

Systemic Risk Channels of Nonbank Financial Entities: Evidence from Hedge Funds and Mutual Funds

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Abstract

Using a sample of hedge funds and mutual funds, I examine two channels through which nonbank financial entities can contribute to systemic risk: the service channel when funds act as liquidity suppliers and the asset liquidation channel when funds act as liquidity demanders. Consistent with the latter channel being more important, I find that contributions to systemic risk increase significantly when hedge funds demand liquidity. Conversely, no such effect exists for mutual funds. A decomposition of systemic risk reveals that the higher level of systemic risk for liquidity-demanding hedge funds can be explained by a higher degree of interconnectedness. Providing further evidence for the asset liquidation channel, I document that contributions to systemic risk are considerably larger when hedge funds demand liquidity in times of low funding liquidity and during stock market boom and bust phases. Complementary to that, the systemic risk of liquidity-supplying hedge funds is significantly lower in such periods.

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1 Introduction

In 2013, the top 500 asset managers intermediated \$76 trillion of assets, equivalent to 40% of global financial assets ([International Monetary Fund, 2015](#)). With such a large market share, professional investors are central to financial markets and play a key role for ensuring market efficiency and providing liquidity. Apart from that, investment funds increasingly engage in activities traditionally executed by banks.¹ The mounting importance of investment funds is, however, a double-edged sword: If they contribute to the stability of the system in normal times, are they also a source of instability when markets become distressed?

Ever since the collapse of LTCM in 1998, this question has received considerable attention.² Recent empirical work suggests that equity funds ([Hau and Lai, 2017](#)), corporate bond funds ([Manconi, Massa and Yasuda, 2012](#)), and hedge funds ([Adams, Füss and Gropp, 2014](#)) played a role in the propagation of the financial crisis. On the other hand, [Fricke and Fricke \(2017\)](#) show that systemic risk among mutual funds is limited. As for the authorities, the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) published guidances to quantify the systemic risk of nonbank financial entities ([FSOC, 2012](#); [FSOC, 2019](#)). However, not a single nonbank financial entity has been designated as systemically important until today. It thus remains unclear if and how these entities matter for the emergence and transmission of systemic risk.

The contribution of this paper is to examine two channels through which nonbank financial entity, in particular investment funds, can contribute to systemic risk: the service channel and the asset liquidation channel. According to the first channel, entities who provide a critical service to other market participants contribute to systemic risk because of the vacuum that arises when they become unwilling or unable to provide this service. According to the second channel, systemic risk arises if asset sales of one or more entities trigger a fall in prices, which leads to further trading disruptions in key markets or funding problem for other participants. The goal of the paper is to evaluate the relative importance of these two channels for the

¹Credit provision by investment funds to non-financial firms increased by 50% from 2010 to 2015, while the overall amount of credit only increased by 6% in these years ([Doyle, Hermans, Molitor and Weistroffer, 2016](#)).

²[Brown, Kacperczyk, Ljungqvist, Lynch, Pedersen and Richardson \(2009\)](#); [Shelby \(2017\)](#); [Garbaravicius and Dierick \(2005\)](#); [Chan, Getmansky, Haas and Lo \(2006\)](#); [King and Maier \(2009\)](#); [Lo \(2008\)](#); [Kaal and Krause \(2017\)](#); [Kambhu, Schuermann and Stiroh \(2007\)](#); [Dixon, Clancy and Kumar \(2012\)](#)

systemic risk of investment funds. As stated by [Danielsson and Zigrand \(2015\)](#), focusing on the channels instead of the individual entities can be an important step towards a better understanding of how asset managers contribute to systemic risk. The recent shift of the FSOC from a characteristics-based approach ([FSOC, 2012](#)) to an activities-based approach ([FSOC, 2019](#)) of systemic risk designation highlights this point of view.

The present study is based on two subgroups of nonbank financial entities: hedge funds from the Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund database and mutual funds from the CRSP mutual fund database from January 1994 to December 2018. While much of the public debate has focused on hedge funds, it is at first sight not perfectly clear why their contribution to systemic risk should be higher relative to mutual funds, especially when considering the similar business models and the much larger size of mutual funds. Nevertheless, there are certain factors which are unique to hedge funds and need to be taken into account when assessing the systemic risk of nonbanks ([FSOC, 2012](#)). In particular, the use of leverage, the lack of transparency, and the interconnectedness of the hedge fund sector ([Adams et al., 2014](#)) support a more prominent role of hedge funds for systemic risk. Adding to this debate, I compare the systemic risk of hedge funds and mutual funds in a first step. In line with the public focus on hedge funds, I show that they indeed have higher contributions to systemic risk. Controlling for several fund characteristics, the systemic risk of an average hedge fund, as measured by the $\Delta CoVar$ ([Adrian and Brunnermeier, 2016](#)), is up to 49% higher as compared to a mutual fund.

Next, I turn to the main question of the paper: What is the channel through which investment funds contribute to systemic risk? To answer this question, I exploit the fact that the service channel and the asset liquidation channel yield opposite predictions with regard to the systemic risk of liquidity-demanding and liquidity-supplying funds. For the service channel, funds who act as liquidity suppliers should have higher systemic risk because they provide a critical function to others. Their unwillingness or inability to provide this liquidity service can pose a threat to the stability of the system if no one else is there to fill the gap. Such a situation can, for example, arise in times of low funding liquidity ([Cötelioğlu, Franzoni and Plazzi, 2019](#)) when the propensity to supply liquidity is generally low ([Nagel, 2012](#)). For

the asset liquidation channel, in turn, funds who demand liquidity should have higher systemic risk. Here, systemic risk arises when funds sell their holdings as prices go down, equivalent to consuming liquidity. This can lead to further price declines, liquidity spirals, and even more asset sales ([Brunnermeier and Pedersen, 2009](#)), ultimately destabilizing the system alike.

Guided by these observations, I proceed as follows: First, I classify funds as liquidity suppliers (LS) and liquidity demanders (LD) based on the the approach of [Jylhä, Rinne and Suominen \(2014\)](#). Then, I relate this classification to each fund's $\Delta CoVaR$, as a measure for its contribution to systemic risk, to quantify the impact of the two channels outlined above. Consistent with the asset liquidation channel being more important, I find that contributions to systemic risk are significantly higher, by up to 20%, when hedge funds demand liquidity. Conversely, no such effect exists for liquidity suppliers or mutual funds.

If hedge funds contribute to systemic risk through the asset liquidation channel, is there anything which can exacerbate or limit this process? To answer this question, I interact fund characteristics with the LS and LD classification. The results suggest that contributions to systemic risk are even higher, relative to the baseline effect, when hedge funds face outflows and demand liquidity at the same time. In such a situation, the concurrent decline of market and funding liquidity can lead to a liquidity spiral ([Brunnermeier and Pedersen, 2009](#)) which transmits the initial shock to others and amplifies systemic risk.

In the next step, I decompose the systemic risk measure to understand what exactly drives my main result. To do so, I follow [Brunnermeier, Dong and Palia \(2019a\)](#) and break down the $\Delta CoVaR$ into interconnectedness, tail risk, and exposure to macroeconomic and finance factors. The subsequent analysis shows that the higher systemic risk of hedge funds, especially when they demand liquidity, can be attributed to a higher degree of interconnectedness. This is in line with the work of [Adams et al. \(2014\)](#), who find that hedge funds play a major role in the transmission of shocks due to their linkages with banks and brokers.

As noted above, the asset liquidation channel of systemic risk is closely related to the model of [Brunnermeier and Pedersen \(2009\)](#): assets sales lead to a deterioration of market liquidity and can turn into liquidity spirals when funding liquidity is low. Based on this

notion, I hypothesize that the relation between LD funds and systemic risk, i.e. the asset liquidation channel, is stronger in periods of poor funding liquidity. Consistent with this, I show that contributions to systemic risk for liquidity-demanding funds increase disproportionately in times of a high VIX or TED spread as well as in times of low dealer repo volume. Moreover, systemic risk of liquidity-supplying hedge funds is significantly lower in these periods which corroborates the evidence on the asset liquidation channel of systemic risk.

Finally, motivated by the study of [Brunnermeier, Rother and Schnabel \(2019b\)](#), I turn to the question whether the occurrence of asset price boom and bust phases alters the systemic risk of the nonbank financial sector. As [Brunnermeier and Nagel \(2004\)](#) show, hedge funds significantly contributed to the emergence of the dotcom bubble. Adding to this, I find that systemic risk contributions of hedge funds in general increase in boom and bust periods. More importantly, I show that the systemic risk of liquidity demanders is significantly higher while the systemic risk of liquidity suppliers is significantly lower during bubble episodes. This suggests that the asset liquidation channel of systemic risk plays a larger role in boom and bust phases of a stock market bubble relative to non-bubble periods.

The contribution of this paper to the literature is twofold. First, it extends existing work on systemic risk to another type of financial institution, namely asset managers. Traditionally, the literature focuses on banks as the prime example of systemically relevant institutions (e.g. [Laeven, Ratnovski and Tong, 2016](#); [López-Espinosa, Rubia, Valderrama and Antón, 2013](#), [Brunnermeier et al., 2019a](#), [Brunnermeier et al., 2019b](#)). Nevertheless, the growing importance of nonbank financial entities for today's financial markets suggests a role for these institutions when it comes to systemic risk. With regard to hedge funds, prior studies on this topic often focus on certain elements of systemic risk like contagion across hedge funds ([Boyson, Stahel and Stulz, 2010](#); [Dudley and Nimalendran, 2011](#)) or connectedness of hedge funds ([Billio, Getmansky, Lo and Pelizzon, 2012](#)). However, apart from two papers which relate systemic risk to hedge fund returns ([Hwang, Xu, In and Kim, 2017](#)) and look at the determinants of systemic risk of hedge funds ([Joenväärä, 2011](#)), there is little empirical evidence on how investment funds contribute to systemic risk with regard to the possible channels. This study

tries to fill this gap by empirically disentangling and comparing two different channels of systemic risk for two different types of nonbank financial institutions.

Second, the asset liquidation channel is closely related to the literature on fire sales which shows that forced, flow-driven selling can negatively impact asset prices. In [Coval and Stafford \(2007\)](#), asset sales of mutual funds who face large outflows create price pressure in the sold securities. [Mitchell, Pedersen and Pulvino \(2007\)](#) document a similar effect for convertible bond markets around the collapse of LTCM and after convertible hedge funds faced large withdrawals in 2005. My finding that liquidity-demanding hedge funds have higher systemic risk adds another layer to this literature. It suggests that (forced) asset sales do not only have a negative effect on the asset being sold but might also be relevant from a broader stability perspective when taking systemic risk externalities into account. In this regard, my study is also related to [Fricke and Fricke \(2017\)](#), who use a stress test model to quantify systemic impact of mutual fund fire sales, and [Girardi, Hanley, Nikolova, Pelizzon and Getmansky Sherman \(2018\)](#), who examine portfolio similarity and common sales of insurance companies.

2 Systemic Risk Framework and Hypotheses

In the first interpretive guidances ([FSOC, 2012](#)), the FSOC defines six categories for evaluating the systemic risk of nonbank financial entities: size, liquidity risk, substitutability, interconnectedness, leverage, and regulatory scrutiny. These categories help to explain how mutual funds and hedge funds, as subjects of the current study, relate to systemic risk.

The first three categories apply to mutual funds and hedge funds alike. *Size* is related to "too big to fail" entities like LTCM, or the systemic impact of coordinated behavior of a large number of small funds (e.g. [Khandani and Lo, 2011](#)). *Liquidity Risk* captures the fact that investment funds are subject to investor runs and fire-sale behavior ([Liu and Mello, 2011](#)) because they use short-term redeemable funding and invest it into illiquid assets.³

³Arguably, this problem might be more severe for mutual funds because they offer daily liquidity to their investors, while redemption frequencies of hedge funds are typically lower. However, [Chen, Goldstein and Jiang \(2010\)](#) document that such strategic complementarities among investors are more severe for funds with illiquid assets, which would be more typical for hedge funds (also see [Agarwal, Aragon and Shi, 2018](#); [Teo, 2011](#)).

Substitutability refers to entities which provide critical functions to financial markets, e.g. liquidity suppliers (Jylhä et al., 2014) or arbitrageurs (Cao, Liang, Lo and Petrasek, 2017), for which readily available substitutes can be scarce.

The remaining three categories help to explain why hedge funds might have higher systemic risk relative to mutual funds and lead to my first hypothesis. *Interconnectedness* is related to the trading activity of mutual funds and hedge funds which can act as a conduit to transmit distress. Institutional investors can propagate shocks from financial to non-financial stocks (Hau and Lai, 2017), across asset classes (Manconi et al., 2012) and from domestic to emerging markets (Jotikasthira, Lundblad and Ramadorai, 2012). Apart from this, Adams et al. (2014) show that hedge funds in particular play a major role in the transmission of shocks through their linkages to banks or broker-dealers. These connections build up in normal times and materialize in times of distress.⁴ Next, *Leverage* is clearly one of the defining characteristics of the hedge fund industry. Importantly, it can act as an amplification mechanism for losses and subsequent asset sales. Consistent with this, Ben-David, Franzoni and Moussawi (2012) show that a large part of the hedge fund equity sell-off in 2008 can be explained by leverage.⁵ Finally, *Regulatory Scrutiny* is much higher for mutual funds, while hedge funds remain largely unregulated. This is a necessary condition for them to effectively engage in their business. From a systemic risk perspective, however, the lack of transparency makes it hard to quantify the risks associated with hedge funds and will most likely lead to extreme reactions when it comes to investor panics and liquidity runs (Brown et al., 2009).

In summary, the hidden connections of hedge funds to banks or broker-dealers, their use of leverage, and their lack of transparency motivate my first hypothesis:

H1: Contributions to systemic risk are larger for hedge funds than for mutual funds

⁴One example for such a hedge fund-specific link is the bilateral repo market. As Singh (2011) documents, hedge funds obtain short-term funding and are the main provider of collateral in this market, while mutual funds barely participate. Broker-dealers then use this collateral, in the form of re-hypothecation, to obtain short-term funding themselves. Consistent with a link between hedge funds and broker-dealers in this market, Gorton and Metrick (2015) attribute the run on repo to a large extent to hedge funds. Moreover, Infante (2019) theoretically shows that a run on repo can be driven by a collateral run of hedge funds.

⁵On the other hand, Ang, Gorovyy and Van Inwegen (2011) show that hedge fund leverage was very low prior to the crisis. Moreover, Joenväärä (2011) finds no significant relation between systemic risk and leverage.

2.1 Systemic Risk Channels of Nonbank Financial Entities

In 2019, the FSOC changed the systemic risk designation process from a characteristics-based to an activities-based approach (FSOC, 2019). The new guidances describe three channels through which nonbank financial entities can contribute to systemic risk.

Service Channel: This channel focuses on entities which provide critical functions to the financial system that other market participants rely upon. One example is the liquidity provision of investment funds to equity markets (Jylhä et al., 2014; Rinne and Suominen, 2016) and less liquid asset markets (Agarwal, Fung, Loon and Naik, 2011). Here, systemic risk arises when liquidity suppliers become unwilling or unable to provide the critical service and no substitute is readily available. With regard to the liquidity provision of hedge funds, this is exactly what happens in times of low funding liquidity (Cötelioğlu et al., 2019), or in crisis episodes (Anand, Irvine, Puckett and Venkataraman, 2013). Hedge funds withdraw from liquidity provision and no one else fills the gap because the propensity to provide liquidity is generally low in such periods (e.g. Nagel, 2012). Importantly, the resulting vacuum can pose a threat to the market stability, as indicated by lower liquidity and resiliency of stocks which are more exposed to liquidity-supplying hedge funds (Aragon and Strahan, 2012; Cötelioğlu et al., 2019). In summary, liquidity provision can be associated with systemic risk. This leads to my second hypothesis:

Hypothesis 2a: According to the service channel, funds which supply liquidity have higher systemic risk

Hypothesis 2b: According to the service channel, funds which demand liquidity have lower contributions to systemic risk

Note that the systemic risk of liquidity-supplying funds arises because they provide a critical service to the market and tend to withdraw when no readily substitute is available. Conversely, liquidity-demanding funds do not fulfill such a critical function. Hence, they should contribute less to systemic risk according to the service channel.

Asset Liquidation Channel: In the second case, systemic risk arises if asset sales of one or more entities trigger a fall in prices, causing further trading disruptions in key markets or funding problem for other participants (FSOC, 2019). Such a feedback loop can be found in the theoretical model of Brunnermeier and Pedersen (2005) or in Pedersen (2009), who show that investors can either rationally "run for the exit" or because they face margin calls and are forced to deleverage as in Brunnermeier and Pedersen (2009). Ben-David et al. (2012) provide empirical evidence for such large-scale asset sales. They show that hedge funds liquidated up to 30% of their equity portfolio in a falling markets as a response to deleveraging and investor redemptions. Similarly, Ben-Rephael (2017) documents that mutual funds reduce their illiquid stock holdings in times of high market uncertainty, thereby magnifying price declines and flight-to-liquidity episodes. The common theme of these studies is that funds who engage in such asset sales essentially demand immediacy and consume liquidity. Based on this idea, I formulate my third hypothesis:

Hypothesis 3a: According to the asset liquidation channel, funds which demand liquidity have higher contributions to systemic risk

Hypothesis 3b: According to the asset liquidation channel, funds which supply liquidity have lower contributions to systemic risk

While liquidity-demanding funds create systemic risk through asset sales and price pressure, funds who supply liquidity in these situations (e.g. Aragon, Martin and Shi, 2019) have the potential to cushion the price decline. Hence, they can limit the negative externality arising from this channel and should contribute less to systemic risk.

Credit Channel: The last channel identified by the FSOC is related to situations in which counterparties have an exposure to a nonbank financial entity that is significant enough to materially impair the respective counterparty (FSOC, 2019). I do not examine this channel for two reasons: First, an analysis would require detailed data on counterparty exposure, which is not readily available. Second, as Dixon et al. (2012) highlight, the impact of the credit channel became much smaller following the collapse of LTCM. In the aftermath, regulatory

authorities put a lot of emphasis on better counterparty risk management as well as adequate margin and collateral requirements with the goal to limit the impact of the credit channel (Kambhu et al., 2007). In line with having achieved this, a recent report from the Bank of England documents that none of the surveyed prime brokers had an aggregate potential exposure to hedge funds exceeding 7% of its Tier 1 capital (Kenny and Mallaburn, 2017).

3 Data and Methodology

For this study, I collect data on investment funds from two different sources. Data on hedge funds is from the Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Database. It includes information on assets under management, fund returns, as well as a number of fund characteristics like the fund inception date, fund strategy, fund currency, fund management company, and management fees. For hedge funds with a reporting currency other than USD, I convert fund returns and total net assets to USD using end-of-month exchange rates. Following the literature, I restrict the sample to funds who report net returns on a monthly basis. Additionally, I require a fund to have at least 36 consecutive months of valid return observations over the sample period. To avoid survivorship bias, the sample period starts in January 1994 since data on defunct funds is often not available prior to 1994 (see for example Fung and Hsieh, 2001). The sample period ends in December 2018.

Aggarwal and Jorion (2010) note that the same fund can appear multiple times because a typical hedge fund has on- and off-shore funds as well as funds which report returns in different currencies. I filter out such duplicates using a correlation-based algorithm. For funds with the same management company, I compute the pairwise return correlation for each fund pair, if they have at least 10 months of return observation in common. If the correlation exceeds 99%, I keep the fund with the longer return series. If both have equally long return series, I keep the fund with higher average assets under management. If both have the same average fund size, I keep the fund with USD as the reporting currency. This filtering procedure leaves

me with 4,062 unique hedge funds, of which 1,429 are alive.⁶

For the mutual fund data, I use the CRSP mutual fund database. Following [Amihud and Goyenko \(2013\)](#) I combine the information from different share classes using the MFLINKS table available on WRDS. Furthermore, I delete all observations before the fund's starting year as reported in CRSP to address the incubation bias. Analogous to the hedge fund sample, I only keep funds with at least 36 consecutive return observations over the sample period. I sort the remaining funds into one of the following four categories based on their Lipper classification: Domestic Equity, International Equity, Fixed Income, and Mixed Assets.⁷ Finally, I drop sector funds, money market fund and funds without a strategy classification. In total, the mutual fund sample includes 8,221 funds of which 5,030 are alive.

Table 1 provides summary statistics on a fund-level, with hedge funds in Panel A and mutual funds in Panel B. The average fund size is 113.35 million USD for hedge funds and 871.64 million USD for mutual funds. While mutual funds are considerably larger, both size distributions are heavily skewed. To limit the influence of small funds, I restrict the sample to funds with an average fund size of at least USD 10 million for the subsequent analysis. Average monthly fund flows are higher for mutual funds with 0.92% as compared to 0.68% for hedge funds. The average age of mutual funds is 193 months. Hedge funds have a shorter lifetime with only 112 months. Concerning fund performance, the return of mutual funds over the sample period is slightly better with an average of 0.51% per month relative to 0.40% for hedge funds. As a measure of a fund's asset portfolio liquidity, I employ the return smoothing coefficient θ_0 developed by [Getmansky, Lo and Makarov \(2004\)](#). Not surprisingly, it is lower for hedge funds with a value of 0.95 (1.11 for mutual funds), reflecting the fact that hedge funds commonly invest in rather illiquid assets. Finally, the average management fee for hedge funds (1.45%) is also higher when compared to the fee of mutual funds (0.63%).

Looking at Table 2, which displays summary statistics for the two types of funds for each

⁶Although the number of funds is smaller in comparison to the Lipper TASS database, the sample still makes up a considerable subset of the hedge fund universe. Moreover, a comparison of descriptive statistics with existing studies on hedge funds (e.g. [Hwang et al., 2017](#)) indicates that the sample is representative.

⁷The document which describes Lipper's classification methodology can be accessed under <https://www.refinitiv.com/content/dam/marketing/en.us/documents/methodology/lipper-us-fund-classification-methodology.pdf>

year, further differences emerge. Both the number of funds and total assets under management in the hedge fund industry grow steadily in the first half of the sample period and reach a peak in 2007, just prior to the financial crisis. From 2008 onwards until the end of the sample period, both figures decline substantially. For mutual funds, a similar trend can be observed until 2007 with an increasing number of funds and growing assets under management. In contrast to hedge funds, however, the assets under management reach pre-crisis levels in 2010 and continued to grow substantially afterwards, while the number of funds starts to decline in 2016. The average returns for both types of funds display a similar time pattern. In most years, both deliver positive raw returns. The only noteworthy exception is the period from 2000 until 2002 during which hedge funds have positive returns while mutual funds have negative returns. This pattern is in line with [Brunnermeier and Nagel \(2004\)](#), who document that on the one hand, hedge funds actively participated in the dotcom bubble but on the other hand, avoided the following downturn by exiting before the market started to decline.

3.1 Systemic Risk Measure

There are numerous ways to measure systemic risk.⁸ Two of the most prominent measures are the Conditional Value at Risk (ΔCoVaR) of [Adrian and Brunnermeier \(2016\)](#) and the marginal expected shortfall (MES) of [Acharya, Philippon and Richardson \(2017\)](#). As argued by [Brunnermeier et al. \(2019b\)](#), both measures take opposite perspective. ΔCoVaR quantifies the contribution of institution i to the overall level of systemic risk by computing the additional Value at Risk of the financial system when institution i moves from its median to a distressed state. MES, in turn, measures how an individual institution is affected when the system is in distress. Since the goal of my analysis is to examine how mutual funds and hedge funds contribute to systemic risk, I take ΔCoVaR as the main measure of systemic risk in what follows. In robustness tests, I also examine the marginal expected shortfall as an alternative of systemic risk. The calculation of ΔCoVaR proceeds in three step: In a first step, I compute the sensitivity of the financial system to distress originating from institution i using the

⁸See [Bisias, Flood, Lo and Valavanis \(2012\)](#) for a survey of systemic risk analytics.

following quantile regression:

$$R_{q,t}^{system|i} = \hat{\alpha}_q^{system|i} + \hat{\beta}_q^{system|i} M_{t-1} + \hat{\gamma}_q^{system|i} R_t^i + \epsilon^{system|i} \quad (1)$$

Here, $R_{q,t}^{system|i}$ is the system return in month t as given by the value-weighted average return of all financial institutions in CRSP with a SIC code between 6000 and 6799. R_t^i is the return of the i -th fund. M_{t-1} is a vector of state variables containing the following macroeconomic and financial variables: the VIX, the TED spread (LIBOR rate minus 3-month treasury bill rate), the change in the slope of the yield curve (10-year treasury rate minus 3-month treasury bill rate), the change in the credit spread (Moody's BAA corporate bond yield rate minus 10-year treasury rate), and the monthly return on the MSCI Global Index. Data on the economic indicators is obtained from FRED. Return data for the MSCI index is obtained from Datastream.

The second step consists of estimating individual VaRs for each institution, conditional on the set of lagged state variables. More specifically, I estimate the following quantile regression:

$$\widehat{VaR}_{q,t}^i = \hat{R}_t^i = \hat{\alpha}_q^i + \hat{\beta}_q^i M_{t-1} \quad (2)$$

Equation (3) gives the predicted conditional value at risk for institution i . For estimating the distressed state, I choose a stress level of $q = 1\%$.⁹ For estimating the conditional value at risk in an institutions median state, I set $q=50\%$. Finally, the systemic risk measure ΔCoVaR for each institution i is given as:

$$\Delta\text{CoVaR}_{q,t}^i = \hat{\gamma}_q \cdot (\widehat{VaR}_{q,t}^i - \widehat{VaR}_{50,t}^i) \quad (3)$$

I multiply the resulting systemic risk measure by -1 such that higher ΔCoVaR values indicate higher systemic risk contributions.

[Adrian and Brunnermeier \(2016\)](#) note that the ΔCoVaR captures both direct linkages through spillovers from one institution to the financial system and indirect linkages through

⁹Results are robust to different levels of stress, with q ranging from 1% to 5%

common exposure effect. The last point is related to the idea that the financial system can be impaired when an institution becomes systemic as part of a herd. Investment fund often exhibit such herding behavior because they rely on similar strategies and signals (Beggs, Brogaard and Hill-Kleespie, 2019, Brown, Howard and Lundblad, 2019). Thus, the ability of the systemic risk measure to capture both types of linkages is rather beneficial here.

Looking at the average ΔCoVaR in Table 1 gives a first hint regarding the systemic risk contribution of each fund type (Hypothesis 1). The mean value is slightly higher for hedge funds with 3.59% as compared to mutual funds with 3.32%. The difference of the median values is considerably larger though. A more comprehensive picture emerges in Figure 1. This figure displays the average ΔCoVaR for hedge funds (blue line) and mutual funds (red line) over time. Not surprisingly, both time series move in a highly correlated fashion. The largest spikes for either fund type are associated with the breakdown of LTCM in September 1998, the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers in September 2008, and the collapse of MF Global, a large derivatives broker, in October 2011. More importantly and consistent with Hypothesis 1, the ΔCoVaR of hedge funds exceeds the ΔCoVaR of mutual funds in 93% of all months. Hence, it appears that hedge funds' average contribution to systemic risk is larger relative to mutual funds. In Table 2, Columns (5) and (9), I report the average systemic risk contributions of hedge funds and mutual funds per year and provide further evidence for this claim. The average ΔCoVaR of hedge funds is always larger than the corresponding value for mutual funds. Furthermore, a simple t-test of mean equality shows that the difference is significant for 24 out of 25 years. Overall, the descriptive statistics provide indicative evidence in line with Hypothesis 1. In Section 4, I investigate the systemic risk of hedge funds and mutual funds together with the different channels of systemic risk more formally.

3.2 Fund Classification: Liquidity Supplier and Liquidity Demander

Hypotheses 2 and 3 relate systemic risk to funds which supply liquidity and funds which demand liquidity. Therefore, I need to classify the funds accordingly. To do so, I follow the procedure outlined in Jylhä et al. (2014): The basic idea is to classify each fund based

on its exposure to a strategy which mimics the returns for liquidity provision. To construct such a strategy, I collect CRSP data on daily returns for all ordinary common shares of companies incorporated in the US and listed on the NYSE and AMEX. Next, I conduct daily cross-sectional regressions to estimate short-term return reversal patterns:

$$R_{i,t+5} = \alpha_t + \sum_{\tau=0}^{19} \beta_{t,\tau} R_{i,t-\tau} - \tau + \beta_{t,C} C_{i,t} + \epsilon_{i,t} \quad (4)$$

Here, $R_{i,t+5}$ is a stock's excess returns over the next week, $R_{i,t}$ are each of the stock's past 20 days' excess return and $C_{i,t}$ is a vector of controls including the product of the stocks' excess past monthly return with the past month's trading volume and with the logarithm of the stock's market capitalization at time t , respectively. Excess returns are calculated by industry-adjustment of raw returns using the 48 Fama-French industries. Based on the coefficients, I calculate expected 5-day returns for each stock. Then, I form a portfolio with long positions in stocks with positive 5-day expected returns and short positions in stocks with negative 5-day expected returns and hold the portfolio for the next 5 days after the formation. Analogous to [Jylhä et al. \(2014\)](#), I exclude penny stocks and stocks in the lowest decile of market capitalization prior to the portfolio formation,. Moreover, I exclude stocks with the highest and lowest 1% short-term expected return each day and require a stock to have positive trading volume when opening the position on day t . The return for liquidity provision is calculated by averaging the returns of all open positions on day t . In untabulated results, I document that such a strategy yields an average monthly return of 0.74% over the sample period with a positive return in 70% of all months.

For the classification of investment funds as liquidity suppliers (LS) and liquidity demanders (LD), I then measure each fund's exposure to liquidity provision (β^{LP}). To do so, I regress fund returns on the returns to liquidity provision, controlling for the [Pástor and Stambaugh \(2003\)](#) liquidity factor and the seven hedge fund risk factors of [Fung and Hsieh](#)

(2001).¹⁰ To capture time-variation in the propensity to supply or demand liquidity, I conduct the regression on a 36-month rolling window basis. As in Jylhä et al. (2014), I repeat the exercise but compute returns to liquidity provision with a lag of 1, 2, 3, and 4 days between the calculation of expected 5-day returns and portfolio formation. This time gap reflects the fact that it takes time for hedge funds to build up or liquidate positions (Duffie, 2010). In the end, I classify a fund as a liquidity supplier (liquidity demander) if any of the coefficients associated with the returns to liquidity provision, based on different timing assumptions, is positive (negative) and significant at the 5% level.

The last two rows of each panel in Table 1 report the fraction of months for which a fund is a liquidity supplier or a liquidity demander. On average, a hedge fund acts as a liquidity supplier for 16% of its lifetime and as a liquidity demander for 10% of its lifetime. This is in line with the findings of Jylhä et al. (2014) who document that hedge funds typically supply liquidity but can also demand liquidity, especially in crisis times. In Panel B, one can see that mutual funds are on average classified as liquidity demanders in 14% of all months while they supply liquidity in only 7% of months in their lifetime. This asymmetry is consistent with the evidence found in Rinne and Suominen (2016), who show that mutual funds are more often liquidity demanders than suppliers.

4 Main Results

To analyze how hedge funds and mutual funds contribute to systemic risk, I conduct a multivariate regression which relates the systemic risk measure to a number of fund characteristics and the two dummy variables for funds as liquidity suppliers and liquidity demanders:

$$\Delta CoVaR_{i,t}^{99\%} = \alpha_j + \alpha_t + \beta_1 LS_{t-1} + \beta_2 LD_{t-1} + \gamma C_{c,t-1} + \epsilon_{i,t} \quad (5)$$

The dependent variable is the $\Delta CoVaR$. In most specification, I include time fixed effects

¹⁰The risk factors include the trend factors for bonds, commodities, and currencies downloaded from David Hsieh's website (<https://faculty.fuqua.duke.edu/~dah7/HFRFDData.htm>). Additionally, I compute an equity market factor (S&P 500 return), a size factor (Russell 2000 minus S&P 500), a bond market factor (Barclays US Aggregate), and a credit factor (Barclays US Corporate BAA minus Barclays US Corporate AAA).

(α_t) and strategy fixed effects (α_j) , which are based on the Lipper Fund classification scheme. LS and LD are a dummy variables equal to one if a fund is classified as a liquidity supplier or a liquidity demander according to the procedure outlined in Section 3.2. The main coefficients of interest are β_1 and β_2 . If funds contribute to systemic risk through the service channel, I expect a positive sign for β_1 meaning that liquidity suppliers have higher systemic risk (Hypothesis 2a), and a negative sign for β_2 (Hypothesis 2b). For the asset liquidation channel, the opposite holds: the contribution to systemic risk should be higher for liquidity-demanding funds, i.e. $\beta_2 > 0$ (Hypothesis 3a) and lower for liquidity-supplying funds, i.e. $\beta_1 < 0$ (Hypothesis 3b). As control variables, I include the logarithm of assets under management, fund flows, fund return, management fee, and fund age in months. I calculate fund flows as the change in total net assets from $t - 1$ to t , adjusted for the fund return over the same period. Moreover, I compute a measure of a fund's asset portfolio liquidity based on the return smoothing model of [Getmansky et al. \(2004\)](#). Specifically, I apply a MA(2) model to a fund's reported returns and take the smoothing parameter θ_0 as a measure for a fund's asset liquidity. Larger values indicate more liquid investments. Additionally, I include the standard deviation of fund returns as a measure of standalone risk. As for the liquidity-supplier and liquidity-demander classification, I estimate θ_0 and the return standard deviation based on a rolling window of 36 months. For the regressions, all time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Furthermore, I standardize all continuous variables for the ease of interpretation.

Table 3 displays the regression results. The first three columns are based on the pooled sample of hedge funds and mutual funds. Columns 4 to 6 and Columns 7 to 9 show results for the subsample of hedge funds and mutual funds, respectively. In the pooled sample, I add an additional dummy variable to indicate whether the fund is a hedge fund or not. Consistent with the first hypothesis and the descriptive evidence in Table 2, I observe that hedge funds have a significantly higher contribution to systemic risk (Column 1). Relative to the overall sample mean of ΔCoVaR (3.41%), the coefficient of the hedge fund dummy shows that an average hedge fund's systemic risk contribution is 51% higher in comparison to

an average mutual fund's contribution.¹¹ Moreover, I find that systemic risk is significantly higher for liquidity-supplying funds and slightly lower for liquidity-demanding funds, although the coefficient for LD is insignificant.

At first sight, this evidence would be in line with the service channel of systemic risk. However, the picture changes markedly after splitting the sample into hedge funds and mutual funds. For hedge funds (Column 3 and 4), systemic risk increases when a fund is a liquidity demander, with the effect being significant at the 1% level. The positive relation between LD and ΔCoVaR is consistent with hypothesis 3a and suggests that the asset liquidation channel seems to be more important for the systemic risk contributions of hedge funds. In economic terms, the systemic risk of liquidity-demanding hedge funds is 21% ($=0.76/3.59$) higher compared to the average ΔCoVaR of hedge funds in Column 3 and still 13% ($=0.32/3.59$) higher when only considering within-strategy variation in Column 4. Hence, the effect is not only statistically significant but also economically sizeable. In contrast, no statistically significant effect on systemic risk can be detected when hedge funds act as liquidity suppliers although the negative sign is consistent with hypothesis 3b. With regard to the control variables, I document higher systemic risk for older funds, presumably because they become more interconnected over the course of the years. Furthermore, systemic risk also increases when a hedge fund holds more illiquid assets. As [Chen et al. \(2010\)](#) show, strategic complementarities among investors increase with the illiquidity of fund holdings and make an investor run more likely. Hence, these funds have a higher liquidity risk. Additionally, systemic risk is lower for funds with higher management fees. A potential explanation for this is that asset managers of high-fee funds have less stable income and are more vulnerable to bear markets. This makes them reluctant to be exposed to aggregate market fluctuations and systemic risk ([Roncalli and Weisang, 2015](#)).

In Columns 5 and 6, I repeat the analysis for mutual funds. The results indicate that systemic risk significantly increases for liquidity-supplying funds and decreases for liquidity-demanding funds. Although this pattern coincides with the predictions of the service channel

¹¹Note that the strategy fixed effects subsume the hedge fund dummy in Column 2 because there is no overlap between the Lipper Classification Codes for hedge funds and mutual funds.

and supports Hypothesis 2a and 2b, the economic magnitude of the coefficients is very small. In Column 5, the systemic risk of liquidity suppliers is only 3% higher and the systemic risk of liquidity demanders is only 4% lower relative to the average ΔCoVaR . The control variables show that systemic risk is higher for smaller funds, younger funds, funds which experience outflows or underperform, funds with more liquid asset holdings or a higher standalone risk, and funds with lower management fees.

All in all, the results thus far support hypothesis 1, showing that hedge funds have higher contributions to systemic risk relative to mutual funds. More importantly, the analysis also helps to shed some light on the different channels through which nonbank financial entities contribute to systemic risk. In line with the asset liquidation channel (hypothesis 3a), hedge funds' contribution to systemic risk increases when they demand liquidity. For mutual funds the evidence is not as clearcut but nevertheless more consistent with the service channel: systemic risk is slightly higher when they supply liquidity.

4.1 Fund Characteristics and Channels of Systemic Risk

The analysis in the last section shows that the systemic risk of a hedge fund increases when the fund acts as a liquidity demander, supporting the asset liquidation rather than the service channel of systemic risk. In order to further investigate these two channels, I interact the LS and LD dummy with the remaining fund characteristics. This exercise helps to understand whether certain fund characteristics can exacerbate or limit the systemic risk arising through either of the channels. Again, I split the sample into hedge funds and mutual funds and report results separately.

Table 4 shows the results. Focusing on hedge funds in Column 1 and 2, I first note that the inclusion of interactions does not alter the baseline effect, as indicated by the positive and highly significant coefficient for the LD dummy at 0.53. Moreover, interacting fund flows with LD yields a negative coefficient of -0.0870, significant at a 5% level. This means that a one standard deviation increase in fund outflows increases the systemic risk of a hedge fund by roughly 3%, but only when the fund demands liquidity at the same time. As such, the finding

is consistent with the model of [Brunnermeier and Pedersen \(2009\)](#). When funds face outflows and need to liquidate assets to satisfy investor redemptions, they soak up market liquidity and put downwards pressure on prices. This can trigger more redemptions and margin calls for the fund itself but also for others, who use the same asset as collateral and now face a decline in the collateral value. The resulting liquidity spirals amplifies the initial funding shock and systemic risk increases. With regard to liquidity-supplying funds, the LS dummy is again negative and not significant. Interestingly, the interaction of LS with fund age yields a positive coefficient, significant at a 5% level. This suggests that hedge funds with a longer track record can also contribute to systemic risk when they supply liquidity, possibly because the impact of a sudden withdrawal from liquidity provision is stronger the more established a liquidity provider is.

For mutual funds in Column 2, the coefficient for LD is again negative and statistically significant, while the coefficient on LS is positive but insignificant. As for the hedge funds in Column 1, the weakly significant interaction term of LS and fund age suggests that systemic risk of liquidity-supplying mutual funds is concentrated in older funds.

4.2 Decomposing Systemic Risk

To understand what drives the higher systemic risk of hedge funds relative to mutual funds as well as the increase in systemic risk when hedge funds demand liquidity, I decompose the systemic risk measure as outlined in [Brunnermeier et al. \(2019a\)](#). They show that ΔCoVaR consists of three parts:

$$\Delta\text{CoVaR}_{q,t}^i = \hat{\gamma}_q^{system|i} [(\hat{\alpha}_q^i - \hat{\alpha}_{50}^i) + (\hat{\beta}_q^i - \hat{\beta}_{50}^i)M_{t-1}] \quad (6)$$

The first part, $\hat{\gamma}_q^{system|i}$ is related to the interconnectedness of a fund. The second part, $(\hat{\alpha}_q^i - \hat{\alpha}_{50}^i)$, captures a fund's idiosyncratic tail risk while the last part, $(\hat{\beta}_q^i - \hat{\beta}_{50}^i)M_{t-1}$, captures tail risk driven by macroeconomic and finance risk factors. For investigating how the different components relate to hedge funds and mutual funds, I repeat the panel regressions specified in Equation (5). However, I now replace the dependent variable with either one of the three

components of the $\Delta CoVaR$, evaluated at a stress level of 1%. I winsorize the components at the upper and lower 1% quantile to mitigate the influence of outliers. Again, I report results separately for the pooled sample, and the subsamples of hedge funds and mutual funds in Table 5. In Columns 1, 4, and 7 the dependent variable is *gamma* (interconnectedness). In Columns 2, 5, and 8 the dependent variable is *alpha* (idiosyncratic tail risk). In Columns 3, 6, and 9 the dependent variable is *beta* (systematic tail risk).

Focusing on the pooled sample, I first document that *gamma*, i.e. interconnectedness, is significantly higher for hedge funds (Column 1). The coefficient for the hedge fund dummy is statistically and economically significant with interconnectedness increasing by up to 65% ($=0.33/0.51$) for a hedge fund relative to a mutual fund. Regarding the other two components, I find that hedge funds have both higher idiosyncratic tail risk (Column 2) and lower systematic tail risk (Column 3), but that the economic magnitude of both effects is much smaller. Overall, the decomposition suggests that hedge funds' larger contribution to systemic risk can be explained to a major part by the higher degree of interconnectedness of the industry. As such, this result complements the evidence in [Adams et al. \(2014\)](#), who show that hedge funds play a major role in the transmission of shocks because of significant linkages to banks and broker-dealers, an observation that is also made by [Billio et al. \(2012\)](#).

Columns 4 to 6 contain the results for the subsample of hedge funds. The main message is that the *gamma* of funds which are classified as liquidity demanders is significantly higher, as indicated by the positive coefficient for LD in Column 4. In economic terms, the interconnectedness of hedge funds which demand liquidity is 27% higher relative to the average interconnectedness for hedge funds at 0.6544. Hence, the interconnectedness of a hedge fund seems to be the major driver of the increase in systemic risk I observe for liquidity demanders. This link between the asset liquidation channel and interconnectedness can also be found in [Adrian and Brunnermeier \(2016\)](#). They argue that the $\Delta CoVaR$ captures direct and indirect spillovers, or common exposure effects, which arise when asset sales lead to losses for all market participants with similar exposure.

For mutual funds in Column 7 to 9, I focus on the coefficient for the LS dummy since the

preceding section gave some evidence of higher contributions to systemic risk when mutual funds supply liquidity. One can observe that systemic risk of liquidity-supplying mutual funds is mostly driven by higher interconnectedness (Column 7) and higher systematic tail risk (Column 9). Exactly the opposite can be observed when a mutual fund acts as a liquidity demander. Similar to the previous section, a caveat to these results is the small economic magnitude of the coefficients for LS and LD. Despite the statistical significance, the additional effect on the three ΔCoVaR components relative to their unconditional means is negligible.

4.3 Systemic Risk in Times of Low Funding Liquidity

The notion of systemic risk is inherently tied to situations of market-wide distress. Guided by this statement, the next section analyzes the systemic risk channels of nonbank financial entities in periods of distress. I use poor funding conditions to capture market-wide distress, because the level of funding liquidity can influence both channels of systemic risk I examine. For the service channel, funding liquidity matters because the propensity to supply liquidity is generally lower when funding conditions are poor (see for example [Nagel, 2012](#), [Jylhä et al., 2014](#)). In such a situation, readily available substitutes for liquidity providers are even scarcer. As a consequence, the systemic risk of liquidity suppliers should be higher when funding liquidity is low. On the other hand, funding liquidity can also be relevant for the asset liquidation channel. As pointed out by [Brunnermeier and Pedersen \(2009\)](#), selling assets in times of low funding liquidity can lead to liquidity spirals which make the effect of asset sales dis-proportionally larger than the initial shock. In this context, the systemic risk contributions of liquidity-demanding funds should be higher when funding liquidity is low.

To find out which channel of systemic risk matters in times of distress, I follow [Cötelioğlu et al. \(2019\)](#) and use the VIX (tightness of margins) and the TED spread (cost of leverage) as proxies for funding liquidity. Moreover, I use the volume of dealer repos, as measured by the cumulative difference in short-term lending by U.S. primary dealers reported by the New York Federal Reserve, because repo agreements constitute an important source of funding for hedge funds ([Singh, 2011](#)). I define an indicator variable for times of low funding liquidity, which

takes the value of one if the funding proxy is in the highest percentile over the sample period for the VIX and TED spread, or in the lowest percentile for dealer repos. Then, I interact the LD and LS dummy with each of the three indicator variables to capture the systemic risk of liquidity suppliers and liquidity demanders in periods of bad funding conditions.

Table 6 displays the results. Columns 1 to 3 contain results for the hedge fund sample, Columns 4 to 6 for the mutual funds. When focusing on hedge funds, the first observation is that the coefficient for the LD dummy, measuring systemic risk of liquidity demanders in normal times, stays both economically and statistically significant across all specifications. Additionally, systemic risk of hedge funds is generally higher when funding conditions are bad, as evidenced by the large and highly statistically significant coefficients for all three indicator variables. More importantly and consistent with the asset liquidation channel, I observe that the interaction terms *High TED Spread* \times LD_{t-1} and *Low Repo Volume* \times LD_{t-1} are both positive and significant at a 5% level. The economic magnitude of these effects is large. In comparison to the average systemic risk of hedge funds, the systemic risk of liquidity-demanding hedge funds increases by approximately 43% when the TED spread spikes or repo volume plunges. Corroborating this evidence, I further find that the systemic risk of liquidity-supplying hedge funds declines significantly when the VIX or the TED spread are highest, which is in line with hypothesis 3b.

For mutual funds, the results are mixed. As can be seen from the significant and sizeable coefficients for all funding condition indicators, systemic risk contributions of mutual funds generally increase when funding tightens. However, only one of the interaction terms with the LS dummy is significant. Specifically, systemic risk of liquidity suppliers increases somewhat when the TED spread is at its highest levels. Note that the coefficient for the LS dummy is insignificant in this case. This suggests that systemic risk contributions of liquidity-supplying mutual funds are concentrated in months with a high TED spread.

4.4 Asset Price Bubbles and Systemic Risk

Institutional investors play a central role for the emergence and subsequent burst of stock market bubbles, as documented by [Brunnermeier and Nagel \(2004\)](#) and [Griffin, Harris, Shu and Topaloglu \(2011\)](#). They ride the bubble instead of trading against it and, at least for the case of hedge funds, leave the market before the bubble bursts. Consistent with the view that such asset price boom and bust cycles often go hand in hand with systemic risk, [Brunnermeier et al. \(2019b\)](#) provide evidence that the systemic risk of banks rises significantly during periods of stock market and real estate bubbles. Motivated by this observation, the next section examines whether systemic risk contributions of hedge funds and mutual funds increase during asset price boom and bust phases. Moreover, I investigate whether the service and the asset liquidation channel become more important for explaining systemic risk in times of stock market bubbles.

Empirically, the main challenge is to identify asset price bubbles. Following [Brunnermeier et al. \(2019b\)](#), I apply the Backward Sup Augmented Dickey-Fuller (BSADF) approach proposed by [Phillips, Shi and Yu \(2015a, 2015b\)](#) to the MSCI Global Index from 1976 until 2017.¹² This approach is based on the fact that prices often exhibit explosive behavior when bubbles occur. It repeatedly applies augmented Dickey-Fuller tests to the data, iteratively varying the starting and ending fraction over which the test is calculated. The start of a bubble is the point at which the test statistic exceeds its critical value for the first time. The end is the point at which the test statistic falls below the critical value again. Critical values are based on Monte Carlo simulations with 2,000 repetitions. I require a minimum bubble length of six months and distinguish between boom and bust phases of a bubble, based on the peak of the price series. This procedure results in one binary variable to indicate the boom phase (*Boom*) and another one to indicate the bust phase of a bubble (*Bust*). I interact both dummies with the fund characteristics and the LD and LS dummy to investigate if any of the characteristics plays a more important role during bubble episodes.

The results are summarized in Table 7. For hedge funds in Column 1, the *Boom* and

¹²Compared to the study's sample period, I use an extended time period here in order to improve the properties of the BSADF test

Bust dummy yield significantly positive coefficients. Hence, a hedge fund’s contribution to systemic risk rises strongly in both stages of a stock market bubble. With regard to the channels of systemic risk, the coefficient for the LD dummy now quantifies the systemic risk of liquidity demanders in normal times. Although the magnitude of the coefficient is reduced when including the bubble dummies and the interactions, it is still positive and significant. At the same time, the interactions of the LD dummy with the *Boom* and the *Bust* indicator both yield a significantly positive coefficient. To put these estimates into perspective, the systemic risk of liquidity-demanding hedge funds in boom and bust periods increases by 68% and 60%, respectively. In combination, this evidence supports the notion that hedge funds contribute to systemic risk through the asset liquidation channel in normal times, but even more so during bubble episodes. Complementing this picture, I further observe that the interactions $LS_{t-1} \times Boom$ and $LS_{t-1} \times Bust$ yield negative coefficients, significant at a 1% and 10% level, respectively. This indicates that the systemic risk of funds which supply liquidity is lower in times of stock market booms and busts, probably because they are on the other side of the bubble and can cushion the price decline once the bubble bursts.

For mutual funds in Column 2, no comparable effects can be observed. The coefficients associated with *Boom* and *Bust* are both positive, yet insignificant. Furthermore, interacting LS and LD with the *Boom* and *Bust* indicator gives insignificant results as well. Taken together, the preceding analysis suggest that hedge funds might play a special role in contributing to systemic risk in times of asset price booms and busts and that this role is related to the asset liquidation channel.

5 Robustness Tests

In this section, I conduct further tests to assess the robustness of my baseline result. First, I calculate two alternative measures of systemic risk: $\Delta CoVaR$ using historical estimates of a fund’s VaR and the marginal expected shortfall (MES). Second, I check whether the main result is sensitive to the backfilling bias or the inclusion of additional fixed effects. Third, I use an alternative measure for a fund’s propensity to provide liquidity.

5.1 Alternative Measures of Systemic Risk

In the first robustness check, I use an alternative calculation method for ΔCoVaR to show that the previous results are not driven by a particular choice of the estimation procedure for the systemic risk measure. In Section 3, I have estimated the conditional VaR of each fund based on the state variables and equation (3) to calculate ΔCoVaR . For the rolling ΔCoVaR , I compute the historical VaR for each fund based on its past returns using a 36-month rolling window. As noted by [Brunnermeier et al. \(2019a\)](#), this makes the time variation in the rolling ΔCoVaR independent of the state variables while leaving the rest of the estimation procedure unchanged. Although the mean of the rolling ΔCoVaR is slightly higher relative to ΔCoVaR , a correlation of 0.7833 between the two ΔCoVaR suggests that they are closely related. I re-run the baseline regression and report results with rolling ΔCoVaR in Table 8. As can be seen, the coefficient for the hedge fund dummy in Column 1 is still positive and significant, in line with hypothesis 1. Also, the LD dummy for hedge funds in Columns 3 and 4 is associated with a higher contribution to systemic risk, confirming the main result of Table 3.

In the next test, I use the marginal expected shortfall (MES), proposed by [Acharya et al. \(2017\)](#), as an alternative measure of systemic risk. The MES is calculated as the average return of a fund during the 10% for which the returns of the financial system are worst. As before, I use a rolling window of 36 months to compute the measure.¹³ An important aspect that one has to keep in mind when comparing ΔCoVaR with MES is that they relate to different concepts. As pointed out by [Brunnermeier et al. \(2019a\)](#), ΔCoVaR quantifies the contribution of institution i to systemic risk while MES measures the impact of systemic risk on institution i . The fact that both measures have opposite perspectives on systemic risk becomes apparent when looking at the MES and ΔCoVaR of hedge funds and mutual funds. The average MES of hedge funds is 2.02 while the corresponding figure for mutual funds is at 4.34. This is different to the average ΔCoVaR , which is larger for hedge funds. As an additional piece of evidence to highlight that ΔCoVaR and MES are distinct measures, I find that the correlation between the two is only 0.1888.

¹³I use a 10% threshold instead of a 5% threshold as in the original paper to have more relevant observations for the calculation of MES in each rolling window

Table 9 displays the results for re-running the baseline specification with MES as the dependent variable. The coefficient for the hedge fund dummy is still highly significant, but negative in this case. At first sight, this result is contrary to the results in Table 3 in that hedge funds' systemic risk is lower relative to mutual funds based on their MES but larger based on their ΔCoVaR . However, when taking into account the opposite perspectives of both risk measures, one can reconcile both results. The MES suggests that HFs are less affected by systemic risk, although their contribution to systemic risk, as measured by ΔCoVaR , is higher. The coefficients for LS and LD in Column 3 and 4 suggest that liquidity-supplying hedge funds are significantly less affected by systemic risk and liquidity-demanding hedge funds are somewhat more affected by systemic risk, which is broadly in line with the results for the ΔCoVaR . Mutual funds, in turn, seem to have a lower MES regardless of whether they supply or demand liquidity (Column 5 and 6).

5.2 Additional Robustness Tests

In Table 10 and 11, I conduct additional robustness checks for the subsample of hedge funds and mutual funds, respectively. Column 1 controls for the backfilling bias by deleting the first 12 months of observations for each fund. The main results remain unaffected. In Column 2, I add strategy-time fixed effects to control for unobserved time-varying factors on the strategy level. Again, the main results stay the same. Column 3 includes fund fixed effects to control for unobserved heterogeneity on the fund level which might be related to systemic risk. In line with the asset liquidation channel, Table 10 shows that liquidity-demanding hedge funds have higher systemic risk, while liquidity-supplying hedge funds have lower systemic risk, even after controlling for fund fixed effects.

Finally, I employ an alternative measure for the propensity to provide liquidity. Instead of the LS and LD dummies, I directly use β^{LP} , the exposure of each fund to the liquidity provision strategy, as a regressor. The results in Table 10, Column 4 show that systemic risk contributions of hedge funds decrease significantly for larger values of β^{LP} . In other words, funds with a negative exposure to liquidity provision, i.e. liquidity demanders, have higher

systemic risk. For mutual funds, in turn, systemic risk is significantly but positively related to β^{LP} , as can be seen in Table 11, Column 4. All in all, these results are thus consistent with the main result and the asset liquidation channel of systemic risk for hedge funds.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, I examine two channels through which two types of non-bank financial entities can contribute to systemic risk. Consistent with an asset liquidation channel of systemic risk, I document that systemic risk of hedge funds is significantly higher when they demand liquidity. This supports the view that systemic risk arises when asset liquidations trigger price declines and disrupt trading or funding in other markets. Decomposing the systemic risk measure, I document that these results can be explained by higher interconnectedness of liquidity-demanding hedge funds. Moreover, I document that the systemic risk of liquidity-demanding hedge funds increases disproportionately in times of low funding liquidity. This reflects the idea of liquidity spirals, in which tight funding constraints and a decline in market liquidity can reinforce each other (Brunnermeier and Pedersen, 2009). Finally, I show that systemic-risk of liquidity-demanding hedge funds' increases during asset price boom and bust periods while systemic risk of liquidity-supplying hedge funds is lower in such periods.

All in all, these results suggest that attempts to regulate the systemic risk of non-bank entities should pay special attention to limiting externalities caused by the asset liquidation channel. As discussed by Brown et al. (2009), two such possibilities could be to impose longer lock-up periods or to stagger redemptions across the year. With regard to the former, a recent report by the Bank of England (2017) points out that hedge funds have already lengthened lock-up periods since the crisis to mitigate the risk of disorderly asset liquidations due to an investor run. Another possibility to limit forced asset liquidations would be to reduce the incentives for investors to run. One way to achieve this are alternative pricing rules, such as swing- or dual-pricing. Jin, Kacperczyk, Kahraman and Suntheim (2019) document that such pricing rules distribute the costs associated with redemptions more evenly between existing and exiting investors and might protect funds from investor runs.

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Figure 1:
 ΔCoVaR - Hedge Funds vs. Mutual Funds

This figure displays the evolution of the conditional Value at Risk (ΔCoVaR) for hedge funds and mutual funds over time. The calculation of the systemic risk measure is outlined in Section 3. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. Horizontal dashed lines, from left to right, mark the following events: the breakdown of LTCM in September 1998; the bankruptcy of Lehman in September 2008; the collapse of MF Global in October 2011.

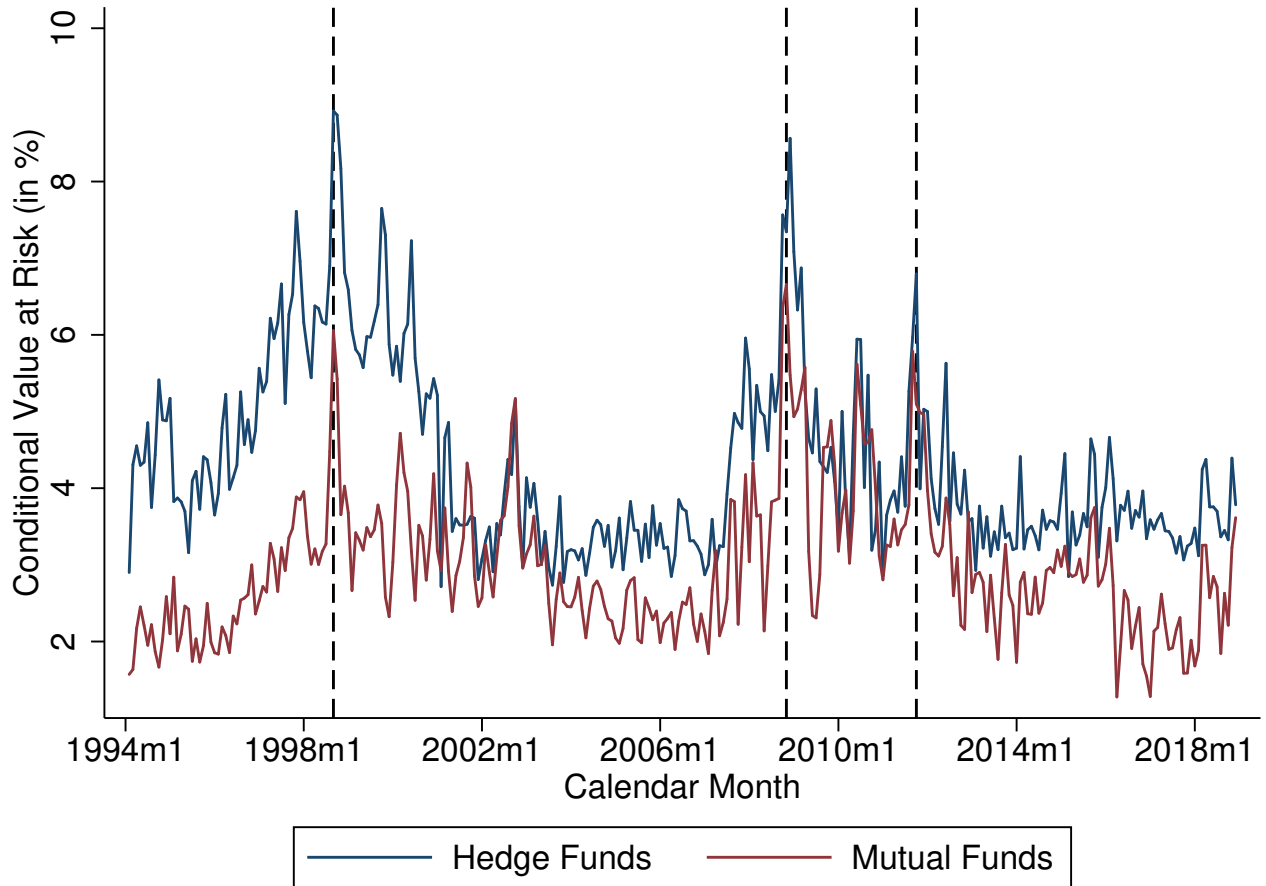


Table 1:
Descriptive Statistics - Fund Level

This table provides summary statistics for the main variables used in the subsequent analysis. For the sample period between January 1994 and December 2018, I report the number of funds and cross-sectional mean, median, standard deviation as well as 25% and 75% percentiles of fund characteristics. Panel A reports summary statistics for hedge funds, Panel B for mutual funds. ΔCoVaR , Fund assets under management, fund flows, fund returns, the standard deviation of fund returns, and the measure for fund asset liquidity θ_0 are winsorized at the top and bottom 1% before averaging at the fund level. Following Jylhä et al. (2014), I classify a fund as a liquidity supplier or demander using a 36-month rolling window. The last two rows of each panel show how often a fund is characterized as a liquidity supplier or liquidity demander as a fraction of his lifetime. The unit of measurement for the variables is given in brackets.

Panel A: Descriptive Statistics - Hedge Funds						
	N	Mean	Median	SD	25%	75%
ΔCoVaR (in %)	4083	3.59	3.55	4.85	0.75	9.62
Fund AUM (in mn USD)	4083	113.35	35.43	234.44	10.73	273.27
Fund Flow (in % of AUM)	4083	0.68	0.45	2.86	-0.74	3.75
Fund Age (in months)	4083	111.45	95.80	62.28	63.06	200.15
Fund Asset Liquidity (θ_0)	4070	0.95	0.92	0.24	0.78	1.24
Fund Standard Deviation (in %)	4083	3.65	3.35	2.16	2.10	6.13
Fund Return (in %)	4083	0.40	0.39	0.52	0.14	0.99
Management Fee (in %)	4057	1.45	1.50	0.70	1.00	2.00
Liquidity Supplier (% of fund months)	4083	0.16	0.07	0.22	0.00	0.45
Liquidity Demander (% of fund months)	4083	0.10	0.03	0.16	0.00	0.30

Panel B: Descriptive Statistics - Mutual Funds						
	N	Mean	Median	SD	25%	75%
ΔCoVaR (in %)	8221	3.32	1.97	3.27	0.73	8.77
Fund AUM (in mn USD)	8221	871.64	199.71	2134.69	55.57	1976.57
Fund Flow (in % of AUM)	8221	0.92	0.63	1.68	-0.18	3.02
Fund Age (in months)	8221	193.40	162.12	130.61	95.05	347.21
Fund Asset Liquidity (θ_0)	8220	1.11	1.09	0.22	0.98	1.37
Fund Standard Deviation (in %)	8221	3.86	4.02	1.95	2.42	6.08
Fund Return (in %)	8221	0.51	0.51	0.37	0.32	0.89
Management Fee (in %)	7430	0.63	0.63	0.37	0.40	1.01
Liquidity Supplier (% of fund months)	8221	0.07	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.19
Liquidity Demander (% of fund months)	8221	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.02	0.31

Table 2:
Descriptive Statistics - By Year

This table displays descriptive statistics of the main variables of interest for each year of the sample period between January 1994 and December 2018. Columns 2 to 5 contain values for the hedge fund subsample, and Columns 6 to 9 contain values for the mutual fund subsample. I report the number of funds, total assets under management at the end of each year (in billion USD), the average monthly return and the average contribution to systemic risk (ΔCoVaR) across all funds. The calculation of the systemic risk measure is described in Section 3. For the ΔCoVaR in Column 2 (hedge funds) and Column 5 (mutual funds), I conduct a test of difference in means using standard errors clustered at the fund level. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively.

Year	Hedge Funds				Mutual Funds			
	Funds	AUM	Return	ΔCoVaR	Funds	AUM	Return	ΔCoVaR
1994	296	10	-0.30	3.60***	1794	1009	-0.42	2.07
1995	395	12	1.01	3.46***	2089	1377	1.75	2.20
1996	480	18	1.18	3.96***	2343	1773	1.15	2.34
1997	556	27	1.14	5.54***	2702	2301	1.31	3.20
1998	644	30	0.31	6.46***	3285	2800	1.19	3.97
1999	771	43	1.61	6.03***	3670	3426	1.53	3.29
2000	915	53	0.56	5.58***	3872	3405	-0.15	3.64
2001	1088	73	0.41	3.77***	4119	3244	-0.42	3.21
2002	1369	92	0.54	3.72	4221	2888	-1.15	3.56
2003	1668	166	1.63	3.36***	4290	3752	2.05	2.87
2004	1982	245	0.90	3.20***	4389	4312	0.92	2.54
2005	2242	280	0.38	3.27***	4455	4760	0.60	2.40
2006	2430	347	1.24	3.23***	4616	5528	1.02	2.32
2007	2559	430	1.19	3.91***	4918	6198	0.60	2.89
2008	2544	279	-1.53	5.60***	5347	4370	-2.60	4.22
2009	2411	249	1.37	5.07***	5351	5780	2.15	4.23
2010	2327	249	0.61	4.40**	5269	6666	1.21	4.19
2011	2160	232	-0.47	4.48***	5224	6637	-0.17	4.05
2012	2013	218	0.51	4.18***	5194	7473	1.08	3.22
2013	1833	216	0.67	3.36***	5190	8811	1.52	2.63
2014	1755	221	0.00	3.49***	5391	9137	0.41	2.68
2015	1680	212	-0.27	3.67***	5633	8998	-0.14	3.05
2016	1576	211	0.18	3.74***	5451	9197	0.66	2.30
2017	1484	231	0.98	3.32***	5226	10334	1.27	2.01
2018	1429	206	-0.64	3.61***	5030	9316	-0.59	2.66

Table 3:
Panel Regression - Main Result

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with ΔCoVaR as the dependent variable. The calculation of the systemic risk measure and the procedure to classify funds as liquidity suppliers and liquidity demanders is outlined in section 3. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first two columns contain results for the pooled sample of hedge funds and mutual funds. Columns 3 and 4 contain results for the hedge fund subsample, Columns 5 and 6 for the mutual fund subsample. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Pooled Sample		Hedge Funds		Mutual Funds	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Log(Size) _{t-1}	-0.2936*** (-6.74)	-0.3312*** (-8.03)	-0.0600 (-0.51)	0.0333 (0.31)	-0.3834*** (-8.35)	-0.4171*** (-9.42)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.0524*** (-4.27)	-0.0289*** (-2.68)	-0.0160 (-0.89)	-0.0077 (-0.48)	-0.0594*** (-4.01)	-0.0432*** (-3.06)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	-0.3777*** (-4.89)	-0.2942*** (-3.93)	0.4588** (2.16)	0.6929*** (3.84)	-0.4375*** (-5.31)	-0.4117*** (-5.03)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.0206 (-0.62)	-0.0381* (-1.77)	-0.8082*** (-8.76)	-0.4463*** (-5.71)	0.1765*** (6.91)	0.0540*** (3.09)
Fund SD _{t-1}	0.6738*** (14.23)	0.1349** (2.54)	-0.1831* (-1.73)	0.0105 (0.11)	0.9654*** (19.28)	0.2752*** (4.60)
Return _{t-1}	-0.0632 (-0.99)	-0.0899* (-1.93)	-0.1470 (-1.40)	-0.1778** (-2.31)	-0.0984* (-1.80)	-0.1190*** (-2.71)
Mgmt Fee	-0.4268*** (-5.75)	-0.4001*** (-5.99)	-0.4636*** (-3.85)	-0.2883*** (-3.13)	-0.4867*** (-5.94)	-0.5526*** (-6.76)
Hedge Fund	1.6816*** (9.30)					
LS _{t-1}	0.1641*** (3.06)	0.1225** (2.38)	-0.1368 (-0.87)	-0.1459 (-1.02)	0.0946* (1.89)	0.0860* (1.83)
LD _{t-1}	-0.0657 (-1.29)	-0.0602 (-1.42)	0.7556*** (5.59)	0.4848*** (3.93)	-0.1510*** (-3.41)	-0.1306*** (-3.22)
adj. R ²	0.1035	0.1730	0.0951	0.1840	0.1350	0.1688
Obs	1005964	1005964	188455	188455	817509	817509
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Table 4:
Panel Regression - Interaction Terms

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with ΔCoVaR as the dependent variable, including interaction terms between the liquidity supplier (demander) dummy and the continuous, time-varying control variables. Section 3 outlines the calculation of the systemic risk measure and the procedure to classify funds as liquidity suppliers and demanders. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the controls are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first column contain results for the subsample of hedge fund. Columns 2 contains results for the subsample of mutual funds. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Hedge Funds	Mutual Funds
Log(Size) _{t-1}	0.0159 (0.15)	-0.4196*** (-9.20)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.0043 (-0.26)	-0.0423*** (-2.78)
Age _{t-1}	0.5981*** (3.24)	-0.4166*** (-4.97)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.4486*** (-5.26)	0.0454** (2.41)
Fund SD _{t-1}	0.0367 (0.37)	0.2688*** (4.53)
Return _{t-1}	-0.1926** (-2.36)	-0.1200*** (-2.76)
Mgmt Fee	-0.2884*** (-3.13)	-0.5526*** (-6.76)
LS _{t-1}	-0.1448 (-0.94)	0.0522 (0.84)
LS _{t-1} x Log(Size) _{t-1}	0.0544 (0.34)	-0.0818 (-1.62)
LS _{t-1} x Flow _{t-1}	0.0297 (0.77)	0.0024 (0.08)
LS _{t-1} x Age _{t-1}	0.4734** (2.13)	0.1434* (1.76)
LS _{t-1} x Theta _{t-1}	0.1510 (1.06)	0.0362 (1.20)
LS _{t-1} x Fund SD _{t-1}	-0.1188 (-1.05)	-0.0262 (-0.70)
LS _{t-1} x Return _{t-1}	0.1308 (1.28)	0.0011 (0.04)
LD _{t-1}	0.5322*** (3.13)	-0.1248** (-2.06)
LD _{t-1} x Log(Size) _{t-1}	0.0937 (0.68)	0.0626 (1.48)
LD _{t-1} x Flow _{t-1}	-0.0870** (-2.01)	-0.0025 (-0.11)
LD _{t-1} x Age _{t-1}	0.2545 (1.20)	-0.0523 (-0.75)
LD _{t-1} x Theta _{t-1}	-0.0565 (-0.45)	-0.0018 (-0.05)
LD _{t-1} x Fund SD _{t-1}	-0.1159 (-0.80)	0.0802** (2.16)
LD _{t-1} x Return _{t-1}	-0.0370 (-0.40)	0.0043 (0.23)
adj. R ²	0.1845	0.1690
Obs	188455	817509
Time FE	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	Yes	Yes

Table 5:
Panel Regression - CoVaR Decomposition

In this table, the dependent variables are the three components of the $\Delta CoVaR$ decomposition as described in Brunnermeier et al. (2019). In columns (1), (4), and (7), the dependent variable is the proxy for interconnectedness $gamma$. In columns (2), (5) and (8), the dependent variable is the proxy for tail risk $alpha$. In columns (3), (6) and (9), the dependent variable is the proxy for exposure to fundamental macroeconomic and finance factors $beta$. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first three columns contain results for the pooled sample of hedge funds and mutual funds. Columns 4 to 6 contain results for the hedge fund subsample, Columns 7 to 9 for the mutual fund subsample. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Pooled Sample			Hedge Funds			Mutual Funds		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Log(Size) _{t-1}	-0.0440*** (-6.35)	0.0015*** (2.67)	-0.0007 (-1.18)	0.0037 (0.19)	-0.0006 (-0.42)	0.0013 (0.86)	-0.0642*** (-9.46)	0.0016*** (2.75)	-0.0010 (-1.61)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.0053*** (-2.87)	0.0018*** (9.01)	-0.0013*** (-6.38)	0.0050 (1.60)	0.0005** (2.19)	-0.0008*** (-3.15)	-0.0078*** (-4.09)	0.0021*** (8.62)	-0.0011*** (-4.19)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	-0.0755*** (-7.26)	-0.0113*** (-13.30)	0.0190*** (16.22)	0.0816** (2.44)	-0.0020 (-0.79)	0.0103*** (3.94)	-0.0757*** (-7.49)	-0.0127*** (-14.61)	0.0204*** (16.80)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.0174*** (-2.91)	0.0026*** (7.65)	-0.0010** (-2.30)	-0.1262*** (-8.22)	0.0031*** (3.54)	-0.0008 (-0.92)	0.0117*** (4.01)	0.0016*** (4.55)	-0.0013*** (-3.22)
Fund SD _{t-1}	-0.1065*** (-13.38)	0.0143*** (12.52)	0.0275*** (22.68)	-0.2763*** (-13.37)	0.0236*** (9.40)	0.0163*** (6.91)	-0.0995*** (-12.91)	0.0075*** (5.84)	0.0255*** (18.32)
Return _{t-1}	0.0071 (1.12)	0.0012 (1.56)	-0.0084*** (-6.32)	-0.0008 (-0.11)	-0.0005 (-0.80)	-0.0033*** (-3.06)	0.0033 (1.09)	0.0019** (2.35)	-0.0098*** (-7.42)
Mgmt Fee	-0.0728*** (-6.43)	0.0026*** (2.77)	-0.0000 (-0.03)	-0.0474*** (-3.10)	0.0034** (2.57)	-0.0037*** (-2.90)	-0.1015*** (-8.61)	-0.0003 (-0.32)	0.0037*** (3.76)
Hedge Fund	0.3268*** (11.79)	0.0049** (2.17)	-0.0049** (-2.26)						
LS _{t-1}	0.0284*** (3.52)	-0.0034*** (-4.64)	0.0026*** (3.19)	-0.0420 (-1.51)	0.0009 (0.57)	-0.0011 (-0.58)	0.0211*** (3.27)	-0.0033*** (-4.40)	0.0032*** (3.96)
LD _{t-1}	0.0132 (1.52)	0.0015** (2.54)	-0.0015** (-2.20)	0.1783*** (5.89)	-0.0014 (-0.87)	0.0008 (0.50)	-0.0154*** (-2.61)	0.0012** (2.04)	-0.0004 (-0.59)
adj. R ²	0.0894	0.1557	0.3487	0.2099	0.1907	0.1434	0.0901	0.1836	0.4389
Obs	1008882	1008882	1008882	189202	189202	189202	819680	819680	819680
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 6:
Panel Regression - Macroeconomic Conditions

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with ΔCoVaR as the dependent variable, including indicators for bad macroeconomic conditions. High VIX is a dummy variable equal to one for months in the highest percentile of VIX values over the sample period. High TED Spread ($\text{LIBOR}_t - \text{TBill}_t$) is defined accordingly. Low Repo Volume is a dummy variable equal to one for months in the lowest percentile of dealer repo volume over the sample period, as measured by the cumulative difference in short-term lending by U.S. primary dealers. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first three columns contain results for the subsample of hedge funds. The last three columns contain results for the subsample of mutual funds. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Hedge Funds			Mutual Funds		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Log(Size) $_{t-1}$	0.0555 (0.52)	0.0087 (0.08)	0.0936 (0.86)	-0.4125*** (-9.26)	-0.4211*** (-9.40)	-0.4264*** (-9.48)
Flow $_{t-1}$	-0.0427** (-2.33)	-0.0273 (-1.54)	-0.0790*** (-3.12)	-0.0577*** (-3.66)	-0.0508*** (-3.24)	-0.0550*** (-3.37)
Log(Age) $_{t-1}$	0.3954*** (2.62)	0.4788*** (3.15)	0.3941*** (2.62)	-0.3545*** (-4.82)	-0.3473*** (-4.74)	-0.3485*** (-4.66)
Theta $_{t-1}$	-0.4321*** (-5.90)	-0.4982*** (-6.79)	-0.5184*** (-6.21)	0.0051 (0.18)	0.0184 (0.67)	-0.0188 (-0.62)
Fund SD $_{t-1}$	0.0562 (0.61)	0.1299 (1.39)	0.1244 (1.31)	0.3671*** (5.90)	0.4969*** (7.82)	0.4499*** (7.08)
Return $_{t-1}$	-0.3556*** (-4.50)	-0.3289*** (-3.99)	-0.4555*** (-4.39)	-0.2366*** (-3.85)	-0.2809*** (-4.32)	-0.3304*** (-4.63)
Mgmt Fee	-0.2765*** (-3.08)	-0.2869*** (-3.16)	-0.2810*** (-3.13)	-0.5967*** (-7.16)	-0.6190*** (-7.40)	-0.6190*** (-7.43)
LS $_{t-1}$	0.5350*** (3.09)	-0.0067 (-0.04)	0.4707*** (2.78)	0.0538 (1.10)	0.0398 (0.77)	0.1001* (1.89)
LD $_{t-1}$	0.4075*** (2.95)	0.4640*** (3.43)	0.2861** (2.03)	-0.0725* (-1.72)	-0.0500 (-1.16)	-0.0337 (-0.75)
High VIX $_{10\%}$	2.0124*** (6.21)			1.1210*** (6.50)		
LS $_{t-1}$ x High VIX $_{10\%}$	-1.4677*** (-3.88)			0.1288 (0.80)		
LD $_{t-1}$ x High VIX $_{10\%}$	0.1587 (0.35)			-0.2103 (-1.62)		
High TED Spread $_{10\%}$		2.9186*** (9.74)			0.8329*** (5.17)	
LS $_{t-1}$ x High TED Spread $_{10\%}$		-0.7394** (-2.23)			0.2352* (1.85)	
LD $_{t-1}$ x High TED Spread $_{10\%}$		1.5518** (2.32)			-0.0216 (-0.18)	
Low Repo Volume $_{10\%}$			3.4918*** (6.82)			0.4349*** (2.92)
LS $_{t-1}$ x Low Repo Volume $_{10\%}$			-1.0615 (-1.25)			-0.0993 (-0.53)
LD $_{t-1}$ x Low Repo Volume $_{10\%}$			1.5819** (2.58)			-0.1073 (-0.76)
adj. R 2	0.1400	0.1538	0.1384	0.1342	0.1310	0.1267
Obs	188404	188404	188404	817509	817509	817509
Time FE	No	No	No	No	No	No
Strategy FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 7:
Panel Regression - Bubble Periods

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with the conditional expected shortfall as the dependent variable. *Boom* and *Bust* indicate bubble phases of the MSCI Global Index using the BSADF approach of Phillips, Shi, and Yu (2015a,b). Details on the procedure are outlined in section 3. The regression models include interaction terms between the control variables and the boom/bust indicators. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are demeaned cross-sectionally. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2017, at a monthly frequency. The first column contains results for the subsample of hedge fund. The second column contains results for the subsample of mutual funds. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. *t*-values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Hedge Funds	Mutual Funds
Boom	1.6070*** (4.21)	0.0270 (0.18)
Bust	2.8196*** (7.25)	0.0704 (0.50)
Log(Size) _{t-1}	0.0643 (0.61)	-0.4102*** (-9.03)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.1027*** (-3.77)	-0.0434** (-2.45)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	0.4635*** (3.17)	-0.3965*** (-5.06)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.4979*** (-5.62)	-0.0302 (-0.87)
Fund SD _{t-1}	0.2022** (2.18)	0.4733*** (7.04)
Return _{t-1}	-0.4897*** (-4.32)	-0.3407*** (-4.23)
Mgmt Fee	-0.2859*** (-3.17)	-0.6115*** (-7.40)
LS _{t-1}	0.5444*** (2.78)	0.1046* (1.71)
LD _{t-1}	0.2886** (2.05)	-0.0344 (-0.75)
Log(Size) _{t-1} x Boom	-0.0163 (-0.08)	-0.1162* (-1.94)
Log(Size) _{t-1} x Bust	0.3593 (1.55)	-0.1295* (-1.76)
Flow _{t-1} x Boom	0.1448** (2.28)	-0.0731 (-1.64)
Flow _{t-1} x Bust	0.1191 (1.57)	-0.0920** (-2.04)
Log(Age) _{t-1} x Boom	-0.2325 (-0.60)	0.2987** (2.39)
Log(Age) _{t-1} x Bust	0.7706 (1.36)	0.4719* (1.93)
Theta _{t-1} x Boom	-0.2950 (-1.43)	0.1058** (2.16)
Theta _{t-1} x Bust	-0.1020 (-0.34)	0.1214** (2.22)
Fund SD _{t-1} x Boom	-0.1882 (-0.80)	0.0503 (0.56)
Fund SD _{t-1} x Bust	-0.7577*** (-3.47)	-0.2789*** (-4.07)
Return _{t-1} x Boom	0.3432 (1.31)	0.0085 (0.06)
Return _{t-1} x Bust	-0.3387 (-1.34)	0.1300 (1.23)
LS _{t-1} x Boom	-2.0914*** (-5.36)	-0.0191 (-0.18)
LS _{t-1} x Bust	-0.8279* (-1.83)	-0.0835 (-0.70)
LD _{t-1} x Boom	2.4578*** (4.06)	0.0731 (0.58)
LD _{t-1} x Bust	2.1583** (2.06)	-0.0270 (-0.15)
adj. R ²	0.1442	0.1275
Obs	188455	817509
Time FE	No	No
Strategy FE	Yes	Yes

Table 8:
Panel Regression - Alternative ΔCoVaR Calculation

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with the rolling ΔCoVaR , using historical Value at Risk estimates, as the dependent variable. The calculation of the systemic risk measure is outlined in section 6. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first two columns contain results for the pooled sample of hedge funds and mutual funds. Columns 3 and 4 contain results for the hedge fund subsample, Columns 5 and 6 for the mutual fund subsample. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Pooled Sample		Hedge Funds		Mutual Funds	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Log(Size) _{t-1}	-0.3417*** (-6.73)	-0.3834*** (-7.96)	-0.0666 (-0.58)	0.0234 (0.22)	-0.4444*** (-7.94)	-0.4792*** (-8.90)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.0763*** (-5.23)	-0.0507*** (-3.90)	-0.0333* (-1.81)	-0.0250 (-1.50)	-0.0894*** (-4.83)	-0.0705*** (-4.00)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	-0.8715*** (-10.20)	-0.7709*** (-9.37)	-0.0721 (-0.38)	0.1854 (1.12)	-0.9279*** (-9.94)	-0.8879*** (-9.67)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.0627 (-1.52)	-0.0893*** (-3.10)	-1.0327*** (-9.38)	-0.6873*** (-7.36)	0.1678*** (5.71)	0.0399* (1.85)
Fund SD _{t-1}	1.0808*** (19.83)	0.5233*** (8.31)	0.1693 (1.53)	0.3680*** (3.41)	1.4343*** (23.28)	0.7389*** (9.50)
Return _{t-1}	0.0428 (0.79)	0.0165 (0.46)	-0.0233 (-0.24)	-0.0519 (-0.75)	0.0472 (0.95)	0.0280 (0.72)
Mgmt Fee	-0.5778*** (-6.57)	-0.5523*** (-6.84)	-0.4883*** (-4.02)	-0.3234*** (-3.47)	-0.7998*** (-7.66)	-0.8494*** (-8.32)
Hedge Fund	1.0616*** (5.79)					
LS _{t-1}	-0.0186 (-0.35)	-0.0577 (-1.11)	-0.2826** (-2.08)	-0.2901** (-2.37)	-0.0065 (-0.11)	-0.0111 (-0.19)
LD _{t-1}	-0.0117 (-0.21)	-0.0134 (-0.28)	1.1064*** (6.41)	0.8404*** (5.13)	-0.1396*** (-2.73)	-0.1302*** (-2.72)
adj. R ²	0.1598	0.2186	0.1356	0.2193	0.2024	0.2304
Obs	1008748	1008748	189096	189096	819652	819652
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Table 9:
Panel Regression - Marginal Expected Shortfall

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with Marginal Expected Shortfall (MES) as the dependent variable. The calculation of the systemic risk measure is outlined in section 6. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first two columns contain results for the pooled sample of hedge funds and mutual funds. Columns 3 and 4 contain results for the hedge fund subsample, Columns 5 and 6 for the mutual fund subsample. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Pooled Sample		Hedge Funds		Mutual Funds	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Log(Size) _{t-1}	-0.0544* (-1.85)	-0.1228*** (-4.64)	-0.3903*** (-5.47)	-0.2777*** (-4.61)	-0.0024 (-0.07)	-0.0785*** (-2.68)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.1452*** (-6.77)	-0.1193*** (-6.06)	-0.0927*** (-5.38)	-0.0809*** (-5.23)	-0.1829*** (-6.20)	-0.1690*** (-6.28)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	0.0696 (1.48)	0.1923*** (5.03)	-0.1507 (-1.18)	0.1112 (1.14)	0.1015** (2.20)	0.1584*** (3.82)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.0519 (-0.80)	-0.1016** (-2.05)	-0.5754*** (-7.52)	-0.2890*** (-4.63)	0.1544** (2.44)	-0.0171 (-0.34)
Fund SD _{t-1}	2.6369*** (19.63)	1.7487*** (10.32)	1.5460*** (11.54)	1.7474*** (13.70)	2.9194*** (17.85)	1.6708*** (7.04)
Return _{t-1}	0.1579 (1.09)	0.1275 (0.97)	-0.1202 (-0.91)	-0.1343 (-1.17)	0.2679 (1.62)	0.2337 (1.56)
Mgmt Fee	-0.1257** (-2.22)	-0.2064*** (-4.68)	-0.2496*** (-3.04)	-0.1138** (-2.11)	-0.0432 (-0.65)	-0.2802*** (-5.33)
Hedge Fund	-2.5881*** (-17.31)					
LS _{t-1}	-0.7447*** (-6.66)	-0.7934*** (-7.19)	-0.4663*** (-3.76)	-0.4980*** (-4.06)	-0.8976*** (-7.28)	-0.8972*** (-7.89)
LD _{t-1}	-0.2602*** (-3.70)	-0.2200*** (-3.87)	0.3154** (2.26)	0.1063 (0.86)	-0.3535*** (-4.41)	-0.3137*** (-4.43)
adj. R ²	0.5269	0.5772	0.3544	0.4389	0.5609	0.5941
Obs	1008367	1008367	189096	189096	819271	819271
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Table 10:
Panel Regression - Robustness Tests Hedge Fund Sample

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with ΔCoVaR as the dependent variable. The sample is limited to hedge funds. The calculation of the systemic risk measure and the procedure to classify funds as liquidity suppliers and liquidity demanders is outlined in section 3. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first column controls for the backfilling bias by deleting the first 12 months of observations for each fund. In the second column, I control for strategy-time fixed effects. Column 3 includes fund fixed effects. In Column 4, I use β^{LP} , a fund's exposure to the liquidity provision strategy described in section 3.2, as an additional regressor. The variable is winsorized at the upper and lower 1% level and then standardized to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Backfilling	Strategy-Time FE	Fund FE	Liquidity Beta
Log(Size) _{t-1}	0.0224 (0.20)	0.0413 (0.38)	0.1357* (1.80)	0.0390 (0.37)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.0129 (-0.76)	-0.0078 (-0.49)	-0.0644*** (-5.53)	-0.0112 (-0.70)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	0.6124*** (2.80)	0.6973*** (3.33)	-0.0206 (-0.17)	0.7069*** (3.36)
Theta _{t-1}	-0.4347*** (-5.40)	-0.4356*** (-5.36)	-0.3381*** (-7.64)	-0.4489*** (-5.74)
Fund SD _{t-1}	0.0163 (0.16)	0.0120 (0.12)	2.5384*** (17.57)	0.0127 (0.13)
Return _{t-1}	-0.1684** (-2.21)	-0.1518* (-1.88)	-0.0755 (-1.47)	-0.1771** (-2.30)
Mgmt Fee	-0.2638*** (-2.90)	-0.2755*** (-3.05)	0.0000 (0.00)	-0.2882*** (-3.12)
LS _{t-1}	-0.1293 (-0.83)	-0.2204 (-1.47)	-0.4312*** (-4.90)	
LD _{t-1}	0.4830*** (3.82)	0.5376*** (4.33)	0.3515*** (3.27)	
β_{t-1}^{LP}				-0.0902*** (-2.67)
adj. R ²	0.1976	0.1891	0.8453	0.1834
Obs	166281	188412	189051	188456
Time FE	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	Yes	No	No	Yes
Strategy-Time FE	No	Yes	No	No
Fund FE	No	No	Yes	No

Table 11:
Panel Regression - Robustness Tests Mutual Fund Sample

This table presents results of a fixed-effect panel regression with ΔCoVaR as the dependent variable. The sample is limited to mutual funds. The calculation of the systemic risk measure and the procedure to classify funds as liquidity suppliers and liquidity demanders is outlined in section 3. All control variables, except for the dummy variables, are standardized. Time-varying control variables are lagged by one month. Details on the definition and calculation of the variables are given in section 4. The sample period is January 1994 to December 2018, at a monthly frequency. The first column controls for the backfilling bias by deleting the first 12 months of observations for each fund. In the second column, I control for strategy-time fixed effects. Column 3 includes fund fixed effects. In Column 4, I use β^{LP} , a fund's exposure to the liquidity provision strategy described in section 3.2, as an additional regressor. The variable is winsorized at the upper and lower 1% level and then standardized to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. Standard errors are clustered at the fund and time level. t -values are reported in parentheses. *, **, and *** indicate significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

	Backfilling	Strategy-Time FE	Fund FE	Liquidity Beta
Log(Size) _{t-1}	-0.4409*** (-9.83)	-0.4290*** (-9.64)	-0.1116*** (-3.48)	-0.4340*** (-9.76)
Flow _{t-1}	-0.0220 (-1.58)	-0.0298** (-2.24)	-0.0246*** (-2.70)	-0.0312** (-2.26)
Log(Age) _{t-1}	-0.1924*** (-4.28)	-0.2084*** (-4.69)	-0.2290*** (-3.86)	-0.2022*** (-4.53)
Theta _{t-1}	0.0530*** (3.00)	0.0423** (2.30)	-0.0915*** (-3.35)	0.0562*** (3.20)
Fund SD _{t-1}	0.2778*** (4.62)	0.2527*** (3.90)	0.5111*** (6.85)	0.2828*** (4.67)
Return _{t-1}	-0.1205*** (-2.95)	-0.0047 (-0.14)	-0.3591*** (-5.52)	-0.1206*** (-2.74)
Mgmt Fee	-0.5510*** (-6.50)	-0.5844*** (-7.14)	-0.0272 (-0.86)	-0.5675*** (-6.90)
LS _{t-1}	0.1069** (2.29)	0.0351 (0.73)	0.0605* (1.95)	
LD _{t-1}	-0.1255*** (-3.13)	-0.0369 (-0.94)	-0.0167 (-0.50)	
β_{t-1}^{LP}				0.0772** (2.45)
adj. R ²	0.1639	0.1817	0.7578	0.1678
Obs	766502	817509	817503	817509
Time FE	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Strategy FE	Yes	No	No	Yes
Strategy-Time FE	No	Yes	No	No
Fund FE	No	No	Yes	No