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Introduction to Financial Risk Management

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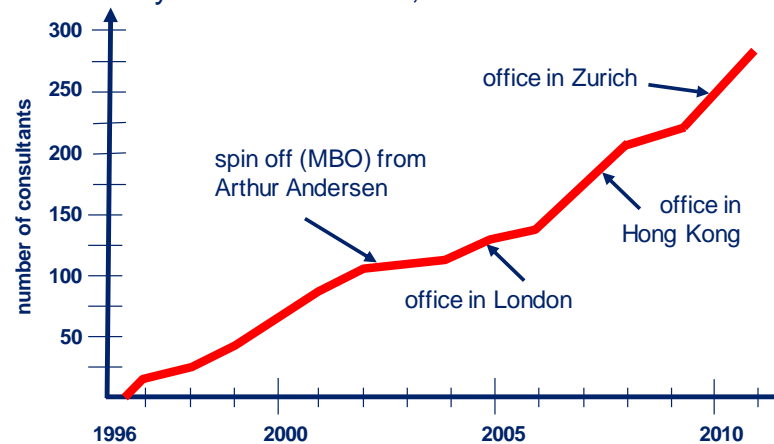


- With more than 350 **professionals** and offices in Frankfurt, Munich, London, Zurich, and Hong Kong, d-fine is one of the **leading European consulting** firms in the area of risk management
 - In Germany, d-fine ranks among the top 25 management consultancies (according to Lündendonk List 2011)
- d-fine is built around
 - **quantification and modeling**
 - **risk management**
 - **finance and reporting**
 - **IT integration**
- We help our clients to design and implement their **risk management, ALM, credit, trading, and reporting** systems
 - from analysis and design to industry-strength solutions
 - from mathematical modeling to business process implementations
 - from retail and corporate loans to exotic derivatives
 - from capital allocation and funds transfer pricing to risk-adjusted portfolio management

A. Defining d-fine

d-fine in a Nutshell

- Successful in business since 1996
 - Founded as a speciality consulting service of **Arthur Andersen** Germany
 - Continuous and **constant organic growth**
 - Hundreds of **successful projects** on all scales
 - **Long standing cooperation** with universities and software providers
- d-fine as a separate legal entity
 - Since July 2002 – **d-fine GmbH**, Frankfurt and Munich
 - Since Nov 2004 – **d-fine Ltd**, London
 - Since October 2007: **d-fine (HK) Ltd**, Hong Kong
 - Since July 2010: **d-fine AG**, Zurich



A. Defining d-fine

Our International Team



- Strong technical and mathematical **skills**
 - approx. 50% physicists, 35% mathematicians, 15% IT and MBA
 - approx. 65% PhD level degrees, 35% master level degrees
- Well-balanced **profiles**
 - Analytical abilities
 - Technology expertise
 - Social and management skills
- Continuous and intensive **training** and **research**
 - Training cooperation with University of Oxford, FSFM Frankfurt (M.Sc. in Mathematical Finance), Warwick Business School (Corporate Finance), Mannheim Business School (MBA)
 - State of the art know-how through internal research and training, research cooperation with universities, close contact with regulatory authorities, and regular attendance at conferences and seminars
- Extensive financial industry and implementation **know-how**
 - Wealth of experience gained through successful delivery of numerous and varied projects

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A. Defining d-fine

Our Service Focus

Quantitative Finance

Development of pricing models

- d-fine C++ library for complex and structured products

Development of risk management models

- Market, credit, and operational risks
- ALM and liquidity management
- P&L methods
- Economic capital

Independent model validation

- Test and validation of pricing models
- Test and validation of IRB rating models, VaR models, and PFE & EPE models

System validation

Processes and Governance

Processes and procedures

- Design
- Implementation
- Documentation
- Optimisation

Regulatory requirements

- Basel II and CRD: Capital requirements and best practice risk management
- Preparation for Basel III
- UCITS III / IV
- Solvency II

Accounting

- IFRS and multi-GAAP
- Portfolio hedges (IAS 39)
- Valuation adjustments

IT Integration

Implementation of trading and risk systems

- Business requirements
- System selection
- Design and parameterisation
- Data feeds and interfaces
- Add-ons, analytics and reporting
- Testing
- Project management

Development of bespoke software

- C/C++, .NET, C#, Java, VBA, ...

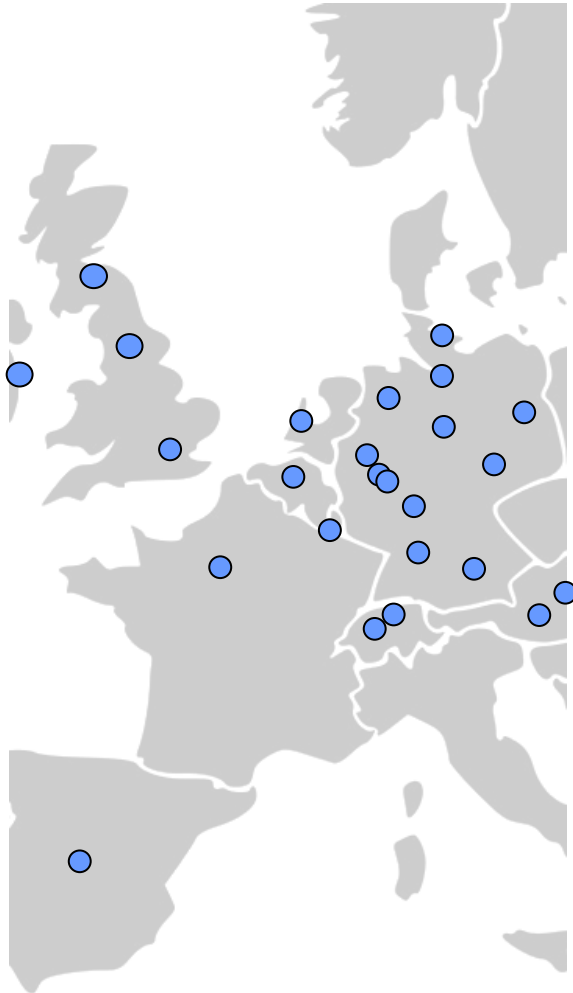
Data management

- Data warehouses
- Market databases
- Data quality management

Our clients profit from our integrated approach and the synergy effects from our experience in financial models, conceptual design, risk management, and IT integration.

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Our Clients



- **Large, medium sized, and specialised banks**
- **Insurances, asset managers, hedge funds**
- **International industry corporations**

Our client list (abridged):



ABN Amro (NL)	Hannover Rück
ampegaGerling	HBOS (UK)
Barclays Capital (UK)	HSBC (UK)
BayernLB	HSH Nordbank
BBVA (ES)	HVB
Commerzbank	KfW
COMINVEST	Landesbank Baden-Württemberg
CQS Management (UK)	Landesbank Berlin
Credit Suisse (CH)	MEAG
Daimler	NRW.Bank
DBS (SG)	Raiffeisen International (AT)
DekaBank	RZB (AT)
Deutsche Bank	Schiffsbank
Deutsche Bundesbank	Siemens Financial Services
DG Hyp	Sparkasse KölnBonn
Deutsche Postbank	Standard Bank (UK)
DVB Bank	Toyota
DZ Bank	UBS (UK, CH)
E.ON	Union Investment
Eurohypo	VW Financial Services (DE, UK)
Fortis (BE)	WestLB

B. Introduction

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What's a Bank good for?

Main Bank Activities

Credit business

From simple retail credits to complex funding models

Payment services:

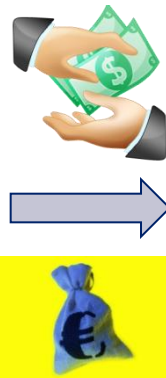
Current accounts, all kinds of money transfer

Investment services

Sales and management of investment products

Corporate finance

Supporting corporates raising funds in capital markets (security issuance, equity,...)

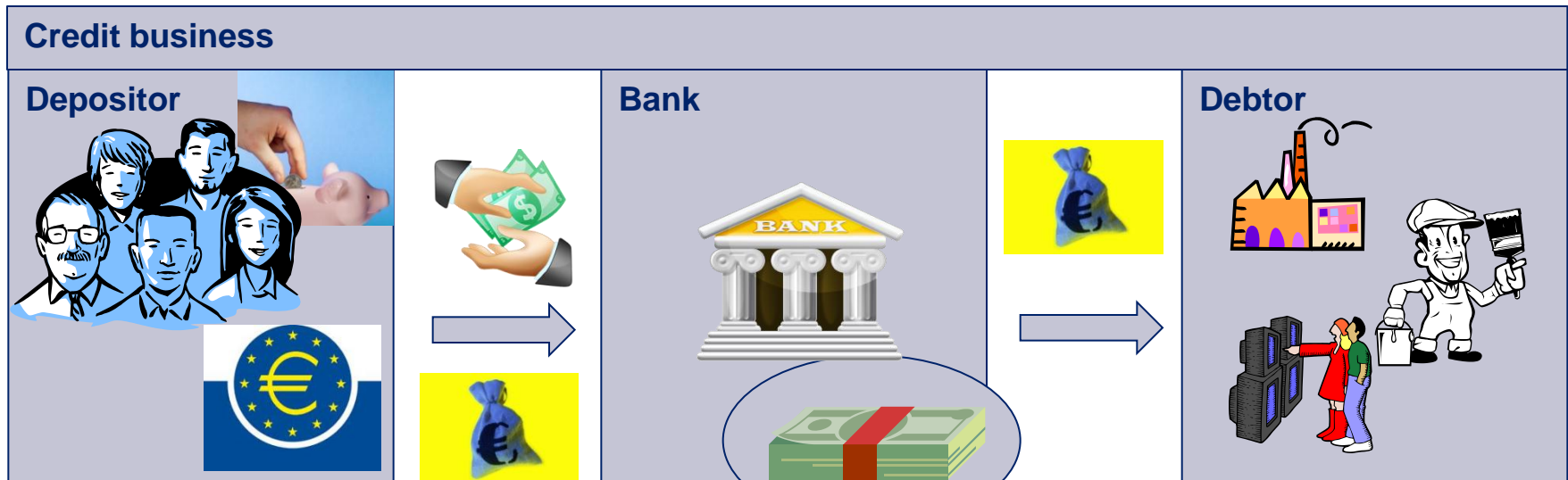
Credit business**Depositor****Bank****Debtor**

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What's a Bank good for?

Economic role of banks

- Transformation of maturities, e.g. short term deposits in long term loans
- Lot-size transformation, e.g. small deposits in larger loans
- Transformation of risk, e.g. risky loans in savings deposits
- Transfer of monetary policy (interest rates)



- Banks are essential for the economy
- Their business is **not riskless**
- **They must have sufficient capital to cover their risks. But how much?**

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Risk and Regulation

**Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
(founded 1974)**

- Members: Central banks and supervisors
(founded by G10, now global membership)
- Goal: Development of high consistent standards for banking
and supervision
- Activity: Quarterly meetings in Basel
(Bank for International Settlements)
- Results: Development of legally non-binding guidelines and
recommendations through discussions with banks and
regulatory authorities



Banking regulation is strongly influenced by the Basel Committee

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Risk and Regulation

International
 (Basel Committee
 on Banking
 Supervision)
Basel II*

- Pillar 1: Minimum regulatory capital requirements for credit-, market- and operational risk
- Pillar 2: Supervisory review of capital adequacy
- Pillar 3: Market discipline and disclosure

**Europe****Capital Requirements Directive (CRD)****EU Banking Directive (2006/48/EC)**

- Principles of the banking supervision
- Minimum capital requirements for credit and operational risk

Capital Adequacy Directive (2006/49/EC)

- Minimum capital requirements for market risk
- Detailed rules for credit- und operational risk

Germany**German Banking Act – Kreditwesengesetz (KWG)**

- § 10: Minimum capital requirements for credit, market and operational risk → SolvV
- § 25a: Organizational obligations → MaRisk
- § 44: Disclosure obligations / audit

Solvency Regulation (SolvV)

- Specifications of the capital requirements
- Implementation of pillar 1 of Base II

regulatory capital

Minimum requirements for risk managm.(MaRisk)

- Quantitative requirement for risk management
- Organizational requirements

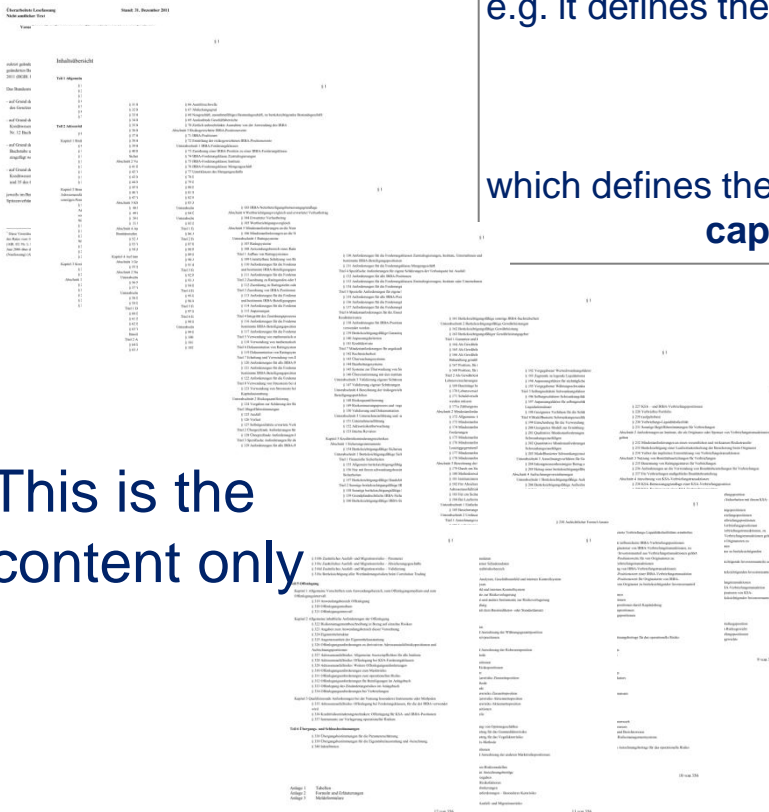
economic capital

* Basel III is in the implementation stage

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Risk and Regulation

- The requirements are quite detailed
- The SovV alone consists of 356 pages plus appendices



This is the
content only

e.g. it defines the risk weight for a lending to an AAA rated company company

KSA-Risikogewicht Unternehmen kurzfristige Bonitätsbeurteilung

Bonitätsstufe	1	2	3	4	5	6
KSA-Risikogewicht	20 %	50 %	100 %	150 %	150 %	150 %

which defines the capital requirement (in the standardized approach):

$$\text{capital requirement} = 8\% * \text{debt} * 20\%$$

... or for a country like Germany

2. Wird ihre Erfüllung von

- a) der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, einem rechtlich unselbständigen Sondervermögen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, der Deutschen Bundesbank oder
- b) von einer Zentralregierung oder einer Zentralnotenbank eines anderen Staates des Europäischen Wirtschaftsraums

geschuldet und ist sie in der Landeswährung des Staates geschuldet und refinanziert, darf ein **KSA-Risikogewicht von 0 Prozent** verwendet werden.

Risk and Regulation

Risk types to be covered

Regulatory capital

credit risk

- losses due to defaults of counterparties

market risk

- losses due to changes in market prices

operational risk

- losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events

capital requirement by the regulator

Economic capital

credit risk

market risk

operational risk

potential further risk categories

business risk	smaller profit as expected
investment risk	loss resulting from value changes in the investment portfolio
insurance risk	loss due to unexpected high insurance claims
reputation risk	losses due to negative external perceptions
tax risk	losses due to unexpected tax changes
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capital measure for the internal risk management

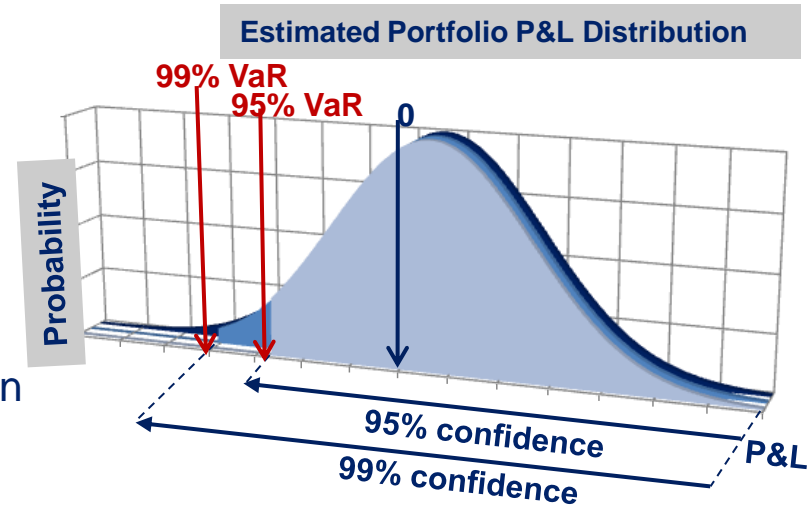
Includes all sources for potential unexpected losses

Risk Measure

Value-at-Risk (VaR)

The Value-at-Risk of a portfolio over a certain time horizon T is the maximum loss which will not be exceeded with a given probability (one sided confidence level).

- VaR is measured in monetary units (e.g. €).
- VaR is the risk measure mainly used in conjunction with regulatory and economic capital



► VaR quantifies potential portfolio losses based on historical data

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Risk Measure

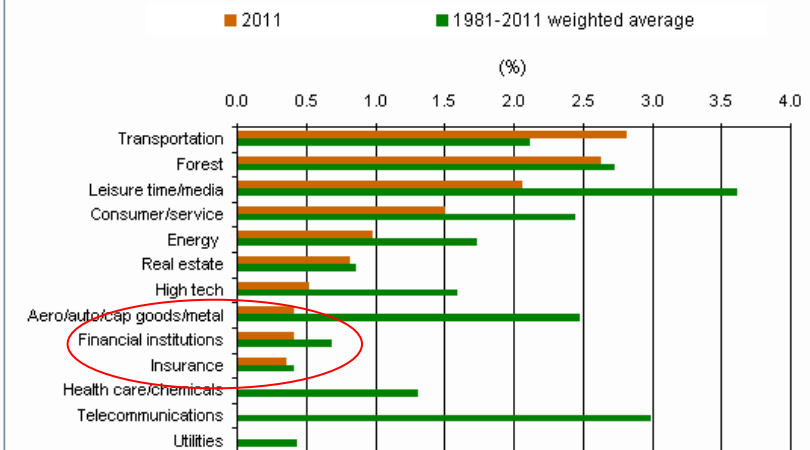
Quantitative Requirements

	confidence level	holding period
Regulatory capital		
credit risk (IRB approach)	99,9 %	one year
operational risk (Advanced Measurement Approach)	99,9 %	one year
market risk (internal model)	99 %	10 day
Economic capital		
typical value	99,9 %	one year

corresponds to only one default per year per thousand banks

It is essential that the risk determination is done independently from the trading department

Global Corporate Default Rates By Industry: 2011 Versus Long-Term Average



High tech--High technology/computers/office equipment. Forest--Forest and building products/homebuilders. Energy--Energy and natural resources. Aero/auto/cap goods/metal--Aerospace/automotive/capital goods/metal. Sources: Standard & Poor's Global Fixed Income Research and Standard & Poor's CreditPro®.

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C. Modeling Risk

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 - **Risk aggregation**
 - Modeling market risk
 - Model validation

Risk Aggregation

Economic Capital

Aggregation



P&L forecast
probability
densities

- How to aggregate the different distributions technically?
- How to model the dependence structure?

a) Assume a multivariate normal distribution:

$$\text{VaR}_{\text{total}} = \sum_{i,j} \text{VaR}_i \cdot \text{Corr}_{ij} \cdot \text{VaR}_j$$

b) Copula approach

☑ easy to use

☑ arbitrary marginal distributions

☑ tail dependence

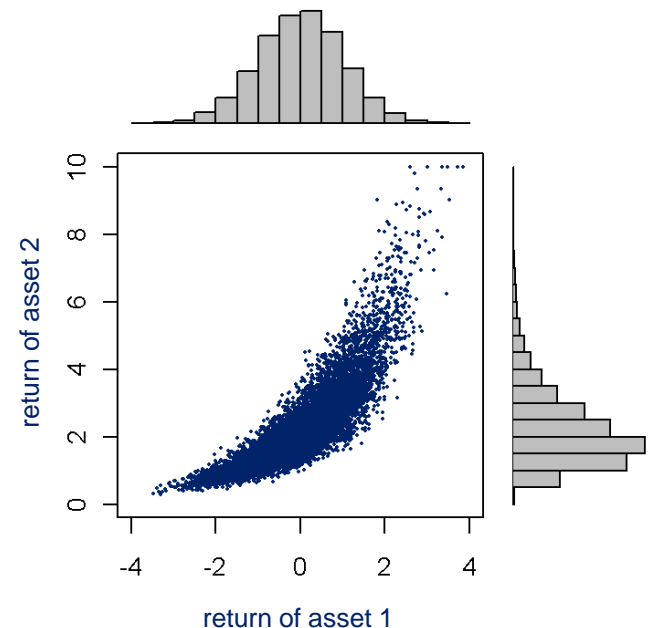
What is a copula?

- Given a n-dimensional **multivariate cumulative probability distribution** $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and the corresponding **marginal distributions** $F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n)$ the (elliptical) **copula** $C: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ describes the dependency structure of the random variables x_1, \dots, x_n according to

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

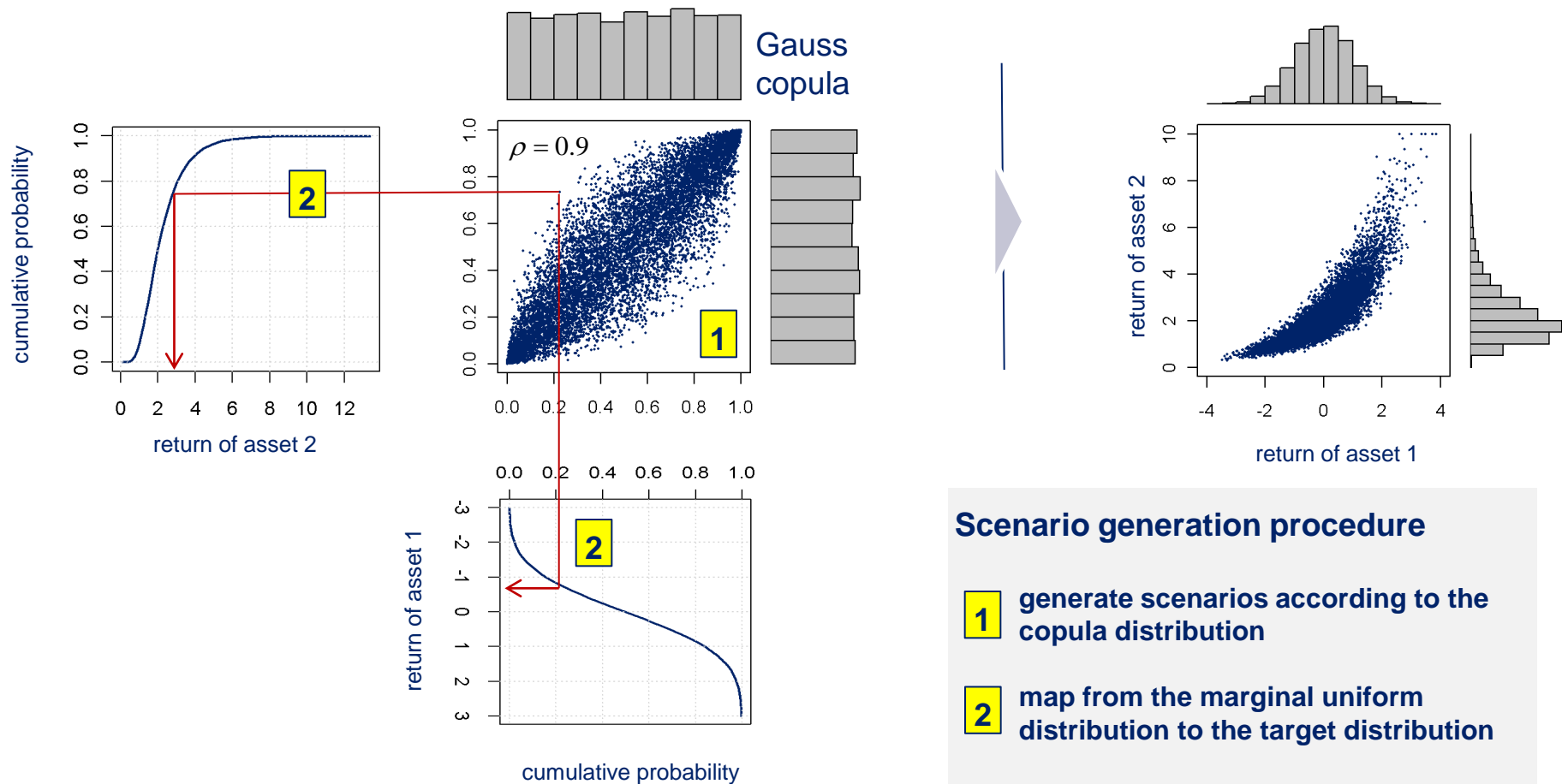
where $u_i = F_i(x_i)$ are uniformly distributed.

- The purpose of the copula concept is to model the full dependency structure of random variables beyond a correlation matrix approach.



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Risk Aggregation



Risk Aggregation

	Elliptical		Archimedean		
	$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = F[F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, F_n^{-1}(u_n)]$		$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \varphi^{-1}[\varphi(u_1) + \dots + \varphi(u_n)]$		
Characteristics	Gauss	Student-t	Gumbel	Frank	Clayton
Correlation matrix	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Further parameters	0	1	1	1	1
Symmetry	Symmetric	Symmetric	Asym.	Asym.	Asym.
Fat tails	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓

hard to
calibrate

Student-t copula is popular because...

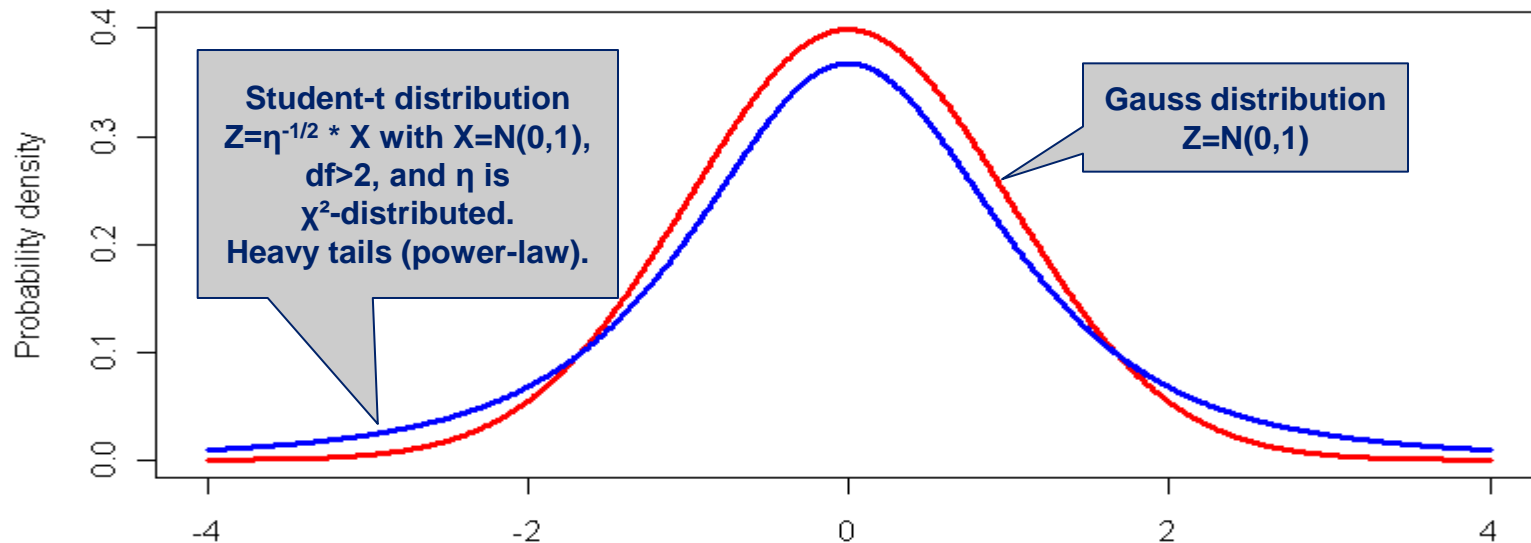
- 1) it allows studying effect of fat tails on VaR,
- 2) its parameters can be estimated (correlation matrix + 1 additional parameter).

Risk Aggregation

Student-t copula is extension of Gauss copula with additional parameter df.
Keep in mind the two limits

- **df= ∞ : Gauss copula recovered.**
- **df=2: Limit where tails become heaviest.**

Additional parameter df controls tail dependence.

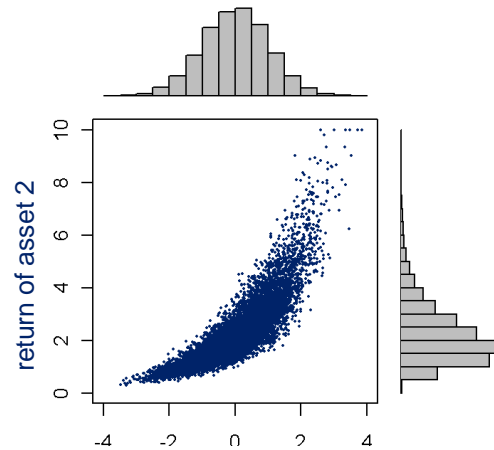
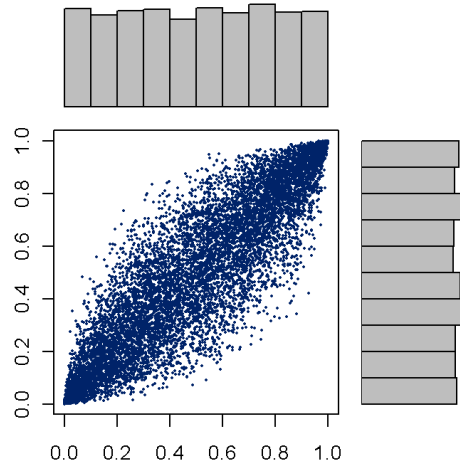


Student-t copula comes along with additional parameter df, quantifying heavy-tailedness, which needs to be fixed

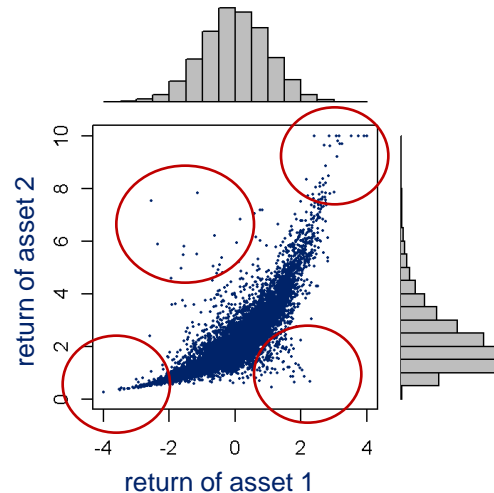
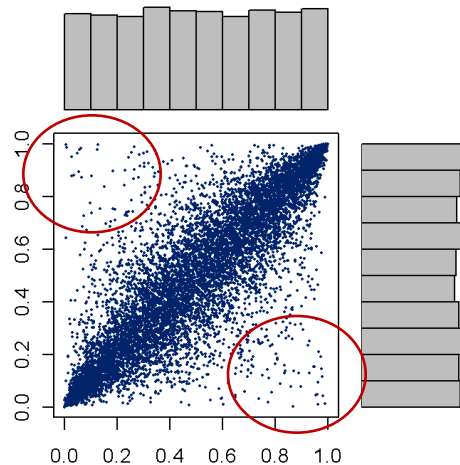
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Risk Aggregation

Gauss copula



Student-t copula

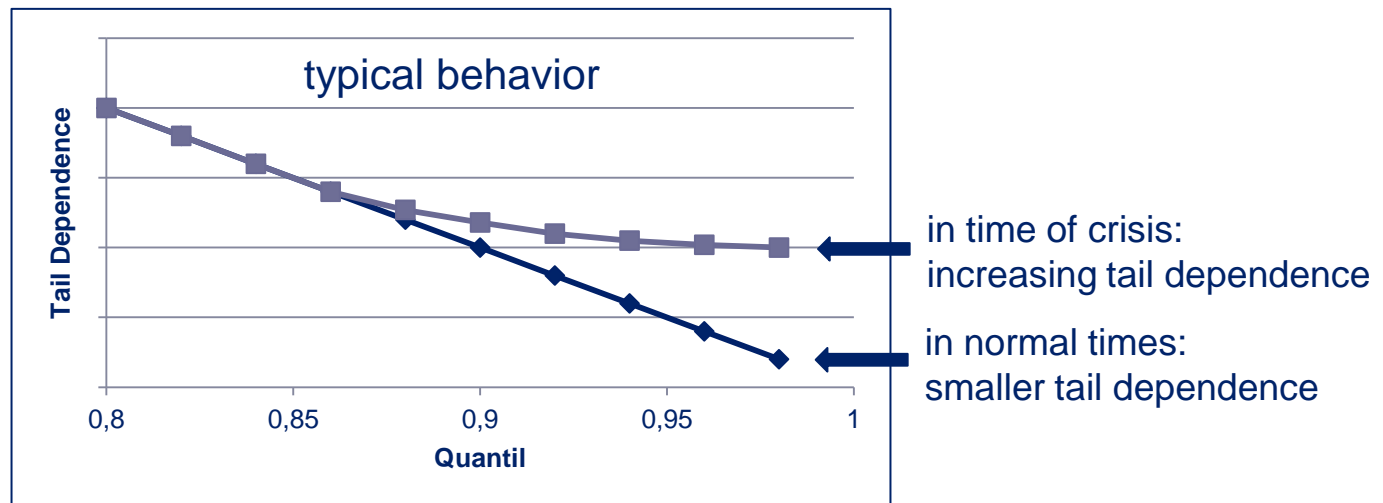


- marginal distributions are the same
- more extreme events with a t-copula

Risk Aggregation

Tail Dependence:

- Consider pair of risk factor time series $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ with marginal distributions $F_1(x_1)$, $F_2(x_2)$.
- For given quantile q compute tail dependence $P(F_1(x_1) > q \mid F_2(x_2) > q)$.



- Tail dependence occurs in the Student-t approach for df finite
- Calibration of tail dependence using time series

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 - **Modeling market risk**
 - Model validation

Financial Instruments

There is **no unique classification** of financial instruments. Every classification depends on its purpose and may therefore refer to different aspects of the financial instruments (e.g. accounting categories, financial mathematics aspects).

Here is an example of very simple **classification** according to the **main market risk drivers**:

Interest rate products	Equity products	FX products	Commodity Futures/ Forwards	Credit products
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Bonds • Government Bonds • Swaps • Loans • Bond Options • Swaptions • Caps/Floors • IR Futures • ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shares • Equity Options • Index Options • Equity Certificates • Basket Options • ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FX Cash • FX Forwards • FX Options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude Oil • Gas Oil • Base Metals • Precious Metals • Coal • Power • ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit Default Swaps • Credit Spread Options • Securitisations • Credit Index Products • Credit Basket Derivatives • ...

Different financial instruments are sensitive to different aspects of market risk.

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Market Risk

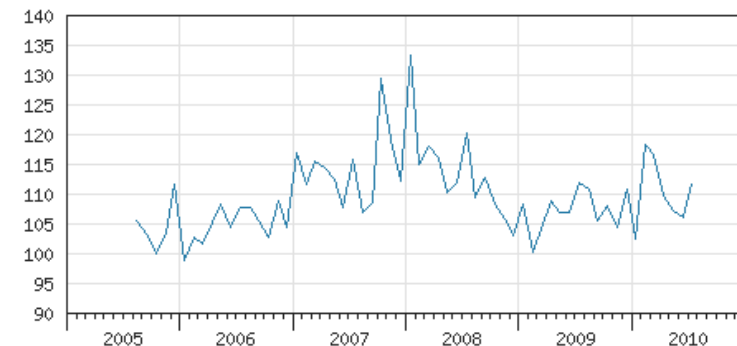
Market Risk of Financial Instruments – Motivation

The **current (market) value** of a financial instrument is subject to the current **market conditions**. Therefore the **value** of any financial product will usually **fluctuate** from one day to another (and also during the day) due to changes in the market conditions.

Market conditions can be quantified by (or from) quantities that can be **observed** in the market, e.g., exchange rates or equity courses.



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2005-08 bis 2010-07, monatlich
2005=100



Deutsche Bundesbank

The quantities that quantify market conditions reflect the **market's current opinion**, which in turn depend on more or less **unpredictable economic variables** (e.g. unemployment rate, company news, GDPs, ...) and **psychology** (the reactions of the market to any news are also more or less unpredictable).

Therefore the quantities quantifying the market conditions need to be modeled as **stochastic variables**.

Value of financial instruments depends on (stochastic) market conditions.

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Market Risk

Risk Factors – Stochastic Processes (1/2)

Random Walk

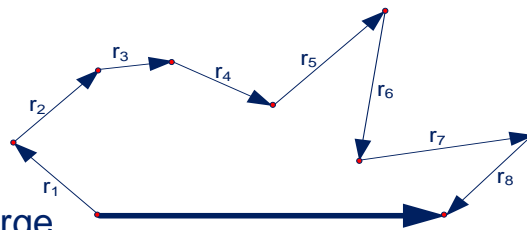
For the number of steps n ($n=8$ in figure) sufficiently large the distribution of r_{\log} (end-to-end vector \mathbf{r} in figure) follows a **normal distribution**:

$$p(r_{\log}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \text{var}(r_{\log})}} \exp \left[-\frac{(r_{\log} - E[r_{\log}])^2}{2 \text{var}(r_{\log})} \right]$$

$$E[r_{\log}] = 0, \quad \text{var}(r_{\log}) = n \cdot E[r_i^2]$$

The **number of steps** in the random walk n is proportional to the **time Δt** that passes during the random walk.

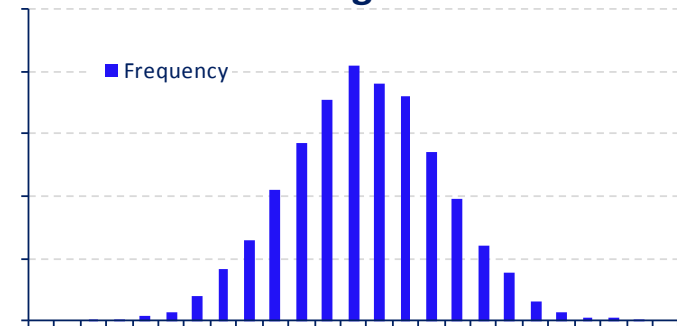
This also holds for **absolute returns** (relative returns do not follow a random walk but one can still assume that they are normally distributed).



Random Walk



Histogram



Random walk is used as process model for risk factors.

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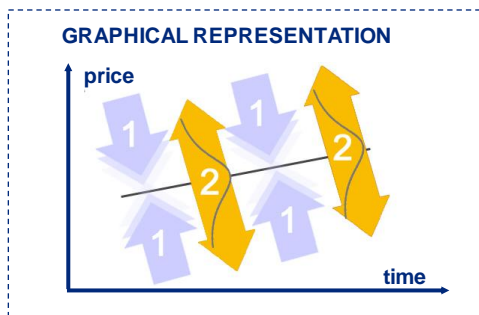
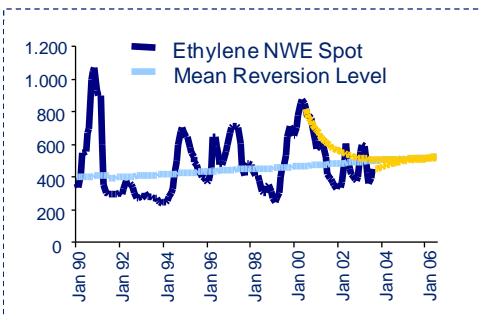
Risk Factors – Stochastic Processes (2/2)

The simple process model can be generalized to a **general diffusion process** with drift and variance being functions of t and ρ :

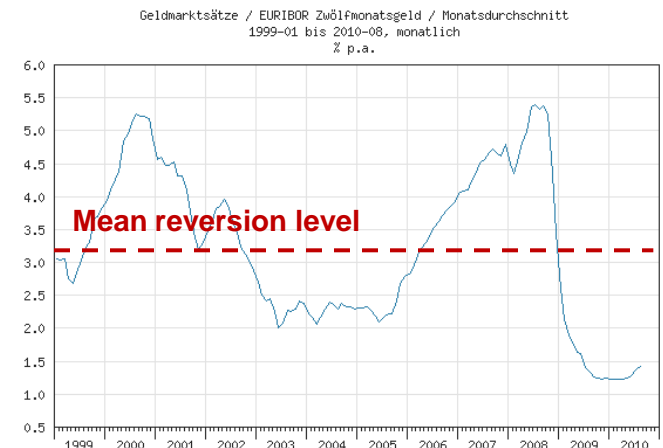
$$d \ln(\rho_t) = a(t, \rho_t) \cdot dt + b(t, \rho_t) \cdot dW$$

(lognormal model)

In this way the model can also be used for risk factors that show different (e.g. mean reverting) behavior like commodity prices or FX rates.



Example **Vasiceck model**:
(Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process)



$$d\rho_t = (\mu - \nu\rho_t) \cdot dt + \sigma \cdot dW$$

(normal model)

Mean reversion force

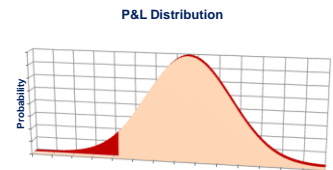
The simple diffusion model can be generalized to more complex processes.

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Market Risk

VaR Models – Monte Carlo Method (1/2)

The calculation of the Portfolio P&L distribution on the risk horizon is the basis of each VaR model.



Monte Carlo Simulation – Idea

- Instead of an analytic approximation, as in the case of the parametric VaR, the P&L distribution is generated by revaluation of the portfolio under a large number of risk factor scenarios.
- The risk factor scenarios are generated from the assumed risk factors distributions / stochastic processes.

Example (log-normal distribution):

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{relative risk factor change} \rightarrow r_{\log}(t, \delta t) = \mu \delta t + \sigma \sqrt{\delta t} X \\
 \begin{array}{l} \text{drift} \rightarrow \mu \delta t \\ \text{timestep} \rightarrow \delta t \\ \text{volatility} \rightarrow \sigma \sqrt{\delta t} \end{array} \\
 \text{random number} \rightarrow X \\
 \text{new risk factor value} \rightarrow S(t + \delta t) - S(t) = \delta S(t) \approx S(t) (e^{r_{\log}} - 1) \\
 \begin{array}{l} \text{old value} \rightarrow S(t) \\ \text{relative change} \rightarrow e^{r_{\log}} - 1 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Basic idea: generate P&L distribution from large number of scenarios.

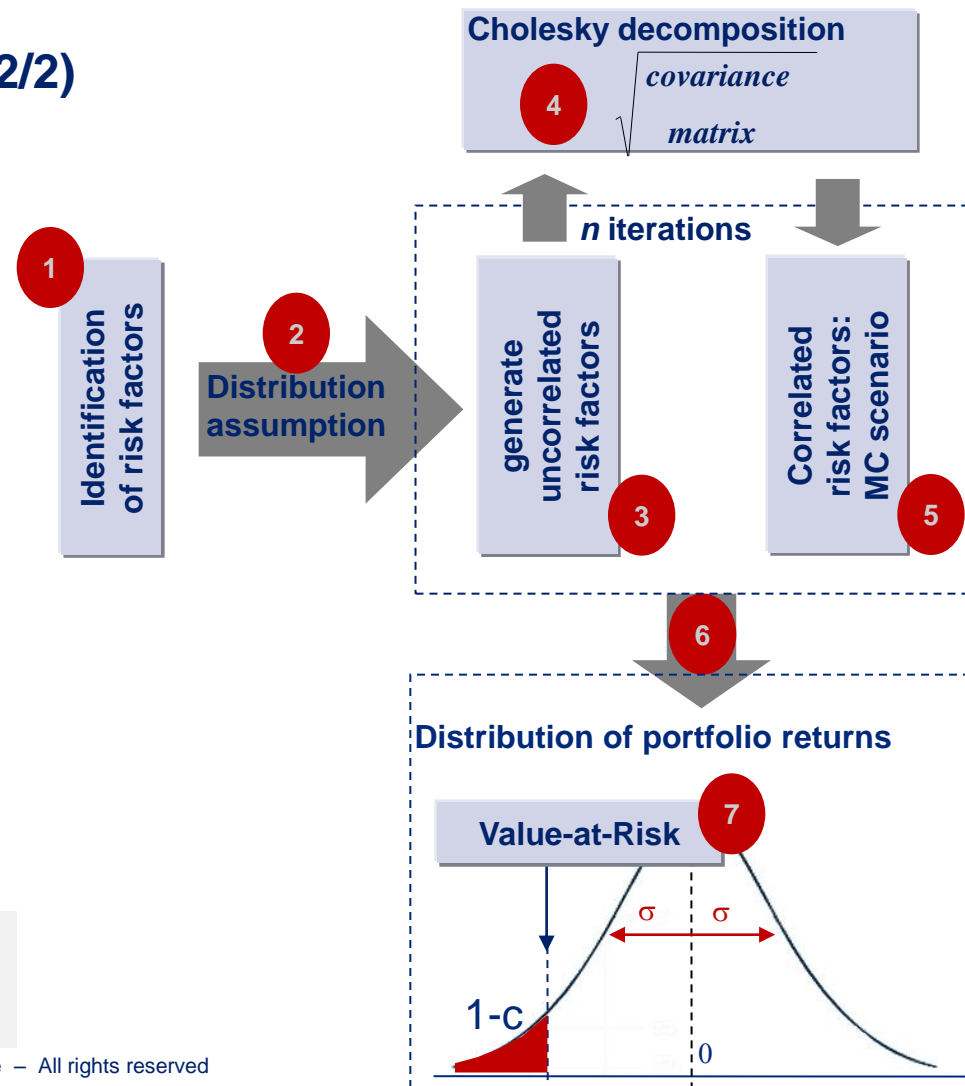
VaR Models – Monte Carlo Method (2/2)

Illustration of main Calculation Steps

- 1) Identification of all relevant risk factors
- 2) Distribution assumption(s) for risk factor returns over the time horizon from time series analyses
- 3) Generate random numbers for the uncorrelated risk factor returns according to the distribution assumption(s)
- 4) Transformation of uncorrelated risk factors into correlated risk factors via multiplication with Cholesky (or e.g. SVD) decomposition of covariance matrix: correlated risk factors returns form a Monte Carlo scenario.
- 5) Full (or sensitivity based) revaluation of portfolio under the generated scenario
- 6) Generation of a large number of scenarios leads to P&L distribution
- 7) Estimation of VaR as the desired quantile of this distribution

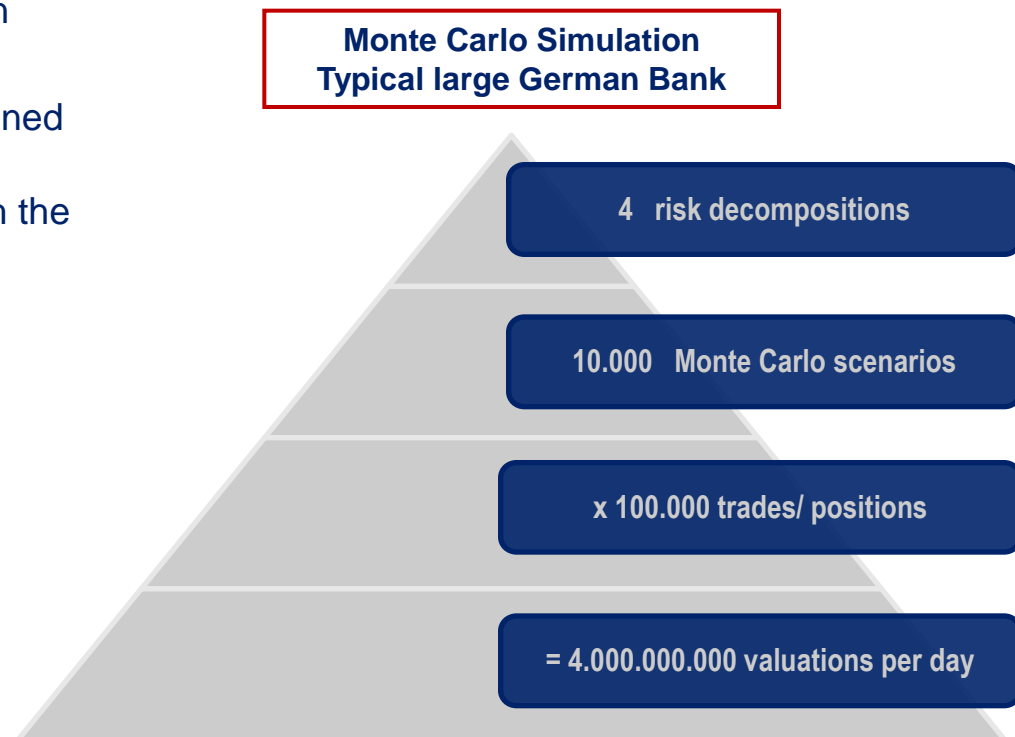
Other VaR methods:

- **Historical Simulation**
- **Variance-Covariance Method**



Comments

- Risk calculation must be run every day
- For large portfolios, a huge number of trade valuations is required for the VaR calculation
- In addition extreme events have to be examined (stresstests)
- Daily backtesting compares the forecast with the real profit and loss



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Model Validation

- When using a model one has to check the adequacy of the model
- Such model validation is also required by the regulators to be done on a regular basis

Examples

- Validation of market data used for the calibration of the models
- Validation of the theoretical valuation models
- Validation of risk factor models \Rightarrow e.g. **testing the distribution assumptions**
- Validation of model parameter \Rightarrow e.g. **consistency of the correlation matrix**
- Validation of scenarios generation
- ...

Testing the distribution assumptions for market risk factors

Hypothesis	Test	Test statistics	
Autokorrelation first order = 0	Durbin-Watson	$d = \frac{\sum (r_i - r_{i-1})^2}{\sum r_i^2}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> $d=0$ corresponds to $\rho=1$ $d=2$ corresponds to $\rho=0$ $d=4$ corresponds to $\rho=-1$
normal distribution	Kolmogorov-Smirnov	$d = \sup_{r_i} \left \int_{-\infty}^{r_i} f_{\text{empirisch}}(r_i) dr - \int_{-\infty}^{r_i} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(r-\bar{r})^2}{\sigma^2}} dr \right $	Robust, can be used for other distributions as well
normal distribution	Lilliefors		More powerful as Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. Takes into account the effects of volatility and mean estimation.
normal distribution	Shapiro-Wilk	$d = \frac{(\sum_i a_i \cdot r_{i-\text{ter Rangplatz}})^2}{\sum_i (r_i - \bar{r})^2}$	More powerful as the Lilliefors test.
normal distribution	Jarque-Bera	$d = \frac{n}{6} \cdot \left[S^2 + \frac{(K-3)^2}{4} \right]$	Based on kurtosis (K) and skewness (S). Especially sensitive to Heavy Tails.

Plausibility checks for correlations

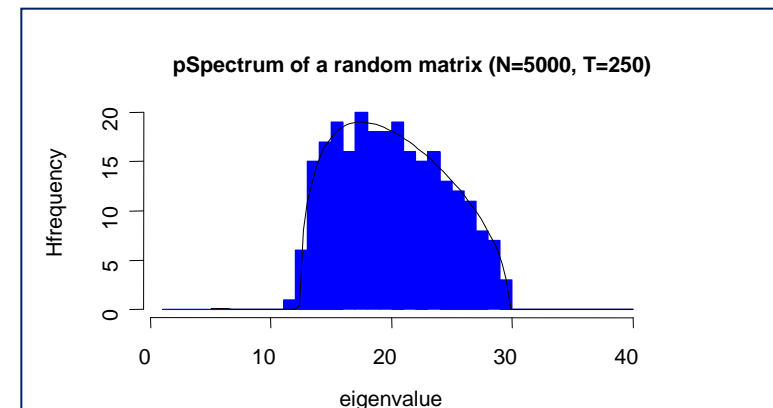
- Running a Monte Carlo simulation for market risk requires to know the correlations between all risk factors
- This is a huge matrix, e.g. 5.000 risk factors \Rightarrow about 12.5 mio. correlation coefficients

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- **How many principal components carry correlation information?**
 - **What is noise?**

Plausibility checks for correlations

Random matrices were introduced in nuclear physics by Eugene Wigner in 1955
 "Characteristic vectors of bordered matrices with infinite dimensions". *Ann. Of Math.* 62 (3)

- Laloux et al. (Phys. Rev. Lett 83(7):1467, Risk 12(3):69) proposed to determine this from random matrix theory
- For a random matrix of Wishart-type $\Sigma = \frac{1}{T} \cdot R \cdot R'$ where the returns are uncorrelated the eigenvalue spectrum has an upper and lower limit (for N and $T \rightarrow \infty$)
- **Eigenvalues above the upper boundary carry correlation information**



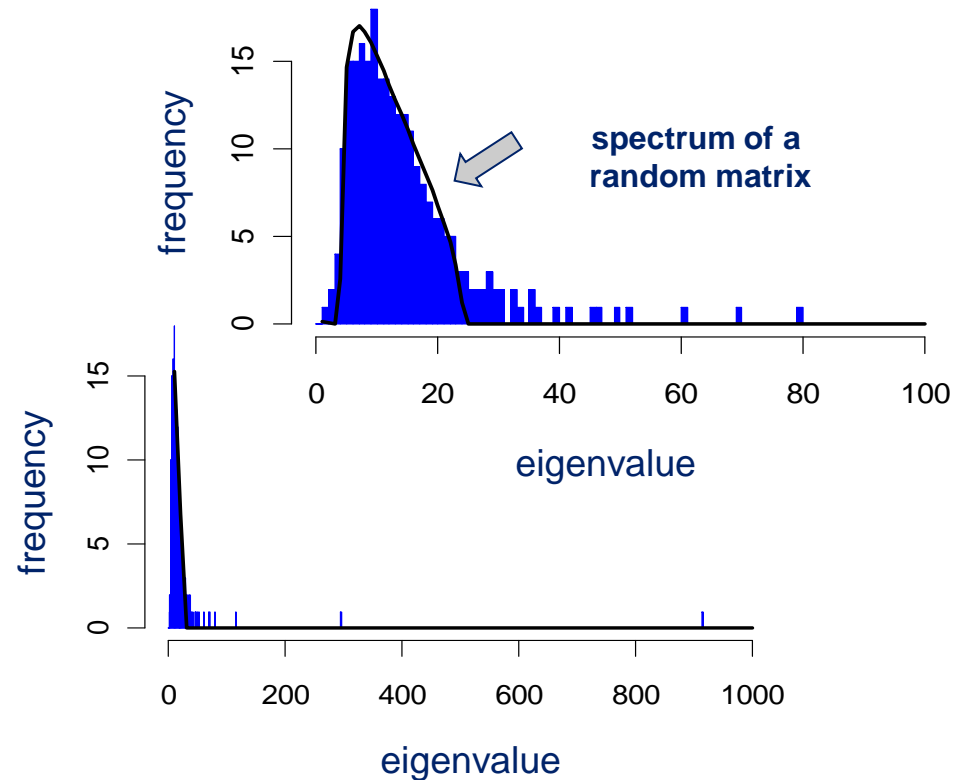
- Note:
 - the correlation matrix is decomposed by eigenvectors in the following way:
 - an eigenvalue of the correlation matrix is the variance for the combination of risk factors given by the corresponding eigenvector

$$\Sigma = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k \cdot v_k \cdot v_k'$$

$$\text{Var} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N v_{ki} \cdot r_i \right) = v_k' \cdot \Sigma \cdot v_k = \lambda_k \cdot v_k' \cdot v_k = \lambda_k$$

Case study

- 5039 risk factors
 - 4529 equities
 - 404 interest rates
 - 76 inflation rates
 - 30 exchange rates
- time series from July 2008 to July 2009
- 255 eigenvalues > 0
- 54 % of the covariance is in the area of the random spectrum
- 28 eigenvalues lie above the upper limit of the random spectrum

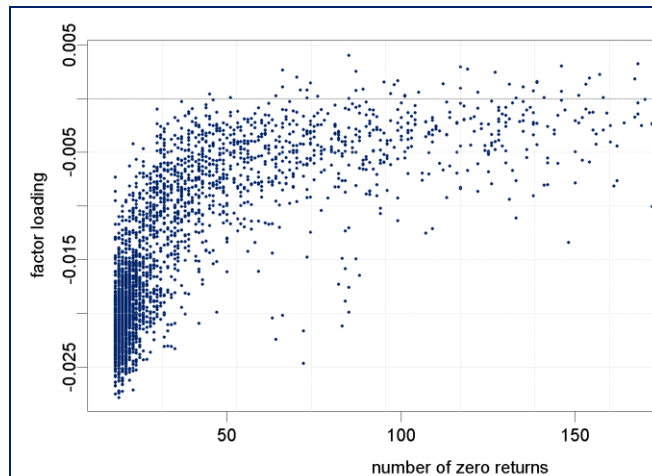
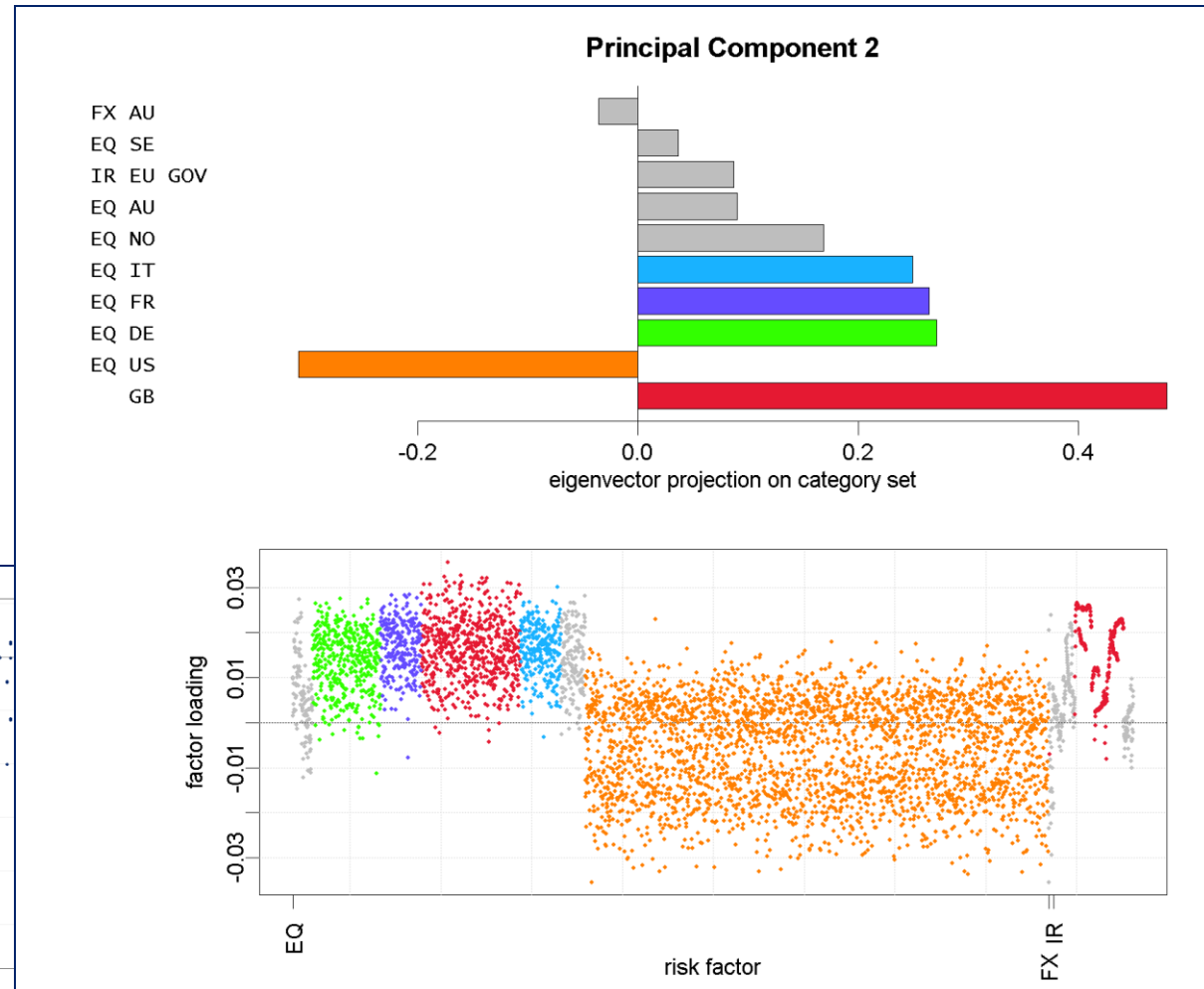


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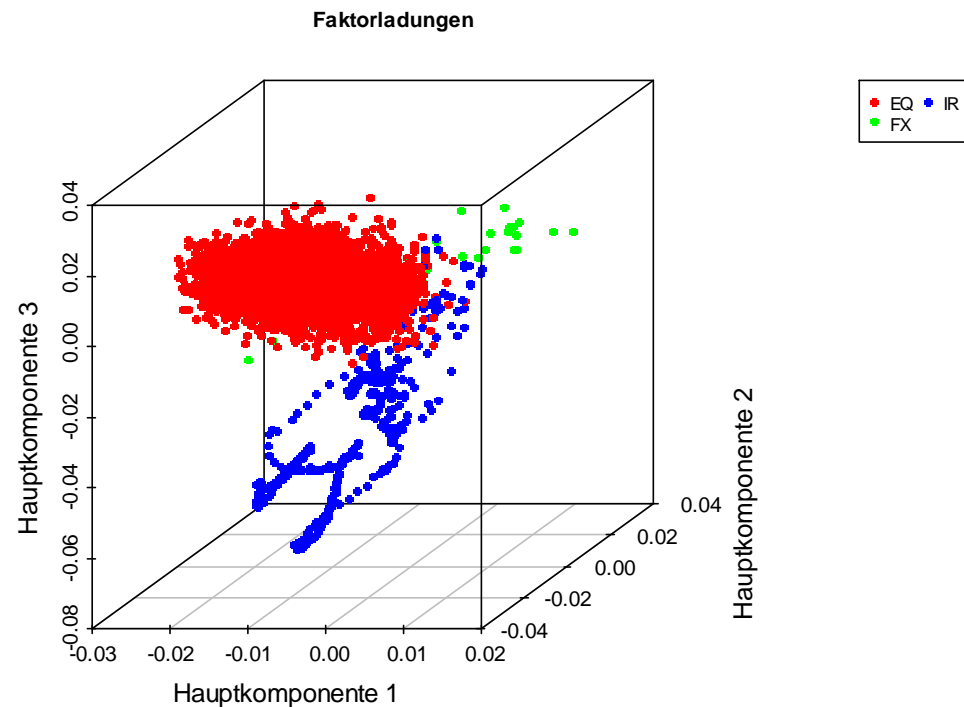
Model Validation

Example

- The second principal component shows an anti-correlation between US and Europe
- A data quality issue is the observed tail to zero factor loadings. This is due to missing returns



3D-plots of the factor loadings can be useful for visual inspections



Conclusions

- Some examples on quantitative models in finance were addressed
- There is a LOT MORE, e.g. we have not talked about the important areas of
 - financial engineering / theoretical valuation
 - credit risk modeling
 - insurance risk
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