

Monetary Policy Transmission through the Exchange Rate Factor Structure

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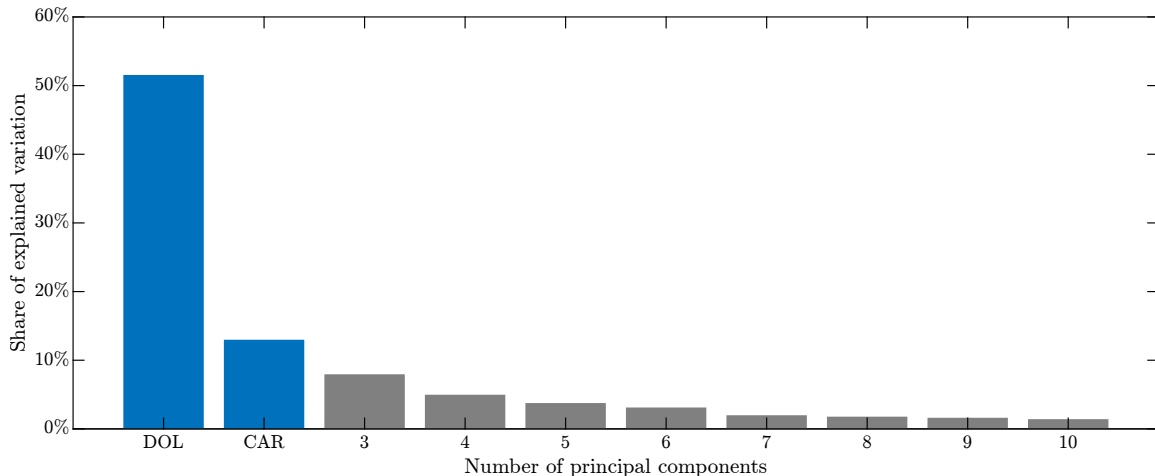
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Note: Sample covers 28 currency pairs and spans the monthly period from January 2000 to March 2024.

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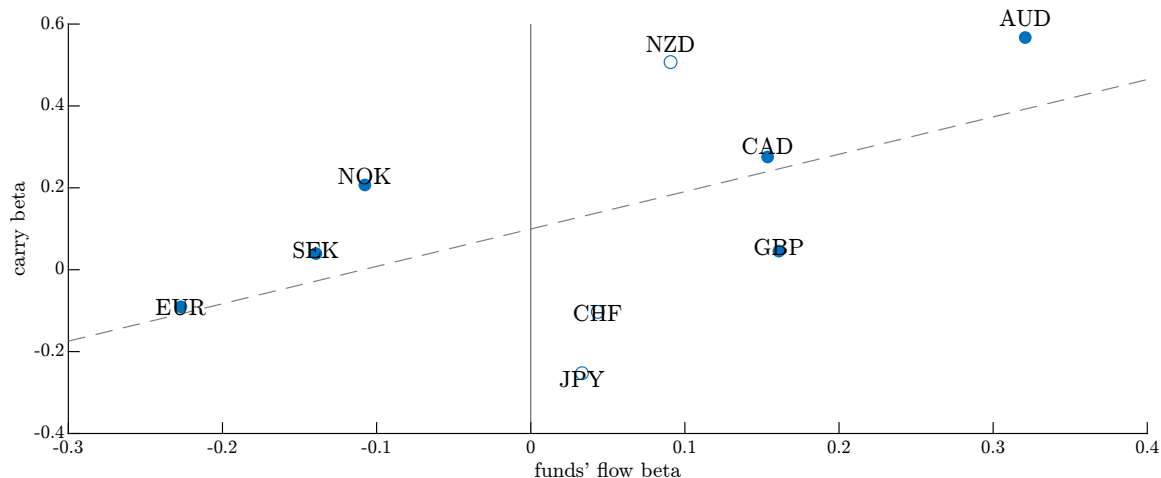
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Controls	yes				
Avg. #Time periods	139				
#Currencies	9				
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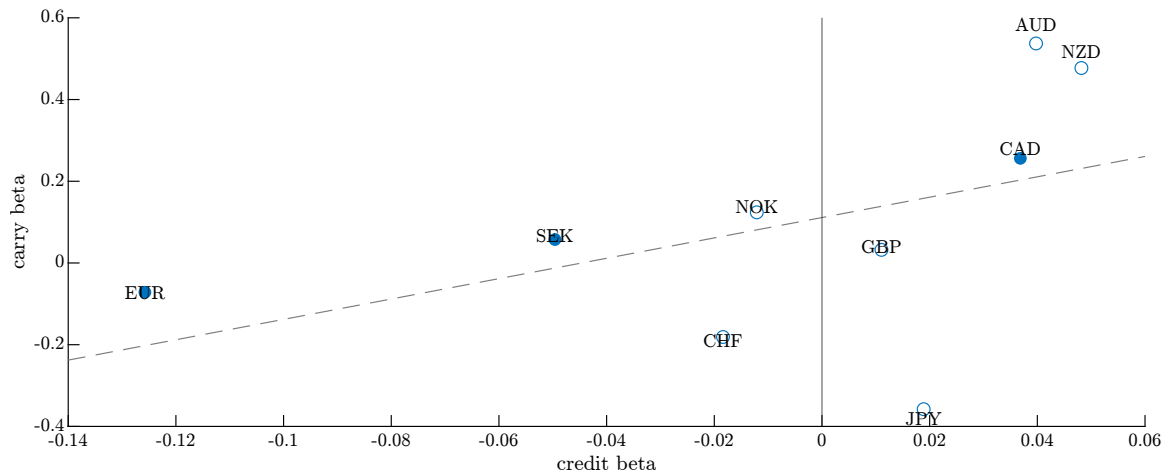
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UMVE $\beta_{i,t} \times \text{MPS}_t$					
$\Delta \log S_{i,t}$	-0.08				
	[0.71]				
Overall R^2 in %	57.95				
Avg. #Time periods	291				
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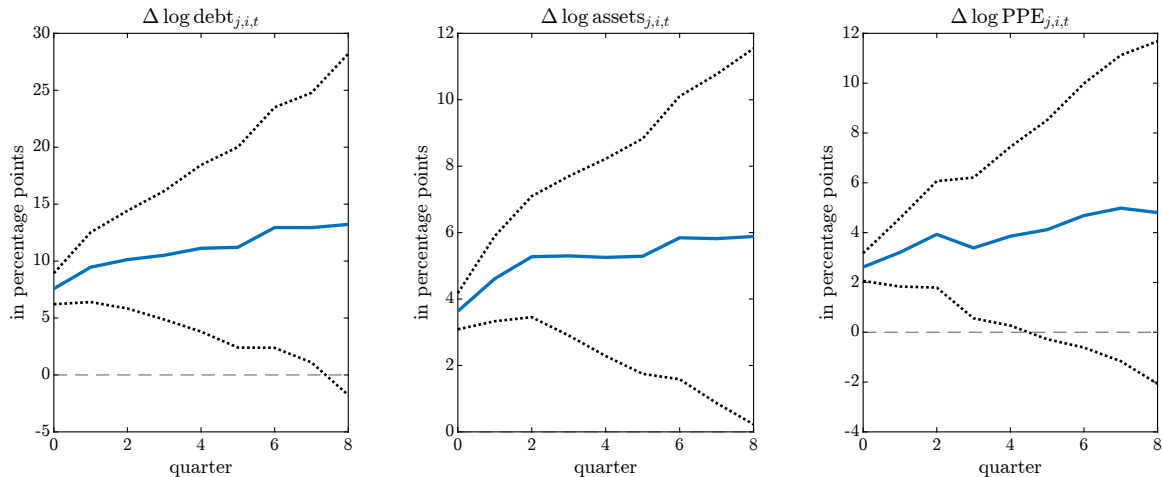
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Real economic effects: e.g. Ottonello and Winberry (2020), Bräuning and Ivashina (2020a,b), Zhang (2021), Correa, Paligorova, Sapriza, and Zlate (2021)

Global financial cycle: e.g. Rey (2013), Miranda-Agrippino and Rey (2020), Borio and Zhu (2012), Bruno and Shin (2015, 2017), Adrian, Estrella, and Shin (2019), Bauer, Bernanke, and Milstein (2023)

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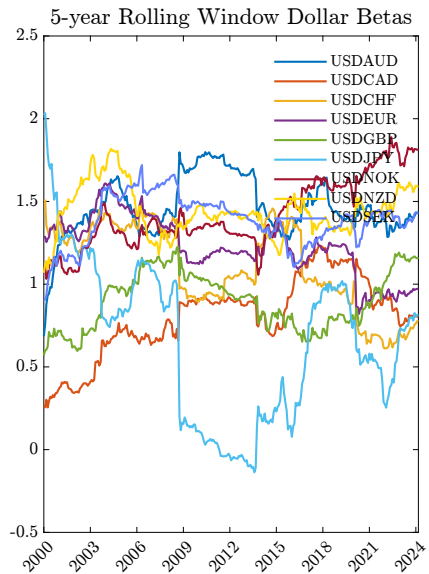
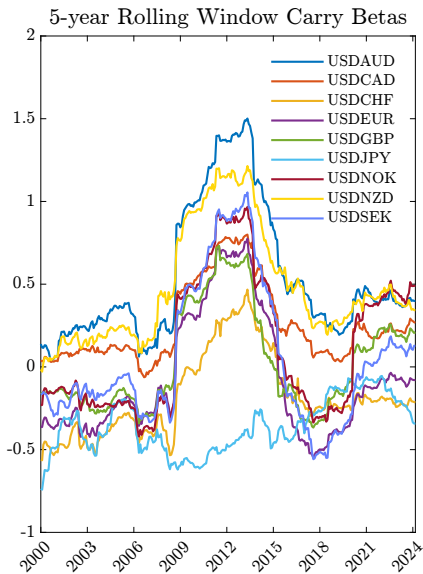
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Note: This figure plots carry and dollar betas across G10 currency pairs that are based on 60-month rolling window regressions of currency excess returns on the carry and dollar factor, respectively. [◀ Go back](#)

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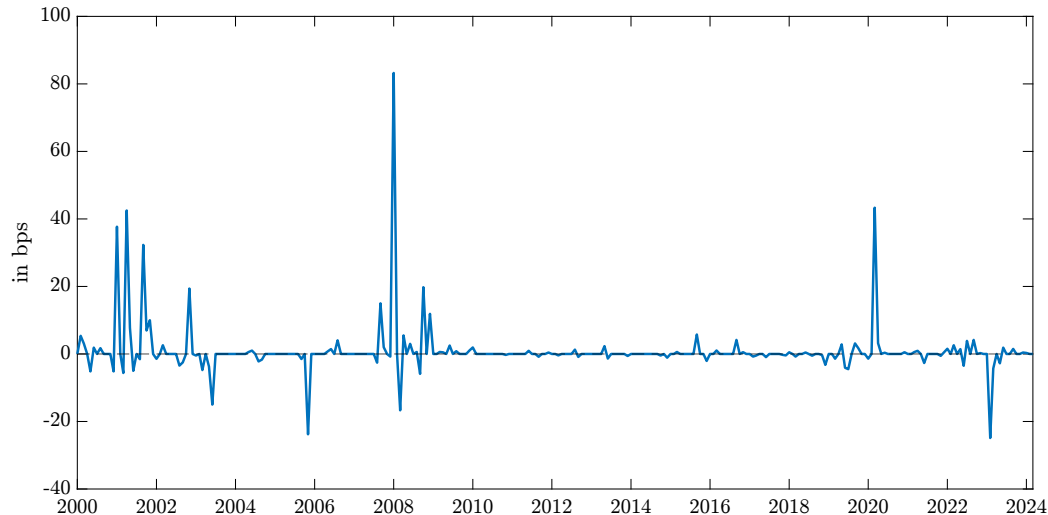
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Monetary Policy Surprises and Systematic Currency Risk

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Intercept (α)	0.060 [0.966]	0.044 [0.811]	-0.032 [0.638]	-0.010 [0.192]	0.070 [1.445]	-0.053 [0.745]	0.072 [1.188]	0.053 [0.811]	0.085 [1.324]
MPS_t	-0.099 [0.990]	-0.131 [1.417]	0.230* [1.656]	0.238 [1.400]	0.039 [0.511]	0.156 [1.537]	-0.081 [0.810]	-0.017 [0.208]	0.158* [1.716]
\bar{R}^2 in %	0.64	1.39	4.98	5.36	-0.19	2.10	0.31	-0.32	2.15
#Obs	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290
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Intercept (α)	0.002 [0.029]	0.006 [0.102]	0.026 [0.398]	0.012 [0.147]	0.017 [0.225]	0.050 [0.700]	0.026 [0.395]	0.021 [0.304]	0.007 [0.091]
MPS_t	-0.166 [1.518]	-0.190 [1.564]	-0.099 [1.629]	-0.153* [1.923]	-0.194* [1.839]	0.012 [0.385]	-0.231 [1.385]	-0.153** [2.355]	-0.155 [1.629]
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Note: This table reports results from *monthly* regressions of the form $\Delta y_{i,t} = \mu_i + \beta MPS_t + \epsilon_{i,t}$, where the dependent variable is the first-difference in either the dollar or the carry beta, respectively. MPS_t is our monetary policy shock in basis points that we extract from Fed Fund futures rate changes following [Kuttner \(2001\)](#). Both dependent and independent variables are measured in units of standard deviations. The numbers inside the brackets are the corresponding test statistics based on robust standard errors ([Newey and West, 1987](#)) correcting for heteroskedasticity and serial correlation. Asterisks *, **, and *** denote significance at the 90%, 95%, and 99% confidence levels. The sample covers the period from January 2000 to March 2024. [◀ Go back](#)

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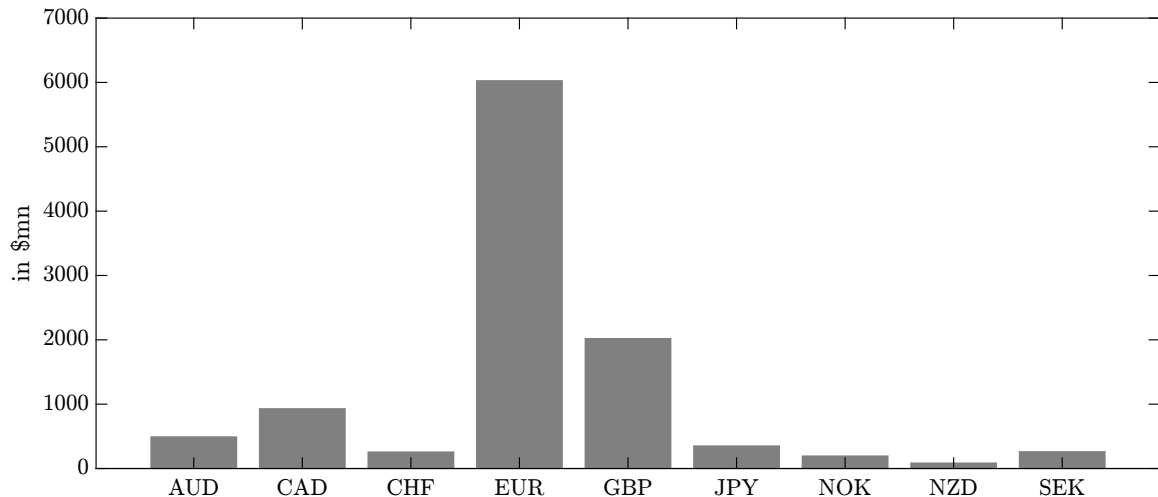
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USDCHF	0.57	0.90	2.41	9.06	1.45	4.17	4.27	85.87
USDEUR	3.46	2.19	11.39	13.78	1.45	3.18	14.67	80.85
USDGBP	1.23	1.00	5.82	13.02	1.56	3.56	7.96	82.42
USDJPY	0.94	0.85	4.81	8.93	0.96	3.14	6.19	87.08
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Foreign Currency Lending is Concentrated in G10 Currencies



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USDNOK						0.21	1.57
USDCAD						0.28	0.96
USDNZD						0.51	1.42
USDAUD						0.57	1.44

Note: Coefficients are in \$mn. The numbers inside the brackets are the corresponding test statistics based on robust standard errors ([Newey and West, 1987](#)). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to March 2024.

Flows by Funds and Banks Respond to US Monetary Policy

	Corporates	Funds	NBFIs	Non-dealer banks	Dealer banks	carry beta	dollar beta
USDJPY	8.04 [0.56]	35.88 [0.74]	14.42 [1.03]			−0.25	0.51
USDCHF	7.08 [0.76]	23.51 [0.42]	−10.85 [0.67]			−0.10	0.98
USDEUR	31.47 [0.95]	−580.18*** [4.57]	16.15* [1.86]			−0.09	1.11
USDSEK	4.17** [2.54]	−30.21*** [3.14]	−2.18 [1.38]			0.04	1.34
USDGBP	−72.82*** [2.90]	210.39*** [3.38]	−25.46* [1.76]			0.05	0.87
USDNOK	−4.39** [2.12]	−13.99*** [3.33]	−1.19 [1.15]			0.21	1.57
USDCAD	2.18 [0.46]	537.22*** [5.67]	25.06 [1.51]			0.28	0.96
USDNZD	−1.67 [1.59]	23.94 [1.13]	1.32 [1.55]			0.51	1.42
USDAUD	−0.02 [0.00]	190.42*** [5.23]	1.03 [0.20]			0.57	1.44

Note: Coefficients are in \$mn. The numbers inside the brackets are the corresponding test statistics based on robust standard errors ([Newey and West, 1987](#)). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to March 2024.

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USDJPY	8.04 [0.56]	35.88 [0.74]	14.42 [1.03]	−246.79*** [4.73]	188.45*** [4.25]	−0.25	0.51
USDCHF	7.08 [0.76]	23.51 [0.42]	−10.85 [0.67]	−15.52 [0.57]	−4.22 [0.10]	−0.10	0.98
USDEUR	31.47 [0.95]	−580.18*** [4.57]	16.15* [1.86]	−62.86 [0.40]	595.42** [2.44]	−0.09	1.11
USDSEK	4.17** [2.54]	−30.21*** [3.14]	−2.18 [1.38]	20.67 [1.03]	7.55 [0.51]	0.04	1.34
USDGBP	−72.82*** [2.90]	210.39*** [3.38]	−25.46* [1.76]	27.04 [0.18]	−139.15 [1.29]	0.05	0.87
USDNOK	−4.39** [2.12]	−13.99*** [3.33]	−1.19 [1.15]	−47.26*** [4.60]	66.84*** [6.47]	0.21	1.57
USDCAD	2.18 [0.46]	537.22*** [5.67]	25.06 [1.51]	500.92 [1.62]	−1,065.39*** [3.30]	0.28	0.96
USDNZD	−1.67 [1.59]	23.94 [1.13]	1.32 [1.55]	−49.58** [2.11]	26.00*** [2.96]	0.51	1.42
USDAUD	−0.02 [0.00]	190.42*** [5.23]	1.03 [0.20]	−213.38*** [3.42]	21.95 [0.64]	0.57	1.44

Note: Coefficients are in \$mn. The numbers inside the brackets are the corresponding test statistics based on robust standard errors ([Newey and West, 1987](#)). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to March 2024.

Robustness and Additional Analyses

- ➊ **Persistent effect of monetary policy:** investment funds' currency flows into high-risk currencies persist over several months. [▶ Details](#)
- ➋ **Economic sources of currency risk:** country-level risk characteristics. [▶ Table](#)
- ➌ **Expansionary and contractionary monetary policy:** expansions dominate. [▶ Figure](#)
- ➍ **Alternative story:** other central banks react systematically to US shocks. [▶ Table](#)
- ➎ **Other measures of monetary policy shocks:** target rate surprises dominate. [▶ Table](#)
- ➏ **European monetary policy shocks:** do not matter for euro-based currency flows. [▶ Table](#)

Persistent Effect of Monetary Policy on Funds' Currency Flows

Are the effects of monetary policy on currency flows long-lasting or rather short-lived?

● Funds' forward currency flows:

$$\text{Forward Flow}_{i,t+m} = \mu_i + \alpha_t + \gamma X_{i,t} + \beta \text{MPS}_t + \varphi (X_{i,t} \times \text{MPS}_t) + \kappa W_{i,t} + \epsilon_{i,t}.$$

- Replace spot flow with forward flow at maturities 1, 3, and 12 months.
- MPS_t is our monetary policy shock following Bernanke and Kuttner (2005).

● Local projections (Jordà, 2005) of funds' spot currency flows:

$$\text{Spot Flow}_{i,t+h} = \alpha_i^h + \sum_{m=0}^h \beta_{i,m}^h \text{MPS}_{t-m} + \epsilon_{i,t+h}^h$$

- Short currency flows into the portfolio are based on currency flows.
- A "Spot Flow" is the spot currency flow within group i observed h months ahead of MPS.

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- Sort currency pairs into tertile portfolios based on **carry betas**.
- $\text{Spot Flow}_{t,t+h}^g$ is the spot currency flow within group g observed h months ahead of MPS_t .

Heterogeneous Response of Funds' Forward Currency Flows

Dep. variable: Forward Flow _{i,t}	1M		3M		12M	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
carry beta _{i,t}	0.01 [0.04]		-0.06 [0.78]		-0.11 [1.44]	
dollar beta _{i,t}		-0.22 [1.15]		-0.19* [1.87]		-0.08 [0.72]
carry beta _{i,t} × MPS _t	0.03* [1.94]		0.00 [0.34]		-0.07*** [5.01]	
dollar beta _{i,t} × MPS _t		0.10* [1.75]		0.02 [0.38]		-0.15*** [6.25]
Δ log bid-ask spread _{i,t}	0.01 [0.20]	0.00 [0.06]	0.01 [0.71]	0.01 [0.59]	-0.01 [0.25]	0.01 [0.17]
Δ log S _{i,t}	-0.03 [1.43]	-0.04 [1.58]	-0.02 [0.76]	-0.02 [0.91]	-0.02 [0.95]	-0.02 [0.64]
Overall R ² in %	61.08	62.20	62.82	63.58	32.39	32.11
Avg. #Time periods	138	138	138	138	138	138
#Currencies	9	9	9	9	9	9
Currency FE	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Time series FE	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Note: Both dependent and independent variables are standardized. Inference is based on double clustered standard errors (by currencies and time). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to March 2024.

Persistent Effect of Monetary Policy on Funds' Currency Flows

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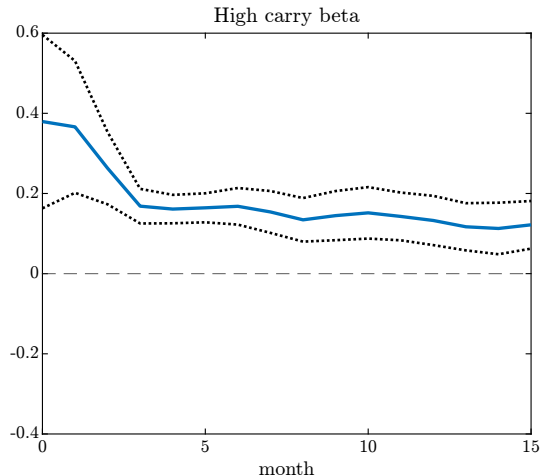
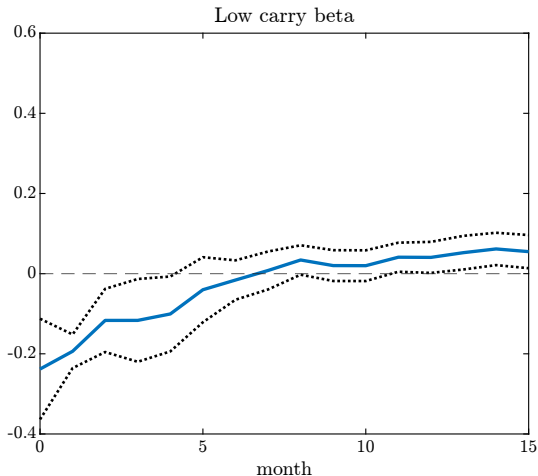
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- **Sort currency pairs** into **tertile portfolios** based on **carry betas**.
- $\text{Spot Flow}_{t,t+h}^g$ is the spot currency flow within group g observed h months ahead of MPS_t .

Lasting Effect of Monetary Policy on Funds' Spot Currency Flows



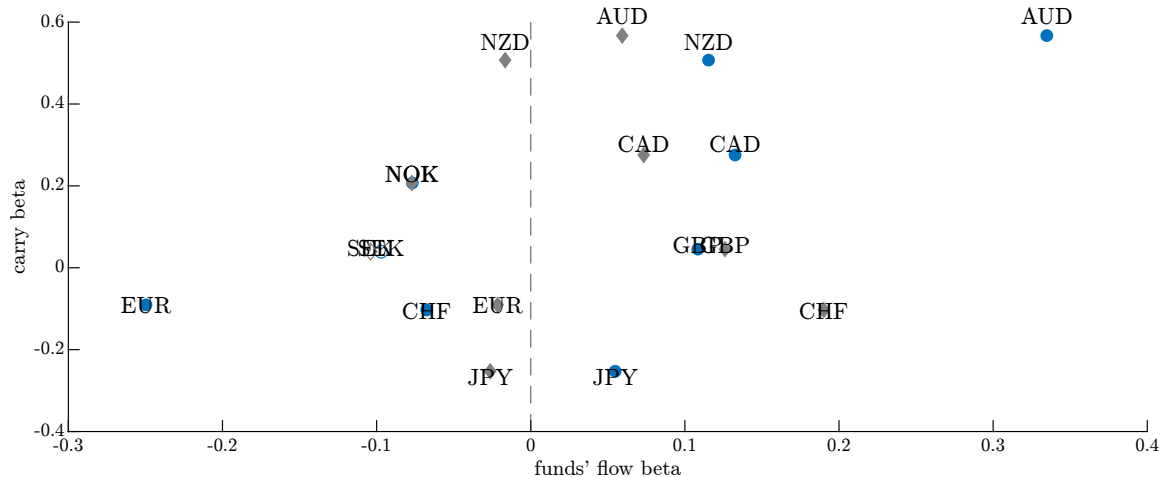
Note: This figure plots cumulative impulse responses of flows to MP surprises. The dotted lines mark the 90% confidence bands using [Newey and West \(1987\)](#) standard errors. The sample spans from September 2012 to March 2024. [◀ Go back](#)

Currency Flows of Funds and a Horse Race of Currency Risks

Dep. variable: Spot Flow _{i,t}	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
MPS _t	0.01 [0.26]	0.01 [1.01]	0.04 [1.11]	0.10** [2.07]	-0.03 [0.46]	0.09** [2.06]	0.12*** [2.83]	-0.03 [1.17]
carry beta _{i,t} × MPS _t	0.09*** [2.75]							
IMB beta _{i,t} × MPS _t		-0.01 [0.51]						
downside beta _{i,t} × MPS _t			0.01 [0.71]					
$f_{i,t} - s_{i,t} \times \text{MPS}_t$				0.09** [2.01]				
centrality _{i,t} × MPS _t					-0.08 [1.40]			
term premium _{i,t} × MPS _t						0.09 [1.60]		
size _{i,t} × MPS _t							-0.14*** [12.90]	
import ratio _{i,t} × MPS _t								0.07*** [4.52]
Overall R ² in %	19.46	34.52	19.18	19.22	19.73	19.34	21.69	33.57
Avg. #Time periods	138	94	138	138	138	138	135	99
#Currencies	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	9
Currency FE	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Note: Both dependent and independent variables are standardized. Inference is based on double clustered standard errors (by currencies and time). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to March 2024. [◀ Go back](#)

US Monetary Policy Easing (Dots) and Tightening (Diamonds)



Note: Filled dots and diamonds indicate statistical significance at the 10% confidence level. The inference is based on robust standard errors (Newey and West, 1987). The sample spans from September 2012 to March 2024. [Go back](#)

Predicting Foreign Policy Rates with Fed Fund Rates

Dep. variable: Δ Foreign Policy Rate $_{i,t}$	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Δ FFR $_{t-1}$	0.23** [2.02]	0.23** [2.31]	0.24 [0.60]		
carry beta $_{i,t}$		-0.10*** [3.62]		-0.13** [1.98]	
dollar beta $_{i,t}$			0.02 [0.22]		0.01 [0.10]
carry beta $_{i,t} \times \Delta$ FFR $_{t-1}$		0.11** [2.25]		0.07 [0.78]	
dollar beta $_{i,t} \times \Delta$ FFR $_{t-1}$			-0.01 [0.02]		0.03 [0.08]
Overall R^2 in %	5.43	7.30	5.44	43.95	43.31
Avg. #Time periods	293	293	293	293	293
#Currencies	9	9	9	9	9
Currency FE	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Time series FE	no	no	no	yes	yes

Note: Both dependent and independent variables are standardized. Inference is based on double clustered standard errors (by currencies and time). The sample covers the period from January 2000 to March 2024. [◀ Go back](#)

Fund Flows and a Horse Race of Monetary Policy Surprises

	Kuttner (2001)	Kearns, Schrimpf, and Xia, 2022			Jarociński and Karadi (2020)		Bauer and Swanson (2023)	
		Target	Path	Long-rate	MP	CBI	NS	ORT
carry $\beta_{i,t}$	0.00 [0.08]	0.01 [0.17]	0.01 [0.24]	0.01 [0.19]	0.00 [0.05]	0.01 [0.20]	0.02 [0.37]	0.01 [0.22]
dollar $\beta_{i,t}$	0.12 [0.65]	0.10 [0.60]	0.10 [0.61]	0.11 [0.64]	0.11 [0.66]	0.11 [0.65]	0.11 [0.65]	0.10 [0.61]
MPS_t	0.24** [2.45]	-0.02 [0.82]	0.05* [1.80]	-0.03 [0.85]	0.04 [1.15]	-0.01 [1.01]	0.03* [1.85]	0.02 [0.77]
carry $\beta_{i,t} \times MPS_t$	0.14*** [3.79]	0.08** [2.29]	-0.03* [1.77]	-0.02 [0.58]	0.01 [0.64]	0.02 [0.59]	0.05 [1.34]	0.01** [2.46]
dollar $\beta_{i,t} \times MPS_t$	-0.26*** [2.67]	0.03*** [4.38]	0.05 [1.42]	0.04 [1.02]	0.03 [1.16]	0.04 [1.15]	0.02 [0.49]	0.03 [1.33]
Overall R^2 in %	20.08	20.62	20.36	20.21	20.27	20.12	20.61	20.51
Avg. #Time periods	138	137	137	137	137	137	136	129
#Currencies	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Currency FE	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Note: Both dependent and independent variables are standardized. Inference is based on double clustered standard errors (by currencies and time). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to March 2024. [◀ Go back](#)

Bank Loans and a Horse Race of Monetary Policy Surprises

	Kuttner (2001)	Kearns, Schrimpf, and Xia, 2022			Jarociński and Karadi (2020)		Bauer and Swanson (2023)	
		Target	Path	Long-rate	MP	CBI	NS	ORT
carry $\beta_{i,t}$	-0.37 [1.19]	-0.32 [1.09]	-0.33 [1.10]	-0.29 [0.98]	-0.37 [1.20]	-0.40 [1.29]	-0.36 [1.14]	-0.34 [1.16]
dollar $\beta_{i,t}$	0.46 [1.07]	0.23 [1.05]	0.23 [0.99]	0.22 [0.90]	0.46 [1.11]	0.47 [1.14]	0.46 [1.12]	0.51 [1.26]
MPS_t	0.49** [2.04]	0.18 [0.66]	-0.22 [0.42]	-0.10 [0.16]	0.23 [1.03]	0.25 [1.07]	0.33 [0.87]	-0.32 [0.65]
carry $\beta_{i,t} \times MPS_t$	0.13** [2.48]	0.09 [1.17]	0.22* [1.73]	-0.22* [1.76]	0.23** [2.31]	-0.10 [0.77]	0.11 [1.14]	0.30*** [2.77]
dollar $\beta_{i,t} \times MPS_t$	-0.46* [1.87]	-0.03 [0.07]	0.21 [0.39]	0.07 [0.12]	-0.25 [0.74]	-0.49* [1.67]	-0.46 [1.05]	0.34 [0.67]
Overall R^2 in %	58.12	57.75	57.77	57.93	58.18	58.22	58.14	58.22
Avg. #Time periods	291	257	257	261	290	290	288	281
#Currencies	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Currency FE	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

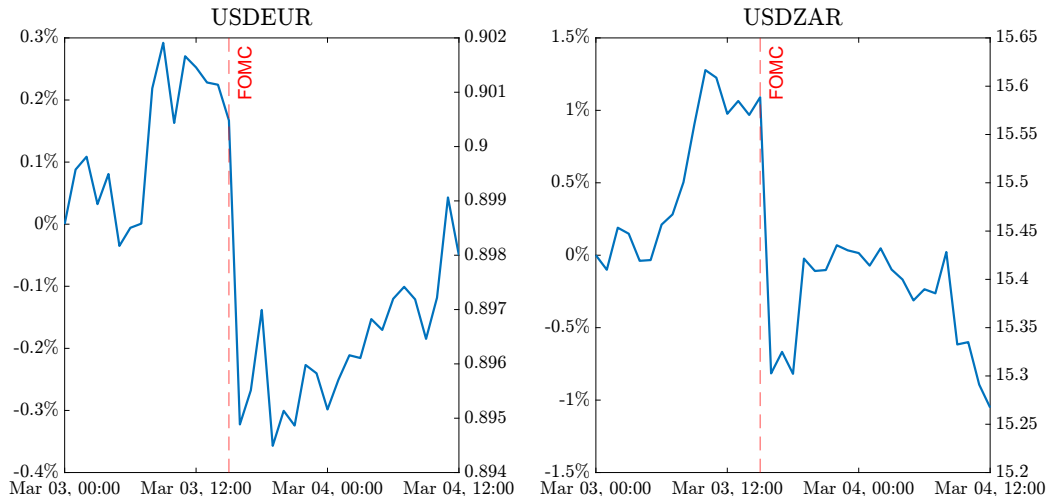
Note: The independent variables are measured in units of standard deviations. Inference is based on double clustered standard errors (by currencies and time). The sample spans from January 2000 to March 2024. [◀ Go back](#)

Flow Betas for Euro Currency Pairs

	Corporates	Funds	NBFIs	Non-dealer banks	Dealer banks	carry beta	euro beta
EURCHF	-0.22*** [4.14]	-0.12 [0.78]	-0.17* [1.89]	-0.07 [1.09]	0.19* [1.78]	-0.17	0.64
EURJPY	0.08 [1.09]	0.18 [1.34]	0.05 [1.06]	-0.22* [1.86]	0.11* [1.69]	-0.02	1.18
EURDKK	0.04 [0.23]	0.06 [0.89]	0.14 [1.52]	-0.16*** [2.79]	0.09* [1.81]	0.00	0.01
EURGBP	-0.09 [1.01]	0.12 [1.63]	-0.07 [0.85]	-0.15* [1.84]	0.11 [1.38]	0.11	0.99
EURSEK	-0.03 [0.42]	-0.07 [0.98]	0.01 [0.07]	0.12 [1.19]	-0.06 [0.66]	0.16	0.59
EURUSD	-0.10 [0.90]	-0.15 [1.30]	0.09 [1.20]	-0.04 [0.74]	0.16* [1.79]	0.19	1.23
EURNOK	0.06 [0.71]	-0.07 [1.12]	0.04 [0.71]	0.03 [0.40]	0.02 [0.35]	0.34	1.14
EURCAD	-0.04 [0.82]	-0.21 [0.94]	0.15** [2.33]	0.12* [1.91]	0.02 [0.12]	0.46	1.49
EURAUD	0.02 [0.23]	-0.02 [0.21]	-0.12* [1.93]	0.17 [1.37]	-0.14 [0.93]	0.68	1.74

Note: Coefficients are in €mn. The numbers inside the brackets are the corresponding test statistics based on robust standard errors (Newey and West, 1987). The sample covers the period from September 2012 to October 2023. [Go back](#)

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Note: On 3 March 2020 at 15:00 GMT the Fed cut interest rates unexpectedly by 50 bps.

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