

(pre-1993 CAPM) **alpha** turned into (post-1993 funding liquidity & arbitrageur wealth portfolio) **beta** through the **act of arbitrage**.

once arbitrageurs turn alphas into betas, fundamental **mispricing** defined as the deviation of price from fundamental value can persist in the form of **arbitrage driven risk** rather than **abnormal returns**.



Turning alphas into betas: Arbitrage and endogenous risk

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preliminary

1. Asset pricing “anomalies”

investment strategies with **high** expected returns but **low** identifiable risks

2. arbitrage capital shocks

套利资本 k_t 遵循 $dk_t = rk_t dt + x_t^T dR_t - c_t dt$.
本文使用两种方法测量 (arbitrage-driven risk) 套利资本冲击：

3. Funding liquidity exposure

融资流动性区别于市场流动性，反映投资者的融资能力Markus (2009)。 **Funding betas strengthen** (weaken) in periods in which arbitrageurs are likely to be **constrained** (unconstrained)

4. arbitrageur wealth portfolio shocks

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Abstract

- ① Using **data on asset pricing anomalies**, I test the idea that **the act of arbitrage turns “alphas” into “betas”**: Assets with high initial abnormal returns attract more arbitrage and **covary (共变) endogenously** more with systematic factors that arbitrage capital is exposed to. (套利资本所暴露的系统性因子在内生上有更多共变)
- ② This channel explains the **exposures of 40 anomaly portfolios** to **aggregate funding liquidity shocks** and **arbitrageur wealth portfolio shocks**.
- ③ My results highlight that **financial intermediaries** that act as asset market arbitrageurs not only **price assets given risks**, but also actively **shape these risks through their trades**.

Innovation

1 asset pricing anomalies can appear to persist despite arbitrage because the act of arbitrage itself turns their CAPM alphas into intermediary asset pricing betas

2 draw out testable predictions of this endogenous risk view from intermediary asset pricing models

$$\beta_{funding,i}^{post93} = b_0 + b_1 \text{Arbitrage position}_i^{post93} + u_i$$

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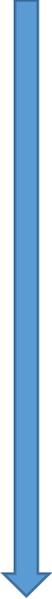
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(1) background

Asset pricing anomalies—such as value and momentum—first gained widespread recognition among finance academics and investment managers **in the early 1990s**. Since then, **arbitrageurs** such as hedge funds have allocated growing amounts of capital to these anomalies.



Do **arbitrageurs eliminate the abnormal returns** on these anomalies without affecting their equilibrium risks?
Or do anomalies become increasingly exposed to “**endogenous risks**” because of the very fact that many **arbitrageurs** are attempting to exploit them?



(2) what to study

I show empirically that **arbitrage activity** exposes asset **pricing anomalies** to **endogenous risks** associated with the act of arbitrage.

I draw out testable predictions of this endogenous risk view from **intermediary asset pricing models** in which **financial intermediaries** act as rational asset market arbitrageurs

I also test if these betas generated by the act of arbitrage, henceforth called “arbitrage-driven” betas. I use two measures of arbitrage capital shocks: **the funding liquidity factor** (Adrian et al. ,2014) and an **arbitrageur wealth portfolio factor** proxied by a long-short portfolio formed on estimated arbitrage positions.

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2. Methodology and data

(1) Theoretical background

Consider a continuous time economy in which uncertainty is captured by the N-dimensional Brownian motion B_t , where \bar{D} is a constant $N \times 1$ vector, There are N risky assets in zero net supply with cash flows

$$dD_t = \bar{D}dt + dB_t, \quad (1)$$

Arbitrageurs **maximize** power utility over consumption, $\gamma \geq 0$ is the coefficient of relative risk aversion, $A > 0$ is their coefficient of absolute risk aversion, ρ is discount rate

$$E_0 \left[\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \frac{c_t^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} dt \right], \quad (2)$$

The capital of arbitrageurs k_t evolves according to

$$dk_t = rk_t dt + x_t^T dR_t - c_t dt, \quad (3)$$

where x_t is the arbitrageur's position in risky assets and dR_t denotes risky asset returns in excess of the risk-free rate

(1) Theoretical background

Proposition 1. In the absence of arbitrageurs, expected excess returns on assets follow u as **distortions in asset demands** that generate abnormal return opportunities

$$\frac{E_t[dR_t]}{dt} = Au. \quad (4) \quad \alpha_i^{pre} \equiv Au \text{ is "pre-arbitrage" abnormal return}$$

Proposition 2. In the presence of arbitrageurs, **arbitrage positions** x_t , **endogenous return covariances with arbitrage capital**, and **expected excess returns of assets** are given by

$$x_t = \tilde{x}(k_t)u, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{Cov_t(dR_t, dk_t)}{dt} \propto u, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{E_t[dR_t]}{dt} = \mu(k_t)u, \quad (7)$$

where $\tilde{x}(k_t) > 0$ and $\mu(k_t) > 0$ are increasing and decreasing in k_t , respectively.

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Hence, an abnormal return in the absence of arbitrageurs predicts endogenous risk exposure to **arbitrage capital shocks** (i.e., **alphas turn into betas**). When approximated as a **linear relation**, this implies a cross-sectional regression:

$$\beta_{i,k} = b_0 + b_1 \alpha_i^{pre} + u_i, \quad (8)$$

Alternatively, equilibrium **arbitrage position** explains the contemporaneous endogenous risk exposure to **kt**, motivating a regression:

$$\beta_{i,k} = \tilde{b}_0 + \tilde{b}_1 x_i + \tilde{u}_i, \quad (9)$$

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(2) Data and measurement

① 40 anomaly portfolios are 20 anomaly characteristics

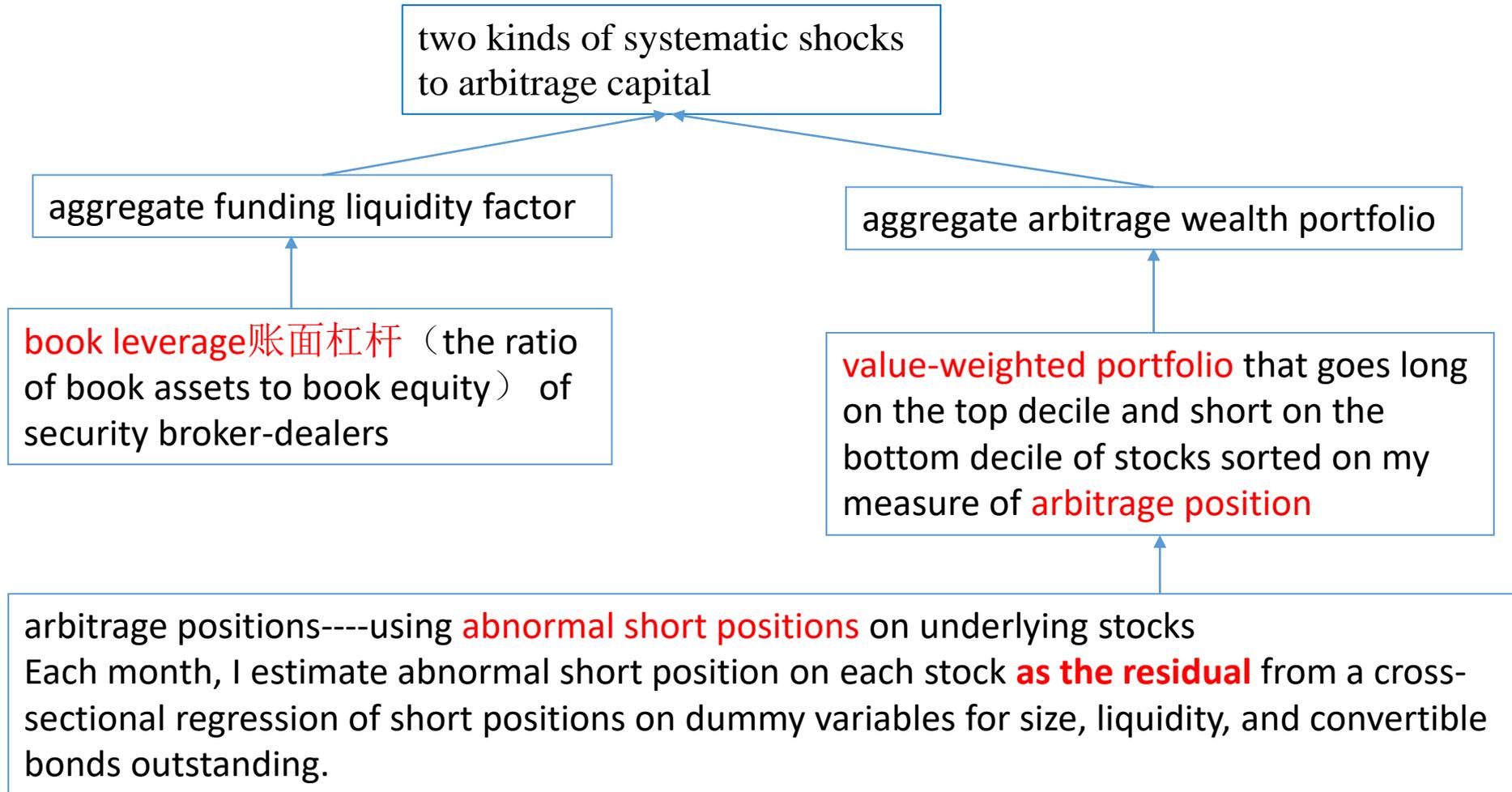
Type	Long (top decile)				Short (bottom decile)				Academic publication	
	No	Label	α_{CAPM}^{pre}	Mktcap share	No	Label	α_{CAPM}^{pre}	Mktcap share	Year	Sample
Beta arbitrage	1	beta(L)	3.9	0.09	21	beta(S)	-5.3	0.09	1973	1926-1968
Return on market equity	2	rome(L)	9.6	0.05	22	rome(S)	-8.6	0.03	1977	1956-1971
Ohlson's O-score	3	ohlson(L)	-0.4	0.29	23	ohlson(S)	-4.8	0.01	1980	1970-1976
Size	4	size(L)	2.8	0.02	24	size(S)	-1.1	0.58	1981	1926-1975
Long-run reversals	5	rev60m(L)	3.7	0.03	25	rev60m(S)	-3.3	0.13	1985	1926-1982
Value	6	value(L)	6.8	0.04	26	value(S)	-4.4	0.20	1985	1980-1990
Momentum	7	mom12m(L)	6.0	0.10	27	mom12m(S)	-12.1	0.04	1990	1964-1987
Net issuance	8	netissue(L)	4.6	0.11	28	netissue(S)	-3.8	0.08	1995	1980-1990
Net issuance monthly	9	netissue_m(L)	4.4	0.11	29	netissue_m(S)	-1.7	0.09	1995	1980-1990
Accruals	10	acc(L)	1.0	0.06	30	acc(S)	-4.6	0.05	1996	1962-1991
Return on assets	11	roa(L)	-0.0	0.17	31	roa(S)	-7.4	0.03	1996	1979-1993
Return on book equity	12	roe(L)	1.1	0.14	32	roe(S)	-6.7	0.04	1996	1979-1993
Failure probability	13	failprob(L)	0.5	0.16	33	failprob(S)	-11.6	0.02	1998	1981-1996
Piotroski's f-score	14	piotroski(L)	0.6	0.21	34	piotroski(S)	-3.2	0.09	2000	1976-1997
Investment	15	invest(L)	4.7	0.03	35	invest(S)	-4.6	0.07	2004	1973-1996
Idiosyncratic volatility	16	idiovol(L)	1.4	0.25	36	idiovol(S)	-11.7	0.04	2006	1986-2000
Asset growth	17	atgrowth(L)	3.3	0.03	37	atgrowth(S)	-4.2	0.10	2008	1968-2003
Asset turnover	18	ato(L)	3.4	0.05	38	ato(S)	0.9	0.09	2008	1984-2002
Gross margins	19	gm(L)	-1.8	0.20	39	gm(S)	0.5	0.04	2008	1984-2002
Gross profitability	20	profit(L)	0.4	0.10	40	profit(S)	-0.8	0.07	2010	1976-2005

40 anomaly portfolios formed by taking **the long and short portfolios** (top/bottom deciles) from a univariate sorting of stocks **on 20 anomaly characteristics** **Novy-Marx and Velikov (2016)**, **Kondor, P., Vayanos, D., (2019)**

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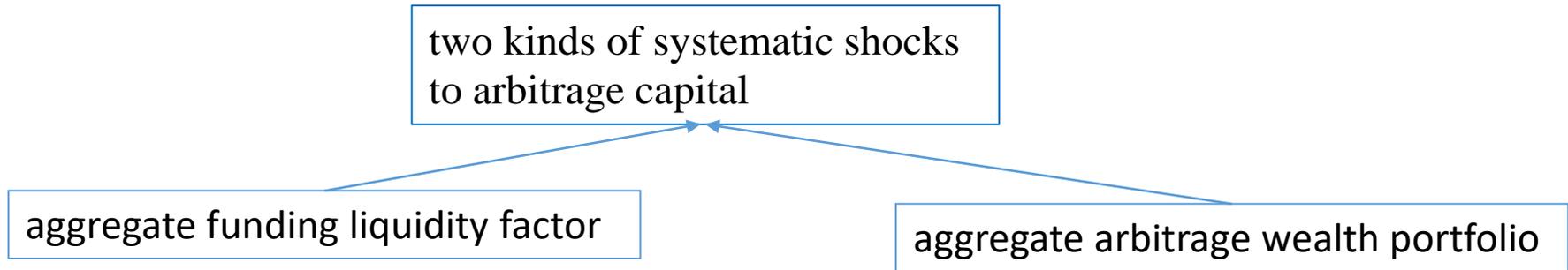
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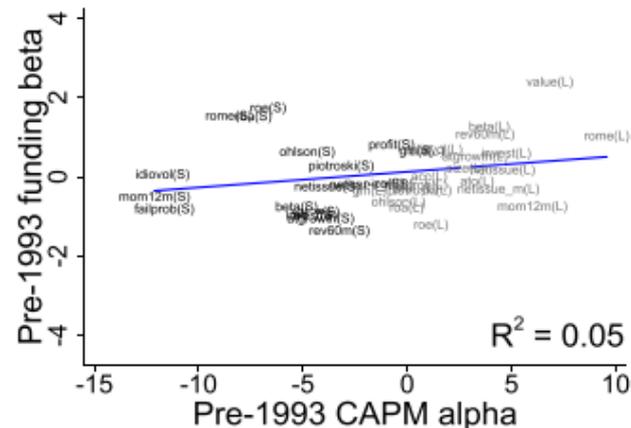


The **funding liquidity factor** and **arbitrageur wealth portfolio** returns have a small positive correlation of 0.075 over the sample period, implying that they capture **different components of arbitrage capital shocks**.

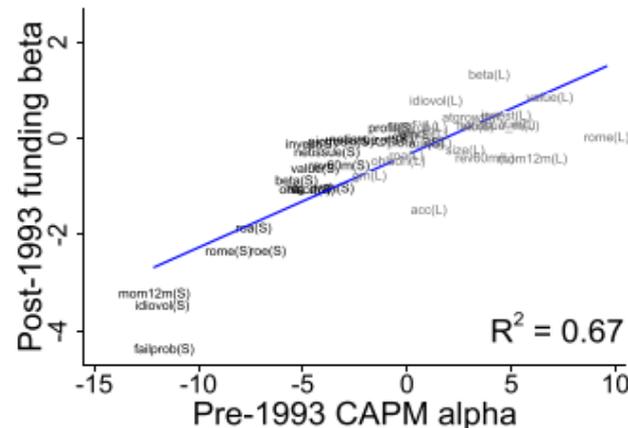
3. Funding liquidity exposure

Explaining the cross-section of funding liquidity betas

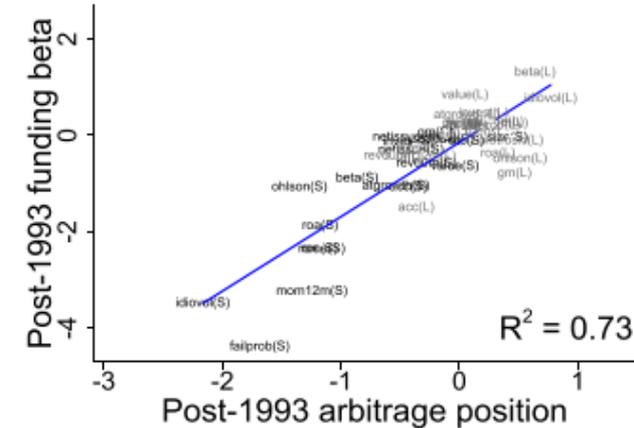
a. Funding β s unrelated to CAPM α (pre-93)



b. Pre-93 CAPM α predicts post-93 funding β (post-93)



c. Arbitrage position explains post-93 funding β (post-93)



Anomaly portfolios display a large cross-sectional variation in **funding liquidity exposure** in the post-1993 period.

In this section, I provide evidence that this variation arises endogenously through **the act of arbitrage**.

3. Funding liquidity exposure

(1) Cross-section of funding betas: $\beta_{funding,i}^{post93} = b_0 + b_1 \text{Arbitrage position}_i^{post93} + u_i$

	70%			$\beta_{funding}^{post93}$				$\beta_{funding}^{pre93}$			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Arbitrage position	1.55 (2.31)	1.57 (2.33)	1.80 (2.06)						0.68 (0.28)		
α_{CAPM}^{pre93}				0.19 (2.62)	0.20 (2.54)	0.21 (2.27)				-0.03 (-0.48)	
$\beta_{funding}^{pre93}$		0.24 (1.07)			-0.09 (-0.28)		0.16 (0.39)				
Size rank			0.10 (0.35)			-0.14 (-0.52)		-0.41 (-1.17)	-0.03 (-0.11)	0.05 (0.29)	0.02 (0.10)
Value rank			0.11 (0.48)			-0.16 (-0.48)		0.37 (1.50)	0.45 (1.57)	0.54 (1.71)	0.48 (1.82)
Profitability rank			-0.04 (-0.24)			-0.14 (-0.65)		0.19 (0.83)	0.07 (0.37)	0.13 (0.60)	0.09 (0.46)
Investment rank			-0.06 (-0.36)			-0.10 (-0.55)		0.16 (0.99)	-0.07 (-0.51)	-0.11 (-0.93)	-0.09 (-0.75)
Constant	-0.14 (-0.74)	-0.16 (-0.80)	-0.31 (-0.16)	-0.34 (-1.13)	-0.33 (-1.13)	2.04 (0.69)	-0.56 (-1.56)	-2.71 (-0.99)	-2.71 (-1.13)	-3.48 (-1.27)	-2.89 (-1.30)
Observations	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
R_{adj}^2	0.72	0.75	0.75	0.67	0.66	0.71	-0.01	0.28	0.71	0.72	0.71

$$\beta_{i,k} = \tilde{b}_0 + \tilde{b}_1 x_i + \tilde{u}_i, \quad (9)$$

Arbitrage capital plays a larger price-correcting role respond more to the variation in arbitrage capital due to funding liquidity shocks. the cross-sectional variation in funding liquidity exposure is mostly arbitrage driven.

3. Funding liquidity exposure

(1) Cross-section of funding betas:

$$\text{Arbitrage position}_{i,t} = b_0 + b_1 \alpha_i^{pre} \times \mathbf{1}(t > 1993q4) + b_2 \mathbf{1}(t > 1993q4) + b_3 t + b_4 t^2 + u_i + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

	$\alpha^{pre} = \text{CAPM alpha}$					$\alpha^{pre} = \text{FF3 alpha}$			$\alpha^{pre} = \text{FF5 alpha}$			Long vs. short			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Post-1993}$	0.076 (3.92)		0.058 (3.12)	0.051 (1.97)	0.052 (2.52)	0.058 (3.15)	0.055 (2.14)	0.045 (2.18)	0.066 (3.56)	0.061 (2.36)	0.051 (2.47)				
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Post publication}$		0.076 (3.61)	0.032 (1.78)	0.019 (0.98)	0.027 (1.11)	0.034 (1.89)	0.029 (1.52)	0.012 (0.49)	0.044 (2.47)	0.036 (1.88)	0.022 (0.90)				
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Post sample}$				0.025 (0.94)			0.010 (0.36)			0.016 (0.60)					
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Post-1993} \times \text{Postpub}$					0.010 (0.27)			0.034 (0.96)			0.036 (1.00)				
Long \times Post-1993												0.643 (3.71)	0.534 (2.97)	0.507 (2.21)	
Long \times Post publication													0.597 (3.28)	0.195 (1.16)	0.152 (0.92)
Long \times Post sample															0.082 (0.35)
Anomaly FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880
R^2_{adj}	0.20	0.16	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.16	0.13	0.16	0.17

3. Funding liquidity exposure

(1) Cross-section of funding betas

	$\beta_{funding}^{post93}$						$\beta_{funding}^{pre93}$				
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Value rank			0.11 (0.48)			-0.16 (-0.48)		0.37 (1.50)	0.45 (1.57)	0.54 (1.71)	0.48 (1.82)
Profitability rank			-0.04 (-0.24)			-0.14 (-0.65)		0.19 (0.83)	0.07 (0.37)	0.13 (0.60)	0.09 (0.46)
Investment rank			-0.06 (-0.36)			-0.10 (-0.55)		0.16 (0.99)	-0.07 (-0.51)	-0.11 (-0.93)	-0.09 (-0.75)
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Observations	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	70%	40
R^2_{adj}	0.72	0.75	0.75	0.67	0.66	0.71	-0.01	0.28	0.71	0.72	0.71

reverse causality → pre-1993 CAPM alpha measures the demand distortion in the anomaly portfolio that ultimately determines the equilibrium arbitrage position

$$\beta_{i,k} = b_0 + b_1 \alpha_i^{pre} + u_i, \quad (8)$$

(pre-1993 CAPM) alpha turned into (post-1993 funding liquidity) beta through the act of arbitrage

3. Funding liquidity exposure

(2) Panel of funding betas

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	OLS								2SLS		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Arbitrage position	0.70 (2.09)	0.71 (2.11)							3.16 (1.99)	3.08 (1.83)	3.40 (1.84)
$\alpha_{CAPM}^{pre93} \times \text{Post-1993}$			0.18 (2.02)	0.18 (2.10)			0.11 (1.51)				
$\alpha_{CAPM}^{pre93} \times \text{Post publication}$					0.21 (1.92)	0.22 (2.08)	0.13 (1.46)				
Size rank		-0.03 (-0.20)		-0.12 (-0.79)		-0.18 (-1.07)	-0.15 (-0.98)	-0.12 (-0.73)	0.27 (0.87)	0.26 (0.79)	0.30 (0.87)
Value rank		0.17 (0.88)		0.18 (0.99)		0.15 (0.82)	0.20 (1.07)	0.14 (0.68)	0.28 (1.54)	0.28 (1.49)	0.29 (1.59)
Profitability rank		0.22 (1.32)		0.20 (1.23)		0.21 (1.32)	0.21 (1.33)	0.21 (1.27)	0.23 (1.29)	0.23 (1.26)	0.23 (1.29)
Investment rank		0.22 (1.52)		0.22 (1.35)		0.27 (1.81)	0.24 (1.49)	0.23 (1.54)	0.20 (1.05)	0.20 (1.03)	0.19 (1.00)
Anomaly FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760
R_{adj}^2	0.13	0.16	0.20	0.23	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.09	.	.	.
<i>Instrumental variables</i>											
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Post-1993}$									✓	✓	
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3. Funding liquidity exposure

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 β_{funding}

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Size rank		-0.03 (-0.20)		-0.12 (-0.79)		-0.18 (-1.07)	-0.15 (-0.98)	-0.12 (-0.73)	0.27 (0.87)	0.26 (0.79)	0.30 (0.87)
Value rank		0.17 (0.88)		0.18 (0.99)		0.15 (0.82)	0.20 (1.07)	0.14 (0.68)	0.28 (1.54)	0.28 (1.49)	0.29 (1.59)
Profitability rank		0.22 (1.32)		0.20 (1.23)		0.21 (1.32)	0.21 (1.33)	0.21 (1.27)	0.23 (1.29)	0.23 (1.26)	0.23 (1.29)
Investment rank		0.22 (1.52)		0.22 (1.35)		0.27 (1.81)	0.24 (1.49)	0.23 (1.54)	0.20 (1.05)	0.20 (1.03)	0.19 (1.00)
Anomaly FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760
R_{adj}^2	0.13	0.16	0.20	0.23	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.09	.	.	.
<i>Instrumental variables</i>											
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Post-1993}$									✓	✓	
$\alpha^{pre} \times \text{Postpub}$									✓		✓

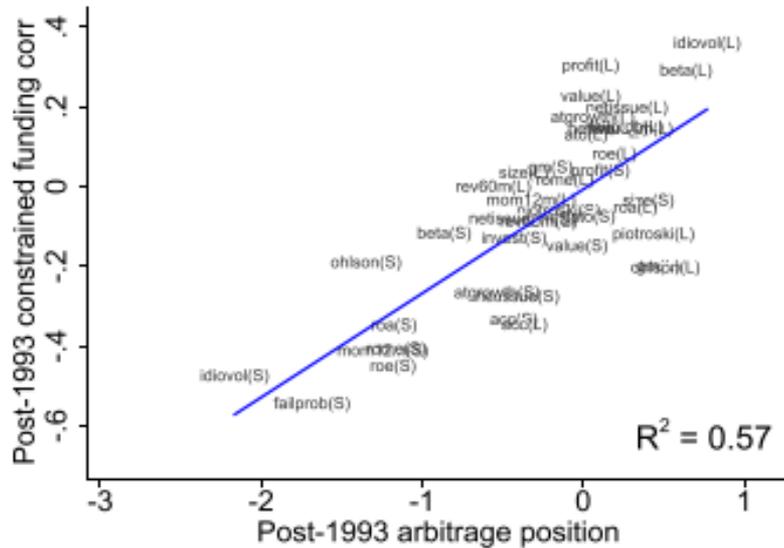
The large estimated coefficient suggests that the time series of arbitrage position is indeed a noisy measure of actual arbitrage position and the two-stage approach identifies the effect of estimated arbitrage position changes that are more purely driven by actual arbitrage.

3. Funding liquidity

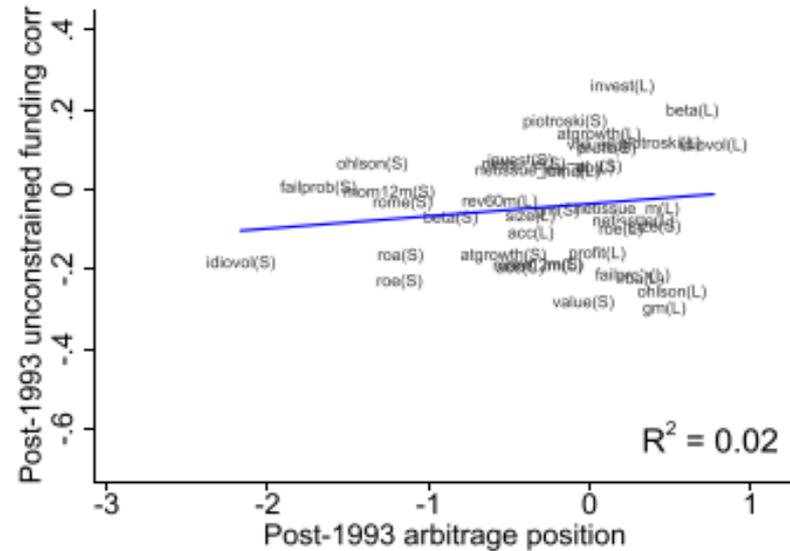
dot-com crash of 2000–2002 and the financial crisis of 2008–2009 as the periods in which arbitrageurs were constrained.

(3) Funding betas during const

a. Constrained post-1993



b. Unconstrained post-1993



arbitrage-driven betas **arise** primarily when arbitrageurs are **constrained**.

If funding betas were arbitrage-driven betas, they would arise primarily when arbitrageurs are **constrained** such that **shocks to their capital** that relax or tighten their constraint generate variation in **arbitrage positions** in the anomaly portfolios

3. Funding liquidity exposure

(4) Funding betas as discount rate betas: cross-section of time-series return predictability

$$1\text{st-stage time-series regression: } r_{i,t \rightarrow t+s}^e = \theta_0 + \theta_1 r_{i,t-L \rightarrow t}^e + \epsilon_{i,t \rightarrow t+s}, \quad R_{1\text{st stage},i}^2 \equiv \frac{\sum_t (\bar{r}_{i,t \rightarrow t+s}^e - \bar{r}_{i,+s}^e)^2}{\sum_t (r_{i,t \rightarrow t+s}^e - \bar{r}_{i,+s}^e)^2}$$

$$2\text{nd-stage cross-sectional regression (baseline): } R_{1\text{st stage},i}^2 = b_0 + b_1 |\beta_{\text{funding},i}| + u_i$$

1st-stage prediction horizon s: 1st-stage predictor: Right-hand variable	+12m return		+18m return		+24m return	
	-3yr return (1)	-5yr return (2)	-3yr return (3)	-5yr return (4)	-3yr return (5)	-5yr return (6)

Panel A: Left-hand variable is the R^2 from 1st-stage predictive regressions in the post-1993 period

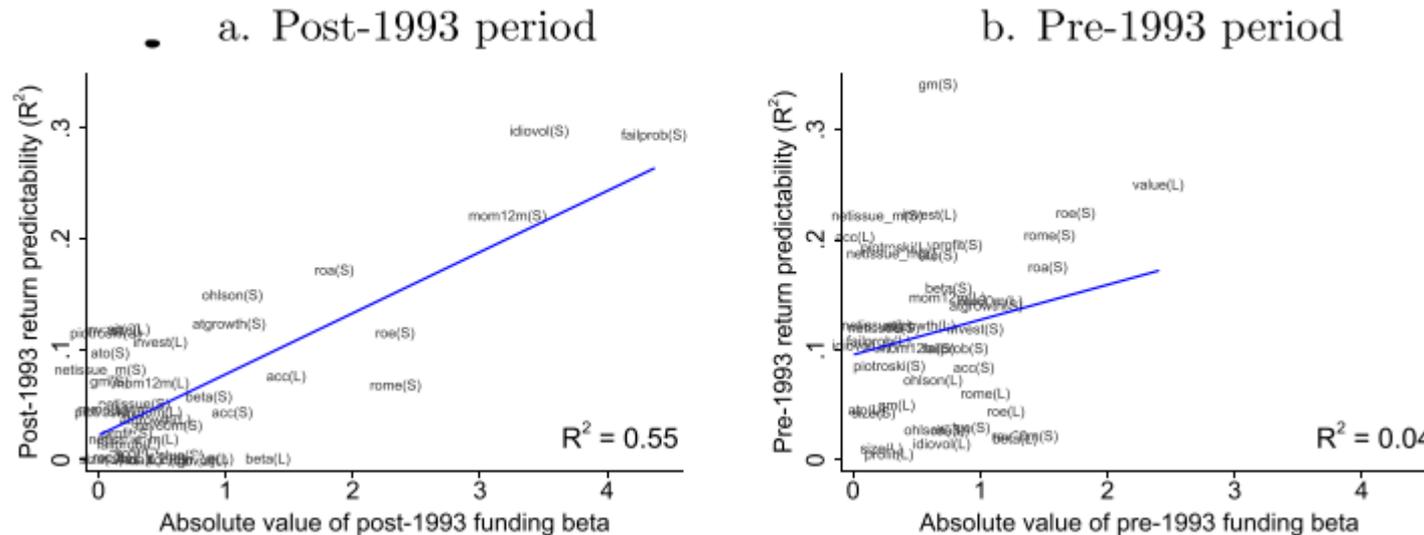
$ \beta_{\text{funding}}^{\text{post93}} $	0.06 (2.22) [0.55]	0.05 (2.19) [0.55]	0.06 (2.31) [0.52]	0.06 (2.27) [0.54]	0.06 (2.27) [0.48]	0.06 (2.23) [0.51]
$ \text{Arbitrage position}^{\text{post93}} $	0.12 (2.33) [0.58]	0.11 (2.27) [0.56]	0.13 (2.60) [0.54]	0.12 (2.48) [0.53]	0.12 (2.47) [0.51]	0.12 (2.37) [0.51]
$ \alpha^{\text{pre93}} $	0.02 (2.22) [0.47]	0.02 (2.26) [0.49]	0.02 (2.30) [0.41]	0.02 (2.32) [0.44]	0.02 (2.14) [0.39]	0.02 (2.18) [0.42]

Panel B: Left-hand variable is the R^2 from 1st-stage predictive regressions in the pre-1993 period

$ \beta_{\text{funding}}^{\text{pre93}} $	0.03 (0.87) [0.04]	0.04 (1.03) [0.06]	0.04 (1.09) [0.05]	0.04 (1.16) [0.06]	0.05 (1.31) [0.08]	0.05 (1.40) [0.10]
$ \text{Arbitrage position}^{\text{pre93}} $	-0.05 (-0.30) [0.01]	-0.04 (-0.21) [0.00]	-0.05 (-0.28) [0.00]	-0.04 (-0.20) [0.00]	-0.01 (-0.08) [0.00]	0.00 (0.02) [0.00]
$ \alpha^{\text{pre93}} $	0.00 (0.29) [0.01]	0.00 (0.51) [0.02]	0.00 (0.46) [0.01]	0.00 (0.66) [0.02]	0.01 (0.79) [0.04]	0.01 (1.00) [0.06]

3. Funding liquidity exposure

(4) Funding betas as discount rate betas: cross-section of time-series return predictability



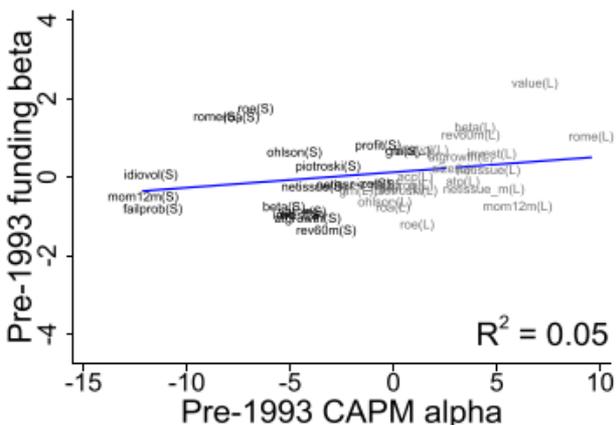
Greater discount rate variation means greater variation in expected returns, so holding all else constant, portfolios with **high funding betas** should feature **greater time-series return predictability**.

4. Exposure to arbitrageur wealth portfolio shocks

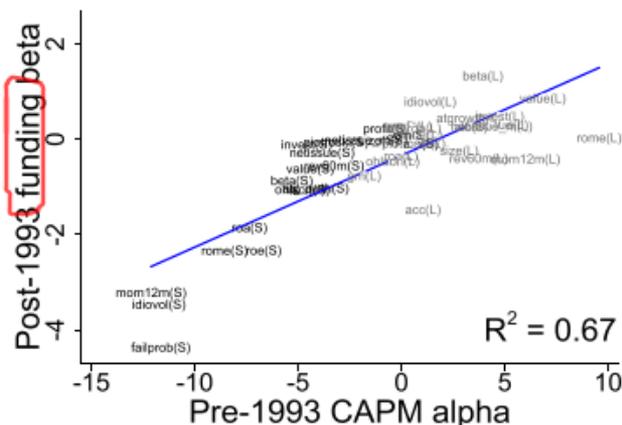
(1) Graphical evidence

Explaining the cross-section of arbitrageur wealth portfolio betas

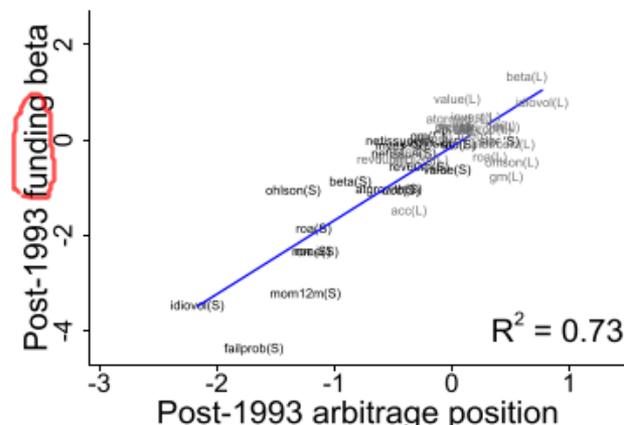
a. Wealth β s unrelated to CAPM α (pre-93)



b. Pre-93 CAPM α predicts post-93 wealth β (post-93)



c. Arbitrage position explains post-93 wealth β (Post-93)



4. Exposure to arbitrageur wealth portfolio shocks

(2) Cross-section of wealth portfolio betas

$$\beta_{wealth,i}^{post93} = b_0 + b_1 \text{Arbitrage position}_i^{post93} + u_i$$

				β_{wealth}^{post93}				β_{wealth}^{pre93}			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Arbitrage position	0.26 (2.73)	0.26 (2.61)	0.35 (2.16)						-0.01 (-0.04)		
α_{CAPM}^{pre93}				0.03 (3.13)	0.03 (2.80)	0.04 (2.91)				-0.01 (-0.98)	
Share of wealth portfolio		0.46 (0.75)	0.37 (0.52)		0.36 (0.55)	0.48 (0.68)	1.79 (1.84)	1.34 (1.67)	0.33 (0.60)	0.37 (0.72)	0.32 (0.61)
β_{wealth}^{pre93}		0.08 (0.41)			-0.24 (-0.86)		-0.42 (-1.32)				
Size rank			0.04 (0.61)			-0.00 (-0.02)		-0.06 (-0.90)	-0.03 (-0.66)	-0.02 (-1.13)	-0.03 (-1.54)
Value rank			-0.01 (-0.22)			-0.06 (-1.19)		0.03 (0.69)	0.03 (1.02)	0.05 (1.30)	0.03 (1.03)
Profitability rank			-0.01 (-0.61)			-0.04 (-1.12)		0.02 (0.65)	-0.03 (-1.43)	-0.02 (-0.75)	-0.03 (-1.44)
Investment rank			-0.03 (-1.05)			-0.04 (-1.31)		0.00 (0.14)	-0.01 (-0.82)	-0.02 (-1.39)	-0.01 (-1.11)
Constant	-0.00 (-0.07)	0.02 (0.41)	0.15 (0.47)	-0.03 (-0.83)	-0.01 (-0.26)	0.65 (1.46)	0.02 (0.50)	-0.11 (-0.23)	-0.11 (-0.49)	-0.25 (-0.98)	-0.11 (-0.51)
Observations	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
R_{adj}^2	0.65	0.66	0.70	0.62	0.64	0.69	0.18	0.19	0.78	0.80	0.78

Both **arbitrage position** and **pre-1993 CAPM** alpha robustly explain the cross-sectional variation in **wealth portfolio betas**, In the pre-1993 period, wealth portfolio betas have **little** relation to arbitrage position or pre-1993 CAPM alpha.

(3) Additional evidence

a portfolio with a **larger abnormal return** attracts more **arbitrage** and attains a larger exposure **to arbitrageur wealth portfolio shocks**, consistent with the predictions of intermediary-based models.

(1) Placebo factors

it is **unlikely** for a **random factor** to generate the strong results I obtain with the funding liquidity and the arbitrageur wealth portfolio factors. My monthly cross-sectional regression results are equally **difficult to obtain** using a **random factor**.

(2) The 1993 cutoff and other robustness checks

My cross-sectional analyses use the year 1993 to proxy for pre- versus post-arbitrage periods for anomalies, but my results are robust to using **1991, 1992, 1994, and 1995** as the end of the pre-arbitrage period

(3) A test without a factor: evidence from the quant crisis of 2007

Cumulative **returns** on anomaly portfolios during the crisis are cross-sectionally and strongly explained by their post-1993 **arbitrage position** and **pre-1993 CAPM alpha**. This is consistent with the key mechanism that generates a cross-section of **arbitrage-driven betas**.

- This paper shows **that financial intermediaries** that act as arbitrageurs in the asset market play a crucial role in determining the equilibrium risk of assets.
- I show this in the context of equity anomaly portfolios, using **funding liquidity** and **arbitrageur wealth portfolio shocks** to **measure risk** from the perspective of arbitrageurs.
- My results suggest that asset pricing anomalies are, at least in part, **alphas turned into betas**.
- My findings in the equity market suggest that **arbitrageurs** may play similar risk determination roles in other asset classes. Understanding the sources of equilibrium risk exposure to **arbitrage capital shocks** in other asset markets.



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