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## A Theory of Complex Adaptive Systems and a Nonlocal Quantum Many-Body Wave Equation

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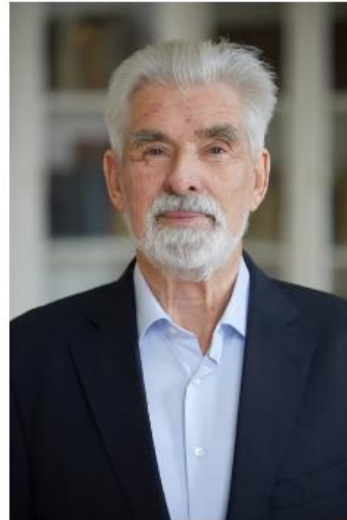
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Stephen Hawking:  
“I think the next century (the 21<sup>st</sup> century) will be the century of complexity.”

All complex systems consist of many interacting particles, parts or agents, emerge hidden patterns, and show uncertainty in an interactive evolution process, cutting across all traditional natural and social sciences disciplines.

# Introduction—What

- Complex adaptive systems (CAS) are AI mimic systems by massively parallel computers studying complex systems, represent the common kernel extracted from complex systems, and highlight adaptation in an interactive evolution process (Holland, 1992; Carmichael and Hadzikadic, 2019);
- CAS are adaptive, learn in feedback loops, and generate hidden patterns as many individuals or particles interact;
- **However**, discovering a universal law and proposing a theory for CAS to understand the mechanism of the pattern formation remains highly challenging (Holland, 2006 JSSC) since complex systems are quite different the one from the other one and each complex system is complex in its own way (Parisi, 2022 JP Complex), for example, non-Gaussian distributions in stock market (Shi, 2006) and complex quantum entanglement (He, 2024).

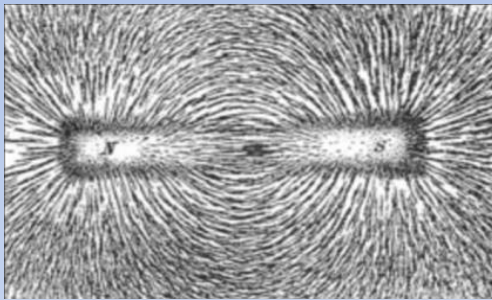
# Introduction--Why

- Some scientists believe that complex systems spanning different disciplines have commonalities and are driven by the exact underlying mechanism (Tao, 2012; Carmichael and Hadzikadic, 2019; Di, 2023);
- Exploring a universal law and proposing a theory for CAS has become a desirable goal (Hernández-López et al., 2024 PRL);
- Current achievements studying CAS: 1) trading volume-price probability wave equation in financial markets (Shi, 2006 Physica A; Shi et al., 2023 CFRI); 2) nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation in quantum mechanics (Shi et al., 2024 Working Paper).

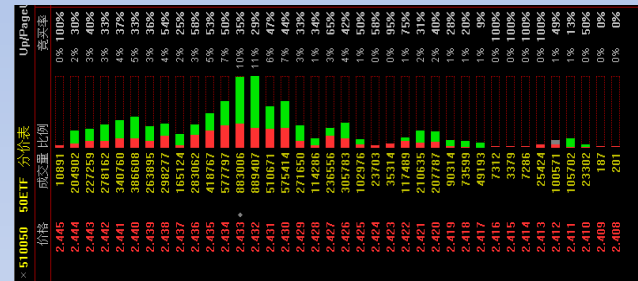
# Introduction—How (1)

- Quantifying the uncertainty of CAS by cumulative observable distribution—a many-body probability wave;
- Defining cumulative observables over a sensitive variable range in a time interval as density momentum and momentum force;
- We find a unified paradigm of CAS for a nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation in quantum mechanics (Shi et al., 2024) and a trading volume-price probability wave equation in the financial markets (Shi, 2006 *Physica A*; Shi et al., 2023 CFRI).

# Introduction—How (2)



(a)



(b)

Fig.1: Density momentum force

- The higher the density of magnetic field lines, the stronger the magnetic field or force at a location (Fig. 1 (a));
- The higher the cumulative trading volume, the more trading preference at a price. The density trading momentum or momentum force is larger (Fig. 1(b)).

# Introduction—Findings

- We have energy eigenvalue wave function and interactive eigenvalue (interactively coherent) wave function;
- We find conservation of interaction between density momentum force (repulsive force) and linear potential restoring force (attractive force) in CAS;
- We discover a unified paradigm between a nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation and Schrödinger's wave equation in quantum mechanics.

# Introduction—Innovation

- Innovation:

- Finding a nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation;
- providing an innovative and testable interpretation of interactively coherent quantum entanglement when we apply a law of conservation of interaction in complex quantum systems;
- mathematics and physics are usually applied to study economics and finance. Few explore a reverse application.

- Limitation:

- it needs further experimental falsification.



# Part Two

## A Brief Review

### A Trading Volume-Price Probability Wave Equation in Finance

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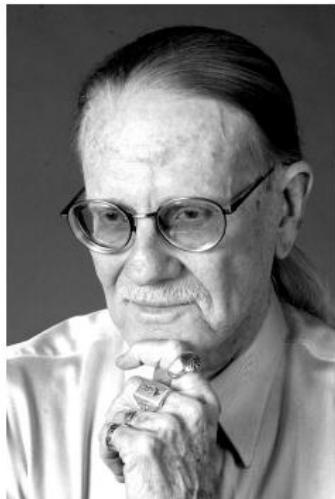


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## Behavioral Economics and Finance

# Data Supports for Bounded-Rationality

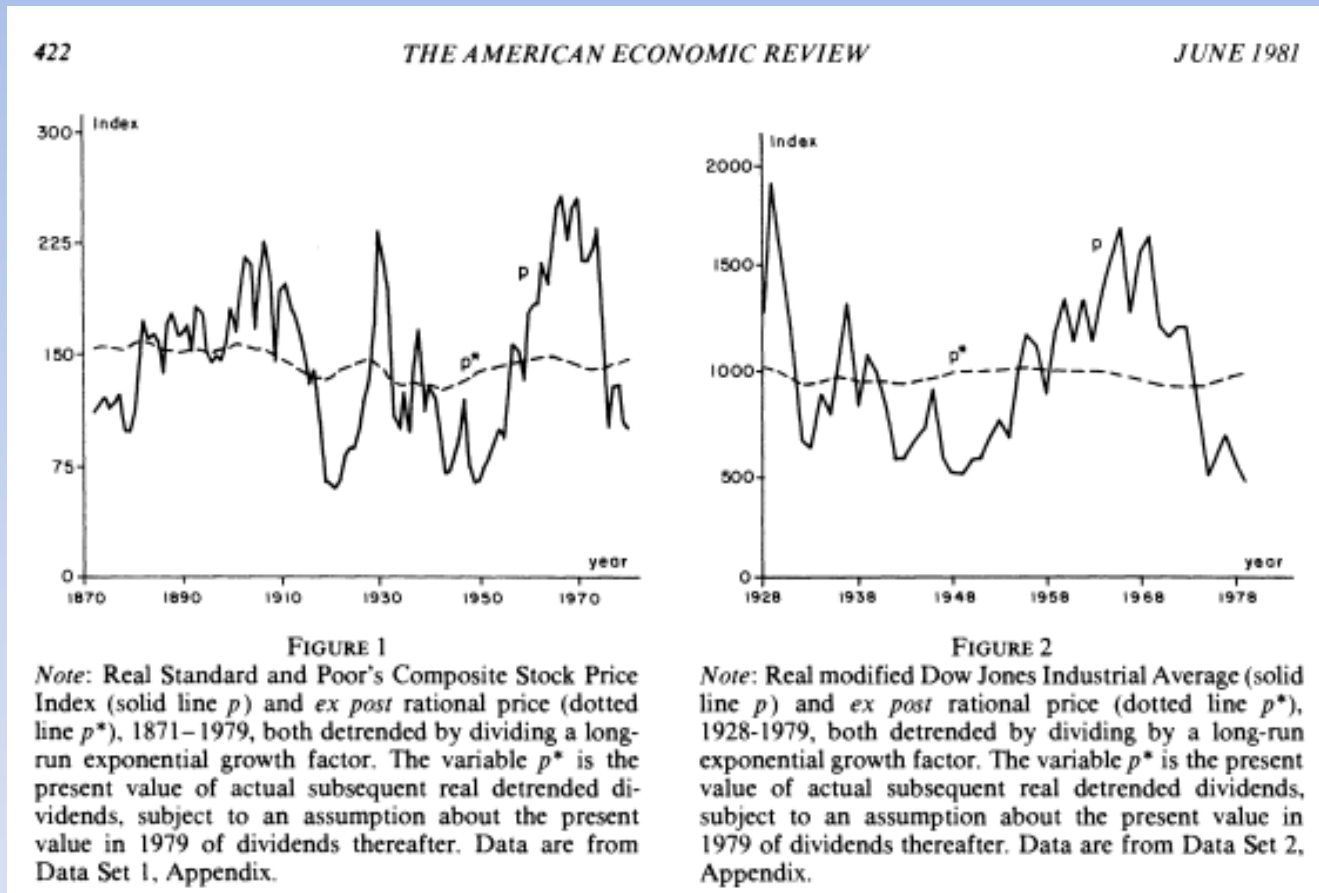


Fig. 1 Stock Prices Move Too Much to be Justified by Subsequent Changes in Dividends.

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (1)

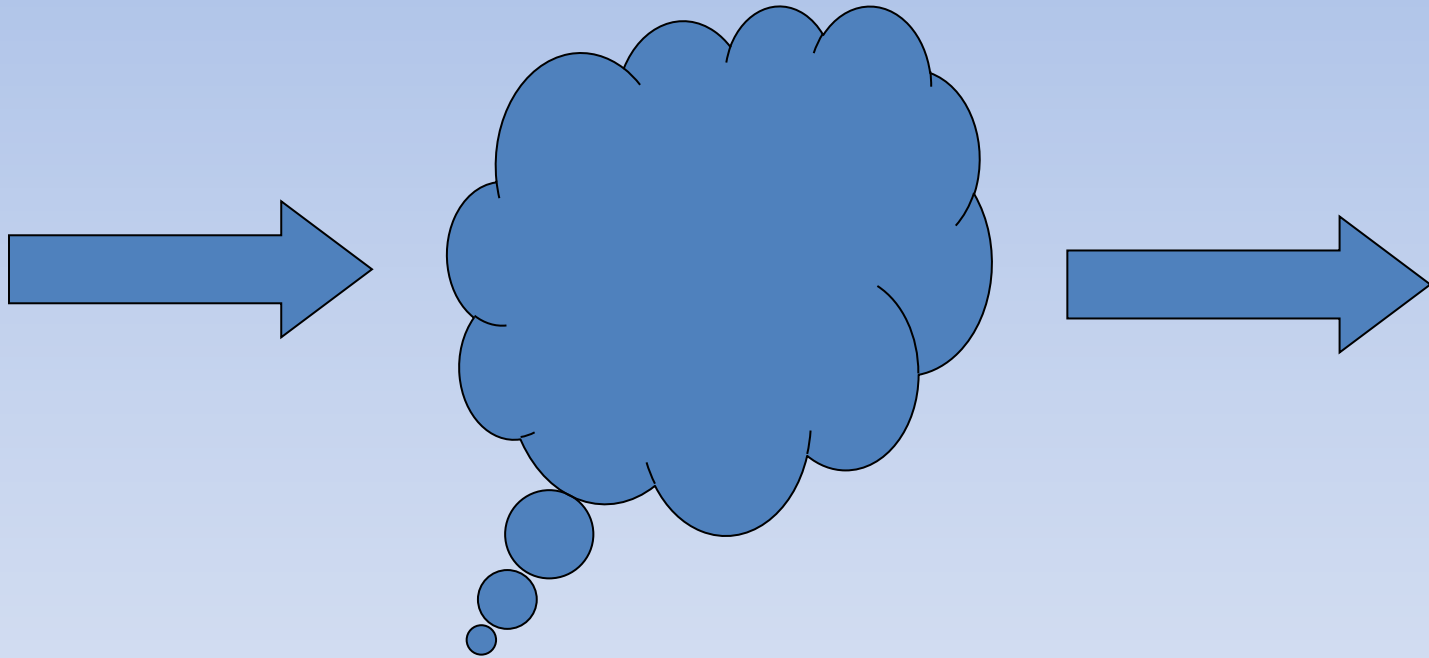


Fig. 2 Studying complex systems by “Black Box” (Shi, 2006).

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (2)

- A financial market is typically a complex adaptive system;
- A trading volume-price probability wave equation governs the market behaviors (Shi, 2006 Physica A);
- It is a non-localized wave equation.

$$\frac{B^2}{V} \left( p \frac{d^2 \psi}{dp^2} + \frac{d\psi}{dp} \right) + [E - U(p)]\psi = 0. \quad (1)$$

and

$$E = p v_{tt} = p \frac{v_t}{t} = p \frac{v}{t^2}, \quad (2)$$

$$U(p) = A(p - p_0), \quad (3)$$

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (3)

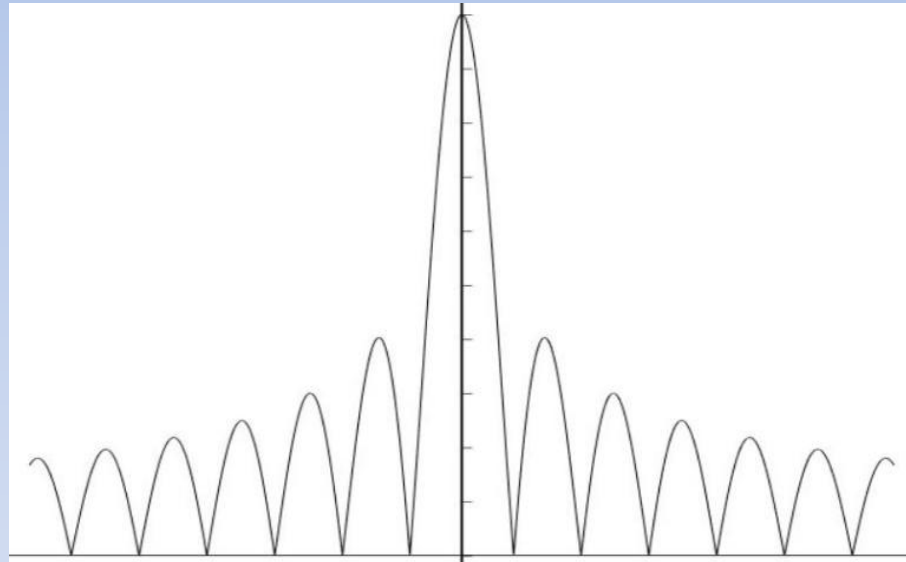


Fig. 3 Intraday cumulative trading volume distribution over a price range abides by a set of the square of zero-order Bessel eigenfunctions with interacting eigenvalues (Shi, 2006).

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (4)

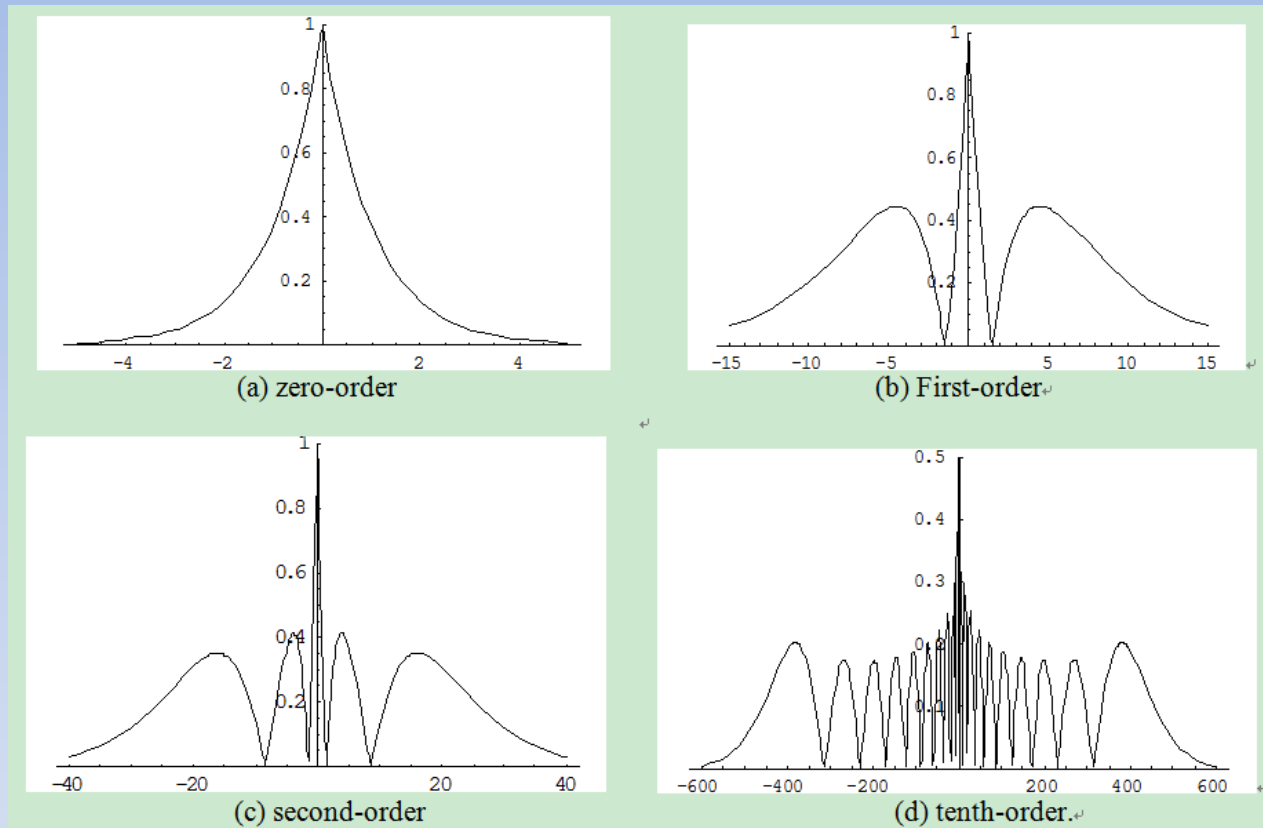


Fig. 4 Intraday cumulative trading volume distribution over a price range abides by a set of the square of multi-order eigenfunctions if traders are independent (Shi, 2006).

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (5)

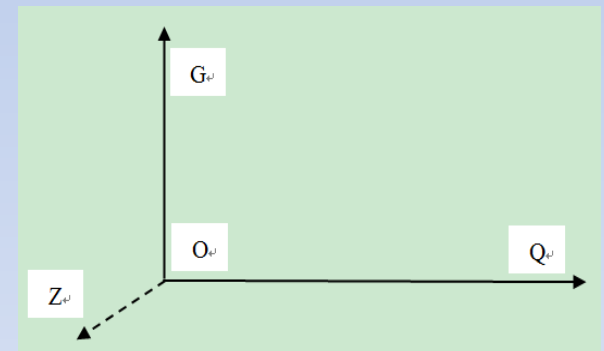
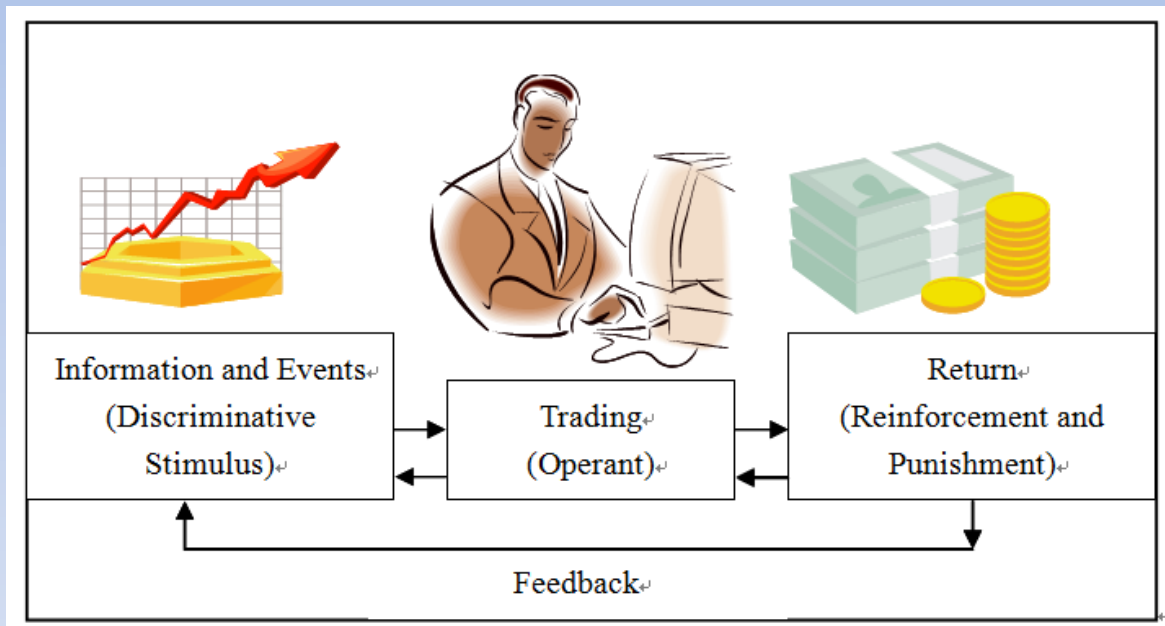


Fig. 5a (left above) Trading conditioning in feedback loops;  
Fig. 5b (right above) Intelligently adaptive learning coordinates



# Trading Volume-Price Equation (6)

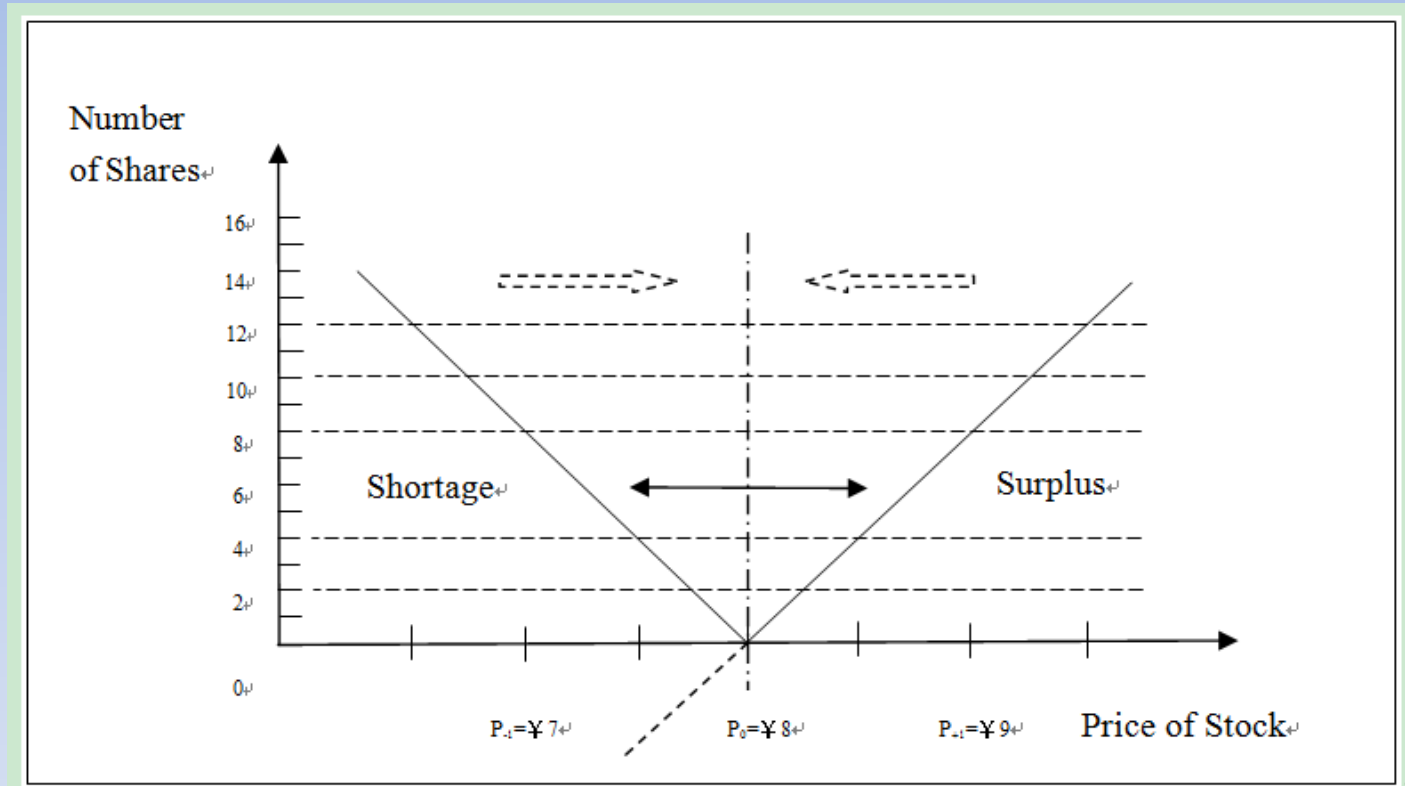


Fig. 6 A simple V-shaped curve illustrates that shortage or surplus generates reversal trading that returns the market price to an equilibrium price  $P_0$  in intraday dynamic market equilibrium after momentum trading drives it to diverge (Shi et al., 2023).

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (7)

- Data supports

- the top 30 stocks on the Shanghai 180 Index in June 2003;
- Huaxia SSE (Shanghai Stock Exchange) 50ETF (510050) from April 2007 to April 2009;
- Huaxia Shanghai Stock Exchange 50ETF (510050) in January and February 2019.

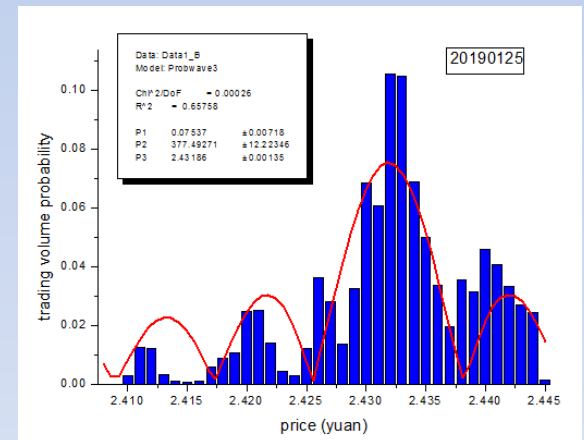
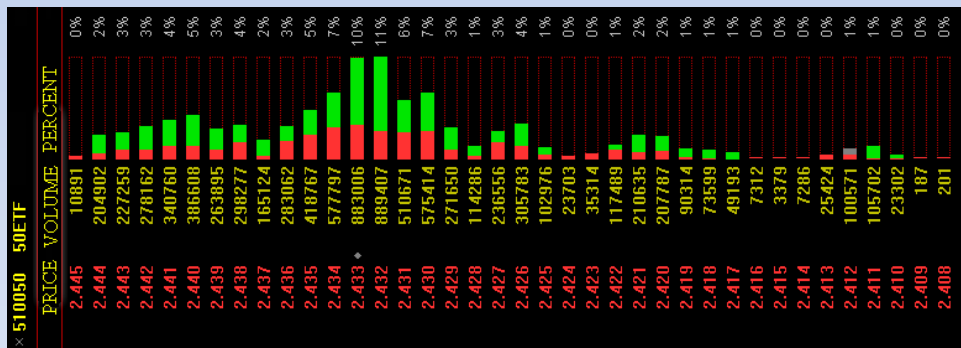


Fig. 8: Intraday cumulative trading volume distribution over prices

# Trading Volume-Price Equation (8)

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A price dynamic equilibrium model with trading volume weights based on a price-volume probability wave differential equation

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## ABSTRACT

Guided by a price-volume probability wave intraday market dynamic equilibrium in stock over a price range as individual mental representation utility price. We propose the hypothesis of momentum and restore to it in reversal, and then, we examine it by a set of explicit price differential equation against a large number of data in Chinese stock market in 2019. It is because it embraces core mathematical model theory.



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## Does security transaction volume–price behavior resemble a probability wave?

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## Abstract

Motivated by how transaction amount constrain trading volume and price volatility in stock market, we, in this paper, study the relation between volume and price if amount of transaction is given. We find that accumulative trading volume gradually emerges a kurtosis near the price mean value over a trading price range when it takes a longer trading time, regardless of actual price fluctuation path, time series, or total transaction volume in the time interval. To explain the volume–price behavior, we, in terms of physics, propose a transaction energy hypothesis, derive a time-independent transaction volume–price probability wave equation, and get two sets of analytical volume distribution eigenfunctions over a trading price range. By empiric test, we show the existence of coherence in stock market and demonstrate the model validation at this early stage. The volume–price behaves like a probability wave.

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## The underlying coherent behavior in intraday dynamic market equilibrium

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## Purpose

This paper applies a volume-price probability wave differential equation to propose a conceptual theory and has innovative behavioral interpretations of intraday dynamic market equilibrium price, in which traders' momentum, reversal and interactive behaviors play roles.

**Design/methodology/approach** – The authors select intraday cumulative trading volume distribution over price as revealed preferences. An equilibrium price is a price at which the corresponding cumulative trading volume achieves the maximum value. Based on the existence of the equilibrium in social finance, the authors propose a testable interacting traders' preference hypothesis without imposing the invariance criterion of rational choices. Interactively coherent preferences signify the choices subject to interactive invariance over price.

**Findings** – The authors find that interactive trading choices generate a constant frequency over price and intraday dynamic market equilibrium is a tug-of-war between momentum and reversal traders. The authors explain the market equilibrium through interactive, momentum and reversal traders. The intelligent interactive

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# Trading Volume-Price Equation (9)

- Media coverage and citation

- Shi (2013 *Automated Trader*);

- A research team from Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States (Elkind, Kaminski, Lo, Siah, Wong, 2022 *JFDS*)



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## 2.1. Panic Selling

Although widely discussed in the financial industry (see, e.g., Rotblot (2004)), little of the available literature discusses the concept of panic selling during a period of lowered market performance. This is most likely due to the limited availability of datasets that cover a wide range of selling events and market environments. Using price and volume information as well as data from Chinese stock markets, Shi et al. (2011) provided a theoretical model based on conditioning to explain investor behavior. Their model shows that investors can be either overconfident or panicked based on price momentum. The strongest positive correlation in behavior occurs during price reversals, when many investors are more likely to sell their risky assets in a panic.

# Part Three

## A Nonlocal Quantum Many-Body Wave Equation

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Experiments have revealed the quantum violation of Bell's inequality and the quantum nonlocality.

# A Nonlocal Many-Body Wave Equation (1)

- A nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation (Shi et al., 2024)
  - Assumptions
    - The momentum  $Q$  is a cumulative observable  $m$  at a point  $q$  over a sensitive variable in a time interval  $t$ . It is defined by equation (4);
    - The momentum force  $F$  is the momentum  $Q$  in a time interval  $t$ . It is defined by equation (5);
    - The energy is the product of momentum force and a sensitive variable  $q$ . It is defined by equation (6).

$$Q \equiv \frac{\partial S(q,t)}{\partial q} = \frac{m}{t} = m_t, \quad (4)$$

$$F \equiv \frac{Q(q,t)}{t} = \frac{m_t}{t} = \frac{m}{t^2} = m_{tt}, \quad (5)$$

$$E(q,t) = F * q = qm_{tt} = q \frac{m}{t^2} = q \frac{m_t}{t}, \quad (6)$$

# A Nonlocal Many-Body Wave Equation (2)

- An identical equation holds in complex adaptive quantum systems;
- It is an interdependent rule (互为因果关系), and Soros calls it “reflexivity” (Soros, 1994);

$$E(q) \equiv PE(q) + (1 - P)E(q) = PE(q) + U(q - q_0), \quad (7)$$

and ↵

$$P = \frac{m}{M}, \quad (8)$$

$$-E + q \frac{m_t^2}{M} + U(q - q_0) = 0. \quad (9)$$



# A Nonlocal Many-Body Wave Equation (3)

- Assume an unknown function  $\psi(q,t)$  and particles abide by the Hamilton-Jacobi equation in non-localized coordinates as follows;

$$\psi(q,t) = \text{Re} e^{iS/B}, \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + H\left(q, \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}\right) = 0, \quad (11)$$

$$H\left(q, \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}\right) = q \frac{m_{\xi}^2}{M} + U(q - q_0). \quad (12)$$

# A Nonlocal Many-Body Wave Equation (4)

● We have

$$-E + \frac{q}{M} \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right)^2 + U(q - q_0) = 0. \quad (13)$$

$$\delta \int L(q, \psi) dq = 0. \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{B^2}{M} \left( q \frac{d^2 \psi}{dq^2} + \frac{d\psi}{dq} \right) + [E - U(q - q_0)] \psi = 0. \quad (15)$$

# A Nonlocal Many-Body Wave Equation (5)

- Schrödinger's wave and the nonlocal wave equations in a unified framework

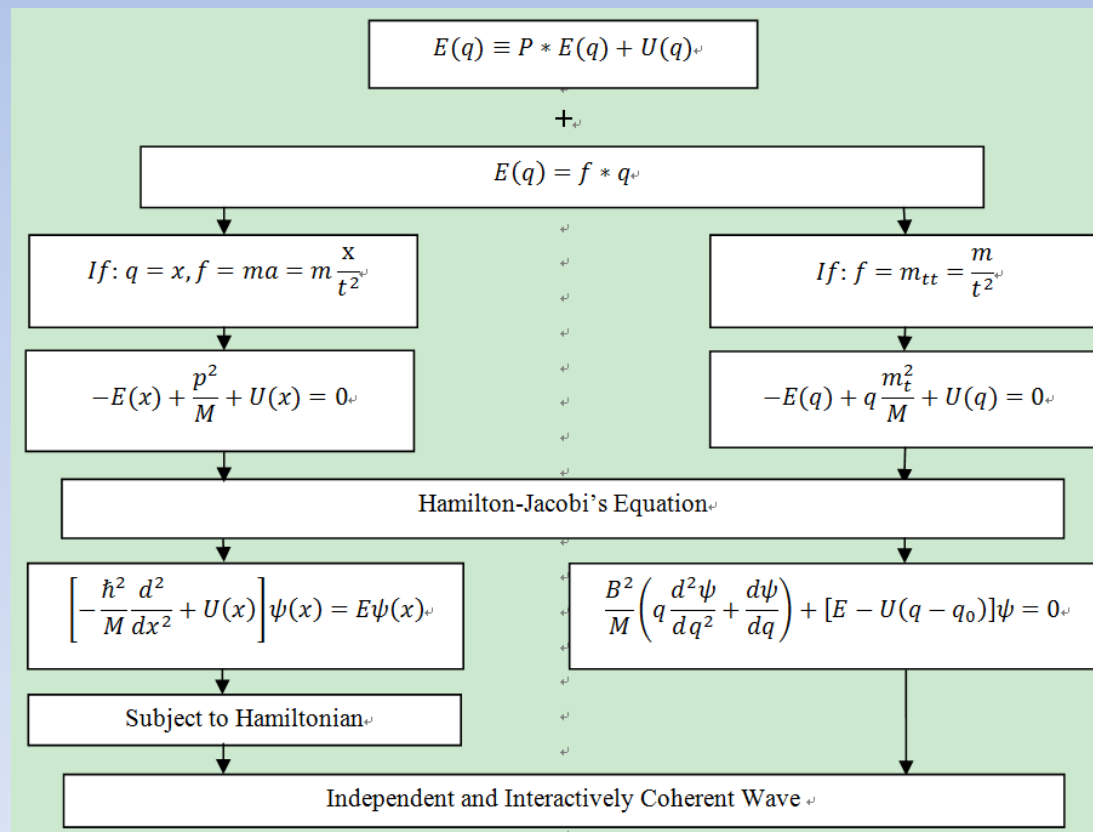


Fig. 9 A unified framework

# Criterion (判据)

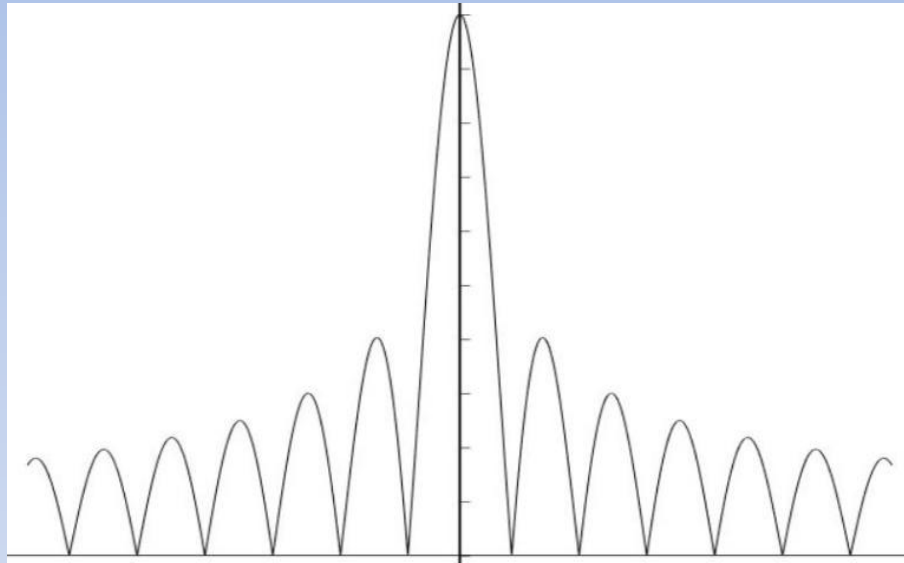


Fig. 10 Criterion for interactively coherent entanglement by the square of zero-order Bessel eigenfunctions with interacting eigenvalues.

# Part Four

## Results and Discussions

# A Universal Law in CAS

## ● A universal law in quantum mechanics and finance

- Conservation of interaction (interactive eigenvalue or coherence) holds between a density momentum force (repulsive force)  $m_{tt}$  and a linear potential restoring force (attractive force)  $A$  in nonlocal complex adaptive systems (相互作用相干守恒).

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{m_{t,n,i}^2}{M} = \frac{m_{n,i}}{M} m_{tt,n,i} = m_{tt,n,i} - A_{tt,n,i} = \text{const.}$$

$$(n = 0, 1, \dots), (i = 1, 2, \dots)$$

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# Complex Quantum Entanglement

- Non-Gauss distribution in quantum entanglement (He, 2024 KouXiang)



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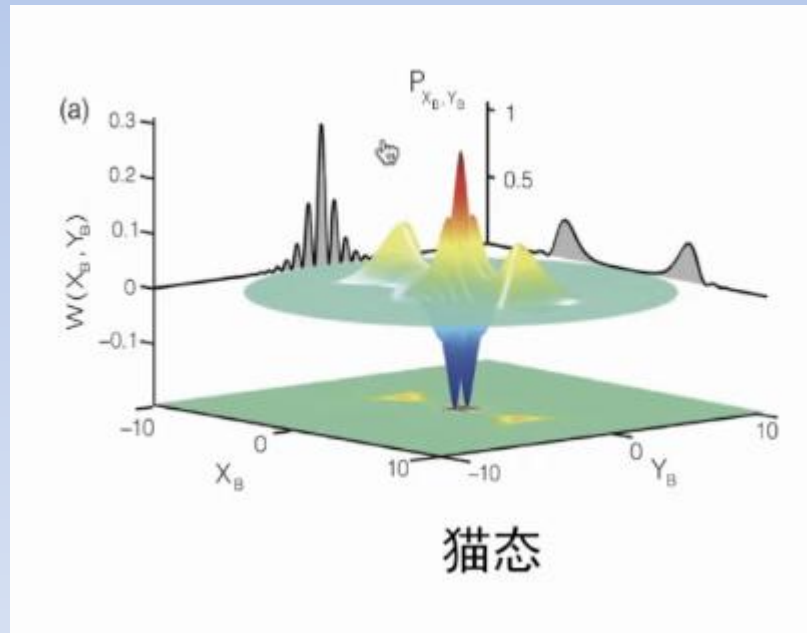


Fig. 11 A cat's state

# Interpretation

- In an entanglement bipartite system between A and B, after spatially splitting the system, one party A or B can instantaneously "knows" the change of the other party B or A, makes adaptive "intelligence-like" compensation, and maintains a strong correlation and entanglement between A and B since the conservation of interaction between momentum force (repulsive force) and potential restoring force (attractive force).



# Prediction

- It is predicted that interactively coherent entanglement has higher fidelity and stronger decoherent resistance than superposition entanglement and the ability to self-repair, making it a high-quality entangled resource.

$$\psi(q) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{0,0} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & c_{n-1,k-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{0,0} \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{n-1,k-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

# Applications

- By the nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation, we can
  - measure the magnitude of the interactive coherence through interactively coherent eigenvalues;
  - quantify the distribution of complex quantum many-body systems by stationary wave functions, revealing the underlying mechanism of the formation of interactive coherence;
  - A criterion for interactively coherent entanglement.
- It will provide a theoretical criterion and technical guidance for the industrial production of high-quality entangled resources.

# Conclusions

- CAS follow a nonlocal many-body (agent) wave equation
- There is a unified paradigm for the nonlocal quantum many-body wave equation and the Schrödinger wave equation;
- Quantum many-body interactively coherent wave function follows a set of the square of zero-order Bessel functions with interactive eigenvalues;
- If the complex quantum systems are entangled in the nonlocal interactive coherence, then they keep conservation of interaction between a density momentum force and a linear potential restoring force; after spatially splitting the bipartite systems A and B, one party A or B can instantaneously "knows" the changes in the other party B or A, makes adaptive "intelligence-like" compensation, and maintains a strong correlation and entanglement between them;
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