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# International Banks and the Cross-Border Transmission of Business Cycles<sup>1</sup>

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# Motivation

- Disruptions in credit markets in 2007 led the Fed and other central banks to implement non-conventional policies (for example, the Term Auction Facility).
- Important involvement of large U.S. and European banks – global banks.
- Relevant role of funding via the interbank market and cross-border intrabank transactions through foreign bank branches.
- Foreign bank branches: 20 percent of all assets held by commercial banks in the United States in 2008.

# Objective

## Objectives:

- Study the link between the cross-border funding activities of global banks and the international transmission of business cycles.
- Highlight the effects of regulatory changes on global banks' ability to transform domestic deposits into loans abroad.

## Methodology:

### 1. Empirical analysis

- Cyclical behavior of net positions between the U.S.-based branches of foreign banks (Western Europe, emerging Asia) and their parent banks (novel dataset).
- The pattern of lending by U.S.-based subsidiaries of foreign banks to large and small U.S. firms.

### 2. Model

- Two-country DSGE framework with global banks (that can transform foreign deposits into local loans) and heterogeneous firms.

## Related Literature

- **Bank funding and liquidity management:** CGFS (2010), Canales-Kriljenko, Coulibaly and Kamil (2010), McGuire and von Peter (2009), Cetorelli and Goldberg (2011)
- **DSGE models with banks:** Brunnermeier and Sannikov (2010), De Blas and Russ (2010), Gertler and Kiyotaki (2010), Iacoviello (2011), Kalemli-Ozcan, Papaioannou, and Perri (2011), Kollman, Enders, and Muller (2011), Stebunovs (2006)
- **DSGE models with heterogeneous agents:** Ghironi and Melitz (2005)
- **Firm financing:** Neumeyer and Perri (2005), Russ and Valderrama (2009)

# Data

- Branches of foreign banks in the United States: FFIEC 002 report.
- Subsidiaries of foreign banks in the United States: FFIEC 031 report.
- Macro data:
  - INTL/CEIC (real GDP growth);
  - Federal Reserve System (effective FF rate);
  - International Financial Statistics.
- **"Net due to"** position relative to related depository institutions (for example, relative to the parent bank) =

= Gross due to related depository institutions (liability of the branch) –

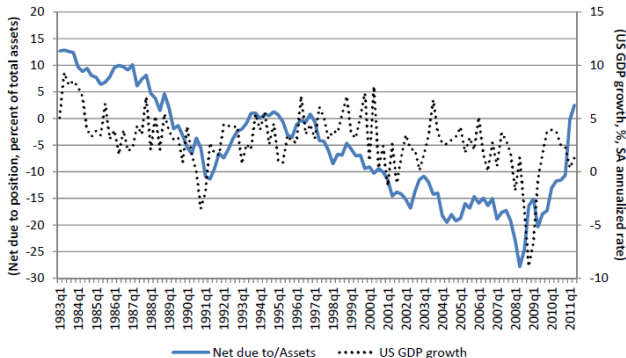
– Gross due from related depository institutions (asset of the branch)

# Stylized Fact 1 - Balance Sheet of U.S. branches of European banks

Assets	Q4 2006	Q4 2008	Q2 2011	Liabilities	Q4 2006	Q4 2008	Q2 2011
Cash	4%	11%	39%	Deposits	53%	52%	52%
Fed Funds Sold	1%	0%	0%	Fed Funds Purchased	6%	1%	2%
Resale Agreements	15%	3%	5%	Repurchase Agreements	8%	3%	5%
U.S. Gov. Securities	2%	2%	4%	Trading Liabilities	6%	9%	5%
Other Securities	21%	25%	13%	Other Liabilities	18%	30%	17%
Loans	24%	27%	22%				
Other Assets	2%	2%	2%				
<b>Total Claims on Non-Related Parties</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>Total Liabilities to Non-Related Parties</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>81%</b>
Net Due from Related Depository Institutions	31%	30%	15%	Net Due to Related Depository Institutions	9%	5%	19%
<b>Total Assets (\$ millions)</b>	<b>1,193,532</b>	<b>1,402,416</b>	<b>1,328,310</b>	<b>Total Liabilities (\$ millions)</b>	<b>1,193,532</b>	<b>1,402,416</b>	<b>1,328,310</b>

# Stylized Fact 1 - Net positions and macro factors (U.S. branches of European banks)

Aggregate net due to positions (with non-U.S. offices) of U.S. branches of European banks(% of assets)





# Stylized Fact 1 - Net positions and macro factors (U.S. branches of European banks)

$$\frac{NDT_{ijt}}{TA_{ijt}} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{US GDP Growth}_t + \beta_2 \text{Foreign GDP Growth}_t + \\ + \beta_3 \text{Real Interest Rate Differential}_t + \beta_4 \text{Log Assets}_{ijt} + \\ + \theta_{ij} + \mu_q + \varphi_t + \epsilon_{ijt}$$

- Bank branch  $i$ , country of origin  $j$ ;
- $\mu_q$  = seasonal quarterly dummy;
- $\theta_{ij}$  = bank fixed effect
- $\varphi_t$  = time fixed effect

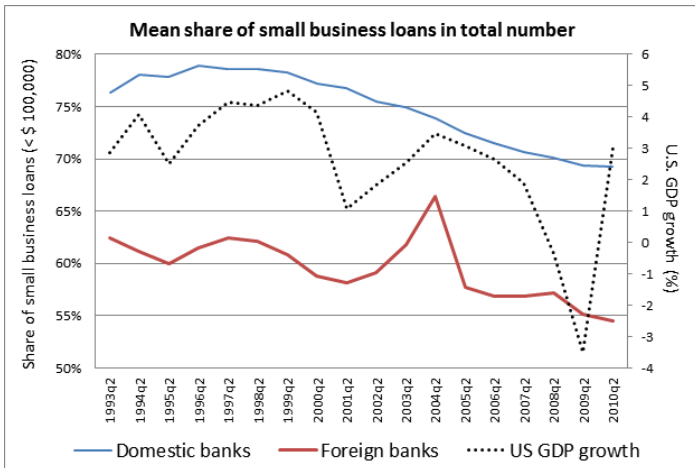
# Stylized Fact 1 - Net positions and macro factors (U.S. branches of European banks)

<i>Dependent variable:</i>	<i>Net due to / Assets (1)</i>	<i>Gross due to /Assets (2)</i>	<i>Gross due from /Assets (3)</i>
<i>U.S. GDP Growth</i>	1.167** [0.536]	-0.106 [0.326]	-1.273*** [0.342]
<i>Foreign GDP Growth</i>	0.029 [0.124]	0.024 [0.073]	-0.005 [0.083]
<i>Real Interest Rate Differential</i>	-1.377 [1.019]	-1.218* [0.662]	0.159 [0.557]
<i>Log of Claims on Nonrelated Parties</i>	3.852 [2.443]	-2.106 [1.416]	-5.958*** [1.281]
<i>Constant</i>	-41.740** [20.651]	50.994*** [12.018]	92.734*** [10.844]
<i>Branch Fixed Effects</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Time Fixed Effects</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Quarterly Dummies</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Observations</i>	4,514	4,514	4,514
<i>Number of Branches</i>	136	136	136

Robust standard errors in brackets

\*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

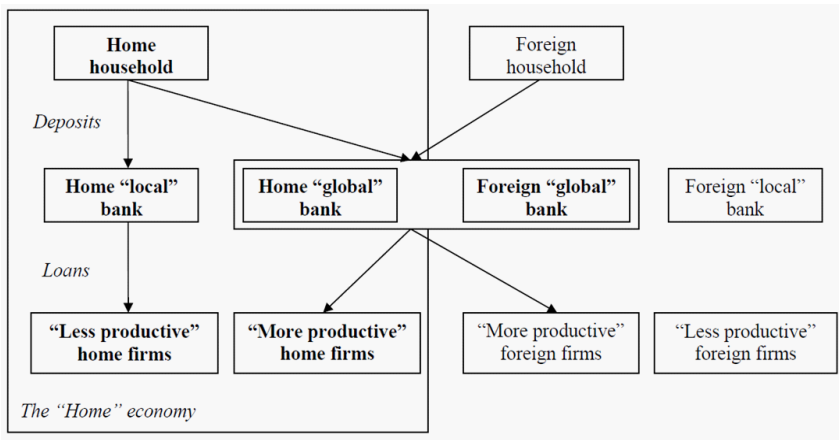
# Stylized Fact 2 - Firm size and bank lending – Domestic vs. foreign banks



# Model Assumptions

- Two-country (Home and Foreign), RBC model with:
  - (1) One representative household that provides bank deposits.
  - (2) Continuum of monopolistically-competitive firms, heterogeneous in productivity, borrow working capital from banks.
  - (3) Two types of banks in each country: local and global.
- The global bank, in addition to domestic operations, also collects foreign deposits and issues loans to foreign firms.
- Production by heterogeneous firms:
  - function of labor, country-specific, and firm-specific productivity.
- Each firm can borrow either from the local or from the global banks:
  - Borrowing from the global banks has the advantage of a lower interest rate, but requires a per-period fixed cost.
  - Only the larger, more productive firms access international loans; their fraction changes over time.

# Model Assumptions



# Representative household

- Maximize expected lifetime utility:

$$\max_{\{D_t, x_t\}} \left[ E_t \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} \beta^{s-t} \frac{C_s^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} \right],$$

- subject to:

$$(\tilde{v}_t + \tilde{\pi}_t) N_t x_{t-1} + (1+r_t) D_{t-1} + w_t L \geq \tilde{v}_t (N_t + N_{E,t}) x_t + D_t + \frac{\xi}{2} (D_t)^2 + C_t$$

- FOCs:

$$1 + \xi D_t = \beta E_t \left[ (1 + r_{t+1}) \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\gamma} \right],$$
$$\tilde{v}_t = \beta(1 - \delta) E_t \left[ \left( \frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\gamma} (\tilde{v}_{t+1} + \tilde{\pi}_{t+1}) \right].$$

- Consumption basket  $C_t$  is a CES aggregate of country-specific goods (described later).

# Firms: production

- Following entry, each firm draws productivity factor  $z$  from a common distribution  $G(z)$  with support on  $[z_{min}, \infty)$ ;
- Production:

$$y_t(z) = Z_t z n_t(z), \text{ with unit cost } \frac{w_t}{Z_t z}$$

- Firms must pay fraction  $\phi$  of the wage bill before producing.
- Need working capital - two choices:
  - (1) Borrow from the local bank;
  - (2) Use an aggregate loan provided by the global banks (home and foreign).

# Firms: prices and profits

## (1) Firms borrowing from local banks

- Profit maximization:

$$\pi_{L,t}(z) = \underbrace{p_{L,t}(z)y_t(z)}_{\text{revenue}} - \underbrace{w_t n_t(z)}_{\text{wage bill}} - \underbrace{r_{L,t}l_t(z)}_{\text{borrowing cost}}$$

- subject to:

$$y_t(z) = p_{L,t}(z)^{-\theta} C_t,$$

$$l_t(z) \geq \phi \frac{w_t}{Z_t z} y_t(z).$$

- Equilibrium price and profit:

$$p_{L,t}(z) = \frac{\theta}{\theta - 1} \frac{w_t}{Z_t z} (1 + \phi r_{L,t});$$

$$\pi_{L,t}(z) = \frac{1}{\theta} p_{L,t}(z)^{1-\theta} C_t.$$



# Firms: prices and profits

## (2) Firms borrowing from global banks

- Profit maximization:

$$\pi_{G,t}(z) = p_t(z)y_t(z) - w_t n_t(z) - r_{S,t} l_t(z) - f_G \frac{w_t}{Z_t}.$$

- subject to:

$$y_t(z) = p_{G,t}(z)^{-\theta} C_t,$$

$$l_t(z) \geq \phi \frac{w_t}{Z_t z} y_t(z).$$

- Equilibrium price and profit:

$$p_{G,t}(z) = \frac{\theta}{\theta - 1} \frac{w_t}{Z_t z} (1 + \phi r_{S,t}).$$

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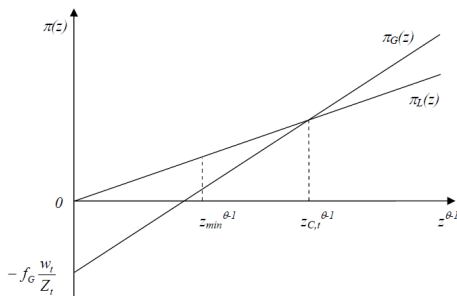
# Firms: endogenous productivity cutoff

- Write the firm profits as functions of productivity factor  $z^{\theta-1}$ :

$$\pi_{L,t}(z) = \frac{1}{\theta} \left[ \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{w_t}{Z_t} (1 + \phi r_{L,t}) \right]^{1-\theta} C_t z^{\theta-1};$$

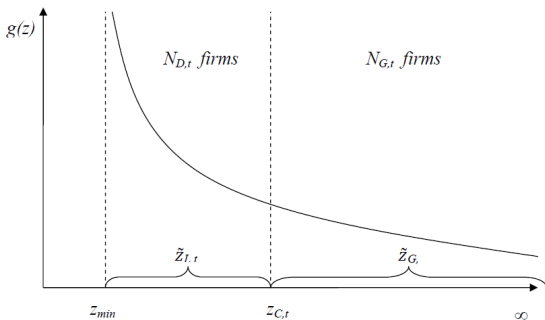
$$\pi_{G,t}(z) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta} \left[ \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{w_t}{Z_t} (1 + \phi r_{S,t}) \right]^{1-\theta} C_t z^{\theta-1}}_{\text{slope}} - \underbrace{f_G \frac{w_t}{Z_t}}_{\text{intercept}}.$$

- For  $r_{S,t} < r_{L,t}$ , define cutoff  $z_{C,t} = \{z \mid \pi_{L,t}(z) = \pi_{G,t}(z)\}$ .



# Firms: aggregation

- Define average labor productivity for local borrowers ( $\tilde{z}_{L,t}$ ) and global borrowers ( $\tilde{z}_{G,t}$ ):



- Every period,  $N_{L,t}$  firms borrow locally ( $z < z_{C,t}$ ), and  $N_{G,t}$  firms borrow from the global banks ( $z > z_{C,t}$ );
- So that  $N_{L,t} + N_{G,t} = N_t$ .

# Firms: aggregation

## Pareto-distributed firm productivity

- Firm-specific labor productivity  $z$  is Pareto-distributed:

$$g(z) = kz_{min}/z^{k+1}$$

$$G(z) = 1 - (z_{min}/z)^k.$$

- Under the Pareto assumption, the firm productivity averages are:

$$\tilde{z}_{L,t} = \left[ \frac{1}{G(z_{C,t})} \int_{z_{min}}^{z_{C,t}} z^{\theta-1} g(z) dz \right]^{\frac{1}{\theta-1}} = \nu z_{min} z_{C,t} \left[ \frac{z_{C,t}^{k-(\theta-1)} - z_{min}^{k-(\theta-1)}}{z_{C,t}^k - z_{min}^k} \right]^{\frac{1}{\theta-1}},$$

$$\tilde{z}_{G,t} = \left[ \frac{1}{1-G(z_{C,t})} \int_{z_{C,t}}^{\infty} z^{\theta-1} g(z) dz \right]^{\frac{1}{\theta-1}} = \nu z_{C,t}.$$

# Firms: aggregation

- Average prices:

$$\tilde{p}_{L,t} = \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{w_t}{Z_t \tilde{z}_{L,t}} (1 + \phi r_{L,t}) \quad (\text{local borrowing})$$

$$\tilde{p}_{G,t} = \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{w_t}{Z_t \tilde{z}_{G,t}} (1 + \phi r_{S,t}) \quad (\text{global borrowing})$$

- Average profits:

$$\tilde{\pi}_{L,t} = \frac{1}{\theta} (\tilde{p}_{L,t})^{1-\theta} C_t \quad (\text{local borrowing})$$

$$\tilde{\pi}_{G,t} = \frac{1}{\theta} (\tilde{p}_{G,t})^{1-\theta} C_t - f_G \frac{w_t}{Z_t} \quad (\text{global borrowing})$$

- Price index:

$$1 = N_{L,t} (\tilde{p}_{L,t})^{1-\theta} + N_{G,t} (\tilde{p}_{G,t})^{1-\theta}$$

$$1 = N_{L,t}^* (\tilde{p}_{L,t}^*)^{1-\theta} + N_{G,t}^* (\tilde{p}_{G,t}^*)^{1-\theta}$$

- Total profits:

$$N_t \tilde{\pi}_t = N_{L,t} \tilde{\pi}_{L,t} + N_{G,t} \tilde{\pi}_{G,t}$$

$$N_t^* \tilde{\pi}_t^* = N_{L,t}^* \tilde{\pi}_{L,t}^* + N_{G,t}^* \tilde{\pi}_{G,t}^*$$

# Country-specific goods and trade

## Production

- Each firm produces variety  $y_t(\omega)$ .
- All varieties  $\omega$  available at period  $t$  form the country-specific good:

$$\widehat{Y}_{h,t} = \left[ \int_{\omega \in \Omega} y_t(\omega)^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} d\omega \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}},$$

where  $\theta > 1$  is the elasticity of substitution across varieties.

## Trade

- The home-specific good  $\widehat{Y}_{h,t}$  can be consumed domestically ( $Y_{h,t}$ ) or exported ( $Y_{h,t}^*$ ), so that  $\widehat{Y}_{h,t} = Y_{h,t} + Y_{h,t}^*$ .

## Prices

- The home consumption basket  $C_t$  is a CES aggregate of the home and foreign-specific goods, set as the numeraire ( $P_t = 1$ ):

$$C_t = \left[ (\lambda_y)^{\frac{1}{\epsilon_y}} (Y_{h,t})^{\frac{\epsilon_y-1}{\epsilon_y}} + (1 - \lambda_y)^{\frac{1}{\epsilon_y}} (Y_{f,t})^{\frac{\epsilon_y-1}{\epsilon_y}} \right]^{\frac{\epsilon_y}{\epsilon_y-1}}.$$

# Banks

- In each economy, two types of banks (local and global) transform deposits into loans, as in de Blas and Russ (2010):

$$L_{j,t} = \frac{D_{j,t}}{c_j}, \text{ where } c_j \geq 1 \text{ and } j \in \{L, G\}.$$

- The global bank is more productive ( $c^G < c^L$ ), so that  $r^G < r^L$ .

## (1) The local bank

- Profit:  $\Omega_{L,t} = \underbrace{r_{L,t}(1 - \delta)L_{L,t}}_{\substack{\text{interest received} \\ \text{for good loans}}} - \underbrace{\mu\delta L_{L,t}}_{\substack{\text{monitoring cost} \\ \text{for non-performing loans}}} - \underbrace{r_t D_{L,t-1}}_{\substack{\text{interest paid} \\ \text{on deposits}}} = 0.$

- The cost  $c$  and firm exit  $\delta$  introduce a wedge between  $r_t$  and  $r_{L,t}$ :

$$r_{L,t} = \frac{c^L}{1 - \delta} r_t + \frac{\mu\delta}{1 - \delta}.$$

- Loan clearing:  $L_{L,t} = N_{L,t} \tilde{l}_{L,t}$ , where

$$\tilde{l}_{L,t} = \frac{\phi w_t}{Z_t \tilde{z}_{L,t}} \left( \frac{\tilde{p}_{L,t}}{p_{h,t}} \right)^{-\theta} \left( Y_{h,t} + Y_{h,t}^* \right).$$

# Banks

## (2) The global bank

- Interest charged for loans is a weighted average of the cost of home and foreign deposits:

$$r_{G,t} = \frac{D_{H,t-1}}{D_{H,t-1} + D_{H,t-1}^* Q_t} \left( \frac{c_G r_t + \mu \delta}{1 - \delta} \right) + \frac{D_{H,t-1}^* Q_t}{D_{H,t-1} + D_{H,t-1}^* Q_t} \left( \frac{c_G r_t^* Q_t + \mu \delta}{1 - \delta} \right)$$

- Market clearing for the global loans:

$$L_{S,t} = \left[ \lambda^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} L_{H,t}^{\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon}} + (1 - \lambda)^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} L_{F,t}^{\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon}} \right]^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}} = N_{G,t} \tilde{l}_{G,t}$$

## Allocation of deposits

- Home deposits  $D_{t-1}$  are allocated in fixed shares across the home local, home global, and foreign global banks:  $S_L + S_H + S_F = 1$ .

## Bank lending constraints

$$L_{H,t} + L_{H,t}^* Q_t = \frac{S_H D_{t-1} + S_H^* D_{t-1}^* Q_t}{c_G} \quad \text{and} \quad L_{F,t}^* + \frac{L_{F,t}}{Q_t} = \frac{S_F^* D_{t-1}^* + S_F D_{t-1} / Q_t}{c_G^*}$$



# Closing the model

- Net lending (Net Due To Position) by foreign branches in Home:

$$NDTP_t^* = \frac{1}{Q_t} \left[ L_{F,t} - \frac{S_F D_{t-1}}{c_G^*} \right].$$

- Net lending by home branches abroad:

$$NDTP_t = Q_t \left[ L_{H,t}^* - \frac{S_H^* D_{t-1}^*}{c_G} \right].$$

- The balance of payments equation:

$$\underbrace{p_{h,t} Y_{h,t}^* - p_{f,t} Q_t Y_{f,t}}_{\text{net exports}} + \underbrace{r_t S_F D_{t-1} - r_t^* S_H^* D_{t-1}^* Q_t}_{\text{net interest payments}}$$

$$= \underbrace{S_F (D_t - D_{t-1}) - S_H^* (D_t^* - D_{t-1}^*)}_{\text{change in stock of foreign assets}}.$$

# Calibration

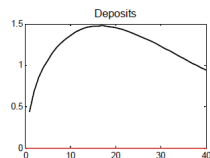
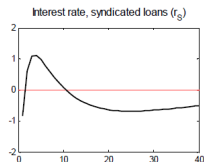
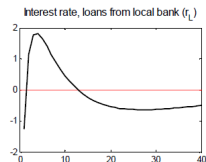
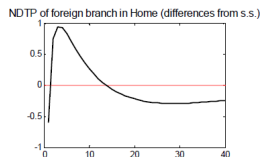
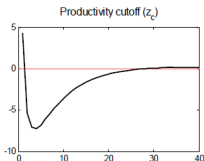
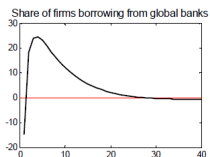
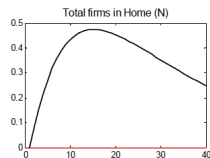
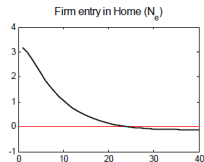
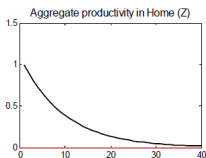
- Standard quarterly calibration:

$\beta = 0.99$	Discount factor
$\gamma = 2$	CRRA coefficient
$\theta = 3.8$	Intra-temporal elasticity of substitution
$f_E = 1$	Firm's sunk entry cost
$k = 3.4$	Pareto distribution parameter
$\delta = 0.025$	Probability of firm exit
$\phi = 0.5$	Share of wage bill to be financed
$f_G = 0.0002$	Firms' fixed cost for global loans
$C_L = 1.05, C_G = 1.01$	Cost parameter, local and global bank
$S_L = 0.4, S_H = 0.3, S_F = 0.3$	Share of home deposits
$\mu = 0.01$	Banks' monitoring cost
$\varepsilon_\lambda = 1.4$	Substitution, home and foreign loans
$\lambda = 0.5$	Share of home global bank in syndicate

- Steady states: 1% of firms borrow globally, account for 9% of total borrowing; foreign banks provide 5% of total lending.

# Impulse responses

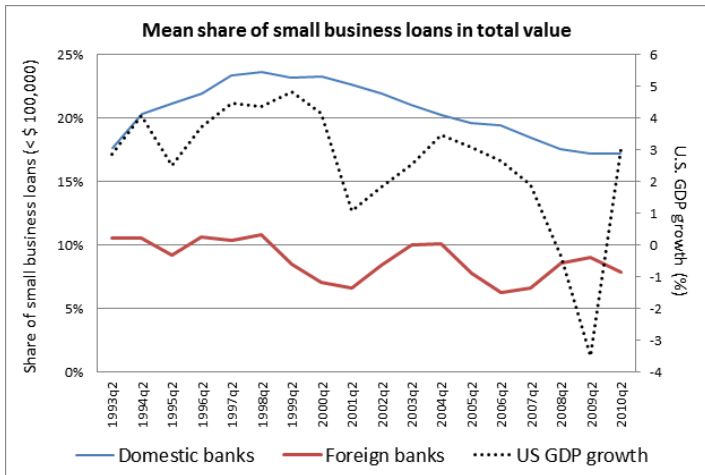
- % deviations from steady state, (+) TFP shock in Home ( $\rho = 0.9$ ):



# Further work

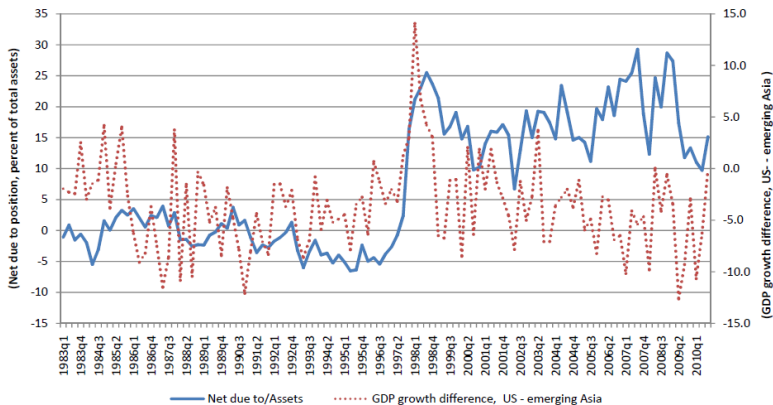
- Study the model dynamics in response to shocks:
  - A positive TFP shock in Home:
    - firms' ability to access foreign deposits amplifies the expansion;
    - as more of the small firms gain access to international loans → further amplification.
  - A negative TFP shock in Home:
    - international bank lending exacerbates the contraction.
- Analyze the implications of proposed Basel III liquidity standards that would decrease the amount of intrabank funding:
  - Limit banks' ability to use deposits from one country to make loans in another.

# Stylized Fact 2 - Firm size and bank lending – Domestic vs. foreign banks



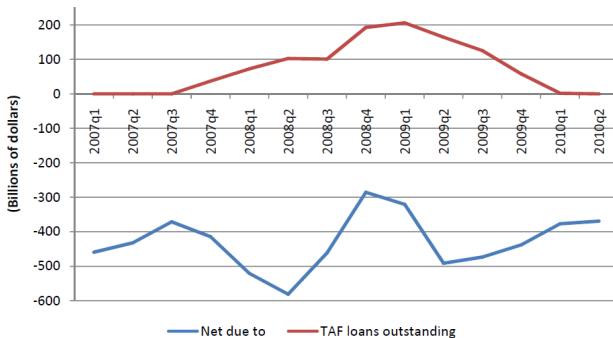
# Stylized facts - Net positions and macro factors (U.S. branches of Asian banks)

Aggregate net due to positions (with non-U.S. offices) of U.S. branches of emerging Asian banks (% of assets)



# Stylized facts - Net positions and the demand for dollar funding

Aggregate net due to positions (with non-U.S. offices) of  
U.S. branches of TAF borrowers



# Stylized facts - Net positions and the demand for dollar funding

<i>Dependent variable:</i>	<i>Net due to / Assets</i>	<i>Gross due to / Assets</i>	<i>Gross due from / Assets</i>	<i>Net due to / Assets</i>	<i>Gross due to / Assets</i>	<i>Gross due from / Assets</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<i>Dummy Crisis</i>	3.086 [2.574]	4.072* [2.367]	0.986 [1.313]	3.692** [1.489]	4.366*** [1.474]	0.674 [0.663]
<i>Dummy Europe</i>	-23.298*** [2.760]	-14.067*** [2.423]	9.231*** [1.402]			
<i>Dummy Crisis X Dummy Europe</i>	-7.454* [3.902]	-4.169 [3.456]	3.285* [1.955]	-8.478*** [2.694]	-4.959** [2.438]	3.519** [1.581]
<i>Constant</i>	26.045*** [1.760]	39.855*** [1.671]	13.810*** [0.913]	17.265*** [0.616]	34.621*** [0.577]	17.355*** [0.332]
<i>Branch Fixed Effects</i>	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Observations</i>	1,204	1,204	1,204	1,204	1,204	1,204
<i>R-squared</i>	0.13	0.06	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.04

Robust standard errors in brackets

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1



# Firm Entry with Sunk Costs

## Firm entry

- Firm entry takes place until the sunk entry cost equals the net present value of the average firm, as in Ghironi and Melitz (QJE, 2005):

$$f_E \frac{w_t}{Z_t} = \tilde{v}_t,$$

- where:

$$\tilde{v}_t = E_t \sum_{s=t+1}^{\infty} [\beta(1-\delta)]^{s-t} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_t} \right)^{-\gamma} \tilde{\pi}_s.$$

- The law of motion for the number of producing firms is:

$$N_{t+1} = (1-\delta)(N_t + N_{E,t}).$$

# Calibration exercise

- Vary the fixed cost  $f_G$  of international borrowing:

