

Bank Lending Margins and The Exchange Rate Uncertainty Channel

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2 How do US Banks respond to this ER Uncertainty?

- **Identification:** Heterogenous Exposure (Loans/Assets)
- Effect on US bank balance sheets (Q) and lending margins (P)
- Large US banks tighten their credit standards, \uparrow loan margin

Propose “The ER-Uncertainty Channel” for Bank Margins

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Overview

Empirical Evaluation

1 Qualitative Evidence

- DealScan: What happens in the SLM?
- SLOOS: What is the opinion of Senior Officers' at US Banks?

2 Quantitative Estimation

- Call Reports: Effect on Bank Margins, Balance Sheet
- Identification using heterogenous exposure
- USD as a 'Global Risk Indicator'

Model

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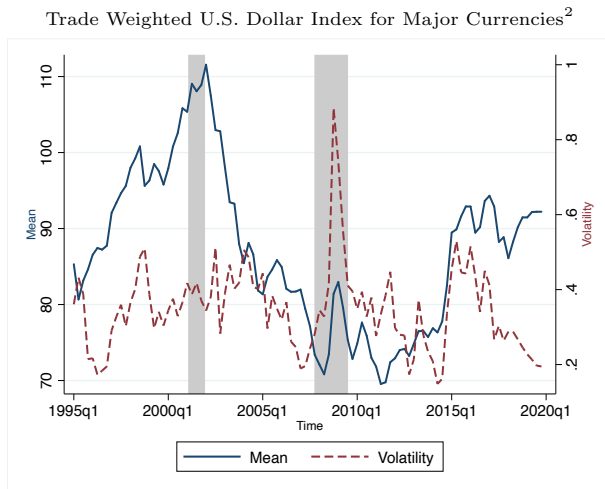
- Currency Mismatch
- Uncertainty leads to 'Retrenchment'

2 US Bank's Problem

- 'Pipeline Risk' reduces Loan Issuances, increases Margins
- Consistent with market power

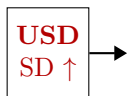
Exchange Rate Uncertainty

Standard Deviation of daily returns within each Quarter



²Includes Euro, Canada, Japan, UK, Switzerland, Australia, Sweden

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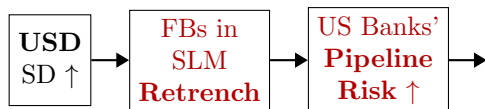


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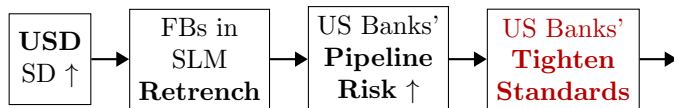
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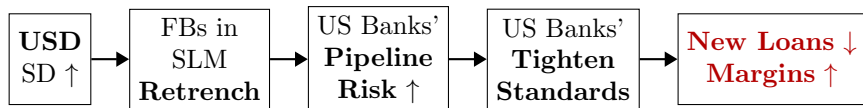
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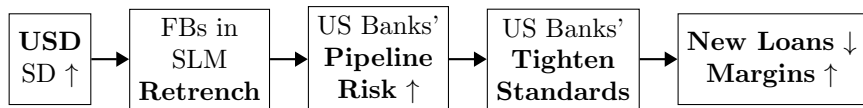
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Empirics: Part 1

Qualitative Evidence: DealScan and SLOOS

DealScan

WRDS Thomson Reuters Loan Pricing Corporation DealScan Database

- Comprehensive historical information on loan pricing and contracts' details in the Syndicated Loans Market
- Quarterly data from 1990-2018 on Syndicated Loans⁴
- Provides a good average of the US Loans Market
- Gather suggestive evidence for a mechanism that may affect US Banking: 4 main insights
- Limits to the analysis: cannot get detailed borrower and bank characteristics

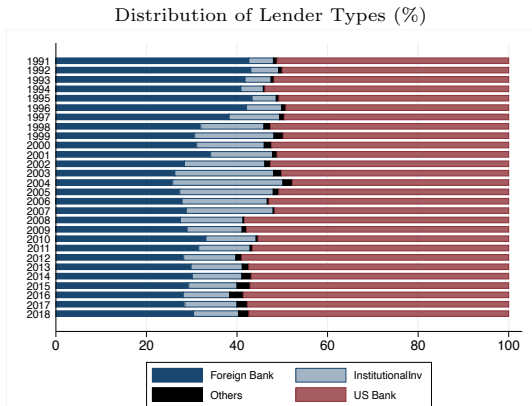
⁴including Sole Lender loans

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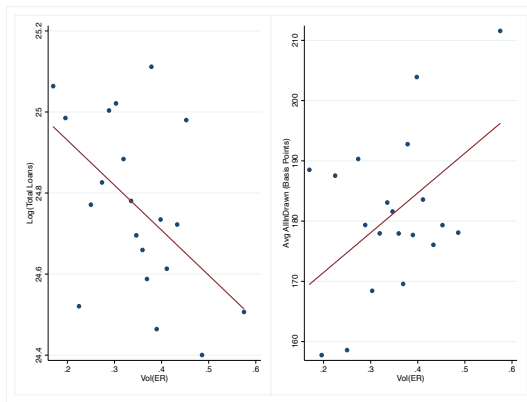


FBs are exposed to changes in the level (or volatility) of the ‘foreign value of USD’ through their stake in the syndicates.

2: ER Uncertainty v/s Loan Volumes and Spreads

Aggregate Correlations

Quantity and Price effect of Higher ER Uncertainty



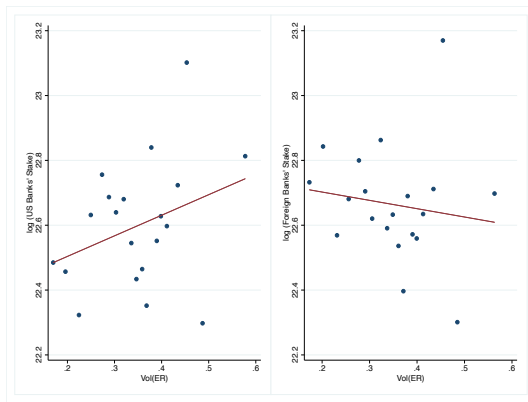
Higher ER uncertainty associated with lower log level of total loans in SLM, Higher AllInDrawn spreads

- Controlling for USD appreciation, absorb loan type

3: Change in Lender Stake

Lender Stake = Loan Amount * Bank Allocation

US v/s Foreign Banks' Stake during high ER uncertainty



US Banks face 'Pipeline Risk', FBs 'Retrench'

- Controlling for USD appreciation, absorb loan type

4: Effect on AllInSpread by Lead Arrangers' Exposure

$$\text{AllInDrawn}_{it} = FE + \beta (E_{ibt} \times \text{Vol}(ER)_t) + \gamma (E_{ibt} \times \Delta_1(ER)_t) + E_{ibt} + \epsilon_{it},$$

$$E_{bt} = \log(\text{Lender Stake}_{ibt}), b \in \{\text{Lead US Bank, Lead Foreign Bank}\}$$

Effect of ER Uncertainty on AllInDrawn

Lender_Type	Lead_USBank	Lead_ForBank
$\text{Expo}_t \times \text{Vol}(ER)_t$	24.42***	36.60**
Interpretation	52bps*** (7.510)	79bps** (15.23)
$\text{Expo}_t \times \Delta(ER)_t$	-0.495* (0.285)	-0.0921 (0.597)
Expo	-48.43*** (2.675)	-43.63*** (5.553)
Observations	16128	3407
Adjusted R^2	0.361	0.334

Source: DealScan (1990Q1-2018Q4)

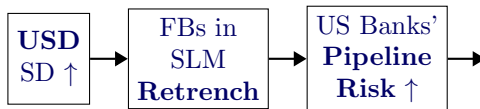
Robust SE in parentheses: * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

A one sd \uparrow in ER volatility is associated with a 52-79 basis points \uparrow in the AllInDrawn spreads for an average level of lender stake among US Lead Banks, and Foreign Lead Banks respectively.

DealScan Evidence

For US Syndicated Loans Market

- 1 Foreign Banks are significantly exposed to USD fluctuations.
- 2 Higher ER volatility leads to lower volume of loans transacted.
- 3 Foreign Banks 'Retrench', US Banks face greater 'Pipeline Risk'.
- 4 All lead bank charge higher spreads + fees in times with greater volatility in the foreign value of USD.



SLOOS

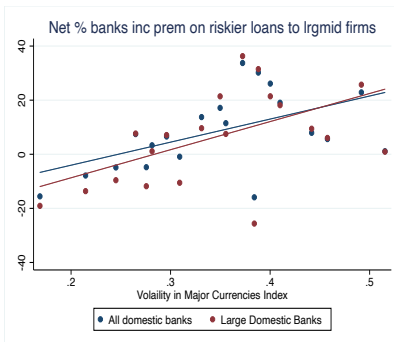
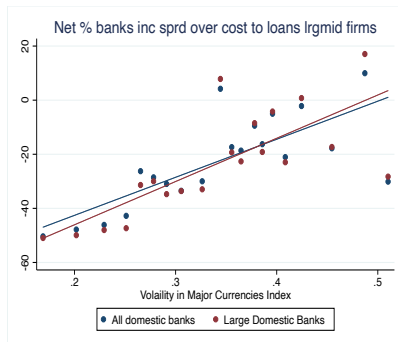
Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey (SLOOS) Data

- Time Series data on Bank Lending Practices from 1992Q1-2018Q4 for US Banks.
- Panel of 80 banks with substantial assets and CI Loans⁵, Conducted 4-6 times in a year.
- Questions on changes in demand and supply of loans, including credit standards and reasons for changes.
- Without imposing undue reporting burden.
- **3 relevant questions:** suggestive evidence for
 - 1 Tightening of credit standards
 - 2 Increase in Spreads over cost of loans
 - 3 Increase in Premium charged for Riskier Loansin times with higher ER uncertainty.

⁵ assets ($> \$2\text{bn}$) and CI Loans/Assets $\geq 5\%$

Tighter credit standards

Higher Spreads, Higher Premium on Risky Loans



1 sd \uparrow in ER Volatility is associated with

- 1 Quarterly \uparrow Tighter credit standards for CI loans by 2 pp
- 2 \uparrow Higher spread over cost of loans by 3-5 pp⁶
- 3 \uparrow Higher premium on riskier loans by 3-4.5 pp

⁶Controlling for level changes, ruling out recessions

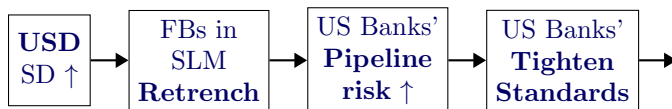
3: Higher Premium on Riskier Loans

	Large Banks				All Domestic Banks			
$Vol(ER)_t$	41.97** (19.34)	44.00** (21.01)	48.15* (25.28)	45.31* (23.40)	27.16** (13.12)	26.86* (14.52)	29.97* (16.60)	28.00* (16.00)
$\Delta_1(ER)_t$	0.0345 (0.749)	-0.0356 (0.821)	-0.00419 (0.853)	-0.200 (0.833)	0.0820 (0.573)	0.0207 (0.583)	0.0383 (0.602)	-0.0540 (0.583)
X_{t-1}	0.611*** (0.108)	0.592*** (0.127)	0.593*** (0.129)	0.635*** (0.131)	0.619*** (0.147)	0.650*** (0.151)	0.647*** (0.153)	0.686*** (0.146)
$\Delta_1 l(VIX)_t$		-7.526 (8.361)	-7.530 (8.468)	-8.949 (9.028)		-6.271 (5.601)	-6.306 (5.559)	-7.310 (5.120)
$\Delta_1 EBP_t$		3.357 (11.57)	4.196 (11.69)	10.32 (12.75)		6.886 (7.144)	7.418 (7.029)	11.03 (7.795)
$\Delta_1 FFR_t$			-2.707 (7.048)	-7.096 (7.837)			-1.929 (3.961)	-4.327 (4.209)
$\Delta_1 TS_t$				-12.51* (6.976)				-7.075 (4.227)
$\Delta_1 UO_t$				8.409 (27.86)				5.721 (16.52)
_cons	-17.37*** (5.809)	-18.24*** (6.431)	-19.19** (7.417)	-18.54** (6.950)	-10.88** (4.103)	-10.68** (4.559)	-11.42** (4.979)	-11.00** (4.856)
N	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Adj. R^2	0.479	0.459	0.445	0.485	0.493	0.493	0.480	0.508

Source: SLOOS (2005Q1 - 2018Q4, excludes gfc), Robust SE in parentheses: * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

SLOOS Evidence

- 1 Higher ER uncertainty correlated with **tightening of credit standards by the US Banks.**
- 2 The effect is stronger and more robust for large banks.
- 3 US Banks increase spreads over cost of loans to large and middle market firms.
- 4 In particular, US Banks do not want to hold riskier loans. They charge a higher premium on riskier loans.



Empirics: Part 2

Quantitative Estimation: Call Reports and VAR

Call Reports

- Assets > \$10 bn (Unbalanced Panel of 40-70 banks) from 1995Q1-2018Q1
- Balance Sheet and Income Statements

Typical Large US Bank Balance Sheet

Assets	Liabilities
Loans (60%) Securities (20%)	Deposits (80%) Equity (10%)
Cash (5%) Interest Earning Assets (90%)	Core Deposits (70%)

- 60% of the assets of all US commercial banks

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- Directly control for other macroeconomic and financial effects using time and bank fixed effects
 - Robust to excluding recessions, alternate exposure definitions.
 - Not driven by overall US economic uncertainty.

1: Price Effects Regression Framework

- Net Interest Income (NII) =
Interest Income on Assets (IIA) - Interest Expense (IE)
- $\Delta_h Y_{i,t} = \frac{Y_{i,t+h} - Y_{i,t-1}}{\text{Interest Earning Assets}_{i,t-1}} * 100, \quad \forall Y \in \{NII, IIA, EA\}$
- Exposure $E_{it-} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{l=1}^4 \frac{\text{Loans}_{i,t-l}}{\text{Interest Earning Asset}_{i,t-l}}$

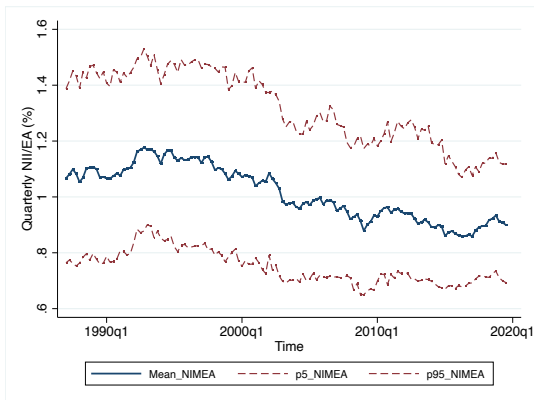
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_h Y_{it} = & \alpha_i + \delta_t + \beta(E_{i,t-} * Vol(ER)_t) + \gamma(E_{i,t-} * \Delta_1 ER_t) \\ & + \theta E_{i,t-} + \sum_{l=0}^3 \psi^l \Delta_0 Y_{i,t-l} + \epsilon_{it}, \quad \forall Y \in \{NII, IIA, EA\} \end{aligned}$$

- Bank and Time Fixed Effects, Control for 4 lagged differences
- Asset Weighted Panel Regressions, Clustered SE by banks

Bank Margins are very Slow Moving

Small but Statistically Significant Changes are also Economically Significant

Net Interest Income to Interest Earning Assets Ratio



1: Effect on Bank Margin

	$\Delta_1 \text{NII}$	$\Delta_2 \text{NII}$	$\Delta_3 \text{NII}$	$\Delta_4 \text{NII}$
$E_{i,t-} \times \text{Vol}(ER)_t$	0.30	1.21***	1.16***	1.40**
Annual (bp) Effect	05	13***	10***	09**
	(0.25)	(0.37)	(0.40)	(0.53)
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta_1 ER_t$	0.02**	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)
$E_{i,t-}$	-0.09	-0.36***	-0.31***	-0.40**
	(0.08)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.20)
#Obs	3294	3252	3216	3172
Time FE	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bank FE	Y	Y	Y	Y

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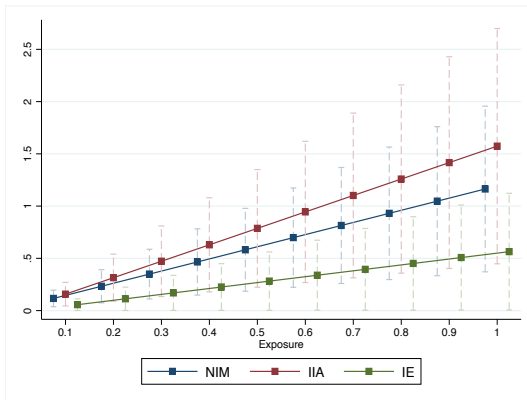
\uparrow ER Uncertainty $\implies \uparrow$ US Bank Lending Margins

- Effect is half of the sd for the dependent variable, $R^2 \approx 0.40$
- Response at $E_{(95)} - E_{(05)} = 5$ bps

1: Price Effect of ER Uncertainty

Interest Income on Assets versus Interest Expenses

Call Reports: Marginal Effect of Vol(ER) on NII, IIA and IE by Exposure



Interest Income \uparrow >> Interest Expense \uparrow

- For Average Exposure US Bank, IIA $\uparrow \approx 14$ bps, IE $\uparrow \approx 4$ bps

2: Quantity Effects Regression Framework

- Effect on growth in Assets, Loans, Securities, Core Deposits, Managed Liabilities, Equity
- $\Delta_h \log Z_{it} = \log(Z_{i,t+h}) - \log(Z_{i,t-1}) \quad \forall Z \in \{A, L, S, CD, E\}$

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2: Quantity Effects

Call Reports: Effect on Loans/ Deposits ratio for US Banks

	$\Delta_1 L/D$	$\Delta_2 L/D$	$\Delta_3 L/D$	$\Delta_4 L/D$	$\Delta_5 L/D$	$\Delta_6 L/D$
$E_{i,t-} \times Vol(ER)_t$	-0.36***	-0.45***	-0.62***	-0.51**	-0.58***	-0.85***
Annual(%) Effect	-5.7***	-4.8**	-4.9***	-3.2**	-3.1***	-3.8***
	(0.123)	(0.163)	(0.202)	(0.212)	(0.209)	(0.206)
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta ER_t$	0.001	-0.005	-0.0	-0.013	-0.010	-0.009
	(0.003)	(0.009)	(0.013)	(0.014)	(0.013)	(0.012)
$E_{i,t-}$	0.027	-0.009	-0.015	-0.081	-0.146	-0.091
	(0.047)	(0.085)	(0.116)	(0.138)	(0.168)	(0.173)
# Obs	2855	2821	2796	2771	2751	2726
Time FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bank FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Clustered SE in parentheses (* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$)

- US Banks try to minimize their exposure to ‘Pipeline Risk’
- Loan/Deposit \downarrow as banks rely more on internal funding sources
- and \downarrow Loan Origination $\implies \uparrow$ **Bank Lending Margins**

2: Quantity Effects: US Bank Balance Sheet shrinks

Call Reports: Effect on Asset Growth for US Banks

	$\Delta_1 A$	$\Delta_2 A$	$\Delta_3 A$	$\Delta_4 A$	$\Delta_5 A$	$\Delta_6 A$
$E_{i,t-} \times Vol(ER)_t$	-0.09**	-0.10	-0.25*	-0.28*	-0.61***	-0.60**
Annual (%) Effect	-1.43**	-1.02	-1.96*	-1.75*	-3.2***	-2.72**
	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.21)	(0.28)
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta ER_t$	0.003	0.002	0.008**	0.008	0.006	0.005
	(0.003)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.006)	(0.009)	(0.013)
$E_{i,t-}$	0.05**	0.06*	0.12**	0.13**	0.28***	0.32***
	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.09)
# Obs	3001	2951	2924	2881	2847	2813
Time FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bank FE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

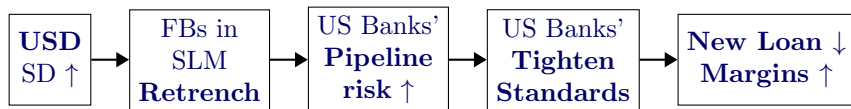
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\uparrow ER Uncertainty $\implies \downarrow$ Asset Growth (\downarrow Loans, \downarrow Securities)

\uparrow ER Uncertainty $\implies \uparrow / \sim$ Core Deposits, \downarrow Equity

Call Reports Evidence

- US Banks with more loans are exposed more to SLM.
- Large US Banks with “market power” reduce risk exposure.
- Banks shrink and rely less on secondary markets.
- Higher bank margins for more exposed banks.
- Effects are significant and persistent.



- Spills over to the entire Banking System.
- Has real economics implications!

USD as Global Risk Indicator

- Perhaps the underlying channel is greater aversion of Foreign Banks to volatility in US financial markets?
- What is so special about ER Uncertainty?
- Allow for volatility and level changes in S&P 500
- Study how uncertainty is inter-twined with financial shocks: the mechanism is distinct from being driven by changes in EBP

ER Uncertainty Channel is distinct as USD is a Global Risk Indicator

Robustness to Stock Market Volatility

Call Reports: NIM (not driven by US Stock Market Volatility)

	$\Delta_1\text{NII}$	$\Delta_2\text{NII}$	$\Delta_3\text{NII}$	$\Delta_4\text{NII}$
$E_{i,t-} \times \text{Vol}(ER)_t$	0.112	1.097***	0.888***	1.560***
Annual (bp) Effect	02	12***	7***	10**
	(0.27)	(0.38)	(0.28)	(0.38)
$E_{i,t-} \times \text{Vol}(SP500)_t$	0.008	0.003	0.008	0.016
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta_1 ER_t$	0.022	-0.007	-0.022*	-0.012
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta_1 SP500_t$	0.001**	0.00	0.00	0.002*
$E_{i,t-}$	-0.230 (0.240)	-0.391*** (0.113)	-0.290* (0.163)	-0.692* (0.357)
Observations	3272	3228	3188	3145
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Bank FE	Y	Y	Y	Y

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- Significant correlation of 0.44 between ER and SP500 volatilities.
- ER effects do not change with domestic stock market volatility
- Similar results for ΔEBP , Also Robust Balance Sheet effects

Exchange Rate Uncertainty and EBP

VAR Impulse Responses



↑ ER Uncertainty \implies ↑ EBP, ↑ Spreads, ↓ *GDP* for 4 quarters

- Higher EBP captures shift in risk attitude and willingness to intermediate credit ⁷

⁷ Consistent with “The macroeconomic impact of financial and uncertainty shocks”, Caldara, Albero, Gilchrist and Zakrajsek

Model

Simple 3 period Model of Foreign and US Banks

Model

- Static Model, with 3 subperiods:

$t = 0$ (Origination), $t = 1$ (Secondary Market), $t = 2$ (Liquidation)

- Large US Bank (with Market Power)
 - Issue new loans (N_0) at a commission c
 - Off-loads Q_1 of them in secondary market (holding cost otherwise)
 - Maximizes profits, distributed as dividends in the end

US Bank Balance Sheet

Assets	Liabilities
Loans (L_0)	Deposits and Debt (B_0)
Securities (S_0)=0(wlog)	Equity (E_0)
Assets (A_0)	Liabilities (A_0)

- Foreign Banks $\in [0, 1]$ optimize allocation of funds F in SLM

Banks' Problem

US Bank's Problem

$$\pi^U(L_0, B_0) = \max_{N_0 \geq 0} \left\{ \underbrace{(c - P_0(N_0))N_0}_{\text{New Loans Issuance}} + \max_{0 \leq Q_1 \leq N_0} \left[\underbrace{(N_0 - Q_1)1}_{\text{Retained Loans}} - \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \underbrace{r(B_0 + N_0 - Q_1)}_{\text{funding cost}} - \underbrace{\Phi(L_0 + N_0 - Q_1)}_{\text{Holding Cost}} + \underbrace{P_1 Q_1}_{\text{Offloading in SLM}} \right] \right\} \quad (1)$$

Banks' Problem

US Bank's Problem

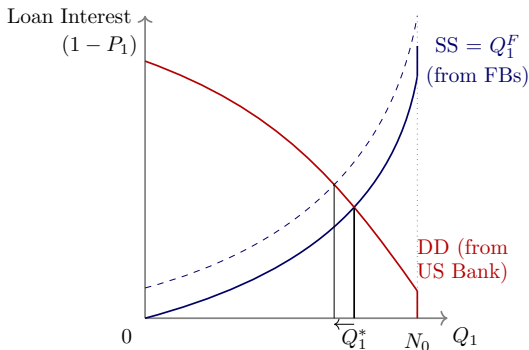
$$\pi^U(L_0, B_0) = \max_{N_0 \geq 0} \left\{ \underbrace{(c - P_0(N_0))N_0}_{\text{New Loans Issuance}} + \max_{0 \leq Q_1 \leq N_0} \left[\underbrace{(N_0 - Q_1)1}_{\text{Retained Loans}} - \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \underbrace{r(B_0 + N_0 - Q_1)}_{\text{funding cost}} - \underbrace{\Phi(L_0 + N_0 - Q_1)}_{\text{Holding Cost}} + \underbrace{P_1 Q_1}_{\text{Offloading in SLM}} \right] \right\} \quad (1)$$

Foreign Banks' Problem ($f \in [0, 1]$)

$$\Pi^f(F, \Lambda^f) = \max_{0 \leq Q_1^f \leq F} \mathbb{E}_E \left[\underbrace{\pi^f(r_E, Q_1^f)}_{\text{SLM Return}} - \underbrace{\Lambda^f \max\{0, r^* F - \pi^f(r_E, Q_1^f)\}}_{\text{Penalty for negative profits}} \right] \\ \pi^f(r_E, Q_1^f) = (r_E + 1 - P_1)Q_1^f + r^*(F - Q_1^f) \quad (2)$$

Secondary Market Equilibrium

Demand and Supply of Loanable Funds in SLM



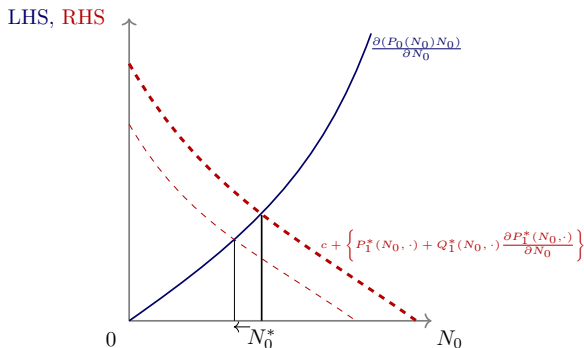
Proposition 1 and 2

$$\forall \Lambda^f \geq 0, \uparrow \bar{r}_E \implies \uparrow Q_1^f \forall f \implies \uparrow Q_1^F \quad (3)$$

$$\text{If } \Lambda^f > 0, \uparrow \sigma(r_E), \text{ given } \bar{r}_E \implies \downarrow Q_1^f \forall f \implies \downarrow Q_1^F \quad (4)$$

Equilibrium New Loans Origination

LHS and RHS for FOC w.r.t N_0 in period 0



Proposition 3

$$\uparrow \sigma(r_E) \implies \downarrow RHS \implies \downarrow N_0^* \implies \downarrow P_0(N_0^*) \implies \uparrow (1 - P_0(N_0^*)) \quad (5)$$

\uparrow ER Uncertainty $\implies \downarrow$ Loans, \uparrow US Bank Lending Margins

Novel and Distinct Channel

- 1 Foreign Banks retrenchment is driven by increased global risk indicated by greater volatility in foreign value of USD
- 2 Not driven by increased domestic volatility in the US financial markets
 - Shows that indeed “USD is a barometer of risk taking capacity in global capital markets”
- 3 Not driven merely by the appreciation of USD
 - Second moments changes matter
- 4 USD volatility affects US Economy
 - Seems counterintuitive at first, but it is true!

Contribution to the Literature

1 Exchange Rates & Syndicated Loan Market Channel

- Neipman and Eisenholer (2019)
- Irani et al. (2018), Lee et al. (2015), Lee et al. (2017), Bruche et al. (2017)

2 Bank Margin Channels

- Deposit Channel: Dreschler, Savov and Schnabl

3 First Order Effects of Second Moments

- VAR: Caldara, Albero Gilchrist, Zakrajšek (2016, EER)
- Ludvigson, Ma, Ng (2015 AER, 2020 AEJ)

4 Funding Constraints

- Regulatory Capital: Skander J. van Den Heuvel (2002)
- Borrowing: Schneider (2001), Gilchrist et al (2017, AER)
- Maturity Mismatch

Appendix

Robustness to Change in EBP

Call Reports: NIM (not driven by US Corporate Risk Aversion)

	$\Delta_1\text{NII}$	$\Delta_2\text{NII}$	$\Delta_3\text{NII}$	$\Delta_4\text{NII}$
$E_{i,t-} \times \text{Vol}(ER)_t$	0.32	1.24***	1.19***	1.43**
Annual (bp) Effect	05	13***	9.4***	9.1**
	(0.23)	(0.38)	(0.42)	(0.55)
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta_1 ER_t$	0.033**	0.0006	-0.007	0.005
	(0.014)	(0.019)	(0.027)	(0.018)
$E_{i,t-} \times \Delta EBP_t$	-0.211**	-0.158*	-0.125	-0.244
	(0.086)	(0.084)	(0.125)	(0.160)
$E_{i,t-}$	-0.10	-0.37***	-0.31***	-0.42**
	(0.084)	(0.105)	(0.118)	(0.206)
# Obs	3294	3252	3216	3172
Time FE	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bank FE	Y	Y	Y	Y

Clustered SE in parentheses (* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$)

- Significant correlation of 0.12 between Vol(ER) and Δ EBP.
- ER effects do not change with changes in investor risk sentiments
- Also Robust Balance Sheet effects

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