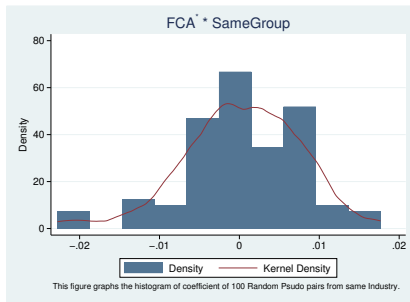
# Random Pairs from Same Size

$\beta_3$  in model 1



# Random Pairs from Same Industry

$\beta_3$  in model 1



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$$\text{InsImbalance}_i = \frac{\text{InsBuy} - \text{InsSell}}{\text{InsBuy} + \text{InsSell}}$$

	Future Monthly Corr. of 4F+Ind. Residuals						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
FCA*	0.00296*** (3.77)	0.00277*** (3.57)	0.00275*** (3.55)		0.00611** (3.21)	0.00244** (3.14)	0.00284** (3.40)
Same Group	0.00978*** (4.29)	0.00981*** (4.35)	0.00858** (3.37)	0.0110*** (4.73)		0.00861** (3.38)	0.00826** (3.05)
Low Imbalance std		-0.00364** (-2.81)	-0.00388** (-2.83)	-0.00446** (-3.24)	-0.00725* (-2.47)	-0.00393** (-2.87)	0.000437 (0.21)
Low Imbalance std × SameGroup			0.00301 (0.81)	0.00365 (0.98)		-0.00904 (-1.84)	-0.00990* (-2.02)
Low Imbalance std × SameGroup × FCA*						0.0104*** (3.87)	0.00941*** (3.53)
Observations	388492	388492	388492	388492	37114	388492	388492
Group Effect	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Sub-sample	Total	Total	Total	Total	Same Groups	Total	Total
Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.00229	0.00255	0.00274	0.00246	0.0199	0.00290	0.00906

t statistics in parentheses

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

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

Dependent Variable: $\Delta \text{TurnOver}_i$						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
$\Delta \text{TurnOver}_{\text{Market}}$	0.405*** (12.25)	0.396*** (10.74)	0.360*** (7.62)	0.425*** (12.08)	0.388*** (8.23)	0.448*** (12.20)
$\Delta \text{TurnOver}_{\text{Group}}$			0.222*** (3.46)	0.229*** (4.09)	0.253** (3.28)	0.268*** (3.82)
$\Delta \text{TurnOver}_{\text{Industry}}$	0.120** (3.25)	0.0205 (0.24)	-0.0156 (-0.23)	-0.0237 (-0.42)	-0.0833 (-1.04)	-0.0999 (-1.46)
Observations	293264	292179	184699	183442	184699	183442
Weight	-	-	MC $\times$ CR	MC $\times$ CR	MC	MC
Control	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
$R^2$	0.129	0.168	0.246	0.286	0.247	0.286

t statistics in parentheses

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

# Cross-sectional analyze of Group turnover

	Dependent Variable: $\beta_{Group}$													
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Excess	0.310*** (3.58)	0.417*** (4.76)												
ExcessDummy			-0.00418 (-0.10)	0.0907* (2.24)										
ExcessDiff					0.638*** (4.65)	0.840*** (6.22)								
ExcessHigh							0.287*** (4.17)	0.323*** (4.42)						
Low Imbalance std									0.216*** (4.82)	0.0975* (2.26)				
Position											-0.0103 (-0.54)	0.0176 (0.93)		
Centrality													0.618*** (3.31)	0.0662 (0.37)
Observations	1153	1153	1168	1168	1153	1153	1168	1168	1145	1145	1153	1153	1113	1113
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.0178	0.0884	0.00206	0.0665	0.0313	0.109	0.0278	0.0923	0.0203	0.0687	0.00239	0.0645	0.00825	0.0562

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	0.0134** (3.13)	-0.00613* (-2.20)			-0.0102*** (-3.81)	-0.00763 (-1.75)	-0.00600 (-1.36)
FCA*			0.00784*** (4.71)	0.00308** (3.39)	0.00389*** (4.29)	0.00410*** (4.07)	0.00304* (2.23)
(FCA*) × SameGroup						-0.00244 (-0.82)	-0.00104 (-0.33)
Observations	378502	370726	378502	370726	370726	370726	370726
Group Effect	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.000603	0.00766	0.00110	0.00774	0.00806	0.00827	0.0236

*t* statistics in parentheses

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



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

Dependent Variable: $\Delta \text{Amihud}_i$						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
$\Delta \text{Amihud}_{\text{Market}}$	0.290*** (9.76)	0.298*** (3.38)	0.365*** (11.12)	0.234*** (5.29)	0.373*** (11.48)	0.244*** (5.70)
$\Delta \text{Amihud}_{\text{Group}}$			0.182*** (3.58)	0.167*** (3.86)	0.161** (2.93)	0.148** (3.11)
$\Delta \text{Amihud}_{\text{Industry}}$	0.0687* (2.02)	0.144 (1.59)	0.00964 (0.19)	-0.0107 (-0.25)	0.0162 (0.30)	-0.00565 (-0.12)
Observations	293264	291933	184699	183301	184699	183301
Weight	-	-	MC $\times$ CR	MC $\times$ CR	MC	MC
Control	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.118	0.223	0.219	0.320	0.224	0.324

t statistics in parentheses

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# Cross-sectional analyze of Group Amihud

Dependent Variable: $\beta_{Group}$														
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Excess	0.174* (2.55)	0.354*** (4.78)												
ExcessDummy			-0.0190 (-0.48)	0.0764* (1.99)										
ExcessDiff					0.285** (2.86)	0.554*** (5.59)								
ExcessHigh							0.242*** (4.39)	0.346*** (5.52)						
Low Imbalance std									0.126** (3.15)	0.0471 (1.20)				
Position											-0.0102 (-0.62)	0.0312 (1.81)		
Centrality													0.684*** (4.02)	0.271 (1.58)
Observations	1153	1153	1168	1168	1153	1153	1168	1168	1145	1145	1153	1153	1113	1113
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
$R^2$	0.00898	0.0857	0.00196	0.0607	0.0102	0.0882	0.0266	0.104	0.0107	0.0648	0.00260	0.0641	0.0117	0.0438

t statistics in parentheses

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

# Pairwise correlations in liquidity

Dependent Variable: Future Monthly Correlation of Delta Amihud							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Same Group	0.0116** (2.76)	-0.00482 (-1.64)			-0.00853* (-2.49)	-0.00595 (-1.32)	-0.00739 (-1.85)
FCA*			0.00650*** (6.09)	0.00303*** (4.52)	0.00363*** (4.31)	0.00384*** (4.26)	0.00289** (2.89)
(FCA*) × SameGroup						-0.00274 (-1.10)	-0.00162 (-0.70)
Observations	377863	369768	377863	369768	369768	369768	369768
Group Effect	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.000586	0.00615	0.000681	0.00610	0.00654	0.00673	0.0220

*t* statistics in parentheses

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

- Antón et al. (2018):

$$CQ_{ijt} = \sum_{d=1}^{D_t} \omega_{dt} \text{corr}(NQ_{idt}, NQ_{jdt})$$

$$\omega_{dt} = \frac{\min(TQ_{idt}, TQ_{jdt})}{\sum_{d=1}^D \min(TQ_{idt}, TQ_{jdt})}$$

- Ivashina and Sun (2011):

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{M_i} D_{ji} CAR_i}{M_i}$$

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# Conclusion

- We derive a measure that captures the extent of common ownership distribution.
- The common ownership comovement effect with a extra explanation:
  - Common ownership that crosses a threshold affect on comovement
  - Be in the same business group has a major effect on comovement

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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

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

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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 =  $\frac{Cov(i,j)}{\sqrt{Var(i).Var(j)}}$

- 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

JBFB-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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