

Liability Dollarization and Exchange Rate Pass-Through

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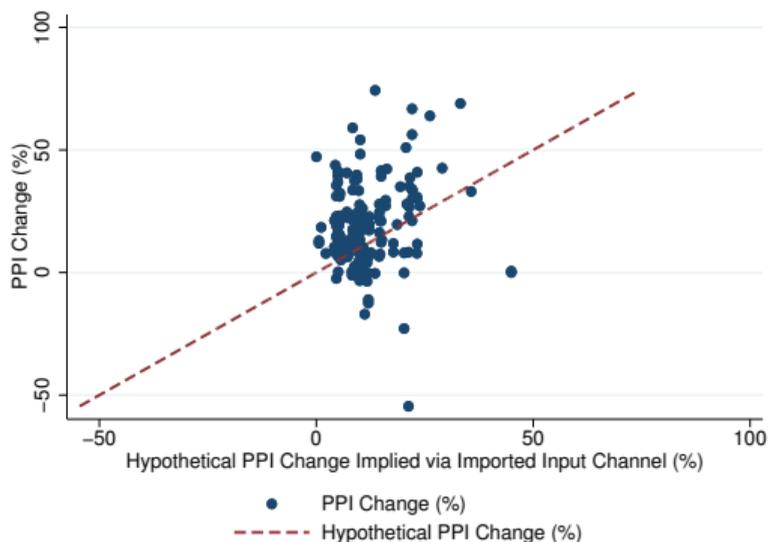
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- The **negative balance sheet effect** of \$ debt on **domestic inflation** is neglected in the literature.

1. How do firms' pricing decisions vary with different levels of FC debt?
2. How significant is this balance sheet effect of FC debt in explaining the exchange rate pass-through to domestic producer inflation?

Motivation: Domestic PPI Across Manufacturing Sectors in Korea

- From 1996-98, Realized PPI changes vs. $\underbrace{\text{PPI changes implied via the imported input channel}}_{\text{Imported Input Share} \times \Delta \text{Imported Input Price}}$

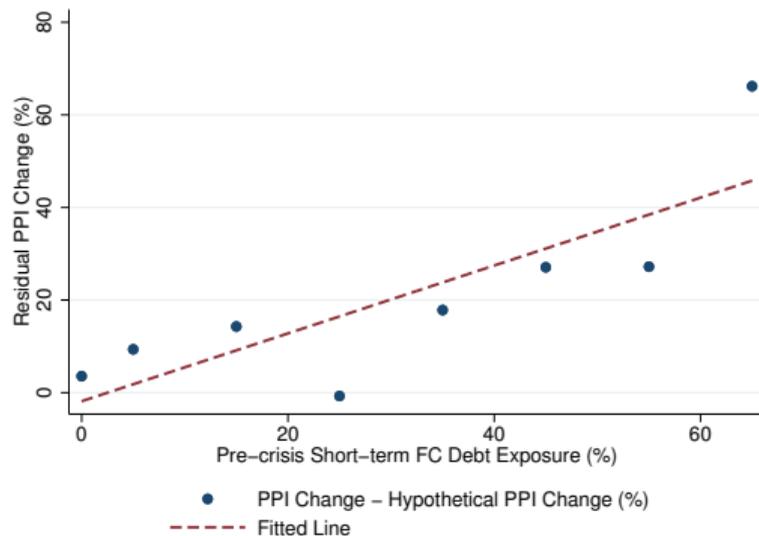
assuming (i) Cobb-Douglas production function with CRTS, and (ii) a complete pass-through



- The imported input channel is in fall short of generating the level of PPI changes upon a large depreciation. ▶ Cross-country

Motivation: Positive Correlation Between FC Debt Exposure and Residual PPI Changes

- Unexplained PPI changes and Pre-crisis Short-term FC debt exposure
Realized PPI changes - Implied PPI Changes via Imported Input Channel



- Relatively neglected balance sheet channel may account for the much pronounced increase in domestic producer prices.

Exchange Rate Pass-Through to Prices

Exchange rate pass-through to domestic prices

Goldberg, Campa (2010), Amiti, Itskhoki, Konings (2019)

⇒ Exploring the neglected **balance sheet channel** in the exchange rate pass-through

Contractionary Effects of Foreign Currency Debt

- Empirical and theoretical investigation of negative balance sheet effects on firm performance

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Financial Frictions and Firms' Pricing Decisions

- Closed Economy Setting

Gilchrist et al. (2017), Christiano et al. (2015), Del Negro et al. (2015), Kim (2021)

⇒ **Open economy setting** in the sudden stop episodes with dollar debt and a large depreciation

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- (3) The estimated model performs well in explaining sectoral price dynamics

- (4) A quantitatively sizable role of the balance sheet channel in explaining sectoral price dynamics

- (i) 15% to 30% of the sectoral price changes during the large depreciation period

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[▶ Won per \\$](#)

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 - Import channel: imported intermediate input share
 - Other industry-level pass-through determinants: degree of the product differentiation (Rauch classification), degree of price stickiness
 - Weighted average of other firm-level variables: log of real sales, leverage ratio, domestic short-term debt ratio, export/sales ratio, and FC cash/total current assets ratio
 - Broad industry (two-digit) fixed effects

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LT FC		-0.0603 (0.0966)	-0.1372 (0.1023)	-0.1489 (0.1119)	-0.1311 (0.1095)
Rauch Dummy					0.0046 (0.0495)
Imported Input Share					0.3521** (0.1558)
Degree of Price Stickiness					0.0325 (0.0224)
Broad Industry FE	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Firm-level characteristics	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Adjusted R^2	0.1364	0.1329	0.4191	0.4153	0.4316
N	155	155	155	155	155

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- Firms with higher foreign currency debt exposure have lower mark-up growth during the crisis.

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	Sales Growth	Net Worth Growth	Markup Growth
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LT FC	-0.2555 (1.2101)	1.1271 (3.0933)	0.1199 (0.1188)
Size	-0.1120* (0.0601)	-0.0143 (0.2340)	-0.0053 (0.0083)
ST FC x Size	0.2354*** (0.0707)	0.2467* (0.1432)	0.0155** (0.0073)
LT FC x Size	0.0183 (0.0484)	-0.0335 (0.1265)	-0.0048 (0.0048)
Adjusted R^2	0.1490	0.1284	0.0365
N	2815	2815	2814

$X_{j,96}$: size (measured by log of real sales), export to sales ratio, DC short-term debt ratio, leverage ratio, FC cash to total current assets ratio (their interactions with firm size), and broad industry fixed effects.

► Other Dependent Variables

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- Face borrowing constraints:

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Model: Recursive Firm Problem

$$v(k, d, a, z; \lambda, \kappa, \xi) = \max_{c \geq 0, d', k', a', n, x, p} \frac{c^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} + \beta E_{z'} [v(k', d', a', z'; \lambda, \kappa, \xi')]$$

$$s.t. \quad c + k' - (1 - \delta)k + \Phi(k, k') + a' + d \left((1 - \lambda) + \lambda \underbrace{\frac{\xi}{\xi-1}}_{=1} \right) = \underbrace{py - wn - \xi x}_{\pi(k, z)} + a + \frac{d'}{1+r}$$

$$\frac{1}{1+r} d' \leq \theta_k k' \quad \{\eta_1\}, \quad wn + \xi x \leq \theta_a a \quad \{\eta_2\},$$

where

$$(i) \quad y = \left(1 - \epsilon \ln\left(\frac{p}{P_I}\right) \right)^{\sigma/\epsilon} P_I^{-\nu}$$

$$(ii) \quad y = zk^\alpha x^\kappa n^{1-\alpha-\kappa}, \quad (iii) \quad \Phi(k, k') = \frac{\phi}{2} \left(\frac{k' - (1 - \delta)k}{k} \right)^2 k$$

- Firm j 's optimal pricing decision is

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- Strategic Complementarity** allows additional channel via the adjustment of $\mu_{j,t+1}$

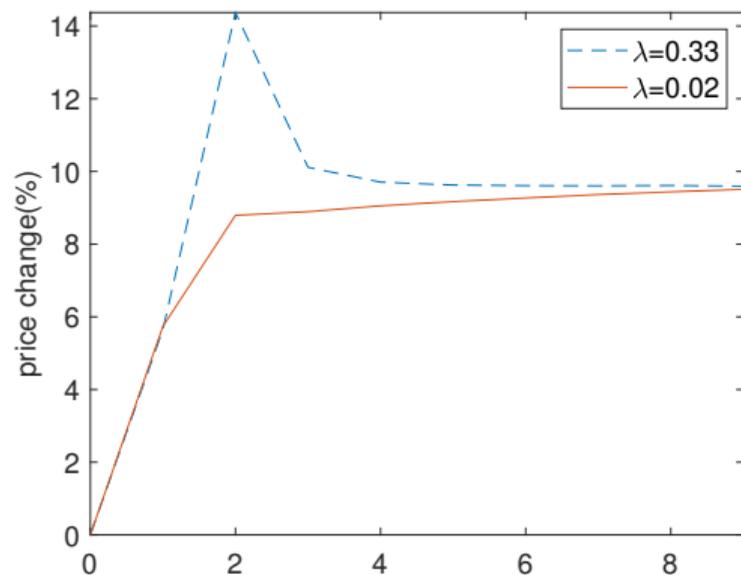
Quantitative Analysis

Predetermined			
Parameter	Value	Description	Data Source
γ	2.0	Relative risk aversion	Standard
δ	0.1	Depreciation rate of physical capital	Standard
ν	2.0	Elasticity of substitution across sectors	Standard
σ	5.0	Elasticity of substitution within a sector	Gopinath and Itskhoki (2010)
ϵ	4.0	Super elasticity of demand	Gopinath and Itskhoki (2010)
ϕ	0.9569	Physical capital adjustment cost	Gilchrist and Sim (2007)
r	0.08	Interest rate	Bank of Korea
ρ_z	0.9106	AR coefficient of z	Estimated
σ_z	0.0986	STD of z	Estimated
λ_m	$\in [0, 0.975]$	Distribution of FC debt share	KIS data
π_m^I	$\in [0, 1]$	Distribution of FC debt share	KIS data
κ_I	$\in [0, 1]$	Industry-level imported input share	Korea Input-Output table in 1995
Calibrated			
Parameter	Value	Description	Targeted Moments
β	0.9101	Time discount factor	Mean of Debt to Sales Ratio (0.66)
θ_k	0.7114	Fraction of capital as a collateral	Std of Debt to Sales Ratio (0.26)
θ_a	1.3812	Fraction of working capital	Mean of Cash to Sales ratio (0.44)

- Each industry with its specific firm-level distribution of λ and the imported input share κ has different stationary equilibrium and different transition dynamics upon **one time unexpected depreciation** of the real exchange rate.
 - period 0 : stationary equilibrium (SS)
 - period 1 : unexpected depreciation of real exchange rate (MIT shock)
 - $\Rightarrow k'$ and a' change
 - ...
 - period ∞ : new stationary equilibrium (SS)
- We investigate the transition dynamics when ξ goes up from 1 to 2.1 in the first period and stays there afterwards for each of 155 industries

Industry-Level Analysis

- Industry Price Dynamics Upon Unexpected Large Depreciation at Period 1
- Industries with imported input share = 0.13



Model: Industry-Level Analysis

- Marginal Effect of FC Short-term Debt Ratio on Price Changes in Crisis (Data vs. Model)

► Residual PPI: Model

$$\Delta p_{I,0-2} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ST FC}_{I,0} + \beta_2 \text{Imported Input Share}_I + \epsilon_I$$

	Data	Model
ST FC	0.5440 (0.2072)	0.2112
Imported Input Share	0.3521 (0.1558)	0.7346
R^2	0.4316	0.9968
N	155	155

- The model can explain more than half of the variation in price changes across industries.

	Data	Model
Std of $\Delta p_{I,0-2}$	0.1830	0.1004

$$\Delta p_j = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ST FC}_j + \beta_2 \text{Imported Input Share}_j + \beta_3 \Delta P_I + \beta_4 \mathbf{1}_{\text{Unconstrained},j} + \beta_5 \text{ST FC}_j \times \mathbf{1}_{\text{Unconstrained},j} + \epsilon_j$$

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	Price Changes		
ST FC _j	0.0724	0.0801	0.1483
Imported Input Share _j	0.2300	0.2385	0.2926
ΔP _I	0.6858	0.6784	0.6442
$\mathbf{1}_{\text{Unconstrained},j} \times \text{ST FC}_j$		-0.0464	
$\log(k_j) \times \text{ST FC}_j$			-0.0053
$\log(d_j) \times \text{ST FC}_j$			0.0548

► Price: $\log(a+k)$

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Firm-level Regression: Markup Changes

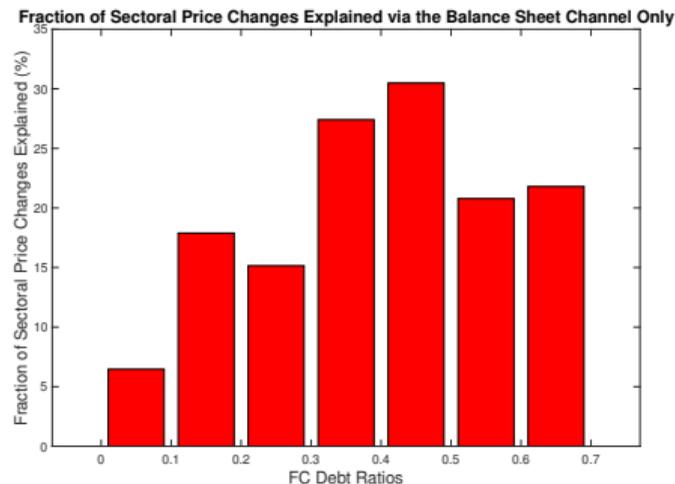
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	Markup Changes		
ST FC _j	-0.0609	-0.0677	-0.1214
Imported Input Share _j	-0.1913	-0.1994	-0.2415
ΔP _j	0.2656	0.2728	0.2993
$\mathbf{1}_{\text{Unconstrained},j} \times \text{ST FC}_j$		0.0413	
$\log(k_j) \times \text{ST FC}_j$			0.01
$\log(d_j) \times \text{ST FC}_j$			-0.05

Quantitative Size of the Balance Sheet Channel (Industry-level Direct + Indirect effect)

- Compare the **baseline results** with **counterfactual outcomes** where the imported input price stays constant upon a depreciation shocks.
- Across FC debt share deciles, the balance sheet channel explains a substantial share of the simulated **industry-level** price changes.



- We find empirically that **industries with higher foreign currency debt increased their prices more** during the large devaluation period.
- With the model-generated data, we decompose the **two distinct channels of exchange rate pass-through** – **balance sheet channel** and **imported input channel** and show that both are significant contributors to the firm-level price dynamics during the crisis.
- Our empirical analysis and our quantitative analysis reveal that it is important, albeit overlooked, to incorporate **the balance sheet effect** when analyzing how **the exchange rate affects domestic prices**, especially for *emerging economies with dollarized liability*.

Thank you! :)

Motivation: Cross-Country

- Realized PPI change vs. Imported input implied PPI change

	Crisis Year	Δ Import Price Index	Imported Input Share (%)	Δ MC Due to Import Price Changes Implied PPI Changes via Imported Input*	Δ PPI (%)
Brazil	1999	64.08	6.0	3.84	33.0
Mexico	1994	165.39	13.2	21.87	47.11
Korea	1997	40.37	14.6	6.05	16.46
Thailand	1997	20.09	22.0	4.43	17.89
Argentina	2002	169.87	6.1	10.39	122.22

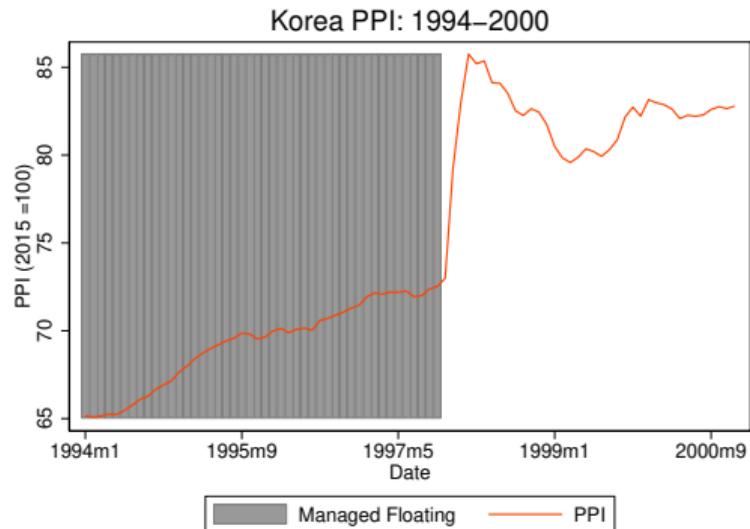
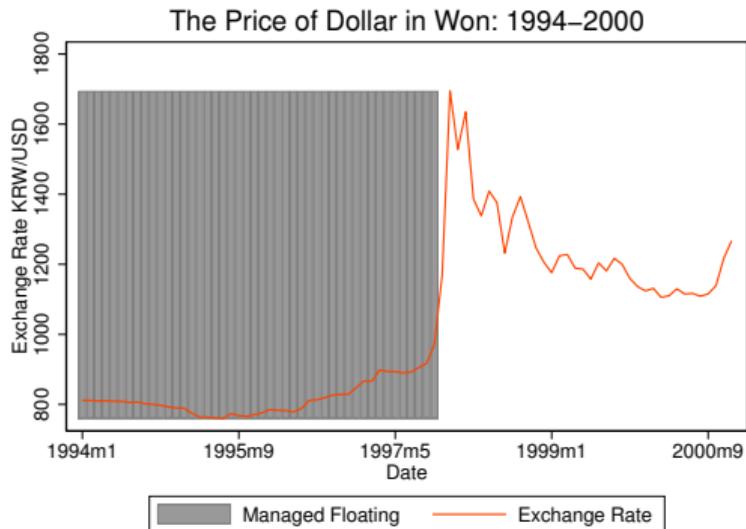
The country sample is identical to Burstein, Eichenbaum and Rebelo (2005).

The imported input share is $\frac{\text{imported intermediate input}}{\text{total input}}$

We assume a complete exchange rate pass-through.

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Depreciation of Korean Won After Floating



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Summary Statistics

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Number of firms	1862	2204	2718	3111	3620	3994
Fraction of firms with FC debt (%)	59.7	57.5	52.8	51.9	50.6	44.0
Fraction of firms with FC short-term debt (%)	52.0	47.7	42.7	41.9	39.8	35.4
Mean FC share of short-term debt (%)	8.4	7.0	6.3	6.7	7.6	7.0
Mean FC share of long-term debt (%)	19.8	20.2	18.1	19.0	22.2	18.8
Mean FC share of short-term debt (%) given positive holding	16.2	14.6	14.7	16.0	19.0	19.8
Mean FC share of long-term debt (%) given positive holding	35.4	37.9	36.8	40.4	48.6	47.0

Note: Short-term debt is the amount of debt due within one year.

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Correlation between ST FC Debt Ratio and Firm Size

All Sample	
	Correlation with ST FC Debt Ratio
Export to Sales Ratio	0.1283
Log of Real Sales	0.3342

Firm with Positive ST FC Debt: Intensive Margin	
	Correlation with ST FC Debt Ratio
Export to Sales Ratio	0.0528
Log of Real Sales	0.1218

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Industry Price Dynamics and Short-term FC Debt Ratio (Pre-crisis Period)

$$\Delta p_{i,93-95} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ST FC}_{i,93} + \beta_2 \text{LT FC}_{i,93} + \beta_3 X_{i,93} + \epsilon_i$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
ST FC	0.1029 (0.0859)	0.0850 (0.0744)	-0.1599 (0.1330)	-0.2413 (0.2341)	-0.2274 (0.2240)
LT FC		0.0280 (0.0780)	0.0546 (0.0852)	0.0274 (0.0836)	0.0436 (0.0834)
Rauch Dummy					-0.0021 (0.0552)
Imported Input Share					0.1936 (0.1267)
Degree of Price Stickiness					-0.0256*** (0.0045)
Broad Industry FE	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Firm-level characteristics	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Adjusted R^2	0.0023	-0.0037	0.2597	0.2876	0.2894
N	151	151	151	151	151

Pre- and Post-Crisis Price Dynamics and Short-term FC Debt Ratio in 1996

$$\Delta p_{l,t} = \beta_{0,t} + \beta_{1,t} \text{ST FC}_{l,1996} + \epsilon_{l,t}, \quad t = 1993, \dots, 1998, \dots, 2000$$

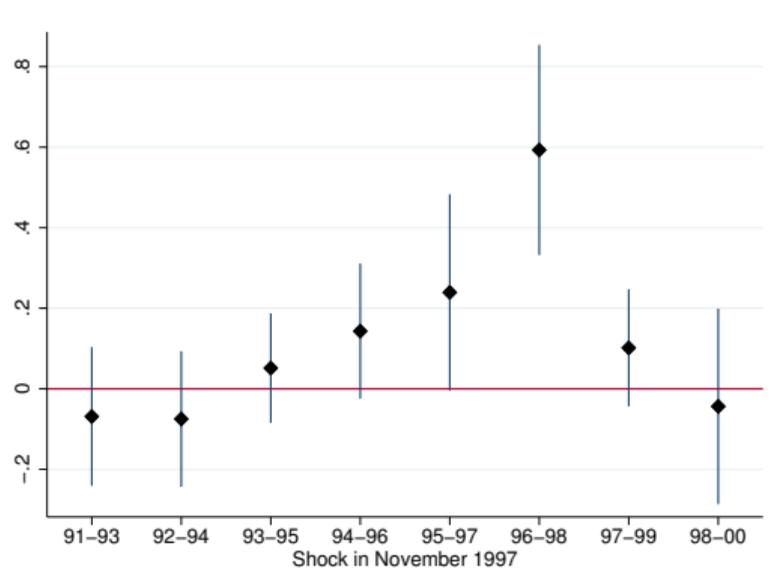


Figure 1: Treatment vs. Control Groups: Pre- and Post-crisis

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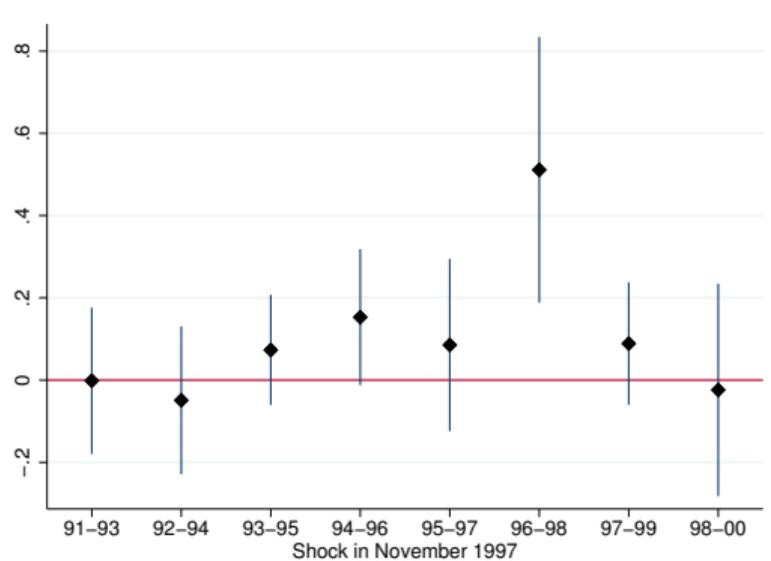


Figure 2: Treatment vs. Control Groups: Pre- and Post-crisis

Controlling the Effect of Firm Exits

	(1)	(2)	(3)
ST FC	0.5440*** (0.2072)	0.5952*** (0.2183)	0.5443*** (0.2065)
LT FC	-0.1311 (0.1095)	-0.1544 (0.1106)	-0.1310 (0.1085)
Log Change of # of Firms		1.2896*** (0.4828)	1.2394** (0.5049)
Rauch Dummy	0.0046 (0.0495)		-0.0074 (0.0496)
Imported Input Share	0.3521** (0.1558)		0.3335** (0.1573)
Degree of Price Stickiness	0.0325 (0.0224)		0.0331 (0.0219)
Broad Industry FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Firm-level characteristics	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted R^2	0.4316	0.4195	0.4349
N	155	155	155

W/O exporting firms

	(1)	(2)	(3)
ST FC	0.406*** (0.140)	0.389** (0.193)	0.387** (0.186)
LT FC	-0.138* (0.075)	-0.141* (0.083)	-0.126 (0.081)
Rauch Dummy			0.011 (0.049)
Imported Input Share			0.306* (0.180)
Degree of Price Stickiness			0.033 (0.021)
Broad Industry FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Firm-level characteristics	No	Yes	Yes
N	153	153	153

Mark-up Measure: De Locker and Warzynski (2011)

- Assume that producer j is a cost minimizer:

$$\min C_{jt} = \sum_{v=1}^n \underbrace{p_{jt}^v x_{jt}^v}_{\text{variable input costs}} + \underbrace{r_{jt} k_{jt}}_{\text{cost of capital}} + \lambda_{jt} (Q_{jt} - \underbrace{F(x_{jt}^1, \dots, x_{jt}^n, k_{jt})}_{\text{production function}})$$

- FOC w.r.t a variable input x_{jt}^v :

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial F(\cdot)}{\partial x_{jt}^i} \frac{x_{jt}^v}{Q_{jt}}}_{\text{output elasticity: } \theta_{jt}^v} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{jt}} \frac{p_{jt}^v x_{jt}^v}{q_{jt}} \quad \text{where } \lambda_{jt} = \frac{\partial C_{jt}}{\partial Q_{jt}}$$

- Hence, mark-up is:

$$\mu_{jt} = \frac{P_{jt}}{\lambda_{jt}} = \theta_{jt}^v \times \frac{P_{jt} Q_{jt}}{p_{jt}^v x_{jt}^v}$$

- Change in mark-up, assuming the output elasticity is constant over time:

$$\Delta \log \mu_{jt} = \Delta \log \frac{P_{jt} Q_{jt}}{p_{jt}^v x_{jt}^v}$$

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Empirics: Firm-Level Analysis

- Firms with high foreign currency debt exposure have lower investment growth, lower labor productivity growth and lower employment growth during the crisis.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Sales Growth	Net Worth Growth	Markup Growth	Capital Growth	MPL Growth	Personnel Expenses Growth
ST FC	-5.6954*** (1.7782)	-6.1853* (3.4904)	-0.4063** (0.1814)	-10.9207*** (3.6175)	-3.1780* (1.8791)	-5.6181*** (1.5485)
LT FC	-0.2555 (1.2101)	1.1271 (3.0933)	0.1199 (0.1188)	-0.2933 (1.9657)	-0.6067 (1.0123)	-0.7082 (1.0964)
Size	-0.1120* (0.0601)	-0.0143 (0.2340)	-0.0053 (0.0083)	-0.1578 (0.1453)	-0.0950 (0.0779)	-0.1472*** (0.0543)
ST FC x Size	0.2354*** (0.0707)	0.2467* (0.1432)	0.0155** (0.0073)	0.4334*** (0.1457)	0.1344* (0.0746)	0.2262*** (0.0625)
LT FC x Size	0.0183 (0.0484)	-0.0335 (0.1265)	-0.0048 (0.0048)	0.0130 (0.0792)	0.0300 (0.0406)	0.0310 (0.0438)
Adjusted R^2	0.1490	0.1284	0.0365	0.0215	0.0692	0.1231
N	2815	2815	2814	2406	2709	1977

Preferences: Kimball-CES Structure

- Each industry I faces an exogenous CES demand, where the demand for industry I 's composite goods is given by:

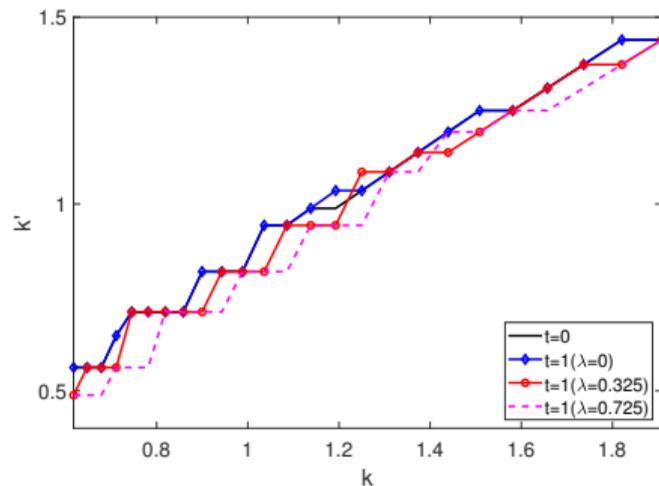
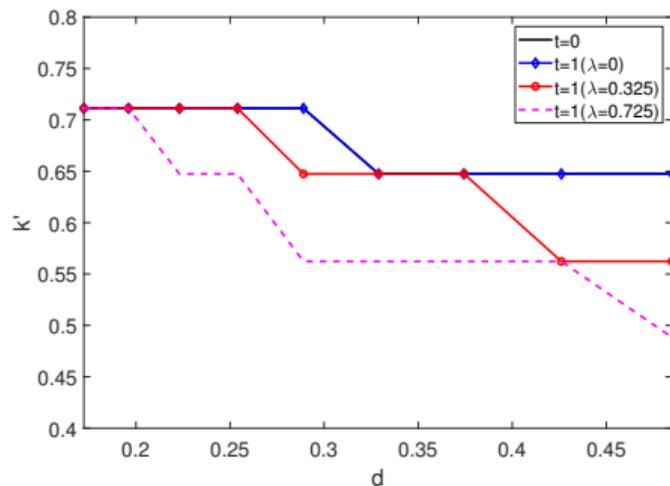
$$Y_I = \frac{P_I^{-\nu}}{\bar{P}} \bar{Y}$$

- Each industry I is populated by a continuum of entrepreneurs indexed by $j(I)$.
- **Intermediate goods**, y_j , are produced by entrepreneurs j , aggregated into industry I 's composite goods by the Kimball (1995) aggregation.
- Following Gopinath and Itskhoki (2010), we assume functional forms and the demand for an intermediate good produced by an entrepreneur j is:

$$y_j = \left(1 - \epsilon \ln\left(\frac{p_j}{P_I}\right)\right)^{\sigma/\epsilon} Y_I, \quad p_j = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(1 - \left(\frac{y_j}{Y_I}\right)^{\epsilon/\sigma}\right)\right) P_I$$

Policy Function of k' : (i) Investment adjustment

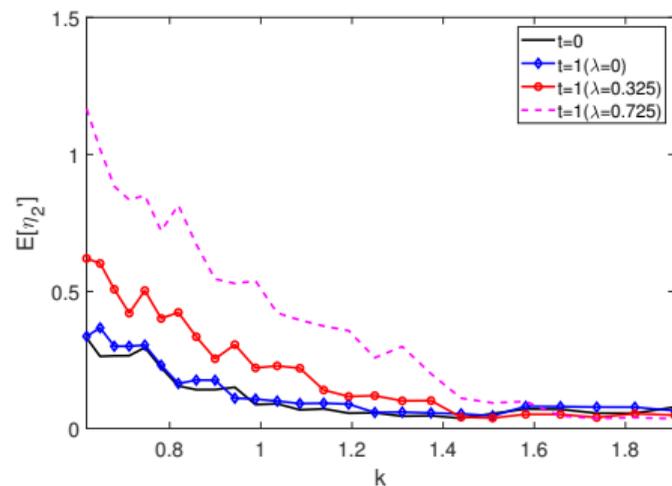
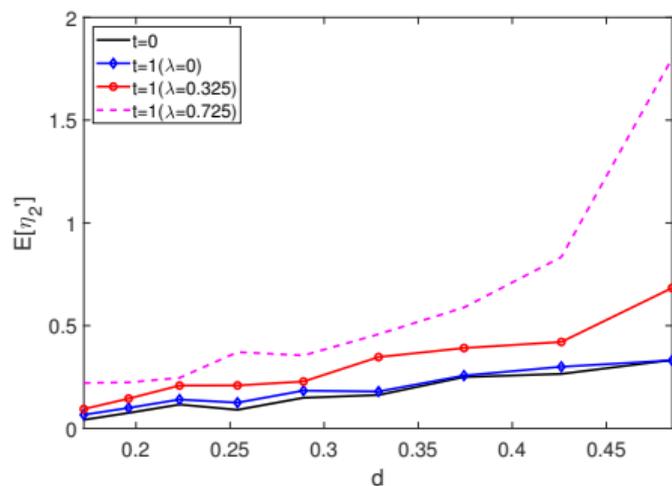
- With high enough debt d , the borrowing constraint starts binding, lowering investment k'
- With lower k , next-period capital $k' \downarrow$
- With higher FC debt λ , investment $k' \downarrow$



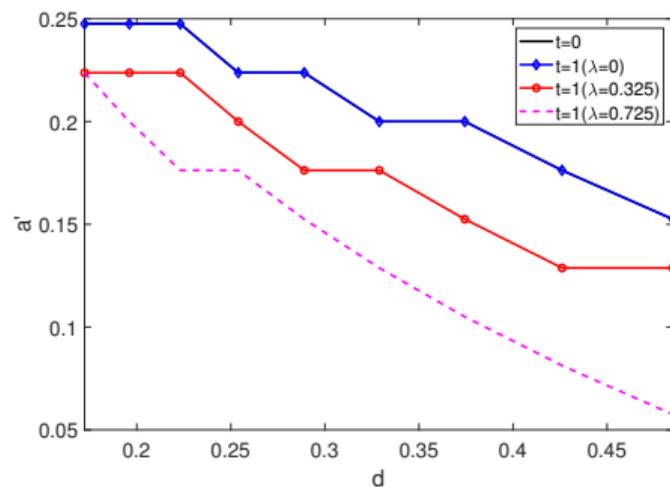
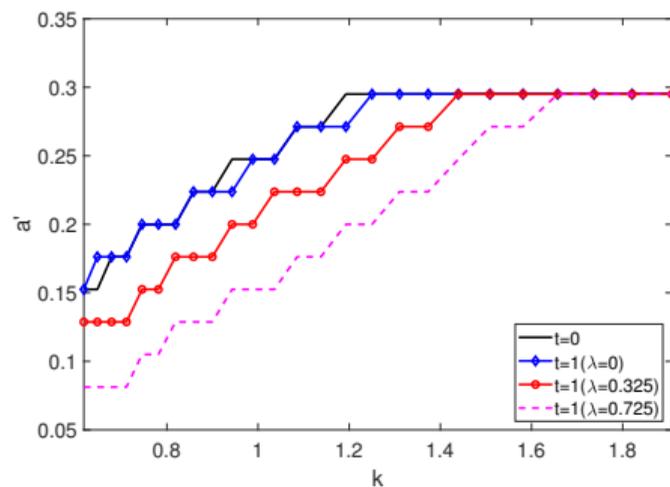
Policy Function of η_2 : (ii) Working-capital channel

$$\beta r E_{z'|z}[(c')^{-\gamma}] + \underbrace{\eta_1}_{\text{more binding collateral constraints } \uparrow} = \beta \theta_a E_{z'|z}[\eta_2']$$

- The working capital constraints are more binding $\eta_2 \uparrow$ with lower k , higher d and higher λ

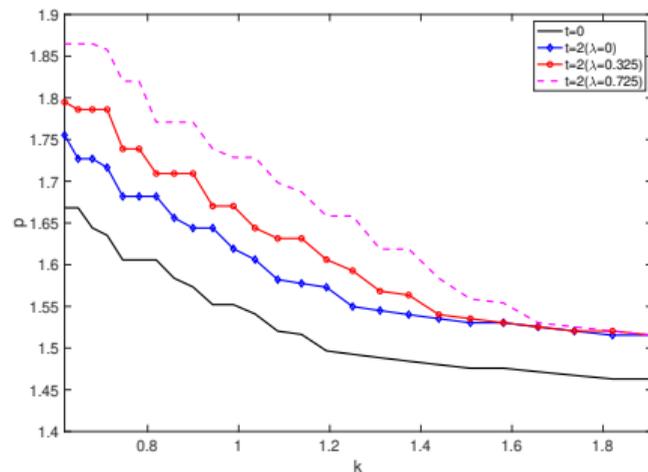
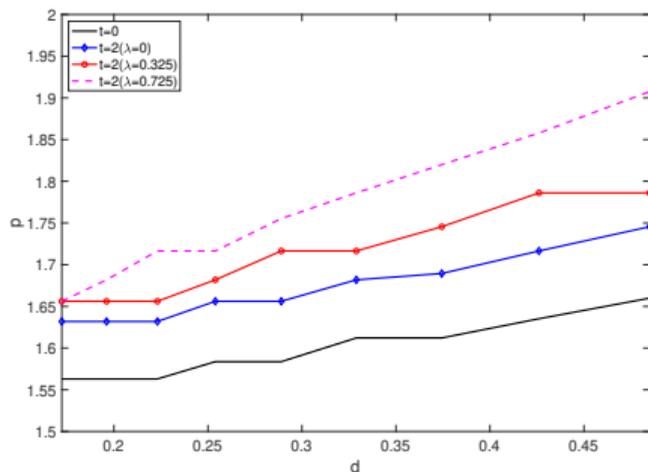


Policy Function of a' : (ii) Working-capital channel



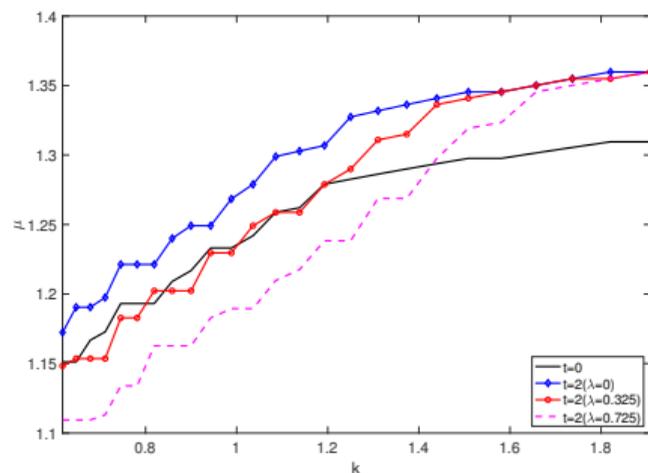
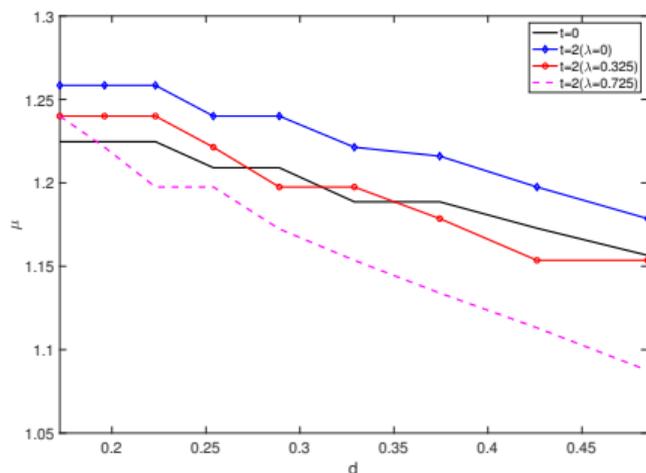
Policy Function of p''

- Firms charge higher $p \uparrow$ with lower k , higher d and higher λ .
- Strategic complementarity pushing up the policy function even with zero FC debt λ .

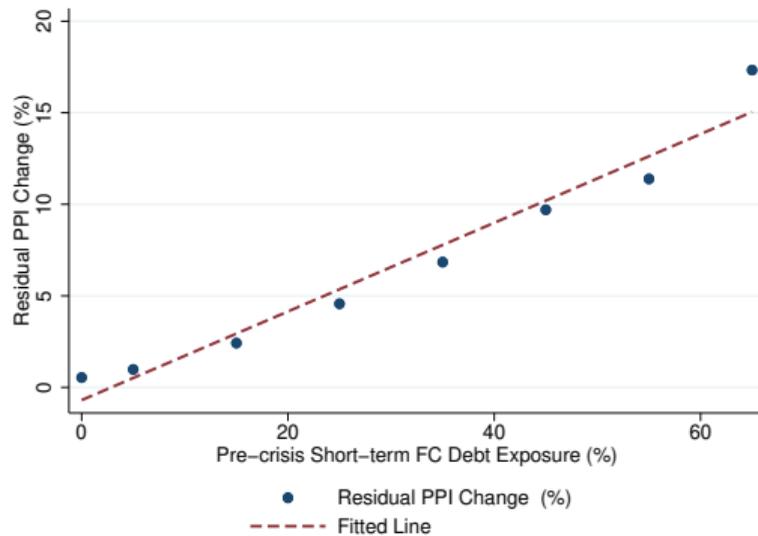


Policy Function of μ''

- Firms lower their markups $\mu \downarrow$ with lower k , higher d and higher λ upon \uparrow effective MC
 - Relatively better off firms with higher k and lower d increase their markups $\mu \uparrow$.
- Strategic complementarity pushing up the policy function even with zero FC debt λ .



Model: Industry-Level Analysis



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Firm-level Regression: Price Changes

$$\Delta p_j = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ST FC}_j + \beta_2 \text{Imported Input Share}_j + \beta_3 \Delta P_l + \beta_4 \log(k_j + a_j) + \beta_5 \text{ST FC}_j \times \log(k_j + a_j) + \epsilon_j$$

	Price Changes
ST FC _j	0.1521
Imported Input Share _j	0.2769
ΔP_l	0.6557
$\log(k_j + a_j) \times \text{ST FC}_j$	-0.0041

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Firm-level Regression: Markup Changes

$$\Delta\mu_j = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ST FC}_j + \beta_2 \text{Imported Input Share}_j + \beta_3 \Delta P_I + \beta_4 \log(k_j + a_j) + \beta_5 \text{ST FC}_j \times \log(k_j + a_j) + \epsilon_j$$

	Markup Changes
ST FC _j	-0.1260
Imported Input Share _j	-0.2269
ΔP _I	0.2885
log(k _j + a _j) × ST FC _j	0.005

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