

# Supplementary materials for

## Physical one-way functions for decentralized consensus via proof of physical work

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## Supplementary Discussion 1: Exemplary CO<sub>2</sub> calculation for the proposed setup

Stat-  
ing that p-OWFs can contribute to reduce the carbon footprint of a cryptocurrency like Bitcoin  
is counter-intuitive at first. The fundamental assumption is that miners will only mine if it is  
profitable, i.e. that the average mining reward is higher than the invested resources in US-  
Dollars (USD). As of today (03/18/2024), the current reward for mining a block is 6.25 Bitcoin  
(BTC), which is roughly equivalent to 424,000 USD (c.f. <https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/bitcoin/>). Taking into account the regional electricity prices and min-  
ing power distribution, the average bitcoin electricity price based on historical data (2018) was  
estimated at 0.091 USD/kWh (1). Thus, on average, the economical upper limit for the electric-  
ity consumption of any given block is 4.7 GWh. The CO<sub>2</sub> footprint based on the regional min-  
ing power distribution and respective average power mix was estimated at 557.76 g CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh  
in 2021 (2), resulting in an estimated carbon emission of 2601 t CO<sub>2</sub> per mined block. The  
network is designed to adjust the difficulty of the inverse problem so that on average a block is  
mined every 10 min. This would result in a yearly CO<sub>2</sub> emission of 137.6 Mt/year, which is in  
the same order of magnitude as estimations from 2021 (2).

The proposed setup is based on and limited by printing of pigment particles originating from ink  
fluids. Eurocolour e.V., the umbrella organization for the manufacturers of pigments in Europe,  
lists the carbon footprint of multi-stage synthesized organic pigments at 24 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg Pigment  
(3). It is impossible to quantify the precise pigment cost at this stage, as many factors such as  
quality and ink formulation have to be taken into account. The following calculation represents a  
worst-case estimate and assumes, for example, minimal dilution of the ink during formulation as  
well as the usage of expensive pigments prior to any marked adjustments by an elevated demand.  
For reference, a commercially available ink (Epson 113 EcoTank) costs around 10 USD per  
70 mL and contains 5-30 % pigment (4), which yields a pigment price (post-formulation) of at  
least 476 USD/kg. An additional source lists the pigment fraction in ink fluids even lower at

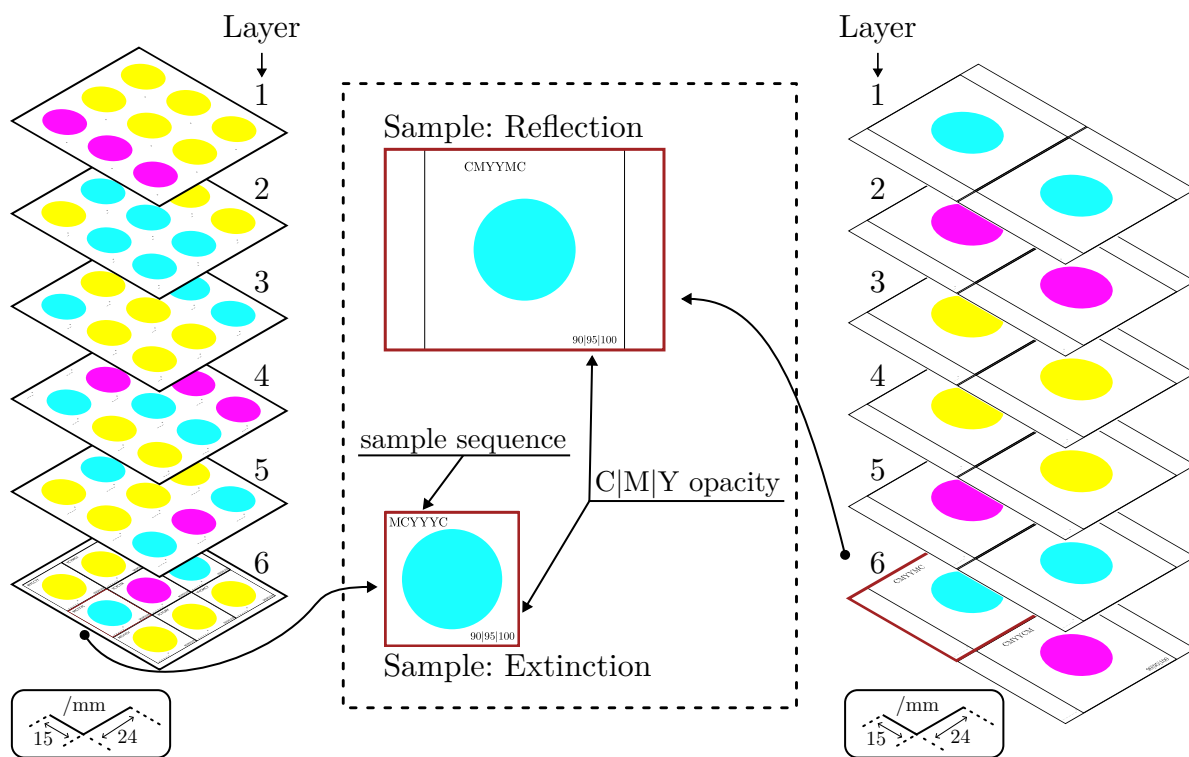


26 2% to 5% (5). Accounting for large demand and therefore assuming a price of only 40 USD/kg  
27 in the final formulation, mining a block is only economically viable, when less than 10.6 t  
28 of pigment are being used. This results in a carbon footprint of 254.6 t CO<sub>2</sub> per block, which  
29 corresponds to a 90 % CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. Eurocolour e.V. also lists inorganic and metallic pigments  
30 whose carbon footprint per kg is significantly lower. Adjusting the calculation on the basis of  
31 these substances, with a higher dilutions, could would yield a CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of over 99%.

32 Furthermore, it can be argued that the calculations neglect the cost of the substrate for the pig-  
33 ment structure and potential recycling strategies. Both will significantly influence the carbon  
34 footprint calculations in one way or the other. Methods have already been conceptualized to  
35 circumvent these negative aspects, as suggested in patent (6). Here, the mining printer is based  
36 on the laser printing technology and contains a so-called transfer belt. Here, pigment suspen-  
37 sions are used to create the desired particle structures. Afterwards, they are directly on this  
38 machine part, so that no carrier material is required. After optical analysis, the transfer belt can  
39 be cleaned and only the pigments themselves enter the recycling process.

40 The calculations above are meant to prove the general point that a significant carbon footprint  
41 reduction is indeed possible without putting too much emphasis on the specific figures. Obvi-  
42 ously, reality is multi-faceted and cannot be foreseen just now, as e.g. pigment price will be  
43 strongly correlated to the success of a PopW-based cryptocurrency and its currently unspeci-  
44 fied architecture. However, the general argument holds that a p-OWF is limited by physical  
45 resources and time, both of which might require less CO<sub>2</sub> per USD of economic value than  
46 electricity. The time aspect is particularly interesting in this context, as it is colloquially money,  
47 i.e. expensive, but does not produce carbon emissions per se.

48 **Supplementary Figure 1: Visualization of sample preparation.**



Supplementary Figure 1: Visualization of printing procedure using computer generated print pages with individual color layers for extinction (left) and reflection (right). Last layer includes information on color layer opacity and print sequence.

## **Supplementary Discussion 2: Detailed description of sample characteristics.**

This section elaborates on the physical and chemical characteristics of each sample and materials used to create a colored print. First, both high quality paper (HQP) and the coated polyester foil (CPF) in combination with the used molecular dyes of the ink-jet printer are described more thoroughly. Both substrates were analyzed by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDX). Samples of two prints with color sequence CMYCMY were prepared as shown in Figure 3e. Figure 4 shows EDX spectra of the pure HQP and CPF material. The main peaks are associated with calcium (Ca), carbon (C) and oxygen (O) for the HQP and aluminum (Al), oxygen (O) and carbon (C) for the CPF. This suggests that both carriers are coated with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  respectively.

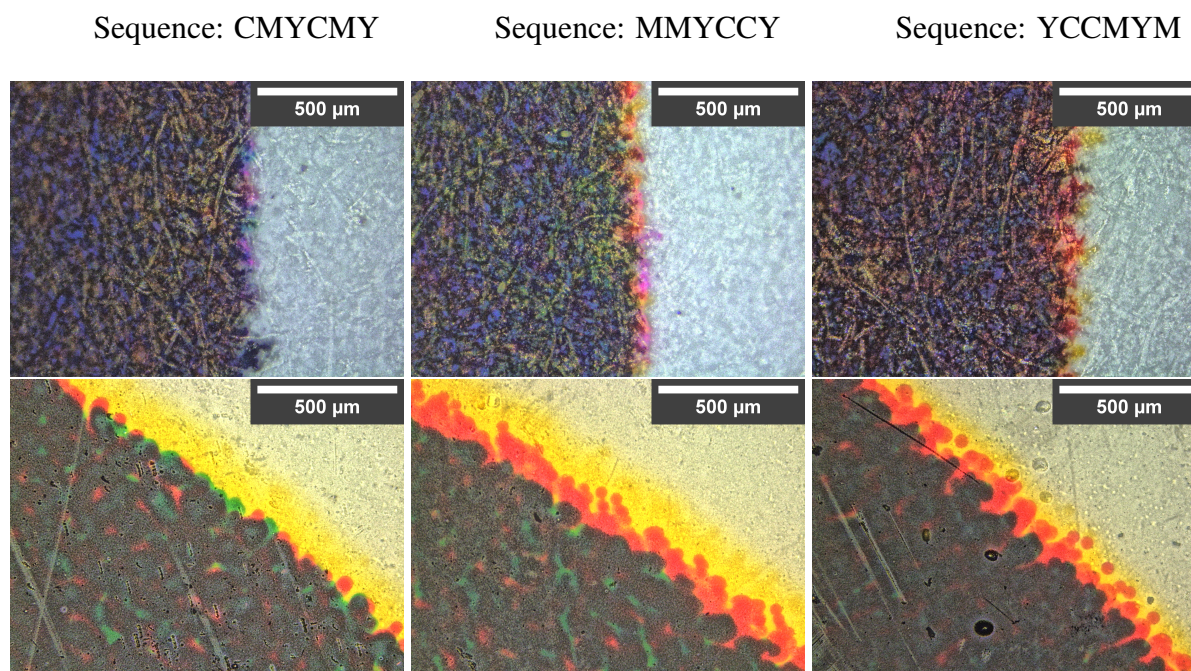
Regarding white print paper, porous coatings made of calcium carbonate are a common feature to increase the quality of prints. The reason for this is that the mineral coating affects the interaction of light with both the paper itself and the applied molecular dyes and pigments, influencing properties such as whiteness, shading, and opacity. The light scattering of the coated layer can be optimized by adjusting the distribution, mean particle size and shape of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  particles on the paper surface (7). Regarding the HQP used in this study, small  $\text{CaCO}_3$  particle clusters are visible in Figure 3a and 3b on top and inside of the paper fibers. Additionally, since ink-jet ink predominantly consists of water, porous coatings assist in water absorbance and inhibit the running of ink on the substrate. Another common material for surface coatings in printing of paper and films is aluminum oxide (5), which is applied during production of the CPF introduced in the manuscript. Both SEM images on the right side of Figure 3 show a porous structure on top of the foil. The coating offers the same advantages as the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  clusters when liquid dye is sprayed onto the carrier surface during printing.

A significant question that must be addressed is how the molecular dye ink, applied in multiple

75 print and drying sequences as illustrated in Figure 1, interacts with the substrate surfaces to  
76 produce the final colored sample. A plausible understanding of the final product can be seen  
77 in Figure 2. Here, three light scanning microscope (LSM) images of three different samples  
78 are displayed. The main manuscript examined the rationale behind the subtle yet noticeable  
79 variations in color observed between the three individual samples. It was demonstrated that the  
80 sequence in which the dye molecules are sprayed on the carrier surface affects the UV/vis spec-  
81 trum and, consequently, the color perception. Upon initial examination of Figure 3, however,  
82 it appears that the surface structure is identical regardless of whether the dye ink was applied.  
83 This means that the dye molecules are too small to be detected with the SEM image analysis.  
84 Furthermore, it is likely that the liquid dye molecules are transported to the fine pores of the  
85 coatings where they crystallize to the solid state. Successive printing and drying of the ink re-  
86 sults in a layered structure of nanoparticles inside the porous materials.

87 In simplified terms, the scattering of light by small particles depends on the particle size of a  
88 volume-equivalent sphere. Additionally, the entire collection of UV/vis extinction bands is the  
89 sum of scattered and absorbed light intensities by illuminated particles. Particles below 380 nm  
90 have a lower scattering cross section and contribute to the absorbance of light predominantly  
91 because of their molecular structure (4), (8). Following the cited fundamentals it can be con-  
92 cluded that the incident light is scattered and absorbed by nanoscale pigment clusters inside the  
93 coating of the HQP and CPF. In conclusion, layers of crystallized dye molecules are formed  
94 inside the small pores that enable the application concept of a p-OWF described in the main  
95 manuscript.

96 **Supplementary Figure 2: Laser Scanning Microscope images of selected print samples.**

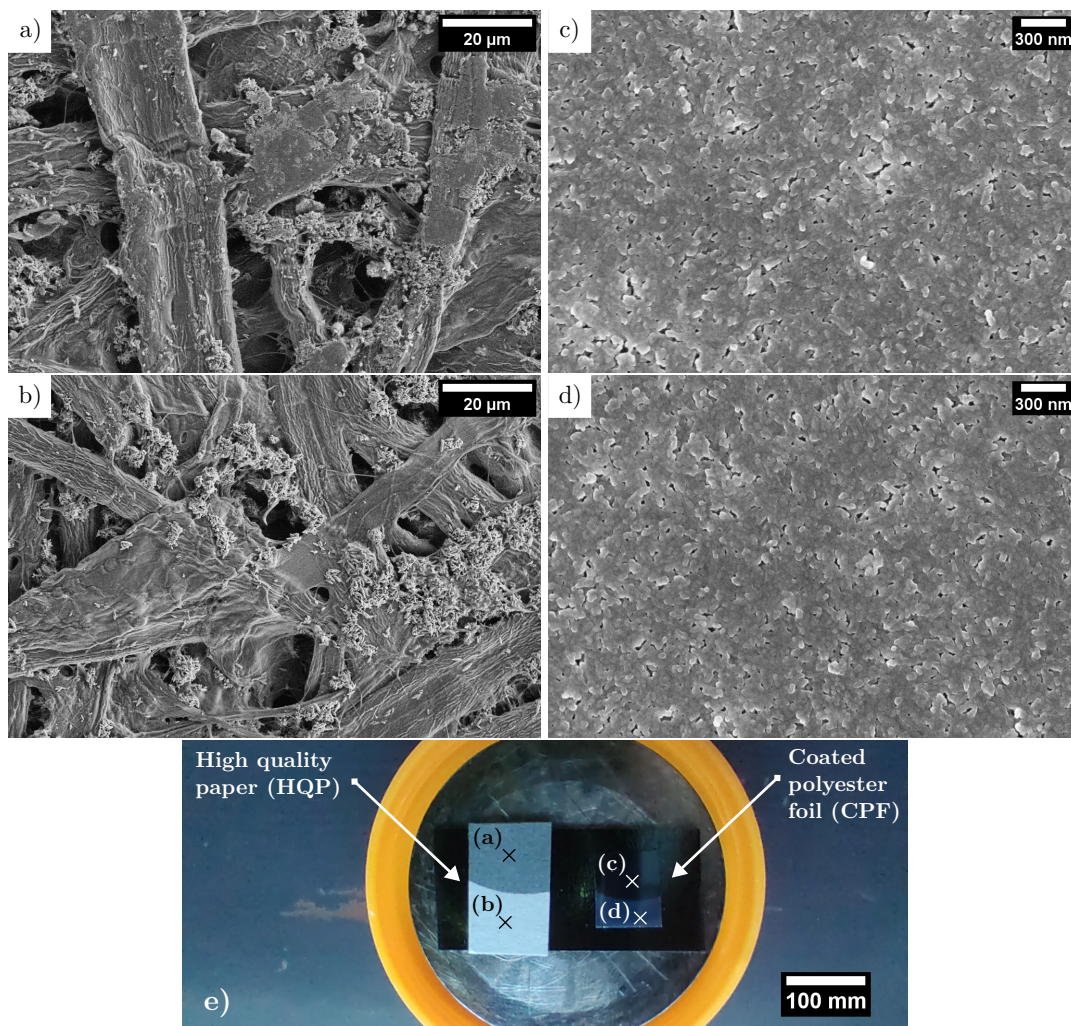


Supplementary Figure 2: Images of print samples acquired with laser scanning microscope (LSM). Each column displays a sample used in reflection (paper substrate, top row) and extinction (foil substrate, bottom row) analysis of three different primary color sequences. According to these LSM images, particle structures displayed in the bottom row share nearly the same perceptible color whereas particle structures printed on paper (top row) show a noticeable difference in coloration.

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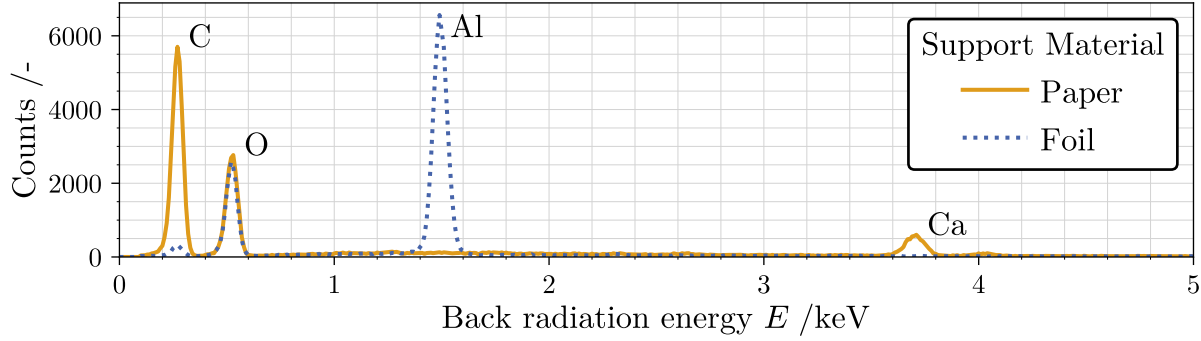


98 **Supplementary Figure 3: Substrate surface analysis by SEM.**



Supplementary Figure 3: Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of two samples with six pigment layers (CMYCMY) printed on high quality paper (HQP, left) and coated polyester foil (CPF, right). Images a) and c) show pure substrate surface structures. Images b) and d) show the same structures with six layers of dye ink printed on top. The final image e) depicts both samples with no magnification. Labeled crosses mark the spots where each SEM image was acquired.

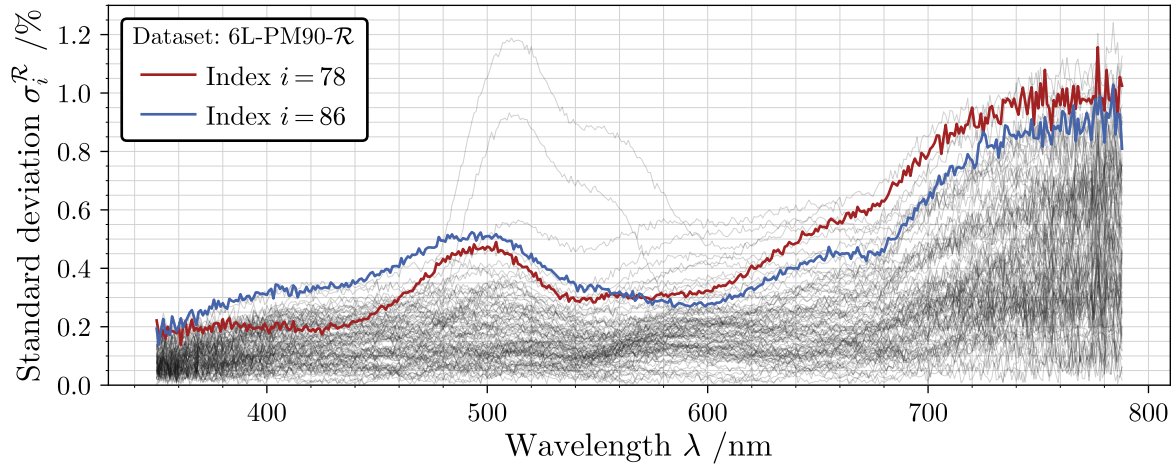
100 **Supplementary Figure 4: Preliminary substrate analysis by EDX spectroscopy.**



Supplementary Figure 4: Energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDX) spectrum of high quality paper (HQP) and coated polyester foil (CPF) used as substrate for printing. Elemental composition is indicated qualitatively by four labeled peaks.

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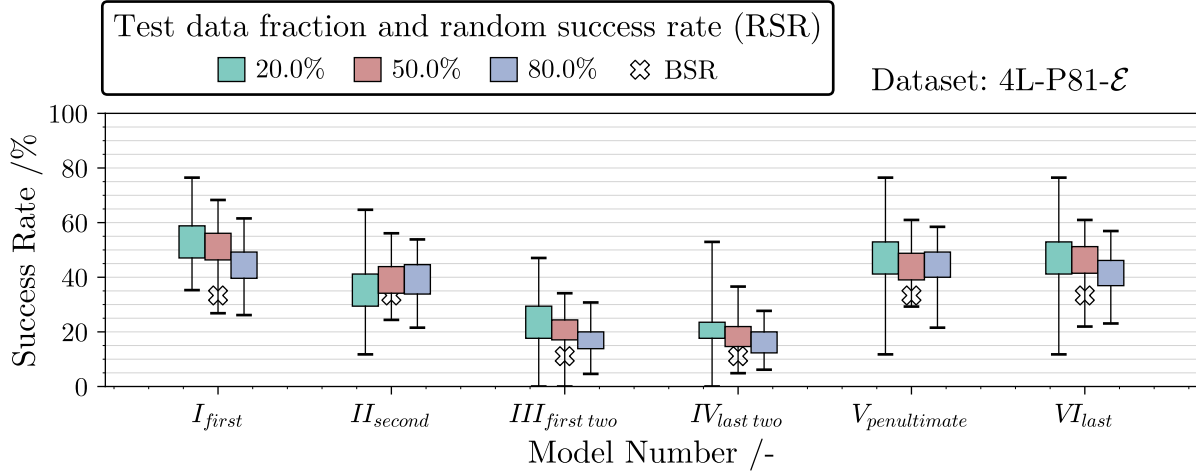
102 **Supplementary Figure 5: Standard deviations of data set 6L-PM90- $\mathcal{R}$ .**



Supplementary Figure 5: Calculated standard deviation  $\sigma_i$  of optical signals at multiple wavelengths for sample set 6L-PM90- $\mathcal{R}$ . Samples with index 78 and 86 are highlighted in a red and blue color.

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104 **Supplementary Figure 6: Results of data-driven inversion for 4L-P81- $\mathcal{E}$  data set.**



Supplementary Figure 6: Box plot comparing model success rate for three different sizes of test data after 100 iterations of randomized train test splits. Each model is shown separately. White crosses mark the average success rate when guessing a print setting. The prediction whisker limits represent the minimum and maximum success rate achieved by each model.

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## 106 **Supplementary File 1: Printer files and Python generator script**

107 The .pdf files used for printing the samples and .py file that generates them will be published  
 108 alongside the accepted version of the article.

## 109 **Supplementary Tables 1–3: Run tables of all experimental samples with mean standard 110 deviations and values for principal components**

111 The raw experimental data will be published open access upon acceptance of the article.



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Supplementary Table 1: List of labels, mean standard deviation and principal components (PCs) for every sequence in dataset 4L-P81- $\mathcal{E}$ .

| Sample index $i$ | Sequence | Mean STD $\bar{\sigma}_i^E$ /- | PC1 /- | PC2 /- | PC3 /- | PC4 /- | PC5 /- |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0                | CCCC     | 0.025                          | 1.947  | 0.388  | 4.373  | -0.007 | 0.859  |
| 1                | CCCM     | 0.028                          | 1.537  | -0.476 | 1.856  | 0.723  | -0.503 |
| 2                | CCCY     | 0.02                           | 1.494  | 0.889  | 1.197  | -1.834 | 0.617  |
| 3                | CCMC     | 0.023                          | 1.546  | -0.417 | 2.08   | 0.619  | -1.035 |
| 4                | CCMM     | 0.016                          | 0.86   | -0.883 | -0.039 | 2.172  | 0.548  |
| 5                | CCMY     | 0.014                          | 0.876  | 0.027  | -0.637 | -0.336 | 0.075  |
| 6                | CCYC     | 0.016                          | 1.509  | 0.888  | 1.482  | -1.787 | 0.377  |
| 7                | CCYM     | 0.014                          | 0.85   | -0.055 | -0.6   | -0.33  | -0.017 |
| 8                | CCYY     | 0.022                          | 0.851  | 1.327  | -0.799 | -0.568 | 1.523  |
| 9                | CMCC     | 0.02                           | 1.52   | -0.541 | 1.948  | 0.719  | -1.379 |
| 10               | CMCM     | 0.032                          | 0.808  | -1.057 | -0.064 | 1.844  | 0.103  |
| 11               | CMCY     | 0.023                          | 0.813  | -0.125 | -0.63  | -0.332 | -0.4   |
| 12               | CMMC     | 0.033                          | 0.727  | -1.083 | 0.119  | 1.733  | 0.153  |
| 13               | CMMM     | 0.025                          | -0.193 | -1.46  | -0.342 | 1.352  | 2.023  |
| 14               | CMMY     | 0.023                          | -0.249 | -0.677 | -0.596 | -0.699 | 0.443  |
| 15               | CMYC     | 0.03                           | 0.823  | -0.172 | -0.593 | -0.441 | -0.568 |
| 16               | CMYM     | 0.025                          | -0.215 | -0.875 | -0.718 | -0.621 | -0.236 |
| 17               | CMYY     | 0.023                          | -0.265 | 0.405  | -0.73  | -0.245 | 0.179  |
| 18               | CYCC     | 0.022                          | 1.49   | 0.841  | 1.424  | -1.822 | 0.284  |
| 19               | CYCM     | 0.02                           | 0.814  | -0.12  | -0.6   | -0.303 | -0.175 |
| 20               | CYCY     | 0.02                           | 0.786  | 1.371  | -0.715 | -0.476 | 1.464  |
| 21               | CYMC     | 0.027                          | 0.763  | -0.159 | -0.506 | -0.403 | -0.602 |
| 22               | CYMM     | 0.022                          | -0.242 | -0.869 | -0.631 | -0.665 | -0.405 |
| 23               | CYMY     | 0.038                          | -0.273 | 0.373  | -0.626 | -0.323 | -0.509 |
| 24               | CYYC     | 0.027                          | 0.819  | 1.318  | -0.73  | -0.677 | 1.108  |
| 25               | CYYM     | 0.03                           | -0.269 | 0.292  | -0.66  | -0.235 | -0.919 |
| 26               | CYYY     | 0.035                          | -0.274 | 2.095  | -0.671 | 1.039  | 0.688  |
| 27               | MCCC     | 0.022                          | 1.496  | -0.517 | 2.012  | 0.902  | -1.288 |
| 28               | MCCM     | 0.027                          | 0.773  | -1.088 | -0.053 | 2.024  | 0.122  |
| 29               | MCCY     | 0.027                          | 0.816  | -0.106 | -0.593 | -0.303 | -0.42  |
| 30               | MCMC     | 0.025                          | 0.735  | -1.209 | -0.017 | 2.064  | -0.345 |
| 31               | MCMM     | 0.027                          | -0.206 | -1.545 | -0.342 | 1.442  | 1.808  |
| 32               | MCMY     | 0.026                          | -0.237 | -0.851 | -0.689 | -0.505 | -0.367 |
| 33               | MCYC     | 0.017                          | 0.735  | -0.026 | -0.473 | -0.223 | -0.197 |
| 34               | MCYM     | 0.024                          | -0.244 | -0.792 | -0.7   | -0.393 | -0.376 |
| 35               | MCYY     | 0.023                          | -0.262 | 0.46   | -0.74  | -0.166 | -0.302 |
| 36               | MMCC     | 0.028                          | 0.765  | -1.23  | -0.05  | 2.024  | -0.463 |
| 37               | MMCM     | 0.031                          | -0.189 | -1.537 | -0.391 | 1.568  | 1.603  |
| 38               | MMCY     | 0.036                          | -0.21  | -0.817 | -0.727 | -0.54  | -0.642 |
| 39               | MMMC     | 0.031                          | -0.186 | -1.558 | -0.311 | 1.323  | 1.342  |
| 40               | MMMM     | 0.025                          | -1.517 | -1.378 | 1.072  | -0.191 | 4.526  |
| 41               | MMMY     | 0.027                          | -1.539 | -0.971 | 0.874  | -1.398 | 1.174  |
| 42               | MMYC     | 0.021                          | -0.196 | -0.831 | -0.754 | -0.513 | -0.807 |
| 43               | MMYM     | 0.029                          | -1.549 | -0.901 | 0.875  | -1.237 | 1.296  |
| 44               | MMYY     | 0.015                          | -1.591 | -0.035 | 0.903  | -0.436 | -0.459 |

Supplementary Table 1: cont.

| Sample index $i$ | Sequence | Mean STD $\bar{\sigma}_i^E$ /- | PC1 /- | PC2 /- | PC3 /- | PC4 /- | PC5 /- |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 45               | MYCC     | 0.026                          | 0.795  | -0.111 | -0.612 | -0.287 | -0.442 |
| 46               | MYCM     | 0.015                          | -0.219 | -0.821 | -0.729 | -0.408 | -0.555 |
| 47               | MYCY     | 0.025                          | -0.248 | 0.487  | -0.775 | -0.096 | -0.355 |
| 48               | MYMC     | 0.018                          | -0.227 | -0.812 | -0.744 | -0.351 | -0.53  |
| 49               | MYMM     | 0.025                          | -1.549 | -0.956 | 0.88   | -1.317 | 1.307  |
| 50               | MYMY     | 0.014                          | -1.584 | -0.182 | 0.909  | -0.662 | -0.792 |
| 51               | MYYC     | 0.027                          | -0.244 | 0.484  | -0.791 | -0.082 | -0.343 |
| 52               | MYYM     | 0.029                          | -1.591 | -0.135 | 0.921  | -0.583 | -0.673 |
| 53               | MYYY     | 0.034                          | -1.637 | 1.275  | 1.019  | 1.019  | -0.866 |
| 54               | YCCC     | 0.032                          | 1.485  | 0.8    | 1.419  | -1.747 | 0.273  |
| 55               | YCCM     | 0.03                           | 0.801  | -0.292 | -0.626 | -0.443 | -0.968 |
| 56               | YCCY     | 0.022                          | 0.787  | 1.353  | -0.739 | -0.46  | 1.389  |
| 57               | YCMC     | 0.031                          | 0.779  | -0.265 | -0.626 | -0.345 | -0.956 |
| 58               | YCMY     | 0.022                          | -0.238 | -0.94  | -0.704 | -0.46  | -0.599 |
| 59               | YCMY     | 0.021                          | -0.266 | 0.274  | -0.705 | -0.279 | -0.872 |
| 60               | YCYC     | 0.022                          | 0.79   | 1.36   | -0.708 | -0.55  | 1.275  |
| 61               | YCYM     | 0.03                           | -0.266 | 0.286  | -0.691 | -0.217 | -0.957 |
| 62               | YCYC     | 0.024                          | -0.282 | 2.116  | -0.679 | 1.169  | 0.817  |
| 63               | YMCC     | 0.025                          | 0.774  | -0.184 | -0.567 | -0.304 | -0.719 |
| 64               | YMCM     | 0.027                          | -0.222 | -0.95  | -0.731 | -0.46  | -0.824 |
| 65               | YMCY     | 0.024                          | -0.249 | 0.378  | -0.805 | -0.177 | -0.605 |
| 66               | YMMC     | 0.02                           | -0.228 | -0.856 | -0.678 | -0.4   | -0.746 |
| 67               | YMMM     | 0.029                          | -1.537 | -0.994 | 0.873  | -1.433 | 1.185  |
| 68               | YMMY     | 0.034                          | -1.576 | -0.236 | 0.913  | -0.764 | -0.882 |
| 69               | YMYC     | 0.035                          | -0.208 | 0.36   | -0.808 | -0.277 | -0.85  |
| 70               | YMYM     | 0.02                           | -1.624 | -0.222 | 0.951  | -0.546 | -0.624 |
| 71               | YMYC     | 0.034                          | -1.655 | 1.188  | 1.023  | 1.037  | -0.975 |
| 72               | YYCC     | 0.024                          | 0.797  | 1.377  | -0.744 | -0.362 | 1.622  |
| 73               | YYCM     | 0.02                           | -0.249 | 0.282  | -0.801 | -0.163 | -0.834 |
| 74               | YYCY     | 0.03                           | -0.264 | 2.121  | -0.755 | 1.237  | 0.935  |
| 75               | YYMC     | 0.023                          | -0.231 | 0.376  | -0.845 | -0.003 | -0.482 |
| 76               | YYMM     | 0.026                          | -1.611 | -0.215 | 0.943  | -0.57  | -0.635 |
| 77               | YYMY     | 0.026                          | -1.649 | 1.149  | 1.047  | 0.928  | -1.141 |
| 78               | YYYC     | 0.024                          | -0.261 | 2.125  | -0.726 | 1.112  | 0.807  |
| 79               | YYYM     | 0.024                          | -1.647 | 1.124  | 1.044  | 0.887  | -1.206 |
| 80               | YYYY     | 0.027                          | -1.692 | 2.941  | 1.158  | 2.818  | -0.078 |

Supplementary Table 2: List of labels, mean standard deviation and principal components (PCs) for every sequence in dataset 6L-PM90- $\mathcal{E}$ .

| Sample index $i$ | Sequence | Mean STD $\bar{\sigma}_i^E$ /- | PC1 /- | PC2 /- | PC3 /- | PC4 /- | PC5 /- |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0                | CCMMYY   | 0.015                          | -1.688 | 0.591  | 3.064  | 3.382  | 3.225  |
| 1                | CCMYMY   | 0.017                          | -1.757 | 0.546  | 0.871  | 1.87   | 2.014  |
| 2                | CCMYYM   | 0.024                          | -1.043 | 0.285  | 0.72   | 1.381  | 1.526  |
| 3                | CCYMMY   | 0.013                          | -0.459 | 0.96   | 0.404  | 1.393  | 1.604  |
| 4                | CCYMYM   | 0.016                          | -0.464 | 0.663  | -0.821 | 0.676  | 1.366  |
| 5                | CCYYMM   | 0.016                          | -0.612 | 0.725  | -1.428 | 0.02   | -0.079 |
| 6                | CMCMYY   | 0.011                          | -0.073 | 2.43   | 1.312  | 1.339  | 1.798  |
| 7                | CMCYMY   | 0.028                          | 0.44   | 2.035  | -1.269 | -0.129 | 0.872  |
| 8                | CMCYYM   | 0.034                          | 0.934  | 2.229  | -1.675 | -0.953 | 0.556  |
| 9                | CMMCYY   | 0.016                          | 0.489  | 1.957  | -0.328 | -0.03  | 0.75   |
| 10               | CMMYCY   | 0.022                          | 1.332  | -0.277 | -0.008 | 1.268  | 0.75   |
| 11               | CMMYYC   | 0.025                          | 2.182  | -1.882 | 0.631  | 0.882  | 1.64   |
| 12               | CMYCMY   | 0.013                          | 0.034  | 0.912  | 0.049  | 0.387  | 0.452  |
| 13               | CMYCYM   | 0.017                          | 0.195  | 0.365  | -0.381 | -0.3   | -0.466 |
| 14               | CMYMCY   | 0.025                          | -1.514 | -1.506 | -0.6   | 1.398  | 0.045  |
| 15               | CMYMYC   | 0.016                          | -0.955 | -1.605 | -0.189 | 0.037  | 0.955  |
| 16               | CMYYCM   | 0.021                          | -1.02  | -0.523 | -0.691 | 0.3    | -0.57  |
| 17               | CMYYMC   | 0.019                          | -0.233 | -0.578 | -0.187 | -0.664 | 0.456  |
| 18               | CYCMMY   | 0.017                          | -0.26  | 0.288  | -0.824 | 1.686  | 0.31   |
| 19               | CYCMYM   | 0.015                          | 0.23   | 0.838  | -1.465 | 0.149  | 0.71   |
| 20               | CYCYMM   | 0.039                          | -0.348 | 0.265  | -0.526 | -1.93  | 2.994  |
| 21               | CYMCMY   | 0.01                           | 1.197  | -0.201 | -1.006 | 1.322  | 0.195  |
| 22               | CYMCYM   | 0.013                          | 1.034  | 0.627  | -0.854 | 0.094  | 0.211  |
| 23               | CYMMC Y  | 0.021                          | 1.331  | -0.392 | -0.857 | 0.897  | 0.03   |
| 24               | CYMMYC   | 0.023                          | 1.866  | -1.402 | 0.039  | 0.325  | 1.102  |
| 25               | CYMYCM   | 0.03                           | 0.76   | -0.841 | -0.204 | 0.373  | -0.608 |
| 26               | CYMYMC   | 0.026                          | 1.46   | -2.232 | 1.3    | -0.184 | 0.009  |
| 27               | CYYCMM   | 0.018                          | 0.336  | 0.213  | -1.352 | -0.518 | -0.117 |
| 28               | CYYMCM   | 0.018                          | -1.795 | -1.818 | -0.898 | 0.454  | -0.811 |
| 29               | CYYMMC   | 0.02                           | -1.643 | -1.849 | -0.086 | -0.889 | 0.333  |
| 30               | MCCMY Y  | 0.018                          | -1.45  | 1.027  | 0.366  | 1.659  | -0.55  |
| 31               | MCCYMY   | 0.017                          | -1.2   | 0.735  | -0.397 | 0.884  | -0.628 |
| 32               | MCCYYM   | 0.02                           | -0.526 | 0.954  | -0.384 | 0.129  | -0.4   |
| 33               | MCMCYY   | 0.012                          | 0.693  | -0.029 | -0.191 | 1.346  | -0.809 |
| 34               | MCMYCY   | 0.01                           | 0.33   | 0.201  | -0.56  | 1.101  | -0.971 |
| 35               | MCMYYC   | 0.024                          | 0.481  | -0.036 | 0.06   | -0.55  | 0.9    |
| 36               | MCYCMY   | 0.02                           | 1.069  | -0.75  | -0.398 | 1.1    | -0.058 |
| 37               | MCYCYM   | 0.02                           | 1.886  | -0.536 | 0.374  | 1.173  | -0.786 |
| 38               | MCYMCY   | 0.018                          | 1.377  | -0.202 | -0.685 | 0.811  | -0.324 |
| 39               | MCYMYC   | 0.023                          | 0.308  | 0.043  | 0.342  | -0.74  | 0.989  |
| 40               | MCYYCM   | 0.03                           | 0.769  | -0.71  | 1.192  | 0.839  | -1.023 |
| 41               | MCYYMC   | 0.013                          | 0.931  | 0.82   | 0.74   | -1.122 | 0.309  |
| 42               | MMCCYY   | 0.016                          | -1.233 | 0.232  | 0.365  | 1.324  | -2.249 |
| 43               | MMC YCY  | 0.014                          | -1.011 | 0.869  | 1.561  | 0.529  | -2.275 |
| 44               | MMCYYC   | 0.021                          | 0.289  | -1.3   | 2.714  | 0.362  | -1.226 |
| 45               | MMYCCY   | 0.01                           | -0.144 | 1.161  | 1.665  | 0.401  | -1.961 |

Supplementary Table 2: cont.

| Sample index $i$ | Sequence | Mean STD $\bar{\sigma}_i^E$ /- | PC1 /- | PC2 /- | PC3 /- | PC4 /- | PC5 /- |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 46               | MMYCYC   | 0.021                          | 0.166  | 0.998  | 2.17   | -0.645 | -0.78  |
| 47               | MMYYCC   | 0.02                           | 0.133  | 1.184  | 2.017  | -0.853 | -1.229 |
| 48               | MYCCMY   | 0.015                          | 0.457  | 0.24   | -0.592 | 0.548  | -0.611 |
| 49               | MYCCYM   | 0.015                          | 0.705  | 1.157  | -0.216 | -0.349 | -0.552 |
| 50               | MYCMCY   | 0.011                          | 0.781  | 0.273  | 0.076  | 0.468  | -1.38  |
| 51               | MYCMYC   | 0.016                          | 1.615  | -1.218 | 0.355  | -0.206 | -0.105 |
| 52               | MYCYCM   | 0.019                          | 0.867  | -0.182 | 0.942  | 0.45   | -0.99  |
| 53               | MYCYMC   | 0.037                          | 1.41   | -1.752 | 1.545  | -0.388 | -0.346 |
| 54               | MYMCCY   | 0.01                           | 0.897  | 1.332  | 0.942  | -0.271 | -1.118 |
| 55               | MYMCYC   | 0.015                          | 1.439  | 1.285  | 0.915  | -1.244 | 0.202  |
| 56               | MYMYCC   | 0.019                          | -1.816 | -1.268 | 1.331  | -0.797 | 0.041  |
| 57               | MYYCCM   | 0.021                          | -1.24  | -0.189 | -0.36  | -0.095 | -0.797 |
| 58               | MYYCMC   | 0.01                           | -1.146 | -0.241 | 0.583  | -1.42  | -0.133 |
| 59               | MYYMCC   | 0.019                          | -0.778 | 0.366  | 1.192  | -1.431 | 0.072  |
| 60               | YCCMMY   | 0.019                          | -0.153 | 0.274  | -1.458 | 0.637  | 0.665  |
| 61               | YCCMYM   | 0.023                          | 0.077  | -0.003 | -1.528 | 0.252  | 0.195  |
| 62               | YCCYMM   | 0.014                          | 0.071  | 0.188  | -1.48  | -0.16  | -0.18  |
| 63               | YCMCMY   | 0.021                          | 0.426  | -1.641 | -0.649 | -0.072 | 1.902  |
| 64               | YCMCYM   | 0.019                          | 1.264  | -0.956 | -0.655 | 0.687  | -0.647 |
| 65               | YCMMCY   | 0.014                          | 0.585  | -0.054 | -0.865 | 0.068  | -0.418 |
| 66               | YCMMYC   | 0.029                          | 0.562  | -0.164 | 0.689  | -1.09  | 0.566  |
| 67               | YCMYCM   | 0.032                          | 0.837  | -0.293 | 0.204  | 0.05   | -0.688 |
| 68               | YCMYMC   | 0.017                          | 0.409  | -0.126 | 1.043  | -1.668 | 1.054  |
| 69               | YCYCMM   | 0.027                          | 0.91   | -1.293 | -1.236 | 0.5    | -0.438 |
| 70               | YCYMCM   | 0.014                          | -1.557 | -1.082 | -0.784 | 0.095  | -0.598 |
| 71               | YCYMMC   | 0.021                          | -1.33  | -1.138 | -0.317 | -1.283 | 0.194  |
| 72               | YMCCMY   | 0.013                          | -1.094 | -0.009 | -1.385 | 0.274  | -0.419 |
| 73               | YMCCYM   | 0.013                          | -0.752 | 0.983  | -0.928 | -0.426 | -0.99  |
| 74               | YMCMCY   | 0.014                          | -0.707 | 0.828  | -0.665 | -0.027 | -1.454 |
| 75               | YMCMYC   | 0.015                          | 0.12   | 0.467  | 0.549  | -0.764 | -0.288 |
| 76               | YMCYCM   | 0.02                           | 0.168  | 0.17   | -1.027 | -0.143 | -0.836 |
| 77               | YMCYMC   | 0.019                          | 0.386  | -0.238 | 0.279  | -0.949 | -0.015 |
| 78               | YMMCCY   | 0.013                          | 0.337  | 0.911  | 0.241  | -0.178 | -1.242 |
| 79               | YMMCYC   | 0.026                          | 0.058  | 0.74   | 0.303  | -1.25  | 0.047  |
| 80               | YMMYCC   | 0.023                          | -0.334 | 0.222  | 1.092  | -1.745 | 0.661  |
| 81               | YMYCCM   | 0.013                          | 0.167  | 0.56   | -1.373 | -0.825 | 0.065  |
| 82               | YMYCMC   | 0.031                          | -0.179 | 0.479  | 0.009  | -1.917 | 0.796  |
| 83               | YMYMCC   | 0.036                          | -0.274 | 0.665  | 1.458  | -1.613 | -0.03  |
| 84               | YYCCMM   | 0.016                          | -2.113 | -1.135 | -0.072 | 0.02   | -0.86  |
| 85               | YYCMCM   | 0.014                          | -1.944 | -0.516 | -0.84  | -0.79  | -0.596 |
| 86               | YYCMMC   | 0.02                           | -0.674 | -2.232 | 0.241  | -1.124 | 0.783  |
| 87               | YYMCCM   | 0.009                          | -0.604 | -0.574 | -0.435 | -0.321 | -0.568 |
| 88               | YYMCMC   | 0.02                           | -0.305 | -0.472 | -0.621 | -1.352 | 0.38   |
| 89               | YYMMCC   | 0.021                          | -0.369 | 0.155  | -0.195 | -1.932 | 0.496  |

Supplementary Table 3: List of labels, mean standard deviation and principal components (PCs) for every sequence in dataset 6L-PM90- $\mathcal{R}$ .

| Sample index $i$ | Sequence | Mean STD $\bar{\sigma}_i^R$ /% | PC1 /- | PC2 /- | PC3 /- | PC4 /- | PC5 /- |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0                | CCMMYY   | 0.254                          | -1.664 | -1.903 | 0.741  | -0.103 | 0.211  |
| 1                | CCMYMY   | 0.105                          | -1.355 | -0.736 | 1.673  | -0.427 | 0.194  |
| 2                | CCMYYM   | 0.242                          | -1.23  | 0.642  | 1.981  | -0.819 | 0.032  |
| 3                | CCYMMY   | 0.188                          | -1.494 | -0.34  | 1.931  | -2.075 | -0.504 |
| 4                | CCYMYM   | 0.263                          | -1.105 | 1.321  | 1.768  | -1.11  | -0.368 |
| 5                | CCYYMM   | 0.158                          | -0.862 | 2.027  | 1.128  | -0.317 | 0.103  |
| 6                | CMCMYY   | 0.287                          | -1.551 | -1.566 | 0.503  | 0.102  | 0.935  |
| 7                | CMCYMY   | 0.169                          | -1.549 | -0.519 | 2.202  | 1.417  | -0.742 |
| 8                | CMCYYM   | 0.162                          | -1.135 | 0.953  | 1.223  | -0.615 | 0.057  |
| 9                | CMMCYY   | 0.11                           | -1.358 | -1.563 | 0.203  | 1.672  | 0.068  |
| 10               | CMMYCY   | 0.232                          | -0.559 | -1.976 | -0.806 | 1.298  | -0.809 |
| 11               | CMMYYC   | 0.144                          | 0.957  | -1.71  | 0.508  | 0.916  | -1.048 |
| 12               | CMYCMY   | 0.155                          | -0.971 | -0.828 | 0.56   | 0.183  | -0.784 |
| 13               | CMYCYM   | 0.125                          | -0.72  | 0.841  | 0.963  | 0.927  | -1.039 |
| 14               | CMYMCY   | 0.173                          | -0.584 | -0.912 | -0.716 | -0.165 | -0.466 |
| 15               | CMYMYC   | 0.126                          | 0.988  | -0.839 | 0.796  | 1.049  | -1.028 |
| 16               | CMYYCM   | 0.149                          | 0.308  | 0.716  | -0.49  | -0.152 | 0.436  |
| 17               | CMYYMC   | 0.186                          | 1.208  | 0.338  | 0.727  | 0.616  | 0.296  |
| 18               | CYCMMY   | 0.272                          | -1.068 | -0.199 | 0.995  | 0.16   | -0.946 |
| 19               | CYCMYM   | 0.284                          | -0.689 | 1.103  | 0.76   | -1.312 | 0.448  |
| 20               | CYCYMM   | 0.216                          | -0.496 | 1.847  | 0.532  | 0.401  | -0.277 |
| 21               | CYMCMY   | 0.184                          | -0.667 | -0.132 | 0.675  | 0.875  | -0.39  |
| 22               | CYMCYM   | 0.228                          | -0.523 | 1.414  | -0.24  | -0.384 | 0.332  |
| 23               | CYMMC Y  | 0.279                          | -0.542 | -0.066 | -1.05  | 0.066  | -1.149 |
| 24               | CYMMYC   | 0.231                          | 0.957  | -0.424 | -0.146 | -0.607 | -1.68  |
| 25               | CYMYCM   | 0.316                          | 0.302  | 1.112  | -0.757 | 0.005  | 0.822  |
| 26               | CYMYMC   | 0.225                          | 1.103  | 0.652  | 0.611  | 0.771  | -0.446 |
| 27               | CYYCMM   | 0.109                          | 0.055  | 1.643  | -0.08  | 1.157  | 1.155  |
| 28               | CYYMCM   | 0.159                          | 0.166  | 1.51   | -1.047 | 0.582  | 0.068  |
| 29               | CYYMMC   | 0.306                          | 0.948  | 1.047  | -0.375 | 0.79   | -0.603 |
| 30               | MCCMY Y  | 0.442                          | -1.281 | -1.45  | 0.973  | 1.162  | 1.559  |
| 31               | MCCYMY   | 0.245                          | -1.201 | -0.318 | 1.009  | -0.134 | 0.547  |
| 32               | MCCYYM   | 0.256                          | -0.957 | 1.149  | 0.985  | -0.8   | 0.338  |
| 33               | MCMCYY   | 0.275                          | -1.258 | -1.368 | -0.067 | 1.123  | 0.735  |
| 34               | MCMYCY   | 0.423                          | -0.41  | -1.595 | -1.512 | -0.834 | 1.321  |
| 35               | MCMYYC   | 0.256                          | 0.981  | -1.46  | -0.057 | 0.39   | -0.315 |
| 36               | MCYCMY   | 0.236                          | -0.69  | -0.436 | 0.307  | -0.328 | 1.478  |
| 37               | MCYCYM   | 0.481                          | -0.7   | 0.88   | -0.388 | -0.927 | 0.949  |
| 38               | MCYMCY   | 0.245                          | -0.469 | -0.469 | -1.382 | -1.343 | 1.57   |
| 39               | MCYMYC   | 0.146                          | 1.124  | -0.682 | 0.462  | -1.053 | 1.087  |
| 40               | MCYYCM   | 0.382                          | 0.284  | 0.695  | -0.472 | -0.673 | 2.576  |
| 41               | MCYYMC   | 0.238                          | 1.012  | 0.388  | -0.485 | -0.292 | 1.505  |
| 42               | MMCCYY   | 0.521                          | -1.095 | -1.015 | -0.949 | 0.363  | 2.513  |
| 43               | MMC YCY  | 0.315                          | -0.291 | -1.184 | -1.132 | 1.879  | 1.573  |
| 44               | MMCYYC   | 0.186                          | 0.925  | -1.268 | -1.096 | -0.136 | 0.191  |
| 45               | MMYCCY   | 0.273                          | -0.057 | -1.301 | -1.736 | -0.342 | 1.786  |

Supplementary Table 3: cont.

| Sample index $i$ | Sequence | Mean STD $\bar{\sigma}_i^R$ /- | PC1 /- | PC2 /- | PC3 /- | PC4 /- | PC5 /- |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 46               | MMYCYC   | 0.266                          | 1.34   | -1.237 | -0.047 | 0.533  | 0.123  |
| 47               | MMYYCC   | 0.166                          | 1.837  | -1.005 | 1.417  | 0.556  | 0.972  |
| 48               | MYCCMY   | 0.118                          | -0.356 | -0.455 | -0.193 | 1.024  | 1.558  |
| 49               | MYCCYM   | 0.155                          | -0.378 | 0.991  | -0.07  | 0.111  | 0.951  |
| 50               | MYCMCY   | 0.123                          | -0.183 | -0.524 | -0.855 | 1.293  | 0.734  |
| 51               | MYCMYC   | 0.216                          | 1.232  | -0.774 | 0.147  | -0.099 | 0.267  |
| 52               | MYCYCM   | 0.178                          | 0.259  | 0.314  | 0.036  | -1.647 | 1.24   |
| 53               | MYCYMC   | 0.171                          | 1.109  | -0.284 | 0.777  | -1.717 | -0.05  |
| 54               | MYMCCY   | 0.094                          | -0.582 | -1.051 | -1.205 | -0.643 | -1.134 |
| 55               | MYMCYC   | 0.204                          | 1.089  | -1.257 | 0.546  | -1.529 | -1.014 |
| 56               | MYMYCC   | 0.134                          | 1.852  | -0.882 | 2.333  | -0.718 | 0.212  |
| 57               | MYYCCM   | 0.193                          | 0.618  | 0.392  | 0.617  | 0.54   | 0.913  |
| 58               | MYYCMC   | 0.104                          | 1.341  | -0.35  | 0.814  | -1.265 | 0.794  |
| 59               | MYYMCC   | 0.162                          | 1.756  | -0.097 | 1.892  | 0.309  | 1.12   |
| 60               | YCCMMY   | 0.295                          | -1.225 | -0.602 | 0.73   | 0.109  | -1.084 |
| 61               | YCCMYM   | 0.185                          | -0.979 | 1.022  | 0.742  | -0.19  | -1.398 |
| 62               | YCCYMM   | 0.277                          | -0.912 | 0.961  | 0.291  | 0.201  | -1.387 |
| 63               | YCMCMY   | 0.549                          | -0.973 | 0.126  | -0.932 | -0.381 | -0.929 |
| 64               | YCMCYM   | 0.159                          | -0.919 | 0.981  | -0.561 | -1.443 | -0.836 |
| 65               | YCMMCY   | 0.153                          | -0.818 | -0.543 | -1.567 | -0.291 | -2.015 |
| 66               | YCMMYC   | 0.184                          | 0.945  | -0.736 | -0.274 | -1.452 | -2.053 |
| 67               | YCMYCM   | 0.171                          | 0.252  | 0.939  | -0.494 | 0.265  | -0.112 |
| 68               | YCMYMC   | 0.176                          | 1.059  | 0.401  | 0.047  | -0.352 | -0.62  |
| 69               | YCYCMM   | 0.158                          | -0.169 | 1.401  | -0.516 | -0.248 | 1.055  |
| 70               | YCYMCM   | 0.293                          | -0.083 | 0.955  | -1.961 | -1.623 | 0.37   |
| 71               | YCYMMC   | 0.141                          | 1.086  | 0.817  | -0.203 | 0.351  | 0.5    |
| 72               | YMCCMY   | 0.24                           | -1.196 | -0.393 | -0.931 | 0.474  | -1.373 |
| 73               | YMCCYM   | 0.272                          | -0.955 | 1.063  | -1.295 | -1.556 | -0.22  |
| 74               | YMCMCY   | 0.372                          | -0.673 | -0.438 | -1.654 | -0.068 | -0.853 |
| 75               | YMCMYC   | 0.392                          | 0.912  | -0.829 | -0.722 | -1.289 | -1.853 |
| 76               | YMCYCM   | 0.265                          | 0.207  | 1.069  | -1.246 | -0.228 | 0.114  |
| 77               | YMCYMC   | 0.232                          | 0.937  | 0.34   | -1.115 | -1.876 | 0.014  |
| 78               | YMMCCY   | 0.476                          | -0.69  | -0.361 | -2.119 | 0.398  | -1.769 |
| 79               | YMMCYC   | 0.353                          | 1.048  | -0.501 | -0.929 | -1.392 | -0.635 |
| 80               | YMMYCC   | 0.213                          | 1.693  | -0.505 | 0.677  | -0.818 | -0.761 |
| 81               | YMYCCM   | 0.162                          | 0.47   | 0.857  | -0.771 | 0.669  | 0.57   |
| 82               | YMYCMC   | 0.134                          | 1.336  | 0.498  | 0.214  | 1.001  | -0.72  |
| 83               | YMYMCC   | 0.169                          | 1.697  | 0.571  | 1.102  | 1.334  | -0.055 |
| 84               | YYCCMM   | 0.29                           | -0.097 | 1.626  | -0.146 | 2.834  | -0.305 |
| 85               | YYCMCM   | 0.185                          | 0.115  | 1.313  | -0.873 | 1.869  | -0.476 |
| 86               | YYCMMC   | 0.467                          | 1.04   | 0.803  | -0.54  | 1.897  | -0.926 |
| 87               | YYMCCM   | 0.357                          | 0.297  | 1.289  | -0.887 | 1.763  | -0.377 |
| 88               | YYMCMC   | 0.093                          | 1.367  | 0.01   | 0.175  | 0.12   | -0.45  |
| 89               | YYMMCC   | 0.088                          | 1.504  | 0.063  | 0.315  | 0.221  | -0.398 |