

DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

*PhD in Business*

# Essays on Hedge Fund Replication

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*Methodological Assessment and  
Development of the Factor Approach,  
Model Selection, Nonlinear Modeling and Policy Perspectives*

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## Part I

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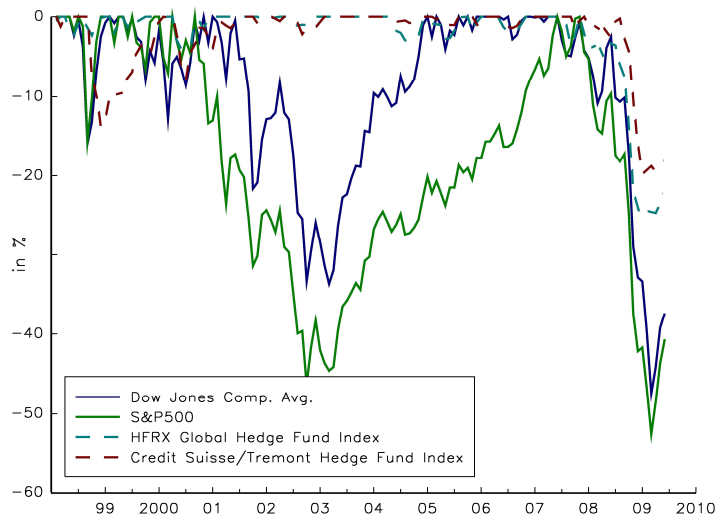
# Investing in the Hedge Fund Industry

## Characteristics of HF management

- ▶ active management
- ▶ non traditional assets (e.g., derivatives)

## HF returns

- ▶ heavy tails (tail risk)
- ▶ non linear w.r.t. stock markets



**Figure:** Drawdown graph (represented with (–) sign): January 1998 to May 2009

### Definition (Drawdown)

A measure of the decline from a historical peak in the cumulative profit  $X(t)$  of a financial trading strategy.

Formally, one can write

$$D(T) = \text{Max} \left\{ 0, \text{Max}_{t \in (0, T)} X(t) - X(T) \right\}.$$

## A Few Facts About Hedge Funds

(Why Hedge Fund Replication Has Become Very Important<sup>1</sup>)

### Hedge Funds

1. Manager is **best judge** of appropriate risk/reward trade-off
2. **Highly proprietary** trading strategies
3. **Ultimate objective:** return
4. Risk management is **not central** to the success of the Hedge Fund
5. **Regulation** and **compliance**  $\cong$  drag on performance
6. Little intellectual property in the fund:  
the general partner *is* the fund

### Institutional Investors

1. As **fiduciaries**, for each HF manager, institutions need to understand
  - 1.1 investment process
  - 1.2 risk exposures
2. Risk management and risk transparency are **essential**
3. **Highly regulated** environment
4. Institutions desire structure, stability, and consistency

### Definition (Hedge Fund)

A Hedge Fund (HF)

- ▶ is an **investment fund**
- ▶ is open to a **limited range** of investors
- ▶ is permitted by regulators to undertake a **wider range of investment and trading activities** than other investment funds
- ▶ pays a **performance fee** to its investment manager

<sup>1</sup> The following has been excerpted from [Lo, 2008].



# Literature Review of the Factor Approach

## Overview

- ▶ **Linear models**  
[Fung and Hsieh, 1997, Amenc et al., 2007, Hasanhodzic and Lo, 2007]
  - ▶ **Linear and non linear** factors depending on the **type of strategies** followed by hedge funds.  
e.g., Convertible and Fixed Income Arbitrage, Event Driven, Long/Short Equity, etc.
  - ▶ **Factor Selection:** More factors to improve in-sample (and out-sample) fit?
  
- ▶ (Static) **option-based models** [Diez de los Rios and Garcia, 2008]

$$r_t^{\text{HF}} = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j^{\text{HF}} F_{jt} + w_{m+1}^{\text{HF}} \max(F_{1t} - s_t, 0) + \varepsilon_t$$

- ▶ only for risk assessment
- ▶ mostly academic exercises

# Literature Review of the Factor Approach

## Estimation procedures

- ▶ **Traditionally**, estimation and calibration procedures (in chronological order)
  1. Full factor model OLS regressions
  2. Stepwise procedures (versus economic selection of factors)
  3. Rolling-windows OLS (to try to capture **dynamic** allocation)
  
- ▶ More recently, **state-space modeling** has been introduced to model and estimate HF returns
  - ▶ Markov Regime-Switching Model [Amenc et al., 2008]
  - ▶ **Kalman Filter** [Roncalli and Teiletche, 2008]

# Literature Review of the Factor Approach

## Summary

▶ [Go to 'Overview of the Factor Approach'](#)

- ▶ **Static Linear** factor models [Amenc et al., 2007]
  - ▶ Lack reactivity
  - ▶ Fail the test of **robustness**, giving poor out-of-sample results
- ▶ **Factor selection** [Fung and Hsieh, 1997] [Lo, 2008]
  - ▶ In **static models**, **economic selection** of factors → significant improvement over other methodologies for out-of-sample robustness test.
  - ▶ In **dynamic models**, [Darolles and Mero, 2007] uses a PCA-based factor evaluation methodology [Bai and Ng, 2006] on rolling OLS regressions.
    - ▶ Improvement over “naive” inclusion of all relevant economic factors
    - ▶ Poor Interpretability of the evaluated factors
- ▶ **Dynamic linear** models [Roncalli and Teiletche, 2008] [Lo, 2008] [Jaeger, 2009]:  
Capturing the *unobservable* dynamic allocation using **traditional (OLS) methods** is
  - ▶ Very difficult
  - ▶ Estimates can vary greatly at balancing dates
- ▶ **Nonlinear models** ⇒ methodological challenge [Amenc et al., 2008] [Diez de los Rios and Garcia, 2008]

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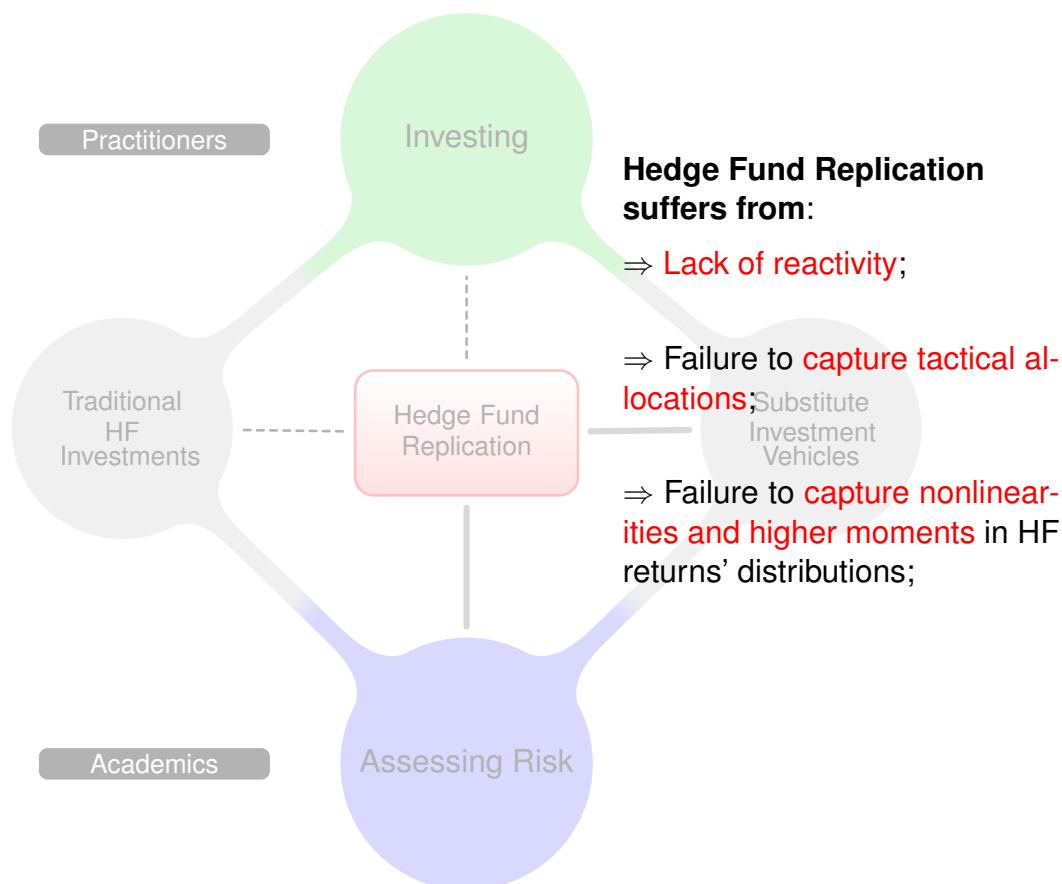
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## Hedge Fund Replication

As a Tool



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# Research Program

## 4 Objectives

### I investigate the case of **Dynamic factor models**

1. Provide a new perspective on HFR by inscribing it in a more general **framework**
  - ▶ Fresh perspective (in continuity with analytic approach to finance)
  - ▶ New tools (developed in other fields – e.g., engineering – to address similar problems)
2. Model and factors selection
  - ▶ Develop and adapt the associated methodology, specifically in relation with building a replicating portfolio with **implementable** factors
3. Nonlinearities in HF returns
  - ▶ Assess the problem in the case of dynamic replication
  - ▶ If necessary, develop the tools for the replication of nonlinearities
    - 3.1 Inclusion of nonlinear functions (very difficult)
    - 3.2 Develop a **robust** methodology
4. Policy and regulation perspectives
  - ▶ examine the perspectives that **HFR AND related quantitative approaches** can offer for the regulatory framework of the HF industry.
    - 4.1 *Operational* Due Diligence
    - 4.2 Risk assessment at the industry level?

## Tracking Problems

### Definition (Tracking Problem)

The following two equations define a **tracking problem** (TP) [Arulampalam et al., 2002]:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_k &= f(t_k, \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_k) & \text{(Transition Equation)} \\ \mathbf{z}_k &= h(t_k, \mathbf{x}_k, \boldsymbol{\eta}_k) & \text{(Measurement Equation)} \end{cases}$$

where

“shadow”      object

- ▶  $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$  is the state vector, and  $\mathbf{z}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$  the measurement vector at step  $k$ .
- ▶  $\mathbf{v}_k$  et  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_k$  are mutually independent i.i.d noise processes.
- ▶ The functions  $f$  and  $h$  can be non-linear functions.

# Tracking Problems and Tactical Allocation

## Tracking Systems

Discrete case, at time step  $k$

$$\text{HFR: } \mathbf{x}_k = (w_{1k}^{\text{HF}}, \dots, w_{mk}^{\text{HF}})'$$

### ▶ Outputs

#### ▶ Tracking Error

$$\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k|k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_k = r_k^{\text{HF}} - r_k^{\text{Clone}}$$

#### ▶ Censored measurement $\mathbf{z}_k$

$$\mathbf{z}_k = r_k^{\text{HF}}$$

### ▶ Inputs

#### ▶ Exogenous signals

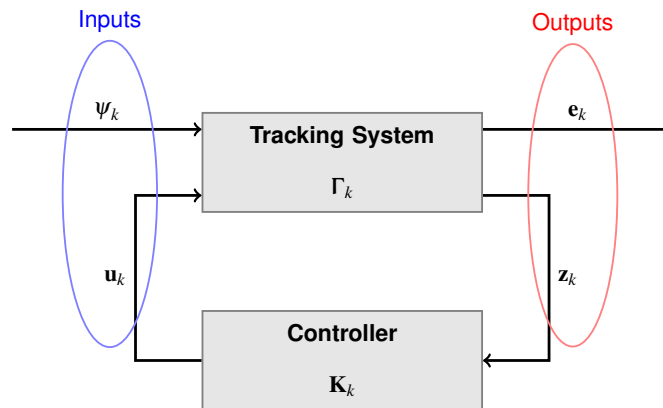
$$\boldsymbol{\psi}_k = (\mathbf{x}_0, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{1:k}, \mathbf{v}_{1:k})$$

HF changes in allocation, strategies or reporting

#### ▶ Controlled input $\mathbf{u}_k$

**Assumption:**  $\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{z}_k$

Adjustments to the replication portfolio's risk exposures



## Bayesian Filters

### Optimal Control Theory

Under some general assumptions, one can prove

[▶ Go to proof](#)

$$\text{tracking error} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{T}_{e\boldsymbol{\psi}_k} \boldsymbol{\psi}_k \leftarrow \text{exogenous signals}$$

with

$$\mathbf{T}_{e\boldsymbol{\psi}_k} = \Gamma_{e\boldsymbol{\psi}_k} + \Gamma_{e\mathbf{u}_k} \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{I} - \Gamma_{z\mathbf{u}_k})^{-1} \Gamma_{z\boldsymbol{\psi}_k}$$

↑ transfer function      ↑ Controller  $\mathbf{K}_k$

The role of the controller  $\mathbf{K}_k$  is to

- ▶ stabilize the system
- ▶ make  $\mathbf{T}_{e\boldsymbol{\psi}}$  small in an appropriate sense.

**Bayesian Filters** are algorithms which provide the **optimal estimators** of the state  $\mathbf{x}_k$

#### Definition (Stability)

A system is said to be marginally stable if the state  $\mathbf{x}$  is bounded for all time  $t$  and for all bounded initial states  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .



# Bayesian Filters

## Solving Tracking Problems

### Prediction equation

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}) d\mathbf{x}_{k-1}$$

### Update equation

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}) \propto p(\mathbf{z}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1})$$

### Best estimates

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k-1}] \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{z}_{1:k}]$$

### Implementation [Go to GTAA example](#)

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- ▶ **Kalman Filter (KF)**: linear Gaussian case
- ▶  **$H_\infty$  Filters** or **Particle Filters (PF)**: nonlinear or non Gaussian case

## Example (Random Walk)

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}_{k-1} \pm 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{x}_k \pm 1 \\ \mathbf{x}_0 = 1/2 \end{cases}$$

### Prediction

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{1|0} = \begin{cases} -1/2 & p = 1/2 \\ 3/2 & q = 1/2 \end{cases}$$

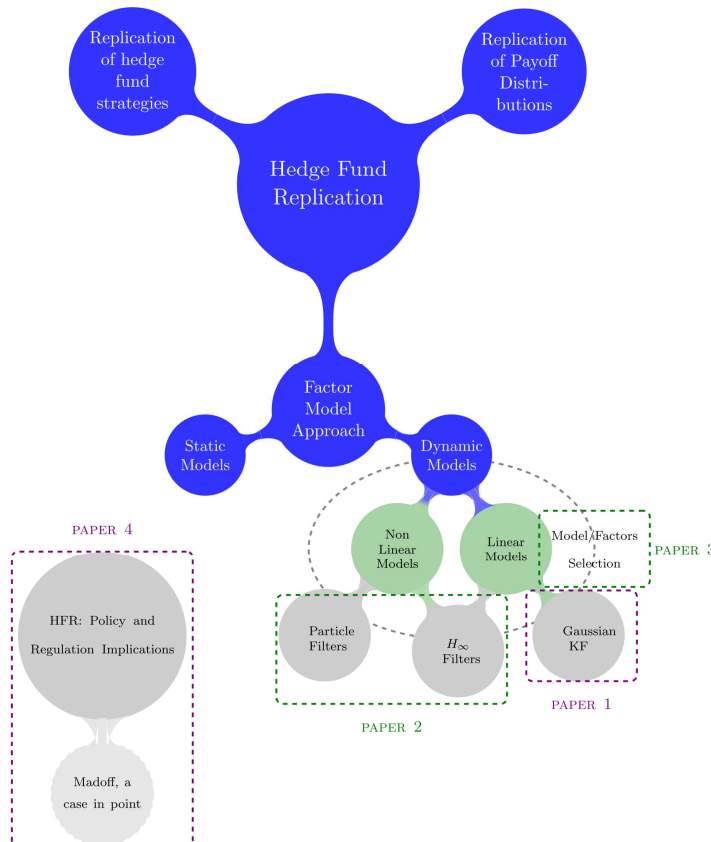
### Update $\mathbf{z}_1 = -3/2$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z}_1 = \begin{cases} -1/2 & p = 1 \\ 3/2 & q = 0 \end{cases}$$

### Estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{1|1} &= (1) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + (0) \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

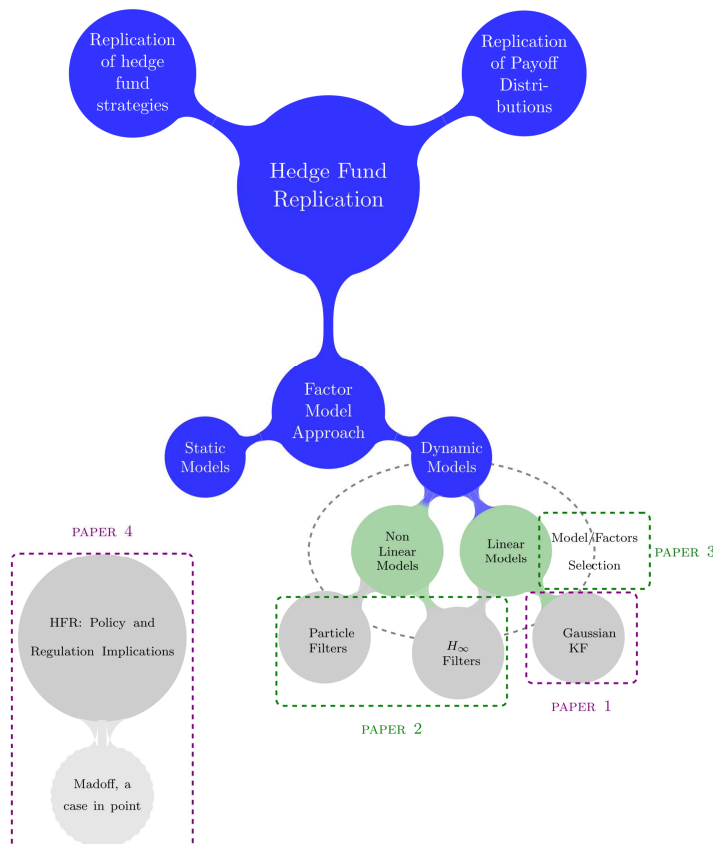
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# Part II

## Dissertation Papers

### Dissertation Conceptual Map



# Paper 1: HFR – Gaussian Linear Case

## Objectives

### Gaussian Linear Case

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_k^{\text{HF}} &= \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^{\text{HF}} + \mathbf{v}_k \\ r_k^{\text{HF}} &= \mathbf{r}'_k \mathbf{w}_k^{\text{HF}} + \eta_k \end{cases}$$

with  $\mathbf{v}_k$  and  $\eta_k$  *i.i.d.* Gaussian noise processes

The **objectives** of *Paper 1* are to **review and promote** the use of KF

- ▶ Understand how the KF algorithm adjusts to changes in HF dynamic
- ▶ Show that KF provides sensible “explanations”
- ▶ Look into the **alpha** replication problem

#### Definition (Alpha)

The **alpha** is a measure of the risk-adjusted performance of an asset. In the case of HF, the **alpha** is considered to represent the “talent” of the manager.

# Paper 1: HFR – Gaussian Linear Case

## Summary of Results

### Key points

- ▶ Describe in terms of investment decisions the KF’s adjustments to the replicating portfolio
- ▶ Provide a detailed example with economic interpretation
- ▶ Show that Core/Satellite approach to HFR can provide access to the “alpha”

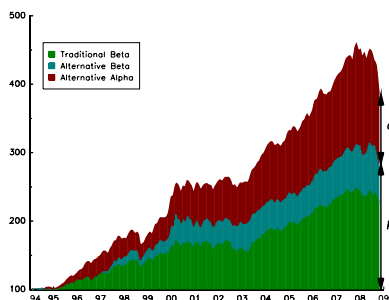
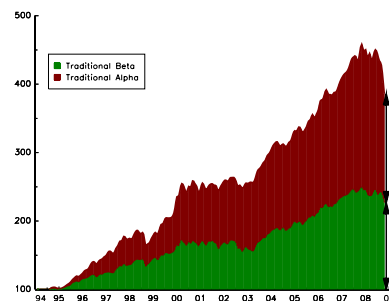
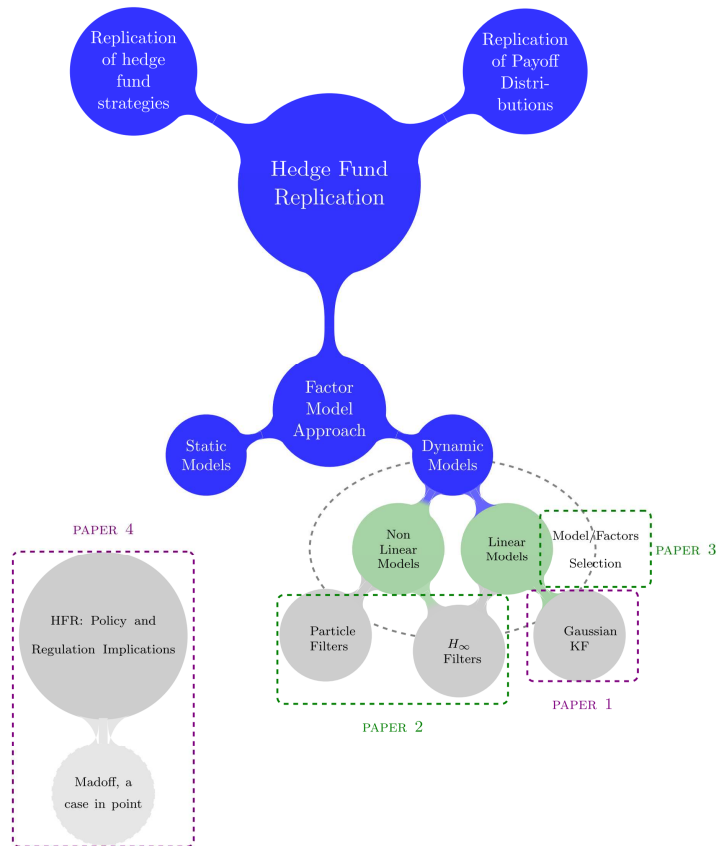


Figure: Top: traditional replication; Bottom: KF replication

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## Hedge Fund Replication: The Nonlinear Non-Gaussian Case

### Why It is Interesting

- ▶ HF Returns are **not** Gaussian
  - ▶ negative skewness and positive excess kurtosis.
- ▶ Nonlinearities in HF Returns
  - ▶ Nonlinearities documented from the very start of hedge-fund replication – see, e.g., [Fung and Hsieh, 1997].
  - ▶ Nonlinearities
    - ▶ are **important for some strategies** but not for the entire industry [Diez de los Rios and Garcia, 2008].
    - ▶ may be due to positions in **derivative instruments** or **un-captured dynamic strategies** – see, e.g., [Merton, 1981].
  - ▶ **No successful hedge fund replication** using non-linear models has ever been done

# Paper 2: HFR – Non-Gaussian Nonlinear Case

## Objectives

### Non-Gaussian or Nonlinear Case

#### Non Gaussian

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_k^{\text{HF}} &= \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^{\text{HF}} + \mathbf{v}_k \\ r_k^{\text{HF}} &= \mathbf{r}'_k \mathbf{w}_k^{\text{HF}} + \eta_k \\ \eta_k &\sim \mathcal{H} \end{cases}$$

with  $\mathcal{H}$  non Gaussian

#### Nonlinear

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_k^{\text{HF}} &= \mathbf{w}_{k-1}^{\text{HF}} + \mathbf{v}_k \\ r_k^{\text{HF}} &= \mathbf{r}'_k \mathbf{w}_k^{\text{HF}} \\ &+ \mathbf{w}_{k-1, (m+1)}^{\text{HF}} r_{k, (m+1)}(s_k) + \eta_k \end{cases}$$

with  $r_{k, (m+1)}(s_k)$  nonlinear

Option on S&P 500

⇒ May be solved (approximations) using **Particle Filters** or  $H_\infty$  **Filters**.

The **objectives** of *Paper 2* are to

- ▶ explore the nature of HF nonlinearities
  1. non Gaussian errors
  2. non linear factor
- ▶ explore possible remedy: PF
- ▶ develop HFR methodology robust to violation of Gaussian and linear hypotheses:  $H_\infty$  Filters

# Paper 2: HFR – Non-Gaussian Nonlinear Case

## Key points and Future Developments

**Gaussian assumption** KF's tracking errors have **skew and excess kurtosis**. A remedy: Skew  $t$  distribution

1. **very difficult** direct estimation of parameters in PF
2. **no luck** with two-step procedure (KF + GMM) ⇒ ↘ Skew, ↗ TE

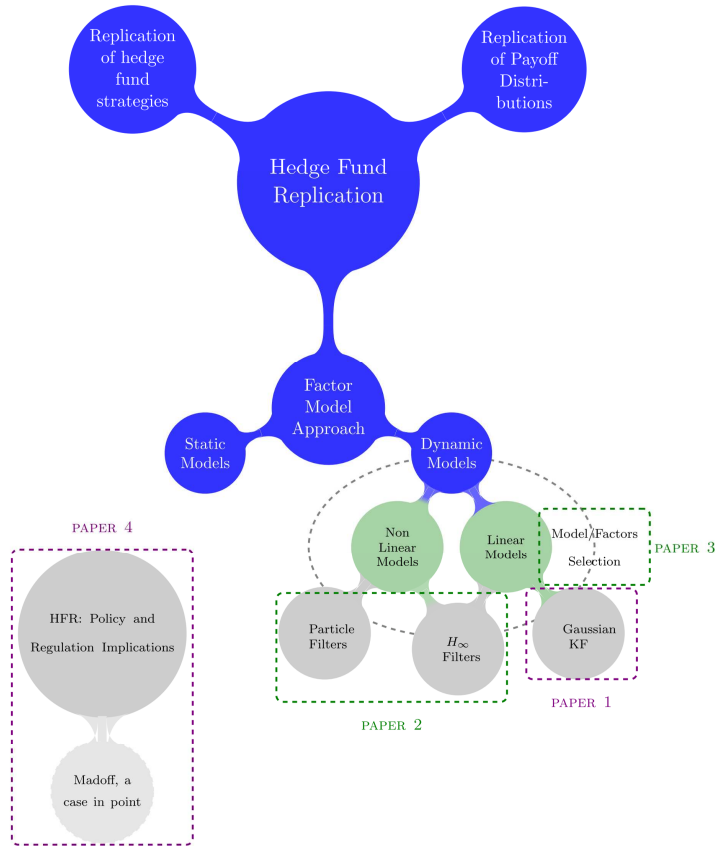
**Nonlinear Factor** Endogenous and exogenous

1. **Exogenous** factors are extremely **data dependent**
2. **Endogenous** factors: **some success** using a grid-based approach and KF; PF code has to be **parallelized**
3. For now, purely academic exercise

**Robust Methodology** 1. **TO BE DEVELOPED**

2.  $H_\infty$  **Filters** minimize worst cases → robust to violations of Gaussian and linearity assumptions

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## Paper 3: HFR – Model and Factors Selection

### The Problem of Factors Selection

Two questions about adding or deleting a factor:

1. Improvement of the performance of the replication ?
2. Pertinence ? (risk management  $\neq$  HF tracker)

		$\hat{\mu}_{1Y}$	$\pi_{AB}$	$\sigma_{TE}$	$\rho$	$\tau$	$\rho_S$
	<b>6F</b>	7.55	75.93	3.52	87.35	67.10	84.96
+	<b>CREDIT</b>	7.35	73.91	3.51	87.46	67.30	85.11
+	<b>GSCI</b>	7.46	75.07	3.55	87.42	68.74	86.52
+	<b>VIX</b>	6.55	65.94	4.05	83.71	67.29	85.14
+	<b>BUND</b>	7.75	77.94	3.54	87.09	66.95	84.84
+	<b>JPY/USD</b>	7.37	74.18	3.56	87.02	66.42	84.23
+	<b>USD/GBP</b>	7.48	75.25	3.58	86.81	66.66	84.63
+	<b>MXEF/SPX</b>	7.56	76.06	3.03	90.68	72.92	89.94
–	<b>SPX</b>	6.42	64.56	6.31	47.51	32.19	45.82
–	<b>RTY/SPX</b>	7.08	71.20	4.66	75.92	54.02	73.55
–	<b>SX5E/SPX</b>	6.51	65.47	3.73	85.88	68.19	85.94
–	<b>TPX/SPX</b>	7.34	73.82	3.72	85.78	64.43	82.30
–	<b>UST</b>	7.86	79.13	3.50	87.47	66.92	84.79
–	<b>EUR/USD</b>	6.57	66.08	3.60	86.59	66.66	84.70
	<b>7F</b>	7.82	78.64	3.05	90.55	72.92	89.95

# Paper 3: HFR – Model and Factors Selection

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Problem	Theoretical Question	Practical Question	Solution
	Is the model optimal?	How many parameters?	Information Criterion, e.g., [Akaike, 1974, Cavanaugh, 1997]
<b>Model Selection</b>		<b>Factor models:</b> How many factors? Exact or approximate factor structure?	Approximate factor structures and Dynamic (Asymptotic) Principal Components, e.g., [Connor and Korajczyk, 1986, Stock and Watson, 2002, Hallin and Liška, 2007]
<b>Factors Selection</b>	Which factors?	Estimation Identification	Inferential theory for static and dynamic factor models, e.g., [Bai and Ng, 2006]
<b>Variables Selection</b>	Which variables?	Representation of factors for (portfolio) implementation	Application of [Bai and Ng, 2006] to HFR [Darolles and Mero, 2007]

Same Literature!

# Paper 3: HFR – Model and Factors Selection

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**Factors Estimation** Using the **covariance matrix** a vast set of assets (including individual HFs if possible)

1. Estimate **all possible factors** with PCA on rolling time-windows  $[k-T, \dots, k]$  (cf. [Darolles and Mero, 2007])
2. Estimate the **number of factors**  $\hat{m}$  using [Bai and Ng, 2006]'s tests

**Factor Exposures Estimation** Once the factors selected and estimated,

- ▶ **KF or  $H_\infty$  Filter** to estimate the replication exposures  $\hat{w}_{k+1|k}^{\text{HF}}$  (instead of OLS regressions as in [Darolles and Mero, 2007]).

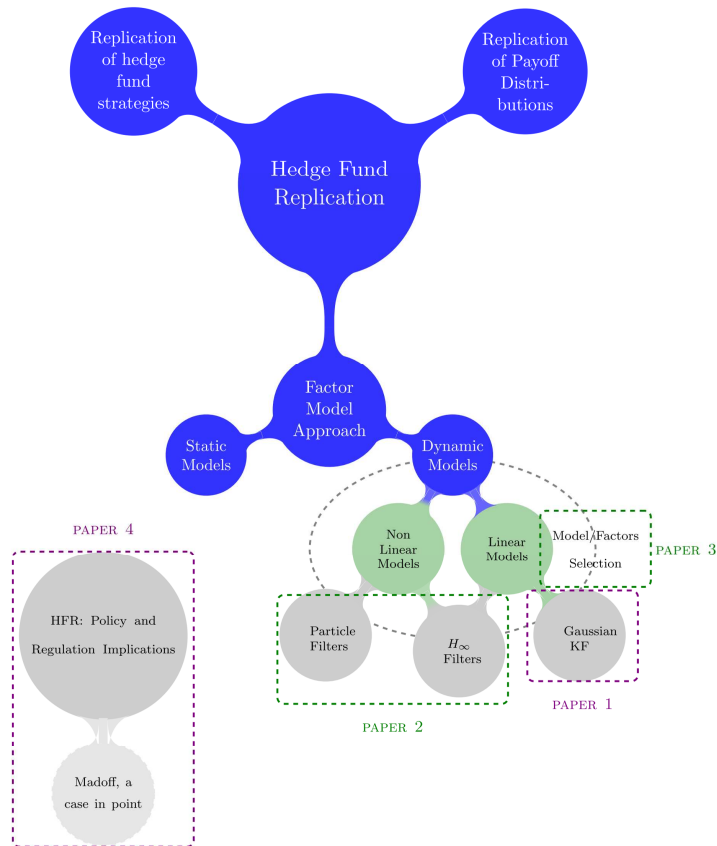
**Factors' interpretation and implementation:** 2 possibilities

1. **Statistical identification** using [Bai and Ng, 2006]'s tests in the spirit of [Darolles and Mero, 2007]
2. **Online** tracking method for MIMO problems [Kim et al., 2004, Kim et al., 2007]: *track the estimated factors (output) with **observable** and **investable** assets or indices (input).*

### Definition (Online)

**Online** refers to a recursive method of tracking using observations in a sequential manner, as they become available.

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## Paper 4: Policy and Regulation Implications

### Motivation

*Recall Slide 2: HF managers vs. Investors*

1. Market risks are borne by investors, not by fund manager.
2. The fund manager is the **only decision maker**.

### Questions

- ▶ How can the **information asymmetry** between the fund manager and investors be reduced?
  - ▶ Agency problems
- ▶ How may investors have **control** over the fund manager? How can regulators ensure investors **protection**?

### Madoff, a case in point

- ▶ Massive fraud: ~ \$60 Bn
- ▶ Some individual but also some **institutional** investors
- ▶ Lots of **red flags**
  - ▶ some operational (e.g., broker, custodian and fund manager)
  - ▶ some **quantitative**: related to the statistics of the fund

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# Paper 4: Policy and Regulation Implications

## Outline of the paper

1. Madoff's story
2. Understand how Madoff lost the capital
  - ▶ Understand Madoff investment strategy
  - ▶ Explain Madoff's collapse: developed a model of a Ponzi scheme in asset management industry
3. New lessons for operational risk capital requirements
4. Implications of the Madoff case for regulators and the investment industry
  - ▶ Rethinking due diligence processes
  - ▶ Future of the HF industry

# Paper 4: Policy and Regulation Implications I

## Main findings

### Understand how Madoff lost the capital

- ▶ Understand Madoff investment strategy
  1. Bull-Spread strategy: extremely attractive in theory
  2. In practice, to obtain these ideal results, we need a very good stock picking process
    - ▶ systematic outperformance with respect to the index
    - ▶ perfect correlation with the index
- ▶ Explain Madoff's collapse: Ponzi scheme model

- ▶ **Capital shrinkage:** Management fees = main contributors.
- ▶ Default **may be avoided** only if management fees are less than net subscriptions.
- ▶ Default time is a **negative function** of management fees and *posted* returns on Assets Under Management (AUM).



# Paper 4: Policy and Regulation Implications II

## Main findings

### New lessons for operational risk capital requirements

Overall, it is not clear what the **impact** of the Madoff fraud will have on how **operational capital requirements** are calculated.

- ▶ New beta for the asset management industry?
- ▶ Impact on Advanced Measurement Approach

Under current rules, the impact is **potentially tremendous**, and may need special considerations.

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# Paper 4: Policy and Regulation Implications III

## Main findings

### Implications of the Madoff case for regulators and the investment industry

- ▶ Rethinking due diligence processes
  - ▶ **Operational** due diligence vs. **Quantitative due diligence**  $\implies$  lack of quantitative expertise.
  - ▶ Initiatives to define a common analysis framework: AIMA, HFWG, etc.
- ▶ Future of the HF industry: Rethinking it!
  - ▶ 2003-2007: HF bubble (like the Internet bubble).
  - ▶ 2008-2009: *Annus horribilis* (liquidity, gates, Madoff, etc.).
  - ▶ “Retailization” of the industry.
  - ▶ Promote **transparency, liquidity** and **standardization**
    - ▶ Platform of managed accounts.
    - ▶ Replication products (carry trades, volatility selling, etc.).
  - ▶ **Role of HFR** is not yet clear (*in my opinion*)
    - ▶ good potential for regulation as risk/control tool, in particular for FoHF
    - ▶ TO BE DEVELOPED

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- ▶ Problems of [aggregation](#), especially in the light of nonlinearities
- ▶ Several [financial engineering](#) applications can be developed
  - ▶ Asset Allocation: emphasis on non replicable HFs as holders of “talent”
  - ▶ Hedging portfolio of a portfolio of Hedge funds
- ▶ Other applications for [Bayesian Filters](#)?

## Part III

### Appendix

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# Replicating with Kalman Filter

## Decomposition of the yearly performance

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Period	Traditional		Alternative		Total
	Alpha	Beta	Alpha	Beta	
1994	0.43	1.13	0.68	0.88	1.56
1995	6.99	13.56	7.00	13.55	21.50
1996	11.77	8.35	12.18	7.95	21.10
1997	7.21	8.94	-2.61	19.93	16.79
1998	-3.98	6.87	-4.44	7.39	2.62
1999	15.56	13.62	7.96	21.61	31.29
2000	3.03	1.90	3.63	1.31	4.98
2001	4.08	0.53	2.11	2.47	4.62
2002	4.39	-5.59	0.74	-2.18	-1.45
2003	2.99	16.08	3.96	15.00	19.55
2004	1.23	7.71	1.83	7.08	9.03
2005	2.30	6.84	1.44	7.74	9.30
2006	2.32	10.33	1.10	11.67	12.89
2007	5.30	4.43	3.35	6.39	9.96
2008	-5.96	-5.13	-4.90	-6.19	-10.78
1994-2008	3.80	5.92	2.22	7.55	9.94
1997-2008	3.14	5.46	1.14	7.55	8.77
2000-2008	2.20	4.02	1.48	4.75	6.30

## Proof of the input-output relationship in a Tracking System

### **Proof.**

It is assumed that the input-output relations can be described by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{z} \end{pmatrix} = \Gamma \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\Gamma$  a real and proper matrix which can be partitioned as

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{e\psi} & \Gamma_{eu} \\ \Gamma_{z\psi} & \Gamma_{zu} \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall also that  $\mathbf{u} = K\mathbf{z}$ . Then, one can write

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{T}_{e\psi} \psi$$

with  $\mathbf{T}_{e\psi}$  the transfer function matrix from  $\psi$  to  $\mathbf{e}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e} &= \Gamma_{e\psi} \psi + \Gamma_{eu} K \mathbf{z} \\ \text{and } \mathbf{z} &= \Gamma_{z\psi} \psi + \Gamma_{zu} K \mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

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# Proof of the input-output relationship in a Tracking System

**Proof (Cont'd).**

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Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}(I - \Gamma_{zu}K)z &= \Gamma_{z\psi}\Psi \\ \mathbf{z} &= (I - \Gamma_{zu}K)^{-1} \Gamma_{z\psi}\Psi\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{e} &= \Gamma_{e\psi}\Psi + \Gamma_{eu}K(I - \Gamma_{zu}K)^{-1} \Gamma_{z\psi}\Psi \\ &= \left[ \Gamma_{e\psi} + \Gamma_{eu}K(I - \Gamma_{zu}K)^{-1} \Gamma_{z\psi} \right] \Psi\end{aligned}$$

□

## Statistics Description

- ▶  $\hat{\mu}_{1Y}$  is the annualized performance;
- ▶  $\pi_{AB}$  the proportion of the HFRI index performance explained by the clone;
- ▶  $\sigma_{TE}$  is the yearly tracking error;
- ▶  $\rho$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\rho_S$  are respectively the linear correlation, the Kendall tau and the Spearman rho between the monthly returns of the clone and the HFRI index;
- ▶  $s$  is the sharpe ratio;
- ▶  $\gamma_1$  is the skewness;
- ▶  $\gamma_2$  is the excess kurtosis.