

# Cross-market High-dimensional Nonstationary Coupling Learning

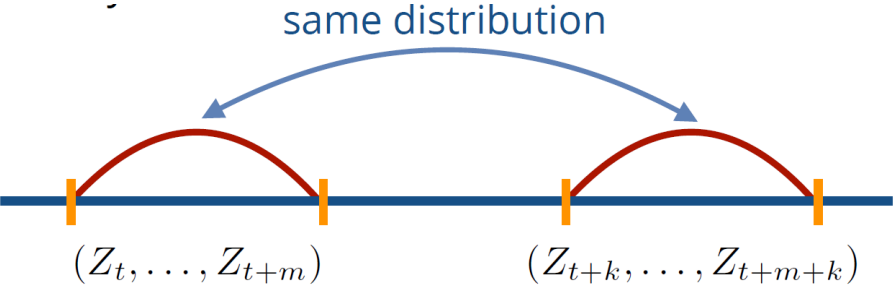
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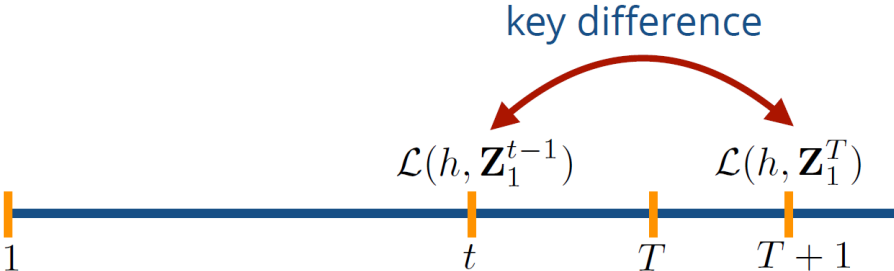
# Nonstationarity

- Stationarity

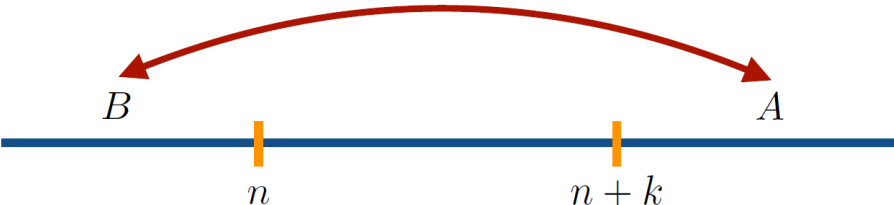


NIPS16 tutorial: Theory and algorithms for forecasting non-stationary time series

- Weak/non-stationarity



dependence between events decaying with k.

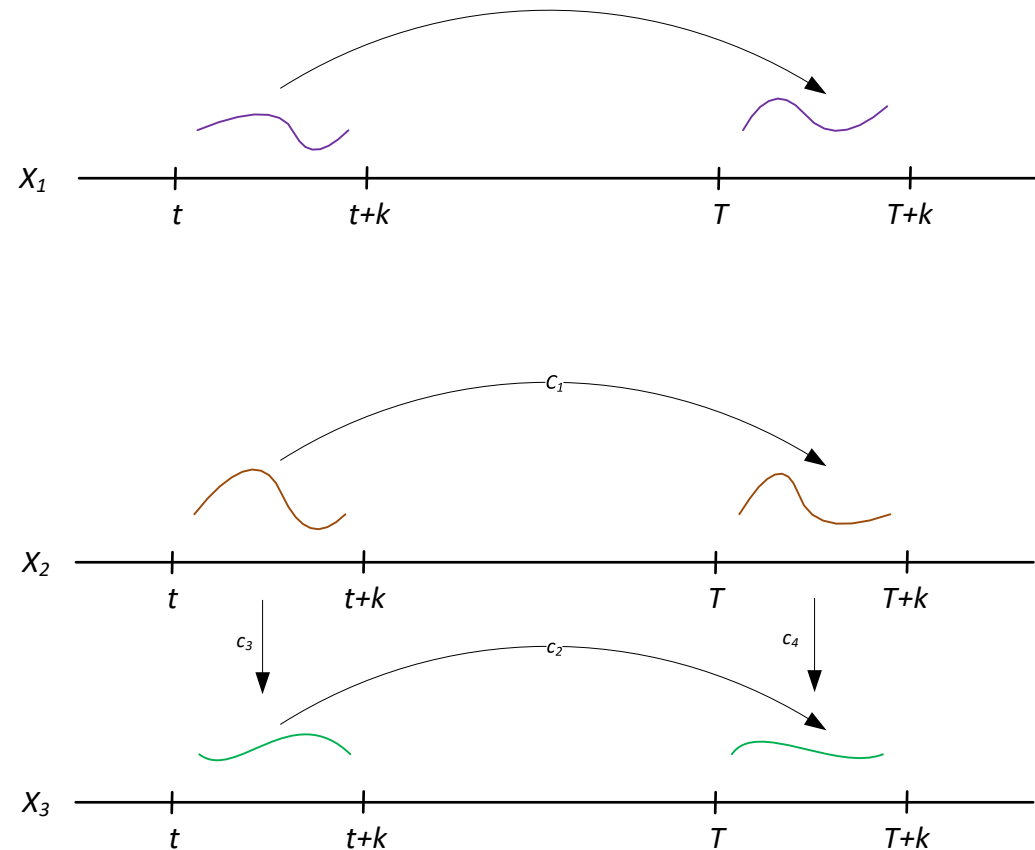


$$\Delta(\mathbf{q}) = \sup_{h \in H} \left| \mathcal{L}(h, \mathbf{Z}_1^T) - \sum_{t=1}^T q_t \mathcal{L}(h, \mathbf{Z}_1^{t-1}) \right|$$

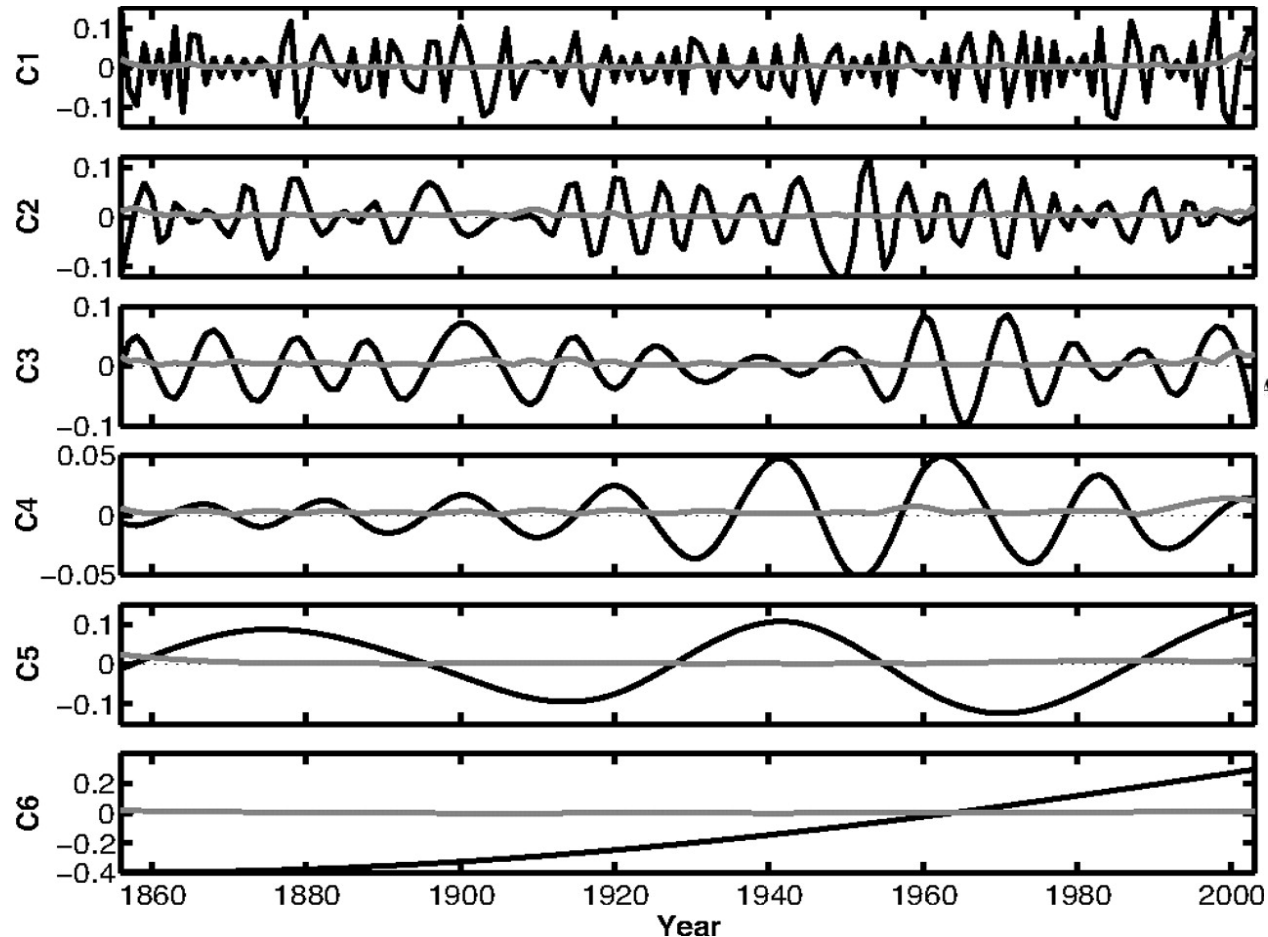
$$\beta(k) = \sup_n \mathbb{E}_{B \in \sigma_{-\infty}^n} \left[ \sup_{A \in \sigma_{n+k}^{\infty}} \left| \mathbb{P}[A | B] - \mathbb{P}[A] \right| \right] \rightarrow 0$$

# Nonstationary couplings

- The change of one nonstationary variable is coupled with the change of another one
- Couplings: Association, correlation, dependence, causality, latent relations, etc.



# Nonstationary heterogeneous couplings



Z Wu, etc. (2007) On the trend, detrending, and variability of nonlinear and nonstationary time series

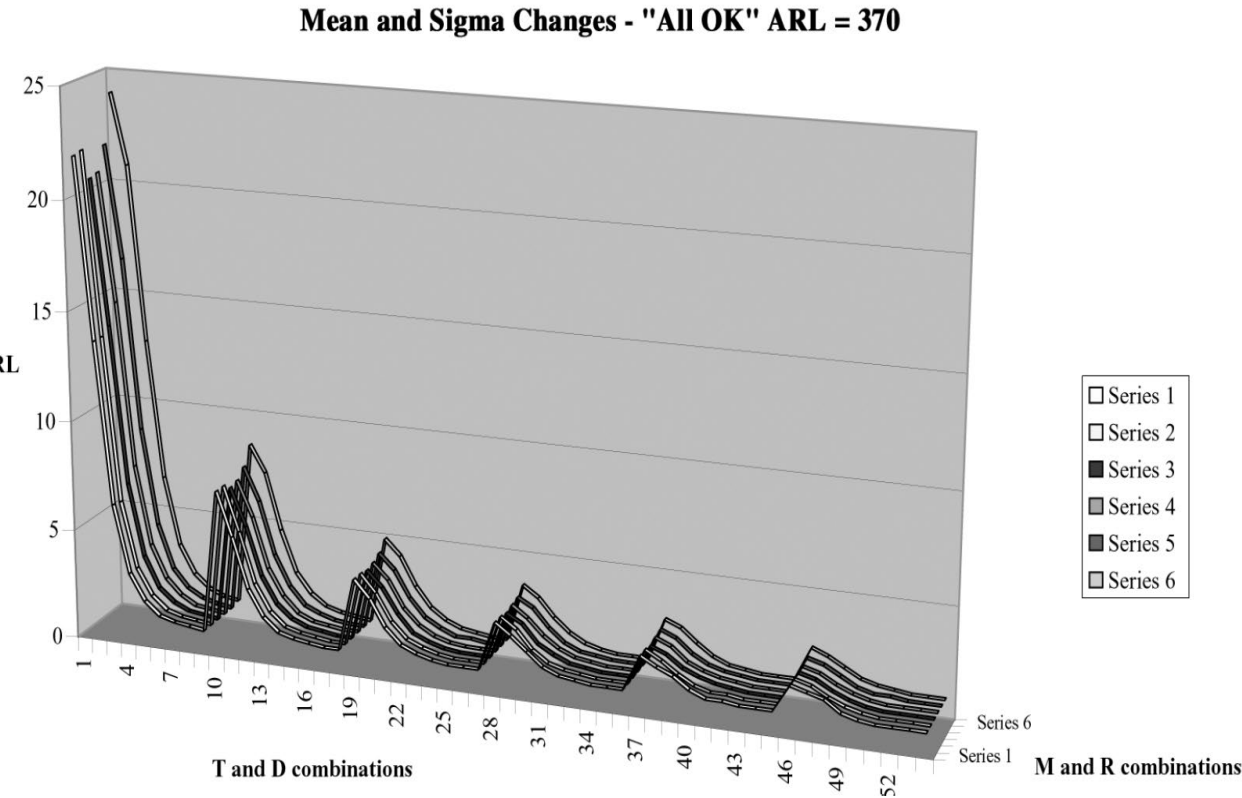


Figure 3. Plotted ARL values of Table 3.

D. Rahardja (2005) X-Charts versus X / MR Chart Combinations: IID Cases and Non-IID Cases

# Main challenges

Financial variables are heterogeneous, coupled w.r.t. various structures

**Multi-source, heterogeneous couplings and structures**

**Asymmetric, non-normal and nonlinear**

Cross market dependence is often embedded with nonlinear, non-normal and asymmetric dependences

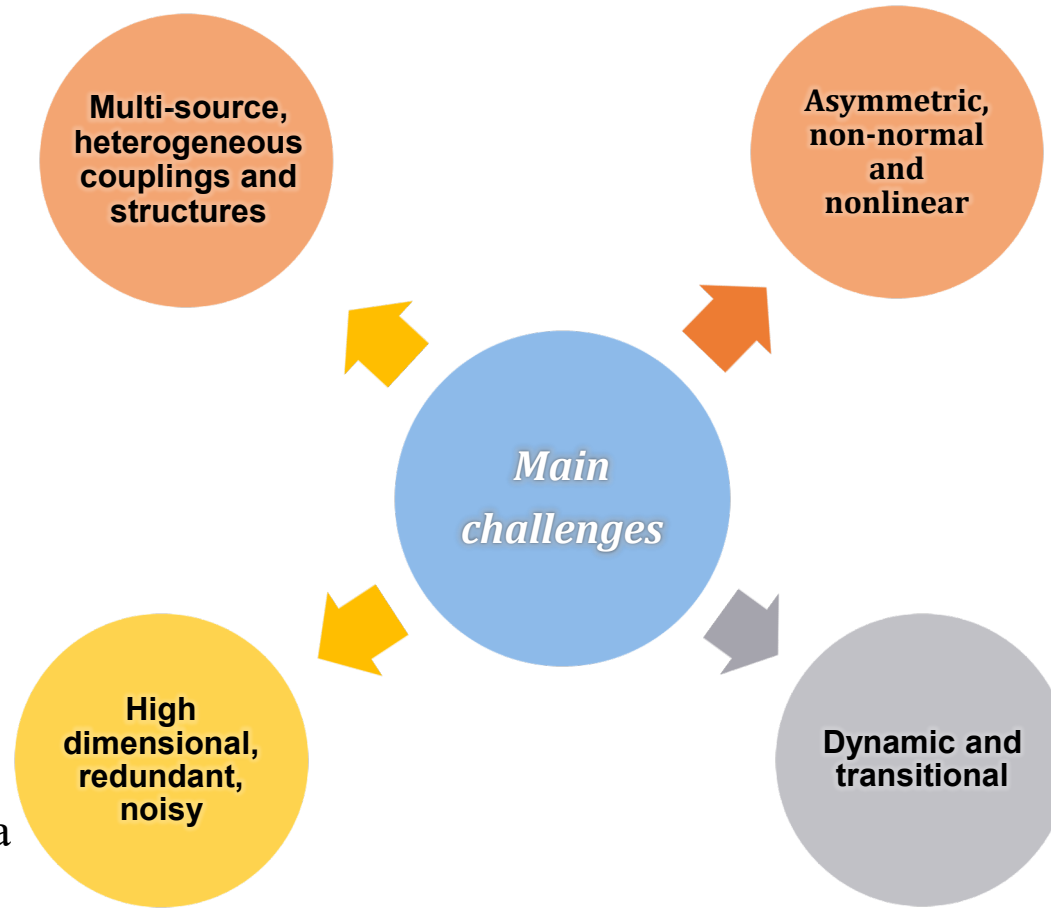
Generally more than 20 financial variables leading to over ten thousand features for a group of time series in a time window

**High dimensional, redundant, noisy**

*Main challenges*

**Dynamic and transitional**

Financial variables and their influence across markets are dynamic/volatile, transitional



# Example 1: Copula-based Dependence Structure Modeling

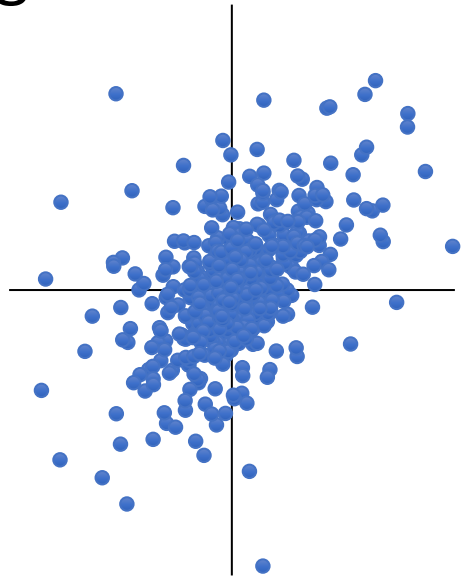
J Xu, et al. Copula-Based High Dimensional Cross-Market Dependence Modeling

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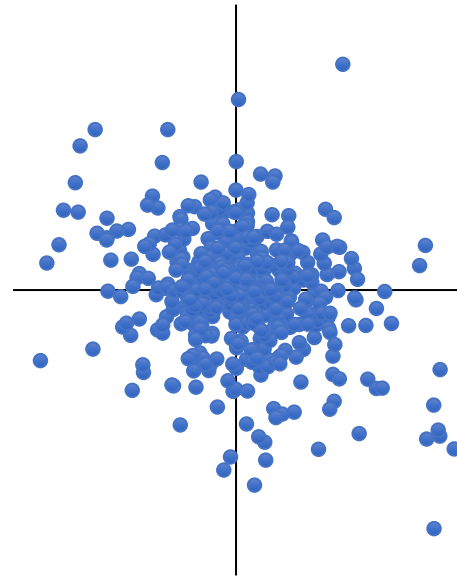
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# An example

## Positive and negative correlations



*a. FTSE100 and S&P500*

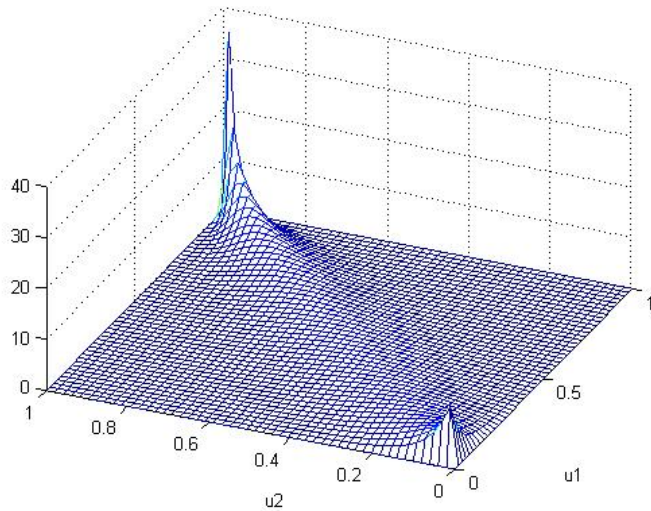


*b. FTSE100 and GBP*

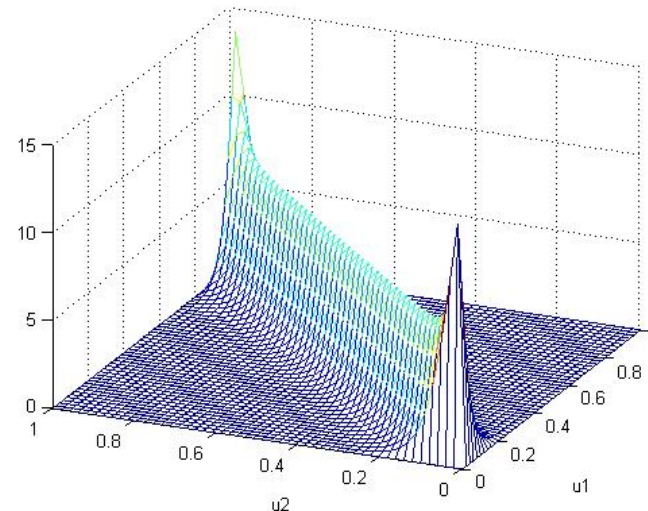
- Stock markets and exchange rate markets are dependent
- Dependences may be diverse
- Cross-market couplings have to be considered in multivariate modeling

# An example

## Asymmetric and tail dependence



*Gumbel Copula ( $\vartheta = 3.35$ ) between S&P500 and STOXX50E*



*Frank Copula ( $\vartheta = 28.5$ ) between FTSE100 and GBP*

*Daily returns of S&P 500 and EUR/USD (01/01/2008 – 31/12/2010)*

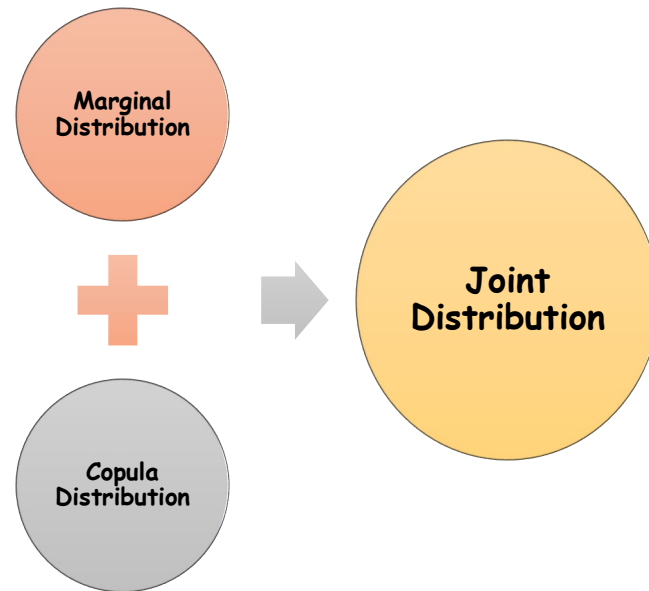


# Challenges

- Multiple heterogeneous financial variables
- Stylized fact: fat tail and asymmetric correlations
- Dependence strength and structure

# Copula-based dependence modeling

- Modeling joint distribution between a group of random variables



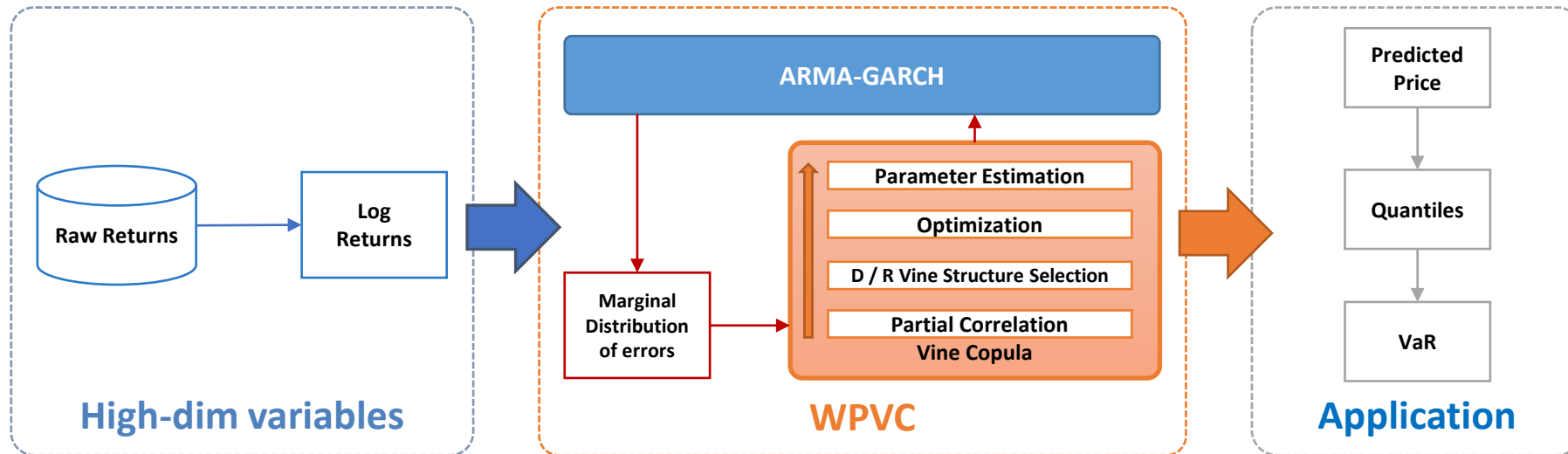
$$F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = C(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2), \dots, F_n(x_n))$$

$$C(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = F(F_1^{-1}(u_1), F_2^{-1}(u_2), \dots, F_n^{-1}(u_n))$$

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = c(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2), \dots, F_n(x_n)) \prod_{i=1} f_i(x_i)$$

# Partial vine for structural dependence

- Weighted partial vine copula (WPVC)



- Partial D vine tree structure for asymmetric dependence in tail risk
- Bivariate copula with different types of tail dependencies
- Truncation with conditional independence (vs. correlations) for high-dimensional

# Partial correlation

- Partial D vine structure

$$\rho_{1,2;3,\dots,n} = \frac{\rho_{1,2;3,\dots,n-1} - \rho_{1,n;3,\dots,n-1} \cdot \rho_{2,n;3,\dots,n-1}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho_{1,n;3,\dots,n-1}^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \rho_{2,n;3,\dots,n-1}^2}}$$

- Lower and upper tail dependence coefficients

$$\lambda_L = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} Pr\{U_1 \leq u, \dots, U_n \leq u \mid U_n \leq u\}$$

$$= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(u, \dots, u)}{u}$$

$$\lambda_U = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} Pr\{U_1 > 1 - u, \dots, U_n > 1 - u \mid U_n > 1 - u\}$$

$$= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{C}(1 - u, \dots, 1 - u)}{u}$$

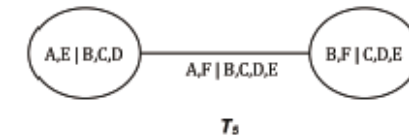
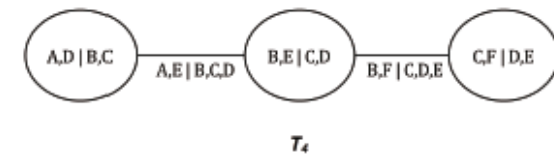
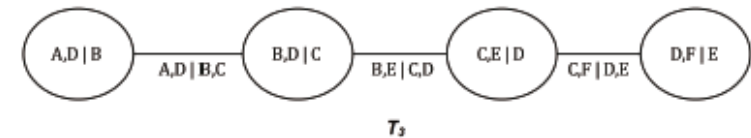
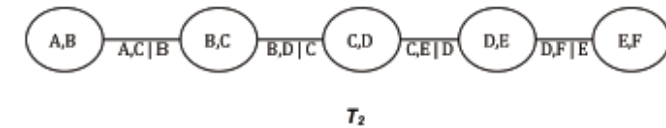
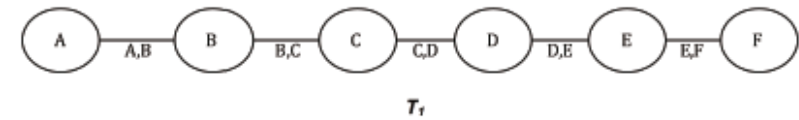
- 0
- $\in (0, 1)$

# Partial D vine tree construction

## Weighted partial D vine tree construction

- 6 variables, 20 partial correlations
- The smallest PC as the edge of T5:  $\{A,F;B,C,D,E\}$ , conditioned set  $\{A,F\}$  and conditioning set  $\{B,C,D,E\}$
- Nodes in T5:
  - Constraint sets  $\{A,B,C,D,E\}$  and  $\{F,B,C,D,E\}$
  - Find the smallest PC for each constraint set and treat them as nodes, e.g.  $\{A,E;B,C,D\}$  and  $\{B,F;C,D,E\}$
- T4, T3
- Best D vine:

$$\operatorname{argmax}(-\ln(D)) \quad D = \prod_{i,j} (1 - W_i \rho_{i,j;d(i,j)}^2)$$



$$W(h) = \begin{cases} 0.5 \times \frac{e^{-m_0(k-h)}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{-m_0(k-i)}}, & h \in [1, k]; \\ 0.5 \times \frac{e^{-m_0(h-k)}}{\sum_{i=k+1}^{N-1} e^{-m_0(i-k)}}, & h \in (k, N-1]. \end{cases}$$

# Parameter estimation

- Maximum Log-Likelihood estimation to estimate the parameters of copula constructed w.r.t. vine structures

$$L(\xi : x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p \ln f_i(x_{i,j}; \phi_i) + \ln c(F_1(x_1, n), F_1(x_2, n) \cdots, F_p(x_p, n); \theta) \right\}$$
$$\xi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta)$$

Estimate parameters for marginal distributions:

$$L_m(\phi : x) = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^n \ln f_i(x_{i,j}; \phi_i) \quad \hat{\phi} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\phi} L_m(\phi : x)$$

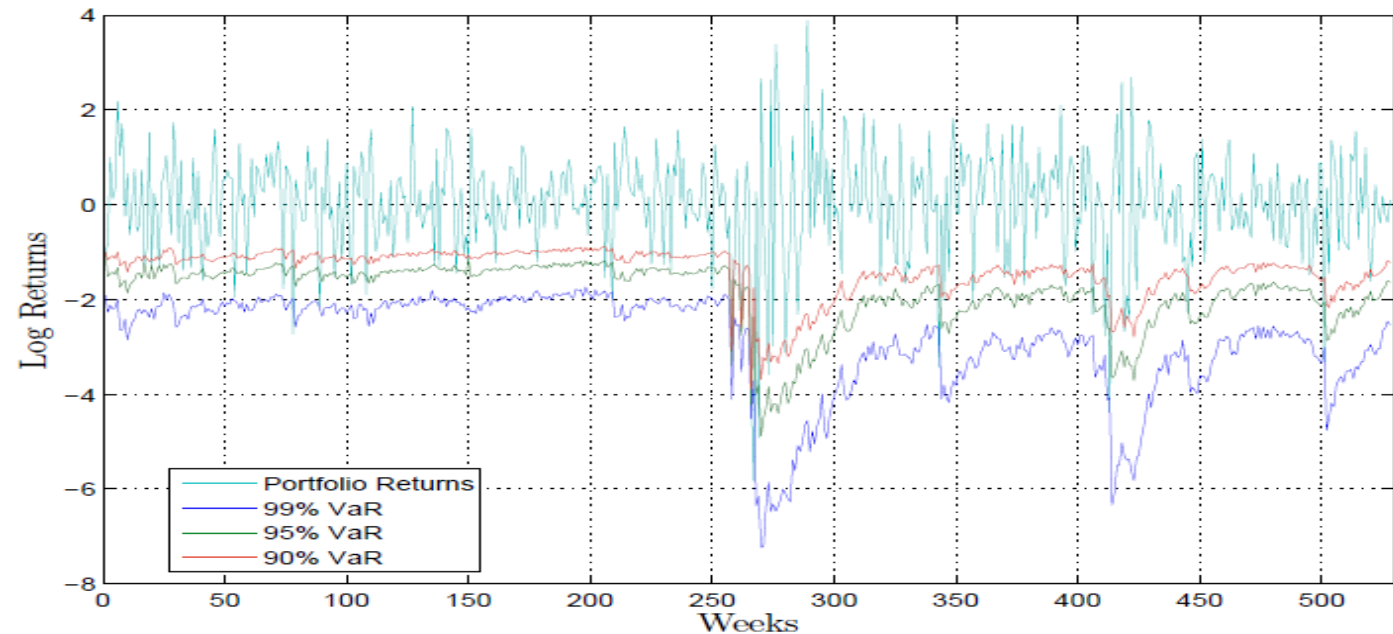
Estimate parameter in copula:

$$L_c(\theta; u, \phi) = \sum_{i=1}^p \ln(c(F_1(x_1, n), \dots, F_p(x_p, n); \theta)) \quad \hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} L_c(\theta; u, \phi)$$

# Case study

- Backtesting VaR – Log-likelihood ratio • VaR forecasting of portfolio return

	$1 - \alpha$	$POF^1$	$LRUC^2$	$LRIC^2$	$LRCC^2$
<i>WPVC</i> <sub>0.05</sub>	99%	5 1.08%	0.0324 (0.857)	2.315 (0.314)	2.347 (0.143)
	95%	26 5.64%	0.382 (0.536)	0.188 (0.868)	0.570 (0.752)
	90%	52 11.50%	1.100 (0.294)	1.582 (0.254)	2.683 (0.261)
<i>D-STD</i>	99%	9 1.95%	2.186 (0.139)	2.221 (0.136)	4.408 (0.110)
	95%	27 5.86%	0.451 (0.730)	0.133 (0.916)	0.584 (0.618)
	90%	57 12.36%	1.363 (0.547)	3.533 (0.176)	4.896 (0.086)
<i>D-Ken</i>	99%	10 2.17%	3.376 (0.066)	1.843 (0.175)	5.218 (0.074)
	95%	27 5.86%	0.451 (0.730)	0.133 (0.916)	0.584 (0.618)
	90%	57 12.36%	1.363 (0.547)	3.533 (0.033)	4.896 (0.086)
<i>Cvine</i>	99%	11 2.39%	4.770 (0.029)	1.439 (0.230)	6.209 (0.045)
	95%	29 6.29%	0.662 (0.628)	0.042 (0.838)	0.704 (0.554)
	90%	59 12.80%	1.782 (0.326)	4.469 (0.035)	6.251 (0.025)
<i>DCC</i>	99%	103 22.34%	466.082 (0.000)	5.449 (0.021)	471.533 (0.000)
	95%	133 28.85%	276.570 (0.000)	15.257 (0.004)	291.827 (0.000)
	90%	59 32.97%	180.570 (0.000)	15.333 (0.004)	195.903 (0.000)



- 25 indicators: 8 exch rates, 13 indices, 3 comdty, 1 comdty index
- In-sample: 5 years; out-of-sample: 10 years
- ARMA(1; 1)-GARCH(1; 1): stocks
- AR(1)-GARCH(1; 1): exchange rate

# Example 2: Deep modeling of financial couplings

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# Market couplings

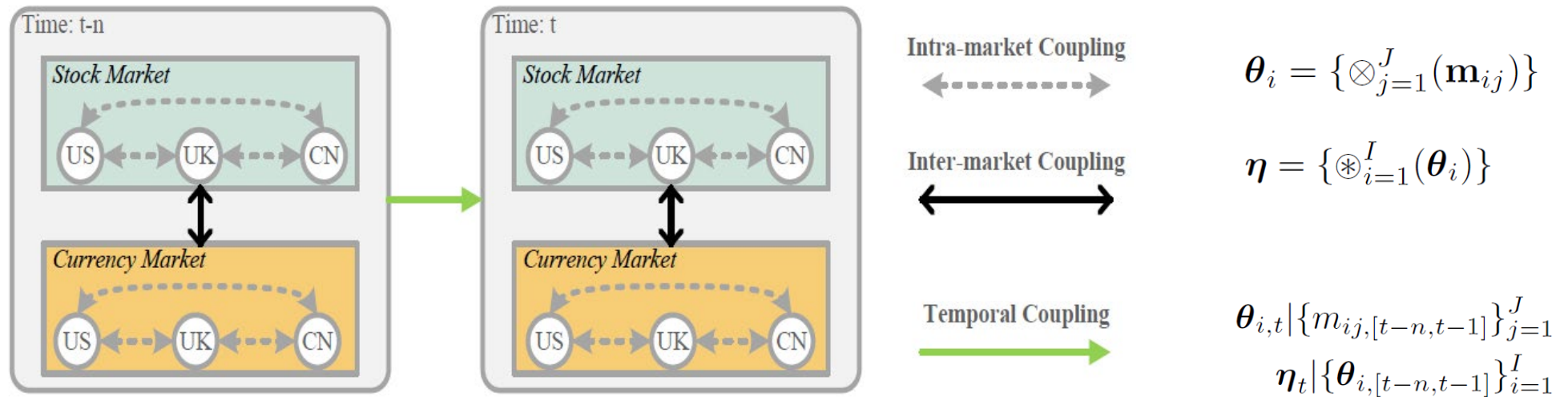


Figure 1: A demonstration of complex couplings between financial markets

# Two-layer market coupling learning

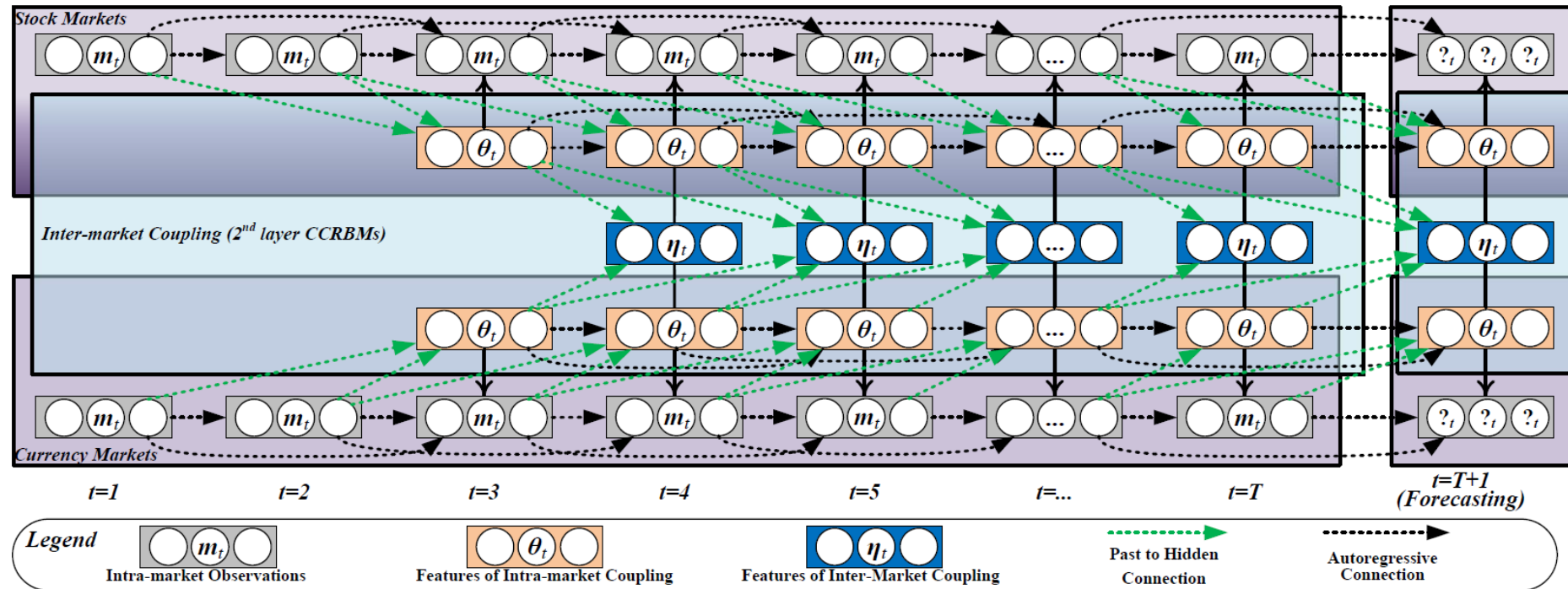
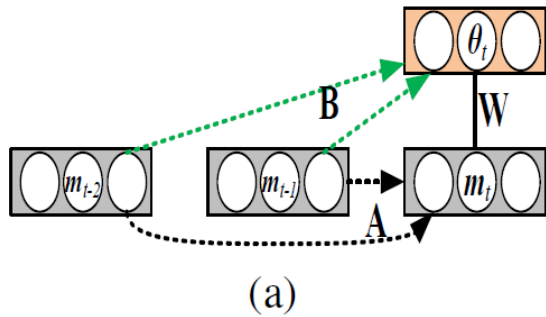


Figure 2: Modeling framework of CTDBN. Here, the demonstration shows two heterogeneous financial markets, stock and currency. The first-layer are CGRBMs to model the intra-market couplings while CCRBMs are built on the first layer to model inter-market couplings.

# Intra/inter-market couplings



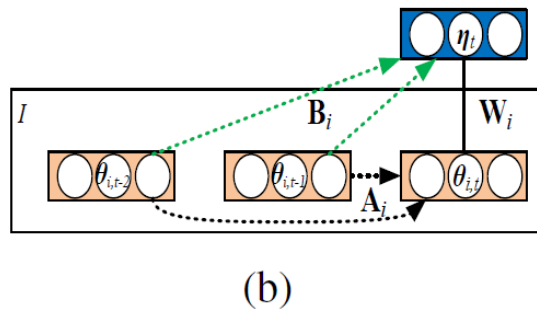
Conditional Gaussian Restricted Boltzmann Machines: CGRBM intra-market couplings

$$P(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{u}) = \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{u})) / Z$$

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{u}) = -\frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}}{\sigma} - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{h} + \frac{(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{a})}{2\sigma^2} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{h}$$

$$P(h_f = 1 | \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = s(b_f + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{B}_{:,f} + \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{W}_{:,f} / \sigma)$$

$$P(v_d | \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(a_d + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{A}_{:,d} + \sigma \mathbf{W}_{d, \cdot} \mathbf{h}, \sigma^2)$$



Coupled Conditional Restricted Boltzmann Machines: CCRBM inter-market couplings

$$E(\{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t}\}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_t, \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}\}) = -\mathbf{b}^T \boldsymbol{\eta}_t - \sum_{i=1}^I \mathbf{a}_i^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t} - \sum_{i=1}^I \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t}^T \mathbf{W}_i \boldsymbol{\eta}_t - \sum_{i=1}^I \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}^T \mathbf{A}_i \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t} - \sum_{i=1}^I \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}^T \mathbf{B}_i \boldsymbol{\eta}_t$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t} = [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t-2}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t-n}]$$

$$P(\theta_{ift} = 1 | \boldsymbol{\eta}_{ht}, \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}\}) =$$

$$s(\mathbf{a}_{if} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}^T (\mathbf{A}_i)_{:,f} + (\mathbf{W}_i)_{f, \cdot} \boldsymbol{\eta}_t)$$

$$P(\eta_{ht} = 1 | \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t}\}, \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}\}) =$$

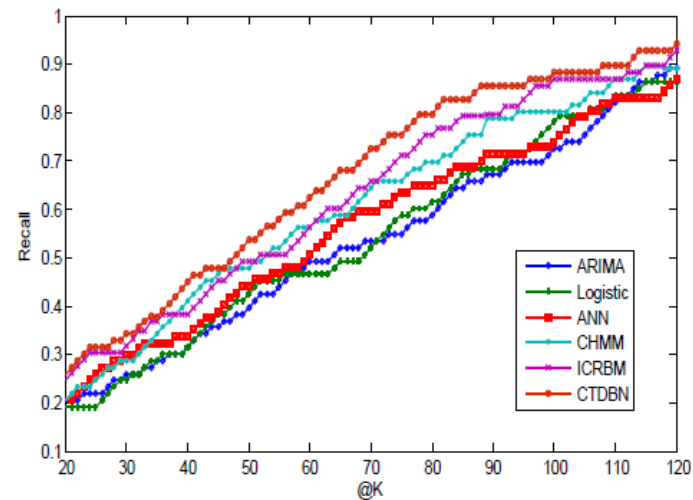
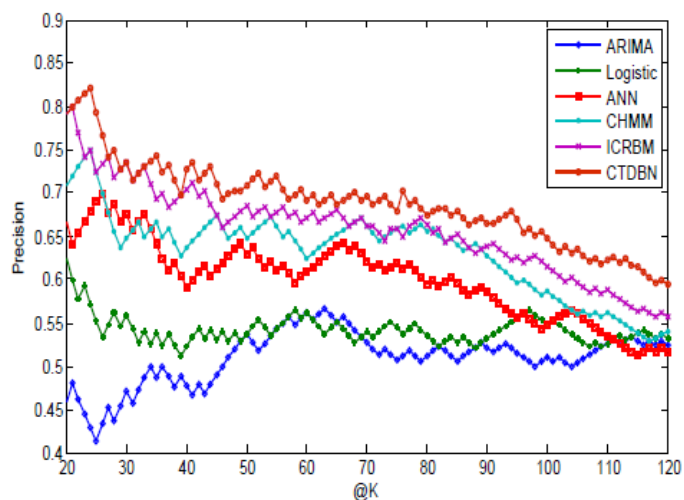
$$s(\mathbf{b}_h + \sum_{i=1}^I \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,t}^T (\mathbf{W}_i)_{:,h} + \sum_{i=1}^I \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i,<t}^T (\mathbf{B}_i)_{:,h})$$

Figure 3: (a) A CGRBM to model intra-market coupling at time  $t$ ; (b) A CCRBM to model inter-market coupling at time  $t$

# Return prediction

Table 2: Performance of comparative methods in US, China and India markets

Model	Accuracy						ARR					
	Stock			Currency			Stock			Currency		
	US	China	India	US	China	India	US	China	India	US	China	India
ARIMA	0.5357	0.5071	0.5029	0.5471	0.5353	0.5214	-0.1356	0.0415	-0.0675	0.1479	-0.0116	0.0304
Logistic	0.5643	0.55	0.5196	0.6	0.6059	0.5386	0.0226	0.0796	0.0558	0.0269	0.0428	0.0645
ANN	0.6	0.6	0.5752	0.6235	0.6059	0.5747	0.1217	0.1486	0.0788	0.1332	0.1244	0.1032
CHMM	0.6533	0.6214	0.5852	0.6471	0.6353	0.5709	0.1934	0.1426	0.1132	0.1645	0.1498	0.1555
CGRBM	0.6357	0.6235	0.5898	0.6565	0.64	0.5932	0.1568	0.1526	0.1410	0.1758	0.1456	0.1660
CTDBN	<b>0.6729</b>	<b>0.6324</b>	<b>0.6258</b>	<b>0.6734</b>	<b>0.6535</b>	<b>0.6152</b>	<b>0.2073</b>	<b>0.1682</b>	<b>0.2261</b>	<b>0.1926</b>	<b>0.1792</b>	<b>0.1972</b>



# Example 3: Coupled Hidden Markov Model- based Dependence Modeling

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# Challenges

- Couplings within/between financial markets
- Couplings within/between financial variables
- Heterogeneity between markets, between financial variables

# Modeling within/between-market couplings

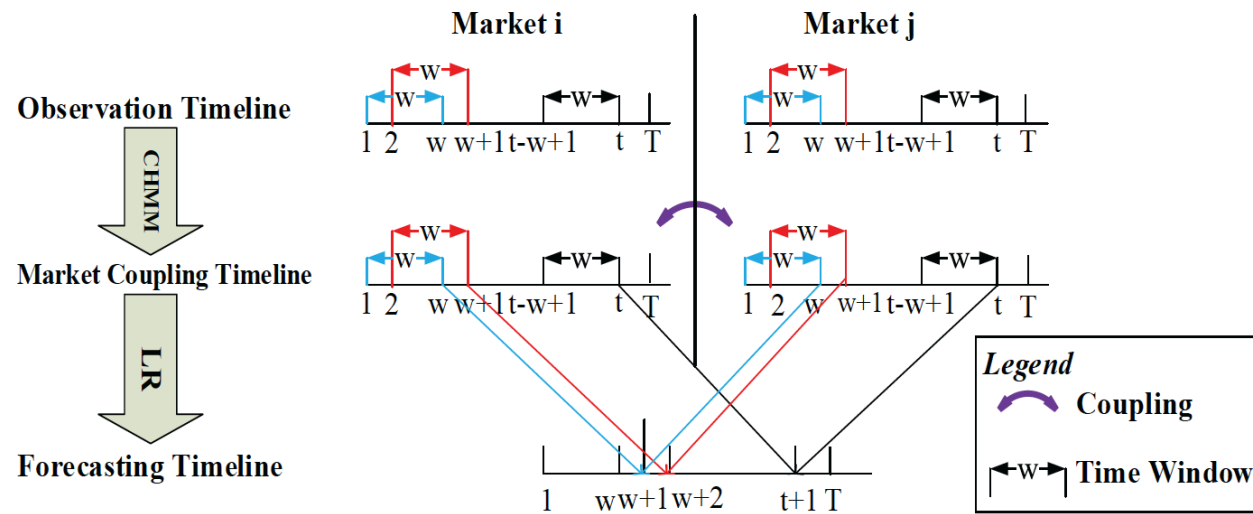


Fig. 3: Forecasting Process

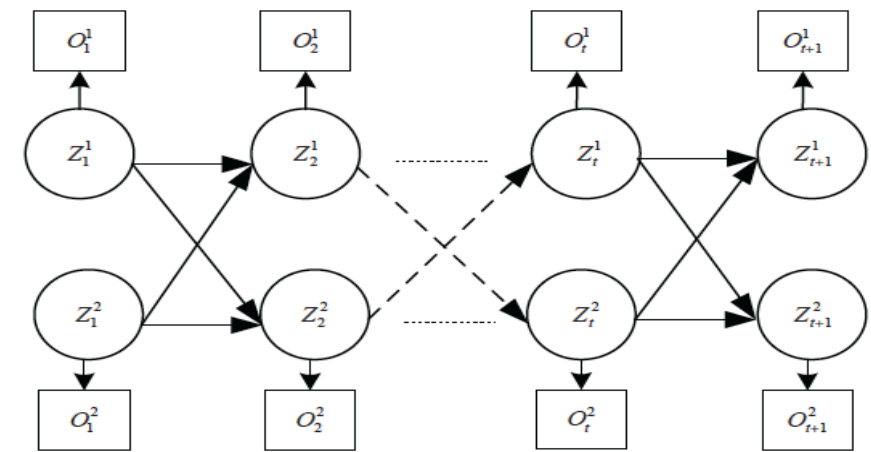
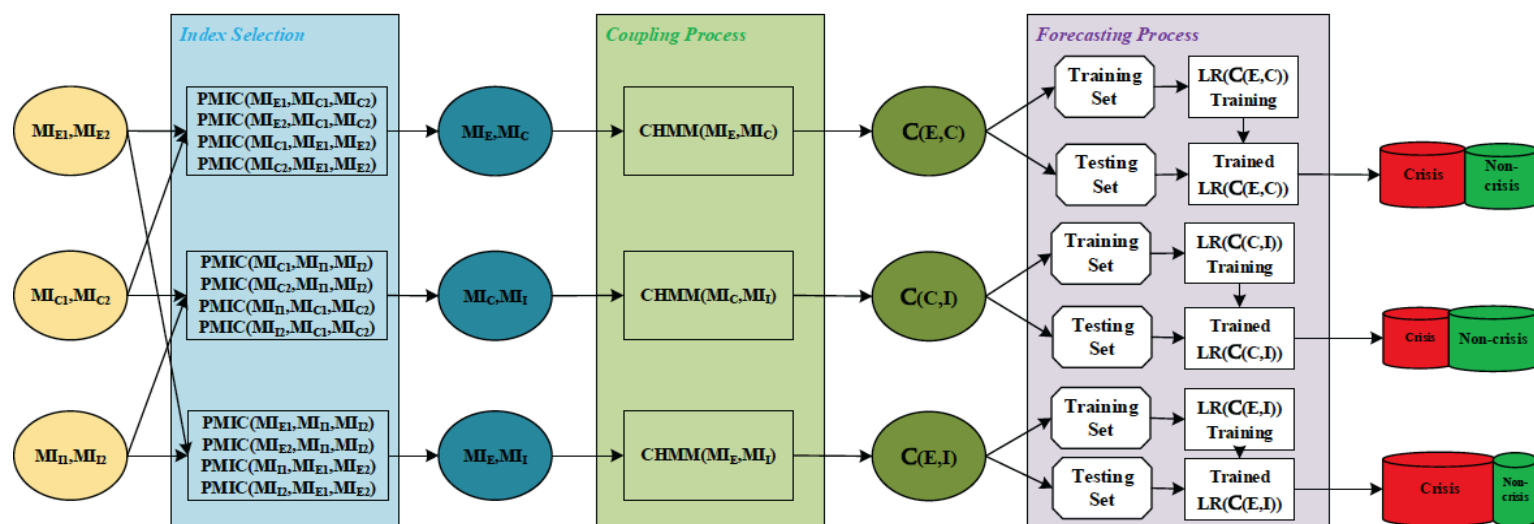


Fig. 1: A CHMM with Two Chains

- Temporal/periodical transition
- State transition within a market
- Coupling between markets
- CHMM for both transitions/influence within and between sequences

# Modeling within/between-market couplings



- CHMM-LR:
  - (1) couplings between equity market and commodity market ( $C(E,C)$ );
  - (2) couplings between equity market and interest market ( $C(E,I)$ );
  - (3) couplings between commodity market and interest market ( $C(C,I)$ ).

- Select financial variables
- Modeling their within/between sequence couplings
- Forecasting



# Case study: financial crisis

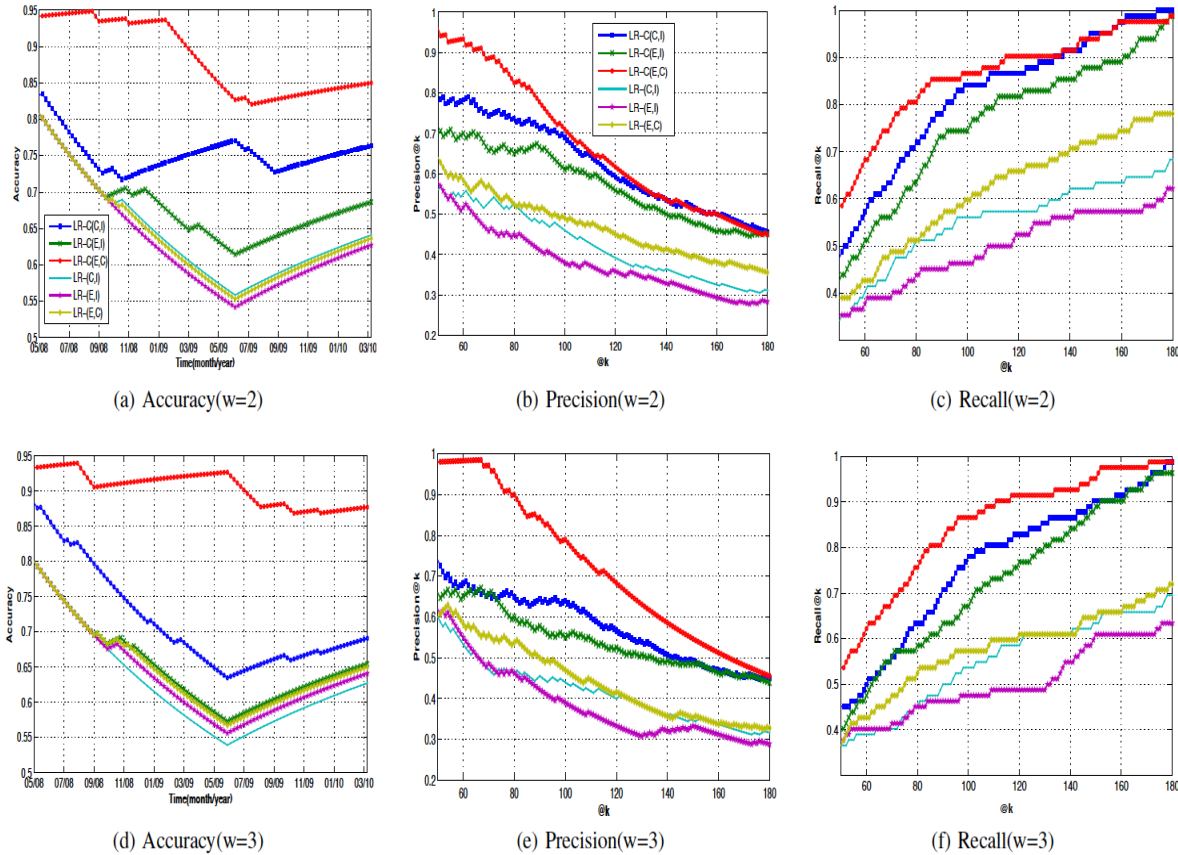


Fig. 7: Technical Performance of Various Approaches

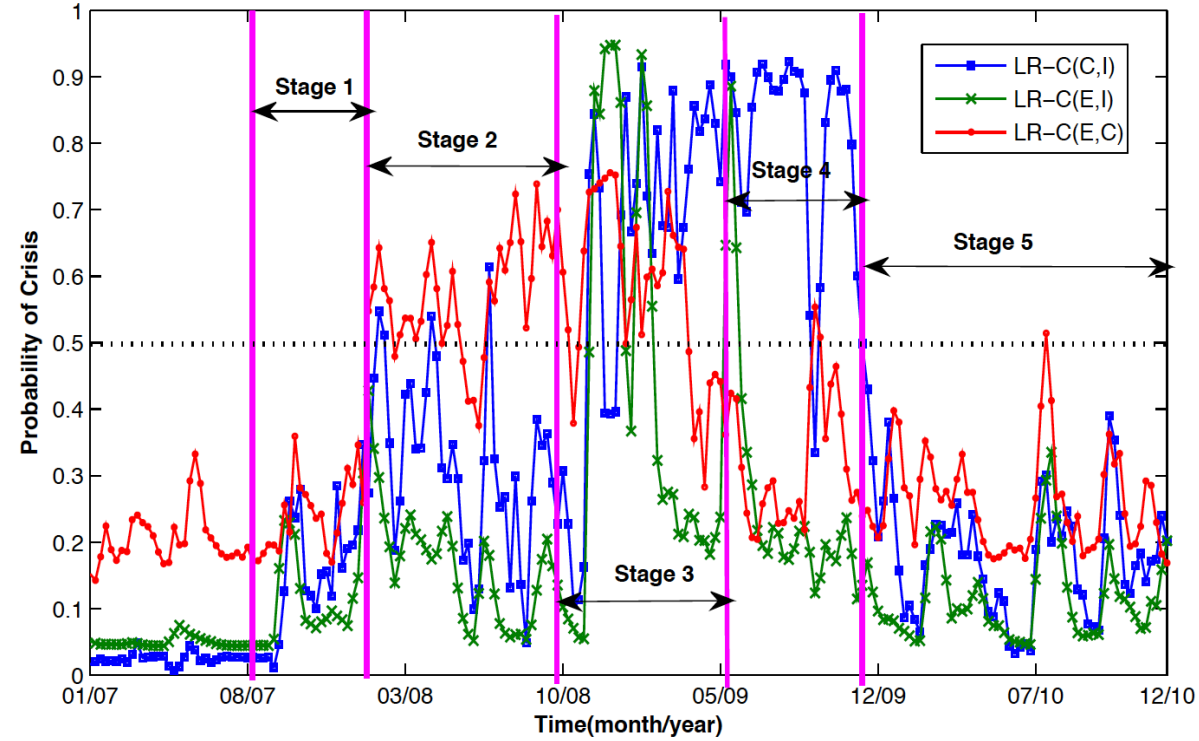


Fig. 8: Market Couplings Behavior during 2008 Financial Crisis ( $w = 2$ )

TABLE II: Selected Indicators

Pairwise Coupling	Market Indicator
$C(E, C)$	$E$ : DJIA / $C$ : WTI Oil Price
$C(C, I)$	$C$ : Gold Price / $C$ : TED Spread
$C(E, I)$	$E$ : DJIA / $I$ : BAA Spread

More examples:

Deep Multivariate Coupling Learning

# Deep financial representation

$$v_v = W_v([h_n; x_s])$$

$$h_w^t = LSTM(h_w^{t-1}, x_w^t)$$

$$N^{l+1} = \sigma\left(\sum_r D_r^{-\frac{1}{2}} A_r D_r^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^l W_r^l + W_h H^l\right)$$

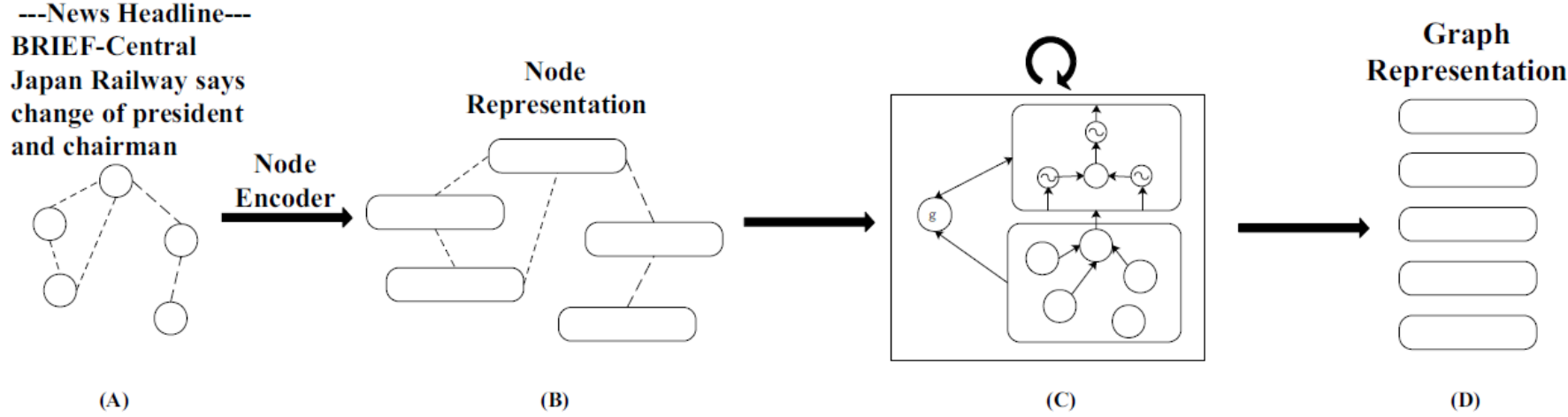
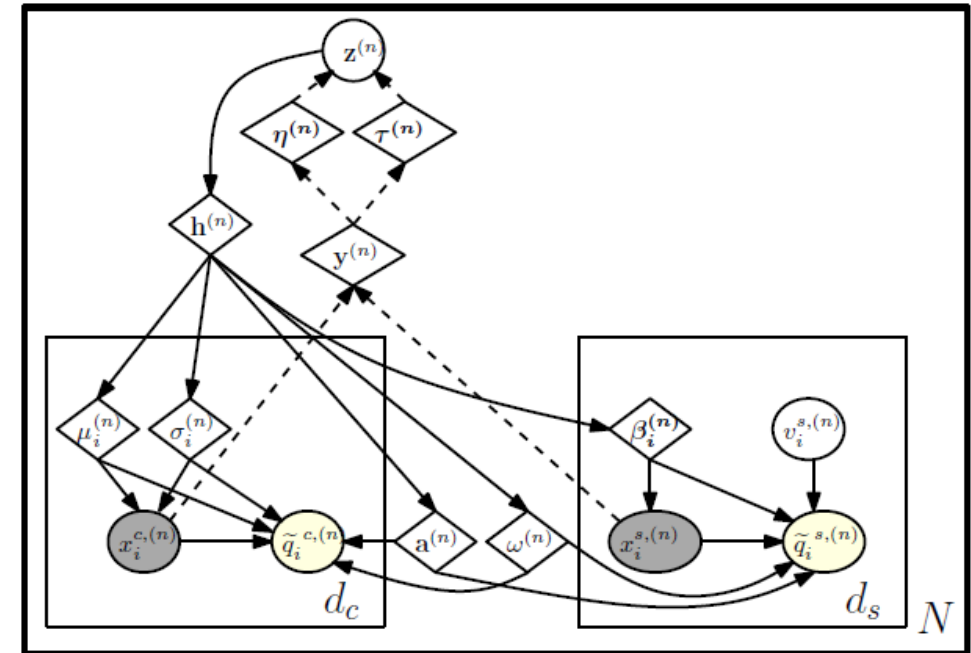
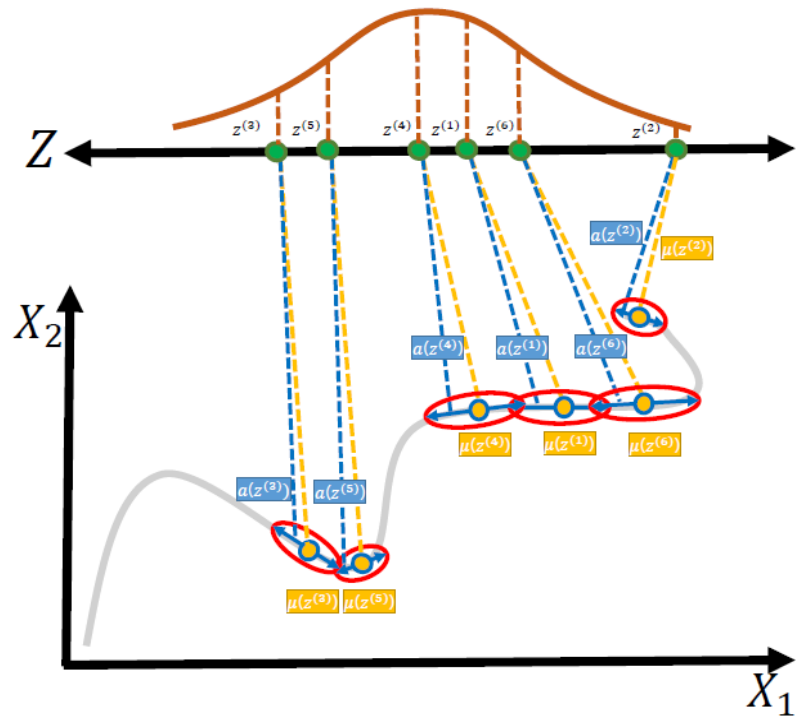


Figure 1: A brief description of our proposed LSTM-RGCN model. Each node in the graph represents one stock. A node can be attached with none or several overnight news text. The dashed lines indicate the two relations that connects stocks (A). The news is first encoded with the node feature encoder (B). Then the node embedding is fed into our proposed LSTM-RGCN model to make use of the correlation graph structure (C). Note that LSTM-RGCN can have multiple layers. Finally, the node vectors are used to predict the overnight stock price movement (D).

# Neural-dependence coupled networks

Copula variational autoencoder for mixed data



$$\mathcal{F}(\theta, \phi; \mathbf{x}^{(n)}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}^{(n)}|\mathbf{x}^{(n)})} \left[ \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}|\mathbf{z}^{(n)}) \right] - \text{KL} \left[ q_\phi(\mathbf{z}^{(n)}|\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) \parallel p_\theta(\mathbf{z}^{(n)}) \right],$$

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = p_\theta(\mathbf{x}^c, \mathbf{x}^s|\mathbf{z}) = c_\Psi(\cdot) \prod_{i=1}^{d_c} \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2) \prod_{i=1}^{d_s} \prod_{j=1}^J \beta_{i,j}^{\mathbb{I}(x_i^s=j)},$$

S. Suh and S Choi. Gaussian Copula Variational Autoencoders for Mixed Data

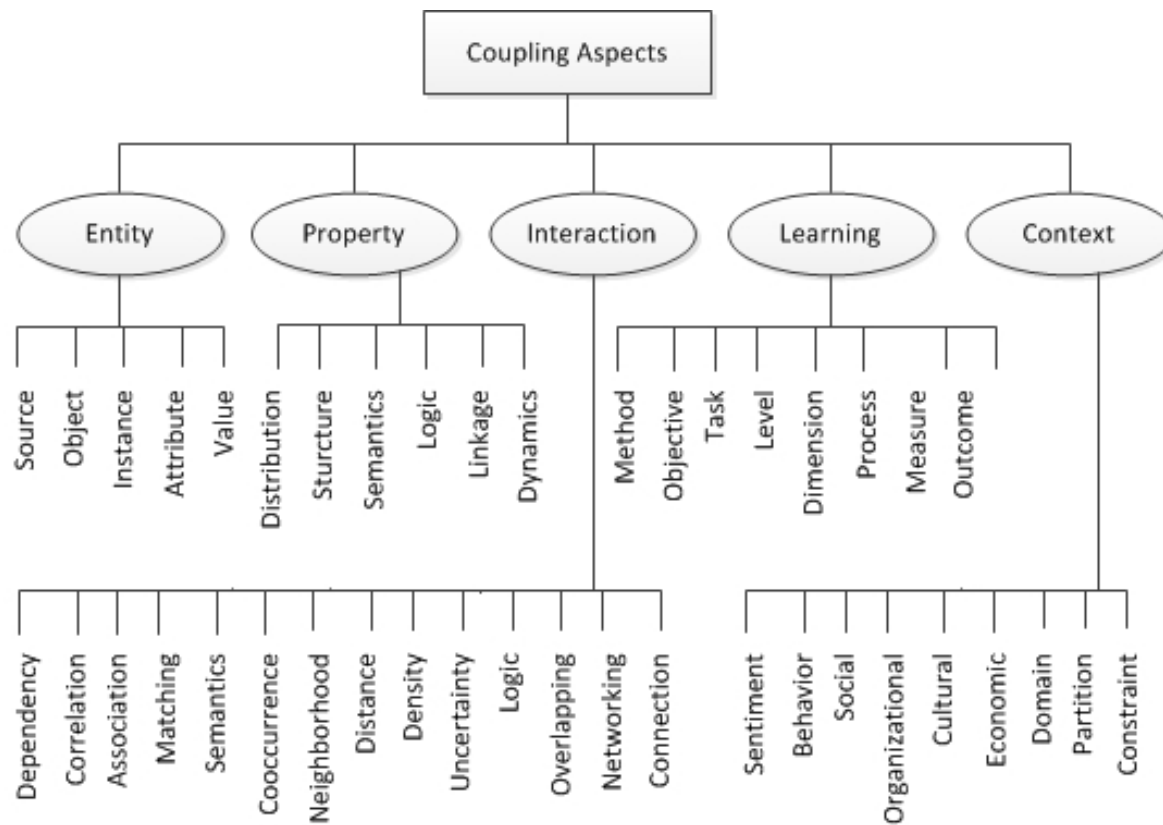
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Concluding remarks

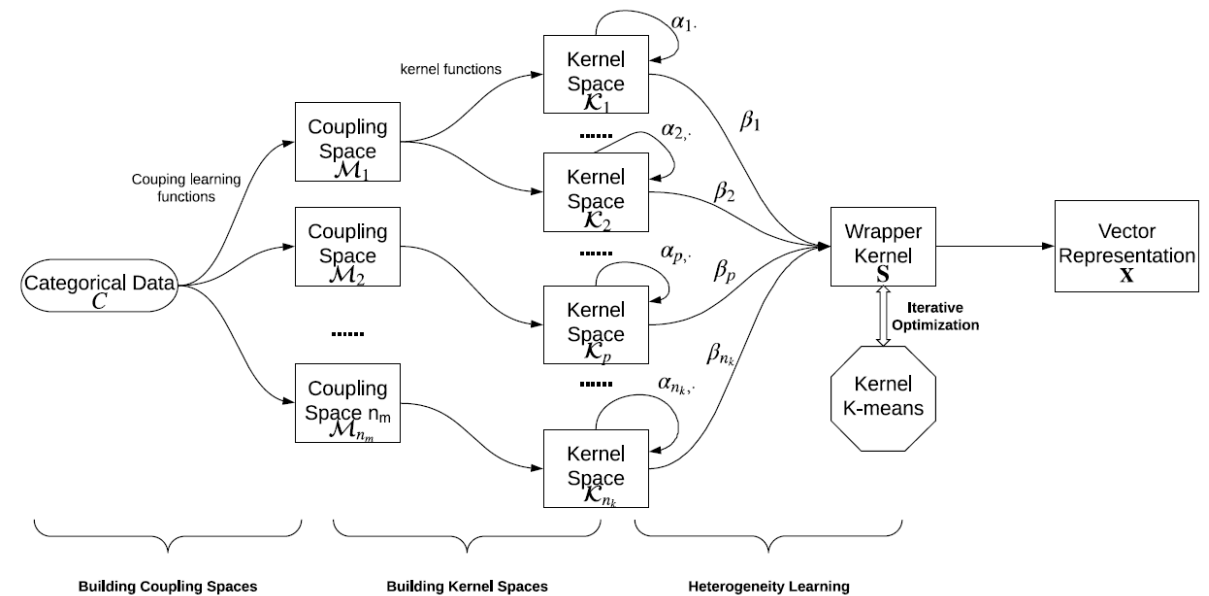
# Coupling complexities in finance

- Macro/micro-variables across markets
- Structured/unstructured variables
- Within/between variable couplings
- Couplings: dependence, correlation, hidden relation, etc.
- Nonstationary, heterogeneous, multiscale, stylistic, ...

# Heterogenous and hierarchical couplings



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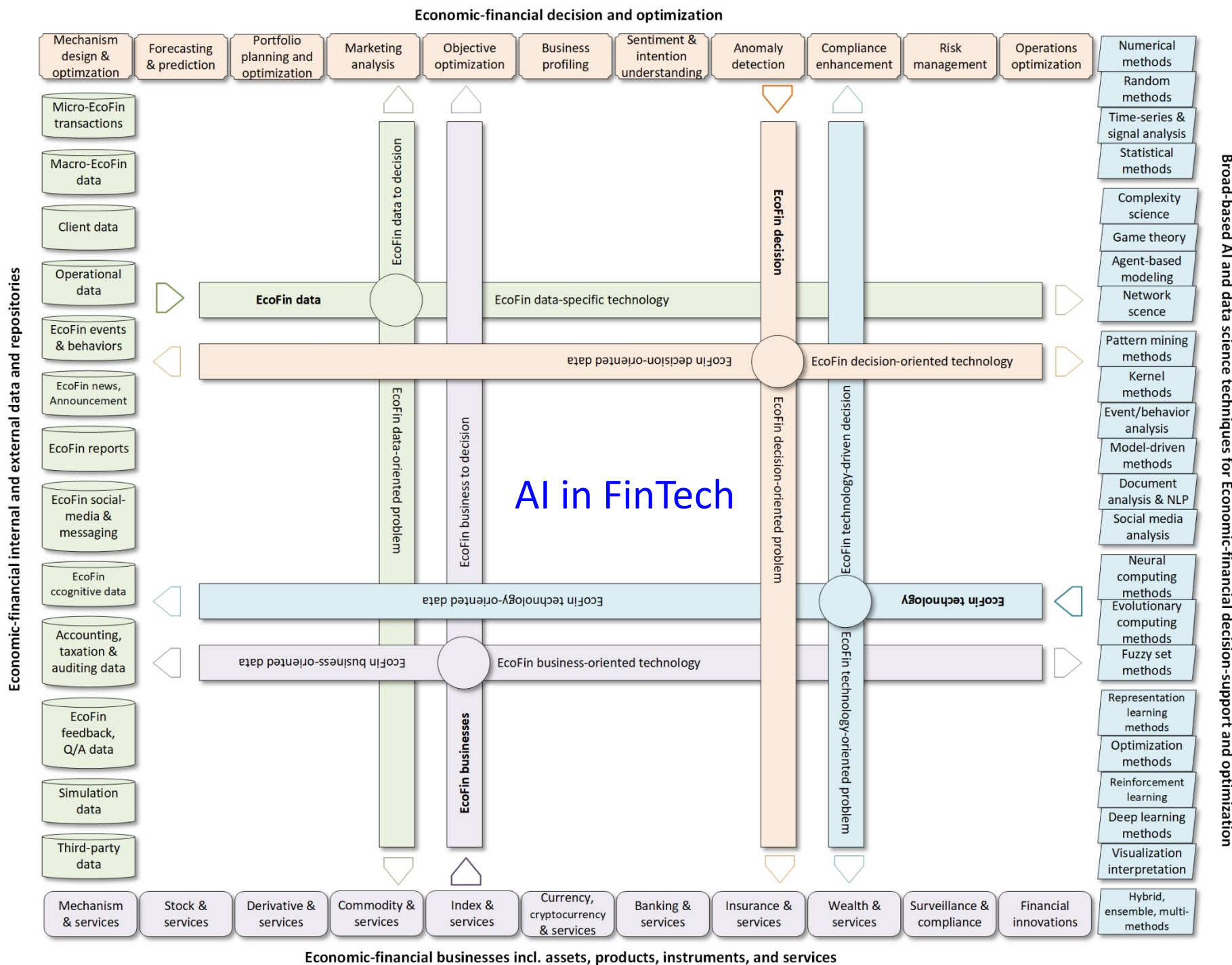


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# Some recent work on AI in FinTech

- IJCAI2020 Special track on AI in FinTech  
<https://www.ijcai.org/Proceedings/2020/>
- IEEE Intelligent Systems special issues on AI and FinTech  
<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9090124>
- DSAA2020 journal track on Data Science and AI in FinTech  
[dsaa2020.dsaa.co](https://dsaa2020.dsaa.co)
- L Cao. AI in FinTech: A Research Agenda  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.12681>
- L Cao. AI in Finance: A Review  
[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3647625](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3647625)





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