

Dynamique Haute-Fréquence des marchés financiers

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- Rising popularity in finance (> 2007)
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The 1-Dimensional Poisson process

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- λ_t : intensity (\simeq density of jumps)

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\implies **The inter-arrival times are independant**

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Hawkes processes - general definition in dimension D

- N_t : a D -dimensional jump process (jumps are all of size 1)
- λ_t : D -dimensional stochastic intensity
- μ : D -dimensional **exogenous intensity**
- $\Phi(t)$: $D \times D$ square matrix of **kernel functions** $\Phi^{ij}(t)$ which are **positive** and **causal** (i.e., supported by R^+).
- Moreover $\|\Phi^{ij}\|_{L^1} < +\infty$, $1 \leq i, j \leq D$

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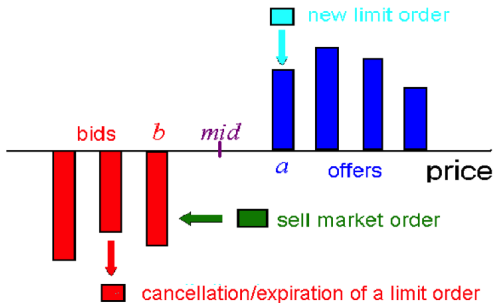
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- **Many challenges :**
 - (non) parametric estimation,
 - high dimension,
 - Big data (scalability),
 - ...

- Emergence of electronic markets \Rightarrow Growing activity
- Limit Order Books (LOB) are at the heart of the price formation process
- **Understanding LOB high frequency dynamics has become fundamental**
 - For policy makers (regulations)
 - Market makers (liquidity)
 - Investors (reducing transaction cost, impact)
 - ...

Price formation process : the Limit Order Book (LOB)



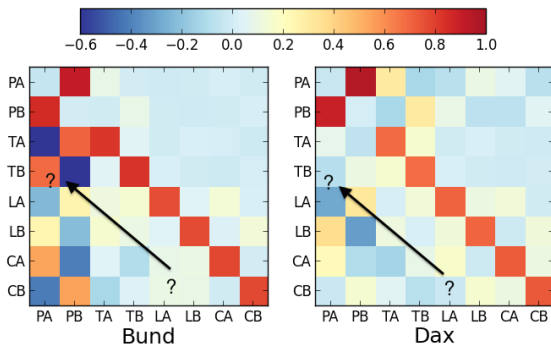
- Limit order : offer to buy (sell) a specific quantity at a certain price
- Cancellation : withdrawal of a limit order
- Market order : order to buy (sell) at best available price

E.B. T.Jaisson and J.F. Muzy (2015)

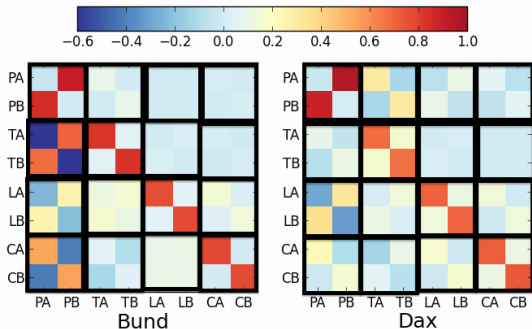
- **Database :**
 - Dax Futures (small tick size), Bund Futures (large tick size)
 - 1 year data : 06/2013-06/2014
 - **timestamp precision = $1\mu s$** (actual precision $\simeq 10\mu s$)
- **8-dimensional flow :**
 - *PA* (resp. *PB*) : upward (resp. downward) mid-price jumps
 - *TA* (resp. *TB*) : market orders at the best ask (resp. bid)
 - *LA* (resp. *LB*) : limit orders at the best ask (resp. bid)
 - *CA* (resp. *CB*) : cancel orders at the best ask (resp. bid)
- **More than 100 million events for one asset**
 - Multithreaded cluster (for one asset)
 - HDFS cluster (for many assets)
 - FPGA?

Revealing High-frequency dynamics

Color coding of the self/mutual excitations/inhibitions

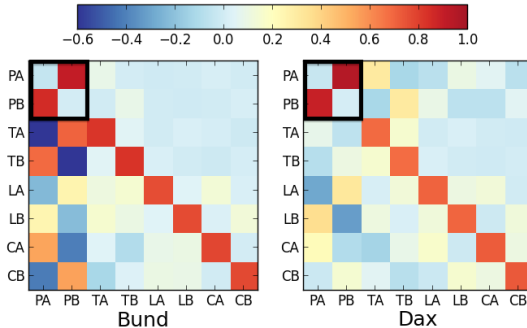


Mutual/Self excitations of flows



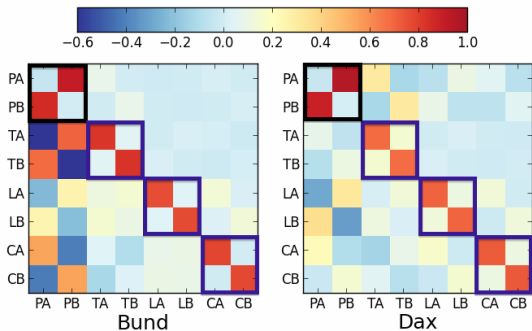
⇒ Symmetry upward/downward and ask/bid

Mutual/Self excitations of Downward/Upward Price flows



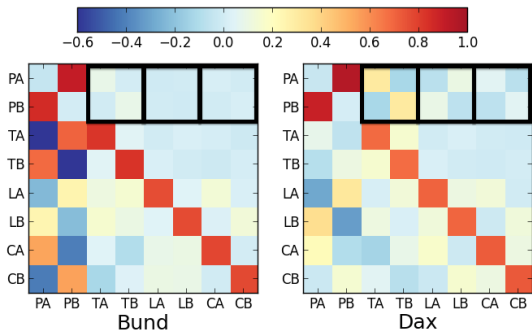
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Mutual/Self excitations of Order flow



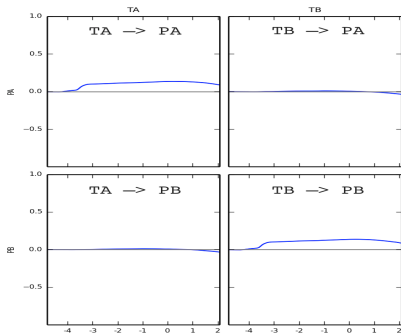
- “Anti-diagonal” shape in the price kernels
⇒ **mean reversion of the price**
- “Diagonal” shape in the limit/cancel/trade kernels
⇒ **splitting/herding**

Impact of the Order flows on the Price



- Trades : main source of impact (diagonal)
- Limits : contrariant
- Cancels : diagonal

Impact of the Market Order flows on the Price

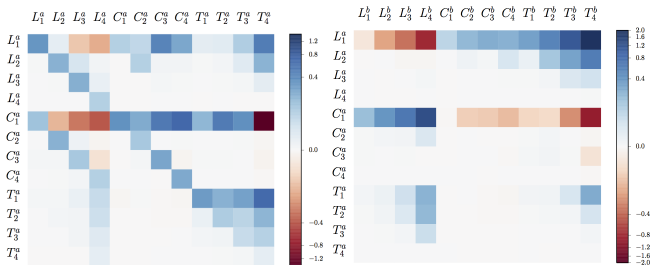


Cumulative kernels $\int_0^t \Phi^{T^? \rightarrow P^?}(s) ds$ as a function of $\log(t)$

- **Impact kernels $\Phi^{TA \rightarrow PA}$ and $\Phi^{TB \rightarrow PB}$ are very localized**
- Localization around “latency value” $\simeq 0.25ms$

Account for the volume in dimension 24 !

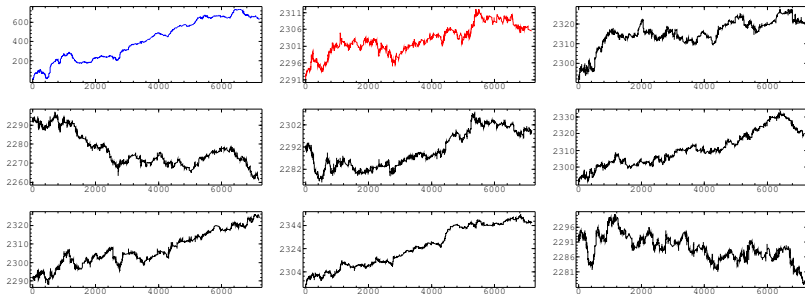
M.Rambaldi, E.B., F.Lillo (2016)



Ask → Ask interaction (left) and Bid → Ask interaction (left)
(Only two quadrants shown)

Current work : "Labelled" EuroNext database, >1000 agents
→ Herding? Instability tracking? Information flow tracking?

Replay of 2 hours of Eurostoxx mid-price from real trades



$TA_t - TB_t$: True cum. Trades on 3/08/2008 - [10am-12am]

$PA_t - PB_t$: True mid-price on 3/08/2008 between 10am and 12am

Simulation of the mid-price process $X = PA - PB$ given the real trades