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#### **EDUCATION**

2025 (exp)	New York University, Ph.D., Economics Dissertation: Essays in Macroeconometrics
2019	King's College London, Grad. Dip., Mathematics (Distinction)
2016	London School of Economics & Pol. Science, M.Sc., Economics (Distinction)
2012	University College London, B.Sc., Economics

#### REFERENCES

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#### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2020-2024 Henry M. McCracken Scholarship – New York University

# 1. Estimation of Heterogeneous Economies with Micro Data (with M. C. Iao) (Job Market Paper).

We give sufficient conditions under which dynamic equilibrium models with heterogeneous-agents can be represented by a first-order reduced-rank vector autoregression. We exploit this result to develop an econometric framework that enables the rapid estimation of a rich class of models with evolutions of both macro and large cross-section data. In montecarlo simulations, we show that our method using the entire cross-section delivers precision up to an order of magnitude larger than the conventional approaches. We apply our method to estimate a medium-scale HANK model with heterogeneous exposures to aggregate fluctuations. Our estimates imply that poorer households are more sensitive to aggregate fluctuations on average, but the converse is true conditional on a monetary policy shock. Through the lens of the model, we estimate that heterogeneous earnings exposures amplify the consumption response to monetary policy shocks by 40% and the output response by 20%.

## 2. Dynamic Mode Decompositions and Vector Autoregressions (with Prof. T. J. Sargent)

Sufficient conditions on state-space matrices A, C, G, R allow inferring them from a reduced-rank first-order vector autoregression (VAR) that can be computed with a Dynamic Mode Decomposition (DMD), thereby connecting DMD modes to hidden Markov states in the state-space system. When these sufficient conditions hold, our technique provides a fast way to infer parameters of the linear state space system. An application infers two macroeconomic aggregate factors from dynamics of CEX cross sections.

#### 3. Linearizing Stochastic systems with the Koopman Operator

This paper provides an alternative computationally-efficient approach to approximate non-linear stochastic models. The novel method combines both perturbation and projection methods and draws on results from Koopman operator theory. I state convergence results and demonstrate its capabilities on a highly non-linear consumption- based asset-pricing model with external habits.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

- 4. Dynamic Mode Decomposition of a CEX cross-section (with Prof. T. J. Sargent)
- 5. Deep Asset Allocation (with Prof. J. Rubio-Ramirez)
- 6. Granular Identification of Vector Autoregression Models (with H. Han, and L. Gagliardone)

#### PRESENTATIONS

2024	Society for Economic Dynamics, Barcelona; NYU internal seminars
2023	NYU internal seminars (Econometrics, Student Macro Lunch)
2022	NYU internal seminars (Econometrics, Student Macro Lunch)

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

2020-2025	Prof. T. J. Sargent – New York University
2022-2023	<b>Prof. Thomas Philippon</b> – New York University
2022-2023	Prof. T. M. Christensen – New York University
2021	Profs. T. J. Sargent and L. P. Hansen – New York University

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall, 2024	Intermediate Macro – New York University TA for Prof. G. McIntyre
$Summer,\ 2023$	Foundation of Finance (MBA) – NYU Stern TA for Prof. A. Lynch
$Spring,\ 2022$	Econometrics II (Ph.D.) – New York University TA for Prof. T. Cogley and R. Crump
Summer, 2022	Foundations of Finance (MBA) – NYU Stern Prof. A. Lynch

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2017-2019	Bank of England – External Monetary Policy Committee Unit
2016-2017	Fulcrum Asset Management – Research Economist
2012-2015	HSBC Bank, PLC – Global Asset Allocation strategist

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Journal of Econometrics; Young Economists' Symposium