

# Monetary policy and endogenous financial crises

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# Motivation

▶ Debate on the role of financial stability (FS) in the conduct of monetary policy (MP)

- **Conventional view:** MP should focus on price stability, and disregard FS risks
- **Alternative (more recent) view:** MP should also take FS risks into account
  - **Needed:** models where MP affects the incidence and severity of crises

# This paper

## ► NK model with endogenous and microfounded financial crises

- New Keynesian (NK) model with capital accumulation and sticky prices à la Rotemberg (1982)
  - + **Idiosyncratic productivity shocks** → capital reallocation among firms via a credit market
  - + **Financial frictions** → credit market prone to endogenous collapse if capital return is low
  - + **Global solution** → capture nonlinearities and dynamics far away from steady state
- Narrative told in terms of inter-firm lending, but could also be told in terms of bank lending
- MP is the only “game in town”

1. Monetary policy affects financial stability
  - in the short run, via aggregate demand
  - in the medium run, via capital accumulation
2. Reacting to output and inflation improves FS and welfare upon strict inflation targeting
3. MP can lead to a crisis if the policy rate remains too low for too long and then increases abruptly

◀ Related literature

## An extended New–Keynesian Model

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- **Central bank:** sets nominal interest rate according to  $1 + i_t = \frac{1}{\beta}(1 + \pi_t)^{\phi_\pi} \left(\frac{Y_t}{Y}\right)^{\phi_y}$
- **Household:** representative, works, consumes, saves (nominal bonds, firm equity) ◀ Household
- **Retailers:** monopolistic, diversify intermediate goods, sticky prices ◀ Retailers
- **Intermediate goods firms:** competitive, raise equity, invest, produce with labor and capital
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- No financial frictions: capital always fully reallocated  $\Rightarrow$  NK model with representative firm

# Credit market

## ▶ Financial frictions

- **Asymmetric Information:**  $\omega_t(j)$  is private information
- **Limited Commitment:** firm  $j$  may borrow, and abscond

⇒ Borrowing limit identical for all firms, and fragile credit market

◀ Limited commitment only

- **Participation Constraint:**

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- **Incentive Compatibility Constraint:**

An unproductive firm has two options:

1. **Behave:** sell its capital to lend the proceeds at equilibrium loan rate  $r_t^c \rightarrow (1 + r_t^c)K_t$
2. **Misbehave:** borrow to buy capital (*i.e.* mimic productive firms) and abscond  $\rightarrow (1 - \delta)K_t^P$

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→ Trade is possible iff the marginal return on capital  $r_t^k \geq \bar{r}^k$



# Normal versus crisis times

- **Normal times:** when  $r_t^k \geq \bar{r}^k$  and firms trade on the credit market,  $r_t^c = r_t^k \geq \bar{r}^k$ , capital is fully reallocated, aggregate production function is as in the credit–frictionless economy

$$Y_t = A_t K_t^\alpha N_t^{1-\alpha}$$

- **Crisis times:** when  $r_t^k < \bar{r}^k$  and firms don't trade on credit market, capital is not reallocated, **unproductive firms keep capital idle** and capital mis–allocation lowers TFP

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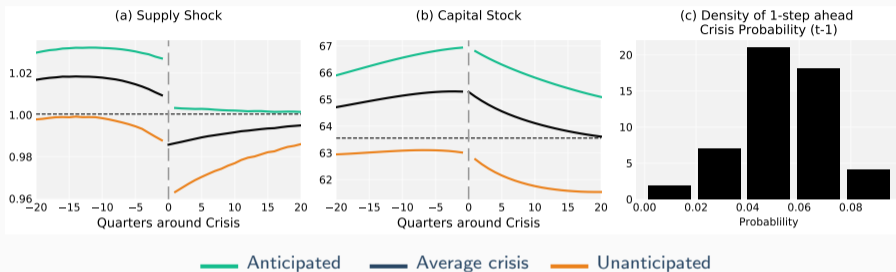
- **Short-run:** through macro-economic stabilization  $\rightarrow$   $Y$ - and  $\mathcal{M}$ -channels
- **Medium-run:** through capital accumulation  $\rightarrow$   $K$ -channel

Two polar crises

## Anatomy of financial crises

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# Average crisis and crisis heterogeneity



- Parameterized s.t. the economy spends 8% of the time in crises under TR [1993].
- **Most crises** break out on the back of an **investment boom**
- **Few crises** follow **severe adverse** TFP shocks

◀ Parametrization

◀ Paths TFP shocks

◀ Paths TFP and demand shocks

◀ Paths demand shocks

◀ Externalities

**Should MP deviate from price stability to foster FS?**

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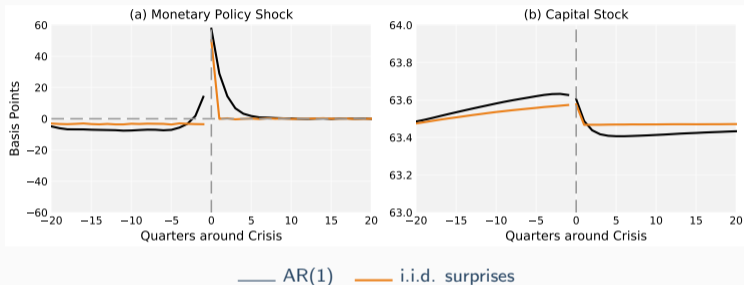
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**Can MP by itself lead to crises?**

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# Yes, keeping rates too low for too long may lead to a crisis



- Discretionary deviations from TR93 → simulate the model with MP shocks only
- Crises occur after a “Great Deviation” (Taylor (2011))
- ... and an abrupt rate hike [◀ Schularick et al \(2021\)](#)

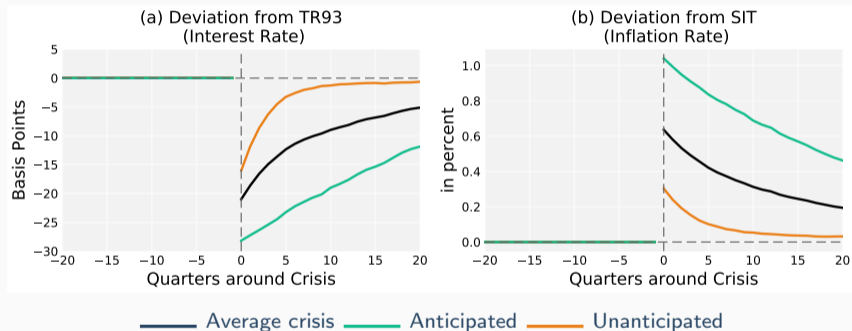
## Takeaways

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- “Canonical” NK model with micro-founded endogenous financial crises:
  - Monetary policy **affects** financial stability via **Y–M–K channels**
  - Systematic response to output ( $\neq$  SIT) **improves** both **financial stability** and **welfare**
  - **Discretionary loose MP** followed by **abrupt reversal** may lead to **crisis**
- Future extensions (distinct papers): ZLB and macroprudential policy

# APPENDIX

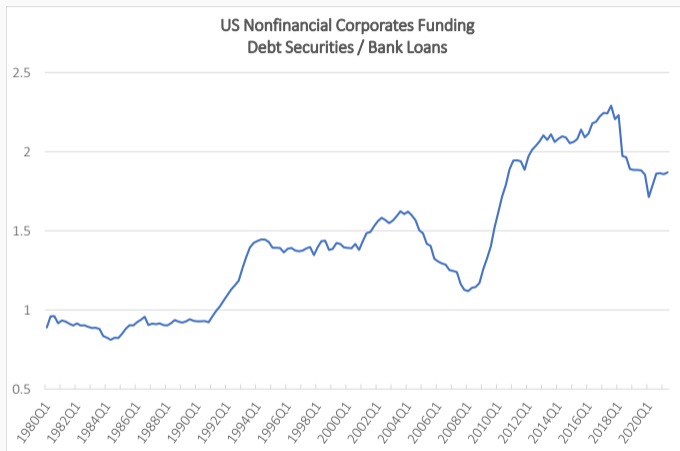
# Exceptionally loose MP staves off financial crises



- We study how MP affects FS in NK model with endogenous microfounded crises
- Bridges two strands of literature
  - Monetary policy and financial stability (reduced form models of endogenous crises)  
Woodford (2012), Filardo and Rungcharoentkitkul (2016), Svensson (2017), Gourio, Kashyap, Sim (2018), Ajello, Laubach, Lopez-Salido, Nakata (2019), Cairo and Sim (2018), Borio, Disyatat and Rungcharoentkitkul (2019)
  - Micro-founded models of endogenous financial crises  
Boissay, Collard, Smets (2016), Benigno and Fornaro (2018), Gertler, Kiyotaki, Prestipino (2019) [◀ Market finance](#)
- Also related to NK models with heterogenous agents, factor misallocation in financial crises [◀ Back to main](#)



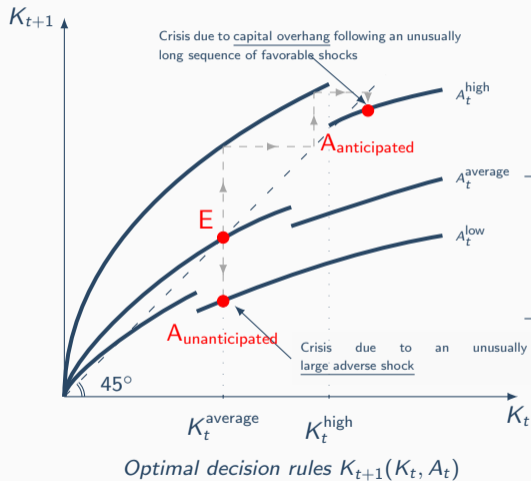
# Market finance is almost twice as large as bank finance (US NFCs)



Source: US financial accounts (FED)

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# Two polar types of crisis



- Crises due to capital overhang following an unusually long sequence of favorable shocks  
→ **MP may reduce their incidence via K-channel**
- Crises which break out in the face of an unusually large adverse shock  
→ **MP may reduce their incidence via Y- and M-channels**

# Representative household

The representative household consumes a basket of goods  $C_t$ , works  $N_t$ , invests in public bonds  $B_t$  and in intermediate goods firm  $j \in [0, 1]$ 's equity  $P_t Q_t(j)$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{C_t, N_t, B_t, Q_t(j)} \quad & \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ \frac{C_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \chi \frac{N_t^{1+\varphi}}{1+\varphi} \right] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \int_0^1 P_t(i) C_t(i) di + B_t + P_t \int_0^1 Q_t(j) dj \leq W_t N_t + (1 + i_{t-1}) B_{t-1} + P_t \int_0^1 D_t(j) dj + \mathcal{X}_t \end{aligned}$$

$$W_t/P_t = \chi C_t^\sigma N_t^\varphi$$

$$C_t(i) = (P_t(i)/P_t)^{-\epsilon} C_t$$

$$1 = \beta(1 + i_t) \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ (C_{t+1}/C_t)^{-\sigma} (1/(1 + \pi_{t+1})) \right\}$$

$$1 = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ (C_{t+1}/C_t)^{-\sigma} (1 + r_{t+1}^q(j)) \right\} \quad \forall j \in [0, 1]$$

where  $C_t \equiv \left[ \int_0^1 C_t(i)^{1-\frac{1}{\epsilon}} di \right]^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}}$ ,  $\pi_{t+1} \equiv \frac{P_{t+1}}{P_t} - 1$  and  $1 + r_{t+1}^q(j) \equiv \frac{D_{t+1}(j)}{Q_t(j)}$

Monopolistic retailer  $i \in [0, 1]$  produces a differentiated final good using intermediate goods and sets its price subject to quadratic adjustment costs

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{P_t(i), Y_t(i)} \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{0,t} & \left[ \frac{P_t(i)}{P_t} Y_t(i) - \frac{(1-\tau)p_t}{P_t} Y_t(i) - \frac{\varsigma}{2} \left( \frac{P_t(i)}{P_{t-1}(i)} - 1 \right)^2 Y_t \right] \\ \text{s.t. } Y_t(i) &= \left( \frac{P_t(i)}{P_t} \right)^{-\epsilon} (C_t + I_t) \quad \text{where } I_t \equiv K_{t+1} - (1-\delta)K_t \end{aligned}$$

→ Price setting behavior

$$(1 + \pi_t)\pi_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \Lambda_{t,t+1} \frac{Y_{t+1}}{Y_t} (1 + \pi_{t+1})\pi_{t+1} \right\} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\varsigma} \left( 1 - \frac{\mathcal{M}}{\mathcal{M}_t} \right)$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_t = \frac{P_t}{(1-\tau)p_t}$  denotes the markup rate and  $\mathcal{M} \equiv \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}$  its steady state. Markup  $\mathcal{M}_t$  will be important for the effect of MP on FS

## Intermediate goods firms

$$\max_{N_t(j), K_t(j)} D_t(j) = \frac{p_t}{P_t} A_t (\omega_t(j) K_t(j))^\alpha N_t(j)^{1-\alpha} - \frac{W_t}{P_t} N_t(j) + (1 - \delta) K_t(j) - (1 + r_t^c)(K_t(j) - K_t)$$

Defining  $r_t^k = \frac{p_t}{P_t} \frac{\alpha y_t(j)}{K_t(j)} = \frac{p_t}{P_t} \frac{\alpha Y_t}{K_t}$  we obtain:

- Choices of an unproductive firm  $j$  with  $\omega_t(j) = 0$ :

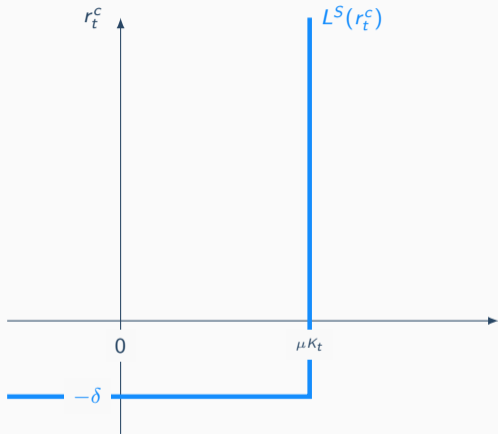
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- Choices of a productive firm  $j$  with  $\omega_t(j) = 1$ :

$$\max_{K_t(j)} r_t^q(j) \equiv \frac{D_t(j)}{K_t} - 1 = r_t^c + (r_t^k - r_t^c) \frac{K_t(j)}{K_t}$$

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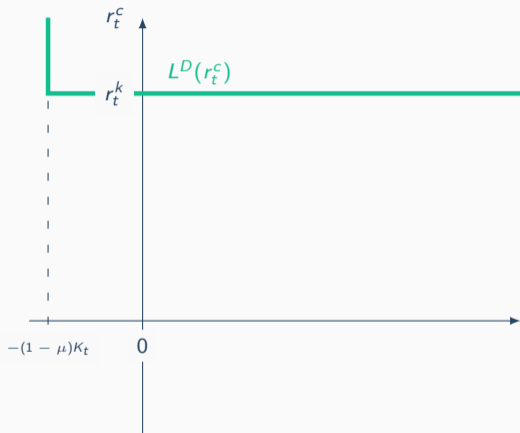
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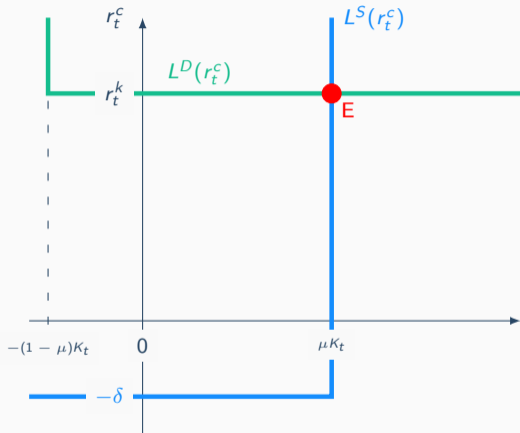
- Productive firms' net loan demand

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- In  $E$ ,  $r_t^k = r_t^c$  and capital is perfectly reallocated to productive firms:

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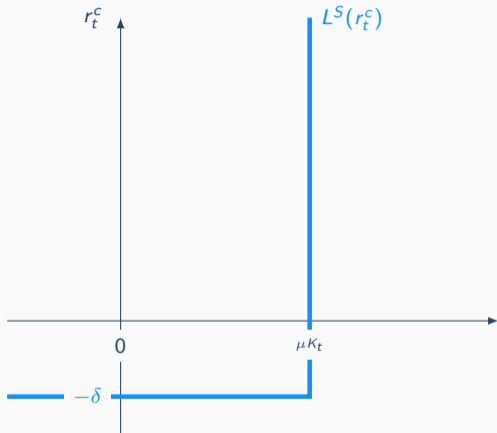
- Model boils down to the textbook NK model with one representative firm

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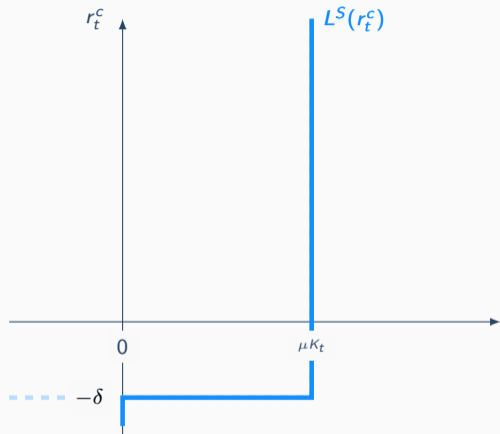
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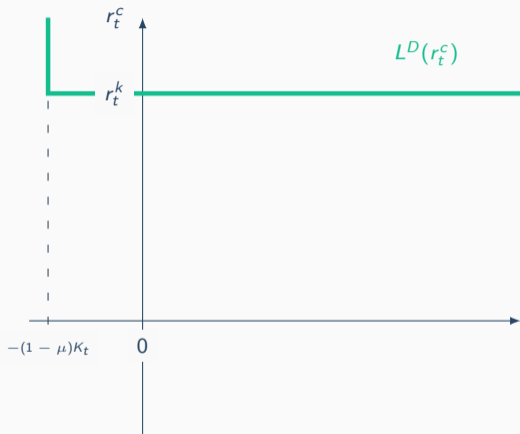
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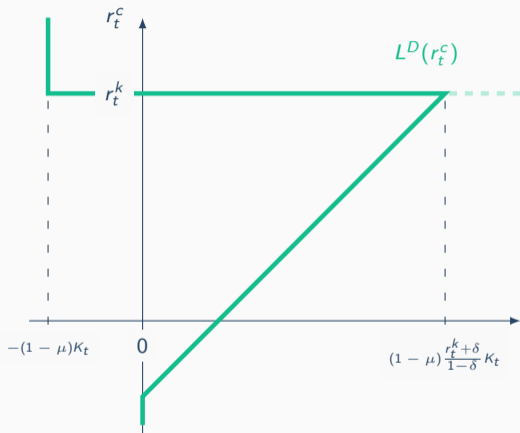
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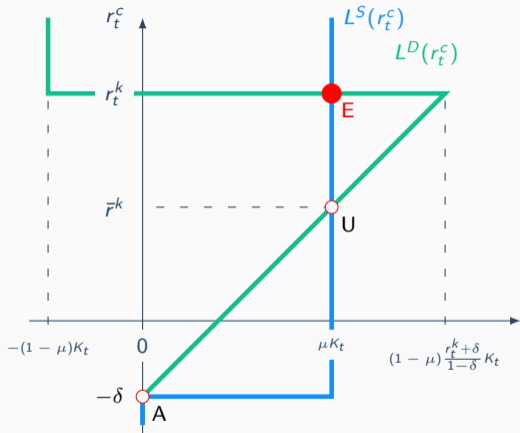
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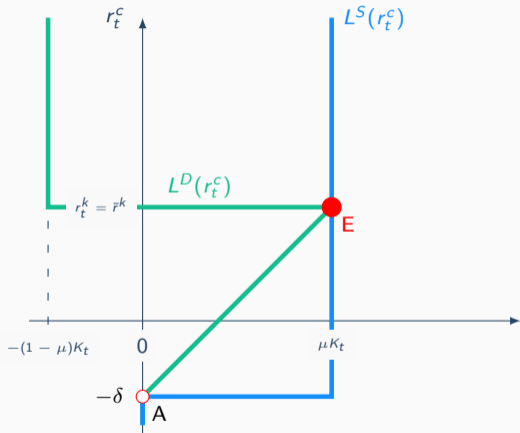
- Equilibrium **E** is the same as in the frictionless case and textbook model:

$$\mu K_t = (1 - \mu)(K_t^P - K_t)$$

- Aggregate outcome is the same in **E** and **U**
- Absence of coordination failure rules out equilibrium **A**

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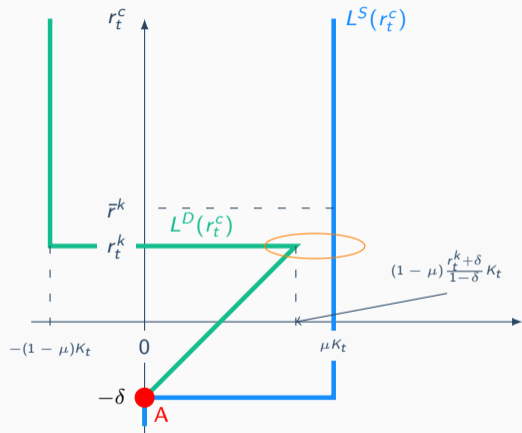
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- When  $r_t^k < \bar{r}^k$ , there is excess supply and every unproductive firm left out has an incentive to borrow and abscond
- In this case, **A** (autarky) is the unique equilibrium

# Perfect Information Case

## ► Incentive Compatibility Constraint

- Unproductive firms do not get any loan
- Productive firm  $js'$  borrowing limit is given by the incentive compatibility constraint

$$(1 - \delta)K_t(j) \leq (1 + r_t^q(j))K_t = (1 + r_t^c)K_t + (r_t^k - r_t^c) K_t(j)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow K_t(j) - K_t \leq \frac{r_t^k + \delta}{1 - \delta + r_t^c - r_t^k} K_t$$

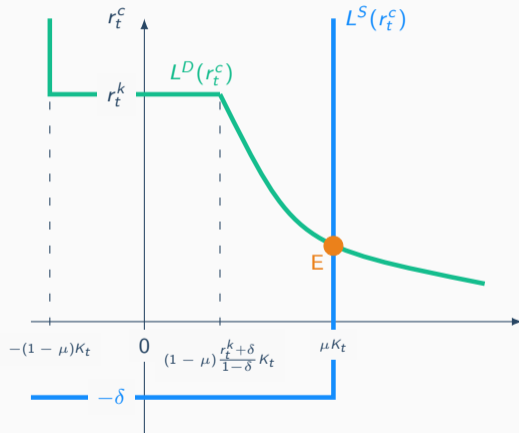
$$\Rightarrow L^D(r_t^c) \equiv (1 - \mu)(K_t(j) - K_t) = (1 - \mu) \frac{r_t^k + \delta}{1 - \delta + r_t^c - r_t^k} K_t \quad \text{if } r_t^k \geq r_t^c$$

- Aggregate loan demand monotonically decreases with  $r_t^c$



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► Credit Market Equilibrium (given  $r_t^k$ )



## Recap of the model

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$$7. \quad 1 + i_t = \frac{1}{\beta} (1 + \pi_t)^{\phi_\pi} \left( \frac{Y_t}{Y} \right)^{\phi_y}$$

$$9. \quad \Lambda_{t,t+1} \equiv \beta \frac{C_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{C_t^{-\sigma}}$$

$$11. \quad Y_t = A_t (\omega_t K_t)^\alpha N_t^{1-\alpha}$$

$$13. \quad (1 + \pi_t)\pi_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left( \Lambda_{t,t+1} \frac{Y_{t+1}}{Y_t} (1 + \pi_{t+1})\pi_{t+1} \right) - \frac{\epsilon-1}{\varrho} \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_t} \right)$$

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$$6. \quad r_t^k + \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1} \frac{\alpha Y_t}{\mathcal{M}_t K_t}$$

$$8. \quad Y_t = C_t + I_t$$

$$10. \quad 1 + r_t = \frac{1+i_{t-1}}{1+\pi_t}$$

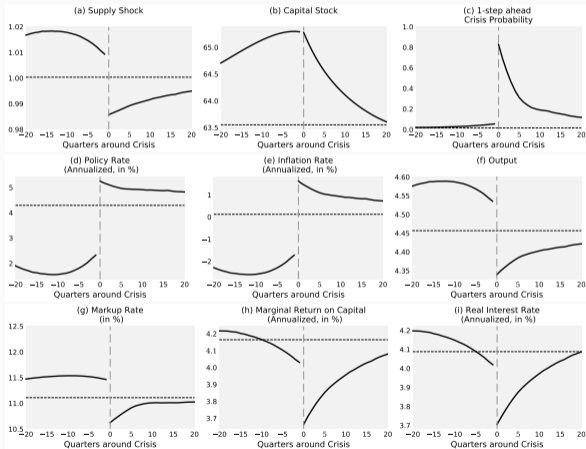
$$12. \quad \omega_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_t^k \geq \frac{\mu-\delta}{1-\mu} \\ 1 - \mu & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Quarterly parametrization.** The only non-standard parameter is the share of unproductive firms.  $\mu = 2.42\%$  to have the economy spend 8% of the time in crisis (with TR93 as baseline) [◀ Values](#)
- **Global solution and simulation** of the (nonlinear) model over one million periods
- **Study the dynamics 20 quarters around the beginning of a crisis.** Baseline analysis with technology shocks only. Conclusions hold with both technology and demand shocks

Parameter	Target	Value
<i>Preferences</i>		
$\beta$	4% annual real interest rate	0.989
$\sigma$	Logarithmic utility on consumption	1.000
$\varphi$	Inverse Frish elasticity equals 2	0.500
$\chi$	Steady state hours equal 1	0.814
<i>Technology and price setting</i>		
$\alpha$	64% labor share	0.360
$\delta$	6% annual capital depreciation rate	0.015
$\varrho$	Same slope of the Phillips curve as with Calvo price setting	105.000
$\epsilon$	11% markup rate	10.000
<i>Aggregate TFP shocks</i>		
$\rho_a$	Persistence	0.950
$\sigma_a$	Standard deviation of innovations (in %)	0.700
<i>Interest rate rule</i>		
$\phi_\pi$	Standard quarterly Taylor rule	1.500
$\phi_y$		0.125
<i>Proportion of unproductive firms</i>		
$\mu$	The economy spends 8% of the time in a crisis	2.42%

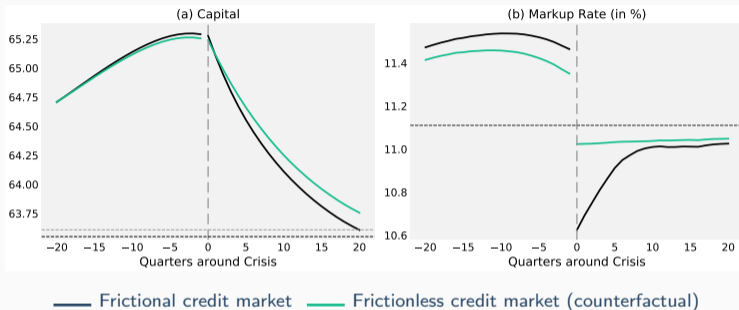
# Anatomy of the average crisis

## ► Technology shocks



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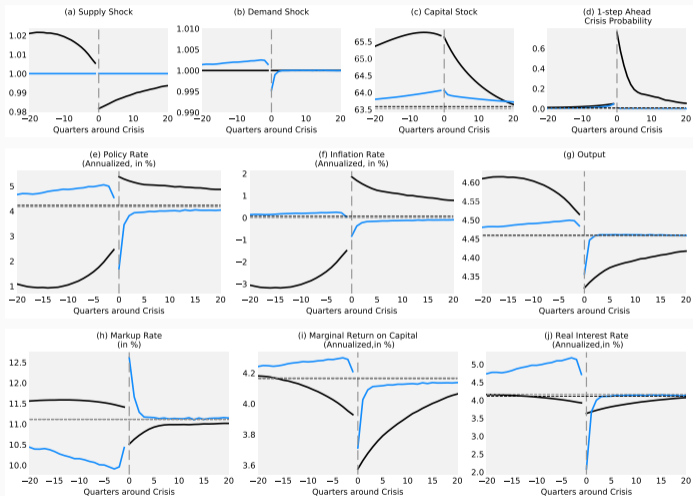
## ► The case for policy intervention



- The household accumulates precautionary savings in anticipation of revenue losses
  - Retailers frontload price increases in anticipation of inflationary pressures
- ⇒ Individual “hedging” behaviors precipitate the crisis via K- and M-channels

# Anatomy of the average crisis

## ► Technology versus demand shocks



— Model with TFP shocks only

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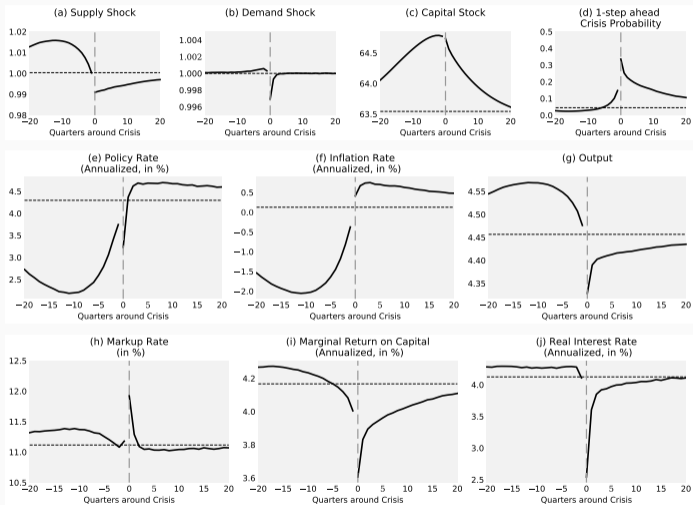
## ► Parametrization

Parameter	Target	Value
<i>Aggregate risk-premium shocks</i>		
$\rho_z$	As in Smets and Wouters (2007)	0.220
$\sigma_z$		0.230
<i>Proportion of unproductive firms</i>		
$\mu$	The economy spends 8% of the time in a crisis	2.39%

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# AS and AD shocks

## ► Anatomy of the average crisis



# With AS and AD shocks

## ► Crisis statistics

	Crisis time (%)	Output loss (%)
Economy with both shocks	[8.00]	-3.20
Economy with TFP shocks only	3.42	-4.76
Economy with demand shocks only	0.00	-2.90

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# AS and AD shocks

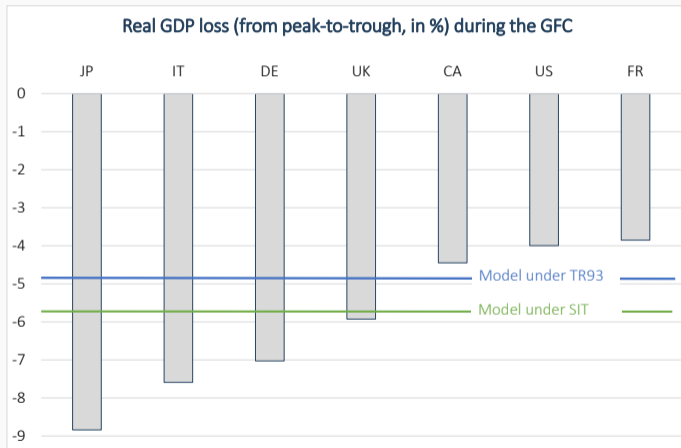
## ► Welfare

Rule	$\phi_y$	Frictionless	Frictional credit market				
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SIT	–	0	0.1114	9.85	5.91	-5.78	0.0000
Taylor rules ( $\phi_\pi = 1.5$ )	0.025	0.0116	0.1566	13.11	1.75	-4.06	0.0006
	0.050	0.0093	0.1396	11.74	1.77	-3.77	0.0014
	0.125	0.0062	0.0980	[8.00]	1.78	-3.20	0.0065
	0.250	0.0064	0.0583	3.93	1.75	-2.71	0.0200
	0.500	0.0126	0.0298	0.46	1.46	-2.10	0.0524
	0.750	0.0203	0.0337	0.04	1.18	-1.53	0.0834

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# Peak-to-trough GDP fall during the GFC

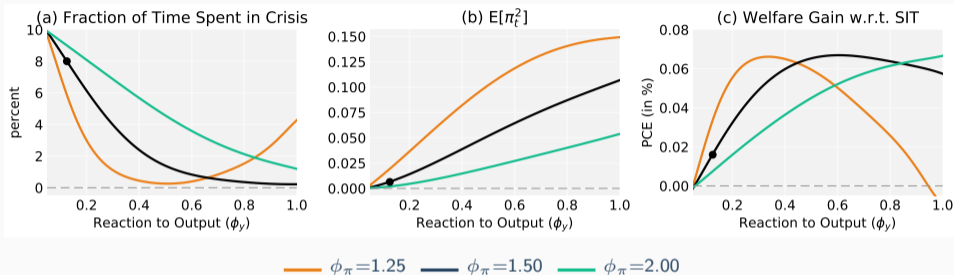
► A success of the model



Source: FRED

# Financial stability–price stability tradeoff

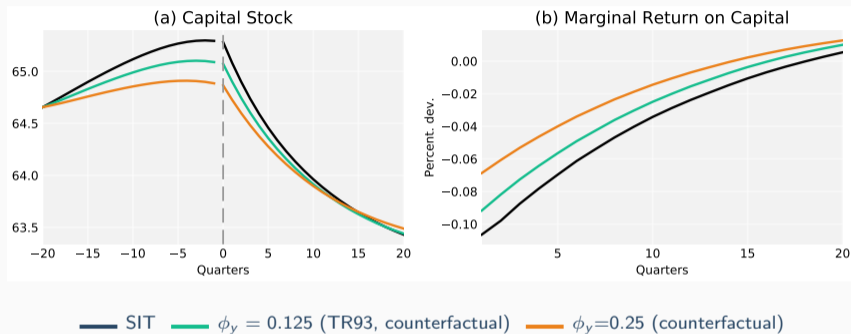
## ► Conventional parameter space



- One may reduce the time spent in crisis and improve welfare upon SIT by responding systematically to output fluctuations alongside inflation
- Marginal welfare gain decreases with  $\phi_y$  and may become negative: beyond a certain threshold, leaning does not foster financial stability and leads to higher price volatility

# Why is there fewer crises under TR93?

► A counterfactual experiment



- **Medium run:** capital builds up more slowly under TR93 than under SIT
- **Short run:** TR93 cushions better the fall in MRK,  $r_t^k$ , in the face of adverse shocks

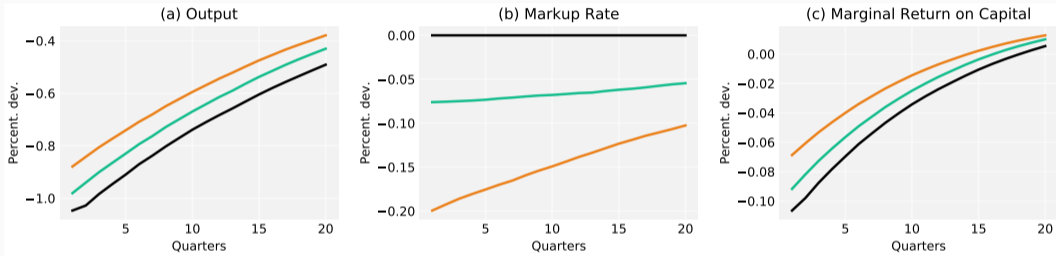
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# Short Run Effects

## ► Impulse Response Function to a Negative TFP shock



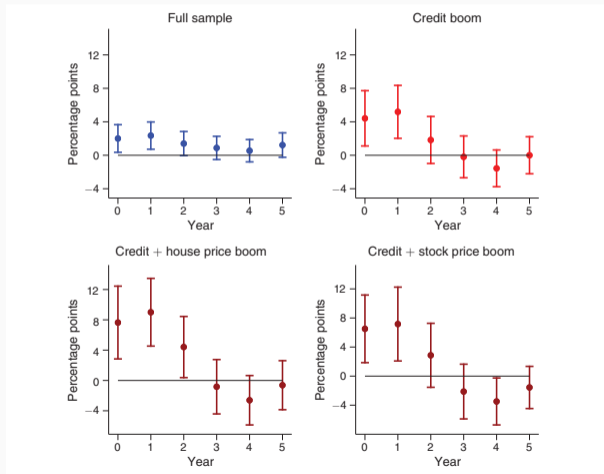
— SIT —  $\phi_y = 0.125$  (TR93) —  $\phi_y = 0.25$

◀ Back to counterfactuals and IRFs

# Schularick at al (2021)

## ► Leaning against the wind and crisis risk

Effect on annual crisis probability of an unexpected 1 pp policy rate hike



*“Based on the near-universe of advanced economy financial cycles since the nineteenth century, we show that **discretionary leaning against the wind** policies during credit and asset price booms are more likely to trigger crises than prevent them”.*

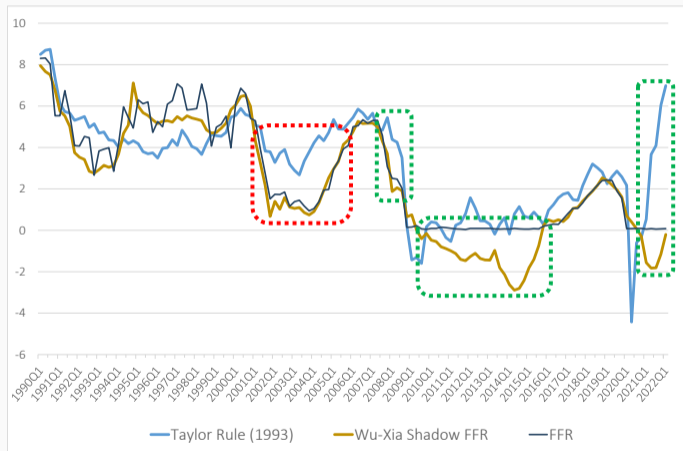
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## Backstop policies increase welfare

Rule	$\phi_y$	Welfare loss (%)	BP time (%)	Length (quarter)	$E(\pi_t^2)$
SIT	–	0.0013	15.16	8.84	0.0019
Taylor rules ( $\phi_\pi = 1.5$ )	0.025	0.0012	17.99	9.17	0.0011
	0.050	0.0013	16.30	8.70	0.0017
	0.125	0.0019	11.81	7.45	0.0063
	0.250	0.0044	6.30	5.93	0.0196
	0.500	0.0117	1.38	4.43	0.0196
	0.750	0.0196	0.37	5.11	0.0821

- Mix of SIT and backstop (“Fed put”) reduces the welfare loss to 0.0012% (from 0.1114%)
- The financial sector is more fragile when it is backstopped though, which forces the central bank to intervene 15% of the time

# Deviation from Taylor (1993) rule and shadow policy rate

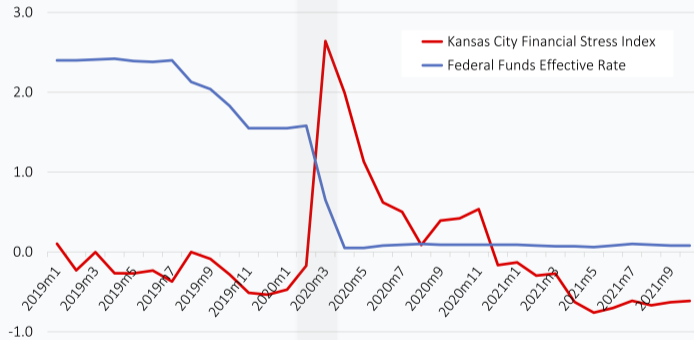


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

# MP has likely prevented a financial crisis during the Covid-19 pandemic

Figure 1

Financial stability risk and monetary policy during Covid-19



Source: FRED