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HETEROGENEOUS AGENTS, THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND EXCHANGE RATE

PREDICTABILITY*

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Highlights:

- we build an empirical heterogeneous agent model for 6 currencies
- individual agent forecasts are constructed from DMA framework
- \bullet our daily out-of-sample R2 relative to RW can be as high as 1.41% and highly

significant

• our model forecasts yield annualized Sharpe ratios of up to 1.1 and performance fees above 400 basis points

• our predictability results break down after February 2009, are strongest after Lehman Brothers collapse

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