Statistical Mechanics in Econophysics and Social Systems

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Goal	a systematic comparison
Strategy	standardization, accurate choice of parameters
How	Monte Carlo simulations

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Results

F. De Domenico et al., Modeling and Simulation of Financial Returns under Non-Gaussian Distributions, Physica A



Left panel: comparison between standardized non-Gaussian return distributions and the Gaussian (dotted line) for normalized returns. Right panel: Log-log scale comparison between the complementary cumulative distribution function of standardized non-Gaussian return distributions and the Gaussian one (dotted line) for normalized returns.

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