

# Some borrowers are more equal than others: Bank funding shocks and credit reallocation

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ALL ANIMALS ARE EQUAL  
BUT SOME ANIMALS ARE MORE  
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ORWELL



# Funding shock and credit supply

## .. Absorbing the funding shock: domestic credit

.. Ivashina and Scharfstein (JFE 2010), Puri, Rocholl and Steffen (JFE 2011), Iyer, da-Rocha-Lopes, Peydró and Schoar (RFS 2014)

## .. Cross border spillovers of funding shocks

.. Cetorelli and Goldberg (IMF ER 2011, AER P&P2012), Claessens and van Horen (JFP 2013), De Haas and van Lelyveld (JMCB 2014), Albertazzi and Bottero (JIE 2014), Ongena, Peydro and van Horen (IMF ER2015),...

## .. Heterogeneity in credit reduction

.. Between foreign-domestic portfolio (Giannetti and Laeven (JFE 2012))

.. Within foreign portfolio (De Haas and van Horen (RFS 2013), Liberti and Sturgess, 2016)

.. **Within domestic credit portfolio? ⇒ THIS PAPER**

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- ... Higher likelihood of repayment
- ... Flight to quality

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... Firms can partly offset credit rationing by

1. matching with a **bank with larger sector presence**  
(std.  $\uparrow$  reduces impact by 20%)
2. matching with a **bank with larger sector specialization**  
(std.  $\uparrow$  reduces impact by 13%)
3. **improving** their **financial characteristics**  
(std.  $\uparrow$  reduces impact by 10%)

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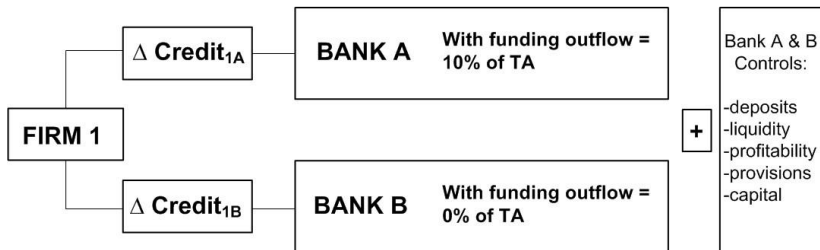
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# Identifying credit supply

## Empirical setup



➔ **We isolate credit supply** (from credit demand) by investigating how *banks with different degrees of funding outflow* changed their lending towards *the same firm*

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$CREDIT_{bf}$  = 4 measures of bank-firm level credit growth

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Table 1: Variable definition

### CREDIT VARIABLES

 $\Delta\% \text{ Credit}_{h,t}$ Increase in credit<sub>h, t</sub>

Large decrease in  $\text{credit}_{bf}$

New relationships<sub>b, f</sub>

### BANK VARIABLES

 $\Delta\%$  Funding<sub>t</sub>Capital to total assets<sub>it</sub>Return on equity<sub>t</sub>

Provision to total loans,

Interbank assets to total assets,

Deposits to total assets<sub>*t*</sub>Interbank liabilities to total assets<sub>*t*</sub>Bank size<sub>*t*</sub>

### BANK-SECTOR VARIABLES

Sector presence<sub>h</sub>Sector specialization<sub>*h, s*</sub>

### FIRM VARIABLES

Total assets  $\epsilon$ 

Age f

Leverage  $\ell$ Pledged collateral to fixed assets<sub>*t*</sub>Financial Pressure<sub>i</sub> $\Delta\%$  Fixed assets<sub>*t*</sub> $\Delta\% \text{ Assets}_f$ 

natural logarithm of time averaged credit granted post shock - natural logarithm of time averaged credit granted pre shock

A dummy = 1 if  $\Delta\% \text{ Credit}_{bf} > 0$ , and 0 otherwise

A dummy = 1 if  $\Delta\%$  Credit<sub>bf</sub> is in the lowest quartile of the distribution, and 0 otherwise

A dummy = 1 if a bank-firm pair exists in 2009m9 but not yet in 2008m8, and 0 otherwise

$$\frac{[(\text{time averaged interbank liabilities} + \text{deposits post shock}) - (\text{time averaged interbank liabilities} + \text{deposits pre shock})]}{\text{time averaged total assets pre shock}}$$

time averaged common equity pre shock / time averaged total assets pre shock

time averaged quarterly return on average equity pre shock

time averaged net flow of new impairment for credit losses expressed as a percentage of time-averaged total loans pre shock

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time averaged demand and savings deposits pre shock / time averaged total assets pre shock

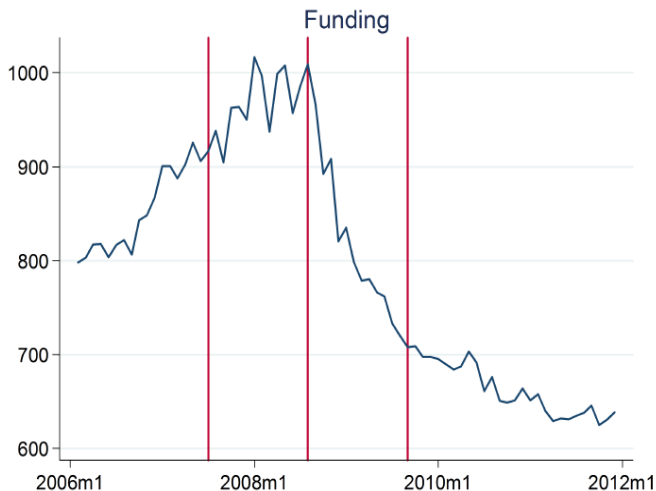
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**Figure 1: The funding shock and its impact: aggregate statistics**

This figure depicts the evolution of the aggregate volume (all banks active in Belgium, in billion euro) of bank funding (interbank liabilities + deposit funding) over the period 2006:1 - 2011:12. The vertical lines correspond to the estimation window (pre-shock window and post-shock-window of thirteen months) around the shock in August 2008, the month prior to the collapse of Lehman Brothers





# Funding shocks and credit supply

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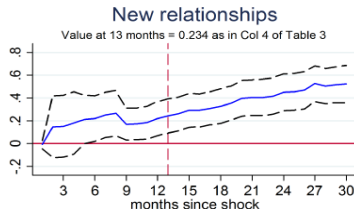
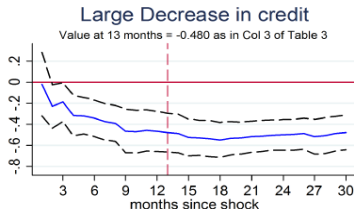
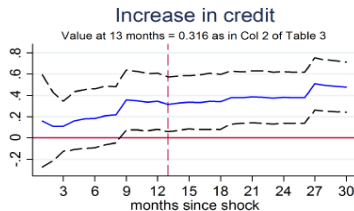
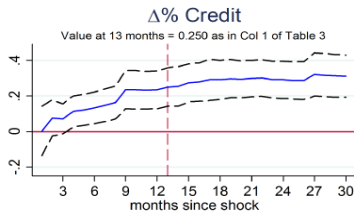
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**Figure 2: Timing of the funding shock pass-through**

This graph illustrates the impact of the total funding shock on the four credit supply indicators:  $\Delta\%$  Credit<sub>bf</sub>, Increase in credit<sub>bf</sub>, Large decrease in credit<sub>bf</sub>, and New relationships<sub>bf</sub>. We plot the coefficients and 90% confidence bounds (dashed lines) for the effect of a shock to bank funding ( $\Delta\%$  Funding<sub>b</sub>). The coefficients plotted are obtained from 30 separate estimations. The estimations differ from each other in terms of the length of the post-shock horizon, which expands from one to 30 months post Lehman, whereas the pre-shock horizon remains fixed at thirteen months. The x-axis indicates the sample length after the Lehman failure. The coefficients at month thirteen coincide with the results reported in panel A of Table 3.

### Impact of $\Delta\%$ Funding on ...



# Funding shock impact and credit reallocation

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<b>Sec specialize<math>_{bs} * \Delta\% \text{Fund}_b</math></b>		<b>-0.210***</b> (0.076)	<b>-0.529***</b> (0.170)	<b>0.539***</b> (0.106)	<b>0.177</b> (0.142)
Bank FE	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bank Controls	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Location-sector-size FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
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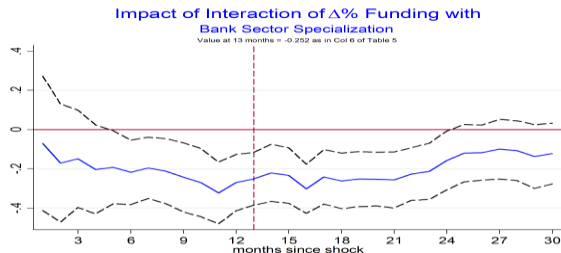
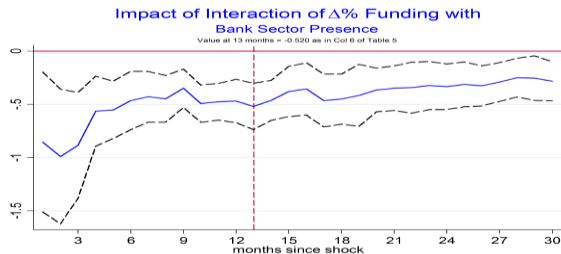
# Rent extraction

**Table:** Sector presence, sector specialization and rent seeking

VARIABLES	(1) Debt burden <sub>f</sub>	(2) Debt burden <sub>f</sub>	(3) Debt burden <sub>f</sub>
Sector presence <sub>bs</sub>	0.0444** (0.0218)	0.0408* (0.0235)	0.0347* (0.0188)
Sector specialization <sub>bs</sub>	0.00447 (0.0296)	-0.000661 (0.0253)	0.0126 (0.0280)
Observations	89,986	89,986	89,986
R-squared	0.186	0.221	0.222
Location-sector-size FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm Controls	No	Yes	Yes
Bank Controls	No	No	Yes

**Figure 3:** Timing reallocation effects: bank sector presence and specialization

This graph displays the timing and magnitude of the reallocation across sectors. The panels contain information on the interaction effect of the total funding shock and either the banks' sector presence or the banks' sector specialization. We plot the coefficients and 90% confidence bounds (dashed lines) for the interaction coefficients obtained from 30 separate estimations. The estimations differ from each other in terms of the length of the post-shock horizon, which expands from one to 30 months post Lehman, whereas the pre-shock horizon remains fixed at thirteen months. The coefficients at month thirteen coincide with the results reported in column 6 of Table 6.





## Further channels and implications

.. What role for firm risk, size and age? Further redistribution?

.. What about the real impact for firms?

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	RISK REALLOCATION	REAL EFFECTS	
	(1) $\Delta\% \text{ Credit}_{bf}$	(2) $\Delta\% \text{ Fixed assets}_f$	(3) $\Delta\% \text{ Assets}_f$
$\Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$			
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<b>Sec specialization</b> $_{bs} * \Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$	<b>-0.252***</b> (0.081)		
<b>Total assets</b> $_f * \Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$	0.003 (0.021)		
<b>Age</b> $_f * \Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$	0.001 (0.001)		
<b>Leverage</b> $_f * \Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$	<b>0.102***</b> (0.031)		
<b>Pledged collateral</b> $_f * \Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$	<b>0.020***</b> (0.006)		
<b>Financial pressure</b> $_f * \Delta\% \text{ Funding}_b$	<b>0.033***</b> (0.011)		
Observations	141,364		
R-squared	0.368		
Firm controls	YES		
Bank FE	YES		
Location-sector-size FE	YES		
Sector FE	NO		

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$\Delta \% \text{ Funding}_b$		<b>0.730**</b>	<b>0.771*</b>
		(0.311)	(0.454)
<b>Sec presence</b> $_{bs} * \Delta \% \text{ Funding}_b$	<b>-0.520***</b>	<b>-0.517*</b>	<b>-0.549</b>
	(0.132)	(0.264)	(0.335)
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	(0.081)	(0.106)	(0.156)
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	(0.021)	(0.020)	(0.030)
<b>Age</b> $_f * \Delta \% \text{ Funding}_b$	0.001	-0.002	-0.001
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
<b>Leverage</b> $_f * \Delta \% \text{ Funding}_b$	<b>0.102***</b>	-0.108	-0.095
	(0.031)	(0.089)	(0.120)
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	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.024)
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R-squared	0.368	0.157	0.341
Firm controls	YES	YES	YES
Bank FE	YES	NO	NO
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⇒ **Reallocation based on sector presence, sector specialization and firm risk is very robust.**

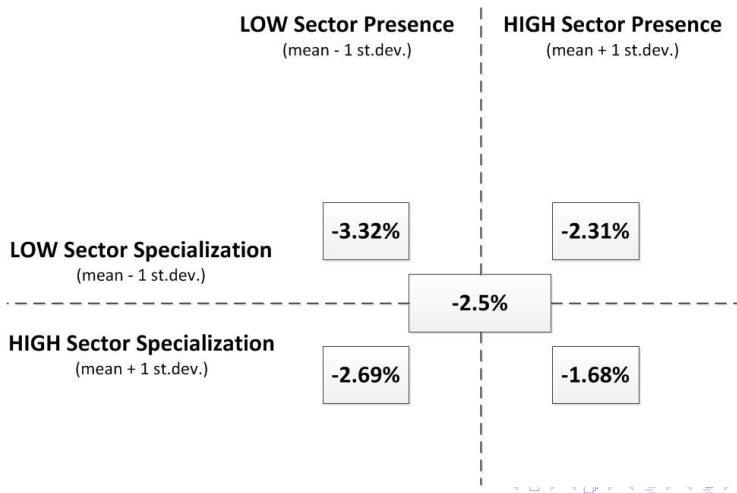
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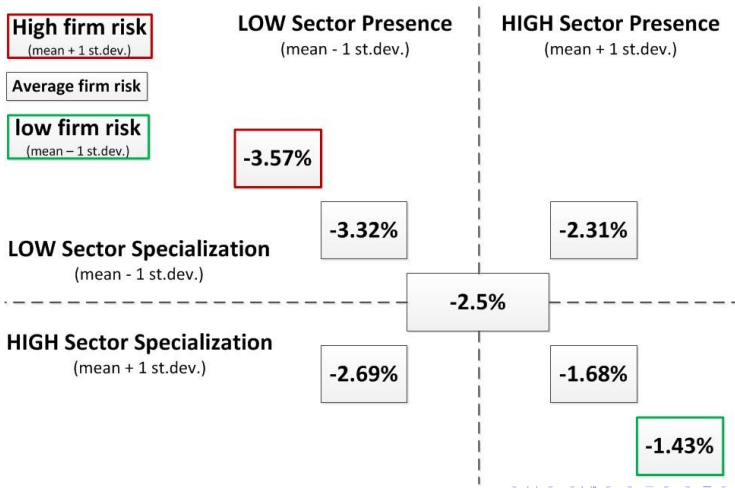




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# Policy Implications

- .. Bank market power and credit supply

- .. Higher cost of credit/lower credit volumes

- Stability of access to credit in times of crisis

- .. Focus on geographical dimension

- Focus on sectoral dimension

- .. Lending concentration and credit supply (Basel Committee, 2006)

- .. Portfolio concentration limits

- Having sufficient information

- .. Design of SME lending guarantee programs