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Discussion of:

Growth or Glamour?

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Other Factors

- Labor Income
- Proprietary Business Income Growth
- Rental Price Changes
- Luxury Good Consumption
- Innovations in Future Productivity Growth
- Conditional CAPM/CCAPM with a variety of conditioning variables
 - Equivalent to an additional factor in an unconditional model

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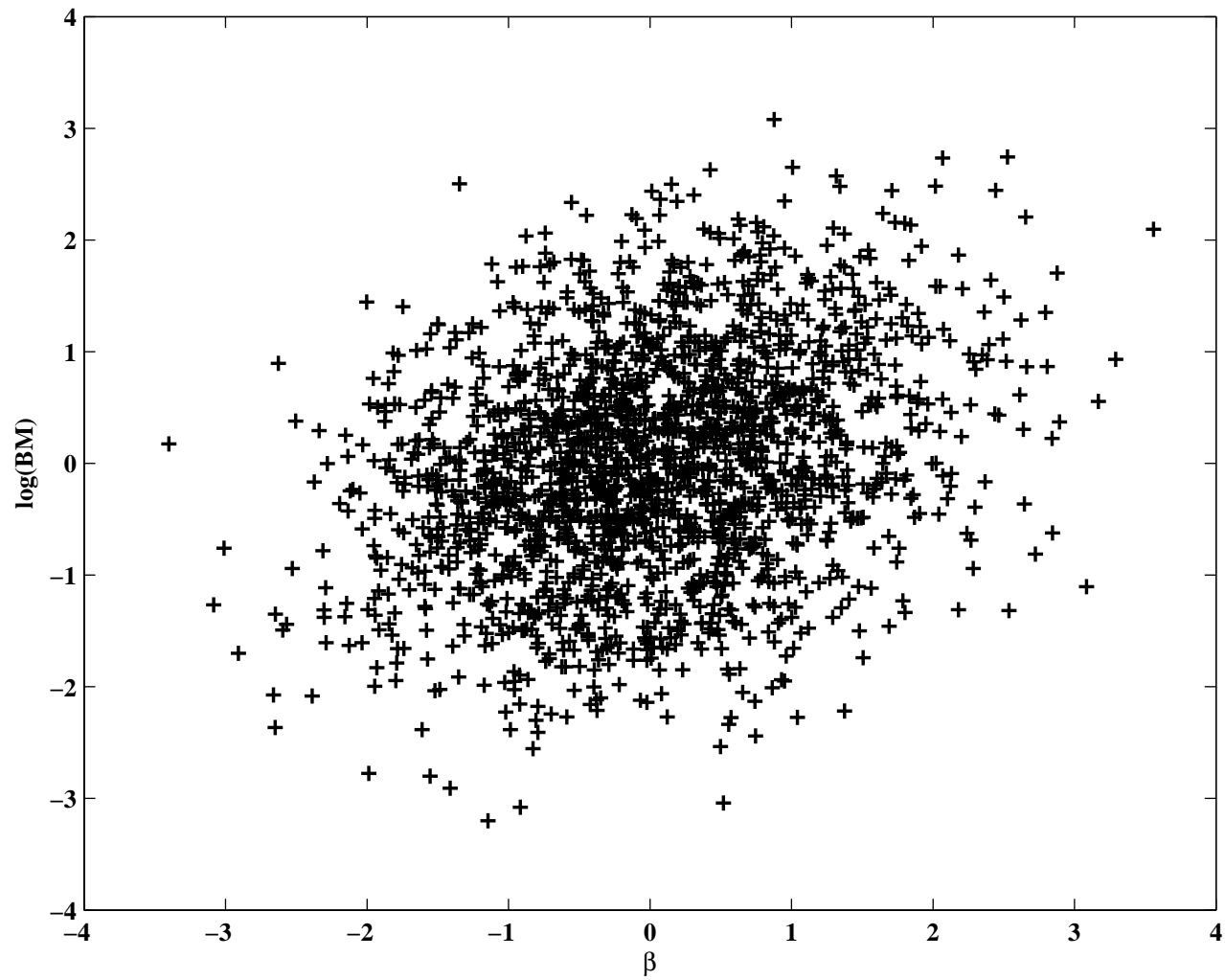
Assessing Test Power

- I'm going to argue that the reason the CV (and other factor model) tests might fail to reject the factor-models is the choice of the test assets (portfolios).
- CV (and many others) use the 25 (24) Fama and French (1993) size/BM sorted portfolios.
- Even if a proposed economic factor is only weakly correlated with the MVE portfolio return, testing the factor model with these portfolios will result in a failure to reject the model.
- Related to arguments in Daniel and Titman (1997).

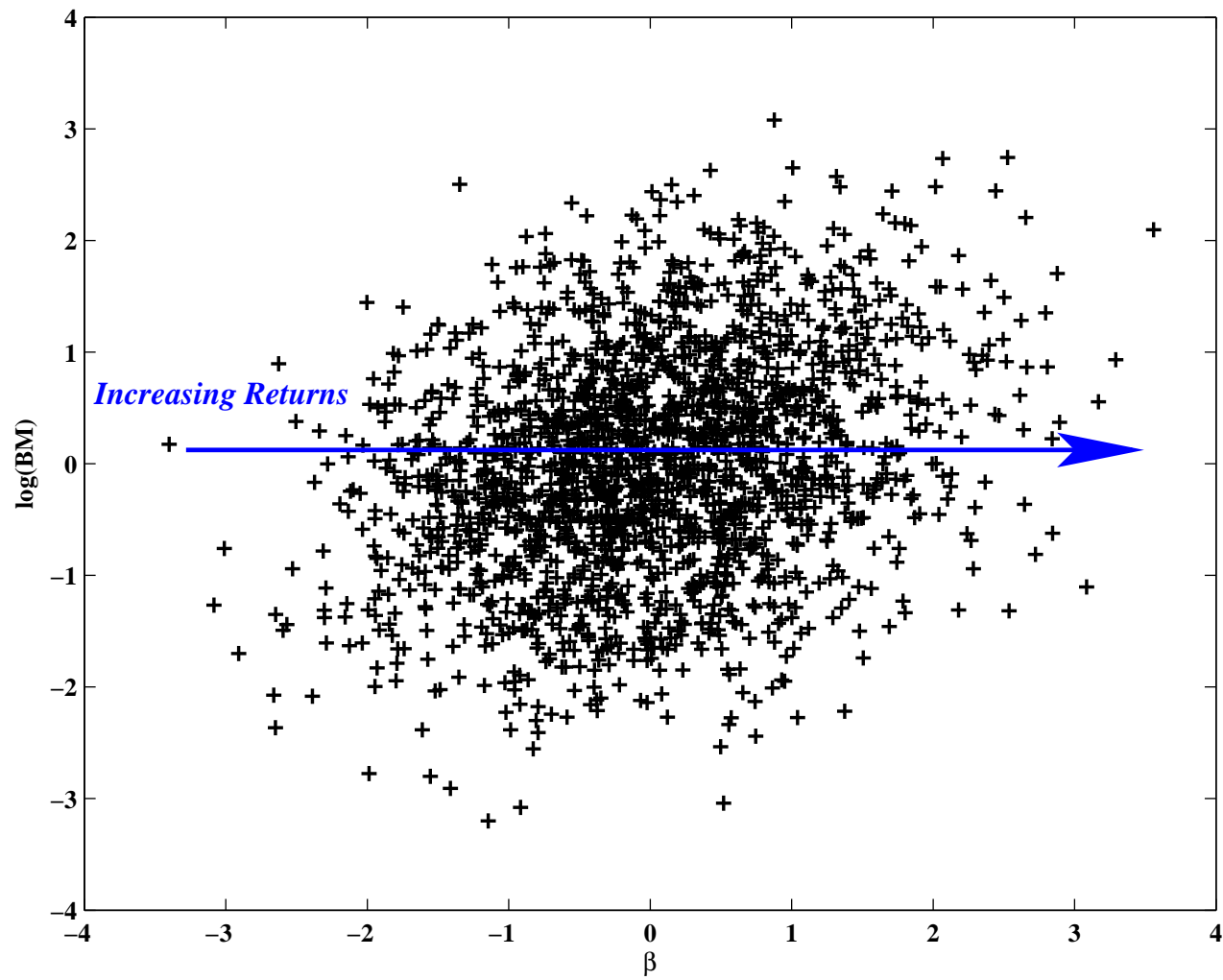
Simulation

- Simulated average returns and betas from 2500 firms.
- The $\log(BM)$ s, and β s are drawn from a normal distribution with $\rho = 0.3$
- Simulate under an alternative hypothesis to assess test power.

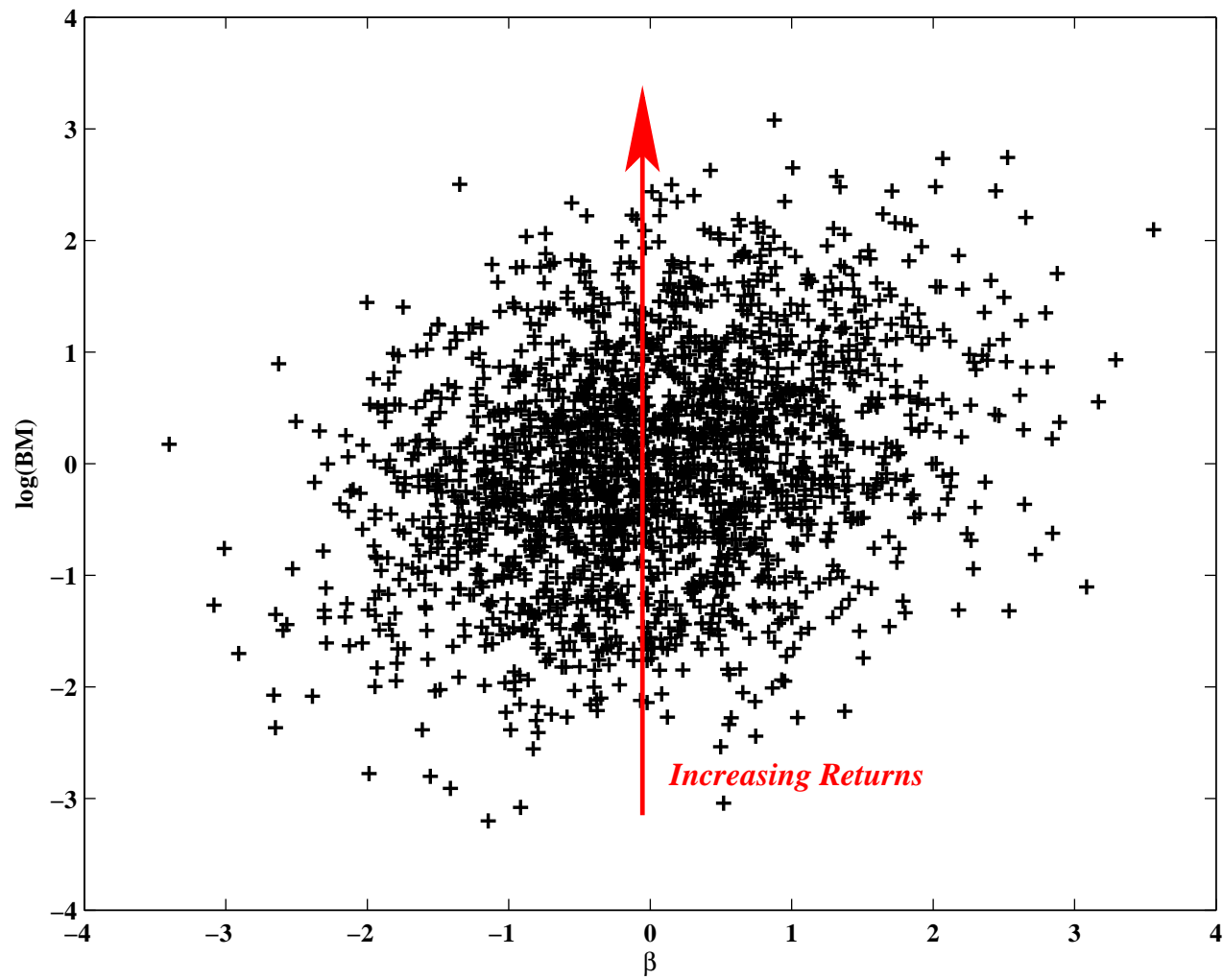
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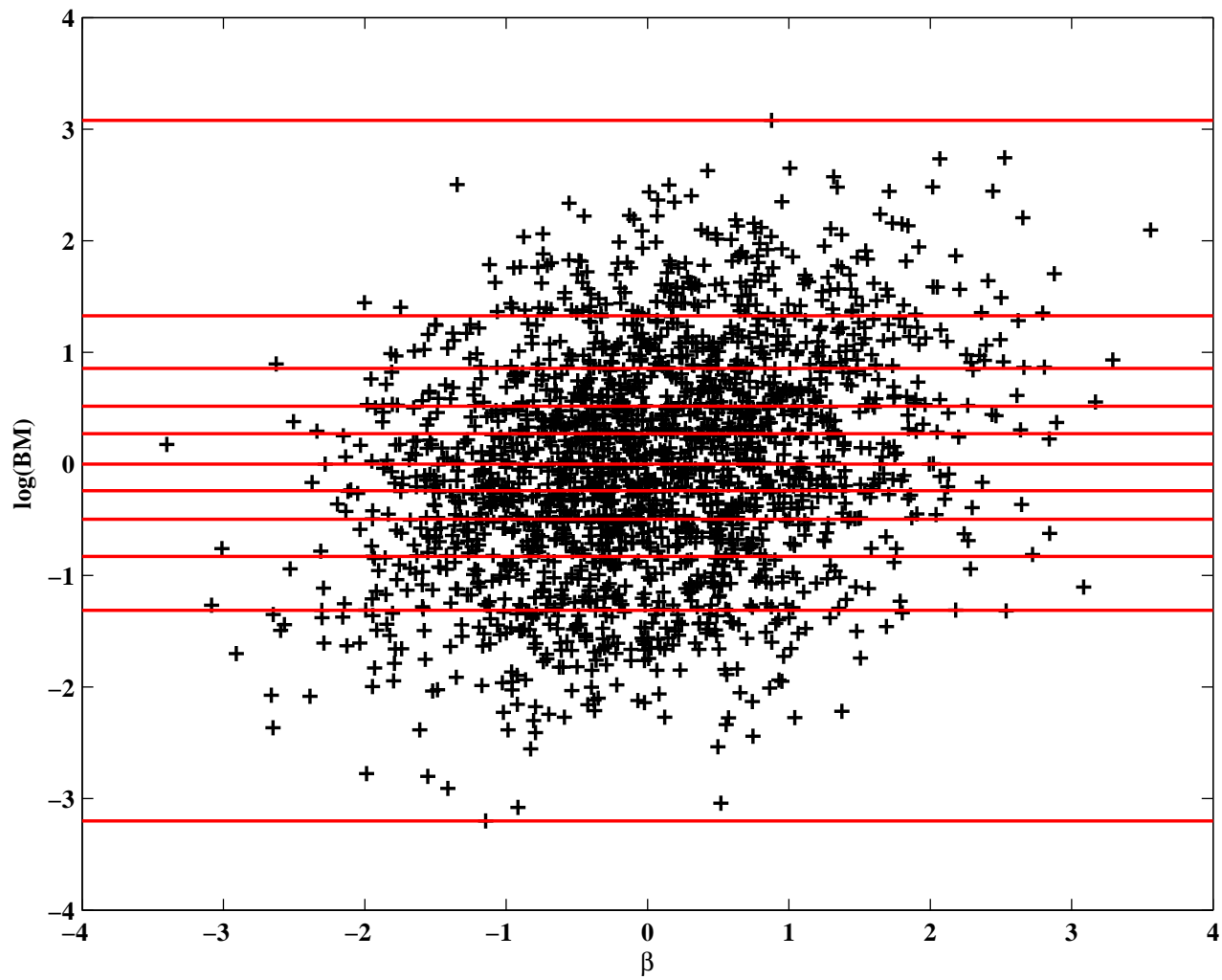
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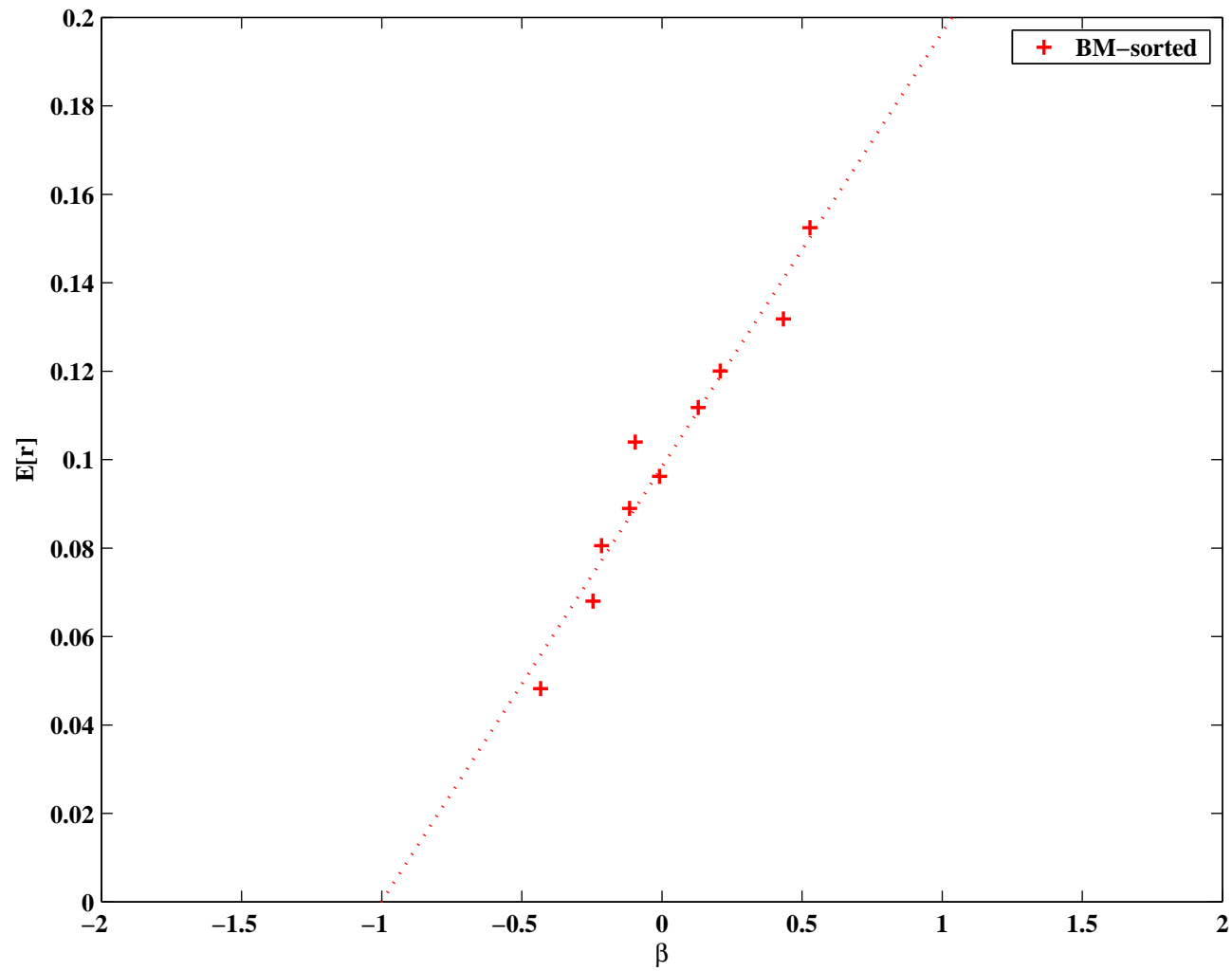
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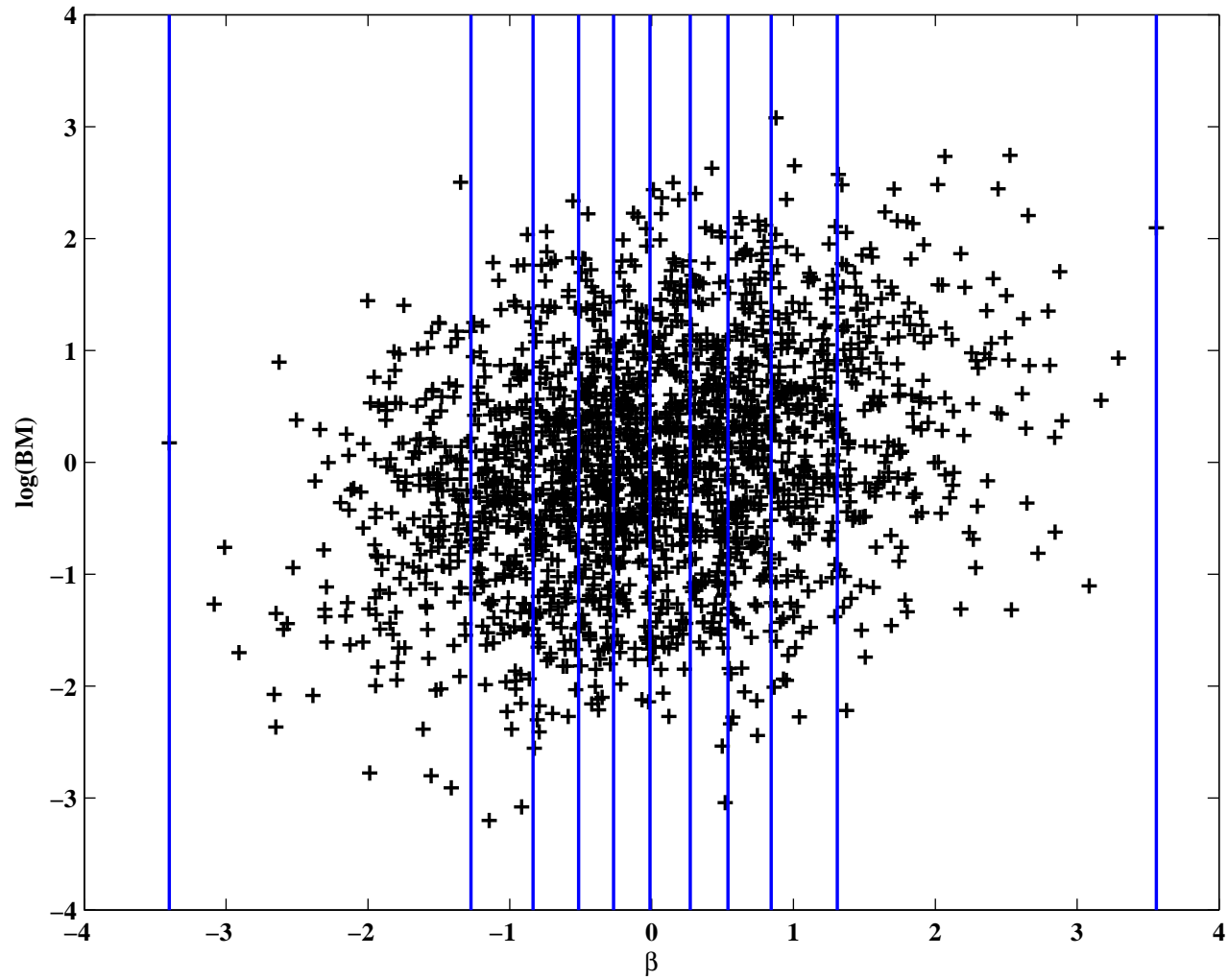
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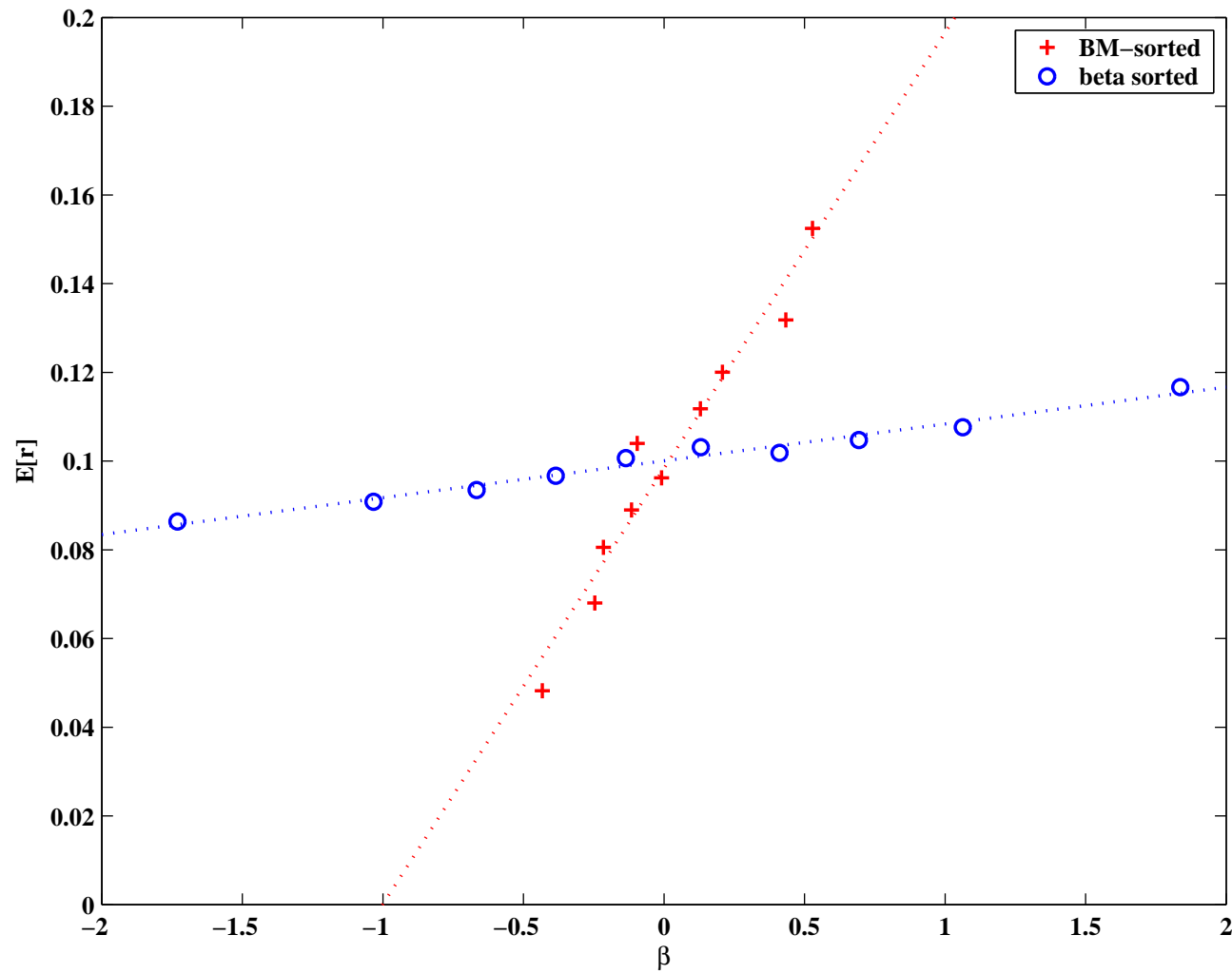
BM-Sort: *Risk and Return*



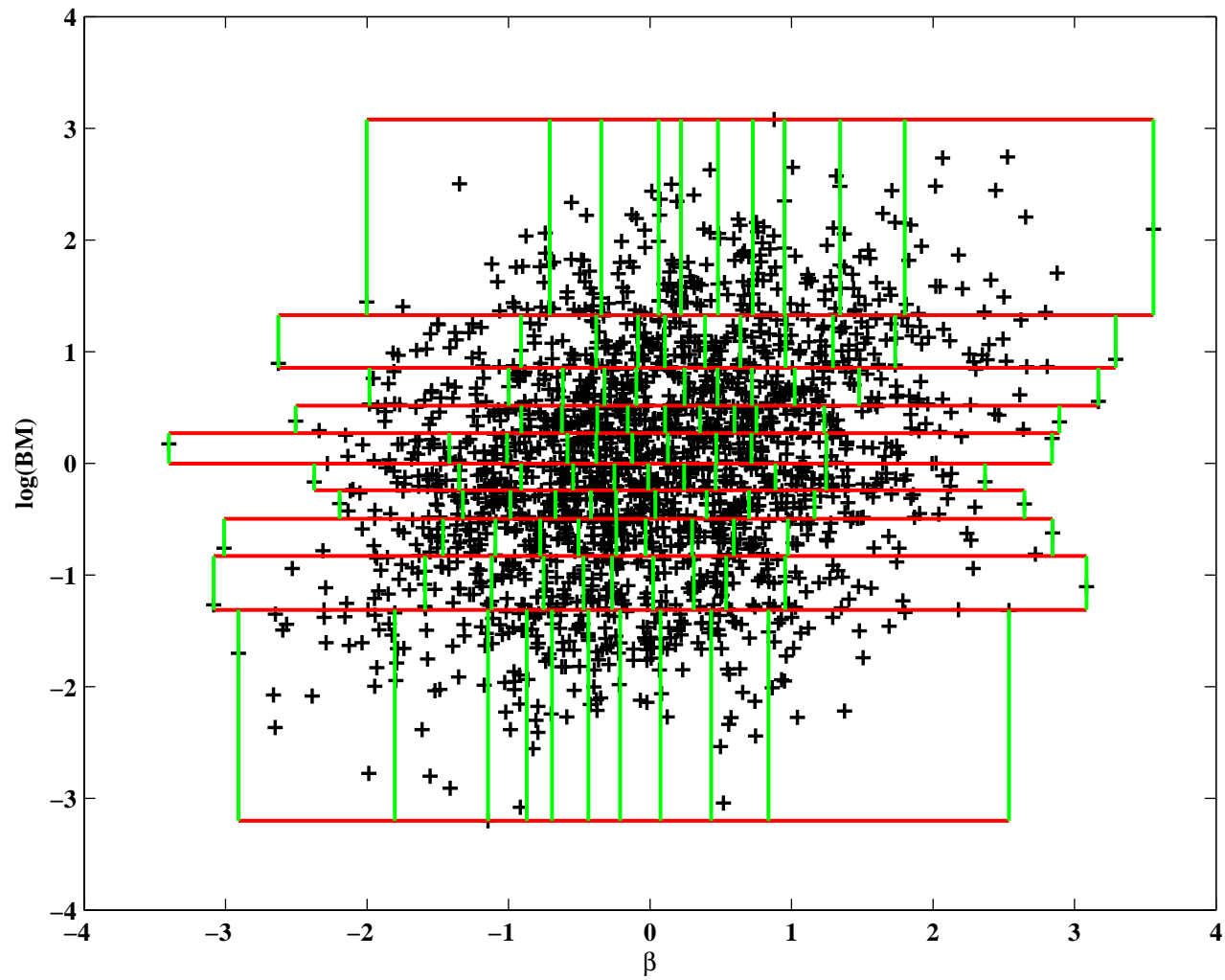
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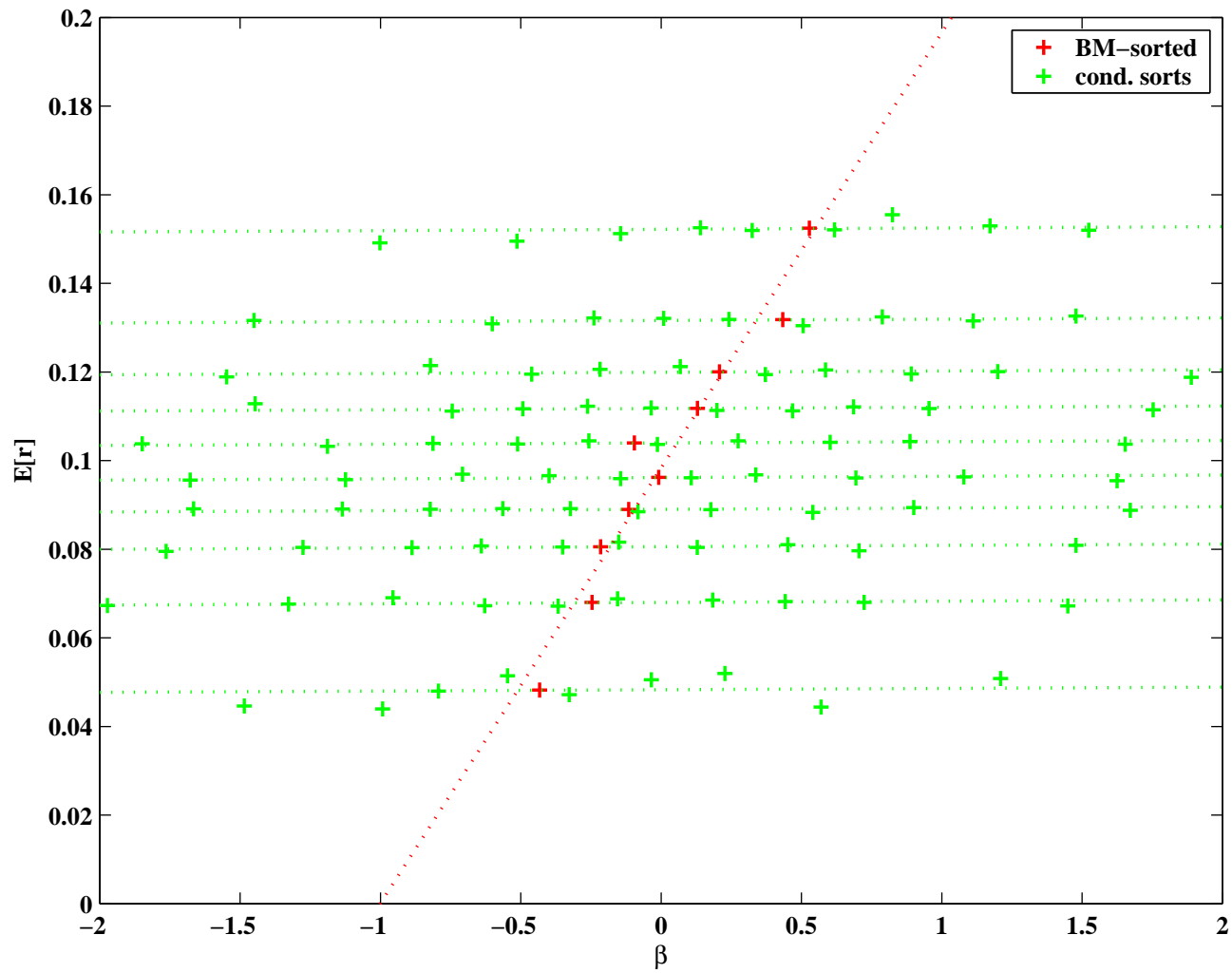
Risk-Sorted Portfolios



Characteristic-Risk Sorted Portfolios



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CV Early-Period Results

- Again, in the first period, both β_{CF} and β_{DR} are higher for value firms than for growth.
- Thus, the standard CAPM describes the returns of the Size/BM sorted portfolios.
- Let's examine the returns of portfolios sorted on the basis of size, BM and *pre-formation market betas*:
 1. Is there variation in β_{Mkt} (and β_{CF}) unrelated to size/BM?
 2. Do high β firms have high returns whether or not they are high BM?

BM/Size/Pre- β_{Mkt} Portfolios - \bar{r} s and Post-Formation β s

Chr Prt		\bar{r} (%/mo)					$t(\bar{r})$					\bar{r}	$t(\bar{r})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	1.22	1.18	1.19	0.85	0.81	(3.48)	(2.54)	(2.57)	(1.47)	(1.39)	-0.40	(-0.96)
1	2	1.40	1.28	1.41	1.17	1.24	(4.40)	(3.42)	(3.38)	(2.32)	(2.41)	-0.16	(-0.51)
1	3	1.33	1.47	1.68	1.56	1.44	(3.91)	(3.36)	(3.26)	(3.19)	(2.36)	0.11	(0.30)
2	1	1.02	0.98	1.07	0.98	0.94	(4.40)	(3.45)	(3.03)	(2.56)	(2.18)	-0.08	(-0.28)
2	2	1.23	1.20	1.28	1.37	1.18	(5.09)	(4.03)	(3.71)	(3.56)	(2.57)	-0.05	(-0.18)
2	3	1.09	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.28	(3.53)	(3.21)	(3.11)	(2.75)	(2.39)	0.19	(0.54)
3	1	0.70	0.86	0.86	1.07	0.96	(3.46)	(3.75)	(3.16)	(3.50)	(2.77)	0.26	(1.19)
3	2	0.93	1.07	1.27	1.06	0.99	(4.37)	(4.02)	(3.99)	(3.14)	(2.47)	0.06	(0.20)
3	3	0.99	1.11	1.24	1.31	1.26	(3.14)	(2.94)	(2.87)	(2.92)	(2.48)	0.27	(0.88)
avg prt		1.10	1.16	1.26	1.19	1.12	(4.42)	(3.68)	(3.48)	(2.93)	(2.48)	0.02	(0.09)

Chr Prt		$\hat{\beta}_{Mkt}$					$t(\hat{\beta}_{Mkt})$					$\hat{\beta}_{Mkt}$	$t(\hat{\beta}_M)$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	1.03	1.40	1.30	1.71	1.76	(22.09)	(23.13)	(19.99)	(22.09)	(22.96)	0.73	(9.50)
1	2	1.06	1.24	1.40	1.66	1.70	(31.88)	(30.99)	(33.38)	(30.01)	(30.81)	0.64	(11.94)
1	3	1.07	1.40	1.66	1.61	1.88	(25.87)	(27.62)	(28.25)	(30.35)	(25.03)	0.82	(14.15)
2	1	0.78	0.99	1.25	1.36	1.53	(32.85)	(39.48)	(42.87)	(42.84)	(41.48)	0.75	(17.82)
2	2	0.82	1.05	1.24	1.40	1.63	(34.11)	(42.33)	(47.79)	(50.05)	(43.75)	0.81	(20.53)
2	3	0.99	1.39	1.47	1.63	1.80	(27.17)	(36.04)	(36.88)	(32.82)	(32.45)	0.81	(14.11)
3	1	0.70	0.82	0.99	1.13	1.29	(36.81)	(48.07)	(53.82)	(58.54)	(59.26)	0.58	(18.06)
3	2	0.70	0.89	1.11	1.21	1.40	(30.50)	(32.76)	(40.13)	(45.52)	(40.22)	0.70	(14.70)
3	3	1.04	1.27	1.44	1.56	1.71	(31.20)	(32.06)	(31.45)	(37.86)	(33.24)	0.66	(12.75)
avg prt		0.91	1.16	1.32	1.47	1.63	(53.20)	(56.75)	(53.61)	(50.75)	(47.68)	0.72	(23.80)

Time Series Regression Intercepts

Early Period

$$\tilde{r}_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,M} \tilde{r}_{M,t} + \tilde{\epsilon}_{i,t}$$

Chr Prt		$\hat{\alpha}$					$t(\hat{\alpha})$					$\hat{\alpha}$	$t(\hat{\alpha})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	0.24	-0.15	-0.05	-0.78	-0.86	(1.01)	(-0.50)	(-0.17)	(-2.02)	(-2.26)	-1.10	(-2.88)
1	2	0.39	0.10	0.07	-0.41	-0.38	(2.34)	(0.50)	(0.33)	(-1.49)	(-1.39)	-0.77	(-2.87)
1	3	0.32	0.13	0.10	0.02	-0.36	(1.54)	(0.53)	(0.33)	(0.09)	(-0.96)	-0.67	(-2.34)
2	1	0.28	0.03	-0.13	-0.31	-0.51	(2.34)	(0.27)	(-0.87)	(-2.00)	(-2.80)	-0.79	(-3.79)
2	2	0.45	0.19	0.09	0.04	-0.38	(3.75)	(1.57)	(0.73)	(0.27)	(-2.04)	-0.83	(-4.20)
2	3	0.15	-0.03	-0.08	-0.22	-0.43	(0.85)	(-0.14)	(-0.39)	(-0.89)	(-1.57)	-0.59	(-2.05)
3	1	0.03	0.07	-0.09	-0.01	-0.26	(0.36)	(0.81)	(-0.96)	(-0.08)	(-2.43)	-0.30	(-1.84)
3	2	0.26	0.22	0.20	-0.09	-0.35	(2.27)	(1.61)	(1.48)	(-0.71)	(-2.03)	-0.61	(-2.57)
3	3	-0.01	-0.09	-0.13	-0.18	-0.37	(-0.05)	(-0.48)	(-0.58)	(-0.86)	(-1.46)	-0.36	(-1.40)
avg prt		0.23	0.05	-0.00	-0.22	-0.43	(2.75)	(0.52)	(-0.01)	(-1.49)	(-2.55)	-0.67	(-4.42)

Early Period Post-Formation CF and DR betas

Chr Prt		$\hat{\beta}_{CF}$					$t(\hat{\beta}_{CF})$					$\hat{\beta}_{CF}$	$t(\hat{\beta}_{CF})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	0.20	0.26	0.26	0.38	0.45	(4.98)	(4.97)	(4.91)	(5.95)	(7.03)	0.26	(5.44)
1	2	0.22	0.28	0.29	0.36	0.42	(6.15)	(6.82)	(6.34)	(6.42)	(7.57)	0.21	(5.94)
1	3	0.31	0.35	0.42	0.41	0.47	(8.49)	(7.39)	(7.54)	(7.75)	(7.07)	0.16	(4.05)
2	1	0.13	0.18	0.24	0.26	0.27	(4.94)	(5.56)	(6.01)	(6.15)	(5.49)	0.14	(4.27)
2	2	0.18	0.24	0.25	0.30	0.34	(6.81)	(7.47)	(6.70)	(7.11)	(6.67)	0.16	(4.84)
2	3	0.28	0.37	0.39	0.43	0.45	(8.45)	(8.53)	(8.68)	(8.24)	(7.75)	0.17	(4.27)
3	1	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.16	0.24	(3.73)	(4.97)	(5.34)	(4.75)	(6.16)	0.15	(6.24)
3	2	0.13	0.21	0.21	0.25	0.29	(5.34)	(7.26)	(5.99)	(6.70)	(6.45)	0.16	(4.70)
3	3	0.22	0.31	0.32	0.34	0.42	(6.28)	(7.67)	(6.75)	(6.96)	(7.66)	0.20	(5.88)
avg prt		0.19	0.26	0.28	0.32	0.37	(7.13)	(7.57)	(7.19)	(7.29)	(7.56)	0.18	(6.77)

Chr Prt		$\hat{\beta}_{DR}$					$t(\hat{\beta}_{DR})$					$\hat{\beta}_{DR}$	$t(\hat{\beta}_{DR})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	0.84	0.99	1.02	1.13	1.27	(11.91)	(10.07)	(10.57)	(9.04)	(10.37)	0.43	(4.46)
1	2	0.77	0.91	1.02	1.11	1.19	(12.08)	(12.09)	(12.31)	(10.57)	(11.36)	0.42	(6.02)
1	3	0.82	1.00	1.08	1.15	1.24	(11.91)	(11.06)	(9.91)	(11.48)	(9.55)	0.42	(5.18)
2	1	0.63	0.72	0.91	0.96	1.02	(14.19)	(12.86)	(13.15)	(12.65)	(11.55)	0.39	(6.09)
2	2	0.62	0.75	0.89	0.97	1.13	(13.04)	(12.77)	(13.14)	(12.69)	(12.35)	0.51	(8.22)
2	3	0.68	0.86	0.93	1.04	1.17	(10.60)	(10.06)	(10.51)	(10.17)	(10.43)	0.48	(6.11)
3	1	0.54	0.61	0.69	0.82	0.90	(13.87)	(13.81)	(13.05)	(13.93)	(13.21)	0.36	(7.35)
3	2	0.49	0.52	0.75	0.79	0.91	(11.38)	(9.04)	(11.56)	(11.40)	(11.05)	0.42	(6.21)
3	3	0.65	0.86	0.91	1.01	1.08	(9.73)	(11.08)	(9.96)	(10.90)	(10.15)	0.43	(6.20)
avg prt		0.67	0.80	0.91	1.00	1.10	(14.12)	(12.87)	(12.78)	(12.29)	(12.11)	0.43	(8.25)

CV Late-Period Results

- In the later period, CV find that both β_{CF} is again higher for value firms than for growth.
- However, β_{DR} is considerably lower for value firms.
- Thus, value firms have lower total beta, but higher average returns.
- Here, I'll examine the returns of portfolios sorted on the basis of size, BM and *pre-formation CF Betas*

Late Period Post-Formation CF and DR betas

Chr Prt		$\hat{\beta}_{CF}$					$t(\hat{\beta}_{CF})$					$\hat{\beta}_{CF}$	$t(\hat{\beta}_{CF})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	0.090	0.110	0.119	0.136	0.157	(2.62)	(3.04)	(3.04)	(3.08)	(3.25)	0.067	(2.54)
1	2	0.117	0.127	0.134	0.153	0.181	(4.55)	(4.46)	(4.16)	(4.20)	(4.22)	0.064	(2.63)
1	3	0.133	0.153	0.170	0.160	0.211	(4.89)	(5.25)	(5.24)	(4.47)	(5.12)	0.078	(3.63)
2	1	0.077	0.074	0.091	0.099	0.130	(2.82)	(2.39)	(2.72)	(2.74)	(2.86)	0.053	(1.93)
2	2	0.106	0.110	0.135	0.158	0.157	(4.71)	(4.14)	(4.94)	(5.19)	(4.23)	0.051	(2.10)
2	3	0.115	0.134	0.141	0.173	0.214	(4.83)	(4.99)	(4.71)	(5.41)	(5.49)	0.098	(3.54)
3	1	0.061	0.058	0.068	0.074	0.091	(2.49)	(2.27)	(2.42)	(2.41)	(2.50)	0.031	(1.27)
3	2	0.052	0.075	0.100	0.118	0.146	(2.28)	(3.04)	(3.74)	(4.15)	(4.39)	0.094	(3.70)
3	3	0.084	0.099	0.127	0.123	0.161	(3.50)	(4.00)	(4.48)	(3.95)	(4.67)	0.077	(2.90)
avg prt		0.093	0.104	0.121	0.133	0.161	(4.15)	(4.18)	(4.32)	(4.32)	(4.40)	0.068	(3.54)

Chr Prt		$\hat{\beta}_{DR}$					$t(\hat{\beta}_{DR})$					$\hat{\beta}_{DR}$	$t(\hat{\beta}_{DR})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	1.188	1.267	1.386	1.542	1.658	(17.05)	(17.46)	(17.77)	(17.32)	(16.82)	0.470	(7.28)
1	2	0.859	0.962	1.117	1.237	1.466	(15.90)	(16.07)	(16.92)	(16.37)	(16.55)	0.607	(10.79)
1	3	0.852	0.929	1.037	1.188	1.356	(14.22)	(14.56)	(14.61)	(15.71)	(15.32)	0.504	(9.93)
2	1	0.927	1.108	1.221	1.324	1.642	(16.71)	(18.46)	(18.78)	(18.85)	(18.47)	0.715	(11.33)
2	2	0.669	0.903	0.948	1.030	1.302	(13.35)	(16.44)	(16.63)	(15.91)	(17.34)	0.632	(11.49)
2	3	0.608	0.786	0.952	1.006	1.217	(10.80)	(12.89)	(14.65)	(14.28)	(14.11)	0.609	(9.11)
3	1	0.780	0.877	1.020	1.132	1.304	(15.21)	(17.21)	(18.72)	(19.45)	(18.25)	0.524	(9.16)
3	2	0.551	0.697	0.870	0.878	1.128	(10.41)	(12.69)	(15.27)	(14.07)	(16.35)	0.577	(9.52)
3	3	0.500	0.583	0.759	0.947	1.059	(8.58)	(9.97)	(11.56)	(13.81)	(13.93)	0.560	(8.71)
avg prt		0.770	0.901	1.034	1.143	1.348	(16.80)	(18.15)	(18.90)	(19.05)	(18.79)	0.577	(13.67)

Late Period Average Portfolio Returns

Chr Prt		\bar{r} (%/mo)					$t(\bar{r})$					\bar{r}	$t(\bar{r})$
SZ	BM	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	5-1	
1	1	0.53	0.57	0.77	0.53	0.24	(1.81)	(1.87)	(2.30)	(1.40)	(0.59)	-0.29	(-1.28)
1	2	0.71	0.85	0.88	0.76	0.95	(3.23)	(3.45)	(3.18)	(2.44)	(2.57)	0.23	(1.12)
1	3	1.04	0.95	1.07	1.02	1.11	(4.40)	(3.75)	(3.78)	(3.31)	(3.10)	0.07	(0.39)
2	1	0.66	0.64	0.55	0.42	0.49	(2.87)	(2.45)	(1.92)	(1.37)	(1.27)	-0.17	(-0.74)
2	2	0.63	0.62	0.80	0.66	0.93	(3.26)	(2.71)	(3.39)	(2.49)	(2.92)	0.29	(1.44)
2	3	0.67	0.90	1.02	0.95	1.02	(3.25)	(3.88)	(3.97)	(3.43)	(3.02)	0.35	(1.48)
3	1	0.57	0.55	0.54	0.48	0.52	(2.75)	(2.54)	(2.27)	(1.87)	(1.67)	-0.05	(-0.25)
3	2	0.51	0.61	0.48	0.57	0.77	(2.67)	(2.94)	(2.10)	(2.32)	(2.69)	0.25	(1.17)
3	3	0.67	0.57	0.73	0.75	0.79	(3.29)	(2.70)	(3.00)	(2.80)	(2.65)	0.11	(0.50)
avg prt		1.19	1.22	1.28	1.21	1.28	(6.26)	(5.73)	(5.38)	(4.60)	(4.10)	0.09	(0.54)

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