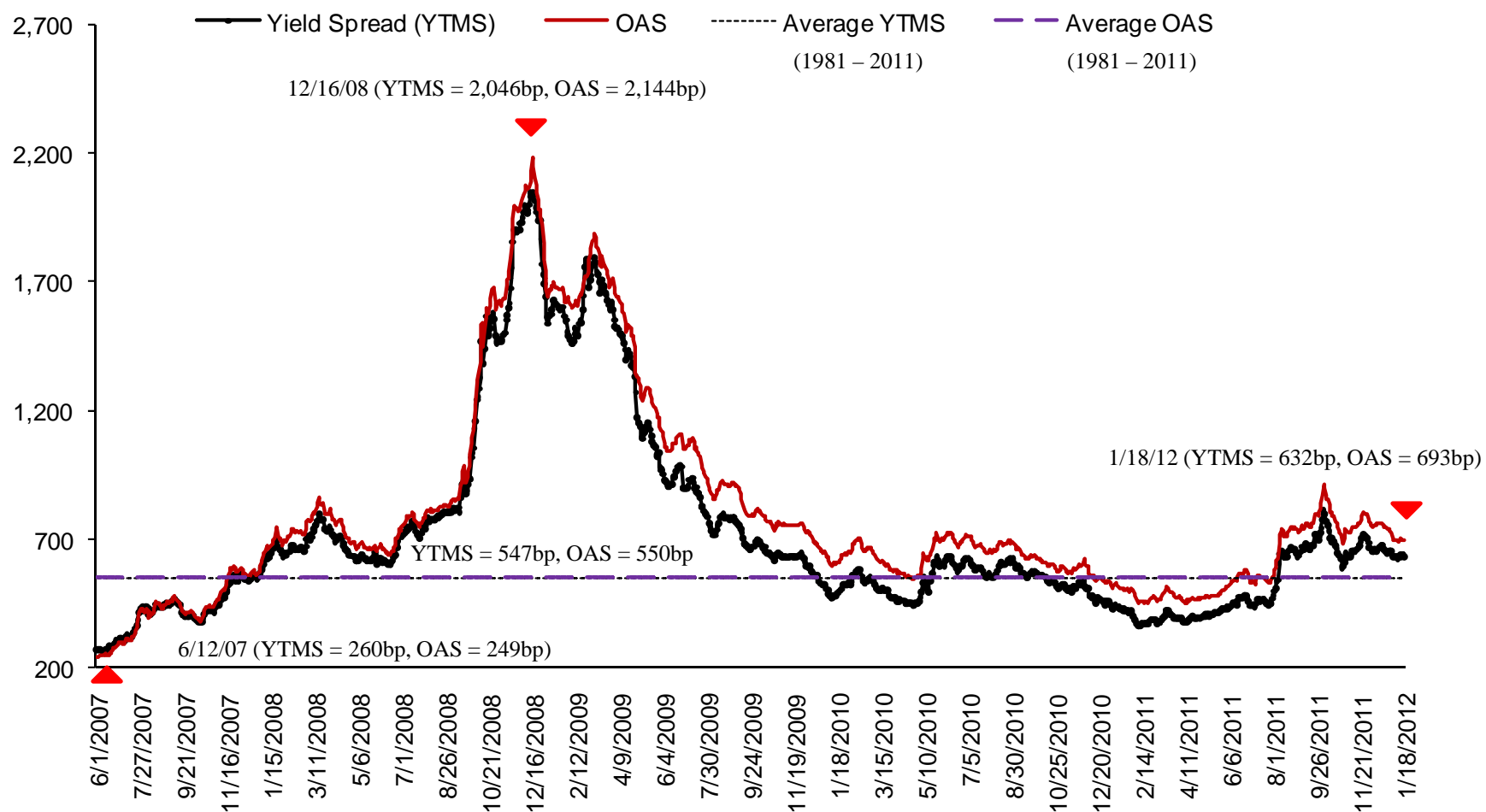

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A Novel Approach to Assessing Sovereign Debt Risk

Financial Health of the Corporate, Non-Financial Sector: Selected European Countries and U.S.A. in 2008-2010

(Z-Metrics PD Estimates¹ and Implied PDs from CDS Spreads)

Z-Metrics PD Estimates: Five-Year Public Model							
Country	Listed Companies	Y/E 2010 Median PD	Y/E 2009 Median PD	Y/E 2008 Median PD	Five-Year Implied PD From CDS Spread ²		
					2010	2009	2008
Netherlands	85	3.56%	3.33%	5.62%	2.03%	2.83%	6.06%
U.S.A.	2226	3.65%	3.93%	6.97%	3.79%	3.28%	4.47%
Sweden	245	3.71%	5.31%	6.74%	2.25%	4.60%	6.33%
Ireland	29	3.72%	6.45%	7.46%	41.44%	12.20%	17.00%
Belgium	69	3.85%	5.90%	5.89%	11.12%	4.58%	5.53%
U.K.	507	4.28%	3.62%	5.75%	4.73%	6.52%	8.13%
France	351	4.36%	5.51%	7.22%	4.51%	3.75%	4.05%
Germany	348	4.63%	5.54%	7.34%	2.50%	2.67%	3.66%
Italy	174	7.29%	7.99%	10.51%	9.16%	8.69%	11.20%
Spain	91	7.39%	6.44%	7.39%	14.80%	9.39%	8.07%
Portugal	33	10.67%	9.36%	12.07%	41.00%	10.90%	7.39%
Greece	93	15.28%	10.60%	11.57%	70.66%	24.10%	13.22%

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²Assuming a 40% recovery rate (R); based on the median CDS spread (s). PD Computed as $1 - e^{(-s*(1-R))}$

Sources: RiskMetrics Group (MSCI), Markit, Compustat.

Weighted Average Median 5-Year PD From Z-Metrics Models¹ for Listed Non-Financial² and Banking³ Firms (Europe & US): 2010

Country	Non-Financial Firms		Banking Firms		Weighted Average (%)	Rank	CDS Spread PD (%)*	Rank
	PD (%)	Weight	PD (%)	Weight				
Netherlands	3.56	0.977	11.1	0.023	3.73	1	2.03	1
U.K.	4.28	0.977	15.5	0.023	4.54	5	4.73	6
U.S.A.	3.65	0.837	13.8	0.163	5.30	7	3.79	4
France	4.36	0.986	14.0	0.014	4.49	4	4.51	5
Germany	4.63	0.983	13.1	0.017	4.77	6	2.50	3
Sweden	3.71	0.984	17.3	0.016	3.93	2	2.25	2
Ireland	3.72	0.906	77.6	0.094	10.65	10	41.44	11
Italy	7.29	0.906	20.0	0.094	8.48	9	9.16	7
Belgium	3.85	0.972	12.4	0.028	4.21	3	11.12	8
Spain	7.39	0.948	10.9	0.052	7.57	8	14.80	9
Portugal	10.67	0.971	12.1	0.029	10.71	11	41.00	10
Greece	15.28	0.921	30.1	0.079	16.45	12	70.66	12

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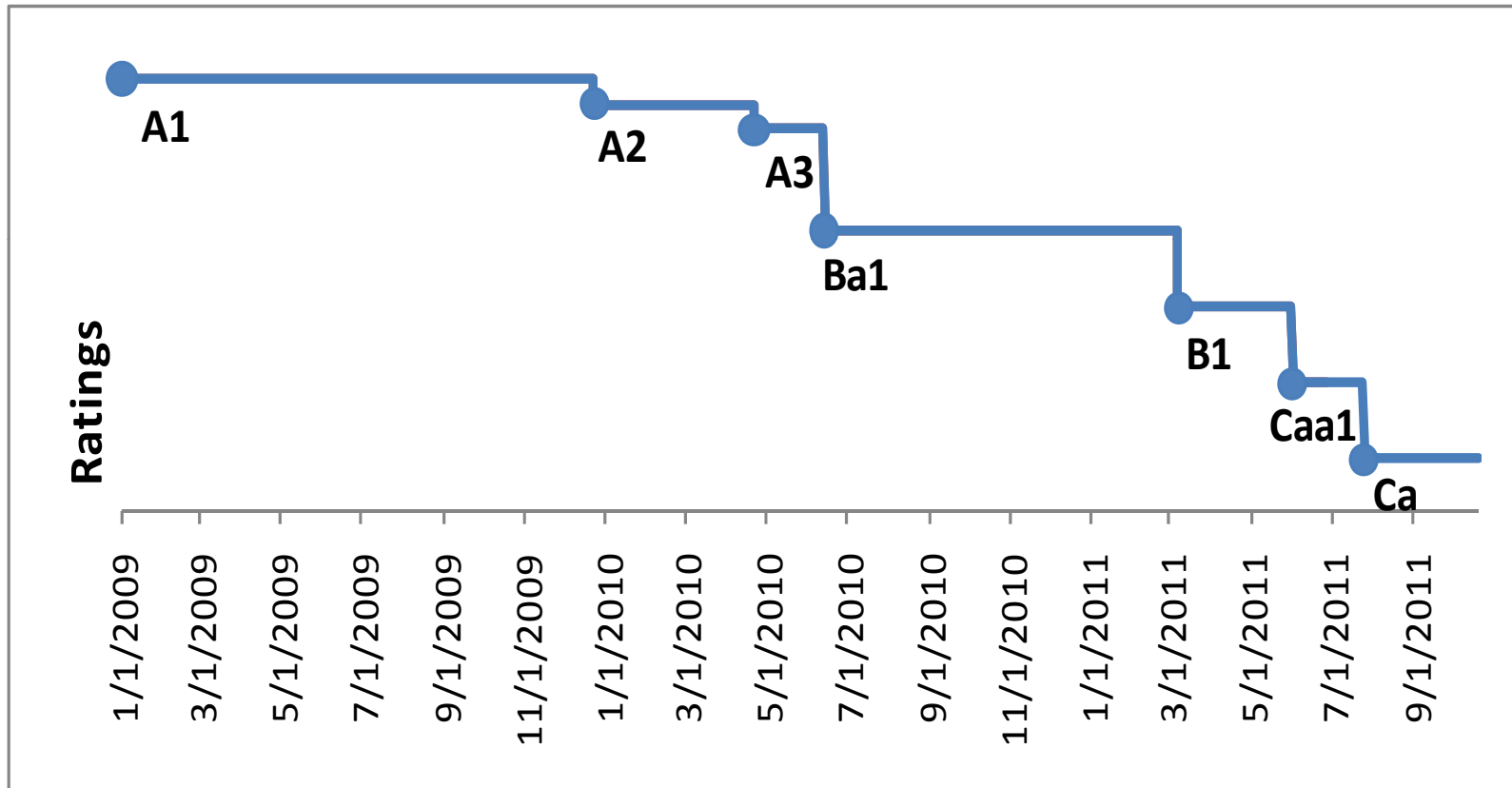
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* PD based on CDS Spread as of 4/26/2011

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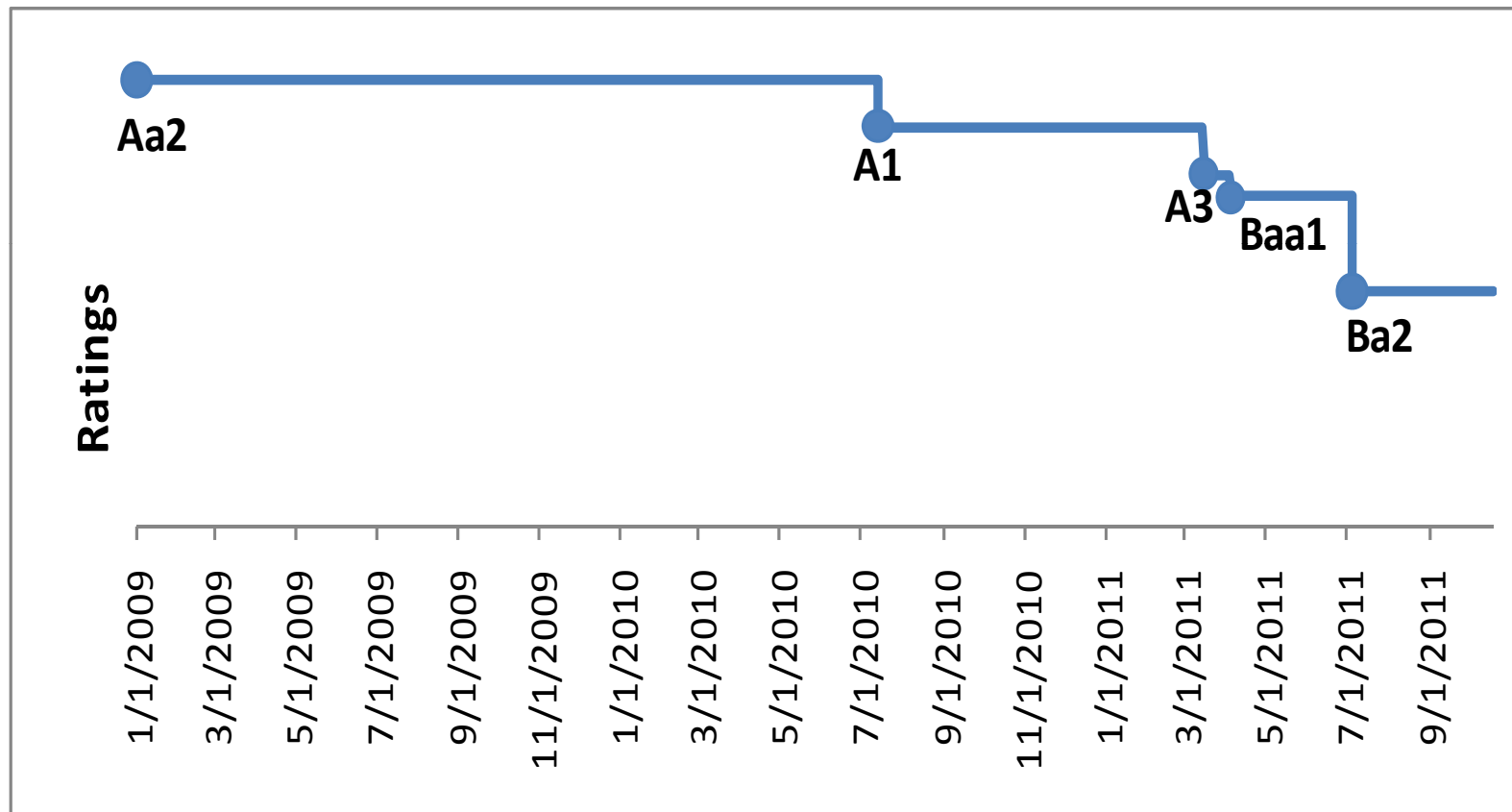
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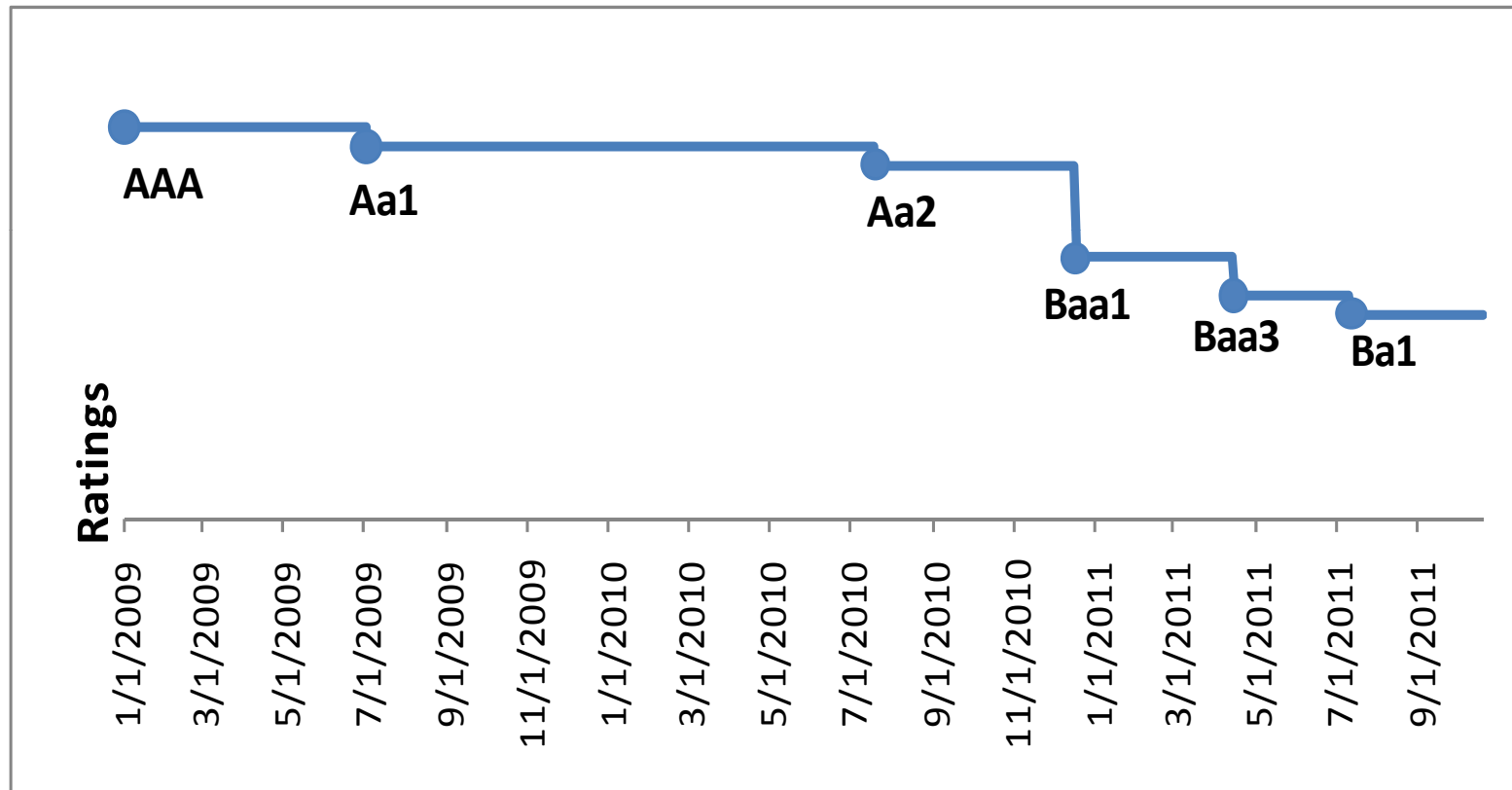
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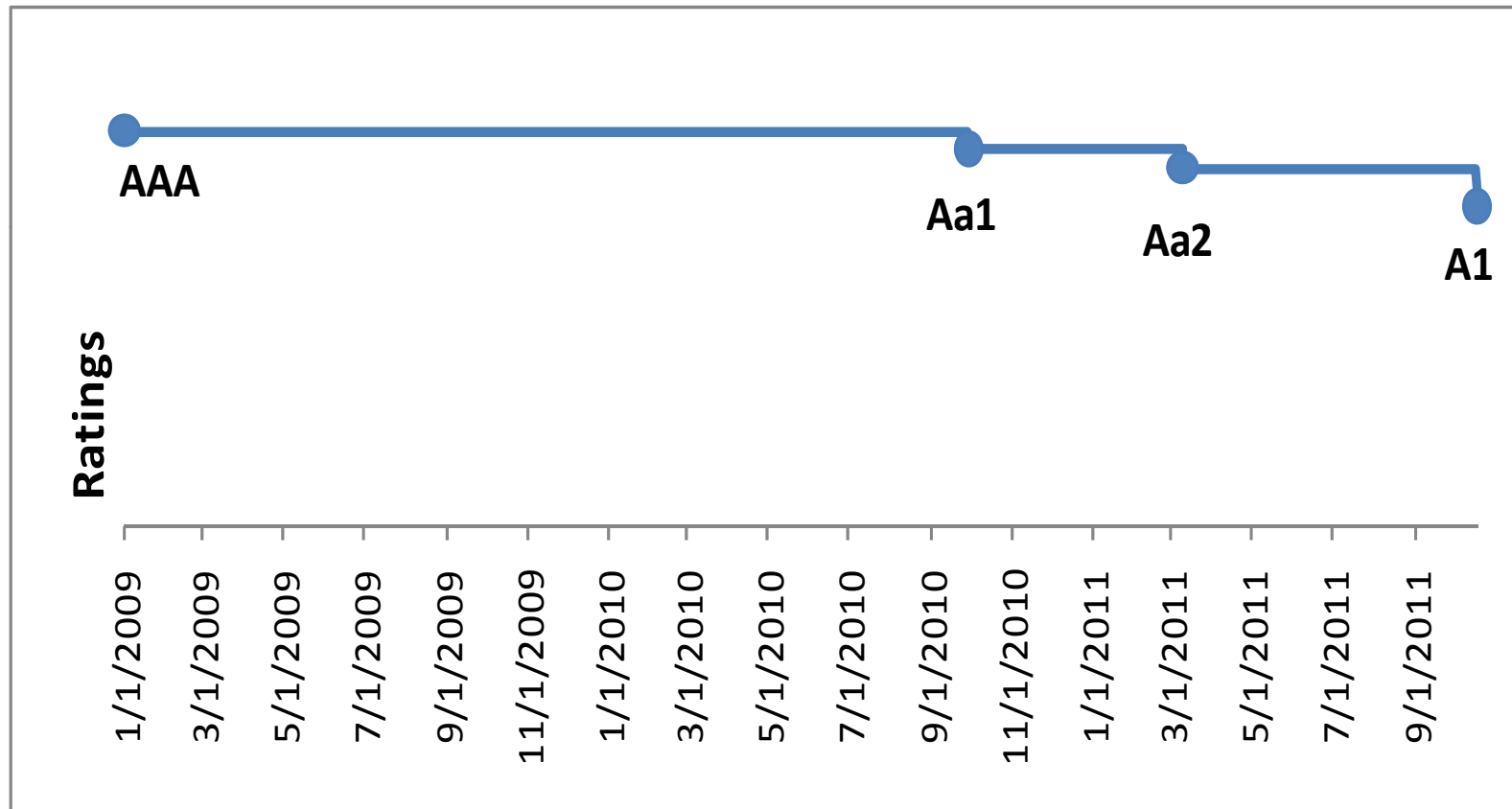
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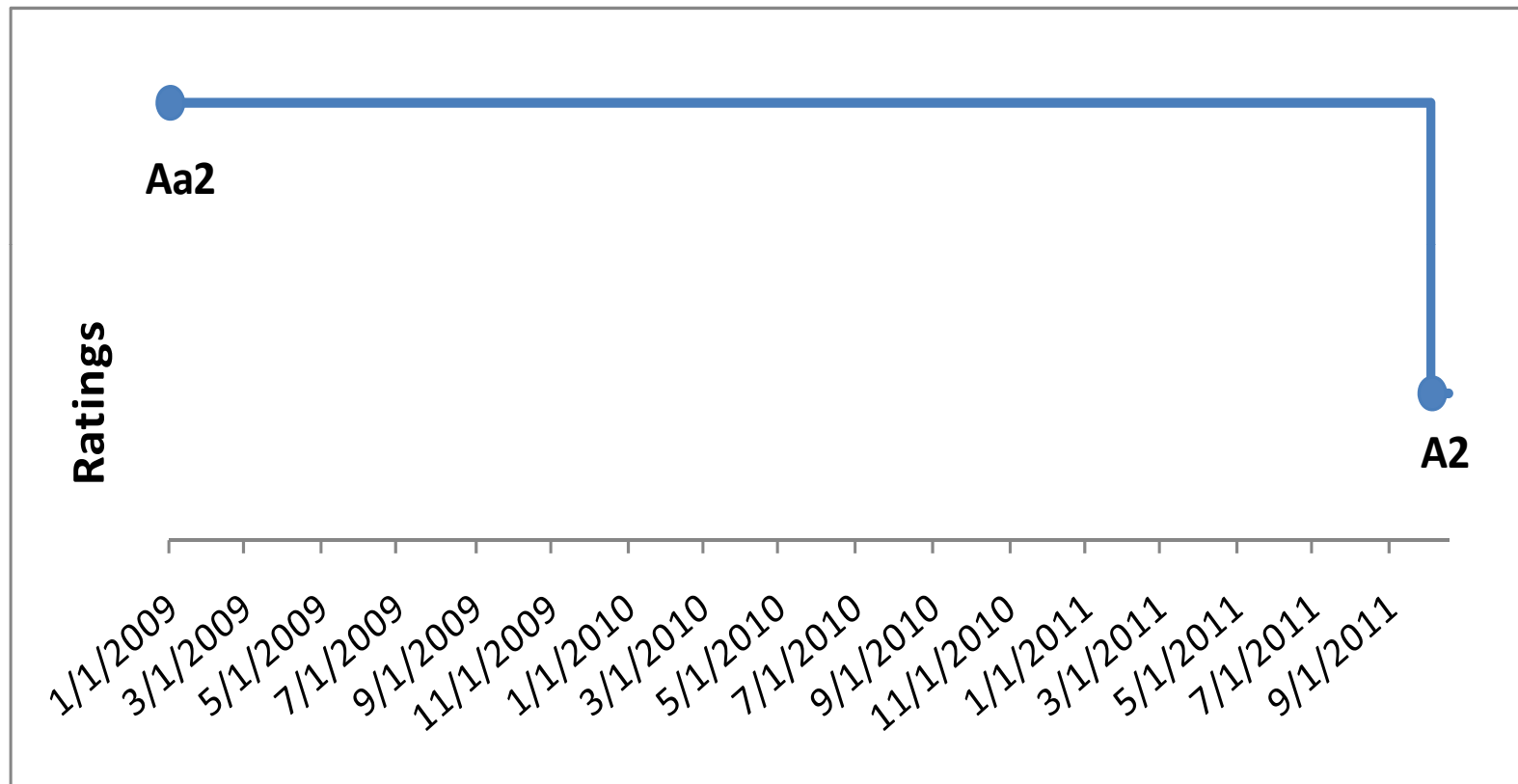
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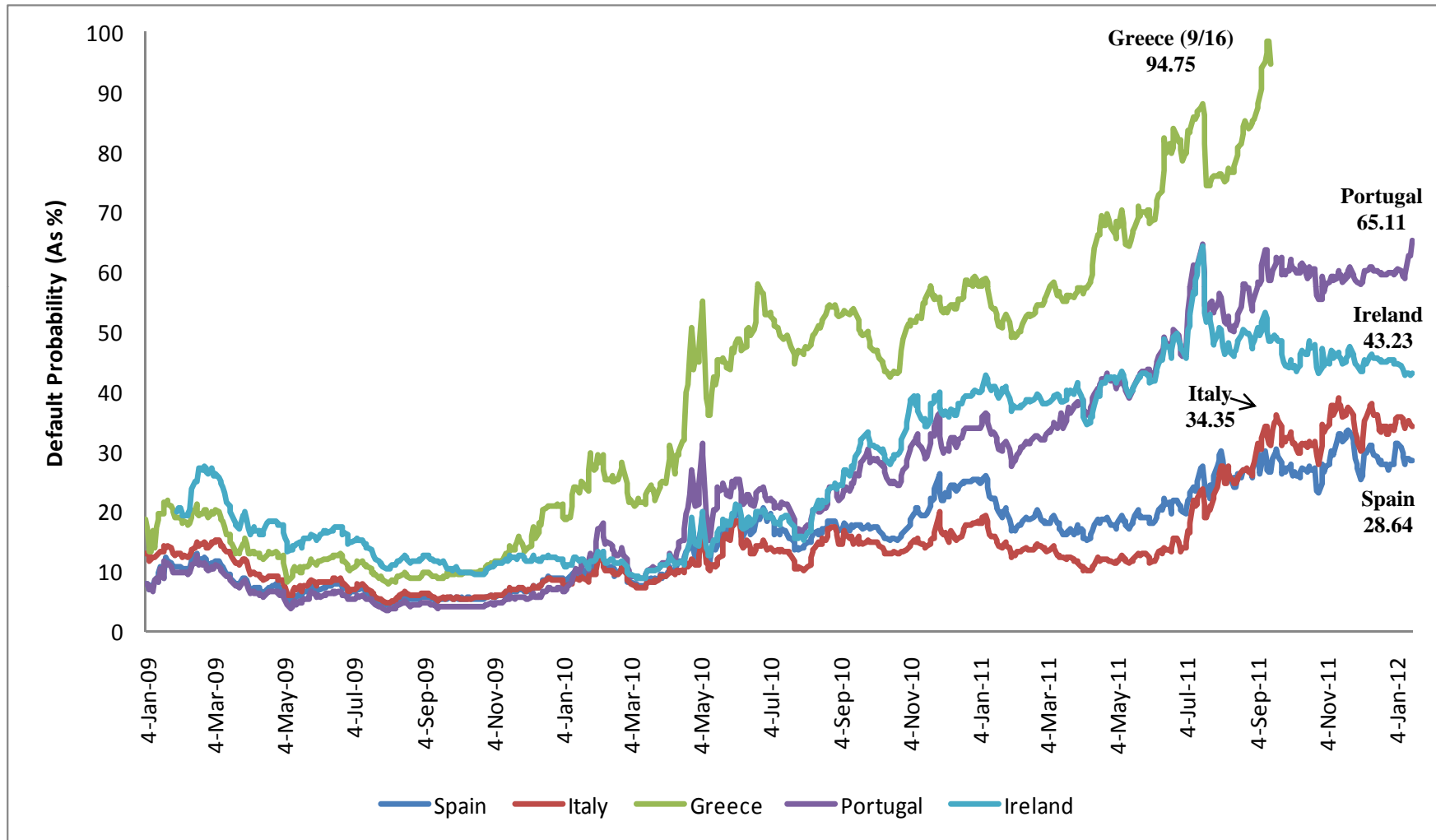
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Five Year Implied Probabilities of Default (PD) From Capital Market CDS Spreads*

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