

Showing Feasibility of fine grained Reference Data for Systemic Risk analytics



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- 1. Fine grained descriptive data on the financial system is key to detecting buildup of Systemic Risk
 - An instance where need for higher quality data is recognized
- 2. Shared data model capturing cashflows an important enabler
 - A novel need engaging/integrating existing sources of data
- 3. Systemic Risk Reference Data POC and feasibility demonstration
- 4. Completeness, security, privacy and openness questions
- 5. Summary: applying data quality concepts in an important, novel context

- Analytics can be good predictors of behavior only when based on reliable system data
- Fine grained descriptive data on the state and history of the financial system is "objective"
 - Better placed to detect potential future crises than highly aggregated data
- Good descriptive data enables *multiple* analyses of risk
 - A portfolio risk detection approaches needed to avoid model risk



of instabilities

Highly aggregated vs. Fine grained models





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- Gathering high quality, fine-grained financial system data requires
 - A system of systems architectural schema for the financial system
 - Data models and linkages capturing end-to-end cash flows
 - Unique identifiers for instruments, entities, assets etc
 - Standardized terms, glossaries, payout specifications rigorous underlying semantics
 - A System of Systems description cashflow coupled elements
 - An end-to end "periodic table" view
 - Pluggable extensions within each column
 - Extends concept of publically available Reference Data
 - Challenge in providing accurate linkages across domains
 - Ownership and identity relationships
 - Regulators will have access to information needed for this model
 - Visibility to all participants in some domain
 - Standardized semantic and data models benefit many (all ?) players

The Financial System as a "System of Systems" - data and analytics level

(Periodic Table of Systemic Risk Models)

	I	I				IV	V	
	Macro (real) Economy	Micro economy (Financed Assets)	Finance System securitization supply chain		Finance System Liquidity (Trading, Hedging , Arbitrage)		Finance system Investment	
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Scenarios	property values fall by 20% Unemployment rate raises	foreclosure rate in zip- code 12345 rises to 15%		equity tranche is wiped out	FSE xyz fails	Open ¦ Dark FSEs ¦ FSEs	Assets sold at loss. New capital needed to meet A/L ratios.	
Models	Macro- economic model	Pre-payment model		Instrument Risk assess- ment model	FSE assessme <how mode<br="" to="">contagion?></how>	ent models I viability,	Investment demand macro model	
	Demographics Trade flows Interest rate	Mortgages Credit card Student Ioan	Ware- Houses Invest	ABS RMBS CDO	Investment banks	Ownership hierarchy FSE assets /	Insurance Companies Mutual funds	
Data	Property Values (by zip code) Employment (by zip code) Consumption Investment	Commercial Auto	Bank securitize SIV,SPV	CDS Equities Bonds	Frederal Reserve	Hedging and Arbitrage strategies Liquidity assumptions	Pension funds Invest bank Advisory Deposit Holder banks Hedge funds	
	real economy		sell side		buy/sell		buy side	
FSE = Financial Services Entity (firm)			Market based financial system					

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Multiple SR analytics algorithms

- Competing methodologies
- General vs special purpose
- Level of granularity
- Some published, most proprietary

Systemic risk analytics need

- Training and calibration data
- Many sources of data (broad scope)
- Consistently defined data
- Explicit cross domain linkages
- Affordable cleansing/validation costs

Systemic risk users can benefit from

a standard data model

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• Shared data stores / services for generally available data

Data retrieve / analytics intf Semantic/data model and Macro (real) economy Micro (real) economy nstruments Financial Service Entities nvestors data store system of systems structure capture and analytics intfs Data capture / source tagging intf Information flow Multiple data sources different data domains different data suppliers some published, some is "for fee" generally available or private

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- POC effort established June 2009 by IBM Research and Enterprise Data Management Council (Mike Atkin)
 - <u>http://www.edmcouncil.org/default.aspx</u>
- Participation: ECB, Federal Reserve Bank of NY, Freddie Mac, FHFA, Morgan Stanley, Swift, Standard and Poors, Interactive Data, Algo, GoldenSource, Moodys Analytics, MITRE, Polypaths,
 - Weekly calls
 - All work product in open shared team room
 - Develop open semantic model term and semantic data model assets
- Goal: Demonstrate feasibility of creating end-to-end, explicitly linked, fine grained data capturing mortgages, pools, deals, MBS, holder and guarantor FSE's using EDM semantics and glossary for base terms
- Approach:
 - Extend EDM semantic model to cover terms in selected space
 - Develop semantic data model reflecting data entities, their attributes and links
 - Validate semantic data model with feedback from
 - Generate implementation schema; populate with synthetic data demo queries
 - Couple synthetic data to participant risk analytics
 - Elaborate input side and data capture
- Result:
 - This shows that a regulatory requirement for source tagging by instrument issuers is feasible
 - It provides an example data model for a system risk facility



From data perspective,

missing reverse linkages

Mortgage pool tranche -> mortgage loans missing

- SFI / CDO is a derivative
- refers to / based on some set of fixed size pool tranche slices
- possibly commitment to provide or buy... a mortgage pool tranche slice .. Terms
- some combining function
- SFI is security with identifier / cusip
- many SFIs could refer to slices from the same mortgage pool

Overview of proposed POC test Data Flows and



Proof of Concept Reference Data Utility Architecture





- **1.** Generate physical data base schema for POC data model:
 - Translation of POC model using IBM product tools and framework
- **2.** Automated generation of synthetic data to populate POC schema:
 - Show reports to summarize and aggregate synthetic data
 - Show data drill down capabilities and inputs available for calibrating/training analytics
 - Synthetic data includes payment histories at MBS, pool and mortgage granularity level (since this information in principle reported publically)
- **3.** Show value of POC data in enabling predictive "what if" scenario assessment
 - Gather sample "what if" scenarios to evaluate (with synthetic data) from POC work group participants
 - Demonstrate predictive systemic risk analytics for "what if" scenarios
 - With predictive analytics from POC members (IBM will provide one model set)
 - Multiple specialized and proprietary predictive models expected
- 4. Work with data providers to replace synthetic with real data:
 - Reuse same schema, reports, predictive analytics but now with real predictions
 - May involve data cleansing, transform etc
 - Mixtures of actual and synthetic data (improved distributions) possible
 - Possibly including access controls (as required for operational repository)

5. Could evolve repository for other domains (beyond MBS) content

- Incremental segment at a time -- approach necessary to capture behavior of complex financial system
 - POC focus on Mortgages, pools, MBS, holders necessary
- POC approach is extensible to other instrument and asset classes
 - More complex CDOs,
 - More variable underlying asset classes, auto loans, commercial real estate
 - Full FSE ownership hierarchies
 - etc
- General mathematical pay off function will be required for more complex instruments and derivatives
 - Base MBS used pooling and tranching only
- Model must be open ended and extensible
 - Financial system will continually define novel classes of instrument and investment
 - Systemic risk regulators will capture new instruments as share of market becomes systemically significant
 - Continuous evolution
- Approach must accommodate multiple regulatory domains
 - Exchange of data with other regulators important
 - Clearly defined data model aids conversions

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- Reference data on instruments is in principle public / generally available
 - If combined with ratings, valuations etc often distributed for fee
 - A standard end-to end data model needed to combine reference date from multiple sources
- Regulators will have access to private bank and FSE holdings data (from all FSEs)
 - Must be held securely access controls
 - Must be correctly linked to reference data
 - Provides a start point for estimating systemic risk
- Banks and FSEs have
 - Detailed knowledge of their own holdings
 - Access to public reference and market data
 - Estimates of counterparty holdings
- Underlying asset histories (e.g mortgage payment) needs privacy protection
 - Feasible through appropriate anonymization + aggregation
- All above parties obtain benefit from standardized semantic and data model
 - Combining generally available data from multiple sources with private data
 - Reduce costs and improve quality of generally available reference data
 - For fee information distributors benefit from growth of "broad scope risk analytics"

= > Successful Systemic Risk effort must build on interests of market players

Derived information



- Transparency into financial systems at the transaction level is now practical
 - Due to steady Moore's law decrease in processing and storage costs
- Fine grained descriptive data enables multiple risk analysis and modeling approaches
 - A portfolio of analyses is best approach to detect incipient systemic risk
 - Fine-grained more "objective" than aggregated data; better for detecting the "next crisis"
- Gathering high quality fine grained financial system data requires
 - A system of systems architectural schema for the financial system
 - Data models and linkages capturing end-to-end cash flows
 - Unique identifiers for instruments, entities, assets etc
 - Standardized terms, glossaries, semantics, payout specifications rigorous underlying semantics
- Systemic Risk Reference Data POC demonstrates feasibility in context of MBS
 - End to end model relating: mortgages pools MBS issuer/holder
 - Model validated in discussion with industry (POC) participants
 - Illustration subset populated with synthetic data interfacing to analytics
- Completeness, security, privacy and openness questions
- Conclusions and next steps (in the regulatory context):
 - The POC approach can be generalized and applied to broader segments of financial system
 - Continuing work on capture / input gathering side and on coupling to analytics
 - Next step: combining data and stress testing in a systemic risk cloud
- This is an example of adapting data quality concepts in a novel context
 - Potential for legislatively driven document originator tagging



Backup Material

- A standard semantic and data model for financial system entities and their relationships is a key enabler for the growth and use of systemic risk analytics
- A single standardized data model will meet the analytic needs of most users and reduce data collection, cleansing and validation costs
- The semantic/data model connects:
 Financial system reference, transaction and position data from many sources and domains

Multiple systemic risk analytic algorithms (general / specialized, public / proprietary)

• A "system of systems" component structure is used for the financial system model For extensibility and flexibility – novel financial instruments will always be introduced

Defines required explicit linkages of each entity to finer grained underlying entities and data

• The semantic fact input interface and associated glossary Enables consistent source document tagging and data entry by domain experts

Enables coherent aggregation of data from multiple sources and data domains

Enables organizations to consistently extend generally available data with their private data

 The query/retrieval interface allows a variety of system analytics to use and be calibrated from financial system data combining: Generally available data (both for fee and published)

Extended with restricted position data available to particular user organizations



- Financial Systems may be the most complex systems we deal with
- Traditionally, modeling and analysis of risk in Financial systems was attempted only with broad aggregate measures, (market indexes, weighted average coupons, ...)
- With steadily falling processing and storage costs (Moore's law) ...
- ... it is now practical to capture the state and recent history of a financial system at the transactional level using High Performance Computing (HPC)
- Leading investment banks have been using intensive computing for trading risk, and, since the 2008 crisis, extending this for "broad scope" counterparty and liquidity risks
- European Systemic Risk Board, US Office of Financial Research establish need for regulatory understanding of Systemic Risk
- IBM Research launched a Systemic Risk Initiative in January 2009 to address this potential
 - Advance analytics relating to risk in complex systems
 - Financial system stability analysis as initial goal
- This talk is on "How to gather high quality data needed for HPC systemic risk analytics"



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