

Modern Portfolio Theory  
& Capital Asset Pricing Model  
(Introduction)

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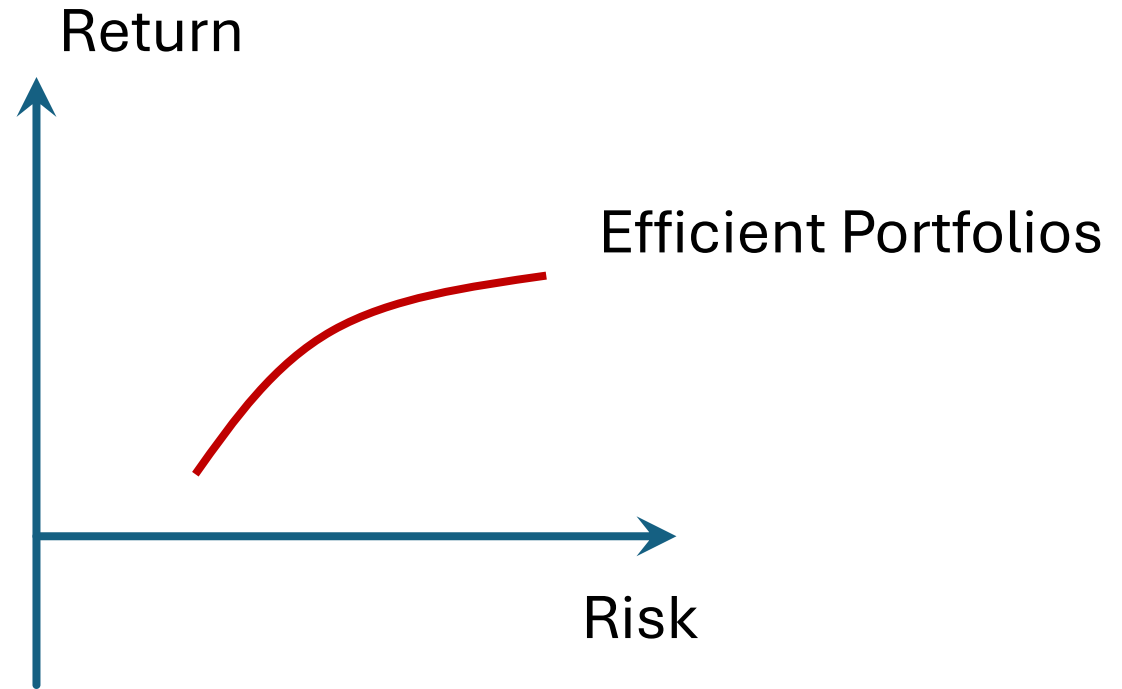
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# Agenda

A brief introduction to  
return, risk, and portfolios

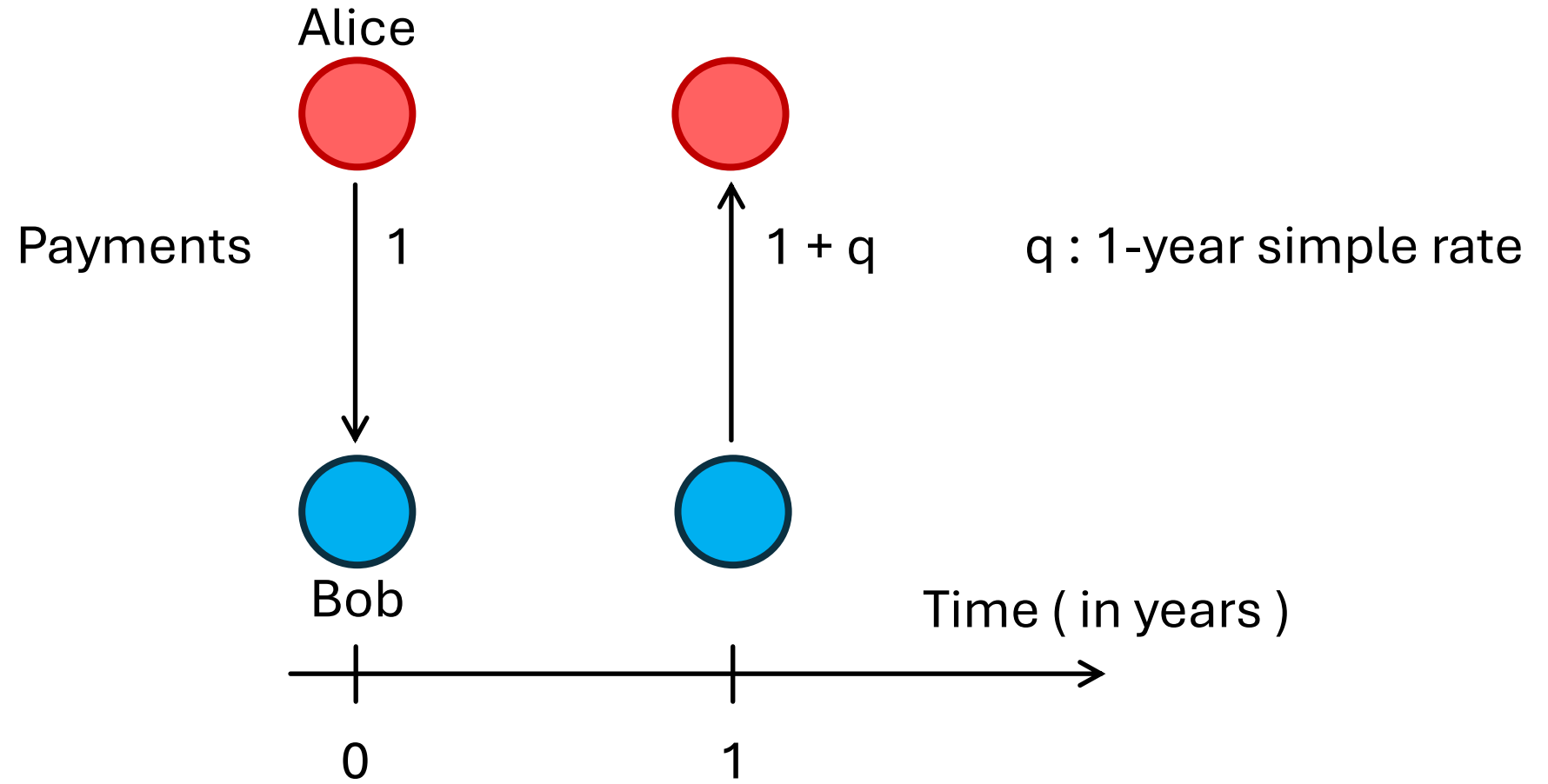
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Theory (MPT)

Capital Asset  
Pricing Model (CAPM)



# Introduction

## Return



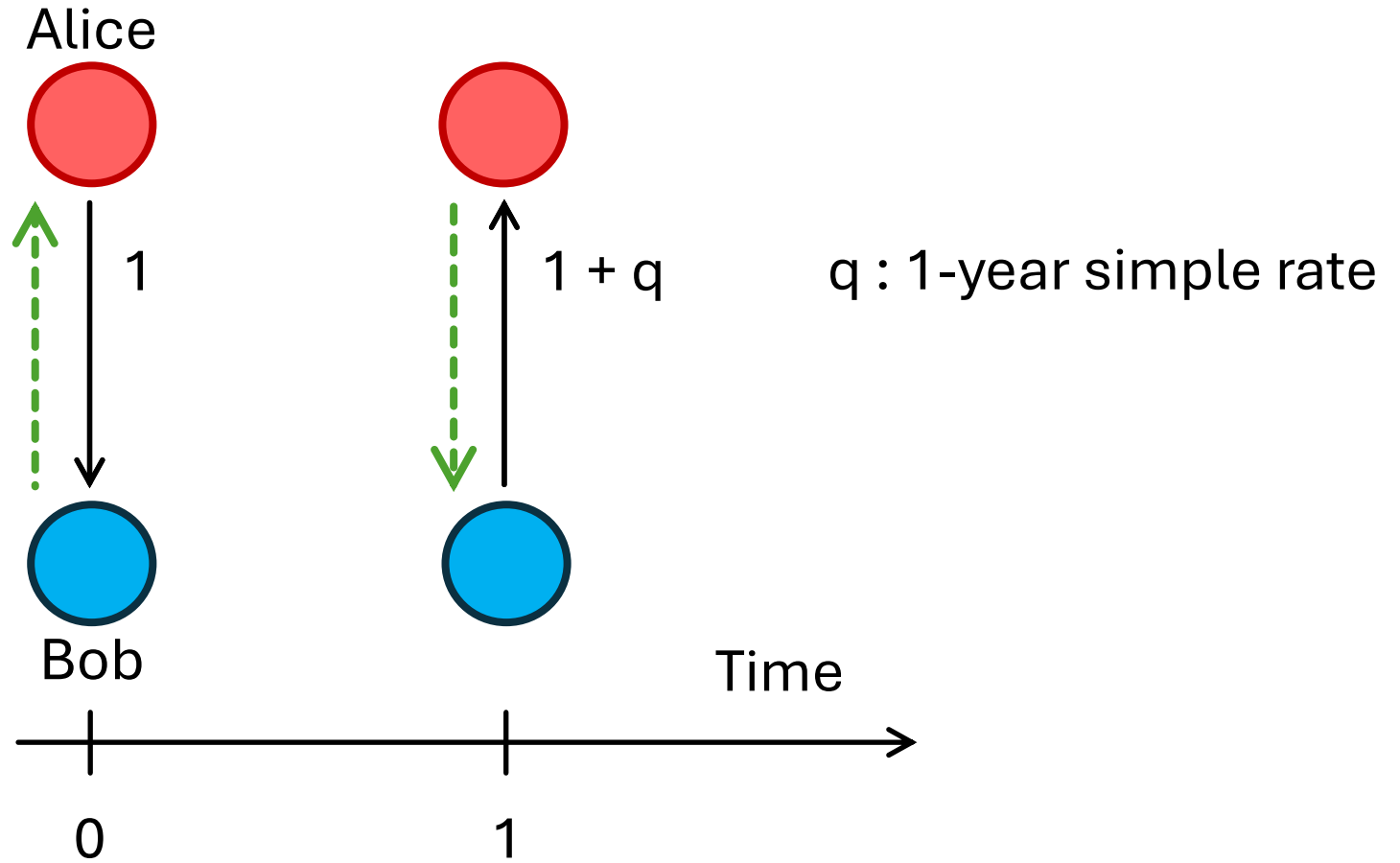
# Introduction

## Asset

something that has value

Payments

Usually at both payments an asset is transferred in the opposite direction



## Portfolio

A linear combination of assets

For example, 1 unit of MSFT and 1 unit of AAPL

Normalization to sum of weights = 1 gives :  $0.5 \text{ MSFT} + 0.5 \text{ AAPL}$

# Introduction

**Risk**  
( for a single asset )



Any contract contains numbers that will be known only in the future

Risk quantifies the uncertainty of a **future** value, for example, the future price of an asset

We don't know the future, but we can **forecast**

A simple forecast for the uncertainty of an asset's future price is the same asset's **past volatility**



## Why forecast the return ?

$q$  can be used for discounting

discounting can be applied to – for example – bond pricing

# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

$N$  risky assets :

**Variable** weights  $w_i$

**Fixed** yearly returns  $r_i$

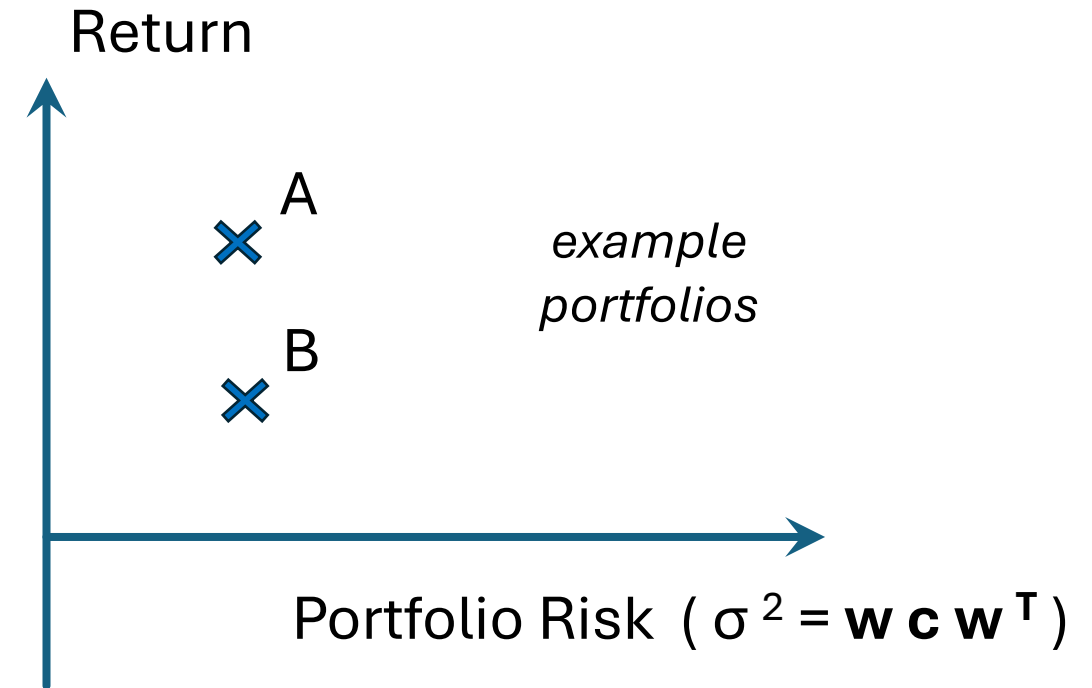
and covariance  $c_{ij}$

**w** row  
vectors  
**r**  
**c** matrix

What is the max  $q$  ?

(  $q$  does have a max, for example,  $q \leq \max r_i$  )

Equivalently : What is the min  $\sigma^2$  ?



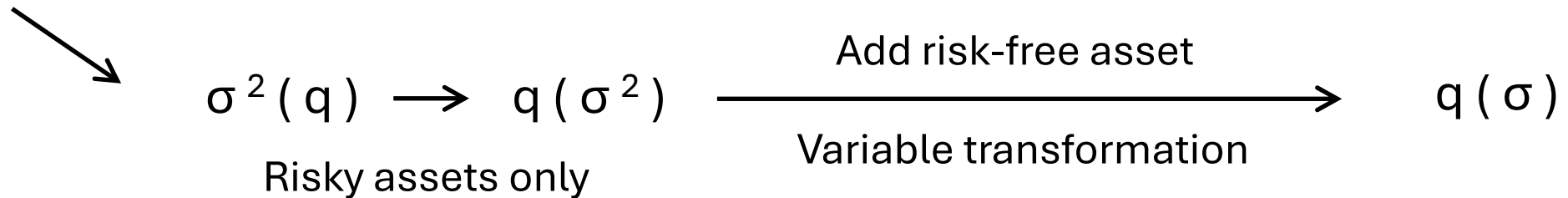
# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

What is the  $\min \sigma^2$  ?

Fixed: covariance matrix and return. Variable: weight vector.

Find  $\min \sigma^2$  with 2 constraints : sum of weights is 1 , portfolio return is  $q$ .

Lagrange method



## What is the $\min \sigma^2$ ?

Following the description of the task and the Lagrange method, let's apply two new scalar variables,  $-\lambda_1$  and  $-\lambda_q$ , and minimize the Lagrange function  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \lambda_1, \lambda_q) = \mathbf{w} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{w}^T - \lambda_1 (\mathbf{w} \mathbf{1}^T - 1) - \lambda_q (\mathbf{w} \mathbf{r}^T - q)$ .

The necessary  $\mathbf{0} = \nabla \mathcal{L}$  condition for a  $(\mathbf{w}, \lambda_1, \lambda_q)$  vector to be the location of a local minimum has three parts :

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{0} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{c} \mathbf{w}^T - \lambda_1 \mathbf{1}^T - \lambda_q \mathbf{r}^T$$

$$(2) \quad 0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda_1} = 1 - \mathbf{w} \mathbf{1}^T$$

$$(3) \quad 0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda_q} = q - \mathbf{w} \mathbf{r}^T$$

# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

What is the min  $\sigma^2$  ? Equivalently : max  $q$  ?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{c}^{-1} \mathbf{1}^T & \mathbf{r} \mathbf{c}^{-1} \mathbf{1}^T \\ \mathbf{r} \mathbf{c}^{-1} \mathbf{1}^T & \mathbf{r} \mathbf{c}^{-1} \mathbf{r}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{K^2} = \frac{1}{A_{22} - (A_{12})^2 / A_{11}}, \quad q_0 = \frac{A_{12}}{A_{11}}, \quad \sigma_0^2 = \frac{1}{A_{11}}$$

$$\sigma^2(q) = \frac{1}{K^2} (q - q_0)^2 + \sigma_0^2$$

$$q(\sigma^2) = q_0 + K \sqrt{\sigma^2 - \sigma_0^2}$$

Efficient Frontier (EF) of the risky assets only

Numerical issues

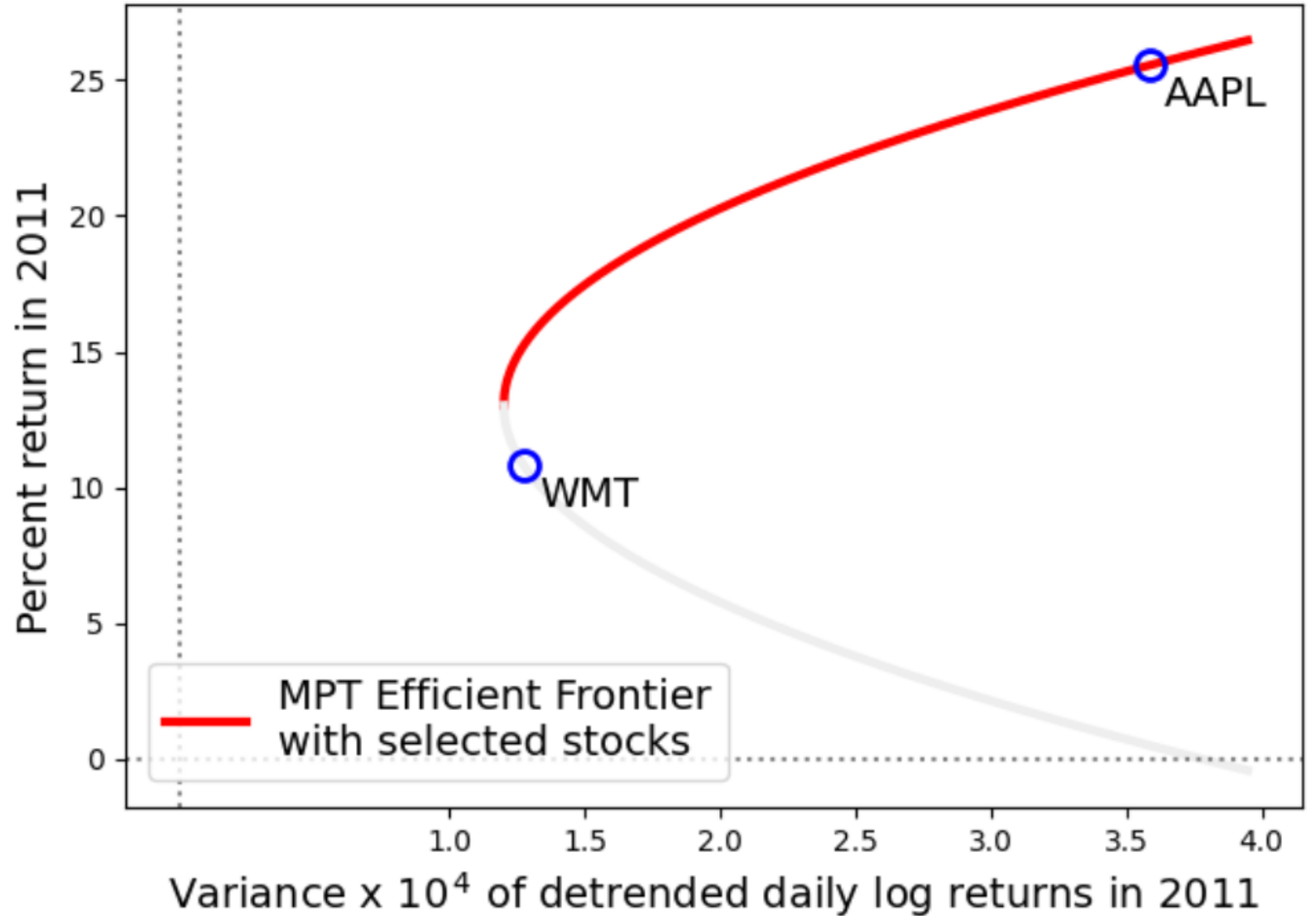
$\mathbf{c}^{-1}$

$\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

Example :

Efficient Frontier  
of 2 risky assets



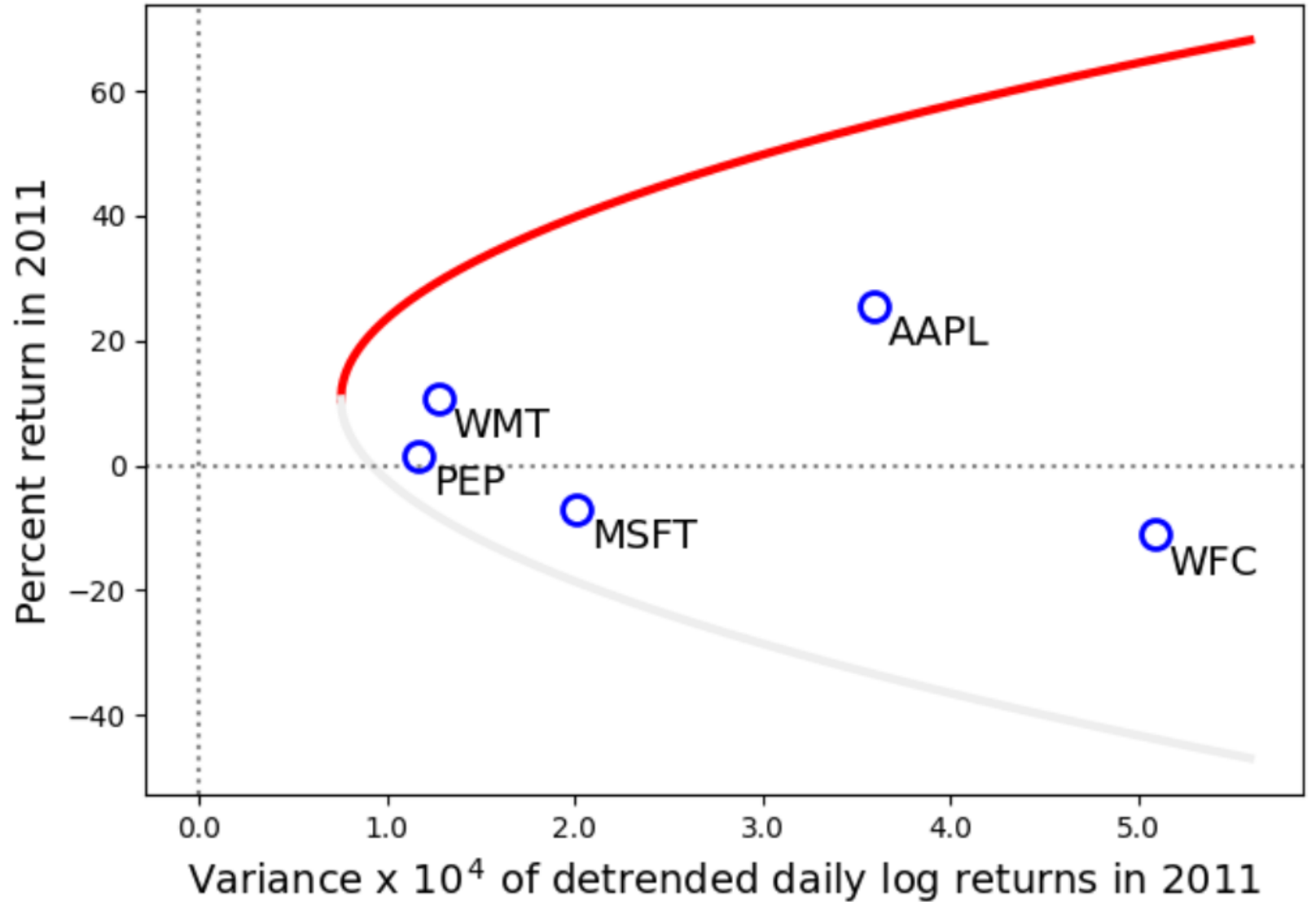
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# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

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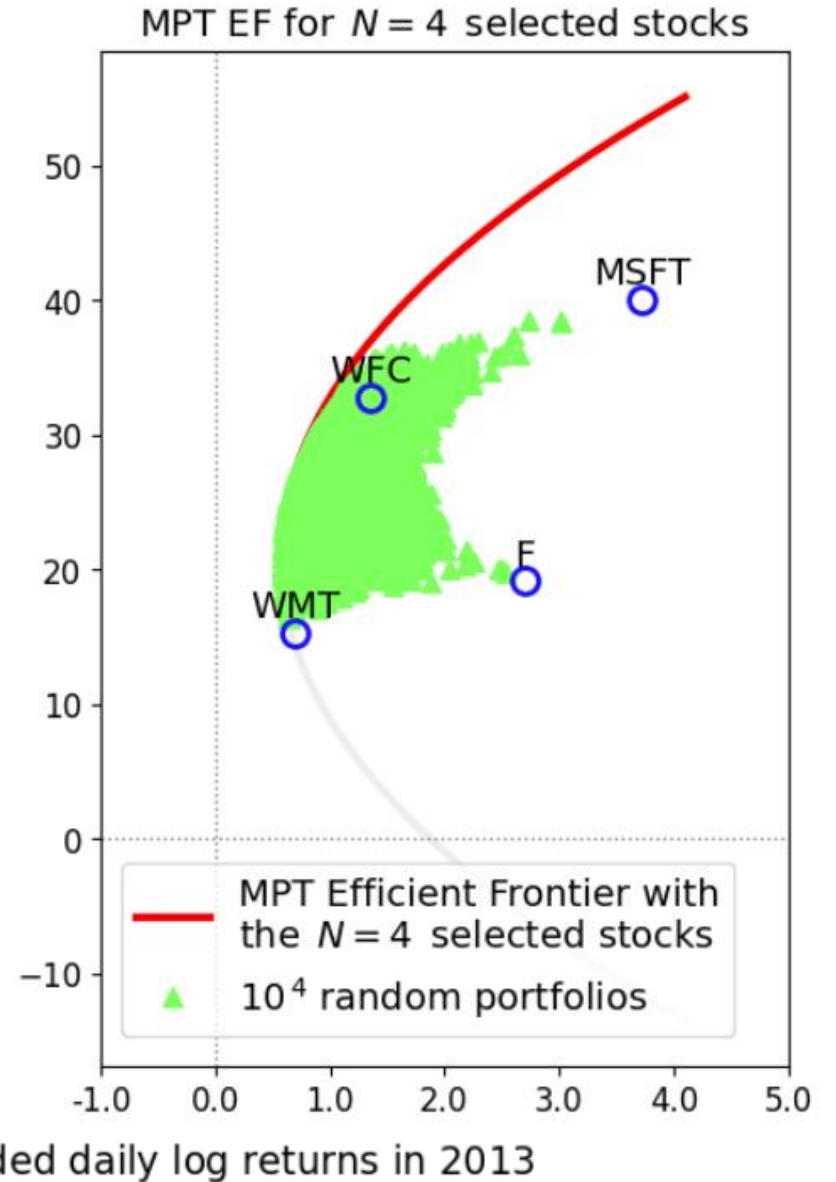
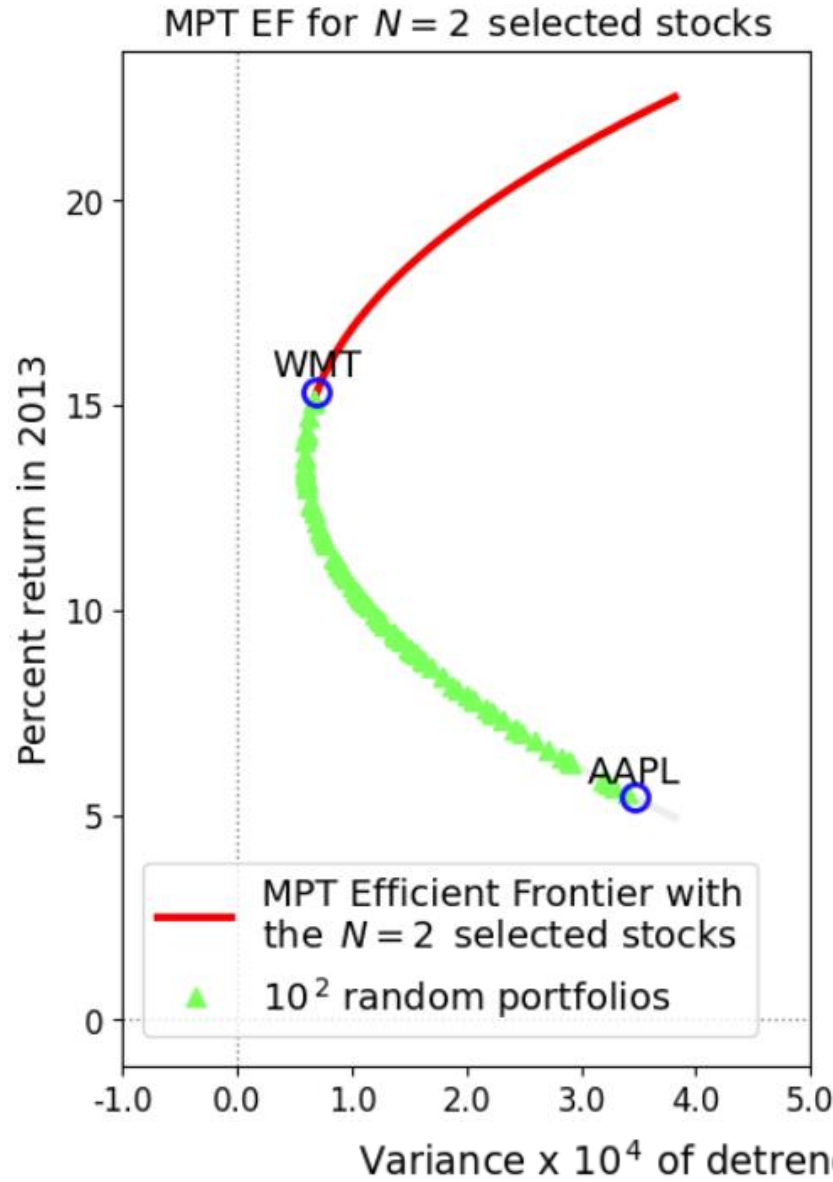
Efficient Frontier  
of 5 risky assets



# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

Example :

Random portfolios of risky assets





## Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

Variable change :  $\sigma^2 \rightarrow \sigma$

$$q(\sigma) = q_0 + K \sqrt{\sigma^2 - \sigma_0^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma^2 \geq \sigma_0^2$$



$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2} - \frac{(q - q_0)^2}{K^2 \sigma_0^2} = 1$$

Recall that in the MPT only the  $(\sigma > \sigma_0, q > q_0)$  quadrant of the hyperbola is used.

From the above standard equation form note that the **center of the hyperbola** is at  $(\sigma = 0, q = q_0)$ .

Take the  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  limit (meaning also  $q \rightarrow \infty$ ) to see that the **asymptote** of the hyperbola is  $q = q_0 + K\sigma$ .

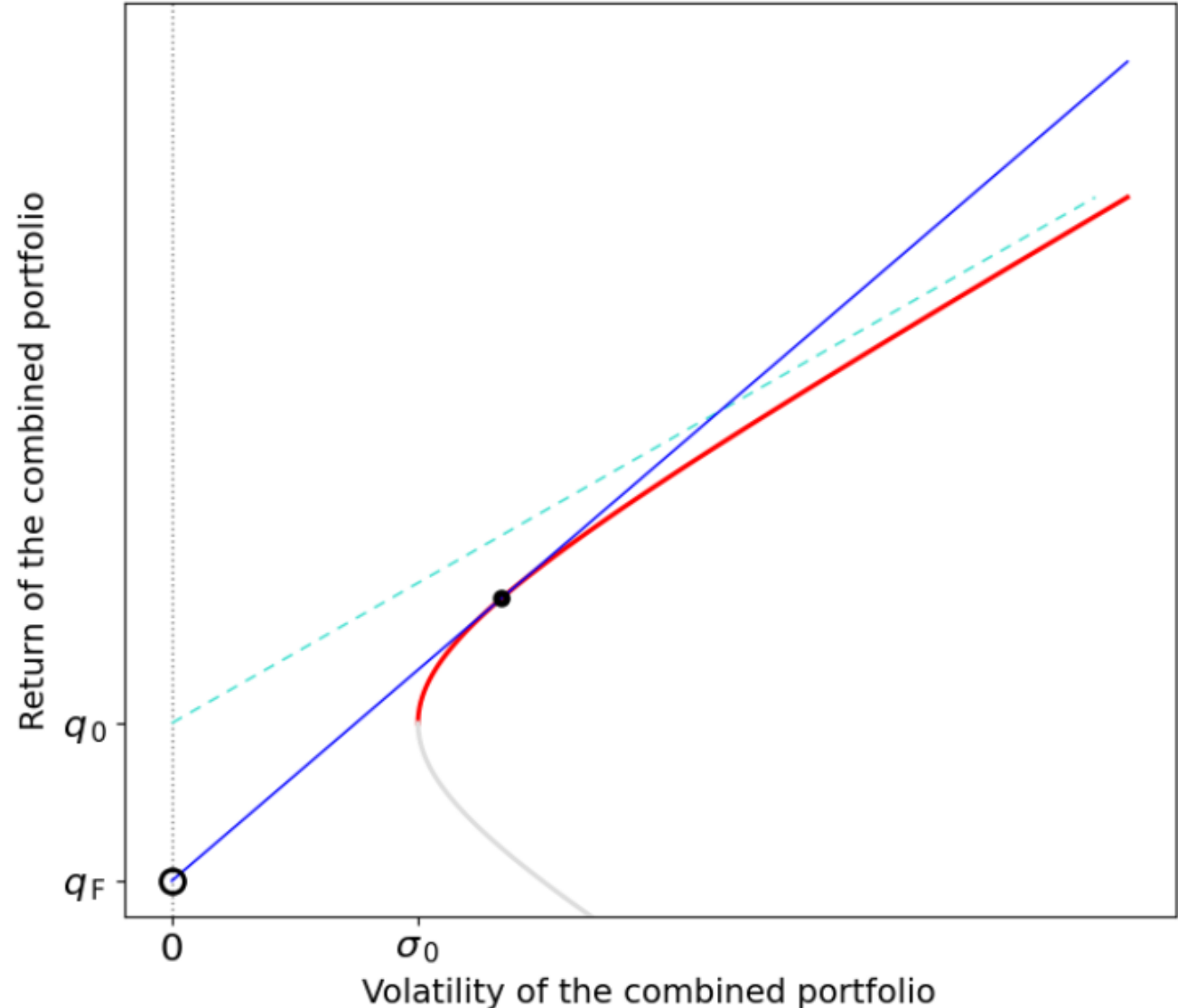
# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

Efficient Frontier (EF)  
of  $N$  risky assets  
plus 1 risk-free asset :

Line containing the Risk-Free  
point and tangent to the Risky EF

- Efficient Frontier (EF) of the risky assets
- EF of the combined (risky + risk-free) portfolios
- - - Asymptote ( $q = q_0 + K\sigma$ ) of the EF of risky assets
- Risk-Free asset
- Tangency point (T)

Illustration of the Efficient Frontier of the combined portfolio  
of risky assets and the risk-free asset



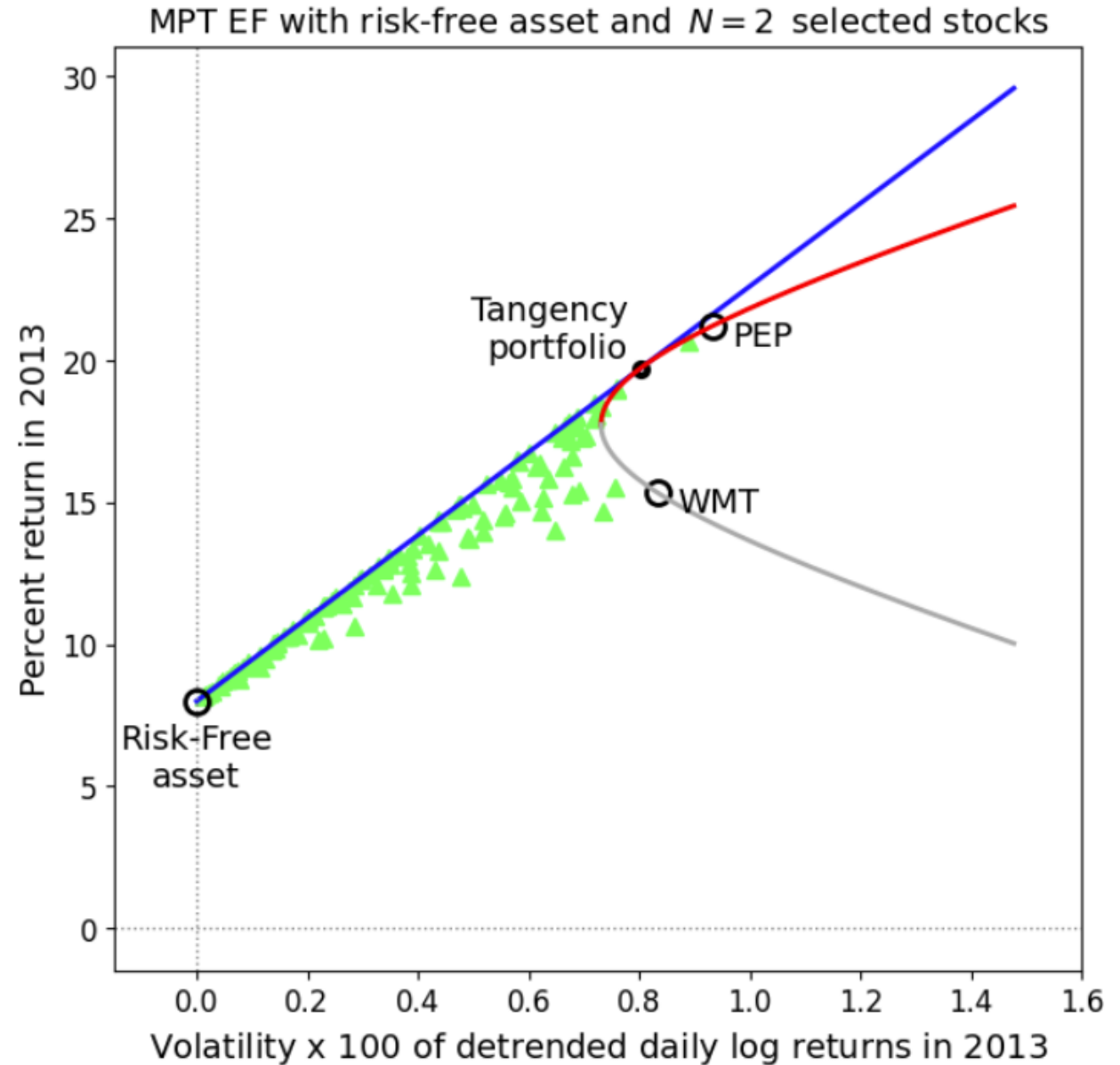
# Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

Example:

risk-free asset + 2 risky assets

Efficient Frontier

Random portfolios



# Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

MPT	$\sigma$	full risk
CAPM	$\beta$	non-diversifiable risk

# Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

## ***What does the MPT do ?***

Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT) uses the Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH) to calculate

- (i) the Efficient Frontier (EF) of portfolios containing only risky assets
- (ii) and the Capital Market Line (CML), which is the EF of the combined (risk-free + risky) portfolios.

The EF of risky assets and the CML are tangent at the tangency point .

The coordinates of the tangency point are the volatility and return of the tangency portfolio .

The tangency portfolio has no risk-free asset. It has relative risky asset weights equal to those of the market portfolio.

The Capital Market Line (CML) compares return with the full risk , which is quantified as the volatility.

## ***What does the CAPM do ?***

The Capital Asset Pricing Model was developed in the 1960s by Jack Treynor and others based on the MPT.

The CAPM compares a risky portfolio's return with the amount of its non-diversifiable risk (also called: systematic risk).

## *Notes*

1. This non-diversifiable risk will be quantified as the  $\beta$  value defined below.
2. Diversifiable risk is also called specific risk, or unsystematic risk, or idiosyncratic risk.

# Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

## $\beta$ of a portfolio P

(P can be a single asset)

## Equivalent definitions

(M is the market portfolio)

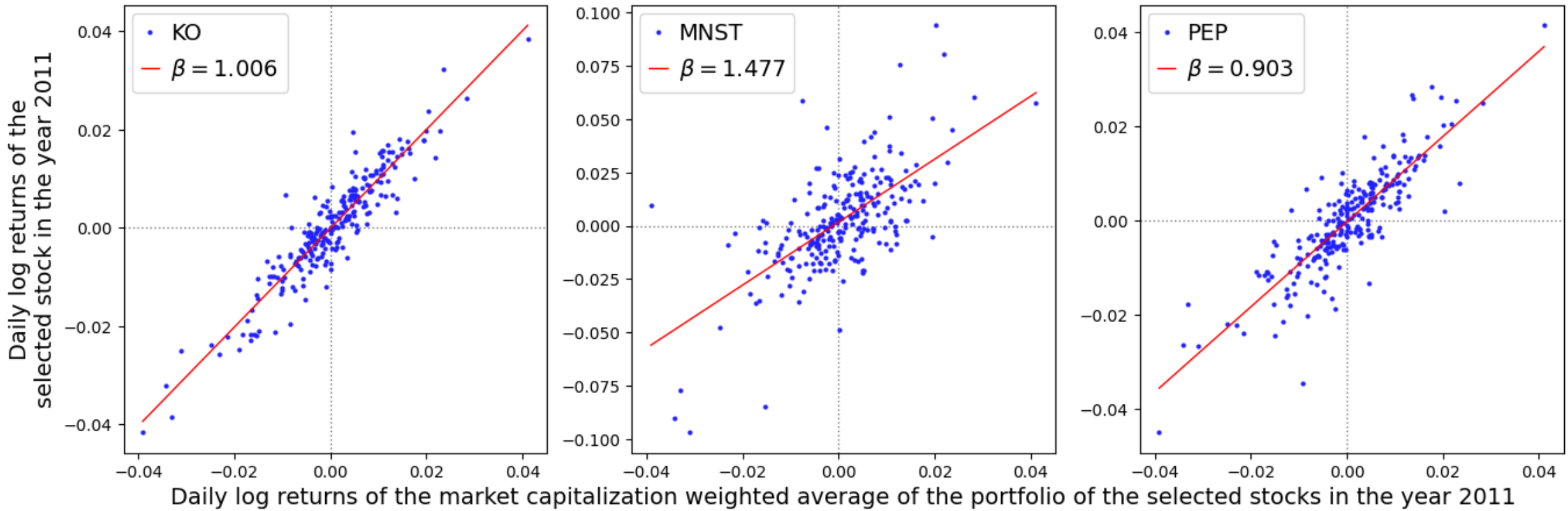
$$\beta_P = \frac{Cov(P, M)}{Var(M)}$$

$\beta_P$  is the slope of the linear fit to the scatter plot displaying P (vertical coordinate) vs M (horizontal)

$\beta_P$  is the non-diversifiable (also called: systematic) risk of the portfolio P

# Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

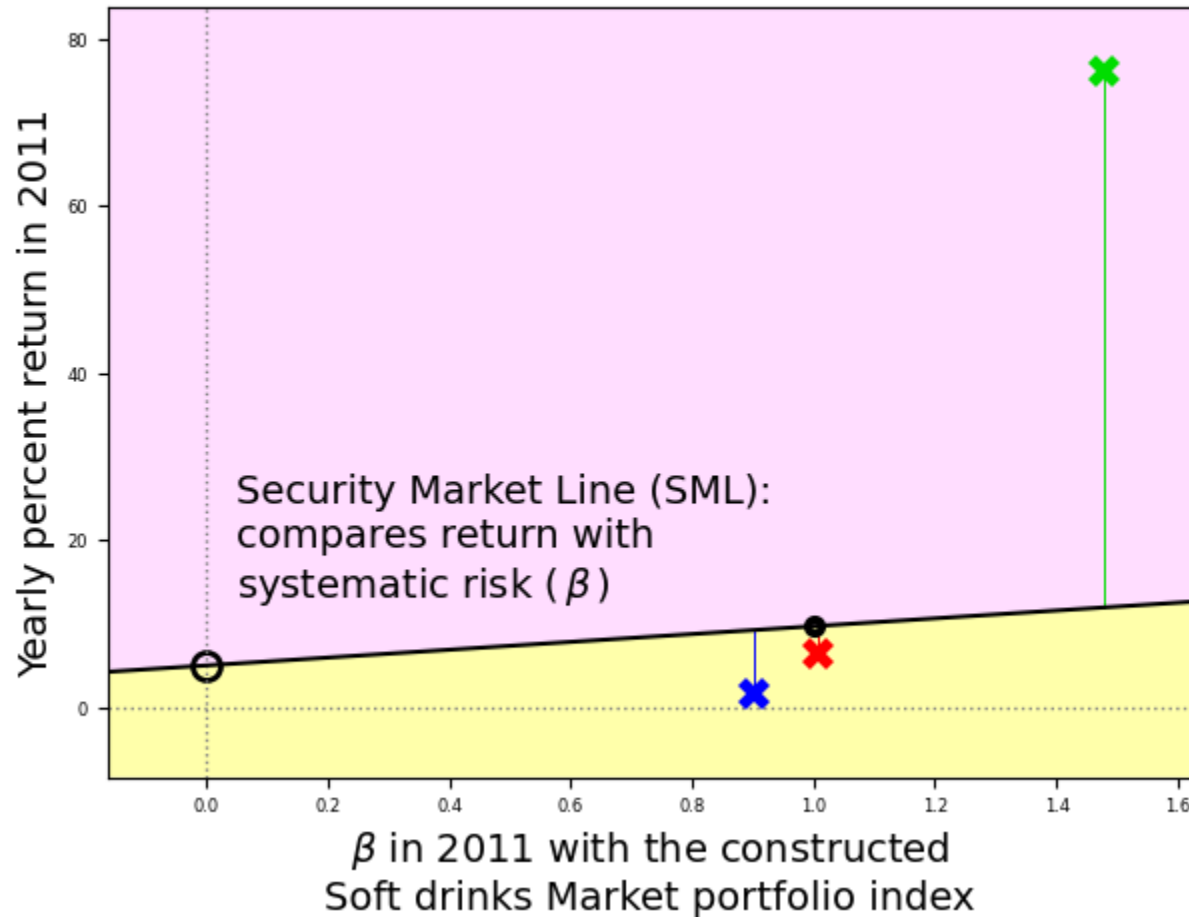
Example: Market is 3 stocks  
Pepsi, Coke, Monster Beverages



# Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

## Example: Market is 3 stocks

Comparing three stocks to the market capitalization weighted market portfolio index created from them



- Soft drinks Market portfolio index (M) constructed from the soft drink stocks and their market caps
- Risk-Free asset
- Security Market Line (SML): the CAPM pricing of a portfolio that has the given  $\beta$
- Overvalued assets compared to the index
- Undervalued assets compared to the index
- ✖ KO (Coca Cola)
- Jensen's  $\alpha = -3.34$
- ✖ MNST (Monster Beverages)
- Jensen's  $\alpha = 64.31$
- ✖ PEP (Pepsi)
- Jensen's  $\alpha = -7.68$



Thank you

Questions