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	<b>Central University of Finance and Economics</b> B.S., Mathematics and Economics	Beijing 2009–2013
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Empirical asset pricing, institutional investors (e.g., mutual funds and hedge funds), real effects of financial markets	
WORKING PAPERS	<b>Predicting Active Fund Performance with Aggregate Idiosyncratic Volatility Job Market Paper</b> <b>Abstract:</b> This paper shows that aggregate idiosyncratic volatility ( $AIV$ ) is a key determinant of active funds' ability to generate superior performance. Using the sample of active US equity mutual funds from 1984 through 2019, I find that $AIV$ positively predicts benchmark-adjusted fund returns, and its predictive power is stronger for funds that deviate more from passive benchmarks. The predictability of $AIV$ is also significant for active mutual funds in 47 equity markets and equity hedge funds in the US. I then explore two non-mutually exclusive explanations for these findings: 1) active funds require a reward for accommodating exogenous asset demands and $AIV$ drives their risk-bearing capacity (i.e., the risk view); and 2) they profit from private signals about firms' fundamentals and $AIV$ proxies for aggregate flows of fundamental news (i.e., the information view). Additional analyses provide evidence consistent with the risk view. First, on average, active mutual funds scale back their active positions when $AIV$ rises. Second, funds that do not reduce active positions earn larger abnormal returns following high $AIV$ levels. Third, a substantial $AIV$ shock leads to a temporary impact on stock prices. The evidence during the COVID-19 crisis also corroborates the risk view.	
	<b>Does Media Investor Identity Affect Its Coverage? The Role of Common Ownership</b> (with Zhao Jin and John Yang) <b>Abstract:</b> We study whether institutional investors affect media coverage of their portfolio firms through their ownership in media firms. We hypothesize that the blockholders of a publicly traded media outlet affect this media outlet's coverage of their portfolio firms in their interests. Consistent with this hypothesis, we find that a news outlet issues more positive articles covering the firms in its blockholders' portfolios. In addition, the results are stronger when the covered firms have higher weights in the blockholders' portfolios. Our results are robust when we fully control for firm fundamentals by exploiting within firm-quarter variation in media ownership and coverage, providing evidence that the effect is causal. Overall, our findings suggest that institutional investors influence media coverage through their media ownership.	
WORKING IN PROGRESS	<b>Lending Fees and Pricing Under Asymmetric Information</b> (with Ron Kaniel and Christian Opp)  <b>Agglomeration Investing as Mutual Fund Manager Skill</b> (with Zhao Jin)  <b>What do managers learn from stock prices? Evidence from cross-border mergers and acquisitions</b> (with John Yang)	

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WORKSHOPS	Finance Theory Group Summer School Office of Financial Research (OFR) PhD Symposium	2017 2020
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