Three BIS research themes in the Annual Report

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The Annual Report reflects three BIS research themes

1. Characteristics of financial intermediation
   - Banks and non-banks
   - “Know your players”

2. Global liquidity and spillovers
   - First and second phases

3. Monetary and financial stability policy frameworks
   - “Risk-taking channel” of monetary policy
Sources: Bloomberg; national data.
Decomposition of the 10-year nominal yield according to an estimated joint macroeconomic and term structure model. Yields are expressed in zero coupon terms; for the euro area, French government bond data are used. 

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Policy rates:
- Red: Fed funds rate
- Blue: EONIA

10-year bond yield:  
- United States
- France

Term premium:
- United States
- Euro area

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German insurance companies: holdings of OECD government bonds, shares in total

Source: Deutsche Bundesbank.
Duration of assets and liabilities of European insurance companies

Source: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA).
“Knowing your players” – example of the insurance sector

- Increasing weight of German insurance sector bond portfolio
  - Insurance sector, 12.5% of total resident bond holdings
  - In 2014, accounted for 40% of net purchase of bonds

- Duration-matching as potential amplification channel
  - In bond market rally, accumulate long-dated bonds; chase disappearing yields
  - In reversals, reduce positions in long-dated bonds

- Long-maturity bonds in foreign currency
  - Amplification channel influences long rates elsewhere
Currencies are global even when monetary policy is territorial.
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In USD billions

Source: BIS locational banking statistics by residence.
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US dollar- and euro-denominated cross-border bank claims
In USD billions

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US dollar cross-border bank lending: 2002–07

- Increase of $3.6 trillion between 2002 and 2007
  - Two thirds of increase ($2.3 trillion) due to US-Europe nexus
  - US-based banks account for only 35% of total increase in US dollar cross-border bank lending

- European banks intermediating US dollar funding
  - At end-2007, European banks had twice the dollar claims on Asian borrowers as US-based banks ($393 bn vs $190 bn)
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Currency denomination does not follow the national income boundary: the case of non-banks
Bank loans include cross-border and locally extended loans to non-banks outside the United States. For China and Hong Kong SAR, locally extended loans are derived from national data on total local lending in foreign currencies on the assumption that 80% are denominated in US dollars. For other non-BIS reporting countries, local US dollar loans to non-banks are proxied by all BIS reporting banks’ gross cross-border US dollar loans to banks in the country. Bonds issued by US national non-bank financial sector entities resident in the Cayman Islands have been excluded.

Equivalent euro-denominated debt is a quarter of the size

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What assets back the 9.5 trillion US dollar debt of non-bank borrowers outside the United States?

- Many have dollar cash flows:
  - Exporters
  - Commodity producers

- Some do not:
  - Property developers
  - Utilities

- Even with dollar cash flows, a strong dollar may lead to strains:
  - Commodity prices negatively correlated with the dollar
  - Credit tightening through the “risk-taking channel”
Illustrating the risk-taking channel
Bilateral USD exchange rate and five-year sovereign CDS

End-March 2013

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The size of the bubbles indicates the size of dollar debt in Q4 2014.

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End-May 2013

Change in USD exchange rate from end-2012, in %

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Lessons for the international monetary and financial system

- Channels of monetary policy spillovers
  - Portfolio choice of investors with global reach
  - Currencies are global, even if monetary policy is territorial
- “Spillbacks” arise if accumulated vulnerabilities materialise
  - Bidding-up of the international currency by borrowers
  - Overhang of “net short” position in the international currency

- How far can enlightened self-interest internalise the spillover effects?
- What additional steps to go from keeping one’s own house in order to keeping the neighbourhood in order?