

# Bank Capital Regulation, Lending Channel and Business Cycles

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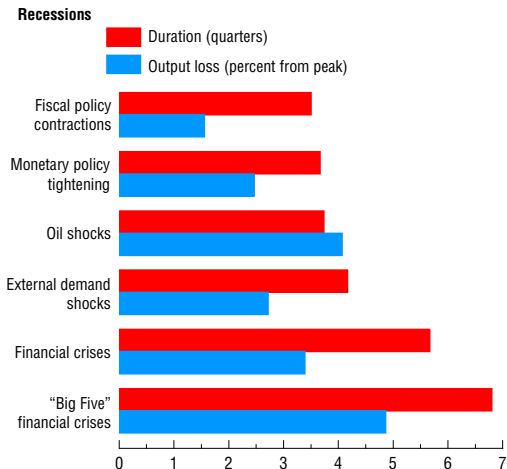
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*More to Come:* FDIC, August, 2009 "416 Banks on endangered list."

# Motivation



IMF, WEO(2009), "*Recessions associated with financial crises tend to be unusually severe and their recoveries typically slow.*"

## Macroeconomic Questions:

- How are the effects of macroeconomic shocks amplified and propagated through the financial system when the financial system itself is not stable?
- What are the macroeconomic costs of banking instability?

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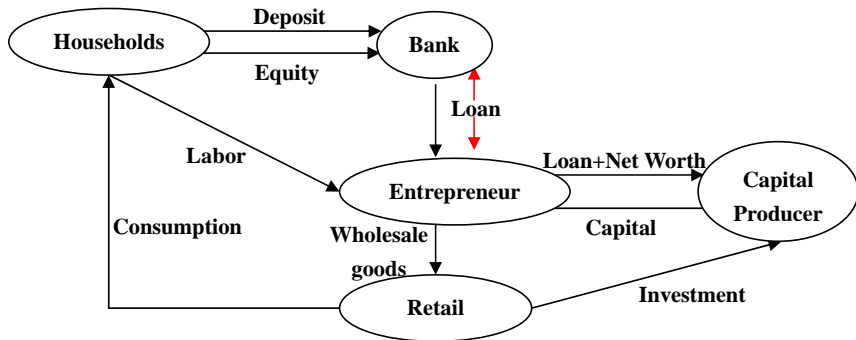
- No instability in the banking sector. No uncertainty in bank's loan default rate and portfolio return.
- No variation of bank capital ratio.



# Contribution

- Financial contract that pins down the optimal capital structure of firms and banks in a realistic setting: namely full deposit insurance and bank capital regulation.
- Endogenously derive uncertainty in bank's loan portfolio.
- Introduce bank capital position as an additional state variable that amplifies and propagates business cycles.

# Structure of Economy



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- Entrepreneurs maximize their profit subject to the participation constraint of banks,  $\bar{\omega}$  is pinned down.

- Credit demand derived from optimal contract

$$E_t R_{t+1}^k = S \left( \frac{q_t K_{t+1}}{N_{t+1}} \right) R_{t+1}^f$$

- Cost of bank fund  $R_{t+1}^f$ :  
In BGG, risk free rate.  
In Bank Capital Channel literature, linear combination of cost of bank equity and deposit.

$$R_{t+1}^f = \Delta_t R_{t+1}^e + (1 - \Delta_t) R_{t+1}^d$$

$\Delta_t$  is bank capital ratio.

Major difference compared to BGG contract:

- BGG (1999): state-contingent contract. entrepreneurs undertake all the aggregate risk. (All the aggregate shocks are absorbed by firm's net worth) Bank has safe loan portfolio.
- In this model, entrepreneurs and banks share aggregate risk. Contract has fixed loan rate. Ex-post default rate may deviate from ex-ante default rate, banks face uncertainty in loan portfolio. ( Aggregate shocks hit both the firm and bank's balance sheet)

$$\bar{\omega}^b = \frac{\bar{\omega}^a E_t R_{t+1}^k}{R_{t+1}^k}$$

$\bar{\omega}^a$  - ex-ante default

$\bar{\omega}^b$  - ex-post default



- Evolution of Bank capital:

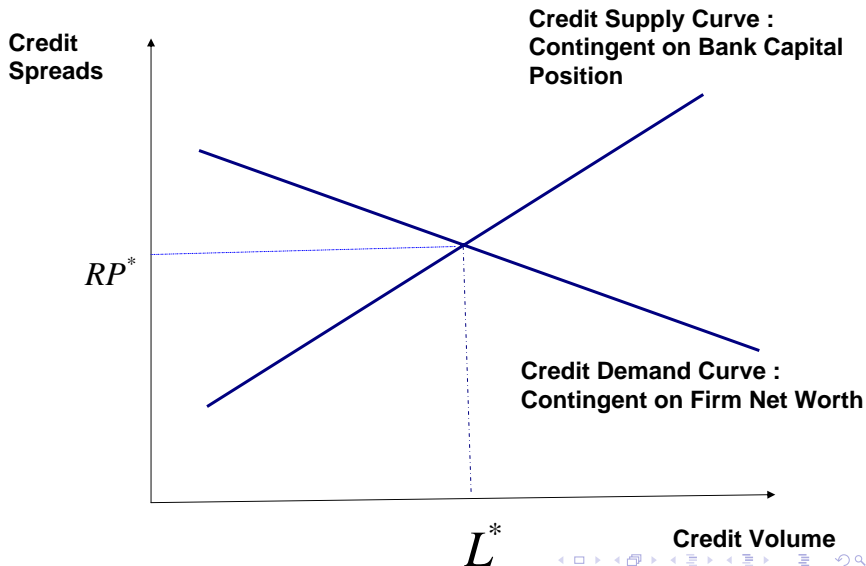
$$\begin{aligned} e_{t+1} = & (1 - \Phi_t)e_t + R_{t+1}^L L_{t+1} (F(\bar{\omega}^a) - F(\bar{\omega}^b)) \\ & + (1 - \mu) \int_0^{\bar{\omega}^b} \omega R_{t+1}^k q_t K_{t+1} f(\omega) d\omega \\ & - (1 - \mu) \int_0^{\bar{\omega}^a} \omega E_t R_{t+1}^k q_t K_{t+1} f(\omega) d\omega + w_t^e \end{aligned}$$

- Evolution of Entrepreneur net worth:

$$N_{t+1} = \gamma V_t + w_t^e$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_t = & \int_{\bar{\omega}^b}^{\infty} \omega R_{t+1}^k q_t K_{t+1} f(\omega) d\omega - (1 - F(\bar{\omega}^b)) R_{t+1}^L L_{t+1} \\ & - \int_0^{\bar{\omega}^b} \mu \omega R_{t+1}^k q_t K_{t+1} f(\omega) d\omega \end{aligned}$$

# Intuition



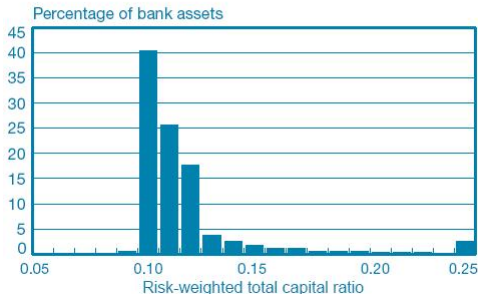
# Banking regulation

- Basel Accord: Risk adjusted capital to asset ratio minimum 8 percent.

$$\Phi_t = cdf(\Delta_t, \sigma)$$

- $\Delta_{i,t}$  is lognormal distributed with mode of  $\Delta_t$ , standard deviation of  $\sigma$ ).

Distribution of Risk-Based Total Capital Ratios  
of U.S. Banks in 2000:4



source: "Does bank capital matter for monetary transmission", Van den Heuvel, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

- Household:

$$\max E_t \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta^k [\ln(c_{t+k}) + \frac{d_{t+k}^{1+\varphi}}{1+\varphi} + \rho \ln(1 - l_{t+k})]$$

subject to

$$d_{t+1} + e_{t+1} + c_t = w_t l_t + R_{t+1}^d d_t + R_{t+1}^e (1 - \Phi_{t+1}) e_t + \Pi_t$$

$\Phi_t$  is bank default rate.

- Aggregate production function:

$$Y_t = A_t K_t^{\alpha_k} h_t^{\alpha_h} (h_t^e)^{\alpha_e} (h_t^b)^{\alpha_b}$$

- Capital supply curve:

$$q_t = 1 + \chi \left( \frac{i_t}{k_t} - \delta \right)$$

- Retail Sector (Monopolistic Competition and Calvo Pricing)

$$\beta E_t \pi_{t+1} = \pi_t - (1 - \beta\theta) \frac{1 - \theta}{\theta} \hat{m}c_t$$

- Monetary Policy

$$r_t^n = \rho_r r_{t-1}^n + \rho_\pi \pi_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

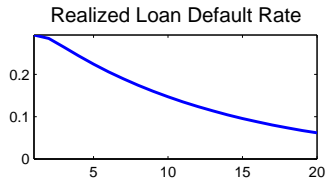
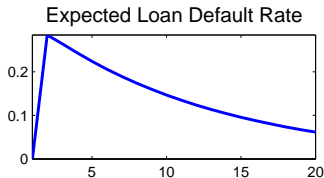
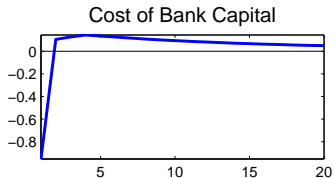
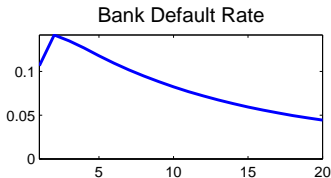
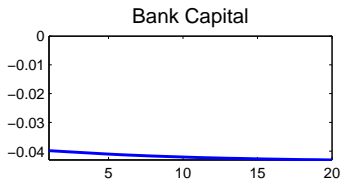
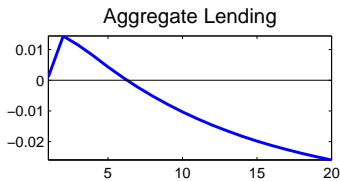
Parameters are calibrated to match following steady states:

- Leverage ratio 50 percent
- Bankruptcy rate of entrepreneur 2.6 percent
- external finance premium 180bp
- Bank capital ratio 10 percent
- Bank default rate 1 percent
- Bank equity premium 480bp
- mark-up 20 percent

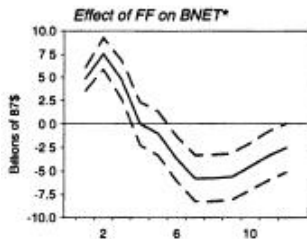
Other parameters important for dynamics:

- Calvo probability 0.75
- Capital adjustment parameter 2 ( King and Wolman (1996), Chirinko (1993) )

# Impulse Responses to Monetary Policy Shock

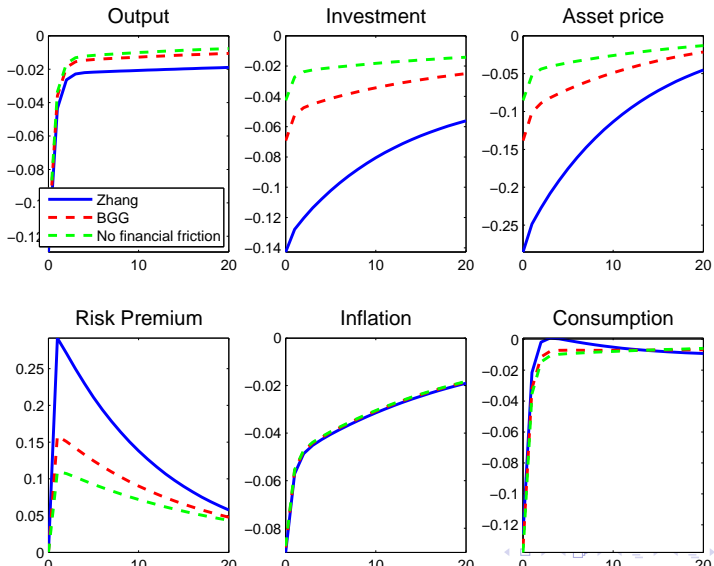


Christiano, Eichenbaum and Evans (JPE, 2005) 'Following a contractionary monetary shock, net funds raised by the business sector increase for roughly a year, after which it falls.'



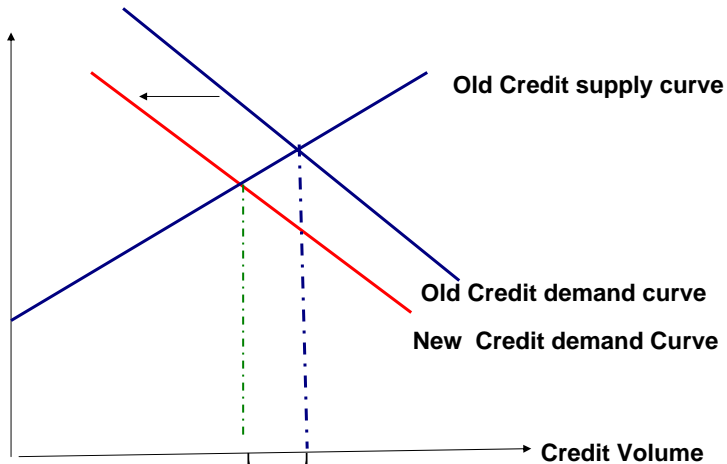


# Short Run Effect of Bank Capital Channel: Monetary Shock



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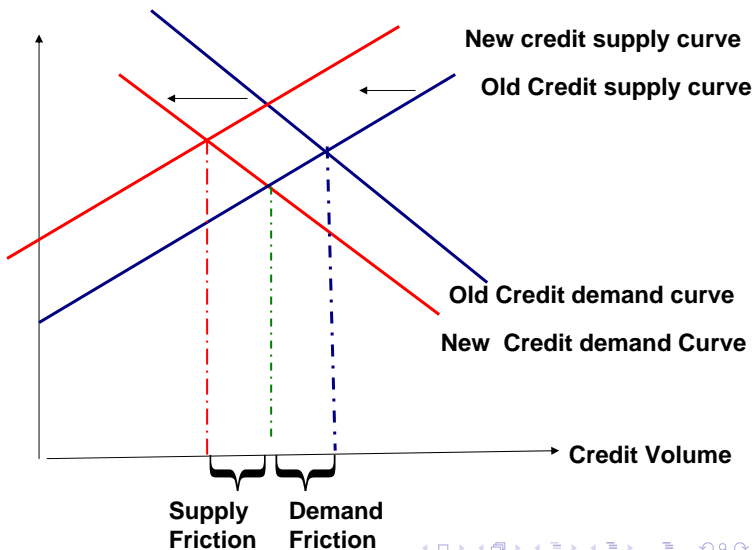


Demand Friction

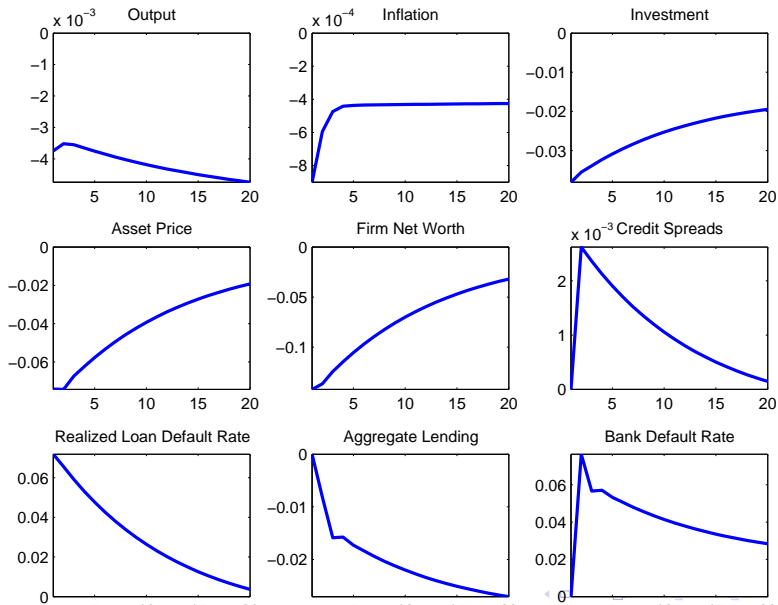


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# Financial Shock: Sudden decline in Bank Capital



# Long Run Effect of Bank Capital Channel

Variable	ZHANG	BGG
Capital	7.1621	7.4116
Investment	0.17905	0.1853
Output	0.86509	0.875
Consumption	0.68604	0.68964

- Compared to BGG, additional banking capital channel leads to lower level of investment and output in the long run.

# Conclusion

- Banking instability amplifies and propagates business cycles to a large extent in the short run.
- Banking instability leads to lower investment and output in the long run.
- Extend the model to consider consumer loan and to open economy.
- Use the model to give policy suggestions on banking regulation.