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ABSTRACT

This paper models volatility spillovers from mature to emerging stock markets, tests for changes in the transmission mechanism during turbulences in mature markets, and examines the implications for conditional correlations between mature and emerging market returns. Tri-variate GARCH-BEKK models of returns in mature, regional emerging, and local emerging markets are estimated for 41 emerging market economies (EMEs). Wald tests suggest that mature market volatility affects conditional variances in many emerging markets. Moreover, spillover parameters change during turbulent episodes. In the majority of the sample EMEs, conditional correlations between local and mature markets increase during these episodes. While conditional variances in local markets rise as well, volatility in mature markets rises more, and this shift is the main factor behind the increase in conditional correlations. With few exceptions, conditional beta coefficients between mature and emerging markets tend to be unchanged or lower during turbulences.

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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

This paper uses a tri-variate GARCH-BEKK framework to examine volatility spillovers (i.e. causality in variance) from mature to emerging stock markets. In addition, tests for changes in the transmission mechanism – contagion – are carried out for periods of turbulence in mature stock markets. The tri-variate models estimated comprise returns in global (mature), regional and local (emerging) stock markets. In all, 41 models are estimated: one for each of the 41 emerging market economies analyzed.

The empirical analyses of contagion involving emerging financial markets have understandably focused on the transmission of shocks originating in these markets, rather than shocks emanating from mature markets. Studies of linkages between mature and emerging financial markets have focused primarily on the implications of market liberalization and integration for return correlations and volatility spillovers, and have generally ignored the possibility of “shift contagion” during episodes of heightened volatility in mature markets. Several episodes of turbulence in mature financial markets in the past decade, in particular the events of 2007-08, suggest that this may be an important gap in the empirical contagion literature.

This paper sets out to address this gap. Our analysis differs from existing studies in three respects. First, we apply the concept of shift contagion to the analysis of spillovers from mature to emerging stock markets and test for shifts in the transmission mechanism during episodes of turbulence in mature markets. We use the Chicago Board Options Exchange index of implied volatility (VIX)—a widely quoted indicator of market sentiment—to identify turbulent episodes in mature markets. Second, we focus on the transmission of volatility, that is, dependencies and possible contagion in the second moments. Third, we cover a large sample of 41 emerging market economies (EMEs) in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, which provides a rich basis for comparisons across countries and regions; most studies to date focus on relatively small sets of countries in one or two regions.

Using weekly stock return data from the early-mid 1990s to 2008, we model the means and variances of stock returns in local, regional and global markets. While the main focus is on the spillovers from global (i.e. mature) markets to local markets, we also include the regional market to control for the transmission of shocks originating in these countries. The standard VAR-GARCH framework with BEKK representation is modified with a dummy variable based on the VIX that allows for shifts in the parameters capturing spillovers from mature markets during episodes of turbulence in these markets. This approach accommodates multiple shifts between turbulent and tranquil periods.

Wald tests are carried out to examine various hypotheses concerning volatility spillovers from mature stock markets to regional and local emerging markets, and from regional to local markets. Specifically, we consider the following possibilities: no volatility spillovers whatsoever from mature markets; no shift contagion, that is, no change in the transmission of volatility during turbulent periods in mature markets; no volatility spillovers during tranquil periods—a special case of volatility contagion if spillovers are present during turbulent episodes; and no volatility spillovers from regional to local markets.

We test for changes in conditional variances in local emerging stock markets during turbulent episodes in mature markets, analyse the behaviour of conditional correlations between emerging and mature markets during these periods, and examine the conditional beta coefficients implied by the estimated variances and covariances to revisit the question of whether changes in correlations reflect primarily a rise in volatility in the turbulent market—as argued by Forbes and Rigobon (2002)—or “true” contagion, that is, changes in the transmission mechanism (beta coefficients).

For the majority of the EMEs analysed, the test results point to volatility spillovers from mature markets to local EME markets and to shifts in the spillover parameters during turbulent episodes in mature markets. There is also evidence of volatility spillovers from regional to local EME markets. Conditional variances in local markets tend to rise in three out of four sample EMEs during turbulent episodes in mature markets, and over half of these increases are statistically significant. Conditional correlations with mature markets rise in most local emerging markets during turbulences, but relatively few of these changes are statistically significant. Finally, even though rising volatility in mature markets tends to spill over to emerging markets, an increase in the ratio of mature to emerging market volatility appears to be the main factor behind the rise in conditional correlations during turbulent episodes. In the majority of the sample EMEs, the conditional beta coefficients between local and mature global markets are, on average, unchanged or *lower* during turbulent episodes.

1. INTRODUCTION

The literature on financial contagion is vast. The October 1987 stock market crash in the US and the 1992 ERM crisis gave rise to numerous empirical analyses of the transmission of shocks across *mature* financial markets. Research on financial contagion in *emerging* markets was boosted by the emerging market crises of the 1990s, in particular the Asian crisis. Given the rapid propagation and large economic impact of these crises, contagion became virtually synonymous with turbulence in emerging markets and studies of the role of different contagion channels during these crises multiplied.⁵ While views on the precise definition of contagion differ, there is a fairly broad consensus in the empirical literature on financial contagion that contagion refers to an unanticipated transmission of shocks. Contagion should thus be distinguished from “normal” interdependencies and spillovers across asset markets.⁶

An important strand of the empirical research on contagion uses conditional correlation analysis to test for shifts in linkages across financial markets during crisis periods.⁷ Following the seminal paper by King and Wadhvani (1990), subsequent studies refined this approach by addressing key features of the data generating process that affect the validity of these tests such as heteroscedasticity, endogeneity, and the influence of common factors. (King, Sentana, and Wadhvani (1994), Forbes and Rigobon (2002), Corsetti, Pericoli, and Sbracia (2005), and Caporale, Cipollini, and Spagnolo (2005)). In a related vein, Dungey, Fry, Gonzalez-Hermosillo, and Martin (2002 and 2003) estimated dynamic latent factor models to test for contagion in bond and stock markets during crisis episodes. Based on a factor model that allows for time-varying integration with global markets, Bekaert, Harvey, and Ng (2005) identified contagion as “excess correlation,” that is, cross-country correlations of the model residuals during crisis episodes.

Prompted by the widespread repercussions of past financial crises in emerging markets, empirical analyses of contagion involving emerging financial markets have understandably focused on the transmission of shocks originating in these markets, rather than shocks emanating from mature markets.⁸ Studies of linkages between mature and emerging financial

⁵ Karolyi (2003) and Pericoli and Sbracia (2003) provide comprehensive surveys. Masson (1998), Claessens, Dornbusch, and Park (2001), Kaminsky and Reinhart (2000), Kaminsky, Reinhart, and Vegh (2003) discuss real and financial transmission channels and review different approaches to the analysis of contagion. Pericoli and Sbracia (2003) and Pritsker (2001) examine channels of financial contagion.

⁶ This definition of contagion is consistent with the taxonomy of shocks proposed by Masson (1999). Pericoli and Sbracia (2003) discuss different definitions of contagion.

⁷ See Dungey, Fry, Gonzalez-Hermosillo, and Martin (2004) and Pericoli and Sbracia (2003) for a more comprehensive review of different methodologies applied in the contagion literature, including probability models, which examine the impact of a change in a given crisis index for one country on the crisis probability of another country, and models based on extreme value theory, which focus on correlations of extreme negative values of asset return distributions.

⁸ One exception is Serwa and Bohl (2005), who include the US stock market crashes following 9/11 and the 2002 accounting scandals in their sample of crisis events and test for contagion in three emerging and seven mature stock markets in Europe after these events. Using variants of the adjusted correlation coefficients
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markets have focused primarily on the implications of market liberalization and integration for return correlations and volatility spillovers, and have generally ignored the possibility of “shift contagion” during episodes of heightened volatility in mature markets.⁹ Several episodes of turbulence in mature financial markets in the past decade, in particular the events of 2007-08, suggest that this may be an important gap in the empirical contagion literature.

This paper offers a first pass at filling this gap. Our analysis builds on the research discussed above but differs from existing studies in three respects. First, we apply the concept of shift contagion to the analysis of spillovers from mature to emerging stock markets and test for shifts in the transmission mechanism during episodes of turbulence in mature markets. We use the Chicago Board Options Exchange index of implied volatility (VIX)—a widely quoted indicator of market sentiment—to identify turbulent episodes in mature markets. Second, we focus on the transmission of volatility, that is, dependencies and possible contagion in the second moments. Third, we cover a large sample of 41 emerging market economies (EMEs) in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, which provides a rich basis for comparisons across countries and regions; most studies to date focus on relatively small sets of countries in one or two regions.

We use a tri-variate VAR-GARCH framework with the BEKK representation proposed by Engle and Kroner (1995) to model the means and variances of stock returns in local, regional, and global (mature) markets, with the latter defined as a weighted average of the US, Japan, and Europe (Germany, France, Italy, and the UK). GARCH models have been used extensively to analyze cross-border volatility spillovers in asset markets, though primarily in studies of mature markets.¹⁰

While we are mainly interested in spillovers from mature markets to local emerging markets, we include a regional market—defined as a weighted average of other emerging markets in the region—in each country model to control for the transmission of shocks originating in these countries.¹¹ We modify the GARCH model by including a dummy variable that allows for shifts in the parameters capturing spillovers from mature markets during episodes of turbulence in these markets. This approach accommodates multiple shifts between turbulent and tranquil periods.

proposed by Forbes and Rigobon (2002) and Corsetti, Pericoli, and Sbracia (2005), they find little evidence of contagion.

⁹ These studies typically estimate factor models with variable factor loadings for returns in foreign markets to capture time-varying market integration. See Bekaert and Harvey (1995, 1997, and 2000) and Ng (2000). Bekaert, Harvey, and Ng (2005) extend this analysis to test for contagion during crisis episodes in emerging markets.

¹⁰ Studies of mature markets include Fratzscher (2002), Longin and Solnik (1995), Koutmos and Booth (1995), Bae and Karolyi (1994), Engle, Ito, and Lin (1990), and Hamao, Masulis and Ng (1990). Engle, Gallo, and Velucchi (2008), Caporale, Pittis, and Spagnolo (2006), Ng (2000) and Edwards (1998) examine volatility spillovers in emerging markets.

¹¹ Bekaert, Harvey, and Ng (2005) adopt a similar approach.

Our analysis is based on weekly stock returns in local currency. Country samples begin in 1993 for the emerging markets in Asia, and in 1996 for Latin America and most countries in emerging Europe and the Middle East. All samples end in mid March 2008.

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The paper is organised as follows. Section 2 lays out the model. Section 3 provides details on the data set, and on the method used to identify turbulent episodes in mature stock markets. Section 4 outlines the hypotheses tested and discusses the results. Section 5 summarizes the main conclusions.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Basic Model

We represent the first and second moments of returns in local and regional emerging markets and in mature markets by a tri-variate VAR-GARCH(1,1) process. In its most general specification the model takes the following form:

$$x_t = \alpha + \beta x_{t-1} + u_t \quad (1)$$

where $x_t = (\text{local emerging market returns}_t, \text{regional emerging market returns}_t, \text{mature market returns}_t)$, x_{t-1} is a corresponding vector of lagged returns, and $u_t = (e_{1,t}, e_{2,t}, e_{3,t})$ is a residual vector. The parameters of the mean return equations (1) comprise the constant terms $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ and the parameters of the autoregressive terms $\beta = (\beta_{11}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13} | 0, \beta_{22}, \beta_{23} | 0, 0, \beta_{33})$, which allow for mean return spillovers from mature markets to regional and local emerging markets, and from regional markets to local markets.

The residual vector u_t is tri-variate and normally distributed $u_t | I_{t-1} \sim (0, H_t)$ with its corresponding conditional variance covariance matrix:

$$H_t = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11,t} & h_{12,t} & h_{13,t} \\ h_{21,t} & h_{22,t} & h_{23,t} \\ h_{31,t} & h_{32,t} & h_{33,t} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

In the multivariate GARCH(1,1)-BEKK representation proposed by Engle and Kroner (1995), which guarantees by construction that the variance covariance matrices in the system are positive definite, H_t takes the following form:

$$H_t = C_0' C_0 + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e_{1,t-1}^2 & e_{1,t-1}e_{2,t-1} & e_{1,t-1}e_{3,t-1} \\ e_{2,t-1}e_{1,t-1} & e_{2,t-1}^2 & e_{2,t-1}e_{3,t-1} \\ e_{3,t-1}e_{1,t-1} & e_{3,t-1}e_{2,t-1} & e_{3,t-1}^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & 0 \\ g_{31} & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{bmatrix} + H_{t-1} + \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & 0 \\ g_{31} & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) models the dynamic process of H_t as a linear function of its own past values H_{t-1} and past values of innovations $(e_{1,t-1}, e_{2,t-1}, e_{3,t-1})$, allowing for own-market and cross-market influences in the conditional variances. The parameters of (3) are given by C_0 , which is restricted to be upper triangular, and two matrices A_{11} and G_{11} . Each of these two matrices has three zero restrictions as we are focusing on volatility spillovers (causality-in-variance) running from mature stock markets to regional and local emerging stock markets, and from regional to local emerging markets.

Given a sample of T observations, a vector of unknown parameters¹² θ , and a 3×1 vector of variables x_t , the conditional density function for the model (1)-(3) is:

¹² Standard errors (SEs) are calculated using the quasi-maximum likelihood method of Bollerslev and Wooldridge (1992), which is robust to the distribution of the underlying residuals. A residual vector u_t

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$$f(x_t | I_{t-1}; \theta) = (2\pi)^{-1} |H_t|^{-1/2} \exp(- [u_t^T (H_t^{-1}) u_t] / 2) \quad (4)$$

The log likelihood function is:

$$\text{Log-Lik} = \sum_{t=1}^T \log f(x_t | I_{t-1}; \theta) . \quad (5)$$

2.2 Volatility Contagion

Applying the concept of shift contagion (Forbes and Rigobon (2002)) to the analysis of interdependencies in second moments, we define volatility contagion as a shift in the transmission of volatility from mature to emerging stock markets during episodes of turbulence in the former. In order to test for such shifts, we include a dummy D in equation (3) that allows the parameters governing volatility spillovers from mature markets to change in these episodes.¹³ The equation for the conditional variance of returns in local emerging markets then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} h_{11,t} = & c_{11}^2 + a_{11}^2 e_{1,t-1}^2 + a_{21}^2 e_{2,t-1}^2 + (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D)^2 e_{3,t-1}^2 \\ & + 2 a_{11} a_{21} e_{1,t-1} e_{2,t-1} + 2 a_{11} (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) e_{1,t-1} e_{3,t-1} + 2 a_{21} (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) e_{2,t-1} e_{3,t-1} \\ & + g_{11}^2 h_{11,t-1} + g_{21}^2 h_{22,t-1} + (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D)^2 h_{33,t-1} \\ & + 2 g_{11} g_{21} h_{12,t-1} + 2 g_{11} (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) h_{13,t-1} + 2 g_{21} (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) h_{23,t-1} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

Volatility spillovers from mature stock markets to local and regional emerging markets are reflected in the parameters a_{31} and g_{31} , and a_{32} and g_{32} , respectively; a_{31d} and g_{31d} , and a_{32d} and g_{32d} capture shifts in these parameters during episodes of turbulence in mature markets. Volatility spillovers from regional to local emerging markets are reflected in the parameters a_{21} and g_{21} , which do not change as we are focusing on episodes of turbulence in mature equity markets. Appendix Table A1 shows the complete set of variance and covariance equations with shift dummies.

3. DATA SET AND IDENTIFICATION OF TURBULENT EPISODES IN MATURE MARKETS

3.1 Data Set

The tri-variate GARCH model outlined in the preceding section was estimated for 41 EMEs across four geographical regions: Asia, emerging Europe and South Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. Table 1 lists the EMEs covered.

following the t-student distribution has also been considered. Results are qualitatively similar and therefore not reported. The complete set of results is available from the authors upon request.

¹³ See section III for details on the construction of the dummy.



The model for each EME consists of local stock returns, a weighted average of returns in other EMEs in the region, and a weighted average of mature market returns. Weekly returns were calculated as log differences of local currency stock market indices for weeks running from Wednesday to Wednesday to minimize effects of cross-country differences in weekend market closures. The time series for the Asian EMEs start in September 1993 and the majority of the series for Latin America, emerging Europe, and the Middle East begin in 1996. All return series end in mid-March 2008. Appendix Table A 2 lists the stock market indices, source, and start and end dates of the return series for all EMEs and the six mature markets included in the aggregate mature market index. Appendix Table A 3 shows key descriptive statistics for the return series, which point to skewness in most, and kurtosis in many of the return series.

For each EME, a regional market was defined as a weighted average of all other sample EMEs in the region. Mature market returns were calculated as a weighted average of returns on benchmark indices in the US, Japan, and Europe (France, Germany, Italy, UK). As complete time series on market capitalization are not available for all EMEs in our sample, weights are based on 104-week moving averages of US\$-GDP data from the IMF's World Economic Outlook database.¹⁴ Figure 1 shows returns in mature markets and in the four emerging regions; Appendix Figures A1.1 – A 4 show returns in the EMEs in the country sample.

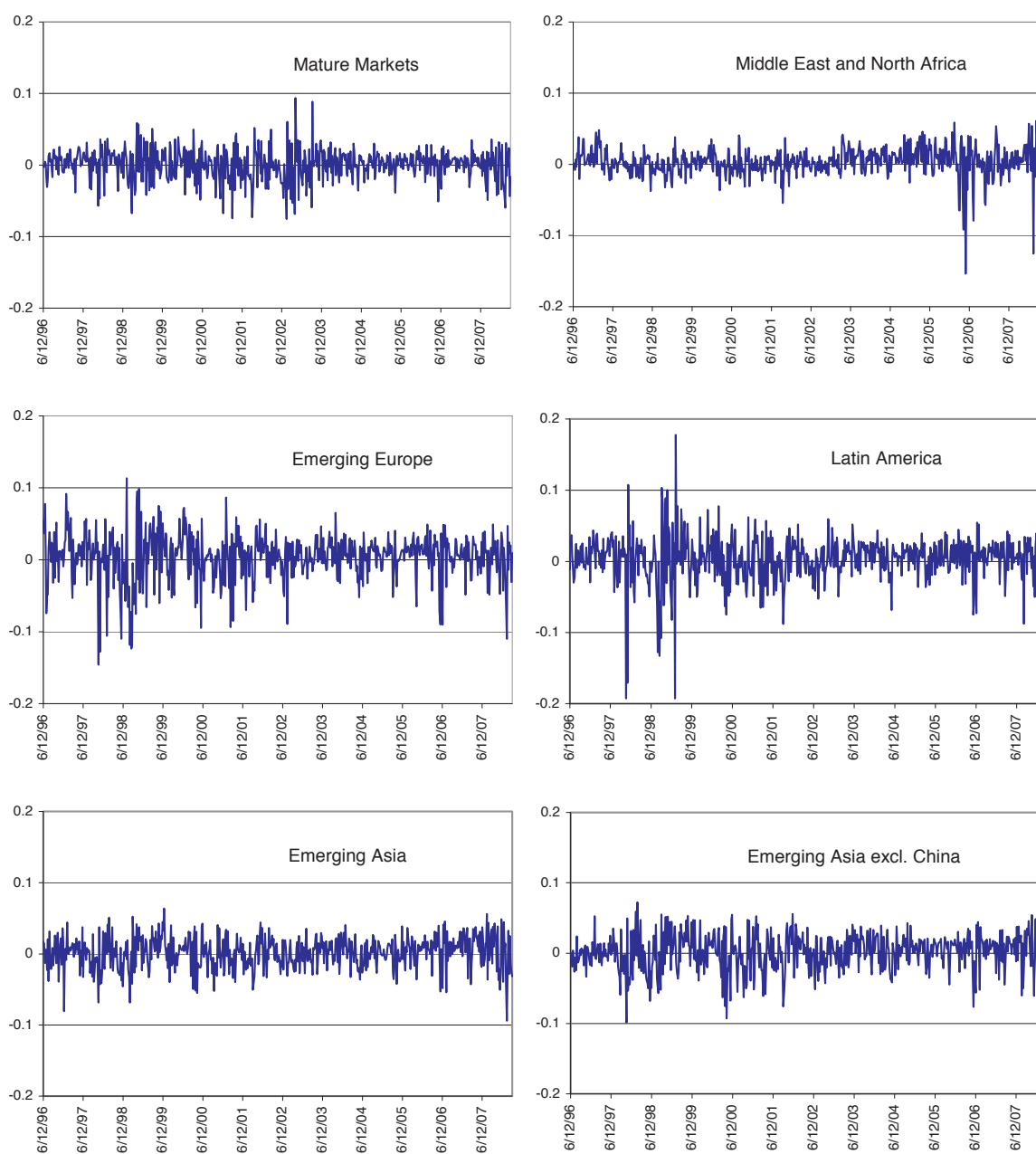
Table 1. Sample of Emerging Market Economies

Asia	Emerging Europe and South Africa	Latin America	Middle East and North Africa
China	Bulgaria	Argentina	Egypt
Hong Kong SAR 1/	Croatia	Brazil	Jordan
India	Czech Republic	Chile	Kuwait
Indonesia	Estonia	Colombia	Lebanon
Korea	Hungary	Ecuador	Morocco
Malaysia	Israel	Mexico	Saudi Arabia
Pakistan	Latvia	Peru	Tunisia
Philippines	Poland	Venezuela	
Singapore	Romania		
Sri Lanka	Russia		
Taiwan POC 2/	Slovakia		
Thailand	Slovenia		
	South Africa		
	Turkey		

1/ China PR: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 2/ Taiwan Province of China

¹⁴ Weekly time series were generated from annual data as follows: $GDP(w,t) = (w/52) * GDP(t) + ((52-w)/52) * GDP(t-1)$, with $w=1...52$, and t indicating the current year. Therefore, in the last week of the current year, GDP is equal to the actual annual figure, in the first week of the next year it is $1/52 * GDP(t) + 51/52 * GDP(t-1)$.

Figure 1. Weekly Stock Market Returns: Mature and Emerging Markets 1/



Source: Datastream

1/ Log differences of stock market indices. Dollar GDP-weighted averages of local markets.

3.2 Identification of Turbulent Episodes in Mature Markets

The definition of the crisis window can significantly affect the results of contagion tests. There is relatively broad consensus on the major emerging market crises that have been examined in the empirical contagion literature, even though dating the start and end of these

crises is not straightforward.¹⁵ By contrast, what may be considered a “crisis” in mature financial markets is less obvious, perhaps with the exception of the 1987 US stock market crash and the 1992 ERM crisis, which have been extensively studied and precede the start of our EME data samples, and the crisis that began in 2007, which has not yet ended.

In the absence of an agreed definition of turbulence in mature financial markets, we use the Chicago Board Options Exchange index of implied volatility from options on the US S&P 500 (VIX), a widely quoted indicator of market sentiment, to identify episodes of turbulence in mature stock markets. Specifically, we define market turbulence as a period in which the VIX is either very high (30 or higher) or rising sharply (five-day moving average exceeding the 52-week moving average by 30 percent or more).¹⁶ Based on this definition, turbulent episodes are fairly rare events. Thirteen percent of the observations in the full data sample running from June 1993 to March 2008 fall into this category, with clusters in 1996-98, 2001, 2002, early 2003, 2007, and 2008, which are in line with anecdotal evidence. Table 2 lists the weeks in which the turbulence dummy takes the value one.

Table 2. Episodes of Turbulence in Mature Stock Markets

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
							Week ending on:									
	6-Apr		13-Mar	29-Oct	19-Aug	27-Jan		21-Mar	17-Jul	29-Jan			24-May	7-Mar	9-Jan	
	13-Apr		20-Mar	5-Nov	26-Aug	10-Feb		4-Apr	24-Jul	5-Feb			14-Jun	25-Jul	23-Jan	
			27-Mar	12-Nov	2-Sep			11-Apr	31-Jul	12-Feb			21-Jun	1-Aug	30-Jan	
			3-Apr	19-Nov	9-Sep			12-Sep	7-Aug	19-Feb			19-Jul	8-Aug	6-Feb	
			10-Apr	26-Nov	16-Sep			19-Sep	14-Aug	26-Feb				15-Aug	13-Feb	
			17-Jul	24-Dec	23-Sep			26-Sep	28-Aug	5-Mar				22-Aug	12-Mar	
			24-Jul		30-Sep			3-Oct	4-Sep	12-Mar				29-Aug		
			31-Jul		7-Oct			10-Oct	11-Sep	19-Mar				5-Sep		
					14-Oct			17-Oct	18-Sep					12-Sep		
					21-Oct			24-Oct	25-Sep					19-Sep		
					28-Oct			31-Oct	2-Oct					26-Sep		
								7-Nov	9-Oct					24-Oct		
									16-Oct					31-Oct		
									23-Oct					7-Nov		
									30-Oct					14-Nov		
									6-Nov					21-Nov		
									13-Nov					28-Nov		
														5-Dec		
														19-Dec		

¹⁵ Caporale, Cipollini, and Spagnolo (2005) select the breakpoints marking the beginning of the crises in each of the Asian crisis countries endogenously. Most other studies of contagion identify crisis windows in a more ad hoc manner.

¹⁶ Daily data on the VIX were obtained from Datastream.

4. EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

4.1 Hypotheses Tested

We test for volatility spillovers and contagion by placing restrictions on the relevant parameters and computing the following Wald test:

$$W = [R\hat{\theta}]'[R\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})R']^{-1}[R\hat{\theta}] \quad (7)$$

where R is the $q \times k$ matrix of restrictions, with q equal to the number of restrictions and k equal to the number of regressors; $\hat{\theta}$ is a $k \times 1$ vector of the estimated parameters, and $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})$ is the heteroscedasticity - robust consistent estimator for the covariance matrix of the parameter estimates. The tests involve joint hypotheses at two and four degrees of freedom (k).

We test two sets of null hypotheses H_0 :

(i) Tests of no volatility spillovers or contagion to local emerging markets

H_{01} : No spillovers and no contagion from mature stock markets: $a_{31} = a_{31d} = g_{31} = g_{31d} = 0$. The null hypothesis assumes that volatility in local emerging stock markets is never influenced by volatility in mature markets, neither over the full sample period nor specifically during episodes of turbulence in mature markets.

H_{02} : No contagion, that is, no shift in the transmission of volatility from mature markets to local emerging markets during episodes of turbulence in the former: $a_{31d} = g_{31d} = 0$.

H_{03} : No spillovers from mature markets to local emerging markets over the full sample period: $a_{31} = g_{31} = 0$. This hypothesis complements H_{02} . If we reject H_{03} and do not reject H_{02} , there is no volatility contagion, only spillovers; if we do not reject H_{03} and reject H_{02} , volatility is transmitted from mature markets to local emerging markets only during episodes of turbulence in the latter, which implies “shift contagion.”

H_{04} : No spillovers from regional to local emerging markets. This implies $a_{21} = g_{21} = 0$ as we are not allowing for shifts in the transmission of volatility from regional to local emerging markets.

We test the same hypotheses, except H_{04} , for regional emerging markets, which may act as a conduit for volatility transmission to local emerging markets.

(ii) Tests of no volatility spillovers or contagion to regional emerging markets

H_{05} : No spillovers and no contagion from mature markets to regional emerging markets: $a_{32} = a_{32d} = g_{32} = g_{32d} = 0$.

H06: No shift contagion from mature markets to regional emerging markets during turbulent episodes in the former: $a_{32d} = g_{32d} = 0$.

H07: No spillovers from mature markets to regional emerging markets over the full sample period: $a_{32} = g_{32} = 0$.

Tests of the hypotheses outlined above reveal whether volatility linkages between mature and emerging stock markets exist but they do not say whether volatility shocks (news surprises) in mature markets increase or decrease volatility in emerging markets. Establishing the sign of this effect is not straightforward. Given the non-linearity of GARCH models, the impact of a surprise in mature stock market depends on all other variables in the system, that is, surprises in local and regional markets as well as past variances and co-variances. Such time-dependent impulse response functions are difficult to interpret.

As we are mainly interested in ascertaining whether conditional variances in local emerging stock markets rise during turbulences in mature markets, or remain broadly unchanged as assumed in Forbes and Rigobon (2002), we take a “shortcut” and simply compare the estimated conditional variances h_{11} during turbulent and non-turbulent periods without attempting to identify the sources of any changes. We test the null hypothesis of equal conditional variances against the alternative of a rise during turbulent episodes for the full sample 1996-2008, and the sub-samples 1996-99, 2000-03, and 2004-08.¹⁷ Similarly, we compute conditional correlations and betas between local emerging market and mature market returns as $h_{13}/(\sqrt{h_{11}}\sqrt{h_{33}})$ and h_{13}/h_{33} , respectively, and test for increases during turbulent periods in mature markets.

4.2 Discussion of Results

For most of the 41 EMEs in the sample, the estimated tri-variate VAR-GARCH(1,1) model appears to capture the evolution of conditional means and variances of local stock returns, and their interactions with regional and mature markets, quite well. Ljung-Box portmanteau (LB) autocorrelations tests of ten lags reject the null hypothesis of no autocorrelation in the standardized residuals in only six cases, and the null hypothesis of no autocorrelation in the standardized squared residuals in only one case (Table 3).

¹⁷ In order to facilitate cross-country comparisons, we drop pre-1996 data, which are available only for Asia.

Table 3
Parameter estimates for mean equations and LB test statistics

	Local markets					Regional markets			
	β_{11}	β_{12}	β_{13}	$LB_{(10)}$	$LB^2_{(10)}$	β_{22}	β_{23}	$LB_{(10)}$	$LB^2_{(10)}$
<i>Emerging Asia</i>									
China	0.081 *	0.024	0.096 *	12.70	7.75	0.052	0.126 ***	9.36	11.48
Hong Kong	-0.028	-0.041	0.115 ***	10.64	7.89	0.055 *	0.175 ***	14.20 **	5.59
India	0.020	0.053	0.215 ***	17.87 *	3.84	0.072 *	0.133 *	11.50	9.03
Indonesia	0.020	-0.017	0.303 ***	21.76 *	7.85	0.090 ***	0.123 ***	9.41	11.46
Korea	-0.058	0.019	0.211 ***	13.63	10.15	0.032	0.163 ***	9.37	5.76
Malaysia	-0.022	0.054	0.122 **	12.77	7.70	0.067 *	0.154 ***	5.78	11.62
Pakistan	0.136 ***	0.075	0.157 ***	16.73 *	15.13	0.091 **	0.135 ***	5.78	11.61
Philippines	-0.026	0.046	0.257 ***	9.20	10.62	0.074 **	0.142 *	9.44	11.67
Singapore	-0.008	0.008	0.218 ***	8.09	12.42	0.060 *	0.151 ***	9.38	11.56
Sri-Lanka	0.232 ***	0.039	0.023	4.59	9.44	0.088 **	0.141 ***	5.82	11.70
Taiwan	0.012	0.024	0.137 **	7.81	15.58	0.029	0.137 ***	9.96	11.83
Thailand	0.045	-0.027	0.199 ***	8.58	5.58	0.068 *	0.139 ***	9.37	11.55
<i>Latin America</i>									
Argentina	0.008	0.090	-0.047	10.05	7.65	-0.041	0.116 **	21.81 **	11.58
Brazil	-0.115 ***	0.037	0.201 **	12.92	5.20	0.077 **	-0.050	12.30	10.46
Chile	0.155 ***	0.074 ***	-0.055	11.08	16.02	-0.071 *	0.151 ***	21.73 **	10.49
Colombia	0.160 ***	0.068 *	-0.019	8.40	5.15	-0.019	0.078	9.93	8.37
Ecuador	0.133 **	0.061	-0.114	12.42	7.97	-0.014	0.051	22.17 **	9.66
Mexico	-0.028	0.022	-0.069	4.75	19.75	-0.016	0.074	14.86 *	7.69
Peru	0.131 ***	0.091 **	-0.010	15.82	4.91	-0.050	-0.020	21.48 **	11.01
Venezuela	0.123	0.108 **	-0.119	13.41	3.76	-0.048	0.105 *	20.98 **	10.38
<i>Emerging Europe</i>									
Bulgaria	0.151 ***	0.141 **	-0.195 **	5.20	10.63	0.002	0.127 ***	6.79	9.59
Croatia	0.010	0.082 **	0.225 ***	7.54	7.44	0.004	0.157 ***	11.88	14.69
Czech Republic	-0.039	0.054	0.026	20.60 **	4.81	0.031	0.101 **	7.99	9.71
Estonia	0.092 **	0.136 ***	0.080	6.91	14.56	0.015	0.150 ***	9.43	10.89
Hungary	-0.069 **	0.089 **	0.174 ***	12.42	11.41	0.013	0.119 **	8.30	9.94
Israel	-0.074 *	0.035	0.162 ***	10.77	5.62	0.085 **	0.134 **	9.44	10.90
Latvia	0.095 **	0.216 ***	0.071	9.17	4.06	0.019	0.157 ***	7.97	9.69
Poland	-0.074 *	0.064	0.135 *	10.05	7.04	0.030	0.136 **	8.54	10.13
Romania	0.104 **	0.147 ***	-0.007	6.31	10.79	0.005	0.103 ***	20.35 **	7.02
Russia	-0.001	0.071	0.116	8.00	6.83	0.019	0.149 ***	9.41	10.87
Slovakia	0.096 **	0.014	-0.038	11.17	5.24	0.042	0.105 **	9.05	10.56
Slovenia	0.059	0.031	0.075 *	13.04	10.56	0.034	0.094 *	9.93	5.56
South Africa	-0.049	0.004	0.019	9.47	1.62	0.016	0.144 **	7.73	9.57
Turkey	-0.132 ***	0.127	0.253 **	15.73	13.61	0.011	0.088 **	8.64	10.21
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>									
Egypt	0.079 **	0.071	0.164 **	6.33	11.84	0.279 **	0.038	13.11 *	7.81
Jordan	0.124 **	0.060	0.009	10.37	13.80	0.198 ***	0.056	8.80	10.34
Kuwait	0.147 ***	0.111 ***	0.012	17.60 *	7.98	0.222 ***	0.048	8.80	4.67
Lebanon	-0.103 *	0.116 **	0.038	15.55	5.03	0.214 ***	0.050 **	10.58	17.36 **
Morocco	0.259 ***	0.029	0.071 ***	11.95	8.63	0.217 ***	0.052	8.22	9.85
Saudi Arabia	0.209 ***	-0.013	0.077 **	6.66	17.93 *	0.156 ***	0.092 ***	9.01	10.58
Tunisia	0.101 *	0.006	0.013	16.79 *	5.64	0.211 ***	0.064 *	12.12	11.29

Notes: ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1%, 5% and 10% levels. Standard errors (not reported) are calculated using the quasi-ML method of Bollerslev and Wooldridge (1992), which is robust to the distribution of the underlying residuals. $LB_{(10)}$ and $LB^2_{(10)}$ indicate the Ljung-Box autocorrelations test for ten lags in the standardized and standardized squared residuals; *, **, and *** denote rejection of the null of no autocorrelation at the 1%, 5% and 10% levels. A residual vector u_t with a t-student distribution has also been considered. The results (not reported) are qualitatively similar. The full set of results is available upon request.

The parameter estimates for the conditional means of emerging market returns suggest statistically significant spillovers-in-mean from mature stock markets to local markets for half of the EMEs analyzed. These include all but one of the Asian emerging markets and

nearly half of the countries in emerging Europe. By contrast, the estimates of the mean spillover parameter are insignificant (and negative) for all Latin American countries, except Brazil, and insignificant (though positive) for most countries in the Middle East and North Africa, except Egypt and Morocco. On the other hand, the estimated parameters of spillovers-in-mean from regional to local emerging markets are insignificant for all of emerging Asia, but positive and significant for half of the countries in Latin America, close to half of emerging Europe, as well as Kuwait and Lebanon in the Middle East.

The differences across regions in the parameters capturing spillovers-in-mean from regional emerging and global mature markets to local markets are striking, particularly for Asia and Latin America.¹⁸ Common factors not explicitly included in our model may explain part of this variation. Common factors relevant to the manufactures-exporting EMEs in Asia and Europe may be captured fairly well by mature market returns and, hence, are reflected in spillovers from mature markets to local emerging markets. In contrast, common factors relevant to the commodity-exporting emerging markets in Latin America may be less closely linked to mature stock markets and manifest themselves in stronger co-movements across the region and spillovers from regional to local markets.¹⁹

The estimated “own-market” coefficients of the conditional variances are statistically significant for all EMEs but one, and the estimates of g_{11} suggest a high degree of persistence, except in a few countries in Latin America and emerging Europe, and most countries in the Middle East and North Africa (Table 4.1 and 4.2). There is substantial evidence of spillovers-in-variance from mature stock markets to local emerging markets. While many of the estimated spillover coefficients have fairly large standard errors, at least one of the four parameters capturing these spillovers—in many cases one (or both) of the shift parameters—is significant for close to three quarters of the EMEs in our country sample.

¹⁸ The results for Asia are broadly in line with those obtained by Ng (2000), who emphasizes the importance of global factors relative to regional factors in Pacific Basin stock markets.

¹⁹ An alternative explanation for the observed differences in regional spillover effects would be that stock markets in Latin America are more interdependent than stock markets in emerging Asia; that is, idiosyncratic local shocks are more likely to become regionalized in the former than in the latter. However, empirical evidence on linkages across local markets in Asia before and after the Asian crisis does not support this view (see Caporale, Cipollini, and Spagnolo (2005)).

Table 4.1
Parameter estimates for variance-covariance equations: Emerging Asia and Latin America

	Local markets										Regional markets									
	ξ_{11}	ξ_{21}	ξ_{31}	ξ_{41}	ξ_{51}	ξ_{61}	ξ_{71}	ξ_{81}	ξ_{91}	ξ_{101}	ξ_{11}	ξ_{21}	ξ_{31}	ξ_{41}	ξ_{51}	ξ_{61}	ξ_{71}	ξ_{81}	ξ_{91}	ξ_{101}
<i>Emerging Asia</i>																				
China	0.275 ***	0.953 ***	0.002	-0.002	0.006	-0.049	-0.043	0.010	-0.026	-0.016	-0.199 **	0.934 **	0.735	0.268 **	-0.043	0.225				
Hong Kong	0.250 ***	0.967 ***	-0.136 **	0.062 *	0.014	-0.140 ***	-0.126	-0.008	0.086 ***	0.078	-0.048 *	0.134	0.086	0.045	-0.104	-0.059				
India	0.319 ***	0.922 ***	0.019	-0.007	0.047	-0.049	-0.002	-0.016	-0.003	-0.019	-0.025	0.188 **	0.163	0.013	-0.031	-0.018				
Indonesia	0.223 ***	0.961 ***	0.067 ***	-0.027 **	0.006	0.069	0.075	-0.009	-0.023	-0.032	-0.019	-0.129 **	-0.148	0.035 ***	0.065 ***	0.100				
Korea	0.268 ***	0.957 ***	-0.025	0.008	0.072 ***	-0.189 ***	-0.117	-0.019 **	0.051 **	0.032	-0.035	0.092	0.057	0.023	0.012	0.035				
Malaysia	0.328 ***	0.948 ***	0.054 *	-0.013	0.022	-0.062	-0.040	-0.007	0.029	0.022	-0.019	-0.053	-0.072	0.028 ***	0.039	0.067				
Pakistan	0.405 ***	0.807 ***	0.009	-0.025	-0.015	-0.055 **	-0.070	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.055	0.095 *	0.150	-0.023 **	-0.014	-0.037				
Philippines	0.165 ***	0.976 ***	0.035	-0.018	-0.025	0.089	0.064	0.004	-0.015	-0.011	0.000	-0.122	-0.122	-0.008	0.068 *	0.060				
Singapore	0.319 ***	0.942 ***	-0.032	0.024	0.075 ***	-0.080	-0.005	-0.032 **	0.064 ***	0.032	-0.015	-0.051	-0.066	0.030 ***	0.001	0.031				
Sri-Lanka	0.412 ***	0.898 ***	0.025	-0.009	0.002	-0.147 ***	-0.145	-0.003	0.069 ***	0.066	0.059	-0.060	-0.001	-0.026	0.043 *	0.017				
Taiwan	0.293 ***	0.933 ***	-0.057	0.027 ***	-0.099 ***	0.060	-0.039	0.134 ***	0.128 **	0.262	-0.037	-0.244	-0.281	0.111 *	0.197 *	0.308				
Thailand	0.191 ***	0.978 ***	-0.018	0.015 *	-0.021	-0.184 **	-0.205	0.013 *	0.033 *	0.046	0.037	0.225 **	0.262	-0.024	-0.011	-0.035				
<i>Latin America</i>																				
Argentina	0.245 ***	0.955 ***	0.007	-0.014	0.025	-0.127 ***	-0.102	-0.014 **	0.021 *	0.007	0.001	0.127 **	0.128	-0.02 *	0.021 *	0.004				
Brazil	0.377 ***	0.881 ***	0.013	0.020	0.010	-0.051	-0.041	0.014	0.039 *	0.053	0.036	0.035	0.071	-0.04 **	-0.01	-0.050				
Chile	0.332 ***	0.918 ***	-0.058	0.033	-0.076	0.276 ***	0.200	0.015	-0.078 ***	-0.063	0.073 ***	-0.13 ***	-0.060	-0.02 *	0.052 ***	0.033				
Colombia	0.498 ***	0.578 ***	0.076 **	-0.160 ***	0.014	-0.006	0.008	-0.066 **	0.038 *	-0.028	0.051	-0.04	0.016	-0.02 *	0.022	0.007				
Ecuador	0.775 ***	0.791 ***	0.003	-0.001	0.059	0.742 ***	0.801	-0.031	-0.323	-0.354	-0.18 **	0.512 ***	0.328	0.352 ***	-0.01	0.346				
Mexico	0.402 ***	0.714 ***	-0.156 **	-0.165	-0.029	0.138	0.109	0.032	0.039	0.071	-0.02	-0.13	-0.157	0.015	0.043	0.058				
Peru	0.322 ***	0.931 ***	0.002	0.021	-0.003	-0.040 *	-0.043	0.011	0.026 **	0.037	0.059 **	-0.02	0.040	-0.02	0.007	-0.017				
Venezuela	0.633 ***	0.631 **	0.031	-0.027	-0.001	0.024	0.023	-0.009	0.007	-0.002	0.022	-0.04	-0.017	-0.02 *	0.034	0.015				

Notes: ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1%, 5% and 10% levels respectively. Standard errors (S.E.) are calculated using the quasi-maximum likelihood method of Bollerslev and Wooldridge (1992), which is robust to the distribution of the underlying residuals. The covariance stationarity condition is satisfied for the models, with all eigenvalues of $A + G$ G less than one in modulus.

Table 4.2
Parameter estimates for variance-covariance equations: Emerging Europe and Middle East

	Local markets										Regional markets					
	a ₁₁	g ₁₁	a ₂₁	g ₂₁	a ₃₁	a _{31d}	a _{31+d31d}	g ₃₁	g _{31d}	g ₃₁ + g _{31d}	a ₃₂	a _{32d}	a _{32+d32d}	g ₃₂	g _{32d}	g ₃₂ + g _{32d}
<i>Emerging Europe</i>																
Bulgaria	0.354 ***	0.936 ***	-0.014	0.027 **	-0.094 ***	0.033	-0.061	0.043 ***	-0.032	0.011	0.080	0.052	0.132	0.000	0.129 ***	0.129
Croatia	0.382 ***	0.885 ***	0.119 ***	-0.071 ***	0.031	0.029	0.060	-0.034 ***	0.020	-0.014	0.053 **	-0.09 **	-0.039	-0.022 *	0.055 ***	0.033
Czech Republic	0.442 **	0.840 ***	0.210 ***	-0.102 ***	0.100 ***	0.193 ***	0.293	-0.067 ***	0.020	-0.047	0.086 ***	-0.204 ***	-0.118	-0.013 ***	0.048 ***	0.035
Estonia	0.353 ***	0.929 ***	0.048	0.036	0.029	0.068	0.097	-0.038 ***	-0.027	-0.065	-0.047	-0.035	-0.082	0.053	0.236 **	0.289
Hungary	0.397 ***	0.839 ***	0.087 **	-0.055 ***	0.026	-0.042	-0.016	-0.023 *	0.047 **	0.024	0.066 ***	-0.014	0.052	-0.019 ***	0.016	-0.003
Israel	0.197 ***	0.974 ***	0.120	-0.022	-0.076	0.543 ***	0.467	0.049	0.103	0.152	-0.051	-0.108	-0.159	0.059	-0.001	0.058
Latvia	0.627 ***	0.834 ***	0.007	0.005	0.032 ***	-0.043 **	-0.011	-0.015 ***	0.034 ***	0.019	0.081 ***	-0.04 *	0.040	-0.027 ***	0.034 **	0.007
Poland	0.292 ***	0.931 ***	0.019	-0.042	-0.032	0.004	-0.028	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.059 *	-0.087	-0.028	-0.028 ***	0.078 **	0.050
Romania	0.443 ***	0.887 ***	-0.022	0.028	0.007	0.063 *	0.070	0.000	-0.020 *	-0.020	0.099 ***	-0.137 ***	-0.038	-0.018 *	0.052 ***	0.034
Russia	0.370 ***	0.915 ***	0.017	-0.010	0.000	-0.201 *	-0.201	0.003	0.012	0.015	-0.150 ***	0.342 ***	0.192	0.334	0.254 *	0.588
Slovakia	0.546 ***	0.552 ***	0.116 **	-0.019	0.054	-0.164	-0.110	-0.027	0.079	0.052	0.079 ***	-0.064 *	0.015	-0.025 ***	0.039 ***	0.014
Slovenia	0.523 ***	0.653 ***	0.001	-0.110 **	0.025	-0.152	-0.127	0.022	0.342 ***	0.364	-0.068	0.036	-0.032	0.029	0.139 ***	0.168
South Africa	0.337 ***	0.769 ***	0.038	-0.084	0.028	0.101	0.129	-0.029	-0.001	-0.030	0.055	-0.147	-0.092	-0.025 **	0.071 ***	0.046
Turkey	0.222 ***	0.973 ***	0.036 *	-0.008 **	0.059 ***	-0.136	-0.077	-0.010 *	0.029 *	0.019	-0.001	0.117 **	0.116	-0.007	0.022	0.015
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>																
Egypt	-0.382 ***	-0.205	-0.034 *	-0.109 **	-0.037	-0.218 ***	-0.255	-0.251	-0.549 ***	-0.800	-0.077	0.083	0.006	0.026	-0.014	0.012
Jordan	0.492 ***	0.551 ***	0.075	0.043	0.031	0.509	0.540	-0.088	-0.778	-0.866	-0.079	-0.229	-0.308	0.066	0.543	0.609
Kuwait	0.435 ***	0.777 ***	0.003	0.069	-0.027	-1.511 ***	-1.538	0.051	0.929 ***	0.980	-0.102 ***	0.568 ***	0.466	0.051	-0.274	-0.223
Lebanon	0.716 **	0.455 ***	0.019	0.040	0.062 **	-0.701 ***	-0.639	-0.049	0.760 ***	0.711	-0.069	0.003	-0.066	0.054 *	-0.086	-0.032
Morocco	0.499 ***	0.122	0.120 **	-0.098	0.097 **	0.197	0.294	0.101	1.027 **	1.128	-0.085 ***	0.027	-0.058	0.042	0.006	0.048
Saudi Arabia	0.432 **	-0.888 ***	0.068	-0.095 **	-0.026	0.108	0.082	0.025	0.010	0.035	-0.099 *	-0.263 **	-0.362	-0.285 ***	0.595 ***	0.310
Tunisia	0.674 ***	0.477 ***	-0.046	-0.020	0.389 ***	-0.415	-0.026	0.547 ***	1.468 ***	2.015	-0.036	0.196	0.160	0.151 ***	0.007	0.158

Notes: ***, **, and * denote significance at the 1%, 5% and 10% levels respectively. Standard errors (S.E.) are calculated using the quasi-maximum likelihood method of Bollerslev and Wooldridge (1992), which is robust to the distribution of the underlying residuals. The covariance stationarity condition is satisfied for the models, with all eigenvalues of $A + G$ G less than one in modulus.

The results of the Wald tests strongly reject the null hypothesis of no volatility spillovers whatsoever from mature markets (H01) for well over three quarters of the EME sample, including all EMEs in Asia, except China, India, and the Philippines; all countries in Latin America, except Mexico and Venezuela; all EMEs in the Middle East and North Africa; and over two thirds of the countries in emerging Europe (Table 5). These tests also suggest that in many EMEs the transmission of volatility changes during turbulent episodes in mature markets. Indeed, stock markets in some EMEs appear to be affected only during such periods. While the hypothesis of no shift in the spillover parameters during turbulent episodes in mature markets (H02) is rejected for sixty percent of the sample, we reject the hypothesis of no volatility spillovers over the full sample period (H03) for just forty percent of the EMEs covered. We find evidence of spillovers over the whole sample period but no shifts in the parameters for only four EMEs (Colombia, Estonia, India, and Taiwan). For well over a third of the countries, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, the tests also point to spillovers-in-variance from regional to local emerging markets (H04). In many of these cases, the regional markets are in turn affected by spillovers from mature markets (H05, H06, and H07) and may thus act as a conduit for volatility transmission.

The estimated conditional variances of local stock returns are, on average, higher during mature market turbulences than during non-turbulent periods in three quarters of the sample EMEs. This difference is statistically significant in over half of the cases (Table 6). Tests for the three sub-periods 1996-99, 2000-03, and 2004-08 reveal marked differences. During 1996-99, when turbulence in mature markets coincided, and indeed was likely affected, by turbulence in several emerging markets, volatility “shifts” occurred in all but four of the sample EMEs outside the Middle East and North Africa, and well over half of these are statistically significant. By contrast, during the mature market turbulences of 2000-03— which include 9/11, the bursting of the dotcom bubble, and the Enron/Worldcom events— conditional variances in nearly two thirds of the EMEs were, in fact, lower than during non-turbulent periods. During 2004-08—a period featuring large capital inflows to EMEs— mature market turbulences coincide with increased local market volatility in three quarters of the country sample, but fewer than half of these shifts are statistically significant.

Table 5
Wald tests of restrictions on spillover parameters

	Local markets				Regional markets			
	H01: $a_{31}=a_{31d}=g_{31}=g_{31d}=0$	H02: $a_{31d}=g_{31d}=0$	H03: $a_{31}=g_{31}=0$	H04: $a_{21}=g_{21}=0$	H05: $a_{32}=a_{32d}=g_{32}=g_{32d}=0$	H06: $a_{32d}=g_{32d}=0$	H07: $a_{32}=g_{32}=0$	
<i>Emerging Asia</i>								
China	1.330	0.485	1.128	0.267	18.523 ***	15.464 ***	6.070 **	
Hong Kong	17.063 ***	11.368 ***	0.488	4.908 *	4.581	2.048	3.794	
India	7.242	0.760	4.664 *	0.380	11.394 **	5.922 *	0.256	
Indonesia	9.689 **	2.901	3.425	12.198 ***	21.492 ***	9.788 ***	16.629 ***	
Korea	36.438 ***	18.711 ***	11.053 ***	0.688	14.330 ***	5.026 *	2.547	
Malaysia	15.457 ***	0.635	4.396	2.303	12.320 **	8.635 **	10.673 ***	
Pakistan	11.807 **	7.820 **	0.850	1.518	8.467 *	3.783	4.856 *	
Philippines	3.401	2.057	1.280	0.168	3.328	3.210	0.211	
Singapore	17.414 ***	8.123 **	7.373 **	2.285	19.273 ***	1.338	12.071 ***	
Sri-Lanka	14.806 ***	12.955 ***	0.664	1.243	4.732	3.604	1.261	
Taiwan	17.799 ***	4.563	17.032 ***	7.204 **	3.672	3.258	2.881	
Thailand	8.832 *	5.132 *	2.963	3.074	9.570 **	7.549 **	1.410	
<i>Latin America</i>								
Argentina	14.641 ***	8.193 **	7.429 **	5.367 *	10.559 **	7.090 **	4.485	
Brazil	10.222 **	4.694 *	1.929	2.786	5.213	0.186	4.674 *	
Chile	27.010 ***	21.694 ***	2.251	0.241	19.429 ***	13.168 ***	8.189 **	
Colombia	10.014 **	3.137	6.381 **	8.474 **	3.816	1.806	3.491	
Ecuador	24.940 ***	10.402 ***	5.445 *	0.028	33.353 ***	10.654 ***	18.013 ***	
Mexico	3.204	2.090	0.115	4.057	4.289	2.342	0.149	
Peru	14.908 ***	8.112 **	1.501	2.625	7.112	0.528	4.532	
Venezuela	1.577	1.302	0.751	0.315	6.693	0.961	3.389	
<i>Emerging Europe</i>								
Bulgaria	38.750 ***	18.286 ***	26.075 ***	21.450 ***	53.707 ***	4.327	35.408 ***	
Croatia	21.452 ***	2.735	11.573 ***	1.009	13.434 ***	9.706 ***	0.446	
Czech Republic	60.930 ***	21.651 ***	31.412 ***	30.658 ***	52.412 ***	48.528 ***	11.671 ***	
Estonia	12.915 **	2.394	10.799 ***	3.909	13.784 ***	9.401 ***	4.141	
Hungary	10.042 **	6.753 **	3.679	8.116 **	21.337 ***	1.892	20.152 ***	
Israel	12.179 **	11.969 ***	0.925	0.560	8.555 *	3.852	1.726	
Latvia	29.464 ***	21.044 ***	6.785 **	1.929	27.012 ***	5.212 *	25.855 ***	
Poland	1.999	0.009	1.633	2.361	10.852 **	4.341	7.067 **	
Romania	16.762 ***	9.686 ***	6.086 **	14.515 ***	64.802 ***	31.736 ***	41.281 ***	
Russia	4.187	4.115	0.100	0.559	13.757 ***	8.989 **	9.933 ***	
Slovakia	4.080	2.712	2.285	10.053 ***	23.890 ***	8.844 **	19.519 ***	
Slovenia	9.221 *	8.750 **	1.866	9.464 ***	21.598 ***	17.261 ***	1.875	
South Africa	1.599	1.316	0.059	0.553	22.589 ***	17.038 ***	4.967 *	
Turkey	62.896 ***	28.642 ***	25.503 ***	3.663	20.596 ***	18.162 ***	1.814	
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>								
Egypt	43.172 ***	15.337 ***	3.088	6.431 **	3.567	0.234	3.202	
Jordan	8.843 *	2.806	1.575	4.679 *	2.442	0.551	1.263	
Kuwait	70.816 ***	57.707 ***	0.806	0.584	18.233 ***	13.099 ***	8.197 **	
Lebanon	47.422 ***	40.353 ***	4.465	8.908 **	3.128	0.623	2.849	
Morocco	16.156 ***	9.207 **	6.853 **	4.969 *	8.861 *	0.015	6.854 **	
Saudi Arabia	9.033 *	8.689 **	1.222	11.600 ***	17.721 ***	8.329 **	10.965 ***	
Tunisia	46.612 ***	24.684 ***	18.999 ***	1.967	9.183 *	3.171	4.926 *	

Notes: Rejection of the null hypothesis at the 1%, 5% and 10% is denoted by ***, **, and * respectively. The chi-squared critical values at 1%, 5% and 10% respectively for 4 degrees of freedom are 13.277, 9.488, and 7.779; and for 2 degrees of freedom are 9.210, 5.991, and 4.605.

Table 6

Tests of changes in EME conditional variances during turbulent episodes in mature markets

	H0: $s_{ntp} = s_{tp}$				H1: $s_{ntp} < s_{tp}$			
	Full sample : 1996-2008		Sub-sample: 2004-08		Sub-sample: 2000-03		Sub-sample: 1996-98	
	s_{tp} / s_{ntp}	Reject H0	s_{tp} / s_{ntp}	Reject H0	s_{tp} / s_{ntp}	Reject H0	s_{tp} / s_{ntp}	Reject H0
<i>Emerging Asia</i>								
China	1.049		1.729	**	1.077		0.711	
Hong Kong	1.411	**	2.131	***	1.000		1.545	*
India	0.894		1.412	*	0.579		0.879	
Indonesia	1.159		1.345		0.995		1.240	
Korea	1.095		1.607	**	0.980		1.034	
Malaysia	1.524	***	1.798	**	0.936		1.865	***
Pakistan	1.117		1.206		0.963		1.243	
Philippines	1.079		1.193		0.869		1.242	
Singapore	1.324	**	2.404	***	0.872		1.418	*
Sri-Lanka	0.791		0.447		0.744		1.743	**
Taiwan	1.135		1.392		0.874		1.272	
Thailand	0.930		1.168		0.802		0.972	
<i>Latin America</i>								
Argentina	1.212	*	0.940		1.123		1.435	*
Brazil	1.738	***	1.295		1.252		2.484	***
Chile	1.430	***	2.172	***	0.893		1.461	*
Colombia	1.154		1.586	**	0.915		1.037	
Ecuador	0.323		0.372		0.280		0.324	
Mexico	1.377	**	1.309		1.041		1.867	***
Peru	1.628	***	2.256	***	0.856		1.655	**
Venezuela	1.054		0.749		0.730		1.543	*
<i>Emerging Europe</i>								
Bulgaria	1.086		1.255		0.880		na	
Croatia	1.054		1.122		0.791		1.365	
Czech Republic	1.625	***	1.806	**	1.357		1.842	**
Estonia	1.759	***	1.306		0.965		2.554	***
Hungary	1.619	***	1.237		1.303		2.419	***
Israel	1.004		1.133		0.861		1.074	
Latvia	4.253	***	1.717	**	5.299	***	2.916	***
Poland	1.262	*	1.433	*	0.912		1.636	**
Romania	1.377	**	1.373		0.650		2.211	***
Russia	1.573	***	1.046		0.893		2.440	***
Slovakia	0.795		0.677		0.935		0.728	
Slovenia	1.388	**	1.871	***	1.384	*	1.242	
South Africa	1.431	***	1.270		1.186		2.039	***
Turkey	1.062		1.154		0.919		1.164	
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>								
Egypt	0.982		0.973		0.991		0.975	
Jordan	1.075		0.956		1.245		1.090	
Kuwait	1.007		0.902		1.357		0.803	
Lebanon	0.668		0.526		0.896		0.586	
Morocco	1.000		1.028		1.066		0.882	
Saudi Arabia	1.441	**	1.865	***	1.179		0.771	
Tunisia	1.175		0.871		1.159		1.823	*

Notes: s_{ntp} and s_{tp} indicate averages of the predicted conditional variances $h_{1,t}$ for non-turbulent periods and turbulent periods, respectively, in the full sample and the sub-samples. ***, **, * denote rejection of the null hypothesis at the 1%, 5%, and 10% levels. Degrees of freedom, and hence critical values of the F distribution, vary due to slight variations in the length of country samples.

While conditional correlations between emerging and mature market returns are, on average, higher during turbulent episodes in four out of five sample EMEs, the increase is statistically significant in only seven countries (Table 7); five of these are in emerging Europe (Czech Republic, Israel, Latvia, Poland, and Romania). A comparison of the three sub-periods suggests that statistically significant increases in conditional correlations during turbulences in mature markets have become more common (but are still fairly rare) in the most recent period, were rare during 2000-03, and completely absent during 1996-99.

Even though volatility in most emerging markets rises during turbulent episodes, volatility in mature markets tends to rise more. As pointed out by Forbes and Rigobon (2002), such increases in relative volatility may be the main source of increasing conditional correlations during crisis periods. This appears to be the case in many of the sample EMEs. Conditional beta coefficients are, on average, unchanged or lower during turbulent episodes in well over half of the countries (Table 8). We find statistically significant increase in conditional betas in only four countries (Czech Republic, Latvia, Peru, and Romania).

Table 7

Tests of differences in conditional correlations: turbulent and 'normal' periods in mature markets

	H0: $r_{ntp} \geq r_{tp}$											
	Full sample: 1996-2008			Sub-sample: 2004-08			Sub-sample: 2000-03			Sub-sample: 1996-98		
	r_{ntp}	r_{tp}	Reject H0:	r_{ntp}	r_{tp}	Reject H0:	r_{ntp}	r_{tp}	Reject H0:	r_{ntp}	r_{tp}	Reject H0:
<i>Emerging Asia</i>												
China	0.043	0.031		0.079	0.148		0.006	-0.074		0.040	0.047	
Hong Kong	0.605	0.592		0.579	0.602		0.690	0.723		0.552	0.401	
India	0.302	0.335		0.436	0.517		0.338	0.250		0.125	0.255	
Indonesia	0.326	0.340		0.488	0.534		0.141	0.152		0.332	0.390	
Korea	0.499	0.497		0.611	0.583		0.529	0.573		0.351	0.300	
Malaysia	0.343	0.391		0.401	0.530		0.284	0.390		0.338	0.242	
Pakistan	0.126	0.138		0.181	0.206		0.088	0.121		0.104	0.087	
Philippines	0.376	0.391		0.478	0.560		0.314	0.270		0.327	0.377	
Singapore	0.503	0.557		0.623	0.691		0.518	0.604		0.362	0.348	
Sri-Lanka	0.019	0.081		-0.042	0.146		0.030	0.003		0.073	0.118	
Taiwan	0.343	0.477	*	0.281	0.416		0.417	0.552		0.337	0.440	
Thailand	0.381	0.467		0.371	0.580	*	0.444	0.431		0.331	0.395	
<i>Latin America</i>												
Argentina	0.435	0.504		0.536	0.746	**	0.324	0.298		0.434	0.526	
Brazil	0.572	0.596		0.637	0.721		0.527	0.562		0.547	0.508	
Chile	0.380	0.450		0.441	0.547		0.368	0.429		0.327	0.376	
Colombia	0.198	0.244		0.284	0.322		0.137	0.151		0.166	0.289	
Ecuador	-0.033	-0.063		-0.038	-0.030		-0.055	-0.159		-0.008	0.032	
Mexico	0.628	0.666		0.676	0.695		0.604	0.698		0.600	0.593	
Peru	0.256	0.437	**	0.270	0.619	**	0.272	0.341		0.225	0.374	
Venezuela	0.192	0.234		0.207	0.250		0.173	0.166		0.195	0.310	
<i>Emerging Europe</i>												
Bulgaria	0.008	0.000		0.034	0.020		-0.032	-0.015		na	na	
Croatia	0.258	0.297		0.133	0.217		0.300	0.361		0.382	0.293	
Czech Republic	0.350	0.620	***	0.426	0.703	**	0.352	0.645	**	0.258	0.466	
Estonia	0.253	0.343		0.370	0.364		0.257	0.389		0.111	0.239	
Hungary	0.458	0.556		0.508	0.591		0.425	0.578		0.435	0.472	
Israel	0.440	0.658	***	0.404	0.652	**	0.453	0.682	**	0.468	0.624	
Latvia	0.124	0.283	*	0.114	0.266		0.136	0.278		0.122	0.313	
Poland	0.469	0.590	*	0.548	0.620		0.448	0.632	*	0.397	0.479	
Romania	0.085	0.249	*	0.166	0.491	**	-0.001	0.023		0.079	0.319	
Russia	0.373	0.405		0.424	0.594		0.411	0.422		0.273	0.127	
Slovakia	0.023	-0.062		-0.002	-0.073		0.053	-0.104		0.022	0.024	
Slovenia	0.103	0.241		0.098	0.249		0.081	0.256		0.132	0.207	
South Africa	0.583	0.632		0.671	0.662		0.540	0.603		0.526	0.642	
Turkey	0.340	0.438		0.399	0.661	**	0.283	0.318		0.331	0.346	
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>												
Egypt	0.130	0.195		0.145	0.184		0.118	0.224		0.126	0.168	
Jordan	0.073	-0.088		0.068	-0.115		0.072	-0.040		0.080	-0.124	
Kuwait	-0.021	0.111		-0.021	0.039		-0.035	0.136		-0.007	0.155	
Lebanon	0.088	0.191		0.115	0.148		0.057	0.168		0.089	0.269	
Morocco	0.063	0.125		0.087	0.149		0.041	0.129		0.059	0.095	
Saudi Arabia	0.030	0.003		0.023	-0.047		0.040	0.029		0.024	0.037	
Tunisia	0.098	0.161		0.100	0.123		0.118	0.207		0.052	0.115	

Notes: r_{ntp} and r_{tp} indicate the average conditional correlation coefficients for non-turbulent periods and turbulent periods, respectively, in the full sample and the sub-samples. ***, **, * denote rejection of the one-tail tests of the null hypothesis at the 1%, 5%, and 10% levels. Tests are based on the Fisher transformation of the conditional correlation coefficients, whose distribution is approximately normal with the mean $1/2 * [\ln((1+r)/(1-r))]$ and the variance $1/(n-3)$.

Table 8

Tests of differences in conditional betas: turbulent and non-turbulent periods in mature markets

	H0: $b_{ntp} \geq b_{tp}$											
	Full sample: 1996-2008			Sub-sample: 2004-08			Sub-sample: 2000-03			Sub-sample: 1996-98		
	b_{ntp}	b_{tp}	Reject H0:	b_{ntp}	b_{tp}	Reject H0:	b_{ntp}	b_{tp}	Reject H0:	b_{ntp}	b_{tp}	Reject H0:
<i>Emerging Asia</i>												
China	0.099	0.035		0.162	0.170		0.006	-0.086		0.122	0.057	
Hong Kong	0.966	0.819		0.872	0.913		1.017	0.800		1.015	0.746	
India	0.664	0.555		1.041	0.987		0.640	0.323		0.287	0.412	
Indonesia	0.632	0.579		0.988	0.877		0.206	0.186		0.665	0.797	
Korea	1.006	0.817		1.147	0.956		1.035	0.894		0.829	0.562	
Malaysia	0.492	0.491		0.440	0.547		0.324	0.350		0.708	0.623	
Pakistan	0.254	0.223		0.396	0.331		0.128	0.160		0.225	0.193	
Philippines	0.705	0.567		0.977	0.826		0.494	0.289		0.619	0.670	
Singapore	0.675	0.714		0.765	0.916		0.673	0.600		0.581	0.652	
Sri-Lanka	-0.036	0.089		-0.181	0.130		-0.015	0.003		0.097	0.162	
Taiwan	0.644	0.565		0.487	0.434		0.842	0.701		0.619	0.518	
Thailand	0.765	0.668		0.702	0.787		0.787	0.471		0.811	0.810	
<i>Latin America</i>												
Argentina	0.976	0.886		1.286	1.213		0.623	0.459		0.985	1.120	
Brazil	1.245	1.206		1.514	1.360		0.942	0.875		1.250	1.494	
Chile	0.353	0.361		0.466	0.532		0.255	0.215		0.327	0.378	
Colombia	0.314	0.294		0.549	0.503		0.136	0.112		0.236	0.320	
Ecuador	-0.019	-0.051		-0.039	-0.012		-0.040	-0.141		0.024	0.032	
Mexico	1.107	0.858		1.267	0.931		0.984	0.709		1.056	0.982	
Peru	0.398	0.665 **		0.568	1.278 **		0.279	0.251		0.334	0.576	
Venezuela	0.411	0.424		0.470	0.385		0.293	0.188		0.460	0.791	
<i>Emerging Europe</i>												
Bulgaria	0.015	-0.019		0.066	0.019		-0.062	-0.049				
Croatia	0.493	0.327		0.187	0.206		0.568	0.381		0.830	0.407	
Czech Republic	0.558	0.755 **		0.780	1.005		0.481	0.663		0.380	0.578	
Estonia	0.381	0.415		0.484	0.354		0.413	0.406		0.225	0.508	
Hungary	0.838	0.875		1.054	0.927		0.610	0.740		0.826	1.034	
Israel	0.657	0.581		0.523	0.574		0.752	0.617		0.714	0.532	
Latvia	0.298	0.793 *		0.223	0.418		0.285	0.948		0.398	1.025	
Poland	0.803	0.761		1.010	0.864		0.663	0.641		0.708	0.827	
Romania	0.208	0.531 *		0.426	1.030 *		-0.013	0.027		0.172	0.752	
Russia	1.148	0.675		1.073	0.891		1.283	0.762		1.094	0.242	
Slovakia	0.035	-0.050		0.018	-0.066		0.054	-0.082		0.035	0.027	
Slovenia	0.128	0.181		0.109	0.185		0.087	0.185		0.193	0.168	
South Africa	0.854	0.712		1.134	0.835		0.681	0.565		0.710	0.797	
Turkey	1.052	1.028		1.163	1.433		0.866	0.729		1.121	0.998	
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>												
Egypt	0.257	0.200		0.289	0.190		0.238	0.230		0.240	0.170	
Jordan	0.084	-0.049		0.086	-0.069		0.079	-0.017		0.086	-0.070	
Kuwait	-0.022	0.053		-0.025	0.017		-0.032	0.060		-0.008	0.081	
Lebanon	0.170	0.130		0.230	0.101		0.123	0.109		0.150	0.189	
Morocco	0.065	0.066		0.095	0.078		0.039	0.068		0.059	0.051	
Saudi Arabia	0.036	-0.051		0.036	-0.174		0.038	0.017		0.032	0.033	
Tunisia	0.079	0.061		0.079	0.045		0.095	0.079		0.048	0.043	

Notes: b_{ntp} and b_{tp} indicate the average conditional betas for non-turbulent and turbulent periods, respectively, in the full sample and the sub-samples. ***, **, * denote rejection of the one-tail tests of the null hypothesis at the 1%, 5%, and 10% levels. Tests are based on $Z = (b_{ntp} - b_{tp}) / (s(b)_{ntp} + s(b)_{tp})^{1/2}$, with $s(b)_{ntp}$ and $s(b)_{tp}$ indicating the estimated variance of b during non-turbulent and turbulent periods, respectively.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The main objective of this study was to examine contagion from mature to emerging equity markets—a relatively under-researched topic in the vast literature on financial spillovers and contagion. Specifically, the aim was to model and test for volatility spillovers, that is, causality in variance, running from mature to emerging stock markets and to examine the implications for conditional correlations between emerging and mature markets. Tri-variate GARCH-BEKK models covering returns in local emerging markets, regional emerging markets, and mature markets were estimated for 41 EMEs, and tests for the presence of spillovers, as well as tests for shifts in the spillover parameters during turbulent episodes were carried out.

The results are a “first cut” and further analyses are no doubt needed to explore the linkages between mature and emerging stock markets during turbulent episodes in the former. Nonetheless, the analysis provides a number of interesting insights. In particular, it suggests that spillovers from mature markets do influence the dynamics of conditional variances of returns in many local and regional emerging stock markets. Moreover, there is evidence of changes in the spillover parameters during turbulent episodes in mature markets. We reject the null hypothesis of no volatility spillovers or contagion for four out of five of the EMEs in our sample, and we reject the null of no shift in the spillover parameters for most of these countries. Indeed, in several EMEs, spillovers from mature markets appear to be present only during turbulent episodes in these markets.

We find that conditional variances in most local emerging markets have been higher during turbulent episodes in mature markets than during non-turbulent periods. While not all increases in local volatility are statistically significant, this evidence suggests that it may not be appropriate to assume constant variance in non-crisis EMEs in conditional correlation analyses. However, even though rising volatility in mature markets gets transmitted to emerging markets, the spillover tends to be incomplete. Changes in conditional correlations between mature and emerging markets during turbulences in the former appear to have been driven in many cases by a relatively larger rise in mature market volatility, with beta coefficients either unchanged or lower compared to non-turbulent periods.

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APPENDIX I

Table A 1. Variance and Covariance Equations with Contagion Dummy 1/

Variance of returns in local emerging stock markets

$$\begin{aligned} h_{11,t} = & c_{11}^2 + a_{11}^2 e_{1,t-1}^2 + a_{21}^2 e_{2,t-1}^2 + (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D)^2 e_{3,t-1}^2 \\ & + 2 a_{11} a_{21} e_{1,t-1} e_{2,t-1} + 2 a_{11} (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) e_{1,t-1} e_{3,t-1} + 2 a_{21} (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) e_{2,t-1} e_{3,t-1} \\ & + g_{11}^2 h_{11,t-1} + g_{21}^2 h_{22,t-1} + (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D)^2 h_{33,t-1} \\ & + 2 g_{11} g_{21} h_{12,t-1} + 2 g_{11} (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) h_{13,t-1} + 2 g_{21} (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) h_{23,t-1} \end{aligned}$$

Variance of returns in regional emerging stock markets

$$\begin{aligned} h_{22,t} = & (c_{12}^2 + c_{22}^2) + a_{22}^2 e_{2,t-1}^2 + (a_{32} + a_{32d} \cdot D)^2 e_{3,t-1}^2 \\ & + 2 a_{22} (a_{32} + a_{32d} \cdot D) e_{2,t-1} e_{3,t-1} \\ & + g_{22}^2 h_{22,t-1} + (g_{32} + g_{32d} \cdot D)^2 h_{33,t-1} + 2 g_{22} (g_{32} + g_{32d} \cdot D) h_{23,t-1} \end{aligned}$$

Variance of returns in mature stock markets

$$h_{33,t} = (c_{13}^2 + c_{23}^2 + c_{33}^2) + a_{33}^2 e_{3,t-1}^2 + g_{33}^2 h_{33,t-1}$$

Covariance of returns in local and regional emerging markets

$$\begin{aligned} h_{12,t} = & c_{11} c_{12} + a_{21} a_{22} e_{2,t-1}^2 + (a_{32} + a_{32d} \cdot D)(a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) e_{3,t-1}^2 \\ & + (a_{22} (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) + a_{21} (a_{32} + a_{32d} \cdot D)) e_{2,t-1} e_{3,t-1} \\ & + a_{11} a_{22} e_{1,t-1} e_{2,t-1} + a_{11} (a_{32} + a_{32d} \cdot D) e_{1,t-1} e_{3,t-1} \\ & + g_{21} g_{22} h_{22,t-1} + (g_{32} + g_{32d} \cdot D)(g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) h_{33,t-1} \\ & + (g_{22} (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) + g_{21} (g_{32} + g_{32d} \cdot D)) h_{23,t-1} \\ & + g_{11} g_{22} h_{12,t-1} + g_{11} (g_{32} + g_{32d} \cdot D) h_{13,t-1} \end{aligned}$$

Covariance of returns in local emerging markets and mature markets

$$\begin{aligned} h_{13,t} = & c_{11} c_{13} + a_{11} a_{33} e_{1,t-1} e_{3,t-1} + a_{21} a_{33} e_{2,t-1} e_{3,t-1} + a_{33} (a_{31} + a_{31d} \cdot D) e_{3,t-1}^2 \\ & + g_{11} g_{33} h_{13,t-1} + g_{21} g_{33} h_{23,t-1} + g_{33} (g_{31} + g_{31d} \cdot D) h_{33,t-1} \end{aligned}$$

Covariance of returns in regional emerging markets and mature markets

$$\begin{aligned} h_{23,t} = & (c_{12} c_{13} + c_{23} c_{22}) + a_{22} a_{33} e_{2,t-1} e_{3,t-1} + a_{33} (a_{32} + a_{32d} \cdot D) e_{3,t-1}^2 \\ & + g_{22} g_{33} h_{23,t-1} + g_{33} (g_{32} + g_{32d} \cdot D) h_{33,t-1} \end{aligned}$$

1/ Based on equation (3).

Table A 2. Sources and Sample Sizes of Stock Market Indices

	Index 1/	Currency	Start date 2/	End date 2/
Emerging Asia				
China	Shanghai SE comp	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Hong Kong SAR 1/	Hang Seng	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
India	India BSE 100	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Indonesia	Jakarta SE comp	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Korea	KOSPI	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Malaysia	KLCI comp	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Pakistan	Karachi SE 100	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Philippines	PSEI	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Singapore	Singapore DS	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Sri-Lanka	Colombo SE all share	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Taiwan POC 1/	Taiwan SE weighted	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Thailand	Bangkok SET	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Latin America				
Argentina	Merval	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Brazil	Bovespa	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Chile	IGPA	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Colombia	IFGDCOL	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Ecuador	ECU\$	US dollar	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Mexico	IPC Bolsa	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Peru	IGBL	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Venezuela	Venezuela SE general	NC	3-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Emerging Europe				
Bulgaria	BSE Sofix	NC	1-Nov-00	12-Mar-08
Croatia	CROBEX	NC	15-Jan-97	12-Mar-08
Czech Republic	Prague SE PX	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Estonia	OMXT	Euro	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Hungary	BUX	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Israel	Israel TA 100	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Latvia	Nomura Latvia	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Poland	Warsaw General Index	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Romania	Romania BET	NC	1-Oct-97	12-Mar-08
Russia	S&P/IFCG Russia	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Slovakia	SAX 16	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Slovenia	SBI	Euro	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
South Africa	FTSE/JSE all share	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Turkey	ISE National 100	NC	12-Jun-96	12-Mar-08
Middle East and North Africa				
Egypt	Egypt Hermes	NC	31-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Jordan	Amman SE	NC	31-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Kuwait	KIC general	NC	31-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Lebanon	Lebanon BLOM	NC	31-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Morocco	Morocco SE CFG 25	NC	31-Jan-96	12-Mar-08
Saudi Arabia	S&P/IFCG SA	NC	7-Jan-98	12-Mar-08
Tunisia	Tunindex	NC	7-Jan-98	12-Mar-08
Mature markets				
France	CAC 40	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Germany	DAX 30	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Italy	Italy DS	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
Japan	Nikkei 225	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
UK	FTSE all share	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08
US	S&P 500	NC	1-Sep-93	12-Mar-08

1/ All stock indices are from Datastream. 2/ Week ending. 3/ See footnotes to Table 1.

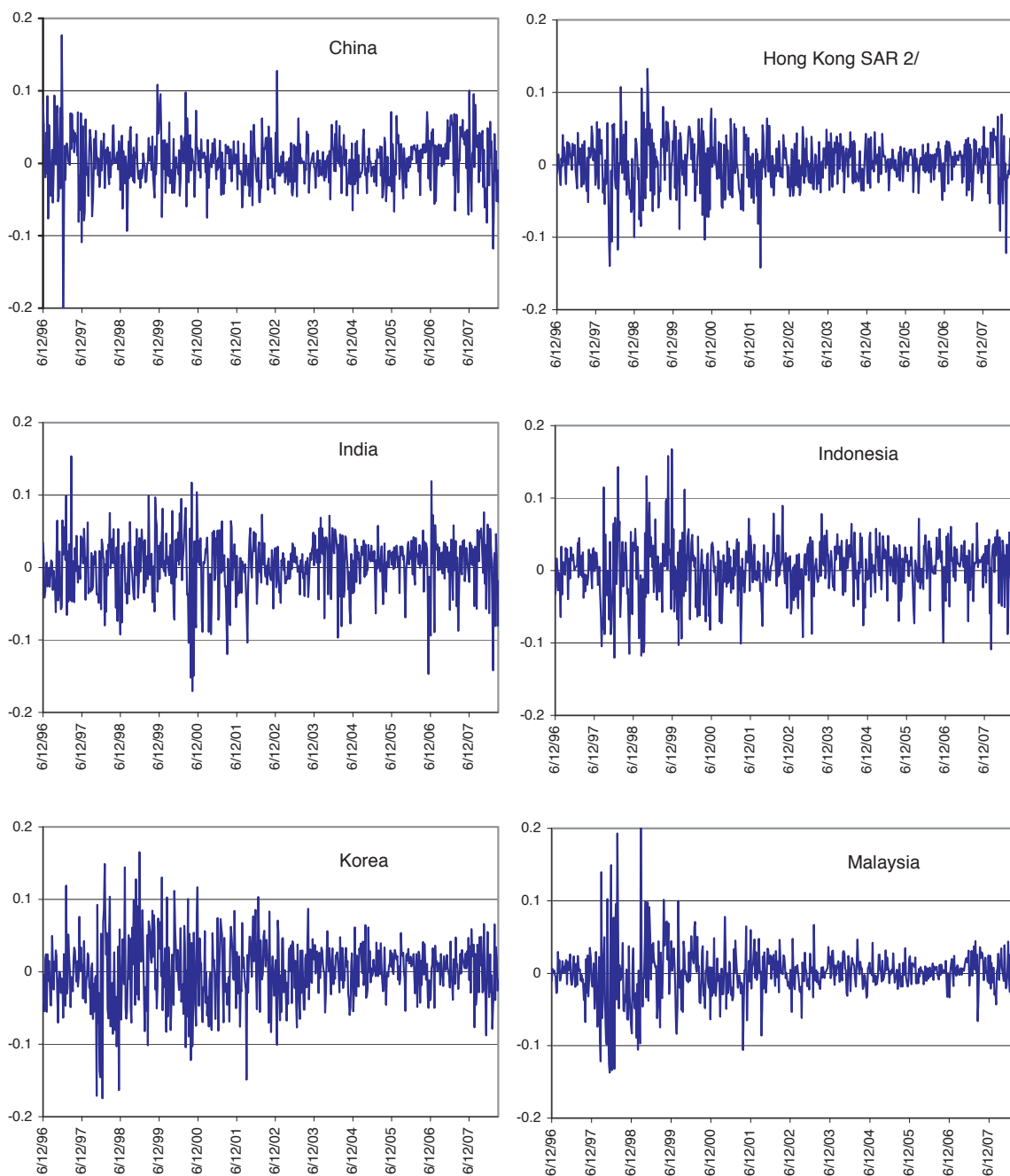
Table A 3. Key Descriptive Statistics

	Mean	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis
Emerging Asia				
China	0.00197	0.04521	0.90951	12.09253
Hong Kong SAR 1/	0.00154	0.03432	-0.49886	1.59793
India	0.00254	0.03836	-0.48152	1.87077
Indonesia	0.00245	0.03619	-0.17987	2.02423
Korea	0.00113	0.04199	-0.16732	1.76262
Malaysia	0.00056	0.03569	0.41612	8.98972
Pakistan	0.00321	0.03963	-0.46194	2.24704
Philippines	0.00067	0.03645	0.06479	1.55645
Singapore	0.00112	0.02983	0.01252	3.26267
Sri-Lanka	0.00163	0.03249	-0.23040	5.06578
Taiwan POC 1/	0.00099	0.03508	-0.10300	1.14058
Thailand	-0.00019	0.04026	0.15891	1.46869
Latin America				
Argentina	0.00223	0.04843	-0.38497	3.21804
Brazil	0.00417	0.04713	-0.52527	8.03884
Chile	0.00131	0.01966	-0.21493	2.22802
Colombia	0.00242	0.02854	-0.52019	4.95411
Ecuador	-0.00089	0.03558	0.49708	19.75958
Mexico	0.00368	0.03472	-0.10979	1.78981
Peru	0.00417	0.03181	-0.42330	4.52347
Venezuela	0.00449	0.04656	0.75198	7.05673
Emerging Europe				
Bulgaria	0.00667	0.03818	0.12418	5.46190
Croatia	0.00274	0.03727	-0.41246	5.74537
Czech Republic	0.00169	0.03053	-0.54101	1.48161
Estonia	0.00308	0.04394	-0.50995	7.71378
Hungary	0.00331	0.03743	-0.53996	2.74571
Israel	0.00253	0.02913	-0.22223	1.32490
Latvia	0.00199	0.05153	-2.29692	30.33932
Poland	0.00220	0.03373	-0.31542	1.68584
Romania	0.00379	0.04630	-0.30521	5.36750
Russia	0.00758	0.07135	0.04749	4.83145
Slovakia	0.00123	0.02799	0.22430	3.22648
Slovenia	0.00312	0.02590	0.29134	8.00201
South Africa	0.00694	0.06526	-0.25816	2.75724
Turkey	0.00261	0.02805	-0.81123	3.45984
Middle East and North Africa				
Egypt	0.00418	0.03625	0.06108	1.79620
Jordan	0.00272	0.02117	0.33736	2.19251
Kuwait	0.00303	0.01852	-0.33012	1.56552
Lebanon	0.00058	0.03052	0.52233	4.50099
Morocco	0.00274	0.02016	0.02952	3.12903
Saudi Arabia	0.00287	0.03313	-1.99019	13.48295
Tunisia	0.00183	0.01320	1.40272	6.87344
Mature markets	0.00086	0.02057	-0.33070	1.74165
France	0.00102	0.02942	-0.19563	3.52991
Germany	0.00163	0.03160	-0.59749	3.79634
Italy	0.00115	0.02856	-0.41960	1.69395
Japan	-0.00062	0.02871	-0.04370	1.02551
UK	0.00083	0.02255	-0.00717	3.60290
US	0.00138	0.02140	-0.16522	2.05805

1/ See footnotes to Table 1.

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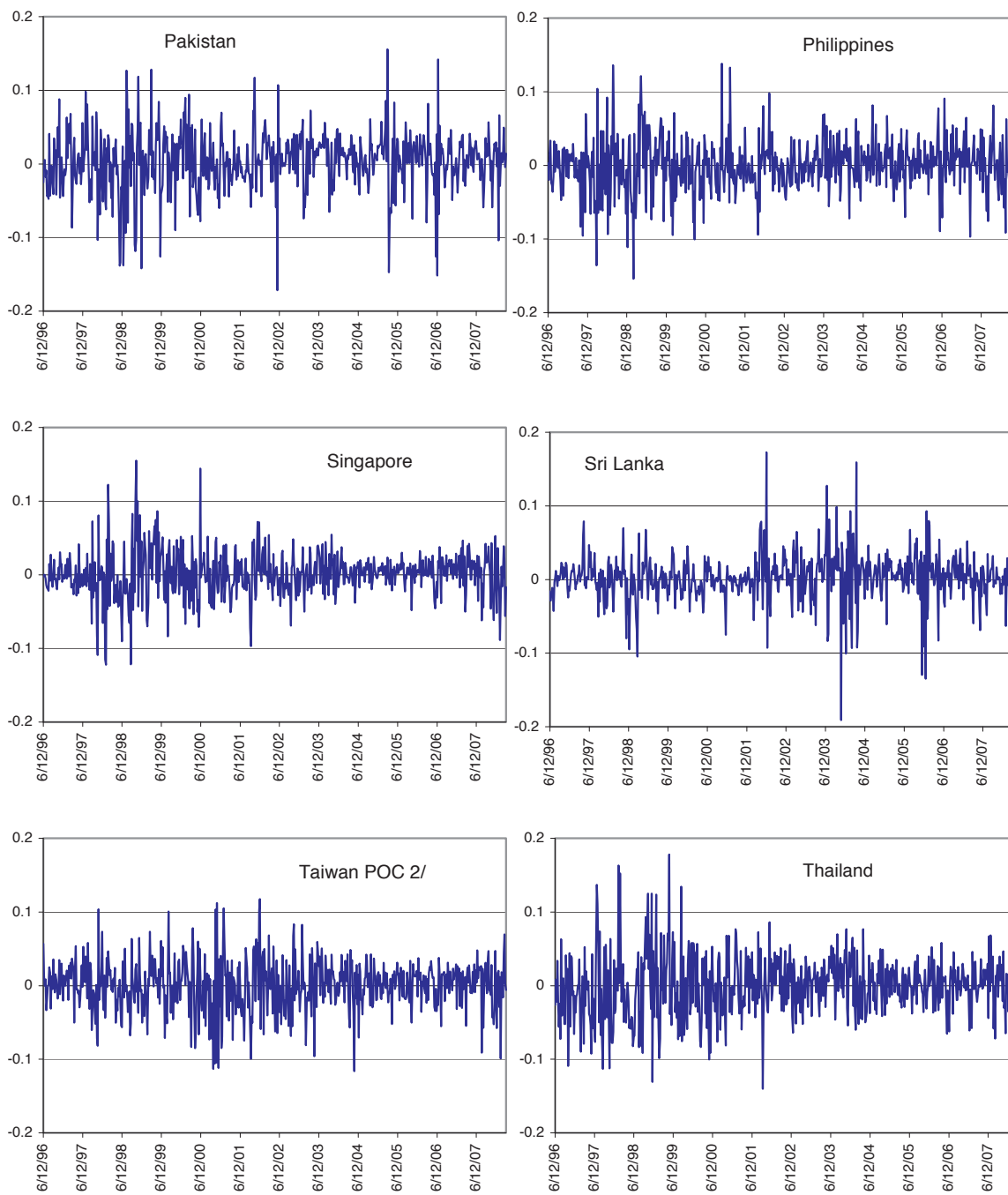
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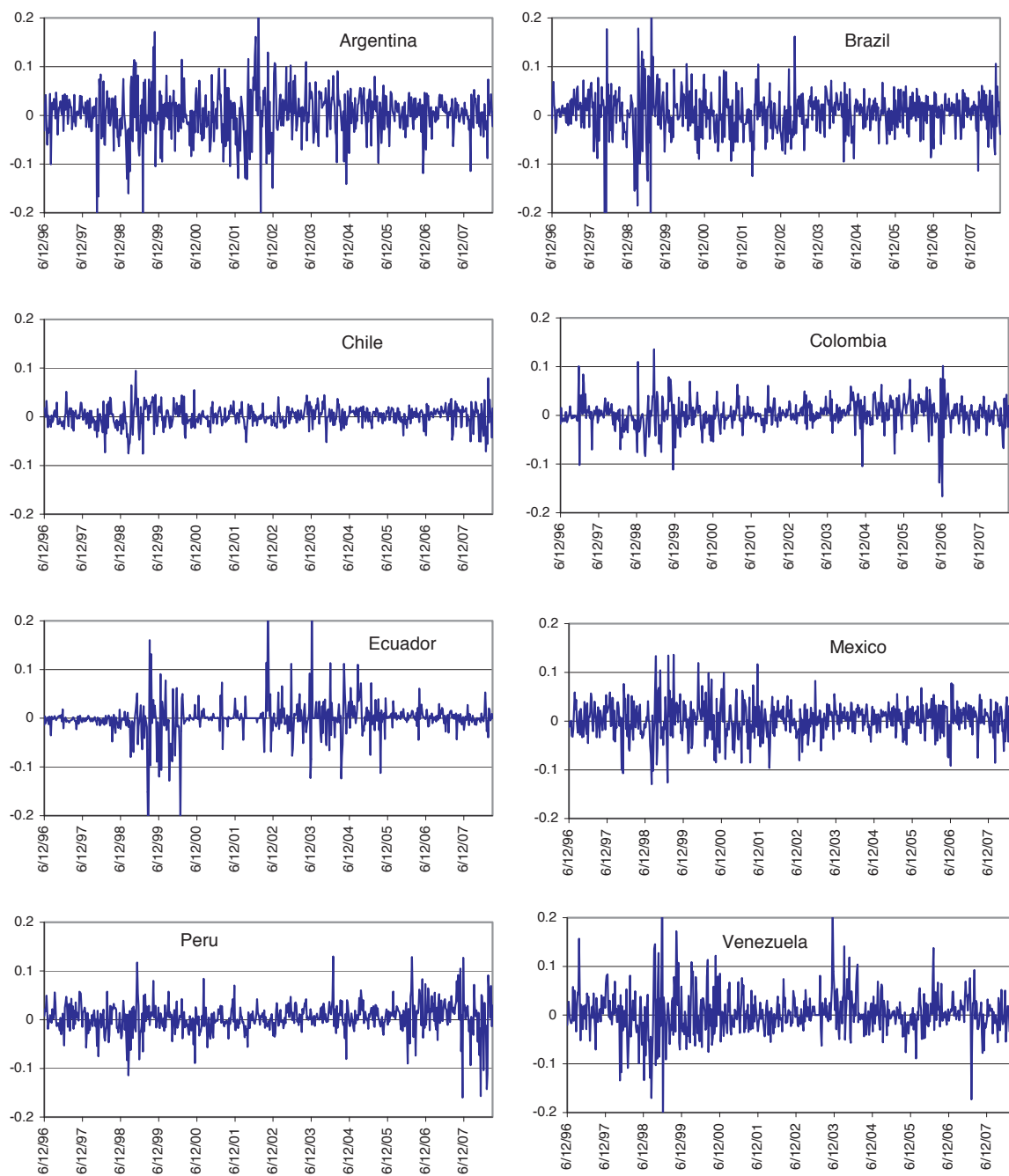
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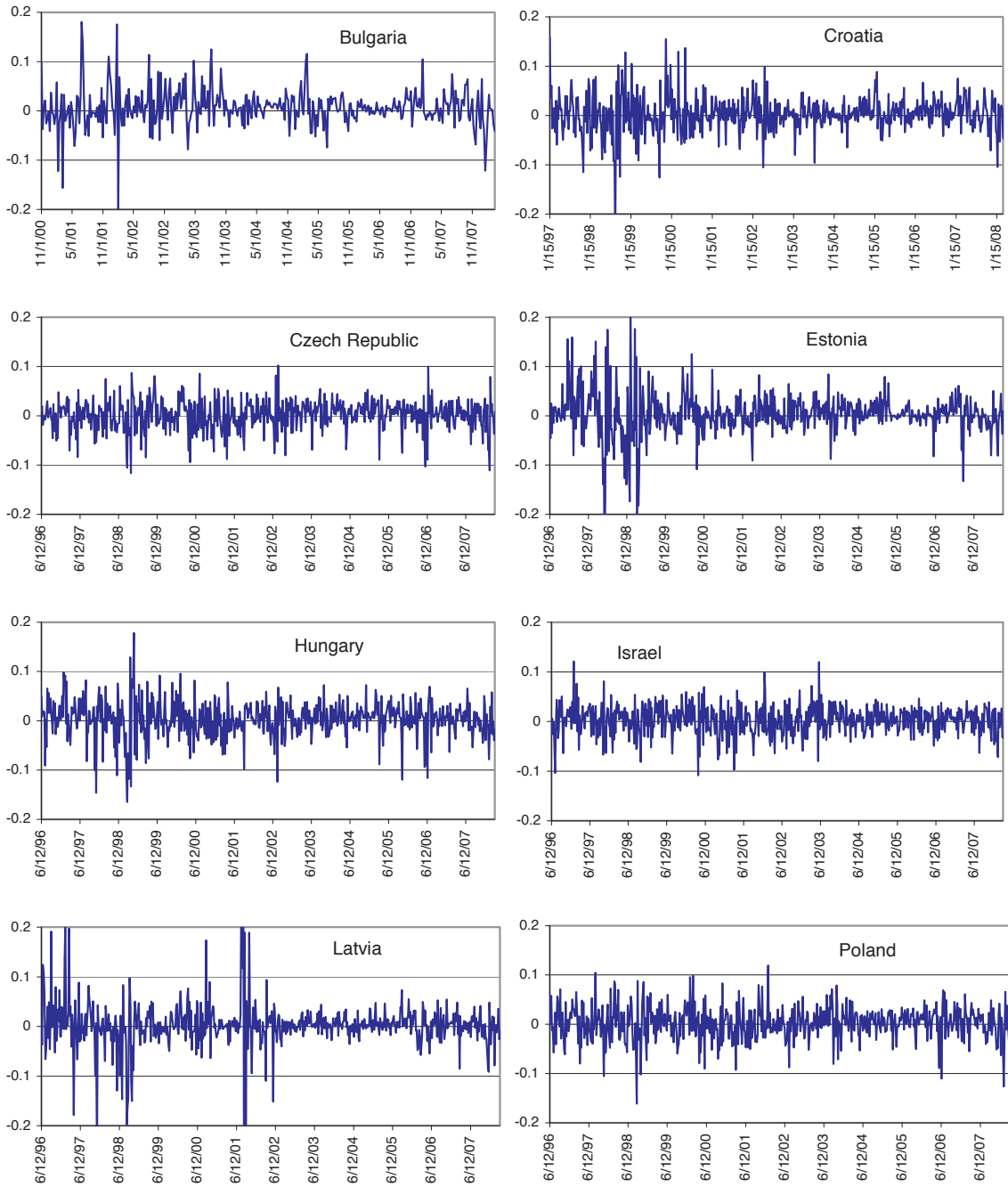
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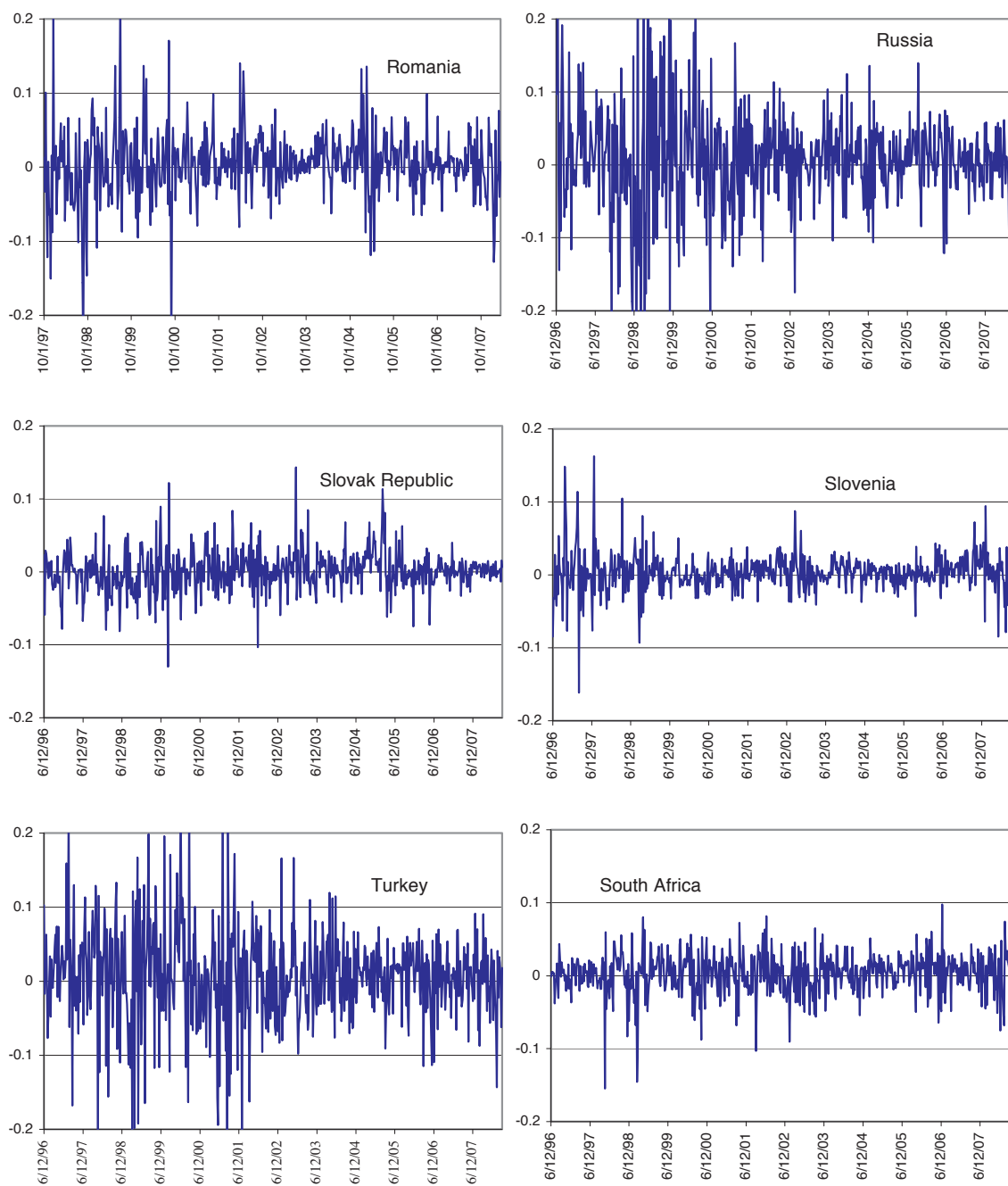
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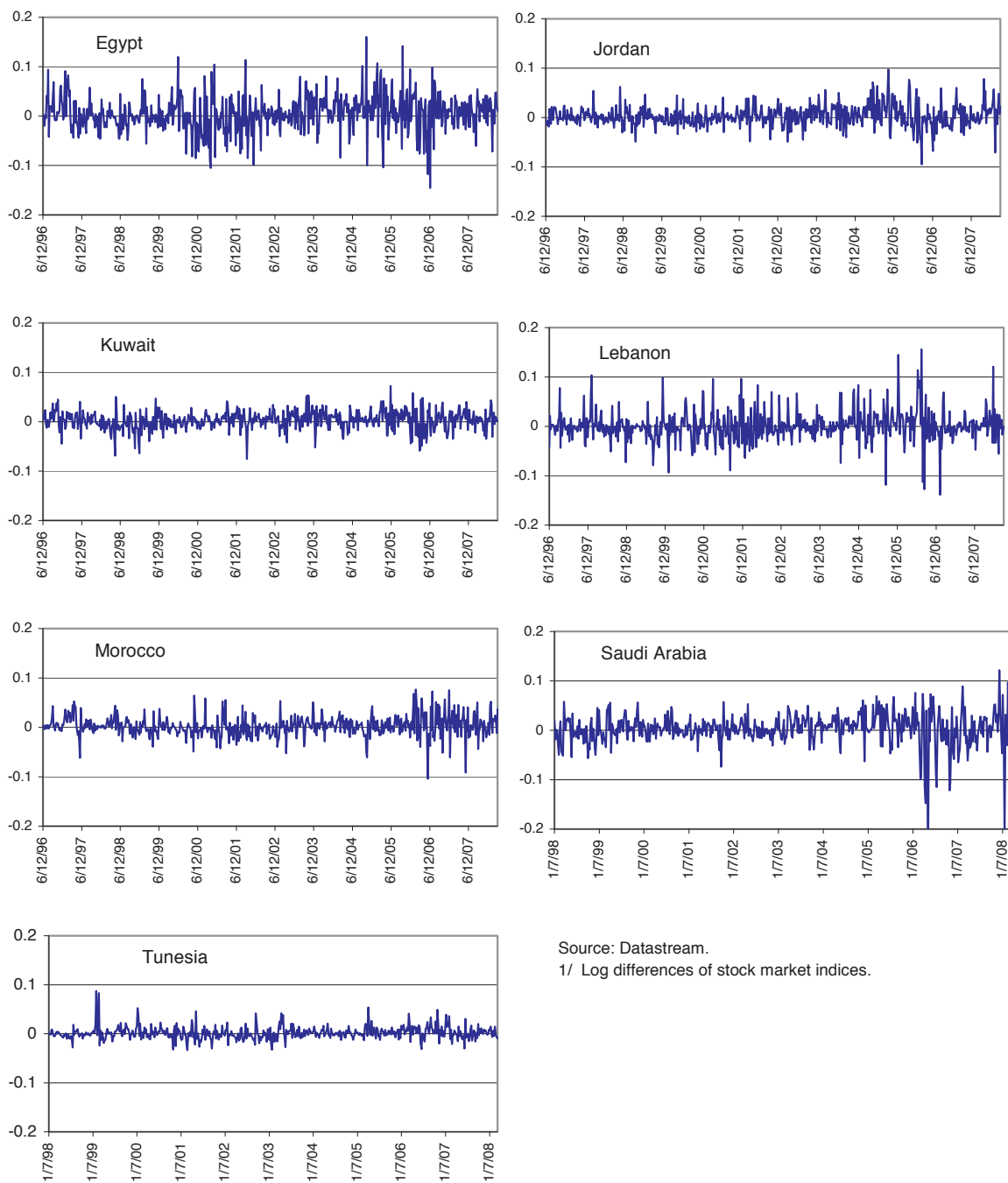
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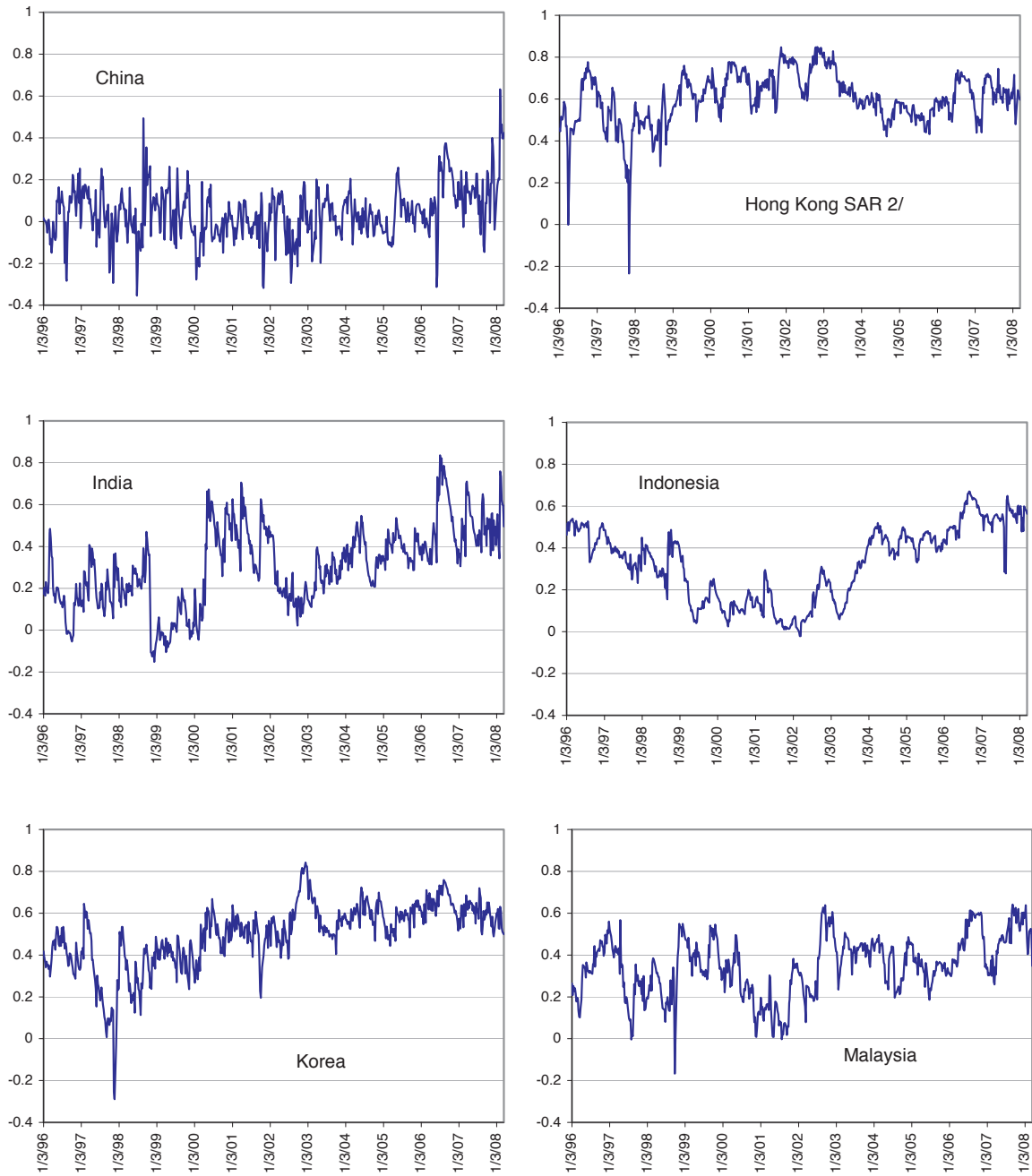
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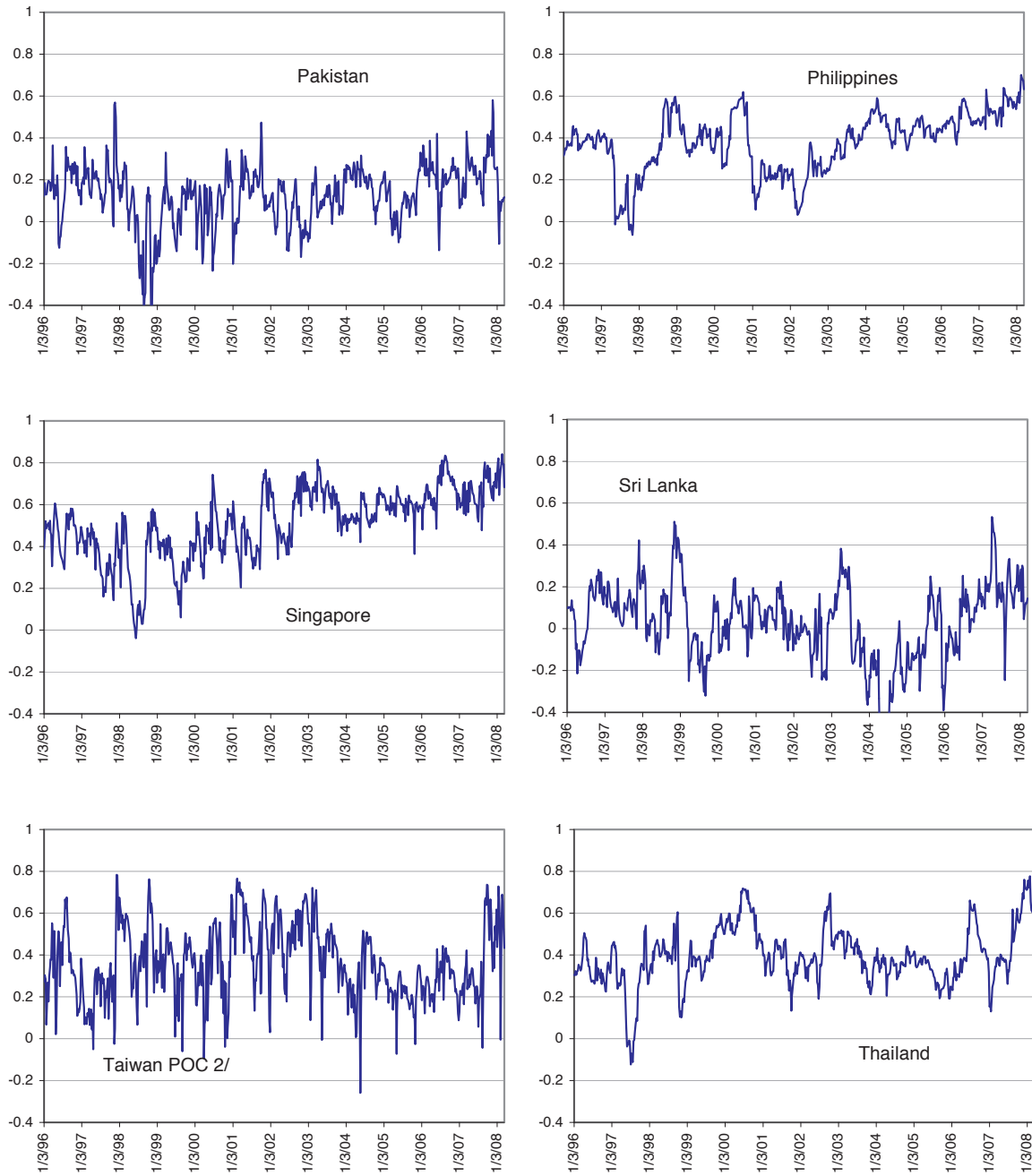
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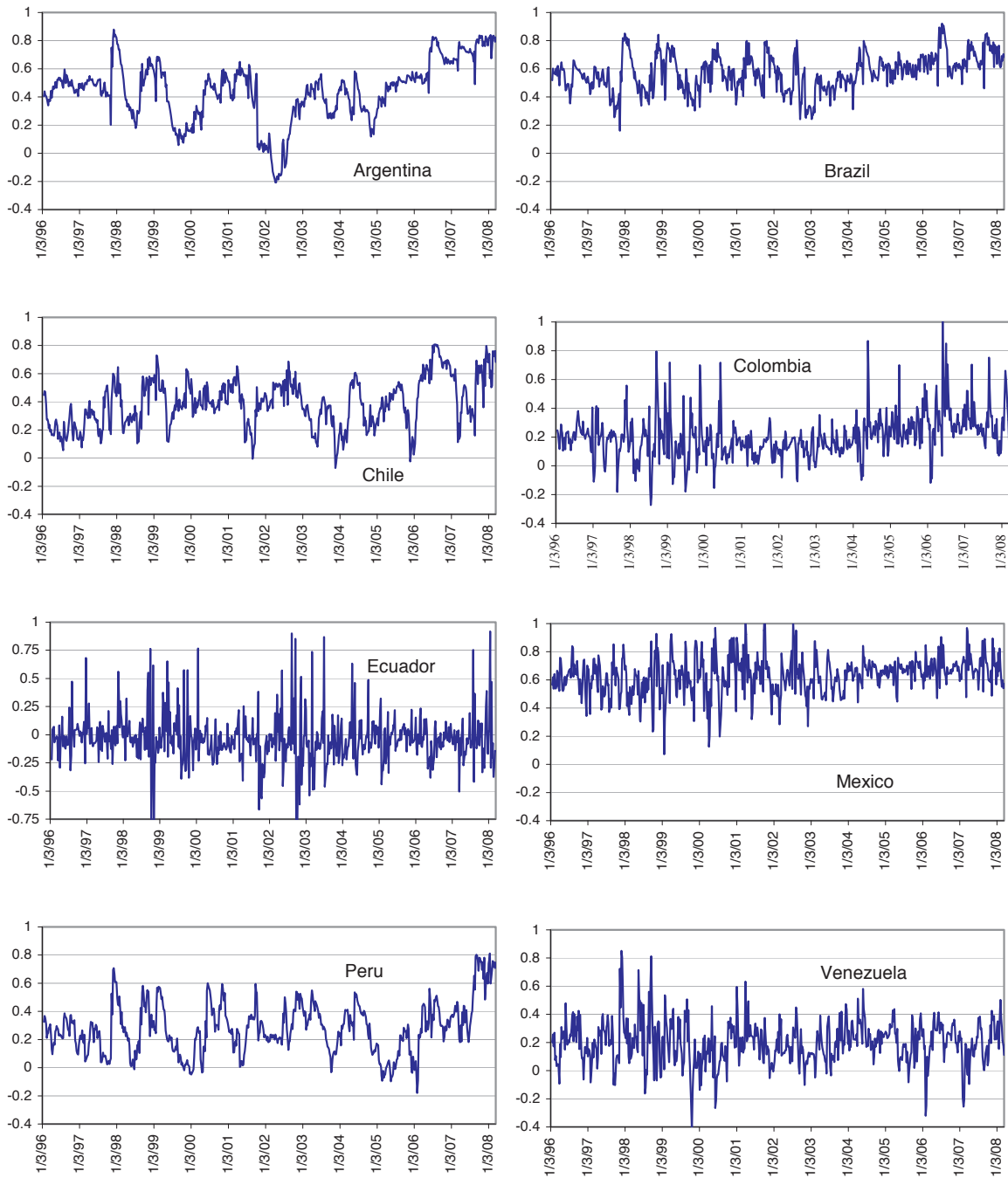
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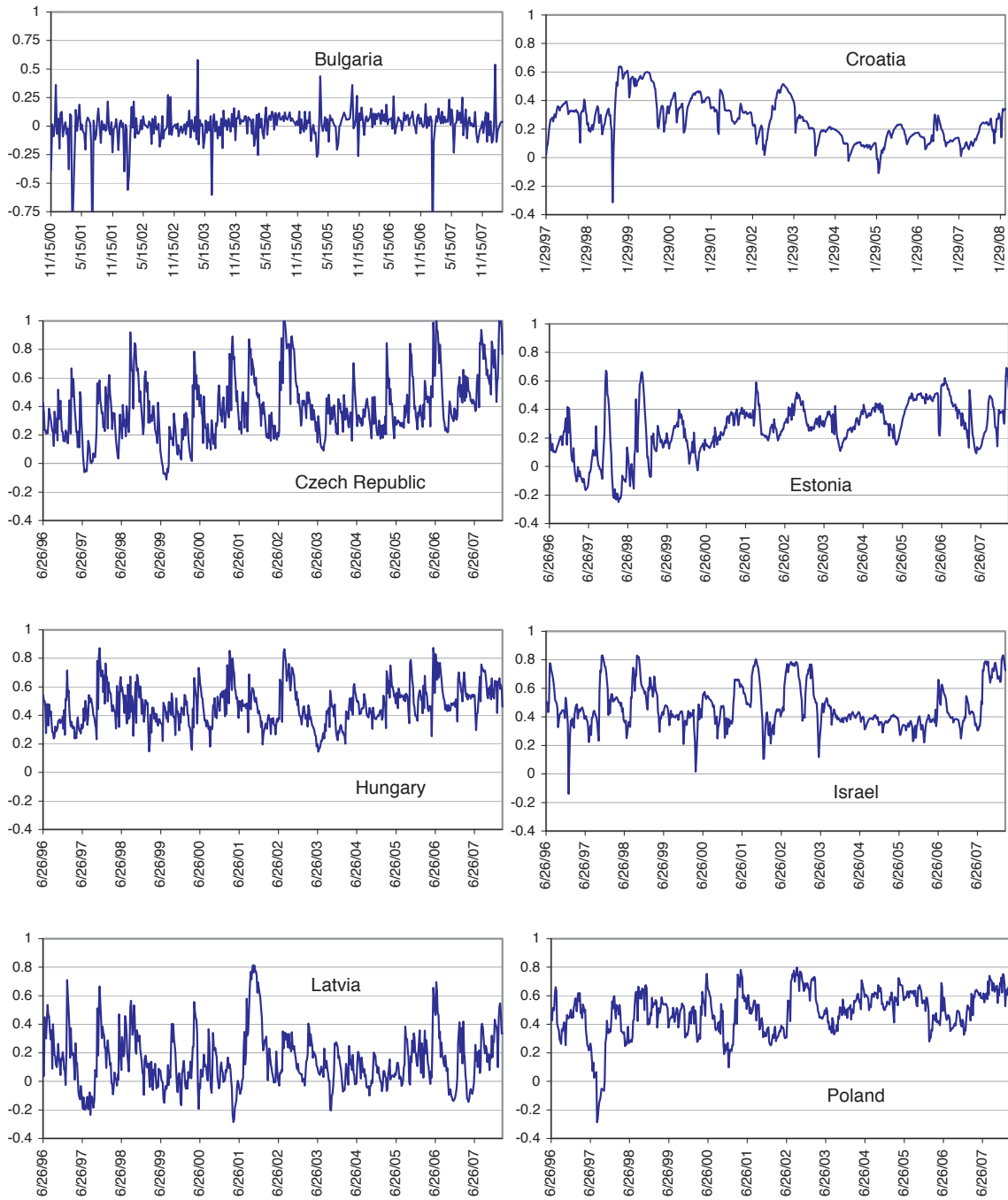
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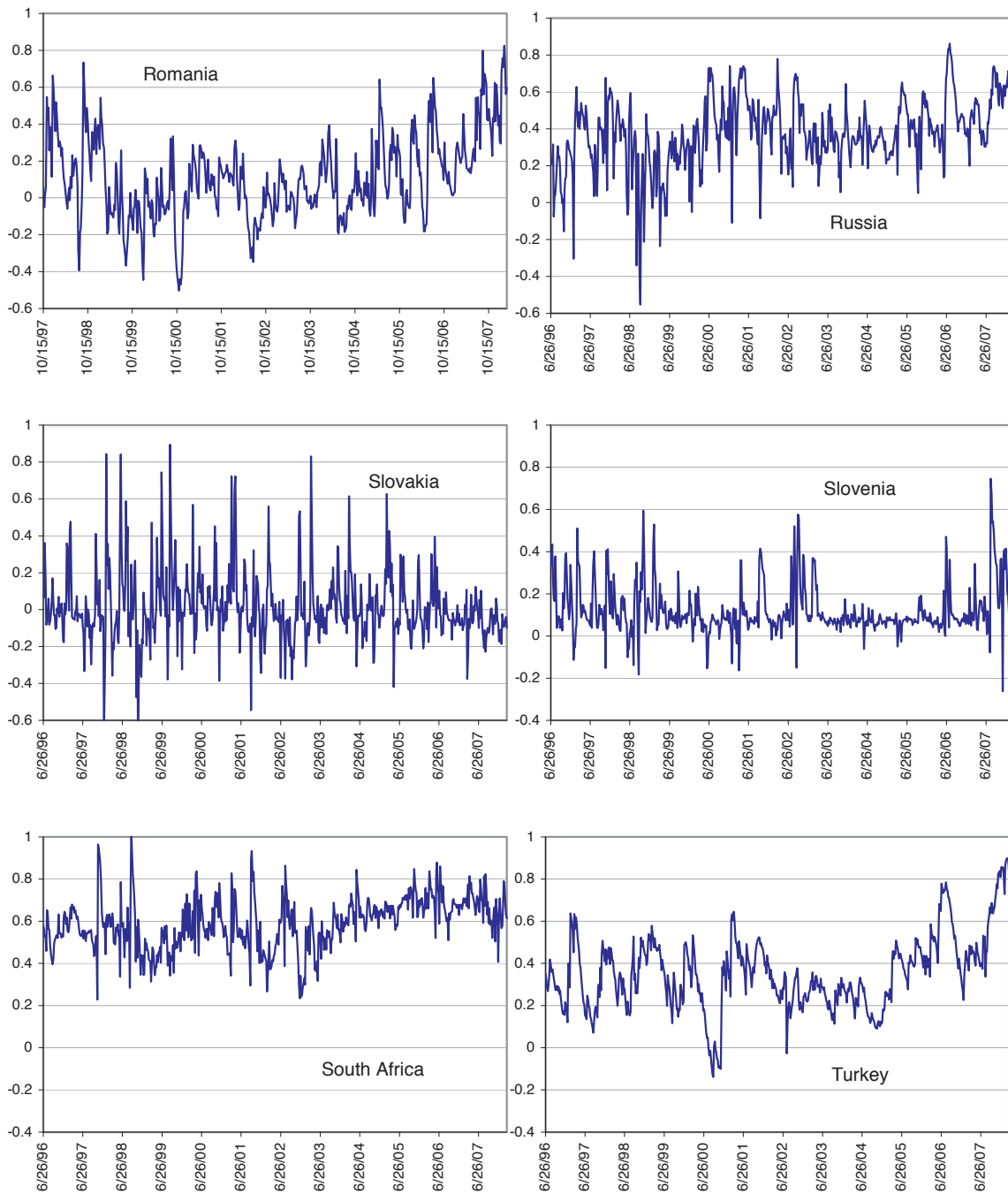
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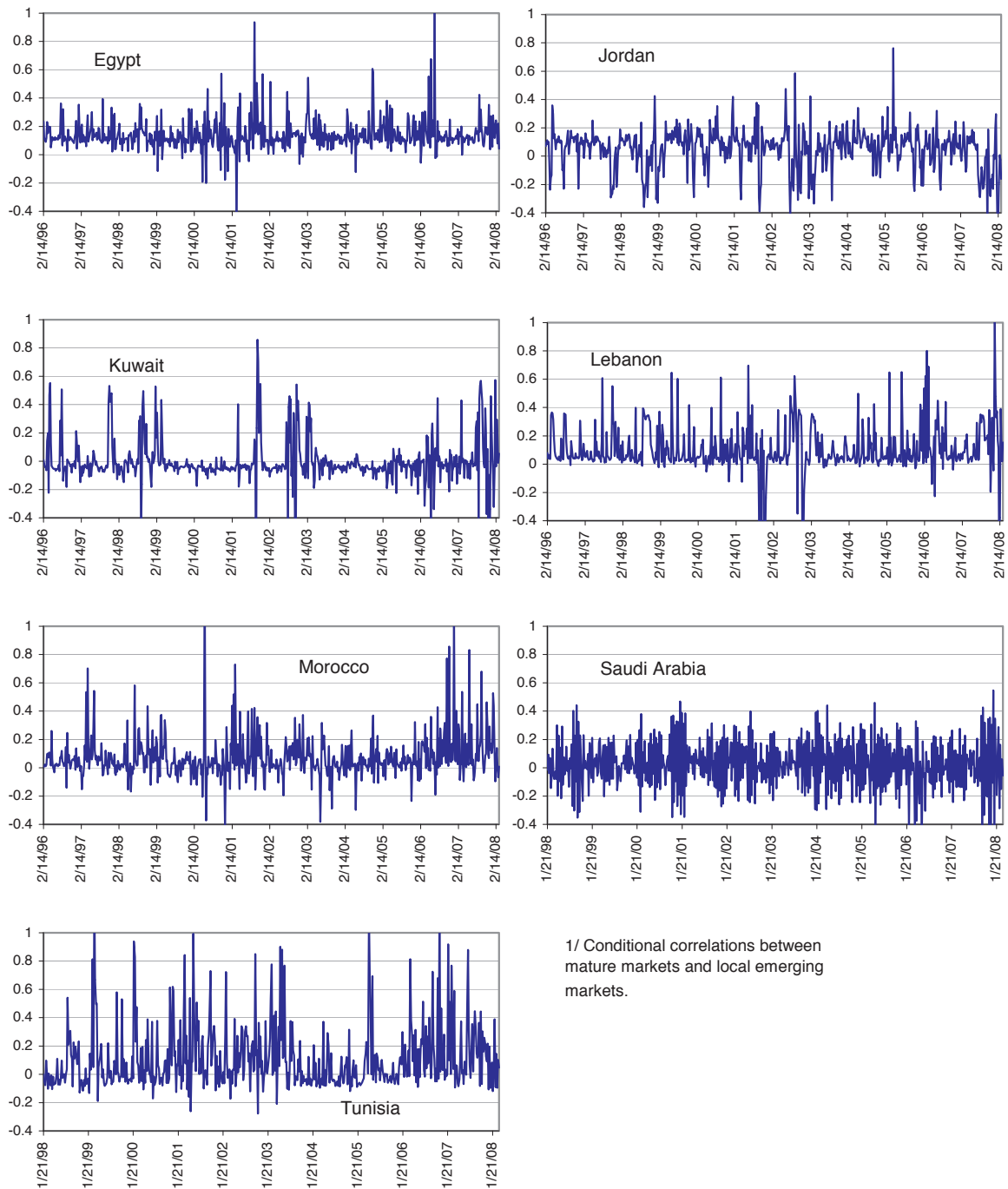
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