The Long and the Short End of the Latency Spectrum

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Two A7 Use Cases

Using Public and Non-Public Data



The Short End

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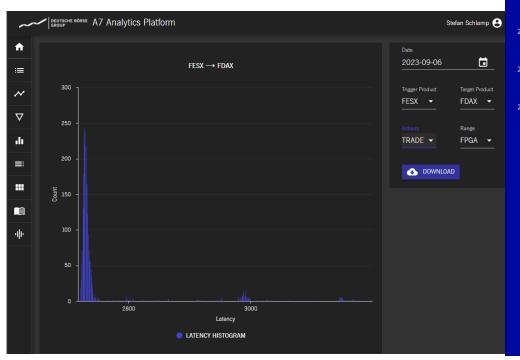
- Latency advantage through
 - Short reaction time (lower bound reached?)
 - Faster feeds from leading venues (or economic events)
- During US Trading Hours, CME leads XEUR
 - ES → FESX → FDAX → equities
 - ZN → FGBL
- Short-wave data links provide 9 ms latency advantage over MW/fiber/MW
 - very low bandwidth
 - Weather, time-of-day dependent

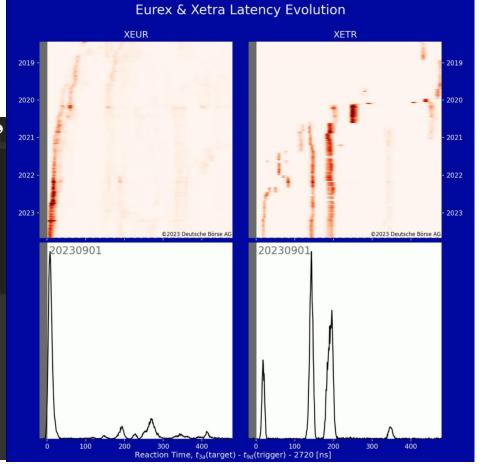


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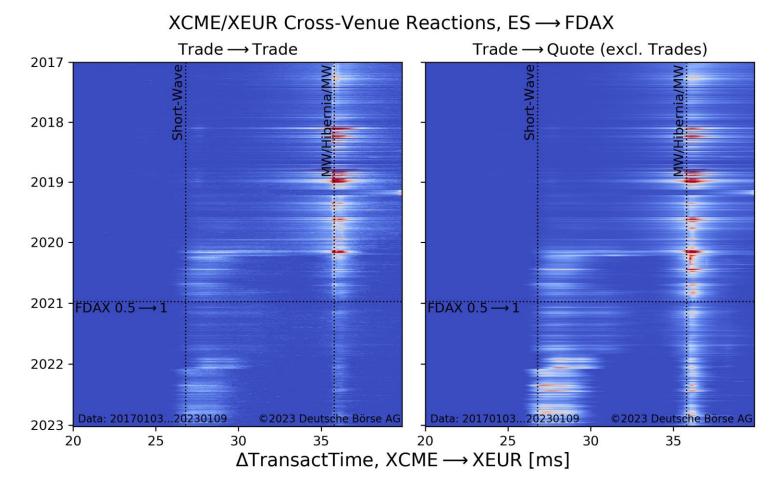
Traditionally: Latency = Wire-to-Wire

- "Faster not smarter" limit
 - focus on reaction times.
 - reactions to XETR/XEUR signals.



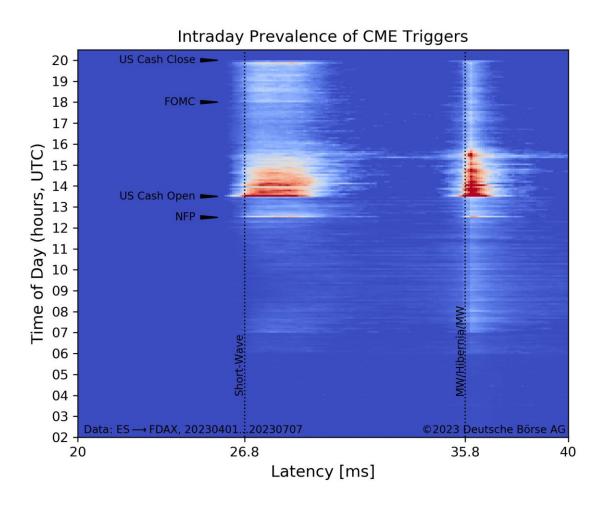


Short Wave Signals Usage for ES→FDAX



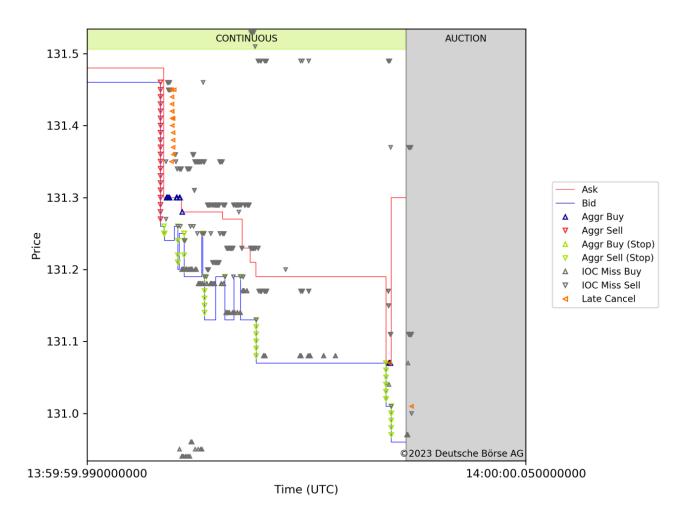
- Short-wave usage started 2020.
- Wide peaks → visually less prominent.
- Dominates "traditional" triggers.
- Heavier use for quoting than for aggressive trading (tick size mismatch).
- Race is over before one is aware of it (no late cancels, no missed IOCs).
- Also present in other pairs (ZN/FGBL).
- Very little usage in the opposite direction.

Intraday Usage



- Pre-US Open: crickets (other than NFP)
- US Cash Open/Close
- ECO US
- A7 algo to extract list of trade timestamps for trigger instrument.
- A7 algo to extract list of trade and non-trade timestamps for target instrument.
- Histogram/visualization in python.

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- 19-level trade-through in FGBL
- resulted in volatility auction
- t_{3a} of aggressive order: 1.354 μs past
 14:00:00Z
- includes t₁ → t₃a
- sub- µs vendor → participant + participant w2w

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The Long End

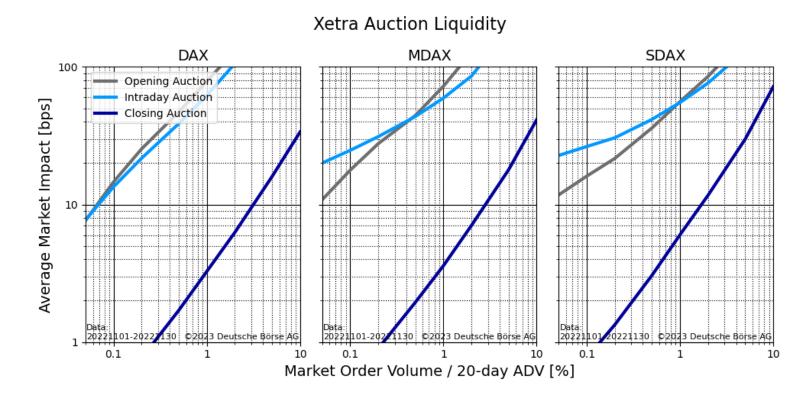
Xetra Auctions

Xetra Auction Simulations

- Auction volumes (particularly closing auction) are huge (>30%).
- Some participants almost exclusively trade in auctions.
- Book is dark; only indicative uncrossing price/volume/imbalance disseminated.
- Beyond narrow range of imbalance, cannot simulate auction outcome.
- How to backtest strategies that execute in the auctions?

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Static Market Impact Model

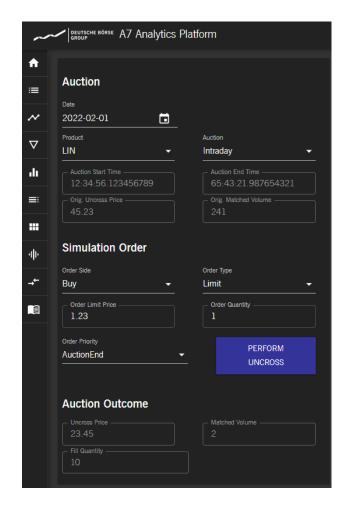


- From production data or from Xetra research, compute average market impact curves
- Cannot get fill rates.
- Day-to-day, instrument-toinstrument variations.

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Xetra Auction Simulations

- Coming feature in A7.
- Based on pre-uncross L3 order book.
- Repeat uncrossing logic in the presence of additional order(s) given side, price (or market), quantity, priority.
- Anticipated coverage: DAX/MDAX/SDAX
- T+N
- All scheduled auctions (opening, midday, closing).
- GUI (primarily for testing, demo, debugging) and API access.



Thank you!

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