International Strategic Spillovers of Monetary Policy

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Taxonomy of previous studies



- Periphery countries linked to base (e.g. through peg)
- Base country is exogenous



- Each bilateral spillover estimated individually
- Typically, bilateral VARs

This paper





- General structure of linkages between countries
- M-policy is endogenous in every country
- Possibility of third-country / higher-order effects

Conceptual Framework

Consider a central bank in country i with the following loss function:

$$\min_{r_i} \mathcal{L}_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_{ik} \left(Y_{ik} - \bar{Y}_{ik} \right)^2$$

subject to

$$Y_{ik} = Y_{ik}(\boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{X})$$
 for $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$

- Policy rate: $r = \{r_1, r_2, ..., r_N\}$
- Macro variable: Y_{ik} (e.g. employment)
- Exogenous observable: X
- Macro spillover: $\partial Y_{ik}/\partial r_{\ell} \neq 0$

Conceptual Framework

First order condition for r_i :

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_{ik} \left(Y_{ik} - \bar{Y}_{ik} \right) \frac{\partial Y_{ik}}{\partial r_i} = 0$$

Implies Nash / Cournot equilibrium:

$$r_i^* = f_i(\{r_j^*\}_{j \neq i}, X)$$
 for all $i = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

Note:

- Domestic policy rate depends on foreign rates and *domestic* X
- Strategic spillover: $\partial r_i / \partial r_\ell \neq 0$

Econometric Model

Consider the following *N*-country Network Model:

$$r_{it} = \delta \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_{ij}r_{jt} + \beta \mathbf{X}_{it} + u_{it}$$

• Spatial lag:
$$\bar{r}_{it} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_{ij} r_j$$

- Weighting Matrix: W
- Predetermined macro variables X
- ▶ Clearly, foreign rates $r_{j\neq i}$ are endogenous (i.e. $\mathbb{E}{\{Wru\}} \neq 0$)
- OLS estimate of δ will be inconsistent

Identification Strategy

Reduced form solution:

$$\mathbf{r}_t = (\mathbf{I} - \delta \mathbf{W})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} \mathbf{X}_t + (\mathbf{I} - \delta \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{u}_t$$

Neighbors' monetary policy:

$$E\{\boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{r}_t|\boldsymbol{X}_t\} = \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \delta\boldsymbol{W}^2\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \delta^2\boldsymbol{W}^3\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \dots$$

• where
$$(I - \delta W)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta^k W^k$$

• Assuming
$$E(\boldsymbol{u}|\boldsymbol{X}) = 0$$
 holds

- WX, W^2X , W^3X ... are valid instruments
- Intuition: use neighbors' characteristics to instrument foreign monetary policy

Data and Estimation Details

Data

- Sample of 33 advanced and EMEs
- Quarterly frequency, 1999Q1 to 2016Q4
- Mix of narrative policy interest rates and shadow rates •
- Large set of macro variables
- Forecast data to deal with expectational effects
- Stationarity properties

Estimation

- Mostly Two-step GMM
- Control functions for non-linear effects
- ► Inference: Driscoll and Kraay (1998) standard errors
- Robust to heteroskedasticity, temporal and cross-sectional correlation

Weighting Matrices (W)



First-Stage



Growth forecast errors: FEG

Instrument Wr using spatial lags of FEG

Strategic spillovers: $\hat{\delta}$

Weighting Matrix (W): Bilateral bank positions								
				dre	opping outli	ers		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
First-Stage Results								
$\boldsymbol{W}\cdot FEG$	0.122^{***}			0.119^{***}				
	(0.040)			(0.029)				
$W^2 \cdot FEG$		0.215^{***}			0.230^{***}			
		(0.065)			(0.054)			
$W^3 \cdot FEG$			0.276^{***}			0.281^{***}		
			(0.078)			(0.063)		
Second-Stage Results								
Wr	0.708***	0.823^{**}	0.782^{***}	0.814^{***}	0.778^{***}	0.836^{***}		
	(0.214)	(0.338)	(0.242)	(0.240)	(0.300)	(0.265)		
Observations	1008	1008	1008	928	932	937		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	9.135	10.833	12.384	16.492	17.801	19.356		
And erson-Rubin test (χ^2)	3.945	4.835	5.018	5.393	4.295	4.762		
p-value	0.047	0.028	0.025	0.020	0.038	0.029		

- ► X: lagged growth & inflation forecast errors, RER appreciation
- Global Financial Crisis dummy
- 2S-GMM, Driscoll-Kraay standard errors



















Comparison of Spillover Specifications

Average spillover across alternative models

	United	States	United I	United Kingdom		zone	Japan	
	dr_i/dr_B	SE	dr_i/dr_B	SE	dr_i/dr_B	SE	dr_i/dr_B	SE
(1) Base-country	0.175***	(0.056)	0.223**	(0.098)	0.155***	(0.050)	0.142^{**}	(0.060)
Network model								
(2) <i>OLS</i>	0.117^{**}	(0.057)	0.099^{*}	(0.055)	0.107^{*}	(0.057)	0.019^{*}	(0.012)
(3) 2S-GMM	0.325^{***}	(0.096)	0.335^{***}	(0.121)	0.337^{***}	(0.113)	0.072^{**}	(0.028)
Higher-order effects								
(4) Avg. multiplier	1.384^{***}	(0.106)	1.977^{***}	(0.284)	1.767^{***}	(0.204)	2.442^{***}	(0.413)
(5) Share of total	0.277^{***}	(0.055)	0.494^{***}	(0.073)	0.434^{***}	(0.065)	0.591^{***}	(0.069)

Naive "base-country" specification:

$$r_{it} = \gamma_B r_{Bt} + \beta \mathbf{X}_{it} + u_{it}$$

• Spillover estimates $\hat{\gamma}_B$ are biased!

Consider the network model:

$$\mathbf{r} = \delta \mathbf{W} \mathbf{r} + \beta \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{u}$$

- Let $oldsymbol{B} = (oldsymbol{I} \hat{\delta}oldsymbol{W})^{-1}$
- Let \mathbf{A}_{ℓ} denote the ℓ -th column of a matrix \mathbf{A}
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$$r_{it} = (\delta_0 + \boldsymbol{ heta} \boldsymbol{K}_{it}) \cdot \bar{r}_{it} + eta \boldsymbol{X}_{it} + u_{it}$$

- Heterogeneity / non-linearities captured by interactions
- heta measures reaction difference relative to base level δ_0
- ► K: Capital controls & reserve accumulation
- Intuition: Can interventions provide insulation?

Weighting Matrix (W) : Gross bilateral bank positions									
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
Wr	0.817^{***}	0.867^{***}	0.876^{***}	0.835^{***}	0.878^{***}	0.890**			
	(0.170)	(0.174)	(0.150)	(0.164)	(0.172)	(0.150)			
$Wr \cdot K_{CI}$	-0.589^{**}			-0.622^{**}					
	(0.285)			(0.277)					
$Wr \cdot K_{SCH}$		-0.721^{**}			-0.733***				
		(0.298)			(0.269)				
$Wr \cdot K_{IN}$			-0.952^{***}			-0.973^{*}			
			(0.321)			(0.331)			
$Wr \cdot RES$				-0.032	-0.025	-0.027			
				(0.032)	(0.021)	(0.020)			
Closed capit	al account	t spillover							
$\hat{\delta}_0 + \hat{\theta}_1$	0.229	0.145	-0.076	0.213	0.145	-0.084			
	(0.240)	(0.228)	(0.293)	(0.238)	(0.200)	(0.291)			
Observations	952	884	884	952	884	884			

Takeaways...

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- Interpretation: Insulation against foreign shocks
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Dynamics

How do countries react over time?

- Estimate impulse response using local projection (Jordà, 2005)
- IV methods to identify endogenous effects
- Consider the following local projection:

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+h} = \delta_h \mathbf{W} \mathbf{r}_t + \beta_h \mathbf{X}_t + \mathbf{u}_t$$

- Estimate for each *horizon* $h = \{1, 2, \dots, H\}$
- Coefficient $\hat{\delta}_h$ measures the impulse response after h quarters

Dynamics



Impulse response function

Cumulative response

Dynamics: Capital Controls



Closed capital account

Robustness Exercises

1 Alternative specifications/estimators

- Network structures (W)
- Overidentified models
- CUE estimator
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 - Data driven selection of 1st stage instruments
 - High-dimensional controls
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Thank You :)

High-Dimensional Instruments

$$E\{\boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{r}_t|\boldsymbol{X}_t\} = \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \delta\boldsymbol{W}^2\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \delta^2\boldsymbol{W}^3\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \dots$$

- In principle, there are an infinite number of valid instruments
- Rule of thumb: use WX, W^2X , and W^3X
- Alternative: LASSO shrinkage estimator
- Chernozukhov, Hansen, Splinder (2015) model for high-dimensional IVs
- Post-LASSO 2SLS / GMM: use selected instruments in standard estimator



High-Dimensional Instruments

CHS / Post-LASSO GMM Estimates of $\hat{\delta}$

Penalty Loading Cluster:	Y	'ear	Country		
Estimator:	LASSO	S-LASSO	LASSO	S-LASSO	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
(a) Weighting Matrix (W): Gross b	ilateral banl	k positions			
Orthogonalized 2SLS	0.571^{*}	0.437	0.765***	0.663**	
	(0.310)	(0.267)	(0.258)	(0.286)	
Post-LASSO GMM	0.667^{**}	0.475^{**}	0.557^{***}	0.530^{***}	
	(0.331)	(0.207)	(0.119)	(0.140)	
Anderson-Rubin Weak Inst. Test (χ^2)	2.863	3.007	7.967	7.037	
AR (p-value)	0.091	0.083	0.019	0.030	
(b) Weighting Matrix (W): Gross b	ilateral trad	le			
Orthogonalized 2SLS	0.983**	0.790**	1.087***	1.069***	
	(0.390)	(0.372)	(0.339)	(0.361)	
Post-LASSO GMM	1.058^{***}	0.767^{***}	0.588^{***}	0.724^{***}	
	(0.328)	(0.195)	(0.174)	(0.181)	
Anderson-Rubin Weak Inst. Test (χ^2)	5.902	6.745	8.093	10.365	
AR (p-value)	0.015	0.009	0.017	0.006	



Placebo Network Tests

- How likely would it be to obtain $\hat{\delta}$ from a *random* network?
- ► **W** misspecification problem
 - Measurement error?
 - Incorrect network?
- Direction of bias is not obvious

Randomized Placebo Networks:

- 1 Reshuffle weight matrix $oldsymbol{W}$ to obtain $oldsymbol{\widetilde{W}}$
- 2 Construct placebo spatial lag of the policy rate $\tilde{r} = Wr$
- 3 Estimate $\mathbf{r} = \delta \tilde{\mathbf{r}} + \beta \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{u}$ to obtain placebo spillover $\tilde{\delta}$
- 4 Repeat P times



Placebo Network Tests



Data: Summary statistics and variable definitions

Variable Description	Mean	Sd	Min	Min
Policy rate (first-difference)	-0.002	0.012	-0.220	0.130
Real GDP Growth (Y-o-Y)	0.031	0.032	-0.155	0.187
Inflation rate	0.038	0.056	-0.025	0.774
Real exchange rate appreciation	0.001	0.083	-0.599	0.291
Stock Market Index	2.213	0.863	0.141	4.937
VIX Global volatility index	0.846	7.924	-10.278	38.010
Price of oil (log US\$)	3.955	0.619	2.407	4.811
Price of agricultural raw materials (log US\$)	4.708	0.162	4.437	5.104
Year-ahead growth forecast	0.028	0.025	-0.106	0.115
Year-ahead inflation forecast	0.040	0.069	-0.092	1.037
Inverse Chinn-Ito liberalization index	0.325	0.328	0.000	1.000
Schindler index of capital controls	0.382	0.333	0.000	1.000
Schindler index of inflows controls	0.356	0.315	0.000	1.000
Change in reserves (% of GPD)	0.694	3.523	-29.777	40.811
Observations		2	233	

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Data: policy rates vs. shadow rates



- Narrative policy rates (BIS)
- Shadow rates (Krippner, 2012)
- Use *shadow rates* if policy rate \approx zero



Data: Unit Root?



(b) Panel unit root tests

	Statistic	p-value
$Homogenous\ tests$		
Levin-Lin-Chu (adj t)	-1.486	(0.069)
Harris-Tzavalis (Z)	-1.388	(0.083)
Breitung (λ)	0.082	(0.533)
$Heterogeneous\ tests$		
Im-Pesaran-Shin (\bar{W}_t)	-0.956	(0.169)
Fisher (Z)	-0.998	(0.159)
Pesaran CADF (\bar{z}_t)	-2.239	(0.013)
Stationarity test		
Hadri LM (z)	22.368	(0.000)

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Peak reactions



Strategic spillovers: alternative specifications

(a) Weighting Matrix (W): Gross bilateral bank positions								
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Wr	0.882^{***}	0.767^{***}	0.782^{***}	0.781^{***}	0.666^{***}	0.733***		
	(0.236)	(0.195)	(0.242)	(0.244)	(0.143)	(0.201)		
Observations	1008	966	1008	1008	1008	948		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	6.801	7.783	12.384	12.493	10.669	15.369		
And erson-Rubin test (χ^2)	2.473	3.783	5.018	4.769	3.363	4.914		
p-value	0.116	0.052	0.025	0.029	0.067	0.027		
(b) Weighting Matrix (W) :	Gross bila	teral invest	ment posit	ion				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Wr	0.896^{***}	0.834^{***}	0.694^{***}	0.690^{***}	0.725^{***}	0.685^{***}		
	(0.173)	(0.159)	(0.231)	(0.241)	(0.141)	(0.218)		
Observations	1715	1647	1715	1715	1715	1537		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	6.286	8.236	11.996	11.688	13.242	16.193		
Anderson-Rubin test (χ^2)	3.786	5.056	4.433	3.947	3.488	3.983		
p-value	0.052	0.025	0.035	0.047	0.062	0.046		
Common factors?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No		
Common GFC effects?	No	No	Yes	No	No	No		
Country-specific GFC effects?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No		
Time FE?	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		
Additional covariates?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		
Drop outliers?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		



Overidentified models

(a) Weighting Matrix (W): Gross bilateral bank positions								
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
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Observations	1008	966	1008	1008	1008	950		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	2.400	1.978	3.408	3.378	5.114	6.937		
Overidentification test	0.182	0.673	0.129	0.347	0.240	0.517		
Anderson-Rubin test (χ^2)	3.476	4.609	5.633	5.518	3.971	5.189		
p-value	0.482	0.330	0.228	0.238	0.410	0.268		
(b) Weighting Matrix (W):	Gross bila	teral invest	ment					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Wr	0.838***	0.814^{***}	0.720***	0.628^{***}	0.672^{***}	0.632***		
	(0.117)	(0.114)	(0.216)	(0.182)	(0.123)	(0.174)		
Observations	1715	1647	1715	1715	1715	1540		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	2.962	2.631	3.894	4.269	4.227	5.144		
Overidentification test	1.631	1.451	1.704	2.125	2.361	1.296		
Anderson-Rubin test (χ^2)	5.420	7.970	6.105	5.049	5.848	5.561		
p-value	0.247	0.093	0.191	0.282	0.211	0.234		
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Alternative network structures \boldsymbol{W}

(a) Weighting Matrix (W): Gross bilateral trade								
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Wr	1.078^{***}	0.980^{***}	1.046^{***}	1.034^{***}	0.881^{***}	0.898^{***}		
	(0.201)	(0.186)	(0.270)	(0.264)	(0.136)	(0.207)		
Observations	1757	1693	1757	1757	1757	1589		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	9.747	10.790	15.259	15.732	9.853	11.360		
Anderson-Rubin test (χ^2)	3.819	5.810	8.585	8.214	4.279	4.342		
p-value	0.051	0.016	0.003	0.004	0.039	0.037		
(b) Weighting Matrix (W)	Relative of	output size						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Wr	1.144^{***}	1.070^{***}	1.116^{***}	1.092***	0.893^{***}	0.664^{***}		
	(0.216)	(0.202)	(0.357)	(0.351)	(0.161)	(0.237)		
Observations	1757	1693	1757	1757	1757	1568		
Kleibergen-Paap F-stat	6.647	8.919	7.497	7.324	8.393	5.730		
And erson-Rubin test (χ^2)	3.691	5.069	5.489	4.973	3.912	3.765		
p-value	0.055	0.024	0.019	0.026	0.048	0.052		
Common factors?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No		
Common GFC effects?	No	No	Yes	No	No	No		
Country-specific GFC effects?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No		
Time FE?	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes		
Additional covariates?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		
Drop outliers?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		



Heterogeneous local projections

Horizon	W	r	$\boldsymbol{W} \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{h}$	SCH .	K_{i}	SCH
	$\hat{\delta}_{0,h}$	SE	$\hat{\theta}_{1,h}$	SE	η_h	SE
h = 0	0.760***	(0.124)	-0.576**	(0.228)	-0.001	(0.001)
h = 1	1.667^{***}	(0.332)	-0.920***	(0.319)	-0.001	(0.001)
h = 2	1.757^{***}	(0.463)	-1.011**	(0.431)	-0.001	(0.002)
h = 3	1.645^{***}	(0.427)	-1.004***	(0.370)	-0.001	(0.002)
h = 4	1.335^{***}	(0.475)	-1.197^{***}	(0.427)	-0.001	(0.003)
h = 5	0.840^{*}	(0.495)	-1.167**	(0.481)	-0.001	(0.003)
h = 6	0.393	(0.509)	-1.088	(0.707)	-0.001	(0.003)
h = 7	0.107	(0.617)	-1.018	(0.803)	-0.002	(0.003)
h = 8	0.067	(0.655)	-0.799	(0.845)	-0.002	(0.003)

 $\boldsymbol{R_{h}} - \boldsymbol{R_{t-1}} = (\delta_{h} + \theta_{h}K_{t}) \cdot \boldsymbol{Wr}_{t} + \eta_{h}K_{t} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_{h}\boldsymbol{X}_{t} + \boldsymbol{u}_{t}$

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