The Effects of Financial Heterogeneity on the Bank Balance Sheet Channel of Monetary Policy in a Monetary Union

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Research Question

- We observe huge heterogeneities in banks’ net interest income and leverage ratio in Eurozone countries
  - This is at odds with the assumption of homogeneous financial friction
- When regional heterogeneity of the financial friction is taken into account, what are the implications of the union-wide monetary policy?
  - Does different degree of the financial friction imply different effectiveness of monetary policy?
- Does using a model imply different degree of financial friction compared to the case only micro data is used without a model?
  - In models, we can track behaviors of all the agents and macroeconomic interactions
Source: ECB Securities Issues Statistics (SEC), ECB, and Eurostat Quarterly Sector Accounts (QSA), and MFI Interest Rate Statistics (MIR Statistics)
Note: Bank Spreads (Net interest income) is calculated from average loan rates minus average deposit rates (%). Leverage is calculated from market value loans supplied by banks divided by market value bank equities.
1. New-Keynesian with financial acceleration: Gertler and Karadi (2011)
   - Monetary policy bank lending channel

2. Two country, monetary union, complete market model: Groll and Monacelli (forthcoming)
   - Single union with two regions, single monetary policy

3. Compare the estimates of the degrees of the financial friction
   - Panel Regression
     - We observe data on each EU country
New Results

- With an union model with bank-lending channel, we studied how different degree of the financial friction affects the responses to monetary policy.
- The region with tighter friction has smaller responses to monetary policy.
- With data on EU countries, we estimate the degree of the financial friction with panel regression.
- Core countries have much looser financial constraint and the peripheral countries have very tight financial constraint.
- Asset purchase policies, particularly region-specific asset purchases, can complement the bank balance sheet channel’s unequal outcomes inside a region.
Related Literature

■ Empirical Literature
  • Heterogenous effectiveness of credit channels in monetary union
    [Jimenez, Ongena, Peydro, and Saurina (2012), Albertazzi, Nobili, and Signoretti (2016),
     Ciccarelli et al. (2013)]

■ Theoretical Literature
  • Heterogeneity and monetary policy in monetary union
    [Gilchrist, Schoenle, Sim, and Zakrajsek (2018)]

■ Model Framework
  • Monetary union models
    [Benigno (2004), Groll and Monacelli (2020)]

  • Financial frictions in the banking sector
    [Gertler and Karadi (2011), Galain and Ilbas (2017)]
Model Environment

- Two countries (regions: peripheral and core), single central bank
  - Two types of tradable goods: Home-produced goods and Foreign-produced goods
  - Households in the two regions can borrow/lend between them, complete market
- Agents: Household, Bank, Intermediate firm, Capital goods producer, Retail firm, Central Bank
  - **Households**: Deposit to bank, and supply labor to intermediate firm.
  - **Banks**: Supply loans to intermediate firms by raising deposits from household.
  - **Intermediate firms**: They finance themselves from bank loan and produce intermediate goods.
  - **Capital goods producers**: Produce capital under adjustment cost of investment.
  - **Retail firms**: Produce final goods while set prices under infrequent Calvo pricing opportunity.
Bank Optimization and Risk Sharing

- Bank faces incentive constraint $V_t \geq \theta Q_t s_t$ which induces spreads
  
  $$E_t \tilde{\Lambda}_{t,t+1} [(R_{k,t+1} - R_{t+1})] = \theta \frac{\lambda_t}{1 + \lambda_t}$$ (1)

- Consumption of home-produced and foreign-produced goods
  
  $$C_t \equiv \left[ (1 - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} C_{H,t}^\eta + \gamma^{\frac{1}{\eta}} C_{F,t}^\eta \right]^\frac{n}{n-1}$$ (2)
  
  $$\gamma \equiv (1 - n) \alpha$$ (3)

  where $n$ is the relative size of Home, $1 - \alpha$ is home bias

- Risk sharing condition
  
  $$(1 - \gamma - \gamma^*) T_t = \sigma (c_t - c_t^*)$$ (4)

  $$T_t \equiv \frac{P_{F,t}}{P_{H,t}}$$ (5)

  - When $\alpha = 0$ (no home bias) and $n = 1/2$ (same size), $c_t = c_t^*$
Based on the structural equation,

\[
\frac{L^i_t}{N^i_t} = \frac{E_t R^i_{t+1}}{\theta - E_t [R^K_{t+1} - R^i_{t+1}]}.
\]  

Estimate the following equation.

\[
L^i_t = \alpha^i + \beta_1^i R^i_{t+1} + \beta_2^i N^i_t + \beta_3^i Spread^i_{t+1} + D_t + \epsilon^i_t.
\]  

where \(D_t\) is control variables.

The structural relationship between \(\beta_2^i\) and \(\theta^i\) is

\[
\hat{\beta}_3^i = \frac{\beta^i Spread}{\theta - \beta^i Spread},
\]
## Estimation Results

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<th>VARIABLES</th>
<th>(1) Aggregate</th>
<th>(2) Core</th>
<th>(3) Peripheral</th>
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<td>0.0139</td>
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<td>(0.212)</td>
<td>(0.342)</td>
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<td>Bank Equity$^1$</td>
<td>0.396***</td>
<td>0.363**</td>
<td>0.521**</td>
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<td>(0.113)</td>
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<td>Spreads$^2$</td>
<td>5.612***</td>
<td>8.753***</td>
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<td>(1.156)</td>
<td>(1.588)</td>
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<td>Lending Demand$^3$</td>
<td>0.00573</td>
<td>-0.00691</td>
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<td>(0.00488)</td>
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<td>9.251***</td>
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The implied values of the degree of financial degree are

$$\hat{\theta}_{Peripheral} = 0.512, \quad \hat{\theta}_{Core} = 0.260.$$  

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$^1$Logged value.

$^2$Average loan rate minus average deposit rate.

$^3$ECB Bank Lending Survey, net percentage of lending demand for small and medium size enterprises.
### Table: Calibration

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<td>$X$ Proportional transfer to the entering bankers</td>
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<td>$\sigma$ Continuation rate of the bankers</td>
<td>0.972</td>
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<td>$\theta$ Fraction of asset that can be diverted</td>
<td>0.260</td>
<td>0.512</td>
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<td>$e f p_{ss}$ Steady-state external finance premium</td>
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<td><strong>Open economy</strong></td>
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<td>$n$ Relative size of Home region</td>
<td>1/2</td>
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<td>$1 - \alpha$ The degree of Home bias</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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This implies the steady-state level of leverage is 5.7773 in Home and 1.1208 in Foreign.
Simulation for interest rate shock

Interest Rate Shock

- Net Worth (Core)
- Net Worth (Perip)
- Leverage (Core)
- Leverage (Perip)
- Loans (Core)
- Loans (Perip)
- Investment (Core)
- Investment (Perip)
- Ext Fin Prem (Core)
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- Output (Core)
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Same friction $\theta = 0.386$  
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Simulation for net worth shock

Net Worth Shock (Aggregate)

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Net Worth Shock (Aggregate)

Inflation (Core)

Inflation (Perip)

Inflation (Aggregate)

Nominal Interest Rate

Consumption (Core)

Consumption (Perip)

Consumption (Aggregate)

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Simulation for region specific asset purchasing policies

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- No Asset Purchases (MP only)
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- Nominal Interest Rate
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- Asset Purchases (Perip)
- Consumption (Core)
- Consumption (Perip)
- Consumption (Aggregate)

Legend:
- Black: No Asset Purchases (MP only)
- Blue: With Asset Purchases (Region Specific)
- Gray: No Asset Purchases (MP only, Same friction)
- Light blue: With Asset Purchases (Region Specific, Same Friction)
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