

# Optimal Central Bank Swap Line

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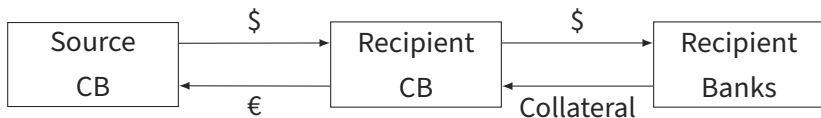
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# Motivation

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Central Bank Swap Lines: providing currency of the source central bank (Fed) to the recipient central bank (ECB)



⇒ Lender of last resort: collateralized public liquidity line

- Implemented during financial distress (e.g. GFC, pandemic) [▶ chart](#) [▶ summary](#)
- Ceiling on CIP deviations (Bahaj & Reis, 2022): mitigates distress in international financial markets

What is the optimal policy? (Bagehot, 1873): Understudied

# Research Question

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1. What is the trade-off of the swap line policy?
2. What is the optimal swap line policy?
3. Can we improve by combining with other macroprudential policies?

# Key Takeaway

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- Ex-post optimal swap line (discretion): beneficial to both countries
  - Beneficial to recipient country: relieves stress in synthetic dollar funding market
  - Beneficial to source country: mitigates spillback due to integrated asset markets
  - Zero liquidity provision during normal times
- Ex-ante optimal swap line (commitment): lower liquidity provision
  - Overborrowing due to pecuniary externality
  - Swap line induces larger ex-ante borrowing
- Policy mix with macroprudential policy: constrained efficient
  - Discretion = Commitment
  - Tax on ex-ante borrowing corrects pecuniary externality

# Literature Review

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## Central bank swap lines

- Effects of swap line policy: Baba & Parker (2009a,b); Bahaj & Reis (2022a,b, 2023); Kekre & Lenel (2023)

⇒ What I do: optimality of the swap line policy (normative analysis)

## Optimal liquidity lines

- Pecuniary externality: Lorenzoni(2008); Jeanne & Korinek (2020); Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2021)
- Aggregate demand externality: Bianchi (2016); Farhi & Werning (2016); Korinek & Simsek (2016)
- Collective moral hazard: Farhi & Tirole (2012)

⇒ What I do: extension to an international setting focusing on the pecuniary externality

Model

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# Environment

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Extension of Jeanne & Korinek (2020) to an international setting

- 3-period:  $t = 0, 1, 2$
- Two countries: US (source) and EU (recipient) with measure 1/2
  - EU variables: denoted with asterisk (\*)
  - Numeraire of US (EU): US (EU) goods, denoted as \$ (€)
- Agents: bankers (b) and depositors (d) with measure 1 in each country
  - Consume only at  $t = 2$
  - Utility: linear in consumption
- Only one asset: US asset
  - Both the US banks and EU banks invest in US assets
  - Depositors can't invest ( $\therefore$  can't use assets)
- Deposit rates: zero
- Exchange rates: spot ( $e$ ) and forward ( $f$ ), expressed in € per \$

# US Bank

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## Period 0:

- Source of funds: endowed with exogenous  $\rho_0$ , issue deposits  $d_0$ ,
- Use of funds: invests  $i_0$

$$i_0 = \rho_0 + d_0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Assets at the end of period  $t = 0$ :  $a_0 = f(i_0)$

- $f(\cdot)$ : production function of assets,  $f' > 0$ ,  $f'' < 0$
- One unit of asset delivers one unit of payoff at  $t = 2$



# US Bank

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## Period 1:

- Source of funds: endowed with exogenous  $\rho_1$ , issue deposits  $d_1$ , sell  $\Delta a$  of assets at price  $p$ 
  - $\rho_1$ : source of uncertainty, realized at the beginning of  $t = 1$
- Use of funds: invests  $i_1$ , trades FX swap  $S_1$ , repays deposits  $d_0$ 
  - $\$ S_1$ : exchange with  $\text{€}e_1 S_1 \Rightarrow \text{hold } \text{€}e_1 S_1$  ▶ FX swap
- Key financial frictions:
  1. **Margin requirement**: set aside  $\gamma$  fraction of  $S$  (Ivashina et al., 2015)
  2. **Limited commitment**:  $\phi$  units of assets as collateral
    - ★ No constraint on  $S_1$  ( $\because$  cash-like)

$$i_1 + (1 + \gamma)S_1 + d_0 = \rho_1 + d_1 + p_1 \Delta a$$

$$d_1 - S_1 \leq p_1 \phi$$

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# US Bank

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## Period 2

- Source of funds: total assets, returns from  $S$ , set aside margin  $\gamma S$ 
  - Assets at the end of period  $t = 1$ :  $a_1 = f(i_0) - \Delta a + f(i_1)$
  - Returns from  $S$ : return  $\in e_1 S_1$  that they hold and get \$  $(e_1/f_1)S_1$ 
    - ★  $e_1/f_1 - 1 \equiv \chi_1$ : CIP deviations due to zero deposit rates
- Use of funds: consume  $c_2^b$  and repay deposits  $d_1$

$$c_2^b + d_1 = f(i_0) - \Delta a + f(i_1) + \underbrace{\frac{e_1}{f_1}}_{=1+\chi_1} S_1 + \gamma S_1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Objective function:  $c_2^b = f(\rho_0 + d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 + f(i_1) - i_1 - (1 - p_1)\Delta a + \chi_1 S_1$

- Choice variables:  $d_0, i_1, \Delta a, S_1$
- Exogenous variables:  $\rho_0, \rho_1$

# EU Bank

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Period 0:  $i_0^* = \rho_0^* + d_0^*$  and  $a_0^* = f(i_0^*)$

- All variables are denominated in \$
- Assumption: EU banks *can issue deposits in \$* from US depositors

Period 1:

- Use of funds: invests  $i_1^*$ , repays deposits  $d_0^*$
- Source of funds:  $\rho_1^*, d_1^*, \Delta a^*$  sold at price  $p$ 
  - Assumption: EU banks *cannot issue deposits in \$* at  $t = 1$
  - Motivation: dry-up of direct dollar funding  $\Rightarrow$  *Need to borrow in € and convert to \$ using FX swap (synthetic dollar funding)*

$$i_1^* + d_0^* = \rho_1^* + \frac{1}{e_1} d_1^* + p_1 \Delta a^*$$

- Limited commitment constraint with collateral  $\phi$  units of assets:

$$\frac{1}{e_1} d_1^* \leq p_1 \phi^*$$

# EU Bank

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## Period 2

- EU banks consume US goods  $c_2^{b*}$
- Get  $\text{€}d_1^*$  from US banks, give  $\text{\$}d_1^*/f_1$  ► FX swap

$$c_2^{b*} + \frac{1}{e_2}d_1^* = f(i_0^*) - \Delta a^* + f(i_1^*) + \frac{1}{e_2}d_1^* - \frac{1}{f_1}d_1^*$$

⇒ Objective function:

$$c_2^{b*} = f(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) + (1 + \chi_1)(\rho_1^* - d_0^*) + f(i_1^*) - (1 + \chi_1)i_1^* - (1 - (1 + \chi_1)p_1)\Delta a^*$$

- Effective cost of investment:  $1 + \chi_1$ 
  - $\chi_1$ : costs of currency matching
- Choice variables:  $d_0^*, i_1^*, \Delta a^*$
- Exogenous variables:  $\rho_0^*, \rho_1^*$

# Depositors and Market Clearing

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## Depositors

- Endowment  $y$  and  $y^*$  for US and EU depositors in period 0 and 1
- Saving or storing output: return rate = 0
- Can't use asset = 0  $\Rightarrow$  do not trade assets
- US depositor's consumption (in \$):  
$$c_2^d = (y - d_0 - d_0^*) + (y + d_0 + d_0^* - d_1) + d_1 = 2y$$
- EU depositor's consumption (in €):  $c_2^{d*} = y^* + (y^* - d_1^*) + d_1^* = 2y^*$

## Market clearing conditions:

- Asset market:  $\Delta a + \Delta a^* = 0$
- FX swap market:  $S_1 = d_1^*/e_1$

# First-Best Allocation

## Definition

The first-best allocation is defined by the allocation solving the social planner problem without any financial friction

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{d_0, d_0^*, i_1, i_1^*, \Delta a, \Delta a^*} & E \left[ \frac{1}{2} (c_2^b + c_2^d) + \frac{1}{2} (c_2^{b*} + c_2^{d*}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} E \left[ f(\rho_0 + d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 + f(i_1) - i_1 + 2y \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) + \rho_1^* - d_0^* + f(i_1^*) - i_1^* + 2y^* \right] \end{aligned}$$

## Proposition

The first-best allocation is characterized by  $i_1 = i_1^* = i_1^{FB}$  satisfying  $f'(i_1^{FB}) = 1$  and  $d_0 = d_0^{FB}$ ,  $d_0^* = d_0^{*FB}$  satisfying  $f'(\rho_0 + d_0^{FB}) = f'(\rho_0^* + d_0^{*FB}) = 1$ . ► proof

# Optimal Swap Line Policy

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# Swap Line Policy

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Policy instrument: state-contingent \$ provision  $S^{SL}$

- In practice, swap spread  $ss$ 
  - $\chi_1 \leq ss$ : ceiling on CIP deviations (Bahaj & Reis, 2022)
- 1-1 relation between  $S^{SL}$  and  $\bar{\chi}$ 
  - $S^{SL} \geq 0$  fills excess demand for synthetic dollar funding

Implementation

- At  $t = 1$ , US government borrows  $S^{SL}$  from US depositors and lends the same amount to EU banks
- At  $t = 2$ , it gets repayment of  $(1 + \chi_1)S^{SL}$ , repays  $S^{SL}$  to depositors, and net return  $\chi_1 S^{SL}$  is rebated to US banks.
- $L(S^{SL})$ : deadweight loss from  $S^{SL}$  where  $L' > 0$ ,  $L'' > 0$ ,  $L(0) = L'(0) = 0$



## $S^{SL}$ : What Does It Change?

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US bank:  $t = 2$  budget constraint changes:

$$c_2^b + d_1 = f(i_0) - \Delta a + f(i_1) + (1 + \chi_1)S_1 + \gamma S_1 + \chi_1 S^{SL}$$

- $\chi_1 S^{SL}$ : rebates of net returns from  $S^{SL}$

EU bank:  $t = 1, t = 2$  budget constraints change:

$$i_1^* + d_0^* = \rho_1^* + \frac{1}{e_1} d_1^* + p_1 \Delta a^* + S^{SL}$$

$$c_2^{b*} + \frac{1}{e_2} d_1^* = f(i_0^*) - \Delta a^* + f(i_1^*) + \frac{1}{e_2} d_1^* - \frac{1}{f_1} d_1^* - (1 + \chi) S^{SL}$$

- Borrow  $S^{SL}$  and repay  $(1 + \chi_1) S^{SL}$

US depositor:  $c_2^d = 2y - L(S^{SL})$

## Optimization at $t = 1$ : US Bank

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Ignoring predetermined  $f(\rho_0 + d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1^b(\rho_1 - d_0) &\equiv \max_{i_1, \Delta a, S_1} f(i_1) - i_1 - (1 - p_1)\Delta a + \chi_1 S_1 + \chi_1 S^{SL} \\ \text{s.t. } i_1 &\leq (\rho_1 - d_0) + p_1(\phi + \Delta a) - \gamma S_1 \end{aligned}$$

- First-order conditions: For the Lagrangian multiplier  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$  of CC,

$$f'(i_1) = 1 + \lambda_1$$

$$p_1 = 1/f'(i_1)$$

$$\chi_1 = \gamma(f'(i_1) - 1)$$

$$\lambda_1(\rho_1 - d_0 + p_1(\phi + \Delta a) - \gamma S_1 - i_1) = 0$$

## Optimization at $t = 1$ : EU Bank

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$$v_1^{b*}(\rho_1^* - d_0^*) \equiv \max_{i_1, \Delta a^*} f(i_1^*) - (1 + \chi_1)i_1^* - (1 - (1 + \chi_1)p_1)\Delta a^*$$
$$\text{s.t. } i_1^* \leq \rho_1^* - d_0^* + p_1(\phi^* + \Delta a^*) + S^{SL}$$

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$$f'(i_1^*) = 1 + \chi_1 + \lambda_1^*$$

$$p = 1/f'(i_1^*)$$

$$\lambda_1^*(\rho_1^* - d_0^* + p_1(\phi^* + \Delta a^*) + S^{SL} - i_1^*) = 0$$

- Asset markets are integrated:  $f'(i_1) = 1/p = f'(i_1^*) \Rightarrow i_1 = i_1^*$
- $\lambda_1^* = (1 - \gamma)\lambda_1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 > 0$  iff  $\lambda_1^* > 0$

# Competitive Equilibrium at $t = 1$

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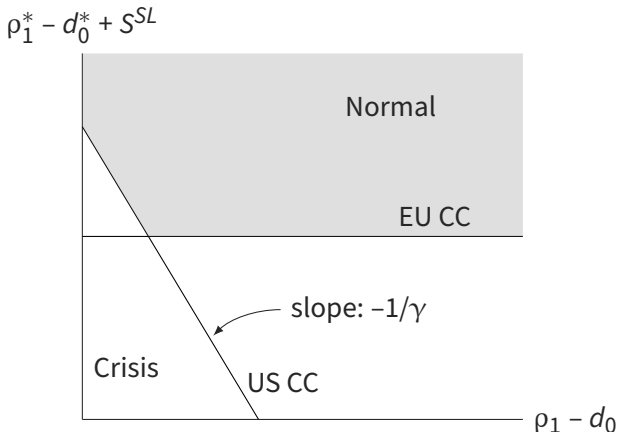
Two regimes in the EU: normal ( $\lambda_1^* = 0$ ) vs crisis ( $\lambda_1^* > 0$ )

- $\lambda_1^* = 0$ :  $i_1 = i_1^* = i_1^{FB}$ ,  $p_1 = 1$ ,  $\chi_1 = 0$  since  $f'(i_1) = f'(i_1^*) = 1$ 
  - Condition: collateral constraints do not bind ▶ graph ▶ conditions
- $\lambda_1^* > 0$ :  $i_1$  is determined by the fixed point of

$$i_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underbrace{(\rho_1 - d_0) + (\rho_1^* - d_0^*) + S^{SL}}_{G(i_1; m_1)} + \frac{1}{f'(i_1)} (\phi + (1 - \gamma)\phi^*) \right]$$

- Does  $i_1$  uniquely exist? ▶ proposition
- $i_1$ : function of available dollar  $m_1 \equiv (\rho_1 - d_0) + (\rho_1^* - d_0^*) + S^{SL}$
- $p_1 < 1$  and  $\chi_1 > 0$

# Conditions: Normal vs Crisis Regime



- As  $\rho_1^*$  declines,  $\rho_1$  needs to be higher for the normal regime
- If  $\rho_1^*$  is below a threshold, the crisis regime is always realized ▶ [back](#)

# Existence & Uniqueness of the Ex-Post Equilibrium

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## Lemma

$i_1$  in the crisis regime uniquely exists if and only if for all  $i_1 < i_1^{FB}$  there exists  $c < 1$  such that

$$G'(i_1) = \underbrace{-\frac{f''(i_1)}{f'(i_1)^2}}_{=\partial p_1/\partial i_1} \frac{1}{2}(\phi + (1 - \gamma)\phi^*) \leq c$$

- $G'(i_1) > 0$  since  $f'' < 0$ : pecuniary externality
- $G'(i_1) = 0$  if there is no pecuniary externality

# Effect of Swap Line on Investments

## Proposition

*In the crisis regime,*

$$\frac{\partial i_1}{\partial S^{SL}} = \frac{\partial i_1^*}{\partial S^{SL}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - G'(i_1)}$$

*which is strictly positive if and only if  $i_1$  uniquely exists.*

## Financial accelerator: pecuniary externality

- Banks don't internalize the effect of  $i_1$  on  $p_1 = 1/f'(i_1)$ 
  - As  $i_1 \uparrow$ ,  $p_1 \phi$  and  $p_1 \phi^* \uparrow$ , relaxing US and EU CC
  - As  $i_1 \uparrow$ ,  $S_1 = p_1 \phi^* \uparrow$ , tightening US CC by a factor of  $\gamma$
- Since  $G'(i_1) > 0$  when there is pecuniary externality,  $\partial i_1 / \partial S^{SL} > 1/2$ 
  - $\partial i_1 / \partial S^{SL} = 1/2$  without pecuniary externality
- $\partial \chi_1 / \partial S^{SL} < 0$  since  $\chi_1 = \gamma(f'(i_1) - 1)$

# Discretion: Ex-Post Optimal Policy

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Discretion policy: ex-post efficient policy (after realizations of regimes)

Ramsey problem:

$$W_1(m) \equiv \max_{S^{SL}} \frac{1}{2} [f(i_1(m)) - i_1(m) - L(S^{SL})] + \frac{1}{2} [f(i_1^*(m)) - i_1^*(m)]$$

- Normal regime:  $S^{SL} = 0$  since  $i_1 = i_1^* = i_1^{FB}$
- Crisis regime:

$$\underbrace{(f'(i_1) - 1)}_{\lambda_1} \frac{\partial i_1}{\partial S^{SL}} + \underbrace{(f'(i_1^*) - 1)}_{\chi_1 + \lambda_1^*} \frac{\partial i_1^*}{\partial S^{SL}} = \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - G'(i_1)} = L'(S^{SL})$$

- $S^{SL} > 0$  since  $L'(0) = 0$
- $i_1 = i_1^* < i_1^{FB}$ : partial liquidity provision due to deadweight loss
- Pecuniary externality amplifies benefits of swap line policy



## Optimization at $t = 0$

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US bank: For the ex-post value function  $V_1^b(\rho_1 - d_0)$ ,

$$\max_{d_0} E \left[ f(\rho_0 - d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 + V_1^b(\rho_1 - d_0) \right]$$

- $V_1^{b'}(\rho_1 - d_0) = \lambda_1$  by envelope condition
- Optimality condition:  $f'(\rho_0 - d_0) = 1 + E[\lambda_1]$ 
  - $E[\lambda_1]$ : **expected shadow cost** due to the marginal change in  $d$

EU bank: For the ex-post value function  $V_1^{b*}(\rho_1^* - d_0^*)$ ,

$$\max_{d_0^*} E \left[ f(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) + (1 + \chi_1)(\rho_1^* - d_0^*) + V_1^{b*}(\rho_1^* - d_0^*) \right]$$

- Optimality condition:  $f'(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) = 1 + E[\chi_1 + \lambda_1^*] = 1 + E[\lambda_1]$

# Overborrowing

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Social planner problem: For the ex-post global value function  $W(\cdot, \cdot)$ ,

$$\max_{d_0, d_0^*} E \left[ \frac{1}{2} \{ f(\rho_0 + d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 \} + \frac{1}{2} \{ f(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) + \rho_1^* - d_0^* \} + W_1(m) \right]$$

- Optimality conditions:

$$f'(\rho_0 + d_0) = 1 + E \left[ \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - G'(i_1)} \right] > 1 + E[\lambda_1]$$

$$f'(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) = 1 + E \left[ \frac{\chi_1 + \lambda_1^*}{1 - G'(i_1)} \right] > 1 + E[\chi_1 + \lambda_1^*]$$

- Implication: **overborrowing** since  $G'(i_1) > 0$ 
  - Social planner takes effects of  $d_0$  and  $d_0^*$  on the asset price into account

# Commitment

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Commitment: ex-ante efficient policy considering overborrowing  
Ramsey problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{d_0, d_0^*, S^{SL}} E & \left[ \frac{1}{2} \{ f(\rho_0 + d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 + f(i_1(m)) - i_1(m) - L(S^{SL}) \} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \{ f(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) + \rho_1^* - d_0^* + f(i_1^*(m)) - i_1^*(m) \} \right] \\ \text{s.t. } & f'(\rho_0 + d_0) = 1 + E[\lambda_1] \\ & f'(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) = 1 + E[\lambda_1] \end{aligned}$$

- Optimality condition for  $S^{SL}$ : For Lagrangian multipliers  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_1^*$ ,

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{1 - G'(i_1)} + \underbrace{(\nu_1 + \nu_1^*) \frac{f''(i_1)}{1 - G'(i_1)}}_{\text{cost of overborrowing: } (\nu_1 + \nu_1^*) \partial \lambda / \partial S^{SL}} = L'(S^{SL}) < \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - G'(i_1)}$$

- Lower  $S^{SL}$  under commitment than discretion

# Policy Mix: Macroprudential Policy

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Tax on  $d_0$  and  $d_0^*$  by each government:  $\tau^d$  and  $\tau^{d*}$

- Tax revenues are rebated to banks in each jurisdiction

US bank:

$$\max_{d_0} E \left[ f(\rho + (1 - \tau^d)d_0 + \tau^d \tilde{d}_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 + V_1^b(\rho_1 - d_0) \right]$$

- $\tilde{d}_0$ : aggregate deposits (exogenous to individual bank)
- FOC:  $(1 - \tau^d)f'(\rho + d_0) = 1 + E[\lambda_1]$

EU bank:

$$\max_{d_0^*} E \left[ f(\rho_0^* + (1 - \tau^{d*})d_0^* + \tau^{d*} \tilde{d}_0^*) + (1 + \chi_1)(\rho_1^* - d_0^*) + V_1^{b*}(\rho_1^* - d_0^*) \right]$$

- FOC:  $(1 - \tau^{d*})f'(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) = 1 + E[\lambda_1]$

# Optimal Policy Mix

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Optimal tax to achieve constrained efficient ex-ante borrowing:

$$\tau^d = \tau^{d*} = \frac{E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{1-G'(i_1)} - 1 \right) \lambda_1 \right]}{f'(\rho_0 + d_0)} > 0$$

- Corrects pecuniary externality
- Achieves constrained efficiency
- Discretion = Commitment ▶ proof
  - Potential threat to the ex-ante financial stability is dealt with macroprudential policies

# Cooperative Ramsey Problem

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Question: does a global Ramsey planner exist in the real world?

⇒ Cooperative Ramsey problem at  $t = 1$ : (Benigno & Benigno, 2003)

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{S^L} \alpha & \left[ \underbrace{f(i_1(m_1)) - i_1(m_1) - L(S^L)}_{V_1(m_1) : \text{US welfare}} + TW_1 \right] \\ & + (1 - \alpha) \left[ \underbrace{f(i_1^*(m)) - i_1^*(m) - TW_1}_{V_1^*(m_1) : \text{EU welfare}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- $TW_1 \equiv \chi_1(m)(S_1(m) + S^L) + (1 - p_1(m_1))\Delta a^*(m)$ : transfer of wealth to US
- $\alpha$ : bargaining power of US
- Global Ramsey planner: special case with  $\alpha = 1/2$ 
  - Transfer of wealth is cancelled

# Policy Coordination

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Optimality condition:

$$\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left[ \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - G'(i_1)} - L'(S^{SL}) \right]}_{=0 \text{ under global Ramsey problem}} + (2\alpha - 1) \left[ \frac{\partial TW}{\partial m_1} - \frac{1}{2} L'(S^{SL}) \right] = 0$$

Assumption:  $\partial TW_1 / \partial m_1 < 0$  ▶ proof

- Sufficient condition:  $\Delta \alpha^* > 0$ , i.e. EU sells assets to US during crisis
- Equivalent to  $(\rho_1 - d_0) + (\phi - \gamma \phi^*) / f'(i_1) > (\rho_1^* - d_0^*) + \phi^* / f'(i_1)$

Implication

- $\alpha > 1/2$ :  $S^{SL}$  is **lower** than the global Ramsey solution (undersupply)
- $\alpha < 1/2$ :  $S^{SL}$  is **larger** than the global Ramsey solution (oversupply)

# Conclusion

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# Future Work

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- Analyze defaults and its consequences
  - Collateral value during defaults?
  - Related to balance of payment crisis?
- Extend to a quantitative & dynamic model
  - Evaluate the current swap line policy

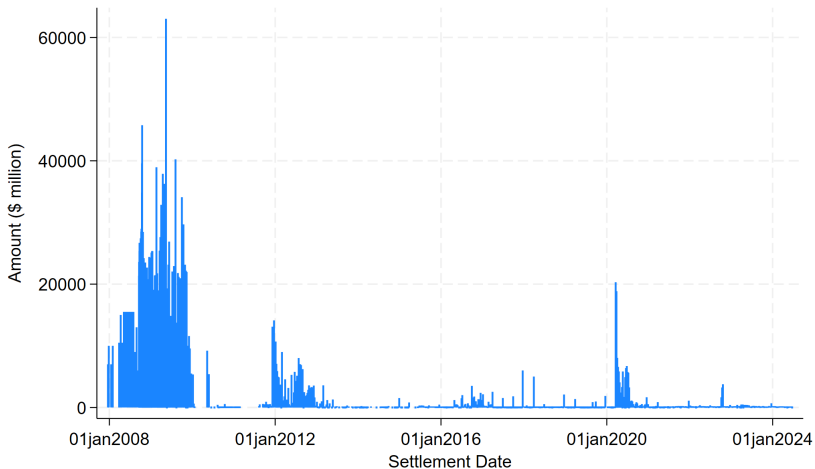


# Appendix

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# Fed Swap Line: Transaction

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# Summary Statistics of Fed Swap Line Transaction

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Sample (settlement date): 12/20/2007 - 6/21/2024

Maturity:

Maturity	Overnight	1-week	2-week	3-week	4-week	5-week	12-week	13-week
Obs	165	1230	39	15	107	7	288	10
Mean (\$ mil)	20221	4576	3056	6320	10604	5906	4672	4688

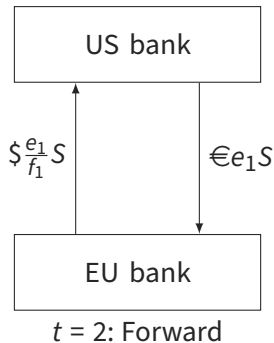
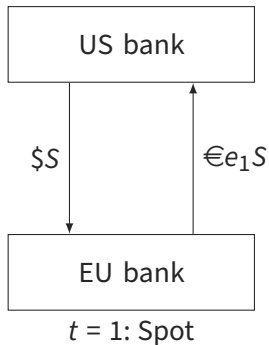
Recipient Currency:

Currency	AUD	CHF	DKK	EUR	GBP	JPY	KRW	MXN	NOK	SEK	SGD
Obs	14	209	28	971	137	402	28	17	12	10	39
Mean (\$ mil)	3882	2584	2884	9087	7379	2590	2188	1465	2925	6720	632

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# Structure of a FX Swap Contract

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# Proof: First-Best Allocation

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Unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{i_1, i_1^*, d_0, d_0^*} E & \left[ \frac{1}{2}(c_2^b + c_2^d) + \frac{1}{2}(c_2^{b*} + c_2^{d*}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} E \left[ f(\rho_0 + d_0) + \rho_1 - d_0 + f(i_1) - i_1 + 2y \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) + \rho_1^* - d_0^* + f(i_1^*) - i_1^* + 2y^* \right] \end{aligned}$$

First-order conditions:

$$f'(i_1) = f'(i_1^*) = 1$$

$$f'(\rho_0 + d_0) = f'(\rho_0^* + d_0^*) = 1$$

# Overview of Central Bank Swap Lines

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Swap line spread: ceiling on CIP deviations (Bahaj & Reis, 2022)

$$cid \leq ss + (r^{p*} - r^{v*})$$

- Due to no-arbitrage condition regarding lending from the central bank
  - Cost of swap lines:  $r^{OIS} + ss$
  - Cost of synthetic dollar funding:  $r^{OIS} + cid + r^{v*} - r^{p*}$
- International version of the domestic discount window



# Conditions for the Normal Regime

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Non-binding collateral constraints at  $i_1 = i_1^* = i_1^{FB}$ :

$$i_1^{FB} < \rho_1 - d_0 + \phi - \gamma(i_1^{FB} - (\rho_1^* - d_0^*) - S^{SL})$$

$$i_1^{FB} < \rho_1^* - d_0^* + \phi^* + S^{SL}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Conditions for the normal regime in  $\rho_1 - d_0$  and  $\rho_1 - d_0^* + S^{SL}$ :

$$(\rho_1 - d_0) + \gamma(\rho_1 - d_0^* + S^{SL}) > (1 + \gamma)i^{FB} - \phi$$

$$\rho_1 - d_0^* + S^{SL} > i^{FB} - \phi^*$$

# Endogeneizing Deadweight Loss

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Depositors: produce  $y$  from labor  $h$  with disutility  $C(h)$  for  $C', C'' > 0$

- Optimization problem:  $\max_h y \equiv h - C(h)$
- First-best solution:  $C'(h^{FB}) = 1$  and  $y^{FB} = h^{FB} - C(h^{FB})$

Swap line: fund  $S^{SL}$  with tax  $\tau^S$  on sales

- $\max_h (1 - \tau^S)h - C(h) \Rightarrow C'(h) = 1 - \tau^S \Rightarrow h = h(\tau^S) \equiv (C')^{-1}(1 - \tau^S)$
- $S^{SL} = \tau^S h(\tau^S) \Rightarrow \tau^S = \tau^S(S^{SL})$
- $y(S^{SL}) = h(\tau^S(S^{SL})) - C(h(\tau^S(S^{SL})))$

$\Rightarrow$  Deadweight loss:

$$c_d = y^{FB} + y(S^{SL}) = 2y^{FB} - \underbrace{(y^{FB} - y(S^{SL}))}_{\equiv L(S^{SL})}$$

## Proof: $S^{SL}$ is lower under commitment

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First-order conditions for Ramsey problem:

$$E \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( f'(n+d) - 1 - \frac{\lambda}{1-G'(i)} \right) - v \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(i)}{1-G'(i)} + f''(n+d) \right) - v^* \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(i)}{1-G'(i)} \right] = 0$$

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$$\frac{\lambda}{1-G'(i)} + (v + v^*) \frac{f''(i)}{1-G'(i)} = L'(S^{SL})$$

$\Rightarrow$  From the first two equations, since  $G'(i) > 0$

$$v + v^* = \frac{E \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1-G'(i)} \right) \lambda \right]}{E \left[ \frac{f''(i)}{1-G'(i)} \right] + f''(n+d)} > 0$$

# Proof: Constrained Efficiency of Optimal Policy Mix

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Ramsey problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{d, d^*, S^{SL}} E \left[ \frac{1}{2} \{ f(n+d) + \rho - d + f(i(m)) - i(m) - L(S^{SL}) + f(n^* + d^*) + \rho^* - d^* + f(i^*(m)) - i^*(m) \} \right] \\ \text{s.t. } (1 - \tau)f'(n+d) = 1 + E[\lambda] \\ (1 - \tau^*)f'(n^* + d^*) = 1 + E[\lambda] \end{aligned}$$

- Optimality conditions without implementability conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(n+d) &= 1 + E \left[ \frac{\lambda}{1 - G'(i)} \right] \\ f'(n^* + d^*) &= 1 + E \left[ \frac{\lambda}{1 - G'(i)} \right] \\ \frac{\lambda}{1 - G'(i)} &= L'(S^{SL}) \end{aligned}$$

- Implementability conditions: satisfied by optimal tax  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  [► back](#)

# Sufficient Condition for $\partial \Delta W / \partial S^{SL} < 0$

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Sufficient condition:  $\Delta k^* > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta W}{\partial S^{SL}} &= -(1 - \gamma)(f'(i) - 1) + \gamma f''(i) \left( \frac{\Phi^*}{f'(i)^2} + S^{SL} \right) \frac{\partial i}{\partial m} \\ &\quad + f''(i) \frac{\partial i}{\partial m} \left( i - (\rho^* - d^* - \frac{\Phi^*}{f'(i)^2} - S^{SL}) \right) \\ &< -(1 - \gamma)(f'(i) - 1) + \gamma f''(i) \left( \frac{\Phi^*}{f'(i)^2} + S^{SL} \right) \frac{\partial i}{\partial m} + f''(i) \frac{\partial i}{\partial m} \Delta k^* < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Necessary and sufficient condition for  $\Delta k^* > 0$ :

$$\underbrace{(\rho - d)}_{\text{available \$ in US}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{f'(i)}(\phi - \gamma\phi^*)}_{\text{\$ funding net of haircut}} > \underbrace{(\rho^* - d^*)}_{\text{available \$ in EU}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{f'(i)}\phi^*}_{\text{synthetic \$ funding}}$$

- \$ is more ample in the US ▶ [back](#)