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**ABSTRACT:** Recent evidence has highlighted the financial stability implications of interest rate tightening. We develop a tractable model in which intermediaries face occasionally binding leverage constraints and endogenous risks of runs, while producers face price adjustment frictions. Interest rate tightening, by lowering asset prices, exacerbates both financial distortions when intermediaries' equity is sufficiently low. We use the model to jointly characterize optimal (Ramsey) interest rate policy, credit policy, equity injections, macroprudential policy, and deposit insurance during periods of financial fragility. If non-interest rate tools were costless, the right combination of tools could perfectly separate financial stability from price stability objectives. When these tools are costly, interest rate tightening should be less aggressive and, in the face of run risks, adopt a risk-management approach. The optimal mix of policies depends on the degree of financial fragility, the cost and the effectiveness of non-interest rate tools.

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# 1 Introduction

Recent events of financial market turbulence, including the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and other regional banks in the US and the pension funds and liability-driven investment (LDI) crisis in the UK, have renewed concerns that monetary policy tightening to curb rising inflationary pressures could exacerbate financial instability. These events, and the possibility that interest rates remain higher for longer, raise important questions for policymakers. First, under what conditions can monetary policy tightening trigger or amplify financial instability? Second, how should monetary policy respond to inflation when there are tensions with financial stability goals? Third, how should other (non-interest) policy tools be used to better separate financial stability from price stability concerns?<sup>1</sup>

In this paper, we develop a two-period New Keynesian (NK) model with a financial sector that issues short-term deposits and buys long-term financial claims subject to a leverage constraint and to a risk of depositors run. The model can rationalize why monetary policy tightening in times of high inflation and financial fragility may lead to a rise in financial instability, a decline in bank equity and more banking panics, all consistent with empirical evidence. We then use the model to characterize the optimal (Ramsey) combination of interest rate and other tools, including credit policy, equity injections, deposit insurance and macroprudential policy. The tractability of our model allows us to derive simple intuitive formulas for optimal policies, clarifying the determinants of the optimal policy mix.

The model incorporates the essential ingredients needed to analyze the trade-offs between price and financial instability in times of interest rate tightening and financial fragility. First, firms and workers face adjustment costs to price changes. This implies that prices are sticky in the short run, giving rise to an *aggregate demand externality*. Sticky prices generate a meaningful role for monetary policy in stabilizing prices. Second financial intermediaries, which issue short-term deposits and purchase long-term bonds and real assets, face an occasionally binding leverage constraint due to moral hazard in the spirit of [Gertler and Kiyotaki \(2010\)](#) or due to macroprudential regulation. A binding constraint limits the financial sector's ability to arbitrage and opens up a *wedge between the deposit and the lending rate* (the return on real assets). Third, intermediaries face a *risk of bank runs* due to coordination failures among

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<sup>1</sup>We define separation as a situation where interest rate policy decisions can be set independently of financial stability considerations.

depositors. Coordination failures arise from the inefficient drop in asset prices when intermediaries are forced to quickly liquidate their assets in a situation of run. Consistent with our global games microfoundation, the likelihood of runs increases with fundamental fragilities ([Morris and Shin, 2003](#); [Goldstein and Pauzner, 2005](#)).

We show that interest rate tightening can interact with underlying financial frictions and exacerbate financial distortions by dampening asset prices and the banks' returns on asset.<sup>2</sup> Lower asset returns and prices deteriorate intermediaries' net worth. The decline in net worth tightens intermediaries' leverage constraints which increases the spread in returns and raises the probability of a run by increasing the likelihood that banks become insolvent in case of a widespread panic. This increase in financial distortions—the spread between the deposit and the lending rate, and the risk of bank run—have welfare costs and policymakers should aim at addressing them.

Before turning to the normative analysis, we show that the model's core mechanisms are consistent with empirical evidence. We use a historical panel of financial crises and monetary policy, which covers 18 advanced economies and spans the period 1870–2016, by combining the global historical datasets by [Jordà et al. \(2017\)](#) and by [Baron et al. \(2021\)](#). Building on the recent evidence by [Schularick et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Boissay et al. \(2023\)](#), we test the model's core mechanisms by looking at the impact of interest rate tightening events on the likelihood of banking panics and bank equity crashes, asset prices and bank loans and at the differential effect of tightening in supply-driven and demand-driven inflationary environment. Our identification strategy relies on a rich set of macro controls to address the issue of omitted variables and on instrumenting changes in the nominal rates with the Trilemma instrument. Our empirical results are all qualitatively consistent with the model's predictions: interest rate tightening significantly increases the likelihood of bank panics and crashes, decreases asset prices and leads banks to lend less, with stronger effects in times of supply-driven inflation.

An important contribution of the paper is to characterize the optimal (Ramsey) combination of interest rate and other tools in times of financial fragility. Our baseline approach derives the welfare-maximizing combination of tools, but all our results are robust to considering a strict inflation targeting mandate. Importantly, we allow other tools to be costly as argued in recent works: the use of equity injections, credit

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<sup>2</sup>Loan delinquencies is another important channel in practice. This is not modeled explicitly, but it is encapsulated by a drop in asset returns.

policy and deposit insurance have fiscal costs, encourage excessive risk-taking, and impair market development. The paper then analyzes the implications of these costs, which we model in a reduced-form way, for the optimal combination of policies.

We start with deriving a complete separation result under the extreme assumption that other tools have no costs. In this case, financial distortions should be addressed with other tools and interest rate policy can ignore its impact on financial distortions and focus on inflation and output stabilization. This result is a version of the Tinbergen principle according to which each instrument should specialize in their area of relative effectiveness.

When other tools are costly however, optimal monetary policy should respond less aggressively to inflation. This is to account for the impact of interest rate tightening on the intermediaries' net worth through asset prices and returns. We derive a formula clarifying that in the case where the leverage constraint binds, the optimal policy rate is decreasing in the *levels* and the *sensitivity of spreads*—which is tightly connected in equilibrium to the banks' intermediation capacity—to changes in the interest rate. Similarly we show that when there is a risk of a run, the interest rate is decreasing in the *levels* and the *sensitivity of the probability of a run* to changes in the interest rate. This is because the decline in the intermediaries' asset value exacerbates the coordination failures among depositors.

Other policy tools can help alleviate these trade-offs and can allow policymakers to separate financial stability from price and output stability objectives. Asset purchases can improve the overall scale of intermediation and boost asset prices which increases banks' net worth. This relaxes the collateral constraint of intermediaries which increases their ability to intermediate assets and further raises asset prices. Maybe more surprisingly, asset purchases also decrease the likelihood of runs by raising the banks' liquidation value. Equity injections have a more direct impact on banks' intermediation capacity and also help with run risk by changing the banks' liability structure. Macroprudential limits should be released when the key distortion comes from the intermediaries' collateral constraint but doing so wouldn't help mitigate the risk of runs. By contrast, deposit insurance and lender of last resort facilities are important instruments to address risks of bank run but they can't address the other distortion.

In general, the optimal mix of policy tools depends on several factors. The larger the financial distortions—the more "fragile" the financial system—the more

sensitive these financial distortions to further tightening and the higher the marginal costs of other tools, the more interest rate policy should internalize its effect on financial instability and accept to deviate from its conventional stance. Taken together, these findings suggest that when other tools are costly, the perfect specialization of instruments—or the Tinbergen principle—doesn’t apply and optimal monetary tightening should take into account its effect on financial distortions, including limited intermediation capacity and coordination failures among investors.

While we find that both sources of financial distortions—the leverage constraint and the coordination failures—imply similar qualitative prescriptions for interest rate policy, there are also important differences. One important specificity of coordination failures is that they introduce a risk of a systemic bank run leading to a full-fledge financial disruption with very large costs. As shown by our closed-form formula, the optimal interest rate should incorporate the probability of run even if this probability is insensitive to marginal changes in the interest rate, in sharp contrast with the case of binding collateral constraints. In other words, the existence of a low-probability high-cost state of the world calls for interest rate policy to adopt a risk-management approach.

**Related literature.** This paper contributes to a long-standing literature analyzing macroeconomic fluctuations in an environment with financial frictions and their implications for the optimal design of policies ([Bernanke and Gertler, 1989](#); [Bernanke et al., 1999](#); [Kiyotaki and Moore, 1997](#); [Gertler and Kiyotaki, 2010](#); [Cúrdia and Woodford, 2011](#); [He and Krishnamurthy, 2013](#); [Brunnermeier and Sannikov, 2014](#); [Boissay et al., 2016](#); [Cúrdia and Woodford, 2016](#); [Collard et al., 2017](#); [Drechsler et al., 2018](#); [Di Tella and Kurlat, 2021](#)). Like [Cúrdia and Woodford \(2010\)](#) we find that interest rate policy should take into account credit spreads when the balance sheet constraint of intermediaries bind. Like [Gertler and Karadi \(2011\)](#) and [Karadi and Nakov \(2021\)](#) the use of additional tools such as credit policy can improve welfare, even outside of the ZLB. The structure of the model most closely relates to [Gertler and Kiyotaki \(2015\)](#) and [Gertler et al. \(2020\)](#) which examine the implications of bank runs in a model with balance sheet constraints, endogenous asset prices and sticky prices.<sup>3</sup>

Our approach complements three recent papers by [Adrian and Duarte \(2020\)](#),

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<sup>3</sup>We also build on the literature looking at the interest rate exposure of banks and the transmission of monetary policy. This literature emphasizes the role of the cash-flow exposure of banks to interest rate risk ([Gomez et al., 2021](#)), of uninsured deposits ([Drechsler et al., 2023](#)), of profit margins and net worth ([Abadi et al., 2023](#)) and balance sheet and interest rate risk management ([Di Tella and Kurlat, 2021](#)).

[Akinci et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Boissay et al. \(2022\)](#). Relative to their approach, one key novelty of our paper is to incorporate a microfounded risk of run into a NK model with endogenous asset prices. An important finding is that interest rate policy should adopt a risk-management approach when there is a risk of a systemic run. Another key novelty is that we analytically characterize the optimal (Ramsey) combination of interest rate policy and other financial policies in this environment. While we share with [Akinci et al. \(2021\)](#) a focus on endogenous asset prices and valuation effects, they abstract from sticky prices and don't analyze optimal interest rate policy. Relative to [Adrian and Duarte \(2020\)](#) which looks at the implications of interest rate policy when intermediaries are subject to value-at-risk constraint and to [Boissay et al. \(2022\)](#) which highlight how monetary policy affects the accumulation of capital, we consider instead an environment with more traditional collateral constraints, endogenous runs and we focus on how interest rate policy and other tools affect balance sheets through valuation effects, beyond the traditional channels.

Relative to the lean-against-the-wind literature, we highlight new trade-offs between price and financial stability faced by central banks. This literature is concerned by the build-up of financial imbalances in times of low inflation and low interest rate and has focused on the risk-taking channel of monetary policy, the development of bubbles and the search for yield ([Svensson, 2014](#); [Gerdrup et al., 2017](#); [Ajello et al., 2019](#); [Bauer and Granziera, 2017](#); [Abbate and Thaler, 2023](#)). We are instead motivated by financial instability triggered or exacerbated by interest rate tightening in times of rising inflation. In this situation, the trade-offs for monetary policy are different: asset price drops, leverage constraints bind and run risks rise. In the debate on whether interest rate policy should take into consideration financial stability concerns, we highlight that it crucially depends on the costs of non-interest rate tools. When these other tools are costly, the optimal policy is to implement less aggressive rate hikes. When they are not costly, full separation of objectives is implementable and optimal.<sup>4</sup>

We contribute to the literature on the optimal use of policies to address financial fragility stemming from coordination failures. The literature has looked at the optimal use of macroprudential tools and bank regulation, public liquidity provision, deposit insurance, and bank resolution in models with bank runs ([Vives, 2014](#); [Phelan, 2016](#);

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<sup>4</sup>The papers considering the coordination between monetary policy and other tools usually abstract from their costs ([Paoli and Paustian, 2017](#); [Martinez-Miera and Repullo, 2019](#); [Carrillo et al., 2021](#); [Van der Groot, 2021](#)). In addition, they focus on macroprudential tools while we consider a broader set of other tools, such as credit policy, equity injection and deposit insurance, and analyze the implications of the risk of run, which is empirically important.



[Tella, 2019](#); [Dávila and Goldstein, 2023](#); [Schiling, 2023](#); [Ikeda, 2024](#); [Kashyap et al., 2024](#); [Porcellacchia and Sheedy, 2024](#)).<sup>5</sup> We draw on this literature by considering a large set of financial policies. The novelty of our approach is to consider the optimal combination of these tools with monetary policy in a setting with nominal frictions. Our findings highlight the need for monetary policy to adopt a risk-management approach in the face of coordination failures.

Our two-period model allows to clarify the trade-offs faced by interest rate tightening and analyze their implications for the optimal design of policies. This approach is similar to [Ajello et al. \(2019\)](#), [Kashyap et al. \(2024\)](#) and [Basu et al. \(2023\)](#). Like the latter, we look at the optimal combination of several policies, including interest rate, credit policy, equity injections, deposit insurance and macroprudential tools in a fully non-linear setting. In addition, our two-period model allows us to incorporate a microfounded risk of run in an otherwise conventional NK model.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the model. Section 3 characterizes the equilibrium path of the economy and show how interest rate tightening gives rise to price and financial trade-offs. Section 4 explains the calibration and validates empirically the model’s core mechanisms. Section 5 examines the optimal mix of interest rate policy and other tools. Section 6 concludes.

## 2 A Model with Sticky Prices, Constraints to Intermediation and Panics

In this section, we introduce a two-period model of an economy with firms subject to nominal frictions and financial intermediaries subject to financial frictions, including constraints to intermediation capacity and panic-driven runs. The model is closely related to the setting in [Gertler and Kiyotaki \(2015\)](#) and [Gertler et al. \(2020\)](#). The goal is to analyze the optimal conduct of interest rate policy and other tools when there are financial fragilities.

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<sup>5</sup>These papers and ours build on a long-standing literature analyzing bank runs with a global game approach ([Diamond and Dybvig, 1983](#); [Carlsson and van Damme, 1993](#); [Morris and Shin, 2003](#); [Rochet and Vives, 2004](#); [Goldstein and Pauzner, 2005](#); [Bebchuk and Goldstein, 2011](#)).

## 2.1 Environment and Sequence of Events

There are 2 periods indexed by  $t = 1, 2$  and the economy is populated by five agents: households, financial intermediaries, final good firms, intermediate good producers and the government which includes a central bank.

In the model, there are three frictions. First firms face adjustments cost to changing their goods' prices and nominal wages are fixed in the first period. In the second, all prices, including the real wages, can freely adjust. This captures the notion that prices are sticky in the short run, giving a role to monetary policy in stabilizing prices, but flexible in the medium run. In addition, there are two financial frictions. A leverage constraint, which could arise from an incentive compatibility constraint a la [Bernanke and Gertler \(1989\)](#) or regulatory capital requirements, generates the traditional financial accelerator. A coordination problem among depositors can lead to panic-led runs.

There are three financial assets: equities of firms, long-term government bonds, and banks short-term deposits. Equities are claims on the residual income of firms after they have paid workers. We abstract from capital accumulation and assume that there is an exogenous mass of capital  $K$  which is used for production both in period 1 and 2. In the remainder of the paper, we call this asset "capital". Capital turns into final goods and is consumed by their owners at the end of period 2. The supply of long-term government bonds  $B$  is exogenous and controlled by the government. Deposits are endogenous to the financial system's and households' decisions.

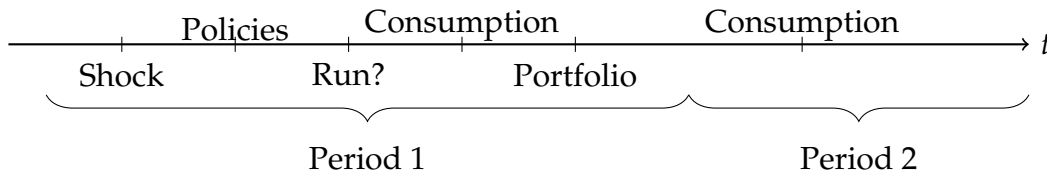


Figure 1: Timeline

As described by Figure 1, at the beginning of the first period, shocks are realized, then the government announces its policies. Knowing the shock and the policies, depositors decide to withdraw their deposits or not. After the outcome of the run game is realized, there is no more uncertainty. At this point, consumers decide how much to consume and work, and firms choose their level of production and prices. Subsequently households and banks decide their portfolio allocations. In the second

period, firms produce, households supply labor and consume their earnings.

## 2.2 Households: Consumption and Portfolio Decisions

There is a continuum of mass one of households indexed by  $j \in [0, 1]$ . We omit the  $j$  subscript when no confusion results. Households have the following preferences over the stream of consumption and labor supply:

$$\max_{c_1, c_2, \ell_2} \left\{ \log(c_1) - v_1(\ell_1) + \beta (\log c_2 - v_2(\ell_2)) \right\}. \quad (1)$$

with  $v_t(\cdot)$  is an increasing and concave function for  $t = 1, 2$ .

Households enter period 1 with a portfolio of long-term bonds  $b_{h1}$ , capital  $k_{H1}$  and deposits  $d_1$ . From these investments they collect returns  $\frac{Q_{L1}+r_L}{Q_{L0}}$ ,  $\frac{Q_{K1}+r_{K1}}{Q_{K0}}$  and  $R_1$  respectively, where  $r_L, Q_{L1}$  are the exogenous interest rate and the endogenous price of long-term bonds, and  $r_{k1}, Q_{K1}$  are the endogenous dividends per unit capital and the price of capital in period 1. Returns on assets depend on the entire equilibrium, including on the outcome of the run.

At the beginning of the period, the run game occurs. We define the households strategies and the equilibrium of the game later in section 2.5. The outcome of the run determines the return on deposits  $R_1$ . If no run occurs or doesn't lead to the intermediaries' liquidation, returns on deposits are simply the promised rate at the end of the previous period,  $\bar{R}_1$ . If it is successful and banks have to be liquidated, the return on deposits  $R_1$  is denoted  $R_1^*$ . From the perspective of households, this is a random variable, whose realized value depends on how many depositors withdraw their deposits and on the asset value of the bank relative to its liabilities in the run equilibrium. We define  $R_1^*$  formally in the above-mentioned section 2.5. The returns on other assets also depend on the entire equilibrium path. Finally, households collect income from their supply of labor,  $W_1 \ell_1$ , and receive net-of-tax lump-sum transfers from the government,  $T_1$ .

After the outcome of the run is realized and income is collected, households choose how much deposits  $d_2$  to hold at banks, how much long-term bonds to invest in  $b_{h2}$ , how much capital to hold  $k_{H2}$  and how much to consume  $c_1$ . Accordingly,

their budget constraint in period 1 is given by

$$P_1 c_1 + d_2 + Q_{L1} b_{h2} + Q_{K1} k_{H2} = R_1 d_1 + (Q_{L1} + r_L) b_{h1} + (Q_{K1} + r_{k1}) k_{H1} + T_1 + W_1 \ell_1 \quad (2)$$

In period 2, households collect income from their portfolio of long-term bonds  $b_{h2}$ , capital  $k_{H2}$  and deposits  $d_2$ , as well as labor earnings  $W_2 \ell_2$ , and transfers  $T_2$ . Importantly, we follow GKP in assuming that households are less efficient at holding capital and bonds than intermediaries.<sup>6</sup> More formally, we assume that the returns on their direct holdings are decreasing with the amount they hold in period 2.<sup>7</sup> For tractability we assume these costs are quadratic and given by  $\left(\frac{\beta_K}{2} \frac{P_2 k_{H2}^2}{K}\right)$  for capital holdings and  $\left(\frac{\beta_L}{2} \frac{P_2 b_{h2}^2}{B}\right)$  for bonds holdings. In period 2, the budget constraint is thus given by

$$P_2 c_2 = R_2 d_2 + \left(1 + r_L - \frac{\beta_L}{2} \frac{P_2 b_{h2}}{B}\right) b_{h2} + \left(1 + r_{k2} - \frac{\beta_K}{2} \frac{P_2 k_{H2}}{K}\right) k_{H2} + T_2 + W_2 \ell_2 \quad (3)$$

Consistent with the assumption that wages are fixed in nominal terms and prices are sticky in the first period, households supply labor perfectly elastically to firms. In the second period, we assume that  $v(\ell_2) = 0$  for  $\ell_2 < \bar{\ell}$  and  $v(\bar{\ell}) = +\infty$ , which implies that they supply inelastically  $\bar{\ell}_2$ . Households are price-takers in all markets: they take the path of wages  $W_1, W_2$ , final goods prices  $P_1, P_2$ , asset prices  $Q_{L1}, Q_{L2}, Q_{K1}, Q_{K2}$ , dividends per unit capital  $r_{k1}, r_{k2}$  and of the interest rate on deposits  $R_1, R_2$  as given.

**Optimality conditions.** Taking the first-order conditions for  $c_1, c_2, d_2, b_{h2}$  and  $k_{H2}$ , the household' optimality conditions are given by

$$1 = \beta \frac{R_2}{1 + \pi_2} \frac{c_1}{c_2}, \quad R_2 = \frac{1 + r_L - \beta_L \frac{P_2 b_{h2}}{B}}{Q_{L1}} \quad \text{and} \quad R_2 = \frac{1 + r_{k2} - \beta_K \frac{P_2 k_{H2}}{K}}{Q_{K1}} \quad (4)$$

where  $\pi_2 \equiv P_2/P_1 - 1$ . The first condition is the traditional Euler equation

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<sup>6</sup>This cost also rationalizes why intermediaries exist.

<sup>7</sup>Given that portfolio holdings from period 0 to period 1 are exogenous, we abstract from these costs in the first period.

governing the allocation of consumption between period 1 and 2, the second and third are the no-arbitrage conditions for the long-term bonds and capital respectively. Note that there is no intratemporal optimal condition for period 1, which is consistent with our assumption of fixed wages and elastic labor supply. In period 2, labor is simply  $\ell_2 = \bar{\ell}$ .

## 2.3 Final Good Firms

Final good firms buy intermediate goods to produce final goods which they sell to households. They are competitive and take the price of the final good  $P_1, P_2$  and of intermediates  $\{P_{1i}, P_{2i}\}_i$  as given. The technology to produce the final good has constant elasticity of substitution,  $\epsilon$ . They seek to maximize profits subject to the technological constraint. Their problem is given by

$$\max_{\{Y_{ti}\}_i} P_t Y_t - \sum_i P_{ti} Y_{ti} \quad \text{subject to} \quad Y_t = \left( \int_i Y_{ti}^{1-\frac{1}{\epsilon}} di \right)^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}}.$$

**Optimality conditions.** The solution to their problem is given by

$$Y_{ti} = \left( \frac{P_{ti}}{P_t} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t. \quad (5)$$

In equilibrium, free entry ensures that final goods producers earn zero profits. Final output  $Y_t$  is determined by the goods market clearing condition.

## 2.4 Intermediate Good Firms

Intermediate goods are differentiated and produced by firms which are in monopolistic competition. These firms combine labor and capital and sell their variety to final goods firms. Following [Rotemberg \(1984\)](#), they face quadratic adjustment costs when choosing their price in the first period  $\theta_1 > 0$ , but not in the second  $\theta_2 = 0$ . To simplify the analysis, physical capital  $K$  cannot be accumulated and is firm-specific, so that it cannot be moved across firms. Taking wages in both periods  $(W_1, W_2)$  as

given, their problem is given by:

$$\max_{Y_{ti}, P_{ti}, \ell_{ti}} P_{ti} Y_{ti} - W_t \ell_{ti} - \frac{\theta_t}{2} \left( \frac{P_{ti}}{P_{t-1i}} - 1 \right)^2 P_t Y_t \quad (6)$$

$$\text{subject to } Y_{ti} = \ell_{ti}^\alpha K_{ti}^{1-\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{ti} = \left( \frac{P_{ti}}{P_t} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t \quad (7)$$

**Optimal pricing decisions.** Taking the first-order conditions, their optimal pricing decisions are given by

$$(\epsilon_1 - 1) \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 - 1} \frac{MC_{1i}}{P_{1i}} - 1 \right) = \theta_1 \pi_1 (\pi_1 + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad P_{2i} = \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2 - 1} MC_{2i} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{with } MC_{ti} = \frac{W_t}{\alpha} \left( \frac{Y_{ti}}{K_{ti}} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} \quad (9)$$

**Labor earnings and capital returns.** We assume that two types of lump-sum transfers are enforced by the government: (i) the cost of price changes  $\frac{\theta_t}{2} \left( \frac{P_{ti}}{P_{t-1i}} - 1 \right)^2 P_t Y_t$  are transferred to the government; (ii) each worker receive  $\frac{P_{ti} - MC_{ti}}{MC_{ti}} W_t$  per unit of labor from their employer, which means that their post-transfer labor earnings are given by

$$W_t \ell_t = \alpha P_{ti} Y_{ti} \quad (10)$$

These transfers ensure that the returns on capital are a constant fraction of aggregate output. As a result, each period firms distribute to their shareholders—a mix of intermediaries and households—the dividends which are equal to  $(1 - \alpha) P_{ti} Y_{ti}$ . The dividends per unit equity  $r_{kt}$  and the total ex post return  $R_{kt}$  are given by

$$r_{kt} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{P_{ti} Y_{ti}}{K_{ti}} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{kt} = \frac{(1 - \alpha) \frac{P_{ti} Y_{ti}}{K_{ti}} + Q_{Kt+1}}{Q_{Kt}} \quad (11)$$

## 2.5 Financial Intermediaries and the Risk of Run

Financial intermediaries enter period 1 with a portfolio of long-term bonds  $B_{F1}$  and capital  $K_{F1}$ , and they owe deposits  $D_1$  to households. After the shocks are realized and policies are announced, each household enters the period with a portfolio of

assets,  $(d_{1j}, k_{1j}, b_{1j})$ , and decides whether to withdraw or to keep their deposits. This section briefly explains the run game and its global game microfoundation. We refer the reader to Appendix A for a more detailed exposition.

**Information structure and posterior beliefs.** Depositors know their own individual holdings of deposits,  $d_{1j}$ , and the overall size of the banks balance sheet, but they don't perfectly observe the composition of their liability, between deposits  $D_1$  and equity  $N_0$ .<sup>8</sup> They have two pieces of information to form beliefs about  $N_0$ . They know that it is drawn from a log-normal distribution around the end-of-period 0 net worth  $\bar{N}_0$  with dispersion  $\sigma_N$ :  $\log N_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\log \bar{N}_0, \sigma_N)$ . They also receive a private signal  $\eta_j$ , centered around  $N_0$  with dispersion  $\sigma_\eta$ :  $\log \eta \sim \mathcal{N}(\log N_0, \sigma_\eta)$ . For future reference, we denote  $F(\eta|N_0)$  the CDF of this distribution. The posterior belief of household  $j$  about  $N_0$  is thus also log-normally distributed:

$$\log N_0 \sim_j \mathcal{N}(\mu_{N_0}(\eta_j, \bar{N}_0), \sigma_{NP}^2) \quad (12)$$

where  $\mu_{N_0}$  is an average of  $\eta_j$  and  $\bar{N}_0$  weighted by the signal's precision  $\sigma_\eta^{-1}, \sigma_N^{-1}$ . We denote the density of this posterior distribution  $p(n|\eta_j, \bar{N}_0)$ .

**Condition for a successful run.** If a sufficiently large fraction of depositors decide to withdraw, banks aren't able to repay them all and have to be liquidated. Denoting  $\delta$  the share of depositors who run in equilibrium, a run is successful if:

$$R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) < \bar{R}_1 D_1 \delta \quad (13)$$

where the asterisk \* denotes variables in the "run" equilibrium—the equilibrium in which banks have to be liquidated. In such an equilibrium, all assets have to be held by households or the government, i.e.  $K_{F2}^* = B_{F2}^* = 0$ , which leads to a drop in their prices (which justifies the run ex post).<sup>9</sup> Asset prices and returns on assets are

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<sup>8</sup>While the traditional approach in the global game literature is to model uncertainty around the expected return on the bank's portfolio (Morris and Shin, 1998; Goldstein and Pauzner, 2005), uncertainty in this paper is around the initial level of bank equity. This is because returns are endogenous to the macroeconomic equilibrium. Both objects shape the depositors' payoffs if a run happens.

<sup>9</sup>In GKP banks' equity recovers slowly as new banks enter, we make the simple assumption that no bank enters in period 2.

given by

$$R_{k1}^* = \frac{r_{K1}^* + Q_{K1}^*}{Q_{K0}} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{L1}^* = \frac{r_L + Q_{L1}^*}{Q_{L0}} \quad (14)$$

$$Q_{K1}^* = \frac{1 + r_{K2} - \beta_K \frac{P_2(K-K_G)}{K}}{R_2} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{L1}^* = \frac{1 + r_L - \beta_L}{R_2} \quad (15)$$

where we used the households optimal conditions (4) to pin down asset prices. Using the previous equation (13), a run is successful if and only if the share of depositors running exceeds a threshold:  $\delta > \bar{\delta}(N_0)$  with  $\bar{\delta}(N_0) = \frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K-K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L-L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1[Q_{K0}(K-K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L-L_{H1}) - N_0]}$ .

**Payoffs and equilibrium.** If a depositor runs and the run is successful, it gets a share of the bank liquidation value proportional to its deposits  $d_{j1}$ . If they don't run, they lose all their deposits.<sup>10</sup> A depositor who runs always incurs a small exogenous utility cost of running  $\zeta$ . Without this utility cost, running would always be a dominant strategy. Denoting the after-run indirect utility of a depositor with initial deposits  $d_1$ ,  $U(R_1 d_1)$  (and omitting the dependence on  $k_{H1j}, b_{H1j}$  for simplicity)<sup>11</sup>, Table 1 summarizes the payoffs for each action and in each equilibrium outcome.

Individual action	In equilibrium the run is ...	
	Successful	Unsuccessful
Run	$U\left(\frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K-K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L-L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1[Q_{K0}(K-K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L-L_{H1}) - N_0]\delta} d_1\right) - \zeta$	$U(\bar{R}_1 d_1) - \zeta$
Don't run	$U(0)$	$U(\bar{R}_1 d_1)$

Table 1: Payoffs in Four Cases

In equilibrium, depositors adopt a trigger strategy: they run if their private signal is below a threshold  $\bar{\eta}$ . The equilibrium share of depositors running is the share of those receiving a signal below this threshold,  $\delta^*(N_0) = F(\bar{\eta}|N_0)$ . Importantly, the threshold  $\bar{\eta}$  is endogenous and should be such that a depositor with signal  $\bar{\eta}$  is indifferent between running and not running:

<sup>10</sup>The setup assumes that deposits are uninsured. When considering optimal policy, we allow for the possibility that governments provide deposit insurance to prevent runs.

<sup>11</sup> $R_2$  enters into depositors' payoffs only through  $R_{K1}^*$  and  $R_{L1}^*$ . Note that, if the run is unsuccessful, the return on deposits is  $\bar{R}_1$  because these are deposits held by banks between period 0 and 1.



$$\int_0^{\max(\bar{N}, 0)} \left[ U \left( \frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - n] F(\bar{\eta}|n)} D_1 \right) - U(0) \right] p(n|\bar{\eta}) dn = \zeta \quad (16)$$

where  $\bar{N}$  is the level of net worth such that even if all depositors run, the run is unsuccessful  $\bar{N} = \frac{(\bar{R}_1 - R_{k1}^*) Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + (\bar{R}_1 - R_{L1}^*) Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1}$ .

## 2.6 Financial Intermediaries if No Run Happened

If a run doesn't happen or if the run isn't successful, financial intermediaries continue to operate from period 1 to period 2. Their period-1 equity depends on the returns on assets and payments on liabilities  $R_1 = \bar{R}_1$  made at time 1:

$$N_1 = \bar{R}_1 N_0 + (R_{k1} - \bar{R}_1) Q_{K0} K_{F1} + (R_{L1} - \bar{R}_1) Q_{L0} B_{F1} + N_G \quad (17)$$

where  $\bar{R}_1, B_{F1}, K_{F1}, Q_{K0}$  are all exogenous in period 1 and  $N_G$  denotes equity injection by the government. Returns on both types of assets  $R_{k1}$  and  $R_{L1}$  are endogenous.

**Unconstrained portfolio allocation and no-arbitrage.** At the end of period 1, financial intermediaries collect households deposits,  $D_2$ , and invest in capital,  $K_{F2}$  and in long-term bonds  $B_{F2}$ . Taking all asset prices and returns as given, they seek to maximize the end of period-2  $N_2$ . When intermediaries can freely allocate their portfolio they would arbitrage away any differences in returns:

$$R_2 = R_{K2} = R_{L2} \quad (18)$$

**Incentives-compatible balance sheet constraint.** Following the financial accelerator literature, we assume that due to an agency problem the intermediaries' overall assets cannot exceed a multiplier of their equity. Denoting the maximum leverage  $\phi^P$ , the constraint is given by

$$\phi^P N_1 \geq Q_{L1} B_{F2} + Q_{K1} K_{F2} \quad (19)$$

We assume that  $\phi^P > 0$  is an exogenous parameter, like for example in [Di Tella and Kurlat \(2021\)](#). One could endogenize  $\phi^P$ , in which case the maximum leverage  $\phi^P$

would increase with the spread  $R_{k2}/R_2$  which would partly mitigate the amplification stemming from the constraint.<sup>12</sup> Given that this second round mechanism doesn't qualitatively affect our results, but would substantially complicate the analysis, we keep  $\phi^P$  exogenous in the rest of the paper.

When this balance sheet constraint binds, returns on bonds and capital are determined by the households conditions (4) and rise above the interest rate on deposits,  $R_{K2} = R_{B2} > R_2$ . This is because households are the marginal buyer and they require a compensation for holdings these assets.

**Macroprudential policy** Consistent with the development of macroprudential tools since the Great Financial Crisis, the government in the model can implement an equity-based balance sheet constraint,  $\phi^G$  which takes the exact same form as the incentive-based constraint (19). We can write both the incentive-based and the macroprudential-based constraints together by replacing  $\phi^P$  in the inequality (19) with  $\phi = \min(\phi^P, \phi^G)$ .

## 2.7 Government and Central Bank and the Costs of Tools

The central bank controls the rate on deposits  $R_2$ . The government can issue short-term deposits  $D_{G2}$ , purchase equities  $K_G$ , inject equity into the banking system  $N_G$ , and sets transfers  $T_1, T_2$ . In addition, the government has to pay interest on long-term bonds  $B$  in period 1, and repay the principal in period 2. These choices have to be consistent with the following budget constraints:

$$D_{G2} = T_1 + \frac{\theta_t}{2} \pi_1^2 P_t Y_t + r_L B + Q_{K1} K_G + N_G \quad (20)$$

$$\left(1 + r_{k2} - \frac{\beta_G}{2} \frac{P_2 K_G}{K}\right) K_G - \frac{\beta_N P_2}{2} N_G^2 = T_2 + (1 + r_L) L + (1 + R_2) D_{G2} \quad (21)$$

where  $T_1, T_2$  may be negative or positive and where we have assumed that all firms were symmetric.

Importantly, we assume that the use of tools such as equity injections, credit policy, and deposit insurance, are costly. We model these costs in a reduced-form way

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<sup>12</sup>Following [Gertler and Karadi \(2011\)](#), and consistent with our assumption that bankers go back to being households in period 2,  $\phi^P$  would be given by:  $\phi^P = \frac{\eta}{\lambda - \nu}$  with  $\eta = 1$  and  $\nu = \frac{R_{k2}}{R_2} - 1$  where  $\lambda$  is the fraction of funds the banker could divert (see equations 11 and 13 in their paper).

as quadratic pecuniary losses in the government's budget constraint. These costs capture several implementation challenges and negative implications associated with the use of these tools. First, these tools can have fiscal costs. For example, purchase of risky assets exposes the central bank to financial losses. Deposit insurance by governments may trigger a large unexpected spending in case of a run ([Allen et al., 2011](#)). These fiscal costs entail real costs when taxation is distortionary. Second, generous central bank intervention, public equity injection and deposit insurance can introduce moral hazard and incentivize risk-taking ([Cooper and Ross, 2002](#)). Additional costs have been highlighted in the literature. For example, large scale credit policy could lead to mispricing of risk premia and can become "addictive" ([Steeley, 2015](#); [Karadi and Nakov, 2021](#)).

We define the joint objective of the government and the central bank in the section 5 on optimal policies.

## 2.8 Market Clearing

The labor and goods market clear. Given that price adjustments consume real resources in the first period, the market clearing for final goods in the first period is given by

$$Y_1 \left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2 \right) = C_1 \quad (22)$$

where  $C_1 = \int c_{1j} dj$  where each individual household is indexed by  $j$ . Given that real wages are flexible in the second period, the level of the price level is indeterminate. We thus normalize  $P_2 = P_1$  and let  $W_2$  adjust so that the real wage clears the labor market. This assumption allows us to abstract from inflation in goods prices from period 1 to period 2 and focus on inflation from period 0 to period 1 only.

$$\pi_2 = 0 \quad (23)$$

In addition, the capital, long-term bond and short-term deposits markets also clear:

$$K = K_{H2} + K_{F2} + K_G, \quad B = B_{H2} + B_{F2} \quad \text{and} \quad D_2 = D_{F2} + D_{G2} \quad (24)$$

where  $D_2 = \int d_{2j}dj$ ,  $B_{H2} = \int l_{H2j}dj$  and  $K_{H2} = \int k_{H2j}dj$  and  $j$  indexes an individual household.

### 3 Price, Output and Financial Stability Trade-offs

We now characterize the decentralized equilibrium path of the economy with a small number of equations: the Phillips Curve ( $\mathcal{PC}$ ), the Euler Equation ( $\mathcal{EE}$ ), and in the parts of the state space where banks' equity is low, the Balance Sheet Constraint ( $\mathcal{BSC}$ ) and a Run Equation ( $\mathcal{RE}$ ). We highlight the wedges capturing the distortions implied by the two financial frictions and analyze how interest rate tightening, by increasing the risk of run and exacerbating the balance sheet constraint, gives rise to two price-financial stability trade-offs, adding to the well-known output-inflation trade-off.

#### 3.1 The Trade-off Between Output and Inflation

In period 1, the set of equations pinning down the equilibrium can be split into two subsets. First, the equations determining consumption, output and prices. Second, the no-arbitrage conditions across assets, the run condition and the balance sheet constraint, which together determine the equilibrium holdings of assets by financial intermediaries and households. We start with the former to highlight the trade-off between output and inflation.

We derive the Phillips Curve from combining the intermediary firm's optimal pricing condition (8), the optimality condition of final goods firms (5), the symmetry of intermediary firms and the production function of final goods firms  $Y_{i1} = Y_1$ , the definition of marginal cost (9) and the assumption that wages are fixed in period 1:

$$(\epsilon_1 - 1) \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 - 1} \frac{\underline{W}}{(1 + \pi_1)P_0\alpha} \left( \frac{Y_1}{K} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} - 1 \right) = \theta_1 \pi_1 (\pi_1 + 1) \quad (\mathcal{PC}) \quad (25)$$

The Phillips Curve relates the level of inflation  $\pi_1$  to the level of output  $Y_1$  in period 1. The second important equation is the Euler equation, the optimality condition governing the intertemporal allocation of consumption of households

which is given by (4):

$$Y_1 \left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2 \right) = \frac{C_2}{\beta R_2}. \quad (\mathcal{EE}) \quad (26)$$

where we used the goods market clearing condition in period 1 (22).

The Phillips Curve and the Euler Equation determine inflation  $\pi_1$  and output  $Y_1$  in period 1 as a function of  $C_2$  and the policy rate  $R_2$ . The other variables related to production in period 1 are directly implied by the equilibrium level of  $Y_1$  and  $\pi_1$ : consumption  $C_1$  is closely related to output  $Y_1$  through the market clearing condition, and labor supply adjusts to accommodate the needs of firms:  $\ell_1 = \left( \frac{Y_1}{K^{1-\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ .

**Trade-offs between price and output stabilization.** The Phillips Curve and the Euler Equation are sufficient to illustrate the well-known static trade-off between output and inflation central banks face when setting the interest rate  $R_2$  following a markup shock (an increase in  $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1-1}$ ). From the Phillips curve ( $\mathcal{PC}$ ), we see that when a markup up shock hits the economy, inflation  $\pi_1$  increases for a given level of output  $Y_1$ . If the central bank responds by increasing  $R_2$ , it is clear from the Euler Equation ( $\mathcal{EE}$ ) that consumption  $C_1$ , hence output  $Y_1$  should decrease. We will illustrate this point in the calibrated model in the next subsection.

### 3.2 The Trade-off Between Inflation and Intermediation Capacity

We now analyze how policy rate increases in response to a rise in inflation can negatively affect the intermediation capacity of banks. We show that this trade-off between inflation and intermediation capacity has both an extensive and an intensive margin. High interest rates can cause the balance sheet constraint to bind and a wedge to open up between the deposit rate and returns on assets. Once the economy is in this "constrained" zone additional rate hikes further decrease intermediation capacity and widen the wedge. In this zone, the model is simply described by a Phillips Curve, an Euler Equation and a Balance Sheet Constraint.

**Costs of Limited Intermediation and Returns Spread.** The costs of limited intermediation appears in the resource constraint in the second period:

$$C_2 = \bar{\ell}^\alpha K^{1-\alpha} + K - \left( \frac{\beta_L}{2} \frac{L_{H2}}{L} \right) L_{H2} - \left( \frac{\beta_K}{2} \frac{K_{H2}}{K} \right) K_{H2}$$

where we used the labor supply  $\ell$  and production technology  $Y_2 = \bar{\ell}^\alpha K^{1-\alpha}$  and assumed no government interventions.<sup>13</sup> These costs are strictly increasing in the two state variables inherited from period 1:  $K_{H2}, L_{H2}$ . These costs, which lower welfare, arise when the balance sheet constraint of intermediaries bind in the first period and households hold part of the capital stock and long-term bonds.

When the balance sheet constraint of intermediaries doesn't bind, intermediaries hold the entire stock of assets and they arbitrage away any spread between the policy rate and the rate of returns on assets  $R_{K2} = R_2$ . In that case financial variables are irrelevant to the real allocation and welfare. When the balance sheet constraint binds, households hold part of the capital stock and a wedge opens up between the deposit rate and the returns on asset,  $R_{k2}(1 - \sigma) \equiv R_2$ . Using the first order condition of households (4), the wedge  $\sigma$  is strictly increasing in  $K_{H2}$  and equal to 0 when  $K_{H2} = 0$ :

$$\sigma \equiv 1 - \frac{R_2}{R_{k2}} = \beta_K \frac{P_2 K_{H2}}{K(1 + r_{K2})}.$$

This returns spread is the wedge capturing the distortions implied by the balance sheet constraint which policymakers would like to close.

**Trade-off (extensive margin).** A first illustration of the trade-off faced by monetary policy when hiking the interest rate in response to a rise in inflation is that the balance sheet constraint is more likely to bind. This is because the drop in the asset value depletes intermediaries' net worth. To see this, recall that a necessary and sufficient condition for the constraint to bind is that intermediaries are able to hold all assets in

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<sup>13</sup>For future reference, we can also determine  $W_2$  from the assumption of flexible prices and wages in the second period and the normalization  $P_1 = P_2$ ,  $W_2 = \left( \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2 - 1} \frac{1}{\alpha P_1} \left( \frac{\bar{\ell}^\alpha K^{1-\alpha}}{K} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} \right)^{-1}$

the economy, namely

$$\bar{R}_1 N_0 + (R_{k1} - \bar{R}_1) Q_{K0} (K - K_{H1}) + (R_{L1} - \bar{R}_1) Q_{L0} (L - L_{H1}) + N_G > \frac{Q_{L1} L + Q_{K1} K}{\phi} \quad (27)$$

with  $Q_{K1} = \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{R_2}$ ,  $Q_{L1} = \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2}$ ,  $R_{k1} = \frac{r_{K1} + Q_{K1}}{Q_{K0}}$ , and  $R_{L1} = \frac{r_L + Q_{L1}}{Q_{L0}}$ .

From this equation, we see that the drop in asset prices caused by rate hikes leads the right-hand side to decrease faster than the left-hand side up to the point where the inequality holds. The following lemma formalizes the idea that the constraint is more likely to bind whenever, for a given level of  $N_0$ , the policy rate  $R_2$  is high enough. Figure 2 illustrates the split of the state space  $(-N_0, R_2)$  between the "constrained" zone in red and the "financial stability" zone in blue.

**Lemma 1.** *Under regularity conditions, there exists a strictly increasing and continuous function  $\bar{R}_2(N_0)$  for  $N_0 \geq 0$  such that (27) holds if and only if  $R_2 < \bar{R}_2(N_0)$ .*

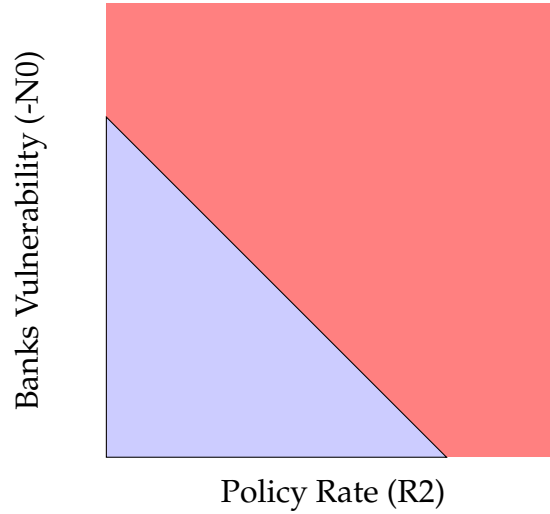


Figure 2: Constrained (red) vs. unconstrained (blue) zone

The regularity conditions are as follows: households' holdings are not too large relative to the leverage ratio  $\frac{\phi-1}{\phi} > \max\left(\frac{K_{H1}}{K}, \frac{L_{H1}}{L}\right)$ , households hold positive deposits  $D_1 > 0$  and the Phillips curve is upward sloping (inflation increases with output at period 1) and not too steep. The assumptions of the lemma are in general true. For example, if households don't hold any asset from time 0 to time 1,

$K_{H1} = L_{H1} = 0$  it simply says that banks are allowed to have a positive leverage,  $\phi > 1$ . The second assumption simply says that banks enter period 1 with some positive leverage.

**Trade-off (intensive margin).** Besides this extensive margin of the trade-off implied by high policy rate, additional increases in the interest rate further lowers intermediation capacity. To illustrate this intensive margin of the trade-off between preserving intermediation capacity and inflation faced by interest rate policy  $R_2$ , we derive the Balance Sheet Constraint, which together with the Euler Equation and the Phillips Curve, characterize the equilibrium path of the economy in the constrained zone. Using the optimality portfolio conditions of households (4) and the definition of returns in period 1 (11) to substitute for the equilibrium asset prices and returns in the balance sheet constraint (19), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{R}_1 N_0 - \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) + N_G + r_{K1}(\pi_1, C_1)(K - K_{H1}) \\ & + r_L(L - L_{H1}) + \frac{1 + r_L - \beta_L \frac{p_2 L_{H2}}{L}}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{L - L_{H2}}{\phi} \right) \\ & + \frac{1 + r_{K2} - \beta_K \frac{p_2 K_{H2}}{K}}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K - K_{H2} - K_G}{\phi} \right) = 0 \quad (\mathcal{BSC}) \end{aligned}$$

This  $\mathcal{BSC}$  equation pins down the equilibrium portfolio holdings of households  $K_{H2}$  and  $L_{H2}$  as a function of  $Y_1$ ,  $\pi_1$ , and policy interventions, including the policy rate  $R_2$ . For future reference, we thus denote this function  $\mathcal{BSC}(K_{H2}, K_G, R_2, N_0, N_G)$ . The split of portfolios between  $K_{H2}$  and  $L_{H2}$  is in turn given by combining the no-arbitrage condition of banks:  $\frac{1+r_{K2}}{Q_{K1}} = \frac{1+r_L}{Q_{L1}}$  with the no-arbitrage conditions of households (4), which gives

$$\frac{\beta_L L_{H2} K}{L \beta_K K_{H2}} = \frac{1 + r_L}{1 + r_{K2}} \quad (28)$$

Figure 3 illustrates the equilibrium outcomes as a function of the interest rate policy  $R_2$ .<sup>14</sup> When interest rates are sufficiently low, the leverage constraint  $\mathcal{BSC}$  is slack. In this region, raising interest rates dampens inflation  $\pi_1$  but it also leads to lower output  $Y_1$ . Higher interest rates also lead to lower price of capital  $Q_K$  and long-term government bonds  $Q_B$ . While this reduces the net worth of intermediaries,

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<sup>14</sup>Appendix ?? discusses the calibration of the model.



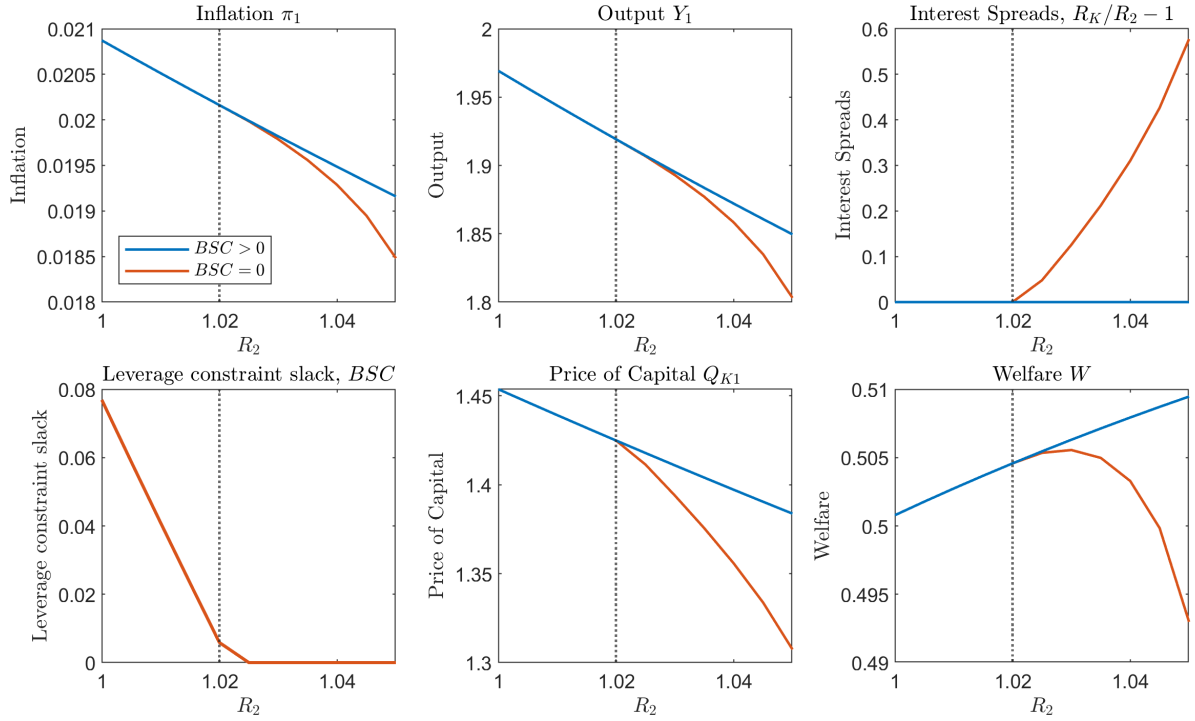


Figure 3: Equilibrium as a function of  $R_2$ . Blue line shows the equilibrium where the balance sheet constraint does not bind  $BSC \equiv (\phi N_1 - Q_{L1} B_{F2} - Q_{K1} K_{F2}) > 0$  (or never binds counterfactually). The red line shows the equilibrium where the constraint binds  $BSC = 0$ . The vertical dashed line shows the interest rate above which the constraint binds.

the leverage constraint remains slack and intermediaries remain the marginal buyer of capital. This keeps interest rate spreads at zero.

When interest rates are sufficiently high, the balance sheet constraint binds. In this situation, intermediaries are unable to fully intermediate all assets in the economy and households become marginal buyers. Since households need to pay an efficiency cost for holding assets, there is a positive spread between the policy rate and the return on capital  $R_K/R_2 - 1$  and long-term bonds  $R_L/R_2 - 1$  in equilibrium. The positive spreads further depresses asset prices  $Q_{K1}$  and exacerbates the balance sheet constraint. Relative to a counterfactual situations where the balance sheet constraint does not bind, both inflation and output in period 1 are lower. Notably, this happens through an intertemporal effect as households save more today in anticipation of the efficiency losses associated with households' holding of capital in period 2.

### 3.3 The Trade-off Between Inflation and the Risk of a Run

We now analyze how higher interest rates increases the risk of a run. Like for intermediation capacity, we show that the trade-off has two related manifestations. On the extensive margin, high enough interest rates make the probability of a run—the wedge capturing the coordination failures—positive. In this "run zone", further rate hikes exacerbate the coordinate failures and increase the risk of a run. In this part of the state space, the model boils down to a Phillips Curve, an Euler Equation and a Run Equation.

**The likelihood of a run.** The likelihood of a successful run  $\xi$  is the second wedge related to financial frictions that policymakers would like to close. It is the probability that the share of depositors who run  $\delta$  is above some threshold:

$$\xi = P(\delta \bar{R}_1 D_1 > R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) | \bar{N}_0) \quad (29)$$

where  $D_1 = Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - N_0$  is unknown since policymakers, like households, don't perfectly observe  $N_0$ . As a result, the probability is conditional on the information set policymakers have at the beginning of time 1, which is only that the true value is drawn from a log-normal distribution with mean  $\bar{N}_0$ .

The equilibrium share of depositors who run is equal to those who receive a signal lower than a threshold  $\bar{\eta}$ , namely  $\delta = F(\bar{\eta} | N_0)$  (see section 2.5). This threshold is endogenous to the values of asset returns in the run equilibrium and to the interest rate, as shown in equation (16). The higher the interest rate the stronger the incentives to run, the lower the threshold, the higher  $\delta$ , everything else equal.

The probability  $\xi$ , together with the equation determining  $\bar{\eta}$  (16), is the third equation of the model when a run happens with positive probability. We call this (pair of) equation the Run Equation ( $\mathcal{RE}$ ). It is easy to see that it is a function of the period-0 equity of banks  $N_0$  and government policies, including the policy rate  $R_2$ . We denote this function  $\xi(R_2, N_0, K_G, N_G)$ . It is differentiable and increasing in  $R_2$  and decreasing in  $N_0$ .

**Trade-off (extensive margin).** For any given level of banks equity, a run is more likely to occur with positive probability when the policy rate is high enough. This is the first illustration of the trade-offs interest rate policy faces when tightening. To for-

malize this idea, recall from section 2.5 that if  $N_0$  is above  $\bar{N} = (1 - R_{k1}^* / \bar{R}_1)Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + (1 - R_{L1}^* / \bar{R}_1)Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})$ , the run is unsuccessful even if all depositors run. An immediate corollary is that runs can occur with positive probability whenever intermediaries are less well capitalized or when the policy rate  $R_2$  is high enough.

**Lemma 2.** *Under regularity conditions, there exists a strictly increasing and continuous function  $\tilde{R}_2(N_0)$  for  $N_0 \geq 0$  such that  $\xi = 0$  if  $R_2 < \tilde{R}_2(N_0)$ .*

The intuition is as follows: when interest rates increase, the asset value drops, which decreases banks equity relative to deposits. This makes it more likely that banks won't be able to repay all their depositors if it were to be liquidated. The split of the state space between "run" zone in red and "financial stability" zone in blue would be qualitatively similar to Figure 2. However, the location where the split occurs depends on model parametrization. Intuitively, the leverage constraint is likely to bind at lower levels of interest rates and bank vulnerability compared to when the risk of run becomes positive. However, there could be situations where run risk turns positive even when the leverage constraint is slack. For example, Silicon Valley Bank consistently reported capital ratios above its minimum regulatory requirements before its failure in March 2023 (FRB, 2023).

The regularity conditions for the lemma to hold are that households hold positive deposits  $D_1 > 0$  and the Phillips curve is upward sloping (inflation increases with output in period 1) and not too steep. The proof of this result is simple. Under the regularity conditions  $R_{k1}^*$  and  $R_{L1}^*$  are continuous and strictly decreasing in  $R_2$ .  $\bar{N}$  is strictly decreasing and differentiable in  $R_{k1}^*$  and  $R_{L1}^*$ . We can thus define a strictly increasing, differentiable function  $\bar{N}(R_2)$ . Given it is strictly increasing, we can invert it, and define  $\tilde{R}_2(N_0)$ .

**Trade-off (intensive margin).** Once the economy lies inside the "run" zone, further increases in the policy rate  $R_2$  increases the probability of a run  $\xi$ . We use the three equations summarizing the model—the Run Equation, the Euler Equation and the Phillips Curve—to illustrate the trade-off central banks face, when setting the interest rate, between decreasing the likelihood of a run and taming inflation in period 1.

Figure 4 illustrates the equilibrium outcomes both inside and outside the run zone. When interest rates  $R_2$  are sufficiently low, the economy lies outside the run zone. Here, intermediaries' net worth is sufficiently high so that there is no incentive for depositors to coordinate on a run.

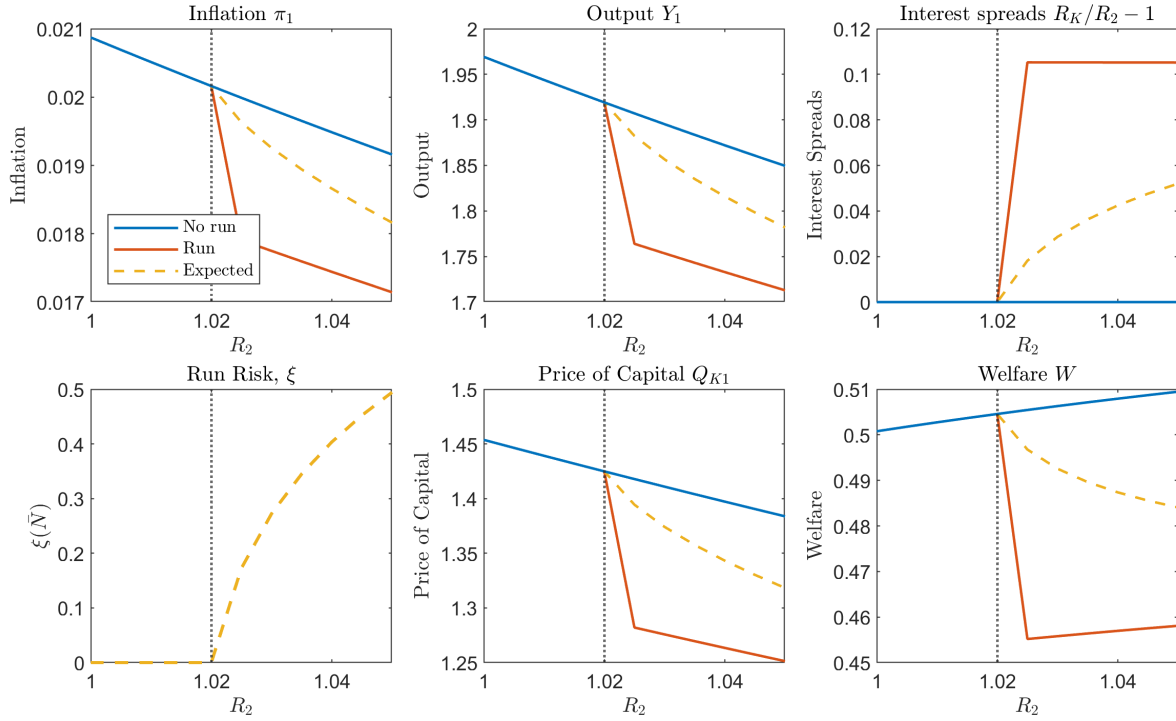


Figure 4: Equilibrium as a function of  $R_2$ . Blue line shows the equilibrium where there is no run risk, or a run does not occur. The red line shows the equilibrium where a run occurs. The dashed yellow line is the average of the two equilibria, weighted by the probability of a run. The vertical dashed line shows the interest rate above which there is positive run risk.

The interesting region lies inside the run zone (to the right of the vertical line). Here, there is a positive probability that banks become insolvent if a large enough share of depositors coordinate on withdrawing their deposits. If the run materializes, banks are forced into liquidation and interest spreads  $R_K/R_2 - 1$  spike significantly. The large efficiency losses in period 2 leads households to increase their savings in period 1. This translates into the large fall in inflation  $\pi_1$  and output  $Y_1$  seen in period 1.

The dashed yellow line shows the expected outcomes, which is the average of the two run equilibria weighted by the probability of a run. Central banks consider the average outcome when deciding on the optimal policy. Note that this outcome is not observed. For a given interest rate, the equilibrium that materializes is on the blue line if the run does not occur and on the orange line if the run occurs.

## 4 Calibration and Empirical Validation

In this section we explain how we calibrate the two-period model. Building on recent evidence by [Schularick et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Boissay et al. \(2023\)](#), we then show that the model's key mechanisms are supported by empirical evidence based on historical global data.

### 4.1 Calibration

We start with describing the parameters that are set externally. The subjective discount factor  $\beta$ , labor share  $\alpha$ , and elasticity of substitution  $\epsilon$  are set to the standard values in the literature. The capital stock  $K$ , the long-term government bond stock  $L$  and the level of wages in period 1,  $\bar{W}$ , are normalized to 1. Labor supply in period 2  $\bar{l}$  is chosen so that the equilibrium real interest rate is 2%. The initial price level  $P_0$  is set so that markup times marginal cost is 1 in the steady state.

The other parameters are set to match key empirical moments. We choose the adjustment cost parameter  $\theta$  such that the slope of the linearized Phillips curve,  $\kappa$ , in our model is equal to the slope in [Galí \(2015\)](#). The leverage limit is set to five, which is between the values in [Gertler and Karadi \(2011\)](#) and [Gertler and Kiyotaki \(2015\)](#). We assume banks hold all capital and long-term bond holdings in period 0, so  $K_{F1} = K$  and  $B_{F1} = B$ . The gross nominal interest rate in the first period  $R_1$  is set to 1.04 to target a real interest rate of 2 percent, and the long-term government coupon rate is set to 0.04. The remaining parameters  $Q_{K0}$ ,  $Q_{L0}$ ,  $N_0$  are chosen so that the leverage constraint does not bind in steady state in the absence of an inflation shock.

The managerial costs of household's holding of capital  $\beta_K$  and long-term government bonds  $\beta_L$  are set to 0.09, which is low enough to ensure that households find it profitable to hold these assets when leverage constraint binds or a bank run occurs, but high enough to induce an increase in interest spreads when these events occur. We set the government's managerial costs for credit policy  $\beta_G$  and equity injections  $\beta_N$  similar to those of households'. Allowing for higher government managerial costs do not qualitatively change our results, but this calibration strategy allows us to interpret our results on the optimal interest rate as upper bound on the optimal interest rate.

The parameters that affect the probability of a run include the dispersion of prior

beliefs about banks' net worth  $\sigma_n$ , the dispersion in private signals about banks' net worth  $\sigma_\eta$ , and the utility costs of running  $\zeta$ . These parameters are set so that the probability of a run is small in the steady state.

Variable	Description	Value
$\epsilon$	Markup	10
$\bar{W}$	Wage level in period 1	1
$\alpha$	Labor share	0.6
$K$	Capital stock	1
$B$	Long-term government bond stock	1
$\theta$	Coefficient on price adjustment cost	375
$\bar{l}$	Labor supply in period 2	0.6
$\beta_K$	Household managerial cost (capital)	0.09
$\beta_L$	Household managerial cost (gov bond)	0.09
$\beta_G$	Government managerial cost (capital)	0.09
$\beta_N$	Government managerial cost (bank equity)	0.09
$\beta$	Household preference	0.96
$\phi$	Maximum leverage	5
$R_1$	Interest rate in period 0	1.04
$N_0$	Net worth in period 0	2.05
$Q_{K0}$	Price of capital in period 0	2.7
$Q_{L0}$	Price of government bond in period 0	2.7
$r_L$	Long-term government bond coupon	0.04
$K_{F1}$	Bank capital holdings (period 0)	1
$B_{F1}$	Bank long-term government bond holdings (period 0)	1
$P_0$	Price of final output (period 0)	1.5096
$\chi$	Disutility of labor	0.55
$\sigma_n$	Dispersion in prior beliefs about banks' net worth	1.5
$\sigma_\eta$	Dispersion in private signal about banks' net worth	1
$\zeta$	Utility cost of running	1

Table 2: Parameter Definitions and Values

## 4.2 Validation of the Model's Mechanisms

In this section, we provide several exercises that validate the model's core mechanisms based on historical global data and building on recent evidence by [Schularick et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Boissay et al. \(2023\)](#).

**Data and identification.** Our historical dataset uses the Jorda-Schularick-Taylor (JST) Macrohistory Database ([Jordà et al., 2017](#)) and [Baron et al. \(2021\)](#) which provide data on financial crises and monetary policy. The merged dataset spans over the period 1870–2016 and covers 18 advanced economies: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Following recent approaches by [Schularick et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Boissay et al. \(2023\)](#), we provide causal estimates of the impact of interest rate tightening events on the likelihood of banking panics and bank equity crashes, asset prices and bank loans and on the differential effect of supply- and demand-driven inflation. Our identification strategy relies on a rich set of macro controls to address the issue of omitted variables and on instrumenting changes in the nominal rates with the Trilemma instrument. We provide further details in Appendix [D.1](#).

**Bank panics and bank equity crashes.** As shown in Figure [8](#), we find that, consistent with the model, interest rate tightening leads to a significantly higher likelihood of bank panics and bank equity crashes. Bank equity crashes are defined as annual declines in bank equity prices exceeding 30 percent. The measure of banking panics builds on narrative sources to identify episodes of "severe and sudden withdrawal of funding by bank creditors from a significant part of the banking system," including both solvent and insolvent banks. Both measures come from [Baron et al. \(2021\)](#).

**Asset prices and bank loans.** Our second validation exercise shows that tightening events leads to lower asset prices and declines in bank intermediation activities—two key channels of transmission of monetary policy in the model. Asset prices are defined as real estate and equity prices and bank intermediation activities is defined as bank loans. Figure [9](#) shows that tightening leads to lower asset prices and bank assets, consistent with the model's key mechanisms.

**Supply- vs demand-driven inflation.** Finally, we look at whether monetary tightening has a stronger effect on financial stress in period of supply-driven inflation, as found in the U.S. for the recent decades by [Boissay et al. \(2023\)](#). To differentiate between inflation episodes driven by supply versus demand shocks, we follow the approach in [Jump and Kohler \(2022\)](#). Shocks are identified based on the signs of

residuals in reduced-form regressions of real GDP growth and inflation. Further details on this methodology are provided in Appendix D.2. Consistent with the model, Figure 7 shows that the negative impact of tightening on financial stability are stronger in times of supply-driven inflation.<sup>15</sup>

## 5 Optimal Policies with Financial Fragility

Section 3 described the financial-frictions-implied wedges  $(\sigma, \xi)$  and the trade-offs faced by central banks. We now characterize the optimal combination of interest rate policy and other tools in times of financial fragility, and analyze how it depends on the costs of the tools  $(\beta_G, \beta_N)$ . We proceed one financial friction at a time, starting with the case where the leverage constraint binds then where the run equilibrium exists. In a robustness check, we analyze the extreme case when the run occurs with probability 1.<sup>16</sup>

### 5.1 Policymakers' Objectives and Instruments

The baseline objective of policymakers is to maximize the expected households' welfare, which is a weighted sum of (log) consumption in the current and future period and inflation subject to the restriction that the allocation is a competitive equilibrium. Policymakers have three instruments  $\{K_G, N_G, R_2\}$  which are chosen after the shock is realized, but before the run game happens.

**Definition 1** (Optimal Policies). *A Ramsey-optimal allocation is a set of quantities  $\{Y_1, C_1, Y_2, C_2, \ell_1, \ell_2, K_{F2}, K_{H2}, L_{F2}, L_{H2}\}$ , policies  $\{K_G, N_G, R_2\}$  and prices and returns*

<sup>15</sup>A notable difference relative to Boissay et al. (2023) is that we find that tightening worsens financial stability even in period of demand-driven inflation, while they find that it improves it.

<sup>16</sup>These scenario resemble but differ from those considered in the IMF Staff Discussion Note (Bouis et al. (2024)). Specifically, Scenario A (No Stress) corresponds to a case where the leverage constraint does not bind and the run equilibrium does not exist. Scenario B (Modest to Moderate Stress) corresponds to a case where the leverage constraint binds, but the increase in spreads is moderate. Additionally, the run equilibrium does not exist. Scenario C (Heightened Stress) corresponds to a case where banks are severely under-capitalized so that the leverage constraint binds, there is a large increase in spreads, and the run equilibrium exists. Note that in the model, a run equilibrium can exist without the leverage constraint binding. Scenario D (Full Fledged Financial Crisis) corresponds to a case where a systematic run has occurred or the net worth of banks has been fully depleted.



$\{W_1, W_2, \pi_1, \pi_2, Q_{K1}, Q_{L1}, r_{K1}, r_{K2}\}$  which solve

$$W = \max_{C_1, C_2, Y_1, Y_2, \ell_1, \ell_2, K_{F2}, L_{F2}, K_{H2}, L_{H2}, R_2, N_G, K_G} \mathbb{E} [(\log C_1 - v(\ell_1)) + \beta(\log C_2 - v(\ell_2)) | \bar{N}_0],$$

subject to the constraints that the allocation is a competitive equilibrium of the economy.

The expectation  $\mathbb{E}(\cdot)$  captures only the uncertainty about the risk of a run. It is taken under the information set available to policymakers at the beginning of time 1. The only variable they can't perfectly predict is  $N_0$ . As discussed above, we assume they know the mean  $\bar{N}_0$  of the distribution from which it is drawn.

We also consider an alternative objective whereby central banks seek to minimize deviation of inflation from a target, which we denote  $\bar{\pi}$  and the rest of the government chooses other tools to maximize welfare. This alternative approach is more in line with a strict inflation targeting mandate that some central banks in the world abide by. We discuss this case in section 5.5. It turns out that the qualitative results are robust to either objective.

## 5.2 Outside of the Run and the Constrained Zones

We start by considering the benchmark situation where the economy is in the part of the state space where the risk of run is null,  $\xi = 0$ , and the balance sheet constraint doesn't bind,  $\sigma = 0$ . This occurs when the markup shock is small or when banks are well-capitalized, as shown in section 3.2. In that case, the central bank balances the maximization of output with inflation stabilization. The key result is that there is no basis for the government and the central bank to take into account financial frictions in setting interest rates and there is no role for additional tools.

Outside of the run and the constrained zones, we can re-express the social planner's problem described by Definition 1 as a simpler maximization problem subject to the Phillips curve. Recall from section 3.1 that in this part of the state space, the economy is fully characterized by two equations, the Phillips curve and the Euler equation. Given that  $R_2$  and  $C_1$  are related one-to-one through the Euler equation, the social planner can simply choose  $C_1$  and back out the level of  $R_2$  that implements it. Using the market clearing condition to substitute for  $C_1$ , assuming that the disutility of labor in period 1 is given by

$$v_1(\ell_1) = \chi \log \ell_1, \tag{30}$$

with  $\chi < \alpha$  and using the firm's production technology  $Y = \ell^\alpha K^{1-\alpha}$  to substitute for  $\ell_1$  as a function of  $Y_1$ , the problem of the social planner becomes

$$W = \max_{Y_1, \pi_1, K_G, N_G} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \log Y_1 + \log \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) + \beta \log C_2 \right\} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad 0 = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1)$$

The optimality condition is given by

$$MRS = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)}{\theta \pi_1 Y_1} = -\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} = MRT.$$

Intuitively, the marginal rate of substitution (MRS) between output and inflation  $\frac{\left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)}{\theta \pi_1 Y_1}$  should be equal to the marginal rate of transformation (MRT) which is also equal to the slope of the Phillips curve  $-\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}$ . We can then use the Euler equation and the goods market clearing condition to express the implied interest rate:

**Lemma 3** (Baseline). *The optimal interest rate is given by*

$$R_2 = \underbrace{-\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}}_{\text{Slope of Phillips curve (MRT)}} \underbrace{\frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)^2} \frac{C_2}{\beta}}_{\text{Welfare cost of inflation}} \quad (31)$$

This formula provides intuition on the determinants of the optimal trade-off between output maximization and inflation stabilization. More specifically, the stronger the size of the cost-push shock  $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 - 1}$ , the steeper the Phillips curve  $-\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}$  and the higher future consumption  $C_2$ , the higher the optimal interest rate. Finally, given that credit policy and equity injection play no role in this part of the state space, we have  $K_G = N_G = 0$ .

### 5.3 Inside the Constrained Zone

We now turn to the case where the balance sheet constraint binds. As shown in section 3.2, this happens when the inflation shock requires a bigger rate hike or when banks are less well-capitalized. Inside the constrained zone, the economy is characterized by three equations: the Phillips curve, the Euler equation and the Balance Sheet Constraint. Like in the benchmark problem analyzed before, the Euler

equation is omitted because the social planner can simply choose  $C_1$  and back out the level of  $R_2$ . As a result, the social planner's problem is given by:

$$W = \max_{Y_1, \pi_1, K_G, N_G, K_{H2}} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \log Y_1 + \log \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) + \beta C_2(K_{H2}, B_{H2}, K_G, N_G) \right\}$$

s.t.  $0 = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1)$  and  $0 = \mathcal{BSC}(K_{H2}, B_{H2}, K_G, Y_1, N_0, N_G)$

Note that because we introduce one more constraint ( $\mathcal{BSC}$ ), we will take an additional first order condition with respect to  $K_{H2}$ .

When the balance sheet constraint binds, a wedge ( $\sigma$ ) opens up between the efficient and the actual allocation. From section 3.2, we know that the spread between the return on capital and on deposits  $\sigma$  is tightly related to  $\beta_K \frac{P_2 K_{H2}}{K}$  and is exacerbated by further increases in the policy rate  $R_2$ . In appendix B.2 and in the following lemma, we show that it is also closely linked to the shadow cost of the  $\mathcal{BSC}$  constraint (i.e. the Lagrange multiplier). Policymakers should deploy other tools such as credit policy or equity injection to close the wedge and should moderate their policy rate hikes when these tools are costly. The following lemma gives an analytical expression for the optimal interest rate when tools are costly.

**Lemma 4** (Constrained - optimal interest rate). *When the other tools are costly  $\beta_G, \beta_N > 0$ , the optimal interest rate is given by*

$$R_2 = \Omega \bar{R}_2 \tag{32}$$

$$\text{with } \Omega = \frac{1}{1 + \Omega_0 \sigma \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}} < 1 \tag{33}$$

$$\Omega_0 = \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{P_2} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right)} \frac{1}{Y_1} \tag{34}$$

The formula reveals an additional term  $\Omega_0 \sigma \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}$  that calls for a lowering of the optimal interest rate relative to the policy rate in the absence of financial frictions  $\bar{R}_2$ . A less aggressive tightening avoids the drop in physical returns and asset prices today, which hurts the intermediaries' balance sheets. This deviation is proportional to the shadow utility cost of the balance sheet constraint, which is directly related to the spread between the return on capital and deposits,  $\sigma = \frac{\beta_K P_2 K_{H2}}{K(1+r_{K2})}$ . It is larger when households hold more of the capital stock ( $K_{H2}/K$ ) and when these holdings

are costly ( $\beta_K$ ).

The extent to which this welfare cost should translate into a lower interest rate depends on the sensitivity of the banking sector's intermediation capacity, which is the complement of the households' holdings of capital  $K_{H2}$ , to the interest rate  $R_2$ . This is captured by the term  $\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}$ . Mathematically, this term is related to the sensitivity of the balance sheet constraint :

$$-\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} = \underbrace{\frac{BSC_Y}{BSC_{K_{H2}}} \left( 1 + \frac{BSC_\pi}{BSC_Y - PC_\pi} \frac{PC_Y}{PC_\pi} \right)}_{-dK_{H2}/dY_1} \frac{dY_1}{dR_2}.$$

The bracket includes two additive terms: the direct effect of the interest rate on output and asset prices, and an indirect effect through inflation.

When credit policy are available, they should be used to address the source of financial stress, alleviate the trade-off for interest rate policy and allow monetary policy to focus on price and output stabilization.

**Lemma 5** (Constrained - Credit Policies). *If  $\beta_G > 0$ , the optimal level of credit policy is given by*

$$K_G = \underbrace{\frac{\beta_K}{\beta_G}}_{\text{Relative cost of credit policy}} \underbrace{K_{H2}}_{\text{HH holding}} \underbrace{\frac{BSC_{K_G}}{BSC_{K_H}}}_{\text{Relative efficacy of credit policy}}$$

*If  $\beta_G = 0$ , the optimal interest rate is the same as outside the constrained zone (equation 31) and credit policy are given by*

$$K_G > \underline{K}_{G2}$$

with  $\underline{K}_{G2} = \frac{\phi R_2}{1 + r_{K2}} \left[ \bar{R}_1 N_0 - \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) + r_{K1}(R_2)(K - K_{H1}) \right. \\ \left. + r_L(L - L_{H1}) + \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{L}{\phi} \right) + \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K}{\phi} \right) \right]$

The first formula shows that these other tools should be used in proportion to their costs and benefits. Optimal credit policy are higher when the government is efficient at intermediating  $1/\beta_G$ , when households hold more assets  $K_{H2}$ , when households are less efficient at holdings capital  $\beta_K$  and when the government's holdings relax

the balance sheet constraint of intermediaries relative to households  $\frac{BSC_{K_G}}{BSC_{K_H}}$ .

More broadly, the optimal mix of policy rate moderation and credit policy and the degree of separation of financial stability objectives depend on the cost of other tools,  $\beta_G$ . The more costly credit policies, the less they should be used and the larger the deviation of interest rate policy from its level outside of the constrained zone. When these other tools are prohibitively costly, or not available,  $\beta_K \rightarrow +\infty$ , policymakers should implement  $K_{H2} = 0$  and the deviations of the interest rate policy are largest to preserve the intermediation capacity of banks. This is a case where separation of financial stability and price stability is impossible.

At the other extreme, when credit policy have no cost  $\beta_G = 0$ , policymakers can achieve perfect separation of financial stability objectives. By intermediating at no cost the assets that the private intermediate cannot hold, public credit policy can restore the first best allocation. Formally, when credit policy are not costly, we can drop the  $BSC$  constraint. The interest rate is then chosen only to trade-off price stabilization and output maximization while credit policy should address balance sheet constraint. The following lemma formalizes this separation result.

Intuitively, the optimal level of government's asset purchases  $K_G$  should be at least  $\underline{K}_{G2}$  which is the amount necessary so that private intermediaries can hold all the remaining capital stock  $K - K_G$  and bonds  $L$ .

**Equity injection.** We now consider equity injections as an alternative tool policymakers can use to address financial frictions. When they are not costly to use  $\beta_N = 0$ , equity injections should be used to fully address the source of financial distortions and allow interest rate policy to focus on the trade-off between output and inflation. Using the same reasoning as for credit policy, we use the constraint  $BSC$  to solve for the minimum level of  $N_G$  such that households hold no asset in equilibrium  $K_{H2} = B_{H2} = 0$ . This minimum level is given in the following lemma. When equity injection is costly  $\beta_G > 0$ , the formula for the optimal rate is the same as for the case where other tools are not available shown before and the optimal choice of other tools is given by the following lemma.

**Lemma 6** (Constrained - Equity injection). *If  $\beta_N > 0$ , the optimal interest rate is the*

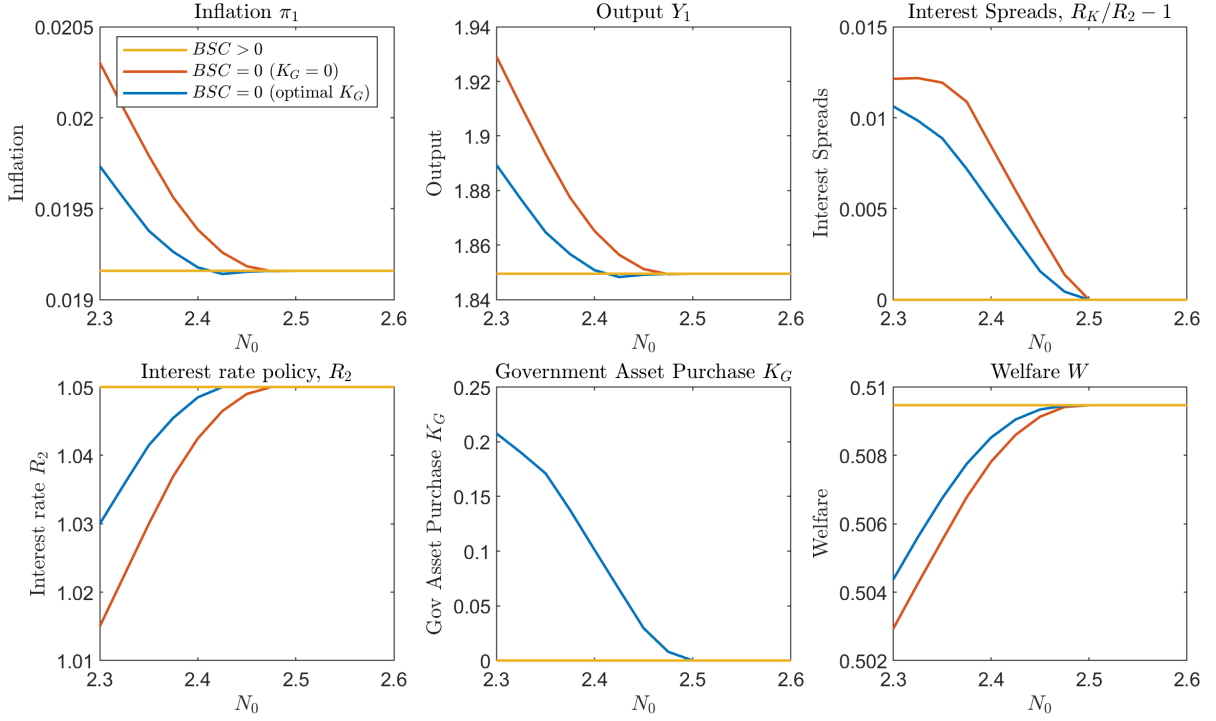


Figure 5: Equilibrium as a function of  $N_0$ . Yellow line shows outcomes when there is the leverage constraint does not bind. Orange line shows outcomes given the optimal policy rate  $R_2$  and no alternative policies, when the leverage constraint binds. Blue line shows expected outcomes given the optimal policy rate  $R_2$  and use of alternative policies, when the leverage constraint binds.

same as in the baseline (equation 31) and the optimal level of equity injection should be

$$N_G = \underbrace{\frac{\beta_N}{\beta_G}}_{\text{Relative costs of equity injection}} \underbrace{\frac{K_{H2}}{K}}_{\text{HH holding}} \underbrace{\frac{BSC_{N_G}}{BSC_{K_H}}}_{\text{Relative efficacy of equity injection}}$$

If  $\beta_N = 0$ , the optimal interest rate is the same as in the baseline (equation 31) and the minimum level of bank equity should be

$$\underline{N}_G = \left[ -\bar{R}_1 N_0 + \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) - r_{K1}(R_2)(K - K_{H1}) \right. \\ \left. - r_L(L - L_{H1}) - \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{L}{\phi} \right) - \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K}{\phi} \right) \right]$$

**Macroprudential policies and other tools.** Additional tools could be deployed beyond credit policy and equity injection. Macroprudential policies such as capital requirements can be relaxed *ex post* by increasing  $\phi^G$  to raise the intermediaries' overall capacity to invest and close the spreads. However, this would be effective if and only if the macroprudential regulation is binding, i.e.  $\phi^G < \phi^P$ . Like for equity injections and credit policy, the extent to which it should be used to address the source of the stress depends on its relative costs and benefits. If the binding constraint is the incentives-based one, relaxing macroprudential policies wouldn't have any effect. Finally other tools such as deposit insurance or lender of last resort wouldn't be effective when the distortion comes from a binding collateral constraint.

**Example: the U.S. Savings and Loan crisis.** During the early stages of the 1980s U.S. Savings and Loan crisis, the Federal Reserve increased its lending support amid a surge in bank failures. This intervention played a key role in helping solvent banks maintain operations despite facing temporary liquidity shortages and helped the Fed keep its focus on a tight monetary stance.

## 5.4 Inside the Run Zone

We now consider the case where the economy is in the "run" zone, i.e. where there is a positive probability of a systemic run  $\xi > 0$ . As shown in section 2.5, this happens when the inflation shock requires a bigger rate hikes or when banks are less well-capitalized. Given that policymakers need to decide on the policy rate before knowing the outcome of the run, they maximize expected welfare. Abstracting from the balance sheet constraint, the social planner faces two constraints: the Phillips curve in the good and in the run equilibrium. Like before, we omit the Euler equation, choose  $C_1$  and then back out the level of  $R_2$ . The problem of policy-makers is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 W = \max_{Y_1, Y_1^*, \pi_1, \pi_1^*, K_{H2}, K_{H2}^*, N_G, K_G} & \left\{ (1 - \xi) \left( \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \log Y_1 + \log \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) + \beta \log C_2 \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + \xi \left( \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \log Y_1^* + \log \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi_1^*)^2\right) + \beta \log C_2^* \right) \right\} \\
 \text{s.t. } & 0 = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1) = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*, \frac{C_2^*}{\beta C_1^*}, K_G)$  is the probability of a run.

Due to the risk of coordination failures among depositors, an additional wedge—the risk of a run given by  $\zeta$ —opens up between the efficient and the actual allocation which policies should try to address. When other tools are available, including asset purchases, equity injections, lender of last resort facilities and deposit insurance, they should be used, in proportion to their costs, to decrease the distortions implied by the coordination failure. When there are costly, the central bank should internalize the impact of interest rate hikes on the risk of run. Denoting the optimal rate in the no-run state of the world  $\bar{R}_2 = \frac{\theta \pi_1 C_2}{(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\alpha}) \beta (1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi_1)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{P}C_Y}{\mathcal{P}C_\pi}$  and the optimal rate in the run state of the world  $\underline{R}_2 = \frac{\theta \pi_1^* C_2^*}{(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\alpha}) \beta (1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi_1^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{P}C_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{P}C_{\pi^*}}$ , the following lemma gives the optimal rate *ex ante*.

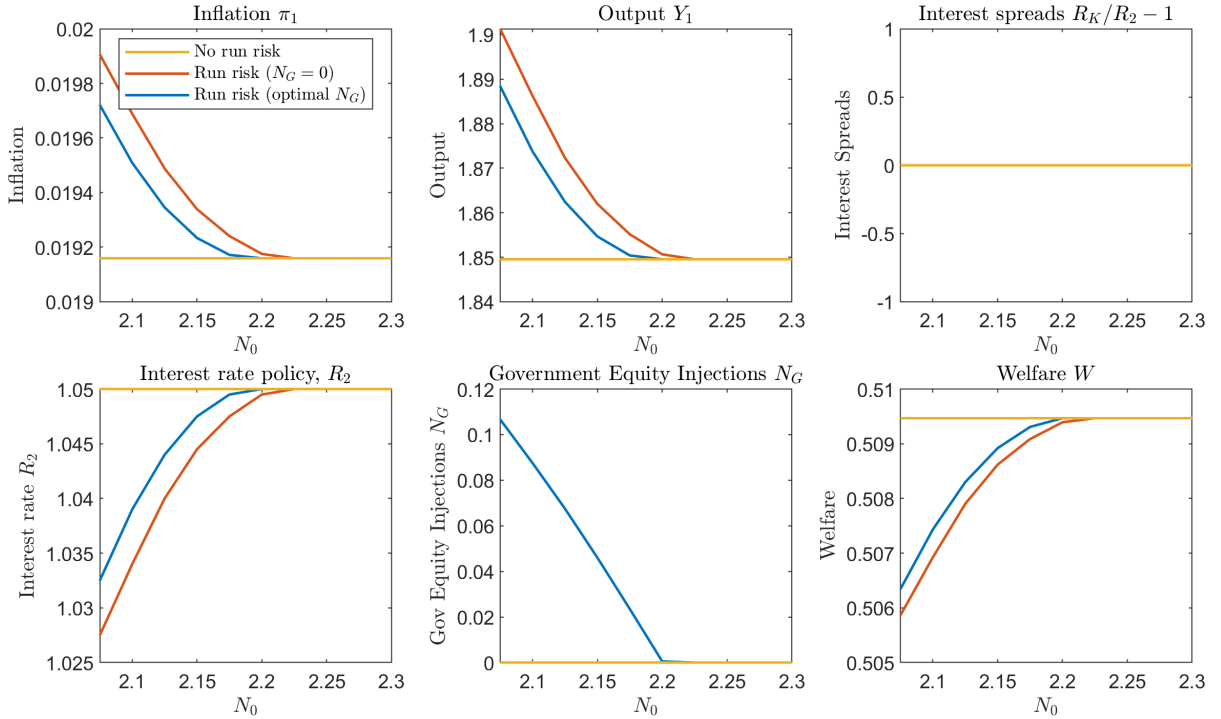


Figure 6: Equilibrium as a function of  $N_0$ . Yellow line shows outcomes when there is no run risk. Orange line shows expected outcomes with run risk, at the optimal policy rate  $R_2$  and no alternative policies. Blue line shows expected outcomes when alternative policies are used.

**Lemma 7** (Run - optimal interest rate policy). *When the other tools are costly  $\beta_G, \beta_N > 0$ ,*



the optimal rate is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_2 &= (1 - \xi\Omega_1)\bar{R}_2 + \xi\Omega_1\underline{R}_2 - \xi'\Omega_2 \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \\
 \text{with } \Omega_1 &= \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha}}{1 - (1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})\frac{\bar{R}_2}{\underline{R}_2}} \\
 \Omega_2 &= \frac{\alpha(1 + \beta)}{\chi(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})}Y_1^*\Omega_1 \\
 \xi' &= \xi_Y + \xi_\pi \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

where  $\xi'$  is the total derivative of the probability of a run with respect to  $Y_1$  (through  $R_2$ ), taking into the account the effect through inflation,  $\bar{R}_2, \underline{R}_2$  are the "shadow optimal interest rates" if the central bank could implement a state-contingent interest rate policy.

The formula above makes clear that the optimal interest rate should be below its optimal level without a risk of run  $\bar{R}_2$  to take into account the risk of a run. This happens through two separate mechanisms.

The first effect,  $\xi\Omega_1(\bar{R}_2 - \underline{R}_2)$ , is proportional to the probability of the run and to the gap between the shadow optimal rates in the no run and in the run equilibria  $\bar{R}_2 - \underline{R}_2 > 0$ . The intuition is as follows: since aggregate demand and inflation drop in case of a run, the central bank is willing to tolerate higher inflation in the good state of the world to avoid a deeper recession in the case of a run. It is worth noting that it is as if the central bank was targeting a weighted average of the two "shadow optimal interest rates" where the weights are  $(1 - \xi\Omega_1)$  on the good state and  $\xi\Omega_1$ .<sup>17</sup>

This first effect implies that monetary policy should adopt a risk-management approach when there is a risk of bank runs. It is worth noting that this remains true even if the probability was insensitive to marginal changes in the interest rate,  $\xi' = 0$ . This is in sharp contrast with the case of binding collateral constraints analyzed before.

The second effect,  $\xi'\Omega_2 \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}$ , calls for a lowering of the interest rate since  $\xi' < 0$  and  $\log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} < 0$ . It captures how interest rate tightening affects the run probability, which is given by the sensitivity of the probability of a run with respect to the interest

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<sup>17</sup>Maybe surprisingly, the weight on the run state of the world is not the probability that this state occurs ( $\xi$ ) but is smaller by a factor  $\Omega_1 < 1$  which is increasing in the dis-utility of labor  $\chi$ . The bigger the dis-utility from labor, the more weight the central bank puts on the run state of the world because agents work less in that state.

rate  $\xi'$ . The extent to which that sensitivity translates into a lower interest rate depends on the welfare losses in case of a run,  $(1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}$ . The larger the loss given a run, the lower the optimal interest rate.

When other instruments are available, they should be used to address the source of financial stress, alleviate the trade-off for interest rate policy and allow monetary policy to focus on price and output stabilization. Equity injection directly helps strengthening banks' balance sheets. Indirectly, they also help improve the allocation by boosting asset prices. Both the direct and indirect channels contribute to lowering the risk of a run.<sup>18</sup>

**Lemma 8** (Run - other tools). *If  $\beta_G, \beta_N > 0$ , the optimal level of equity injection is given by*

$$N_G = \frac{\xi_{N_G} \beta_H K_H}{\xi_{K_H} \beta_N K}$$

*Similarly the optimal level of asset purchases is given by:*

$$K_G = \frac{\xi_{K_G} \beta_K K_{H2}}{\xi_{K_H} \beta_G K}$$

Equity injections, and maybe more surprisingly asset purchases, can help improve the allocation and should be used in proportion to their costs and benefits in decreasing the risk of run. The less costly equity injection and asset purchases  $1/\beta_N, 1/\beta_G$  and the higher the efficacy of these policies at bringing down the risk of a run  $\xi'_{N_G}, \xi'_{K_G}$ , the more the government should use them.

The fact that asset purchases can also help improve welfare where there is a risk of runs is a more unexpected result. It directly relates to the fact that the run comes from an inefficient fire sale which depresses prices. By scaling up its balance sheet and intermediating long-term assets, the government and the central bank can mitigate the drop in asset prices and hence the risk of a run.

The optimal mix of policy rate moderation, equity injections and asset purchases and the degree of separation of financial stability objectives depend on their cost,  $\beta_N, \beta_K$ . The less costly equity injections, the more they should be used and the more the policy rate  $R_2$  can focus on inflation (still trading-off output losses) and

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<sup>18</sup>credit policy can also help improve the allocation by boosting asset prices, which decrease the probability of run. However they may not be enough.

tighten more aggressively than in the case without these other tool. This is because the equilibrium level of inflation and period-2 consumption in the run equilibrium  $C_2^*, \pi_1^*$  are higher and the run-implied loss  $C_2^*/C_2$  is smaller. The effect through the change in the probability of a run  $\xi'$  is ambiguous as it depends on the convexity of the  $\xi(\cdot)$  function. In the extreme case where other tools are prohibitively costly, or not available,  $\beta_N \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $N_G = 0$  and separation of financial stability objectives is impossible: the central bank should tighten significantly less to account for its effect on the probability of a run.

By contrast, when equity injections or asset purchases have no cost  $\beta_N = \beta_G = 0$ , policymakers can fully achieve their financial stability goal and separate them from the price/output stability trade-off. The government should inject equity or purchase assets up to the point where intermediaries' balance sheets are repaired and the likelihood of a run is eliminated,  $\xi = 0$ . Interest rate policy should then focus only on the price-output trade-off.

**Lemma 9** (Run - complete separation). *If  $\beta_N = 0$ , the optimal interest rate is the same as in the baseline (equation 31) and equity injection is given by*

$$N_G > \bar{N} - N_0$$

*If  $\beta_G = 0$ , the optimal interest rate is the same as in the baseline (equation 31) and asset purchases  $K_G$  are such that*

$$\frac{(R_{k1}^*(K_G) - \bar{R}_1)Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + (R_{L1}^* - \bar{R}_1)Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1} + N_0 > 0$$

Intuitively, the optimal level of government's equity injection  $N_G$  should be sufficient to bring the level of intermediaries' equity above  $\bar{N}$ , the level of net worth such that even if all depositors run, the run is unsuccessful. Similarly asset purchases should boost prices and thereby recapitalize banks up to the point where the level of banks net worth is such that there is no risk of run.

**Deposit insurance, lender of last resort and other policies.** The analysis above has focused on equity injection and asset purchases. Two more traditional tools can more directly address coordination failures among depositors: deposit insurance and lender of last resort facilities. Through the lens of the model, deposit insurance and

lender of last resort facilities are state-contingent versions of asset purchases. They are contingent credit lines to banks only if the run happens. Our previous results would thus hold for these two policies too. Arguably they are less costly—since they are activated only in the state of the world where a run happens—so they would correspond to a lower  $\beta_N$ . This would in turn imply a higher degree of separation, more aggressive use of the tools and more aggressive interest rate tightening.

**Example: the 2023 U.S. regional banking turmoil.** In the wake of the post-pandemic tightening in 2022, many regional banks experienced run on their deposits. To face this turmoil, the FDIC invoked the systemic risk exception under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to override the least-cost resolution requirement and guarantee both insured and uninsured deposits at Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. Furthermore, fiscal support mechanisms play a critical role in reinforcing the credibility of deposit insurance and shielding the central bank's balance sheet from potential losses tied to asset purchases and emergency lending. During the same crisis, the U.S. Treasury allocated \$25 billion to support the Federal Reserve's newly established lending facility.

## 5.5 Robustness

**Strict Inflation Targeting.** All the previous results still hold, at least qualitatively, when the central bank follows a strict inflation targeting mandate. In particular, as long as other tools are costly to use the central bank should adopt a less aggressive policy stance. We provide a formal proof in Appendix C.

When tools are costly, the optimal interest rate is lower in the "constrained" zone than outside and strictly decreasing in  $K_{H2}$  and  $B_{H2}$ . The reason is that a binding balance sheet constraint depresses future consumption ( $C_2 < Y_2 + K$ ), which depresses current consumption ( $C_1 = C_2 / (\beta R_2)$ ). This in turn means the interest rate doesn't need to be as high to control inflation. In that case, credit policy and equity injection can help offset the loss of consumption in period 2. If other tools are not costly, governments should use them to address the financial distortions stemming from the financial constraint of intermediaries. In equilibrium, households shouldn't hold any assets, there shouldn't be any spread between the policy rate and asset returns, and  $C_2 = Y_2 + K$ . This implies that the policy rate should follow the same path as the one outside the "constrained" zone.

In the case of a run, the inflation rate depends on the materialization of a run. Given that policies are set before the realization of a run, policy-makers can't achieve perfect price stabilization ex post. The best they can do is to achieve price stability on average across states of the world. Accordingly, we assume that the objective of the central bank is to minimize the expected squared deviations from target. In Appendix C, we show that the optimal policy rate is strictly lower than the one outside of the run zone. This is because the central bank reduces the average deviation by tolerating some inflation in the no-run path, to avoid a drop in inflation in a run period. This again illustrates that monetary policy should adopt a risk-management approach when there is a risk of a run.

When credit policy, equity injection or deposit insurance are available, they should be used to decrease the risk of runs by boosting asset prices, strengthening intermediaries' balance sheets or directly reassuring depositors, which in turns improve intermediation and raise consumption in period 2. This in turn boosts inflation in the run scenario and leads the central bank to raise its policy rate.

**Large financial crisis.** Finally, we consider a large financial crisis which we model as a case in which the run happens with probability one,  $\xi = 1$ . In equilibrium, banks lose all their net worth  $N_1 = 0$ , and absent government's interventions all the capital is intermediated by households which results in a drop in consumption in period 2, and hence in period 1.

Given that the run, the implied disruption of financial intermediation and the large drop in output occur independently of the stance of monetary policy, the only trade-off the central bank faces is between inflation stabilization and preserving output - the same one it faced outside of the constrained and of the run zones. As a result the optimal interest rate policy is simply given by  $R_2 = -\frac{\theta\pi_1^*}{(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi_1^*)^2)(1-\frac{\lambda}{\alpha})} \frac{\mathcal{P}C_Y^*}{\mathcal{P}C_\pi^*} C_2^*$ .

When credit policy are available, they should be used to intermediate part of the private assets in the economy and minimize the drop in  $C_2^*$ . In the extreme case where the government can intermediate assets  $\beta_G = 0$ , then it should hold all assets in the economy  $K_G = K$ . We provide further details in Appendix B.4.

## 6 Conclusion

This paper presents a two-period NK framework featuring a financial sector that finances itself with short-term deposits and invests in long-term assets, while facing a leverage constraint and the risk of depositor runs. The model explains how monetary tightening, particularly during periods of high inflation and financial vulnerability, can increase financial instability, erode bank equity, and trigger banking panics—patterns consistent with empirical findings from global historical data. We then use the model to characterize the optimal combination of interest rate policy, credit policy, equity injections, deposit insurance, and macroprudential measures. The model’s tractability enables us to derive intuitive expressions for optimal policy design, shedding light on the key factors that shape the ideal policy mix.

Our findings show that policymakers can theoretically achieve a full separation of price and financial stability goals through alternative policy tools such as credit policy, equity injections, deposit insurance, and macroprudential measures. However, this separation is feasible only if these tools can be deployed without costs. In the more realistic scenario where alternative policy tools face implementation challenges but remain viable options, policymakers should adopt a mixed approach, combining a less aggressive interest rate policy with a sound use of these tools. The degree to which interest rate policy must accommodate financial stability and the extent to which alternative tools should be expanded depend on the severity of financial vulnerabilities and the types of tools available.

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## Appendix

### A Global Game Microfoundation

The run game happens at the beginning of the period. Consumers enter period 1 with their holdings of capital, long-term bonds and deposits,  $K_{H1}$ ,  $B_{H1}$ ,  $D_1$ .

**Information structure and posterior beliefs.** Depositors are uncertain about the structure of the banks’ liabilities, how much it owes to depositors and how much it owns. The true equity of the bank  $N_0$  is imperfectly known before the run happens. Agents know that it is drawn from a distribution centered around the end-of-period 0 level of net worth  $\bar{N}_0$  and with some dispersion given by  $\sigma_N$ . For simplicity, we will consider the case where net worth is log-normally distributed around  $\bar{N}_0$ ,

$$\log N_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\log \bar{N}_0, \sigma_N) \quad (36)$$

. Agents also receive an idiosyncratic signal about the equity of the bank,  $\eta$ . It is common knowledge that it is drawn from a distribution that is centered around the true level of equity  $N_0$  but with some noise,  $\sigma_\eta$ . We assume that the signals are also log-normally distributed around  $N_0$ ,

$$\log \eta \sim \mathcal{N}(\log N_0, \sigma_\eta) . \quad (37)$$

For future reference, we denote  $F(\eta|N_0)$  the CDF of this distribution.

When deciding whether to run or not, depositors need to form expectations about the likely payoffs which depend on the behaviors (and the signals) of others, given their idiosyncratic signal. When priors and signals are log-normal, the posterior is also log-normal and given by

$$\log N_0 \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \frac{(\sigma_N^2)^{-1}}{(\sigma_N^2)^{-1} + (\sigma_\eta^2)^{-1}} \log \tilde{N}_0 + \frac{(\sigma_\eta^2)^{-1}}{(\sigma_N^2)^{-1} + (\sigma_\eta^2)^{-1}} \log \eta, \frac{1}{(\sigma_N^2)^{-1} + (\sigma_\eta^2)^{-1}} \right) \quad (38)$$

Denote  $p(N_0|\eta_i)$  the pdf of the posterior belief of agent  $i$  about the distribution of  $N_0$  given its signal  $\eta_i$ ,  $\mu_{N_0}(\eta)$  the mean and  $\sigma_{NP}^2$  the variance of this distribution given in (38), the density of the posterior is given by

$$p(n|\eta) = \frac{1}{n\sigma_{NP}\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left( -\frac{(\ln n - \mu_{N_0}(\eta))^2}{2\sigma_{NP}^2} \right) .$$

Conditional on a given level of net worth  $N_0$ , the posterior beliefs on the signals received by other depositors is given by (37). And the share of people who receives a signal below  $\eta'$  is thus believed to be,  $F(\eta'|N_0, \sigma_\eta)$ .

**Condition for successful run.** There are two outcomes to the run game. Either the run is "successful" in the sense that the banks have to liquidate, or it is not. Denoting  $\delta \in [0, 1]$  the share of individuals who decide to run, a necessary and sufficient condition for a run to be successful is that the bank doesn't have enough to repay the

depositors who run even if it liquidate all its assets:

$$R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) < \bar{R}_1 D_1 \delta \quad (39)$$

$$\text{with } Q_{K1}^* = \frac{1 + r_{K2}^* - \beta_K + (\beta_K - \beta_G) \frac{K_G}{K}}{R_2} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{L1}^* = \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2} \quad (40)$$

$$R_{k1}^* = \frac{r_{K1} + Q_{K1}^*}{Q_{K0}} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{L1}^* = \frac{r_L + Q_{L1}^*}{Q_{L0}} \quad (41)$$

where we use the run price to evaluate both the capital stock and the long-term bonds since this is a case where the bank liquidates.

The condition for a successful run is thus that the share of depositors who run is large enough:

$$\delta > \bar{\delta}(N_0) \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\delta}(N_0) = \frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - N_0]} \quad (42)$$

where  $N_0$  is the true level of net worth which is not perfectly known by agents.

For future reference, we define  $\bar{N}$  the level of net worth such that even if all depositors run, the run is unsuccessful. It is defined by

$$\bar{N} = \frac{(\bar{R}_1 - R_{k1}^*) Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + (\bar{R}_1 - R_{L1}^*) Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1}$$

**Trigger strategy.** Each depositor has two strategies: to run or not to run. Following the literature, we guess that the equilibrium strategy is a trigger strategy, where depositors run if and only if the signal they receive is lower than a threshold  $\bar{\eta}$ , which is common across all depositors and common knowledge. Denoting  $\delta^*(N_0)$  the equilibrium mass of depositors who run when the level of equity is  $n$ , a direct implication is that the mass of depositors who decide to run is simply given by  $\delta^*(N_0) = F(\bar{\eta}|N_0)$ , i.e. the depositors who have a signal below the threshold  $\bar{\eta}$ .

**Payoffs of Depositors.** Given that there are two aggregate outcomes (successful and not successful) and two strategies, we can consider four different cases, which are shown in Table A. A depositor would prefer to run in the case where the run is successful because in that case it gets a share of the bank liquidation value proportional to its deposits  $d_1$  (which is equal to  $D_1$  in aggregate),  $\frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - N_0] \delta} d_1$

where  $\delta$  is the share of depositors who run, while it loses its deposits if it doesn't run. A depositor would prefer not to run if the run is not successful because it incurs a small utility cost of running  $\zeta$ .

To formalize the depositor's problem, we define  $U(I)$  the indirect utility of a depositor which receives  $I$  from the bank at the end of the run game.  $I$  is equal to  $R_1 d_1$  in case the run is unsuccessful. If the depositor runs, its utility is thus given by  $U(R_1 d_1) - \zeta$ . We omit the other holdings (of long term bonds and capital) for clarity. In case the run is successful, and the depositors doesn't run, its indirect utility is denoted  $U^*(0)$  where as before  $*$  denotes "run equilibrium." If it runs, its gets  $U\left(\frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - N_0] \delta} d_1\right) - \zeta$ .

	Successful	Unsuccessful
Run	$U\left(\frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - N_0] \delta} d_1\right) - \zeta$	$U(R_1 d_1) - \zeta$
Don't run	$U(0)$	$U(R_1 d_1)$

Given the guess of a trigger strategy and the posterior beliefs, we can define the expected payoffs in case the depositors decide to run:

$$\int_0^{\max(\bar{N}, 0)} U\left(\frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - n] F(\bar{\eta}|n)} d_1\right) p(n|\eta_i) dn + U(R_1 d_1) \int_{\max(\bar{N}, 0)}^{\infty} p(n|\eta_i) dn - \zeta$$

where  $\bar{N}$  is the maximum level of net worth above which a run cannot be successful defined above. The expected payoffs in case the depositors decide not to run:

$$\int_0^{\max(\bar{N}, 0)} U(0) p(n|\eta_i) dn + U(R_1 d_1) \int_{\bar{N}}^{\infty} p(n|\eta_i) dn$$

**Equilibrium.** Assuming that in period 0 all consumers were identical, we have  $d_1 = D_1 = Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - \bar{N}_0$ . A necessary condition for  $\bar{\eta}$  is that a depositor with this signal is indifferent between running and not running:

$$\int_0^{\max(\bar{N}, 0)} \left[ U\left(\frac{R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})}{\bar{R}_1 [Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - n] F(\bar{\eta}|n)} D_1\right) - U(0) \right] p(n|\bar{\eta}) dn = \zeta \quad (43)$$

The ex ante probability of a run  $\xi$  is given by:

$$\xi = P(\delta^*(N_0)\bar{R}_1 D_1 > R_{k1}^* Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + R_{L1}^* Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) | \bar{N}_0) \quad (44)$$

$$\text{with } D_1 = Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}) - N_0 \quad (45)$$

where the equilibrium share of depositors running is given by  $\delta^*(N_0) = F(\bar{\eta} | N_0)$ .

This probability is a function of  $\bar{N}_0$  since this is the only signal policymakers have about the true level of banks equity, of  $Y_1^*$  and  $\pi^*$  through  $r_{k1}^*$ , and of  $K_G$  and  $R_2$  through  $Q_{K1}^*$  hence through  $R_{k1}^*$ .

## B Proof Model

### B.1 Outside of the "Constrained" and "Run" Zones

#### Lemma

*Proof.* We can rewrite the condition (27) as

$$\mathcal{LHS}(N_0) > \mathcal{RHS}(R_2)$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{LHS}(N_0) = \bar{R}_1 N_0 - \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1}))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{RHS}(R_2) = & -r_{K1}(R_2)(K - K_{H1}) - r_L(L - L_{H1}) \\ & - \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{B}{\phi} \right) - \frac{1 + r_{K2}(R_2)}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K}{\phi} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_{K1}(R_2), r_{K2}(R_2)$  are general equilibrium functions.

**Assumption 1.** We define the following three regularity conditions:

- Households hold positive deposits  $D_1 > 0$ .
- The Phillips curve is upward-sloping and not too steep, i.e. the implicit function  $\pi_1(Y_1)$  defined by equation (25) is continuous and strictly increasing and  $\theta\pi_1^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{\pi_1/Y_1} \right)$  where  $\epsilon_{\pi_1/Y_1} = \frac{\partial \pi_1}{\partial Y_1} \frac{Y_1}{\pi_1}$  is the elasticity of inflation to output implied by the Phillips curve.
- Households' holdings are not too large relative to the leverage ratio:  $\frac{\phi-1}{\phi} > \max \left( \frac{K_{H1}}{K}, \frac{B_{H1}}{B} \right)$

We start with showing that the functions  $r_{K1}(\cdot), r_{K2}(\cdot)$  is decreasing in  $R_2$  through a decrease in current consumption and the price level in period 1 through the firms' optimal pricing decision. The definition of  $r_{K1}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} r_{K1} &= (1 - \alpha) \frac{P_1 Y_1}{K} \\ &= (1 - \alpha) \frac{P_0(1 + \pi_1(Y_1))Y_1}{K} \end{aligned}$$

We first use the Phillips curve to define  $\pi_1$  implicitly as a function of  $Y_1$ , with  $\pi_Y > 0$ . We then use the market clearing condition for final goods:

$$Y_1 \left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1(Y_1)^2 \right) = C_1 = \frac{C_2}{\beta R_2}$$

to show that  $Y_1$  decreases in  $R_2$  under one regularity condition. First note that  $C_2$  is exogenous in the case where the financial constraint of intermediaries doesn't bind. Then the right-hand side of the equation above is decreasing in  $R_2$ . The left hand side increases in  $Y_1$  if and only if  $\theta \pi_1^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_{\pi/Y} \right)$  where  $\epsilon_{\pi/Y}$  is the elasticity of inflation to output implied by the Phillips curve (25). since  $\pi_1(Y_1)$  increases in  $Y_1$ . We can thus define a continuous and decreasing function  $Y_1(R_2)$ .

Under these regularity conditions on the Phillips curve, we have that an increase in  $R_2$  leads to a decrease in  $P_1 Y_1$ . This in turn allows us to define a decreasing function  $r_{K1}(R_2)$ . Given that  $r_{K2}$  is increasing in  $P_2$  and  $Y_2$  is exogenous in the case where the financial constraint of intermediaries doesn't bind, and given the assumption that  $P_2 = P_1$  and the result that  $P_1$  is continuous and decreasing in  $R_2$  we have that  $r_{K2}$  is continuous and decreasing in  $R_2$ .

$\mathcal{LHS}(N_0)$  is increasing and continuous in  $N_0$ . In addition, it is strictly negative under the assumption that  $D_1 > 0$ . Under the assumptions that  $\frac{\phi-1}{\phi} > \max \left( \frac{K_{H1}}{K}, \frac{B_{H1}}{B} \right)$ ,  $\mathcal{RHS}(R_2)$  is increasing and continuous in  $R_2$ . In addition, it converges to 0 for  $R_2 \rightarrow +\infty$ . By continuity, for all  $N_0 > 0$  such that  $D_1 > 0$ , there exists a unique  $\bar{R}_2$  such that  $\mathcal{LHS}(N_0) = \mathcal{RHS}(\bar{R}_2)$ . We can thus define a new function  $\bar{R}_2(N_0)$ . This function is strictly increasing in  $N_0$ .  $\square$

## Optimal policy



*Proof.* We start from

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \max_{R_2} \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \log Y_1 + \log \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) + \beta \log C_2 \\ \text{s.t. } \theta \pi_1 (\pi_1 + 1) &= (\epsilon_1 - 1) \left( \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 - 1} \frac{W}{(1 + \pi_1) P_0 \alpha} \left( \frac{Y_1}{K} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}} - 1 \right) \\ C_1 &= \frac{C_2}{\beta R_2} \end{aligned}$$

After substituting  $C_1$  using the second constraint, and given that  $C_2$  is unaffected by the policy rate since  $Y_2$  is exogenous and the households doesn't hold any asset, we can drop  $C_2$  from the definition of welfare. The problem simplifies to what is in the main text. The problem can thus be rewritten as

$$W = \max_{Y_1, \pi_1} \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \log Y_1 + \log \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) + \beta \mathbb{E} C_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad 0 = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1)$$

Denoting  $\lambda$  the lagrange multiplier, the associated FOCs are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})}{Y_1} + \lambda \mathcal{PC}_Y &= 0 \\ -\frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} + \lambda \mathcal{PC}_\pi &= 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) \mathcal{PC}_\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Combining both equations gives

$$\frac{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})}{Y_1} = -\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)}$$

Using  $C_2 = \beta R_2 C_1$  and the goods market condition we get

$$R_2 = -\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)^2} \frac{C_2}{\beta}.$$

□

## B.2 Inside the "Constrained" Zone

We start by defining the constraint  $BSC$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
BSC(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1, R_2, N_0, N_G) &= \mathcal{LHS}(N_0, N_G) - \mathcal{RHS}(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1, R_2) \\
\text{with } \mathcal{LHS}(N_0, N_G) &= \bar{R}_1 N_0 - \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) + N_G \\
\mathcal{RHS}(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1, R_2) &= -r_{K1}(\pi_1, Y_1)(K - K_{H1}) - r_L(L - L_{H1}) \\
&\quad - \frac{1 + r_L - \beta_L \frac{P_2 L_{H2}}{L}}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{L - L_{H2}}{\phi} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1 + r_{K2} - \beta_K \frac{P_2 K_{H2}}{K} - \beta_G \frac{K_G}{K}}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K - K_{H2} - K_G}{\phi} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $r_{K1}(\pi_1, Y_1) = (1 - \alpha) \frac{P_0(1 + \pi_1)Y_1}{K}$ . Replacing  $R_2$  by its expression from the Euler equation as a function of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , the constraint  $BSC$  is no longer a function of  $R_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
BSC(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1, N_0, N_G) &= \mathcal{LHS}(N_0, N_G) - \mathcal{RHS}(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1) \\
\text{with } \mathcal{LHS}(N_0, N_G) &= \bar{R}_1 N_0 - \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) + N_G \\
\mathcal{RHS}(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1) &= -r_{K1}(\pi_1, Y_1)(K - K_{H1}) - r_L(L - L_{H1}) \\
&\quad - \frac{1 + r_L - \beta_L \frac{P_2 B_{H2}}{B}}{C_2(K_{H2}, K_G, N_G)} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{B - B_{H2}}{\phi} \right) \beta Y_1 \left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2 \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1 + r_{K2} - \beta_K \frac{P_2 K_{H2}}{K}}{C_2(K_{H2}, K_G, N_G)} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K - K_{H2} - K_G}{\phi} \right) \beta Y_1 \left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\mathcal{RHS}(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1)$  is linear and decreasing in  $Y_1$ . It is also decreasing in  $\pi_1$ . Hence  $BSC(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1, N_0, N_G)$  is increasing in  $Y_1$  and in  $\pi_1$ .

### Other tools not available.

*Proof.* The problem of policy-makers is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
W &= \max_{Y_1, \pi_1, K_{H2}} \left( 1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \right) \log Y_1 + \log \left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2 \right) + \beta \ln C_2(K_{H2}, K_G, N_G) \\
\text{s.t. } 0 &= \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1) \\
0 &= BSC(K_{H2}, K_G, \pi_1, Y_1, N_0, N_G)
\end{aligned}$$

Denoting  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  the lagrange multipliers, the associated FOCs are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})}{Y_1} + \lambda \mathcal{PC}_Y + \mu \mathcal{BSC}_Y &= 0 \\ -\frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} + \lambda \mathcal{PC}_\pi + \mu \mathcal{BSC}_\pi &= 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} - \mu \mathcal{BSC}_\pi}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \\ -\beta \frac{\beta_K K_{H2}}{C_2 K} + \mu \mathcal{BSC}_{KH2} &= 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \beta \frac{\beta_K K_{H2}}{C_2 K \mathcal{BSC}_{KH2}}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting for  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in the first equation gives

$$\frac{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})}{Y_1} = -\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y \theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) \mathcal{PC}_\pi} - \beta \frac{\beta_K K_{H2} \mathcal{BSC}_Y}{C_2 K \mathcal{BSC}_{KH2}} \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{BSC}_\pi}{\mathcal{BSC}_Y - \mathcal{PC}_\pi} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}\right)$$

Using  $C_1 = C_2 / (\beta R_2)$  and the goods market condition to substitute for  $Y_1$  gives the result:

$$R_2 = \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \frac{\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} \frac{C_2}{\beta}}_{\text{Baseline term}} - \underbrace{\beta_K}_{\text{Cost}} \underbrace{\frac{K_{H2}}{K}}_{\text{HH's holdings}} \underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{BSC}_Y}{\mathcal{BSC}_{KH2}} \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{BSC}_\pi}{\mathcal{BSC}_Y - \mathcal{PC}_\pi} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}\right)}_{\text{Sensitivity of balance sheet to } R_2} \right] \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right)}$$

We then show how  $\beta_K \frac{K_{H2}}{K}$  related to the wedge  $\sigma$ . From the FOC of households, we directly obtain

$$\sigma = 1 - \frac{R_2}{R_{k2}} = \frac{\beta_K P_2 K_{H2}}{K(1 + r_{K2})}$$

Note that  $\frac{\mathcal{BSC}_Y}{\mathcal{BSC}_{KH2}} \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{BSC}_\pi}{\mathcal{BSC}_Y - \mathcal{PC}_\pi} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}\right)$  is equal to the total derivative of  $K_{H2}$  to  $Y$  (total because it incorporates its effect through inflation) implied by the balance sheet constraint,  $\frac{dK_{H2}}{dY}$ . We can thus express the optimal interest rate as:

We can express  $\frac{dK_{H2}}{dY_1}$  in terms of the sensitivity of the bank's asset to the interest rate:  $\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} &= \frac{dK_{H2}}{dY_1} \frac{dY_1}{dR_2} \\ \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} &= \frac{dK_{H2}}{dY_1} \frac{dY_1}{dC_1} \frac{dC_1}{dR_2} \\ \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} &= \frac{dK_{H2}}{dY_1} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} \left(\frac{-C_1}{R_2}\right) \\ &= \frac{dK_{H2}}{dY_1} \left(\frac{-Y_1}{R_2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

We end up with

$$\frac{dK_{H2}}{dY_1} = \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} \left(\frac{-R_2}{Y_1}\right) \quad (46)$$

$$(47)$$

Substituting into the expression for  $R_2$  we get:

$$R_2 = \underbrace{\bar{R}_2}_{\text{Baseline term}} - \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{P_2} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right)} \frac{1}{Y_1} \underbrace{\sigma}_{\text{Wedge}} \underbrace{\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}}_{\text{Sensitivity of bank intermediation to } R_2} \left(\frac{-R_2}{Y_1}\right)$$

which then gives

$$\begin{aligned}R_2 &= \Omega \bar{R}_2 \\ \text{with } \Omega &= \frac{1}{1 + \Omega_0 \sigma \left(-\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}\right)} < 1 \\ \Omega_0 &= \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{P_2} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2\right)} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right)} \frac{1}{Y_1}\end{aligned}$$

We can also re-express the derivative  $\frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2}$  terms of the derivative of the wedge to

the interest rate  $\frac{d\sigma}{dR_2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sigma}{dR_2} &= \frac{d\sigma}{dK_{H2}} \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dK_{H2}}{dR_2} &= \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{dR_2}}{\frac{d\sigma}{dK_{H2}}} = \frac{d\sigma}{dR_2} \frac{K(1+r_{K2})}{\beta_K P_2}\end{aligned}$$

□

### Credit policy.

*Proof.* We now consider the choice of credit policy. The FOCs w.r.t to  $K_G$  and  $K_{H2}$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}-\beta \frac{\beta_K K_{H2}}{C_2 K} + \mu \mathcal{BSC}_{KH2} &= 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \beta \frac{\beta_K K_{H2}}{C_2 K \mathcal{BSC}_{KH2}} \\ -\beta \frac{\beta_G K_G}{C_2 K} + \mu \mathcal{BSC}_{K_G} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

When  $\beta_G > 0$ , the optimal choice of other tools is given by combining these two FOCs, which gives

$$K_G = \underbrace{\frac{\beta_K}{\beta_G}}_{\text{Efficiency of CB intermediation}} \underbrace{K_{H2}}_{\text{HH holding}} \frac{\mathcal{BSC}_{K_G}}{\mathcal{BSC}_{K_H}}$$

When  $\beta_G = 0$ , the FOC with respect to  $K_G$  implies  $\mu = 0$ , which means that the balance sheet constraint of banks has no welfare cost, or in another words credit policy should intermediate capital up to the point where the banks balance sheet are no longer a constraint on intermediation. This in turn implies  $K_{H2} = 0$  through the FOC for  $K_{H2}$ . From the FOC for the interest rate analyzed above we obtain the same optimal rate as the one outside the "constrained" zone. Finally, we use the constraint  $\mathcal{BSC}$  to solve for the minimum level of  $K_G$  such that households hold no asset in

equilibrium  $K_{H2} = B_{H2} = 0$ :

$$\underline{K}_{G2} = \frac{\phi R_2}{1 + r_{K2}} \left[ -\bar{R}_1 N_0 + \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) - r_{K1}(R_2)(K - K_{H1}) \right. \\ \left. - r_L(L - L_{H1}) - \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{L}{\phi} \right) - \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K}{\phi} \right) \right]$$

□

**Equity injection** When  $\beta_G > 0$ , the formula for the optimal rate is the same as for the case where other tools are not available shown before and the optimal choice of other tools is given by combining the FOC for  $K_{H2}$  and  $N_G$ , which gives

$$N_G = \underbrace{\frac{\beta_N}{\beta_G}}_{\text{Efficiency of CB intermediation}} \underbrace{\frac{K_{H2}}{K}}_{\text{HH holding}} \frac{\mathcal{BSC}_{N_G}}{\mathcal{BSC}_{K_H}}$$

Using the same reasoning as for credit policy, we use the constraint  $\mathcal{BSC}$  to solve for the minimum level of  $N_G$  such that households hold no asset in equilibrium  $K_{H2} = B_{H2} = 0$ :

$$\underline{N}_G = \left[ -\bar{R}_1 N_0 + \bar{R}_1 (Q_{K0}(K - K_{H1}) + Q_{L0}(L - L_{H1})) - r_{K1}(R_2)(K - K_{H1}) \right. \\ \left. - r_L(L - L_{H1}) - \frac{1 + r_L}{R_2} \left( L - L_{H1} - \frac{L}{\phi} \right) - \frac{1 + r_{K2}}{R_2} \left( K - K_{H1} - \frac{K}{\phi} \right) \right]$$

### B.3 Inside the Run Zone

Using the Euler equation and the equality of  $R_2$  in both states of the world, we obtain an additional constraint:  $C_1/C_2 = C_1^*/C_2^*$ . The problem of the social planner can be rewritten as

$$W = \max_{C_1, C_1^*, \pi_1, \pi_1^*, N_G, K_G, K_{H2}} (1 - \xi) (\log C_1 - \chi \log \ell_1 + \beta \log C_2(K_G, N_G, K_{H2})) \\ + \xi (\log C_1^* - \chi \log \ell_1^* + \beta \log C_2^*(K_G, N_G, K_{H2})) \\ \text{s.t. } 0 = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1) = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*) \quad \text{and} \quad C_1/C_2 = C_1^*/C_2^*$$

with  $\xi = \xi(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*, \frac{C_2^*}{\beta C_1^*}, K_G, N_G, K_{H2})$

Denoting  $\mu$  the lagrange multiplier associated with the third constraint, the problem can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} W = & \max_{C_1, C_1^*, \pi_1, \pi_1^*, N_G, K_G, K_{H2}} (1 - \xi + \mu) \log C_1 - (1 - \xi) \log \ell_1 + [(1 - \xi)\beta - \mu] \log C_2(K_G, N_G, K_{H2}) \\ & + (\xi - \mu) \log C_1^* - \xi \log \ell_1^* + (\xi\beta + \mu) \log C_2^*(K_G, N_G, K_{H2}) \\ \text{s.t. } & 0 = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1) = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*) \end{aligned}$$

Denoting  $\lambda, \lambda^*$  the lagrange multipliers associated with the two Phillips curve constraints, the FOCs are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1 - \xi + \mu)}{Y_1} - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \frac{(1 - \xi)}{Y_1} + \lambda \mathcal{PC}_Y(Y_1, \pi_1) &= 0 \\ (1 - \xi + \mu) \frac{-\theta \pi_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)} + \lambda \mathcal{PC}_\pi(Y_1, \pi_1) &= 0 \\ \frac{(\xi - \mu)}{Y_1^*} - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \frac{\xi}{Y_1^*} + \lambda^* \mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*) + \xi_{Y^*} \left[ \log \frac{C_1^*}{C_1} + \beta \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \right] &= 0 \\ (\xi - \mu) \frac{-\theta \pi_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} + \lambda^* \mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*) + \xi_{\pi^*} \left[ \log \frac{C_1^*}{C_1} + \beta \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \right] &= 0 \\ \xi_{N_G} \beta \log C_2^*/C_2 &= \beta_N N_G \left( \frac{\beta(1 - \xi) - \mu}{C_2} + \frac{\xi\beta + \mu}{C_2^*} \right) \\ \xi_{K_G} \beta \log C_2^*/C_2 &= \frac{\beta_G K_G}{K} \left( \frac{\beta(1 - \xi) - \mu}{C_2} + \frac{\xi\beta + \mu}{C_2^*} \right) \\ \xi_{K_{H2}} \beta \log C_2^*/C_2 &= \frac{\beta_K K_{H2}}{K} \left( \frac{\beta(1 - \xi) - \mu}{C_2} + \frac{\xi\beta + \mu}{C_2^*} \right) \\ 0 &= \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1) = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*) \\ \log C_1/C_1^* &= \log C_2/C_2^* \end{aligned}$$

We use the second and fourth equations we can solve for  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda^*$  to substitute back into the first and third equations. We can also take the ratio of the fifth and sixth

equations. This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - \xi + \mu) - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}(1 - \xi) &= (1 - \xi + \mu) \frac{-\theta\pi_1 Y_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y(Y_1, \pi_1)}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi(Y_1, \pi_1)} \\
\xi - \mu - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\xi + \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} &= \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( (\xi - \mu) \frac{-\theta\pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right) \\
\xi_{N_G} / \xi_{K_G} &= \frac{K\beta_N N_G}{\beta_G K_G} \\
\xi_{K_{H_2}} / \xi_{K_G} &= \frac{K\beta_K K_{H_2}}{\beta_G K_G} \\
0 &= \mathcal{PC}(Y_1, \pi_1) = \mathcal{PC}(Y_1^*, \pi_1^*) \\
\xi_{K_G} \beta \log C_2^* / C_2 &= \frac{\beta_G K_G}{K} \left( \frac{\beta(1 - \xi)}{C_2} + \frac{\xi\beta}{C_2^*} \right) + \frac{\beta_G K_G}{K} \left( \frac{1}{C_2^*} - \frac{1}{C_2} \right) \mu \\
\log C_1 / C_1^* &= \log C_2 / C_2^*
\end{aligned}$$

We now use the second equation of the previous system to solve for  $\xi - \mu$  and substitute back into the first equation. We also use this expression to substitute out the Lagrange multiplier  $\mu$  in the fifth equation.



$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi^*)^2)} \right)} \right) - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} (1 - \xi) = \\
& \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi^*)^2)} \right)} \right) \frac{-\theta \pi_1 Y_1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi)^2 \right)} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y(Y_1, \pi_1)}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi(Y_1, \pi_1)} \\
& \xi - \mu = \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi^*)^2)} \right)} \\
& \xi_{K_G} \beta \log C_2^* / C_2 = \frac{\beta_G K_G}{K} \left( \frac{\beta(1 - \xi)}{C_2} + \frac{\xi \beta}{C_2^*} + \left( \frac{1}{C_2^*} - \frac{1}{C_2} \right) \left( \xi - \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi^*)^2)} \right)} \right) \right) \\
& \xi_{K_{H2}} / \xi_{K_G} = \frac{\beta_N N_G}{K \beta_G K_G}
\end{aligned}$$

In the first equation below, we next factorize by the term inside brackets, and then multiply both sides by  $\left( 1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi^*)^2)} \right) \right)$ . In the fourth equation below we factorize by  $\left( \frac{1}{C_2^*} - \frac{1}{C_2} \right)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( 1 + \frac{\theta \pi_1 Y_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y(Y_1, \pi_1)}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi(Y_1, \pi_1)} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right) - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi + \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \right) \\
& = \left( 1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right) \right) \frac{\chi}{\alpha} (1 - \xi) \\
& \xi - \mu = \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right)} \\
& \xi_{K_G} \beta \log C_2^*/C_2 = \frac{\beta_G K_G}{K} \left( \frac{\beta}{C_2} + \left( \frac{1}{C_2^*} - \frac{1}{C_2} \right) \left( \beta \xi + \xi - \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right)} \right) \right) \\
& \xi_{K_{H2}}/\xi_{K_G} = \frac{\beta_N N_G}{K \beta_G K_G}
\end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides of the first equation by  $\left( 1 + \frac{\theta \pi_1 Y_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y(Y_1, \pi_1)}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi(Y_1, \pi_1)} \right)$  and  $\left( 1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right) \right)$  gives

$$1 + \frac{-\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi + \xi' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{\left( 1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \right) \right)} = \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} (1 - \xi)}{\left( 1 + \frac{\theta \pi_1 Y_1}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)} \frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y(Y_1, \pi_1)}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi(Y_1, \pi_1)} \right)}$$

Gathering all the terms on the right-hand side and using market clearing  $Y_1 = \frac{C_1}{1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2} = \frac{C_2}{\beta R_2 (1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi_1^2)}$ ,

$$1 = \frac{R_2 \frac{\chi}{\alpha} (1 - \xi)}{\left( R_2 - \frac{\theta \pi_1 C_2}{\beta \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \right)} + \frac{R_2 \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' (1 + \beta) \frac{C_2^*}{\beta \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)} \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{\left( R_2 - \frac{\theta \pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \right)}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}$

$$R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} = R_2 \frac{\chi}{\alpha} (1 - \xi) + \left( R_2 \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi - \xi' (1 + \beta) \frac{C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)} \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \right) \frac{R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}}{\left( R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \right)}$$

Moving  $R_2 \frac{\chi}{\alpha}$  from the right to the left hand side and having a common denominator for both terms  $R_2 \xi \frac{\chi}{\alpha}$ :

$$R_2 \left( 1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \right) - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} = \frac{R_2 \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \xi \left( \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \right) - \xi' (1 + \beta) \frac{C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)} \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{\left( R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \right)}$$

Factorizing the entire fraction on the right hand side by  $\xi \frac{\chi}{\alpha}$

$$R_2 \left( 1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \right) - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} = \xi \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \frac{R_2 \left( \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \right) - \frac{\xi' \alpha}{\xi \chi} (1 + \beta) \frac{C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)} \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{\left( R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \right)}$$

Dividing both sides by  $(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})$

$$R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} = \xi \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \frac{R_2 \left( \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{(1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} - \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{(1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \right) - \frac{\xi' \alpha}{\xi \chi} \frac{(1+\beta)}{(1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha})} \frac{C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)} \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{\left( R_2 - \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \right)}$$

Denoting the shadow interest rate in the good and in the run equilibrium respectively

$$\bar{R}_2 = \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{(1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha})\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \text{ and } \underline{R}_2 = \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{(1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha})\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \text{ we obtain}$$

$$R_2 - \bar{R}_2 = \zeta \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \frac{R_2 (\underline{R}_2 - \bar{R}_2) - \frac{\zeta' \alpha (1+\beta)}{\zeta \chi (1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha})} \frac{C_2^*}{\beta(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)} \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{R_2 - (1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \underline{R}_2}$$

Dividing the numerator and the denominator by  $R_2$  gives

$$R_2 = \bar{R}_2 + \zeta \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \frac{\underline{R}_2 - \bar{R}_2 - \frac{\zeta' \alpha (1+\beta)}{\zeta \chi (1-\frac{\chi}{\alpha})} Y_1^* \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 - (1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \frac{\underline{R}_2}{R_2}}$$

We can rewrite this as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 &= \bar{R}_2 - \zeta \Omega_1 (\bar{R}_2 - \underline{R}_2) + \zeta' \Omega_2 \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \\ \text{with } \bar{R}_2 &= \frac{\theta\pi_1 C_2}{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})\beta \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi)^2\right)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \\ \underline{R}_2 &= \frac{\theta\pi_1^* C_2^*}{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})\beta \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2\right)^2} \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \\ \Omega_2 &= \frac{(1+\beta)}{(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha})} Y_1^* \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \frac{\underline{R}_2}{R_2}} \\ \Omega_1 &= \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha}}{1 - (1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}) \frac{\underline{R}_2}{R_2}} \\ \zeta' &= \zeta_Y + \zeta_\pi \frac{-\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the FOC for credit policy is

$$\zeta_{K_G} \beta \log C_2^*/C_2 = \frac{\beta_G K_G}{K} \left( \frac{\beta}{C_2} + \left( \frac{1}{C_2^*} - \frac{1}{C_2} \right) \left( \beta \zeta + \zeta - \frac{\frac{\chi}{\alpha} \zeta - \zeta' Y_1^* (1+\beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{PC}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{PC}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta\pi_1^* Y_1^*}{(1-\frac{\theta}{2}(\pi^*)^2)} \right)} \right) \right).$$

Rearranging gives:

$$\frac{K_G}{K} = \Omega_3 \frac{\tilde{\zeta}_{K_G}}{\beta_G} \log C_2^*/C_2$$

$$\Omega_3 = \frac{\beta C_2}{\beta + \left(\frac{C_2}{C_2^*} - 1\right) \left( \tilde{\zeta}(1 + \beta) + \frac{\tilde{\zeta}' Y_1^* (1 + \beta) \log \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} - \frac{\chi}{\alpha} \tilde{\zeta}}{1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}_{Y^*}}{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}_{\pi^*}} \left( \frac{\theta \pi_1^* Y_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi_1^*)^2\right)}\right)} \right)}$$

We can also expression the optimal equity injection as a function of the household purchases of capital:

$$\tilde{\zeta}_{N_G}/\tilde{\zeta}_{K_G} = \frac{K\beta_N N_G}{\beta_G K_G}$$

Similarly we can get the optimal level of asset purchases:

$$\tilde{\zeta}_{K_{H2}}/\tilde{\zeta}_{K_G} = \frac{K\beta_K K_{H2}}{\beta_G K_G}$$

## B.4 Large Financial Crisis

In this Appendix, we consider a large financial crisis which we model as a case in which the run happens with probability one,  $\tilde{\zeta} = 1$ . In equilibrium, banks lose all their net worth  $N_1 = 0$ , and absent government's interventions all the capital is intermediated by households which results in a drop in consumption in period 2, and hence in period 1.

Given that the run, the implied disruption of financial intermediation and the large drop in output occur independently of the stance of monetary policy, the only trade-off the central bank faces is between inflation stabilization and preserving output - the same one it faced outside of the constrained and of the run zones.

**Lemma 10** (Large crisis - interest rate policy). *When the other tools are costly  $\beta_K, \beta_N > 0$ , the optimal rate is given by*

$$R_2 = - \frac{\theta \pi_1^*}{\left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} (\pi_1^*)^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{\chi}{\alpha}\right)} \frac{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}_Y^*}{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}_\pi^*} C_2^*$$

*Proof.* Lemma 10 is just a version of Lemma 3 since the problem of the CB is to maximize welfare subject to no constraint. The only difference is that, by assumption, households hold all assets. The definition of  $C_2^*$  is also a direct implication of the assumption that households hold all assets. □

Two effects push the optimal rate in opposite directions. The markup shock pushes the central bank to increase its rate, which is captured by the term  $\frac{\mathcal{P}C_Y^*}{\mathcal{P}C_\pi^*}$ . The large financial crisis leads to a drop in  $C_2^*$ , which pushes the central bank to decrease its rate. If the latter effect is stronger than the former, the central bank should decrease its rate. The drop in  $C_2^*$  depends on the use of other tools. In the extreme case where tools are prohibitively costly and are not used, the drop is largest and given by  $C_2^* = Y_2 + K - \frac{\beta_K}{2}K - \frac{\beta_L}{2}L$ . In this case, the central bank may have to cut rates despite the cost push shock.

When credit policy are available, they should be used to intermediate part of the private assets in the economy and minimize the drop in  $C_2^*$ .

**Lemma 11** (Large crisis - other tools). *Optimal credit policy and the implied  $C_2^*$  are given by*

$$K_G = \frac{\beta_K}{\beta_G + \beta_K} K$$

$$C_2^* = Y_2 + K - \frac{\beta_K \beta_G}{(\beta_K + \beta_G)2} K - \frac{\beta_L}{2} L$$

*Full separation: In the case where  $\beta_G = 0$ , credit policy can fully address financial disruptions:*

$$K_G = K$$

$$C_2^* = Y_2 + K$$

*Proof.* In Lemma 11, the optimal interest rate is given by the same first-order condition as in Lemma 10. The optimal asset purchase stems from taking the derivative of  $C_2 = Y_2 + K - \frac{\beta_L}{2}B - \left(\frac{\beta_K}{2} \frac{K-K_G}{K}\right)(K - K_G) - \left(\frac{\beta_G}{2} \frac{K_G}{K}\right)K_G$  with respect to  $K_G$  and equalizing it to 0. □

Intuitively, the more efficient the government is at intermediating relative to households  $\beta_K/\beta_G$  the higher the share of private assets it should hold. In the

extreme case where the government can intermediate assets without any cost  $\beta_G = 0$ , then it should hold all assets in the economy  $K_G = K$ . In addition, if there is no government debt  $L = 0$ , consumption can be fully stabilized, and the central bank faces only the inflation/output trade-off (and should raise the interest rate). This is a case of full-separation.

## C Strict Inflation targeting

### Baseline

**Lemma 12.** *The optimal interest rate is such that*

$$\mathcal{PC} \left( \frac{C_2}{\beta R_2 \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi^2\right)}, \pi \right) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad C_2 = Y_2 + K \quad (48)$$

*The stronger the cost-push shock  $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 - 1}$ , the steeper the Phillips curve  $-\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}$  and the higher future consumption  $C_2$ , the higher the optimal interest rate.*

**Inside the constrained zone.** We now derive the combination of interest rate policy and other tools when the economy is in the constrained zone. The central bank strictly targets inflation and the other part of the government chooses other tools to maximize households welfare. The following lemma formalizes the result.

**Lemma 13.** *The optimal interest rate is lower in the "constrained" zone than outside and strictly decreasing in  $K_{H2}$  and  $B_{H2}$ . It is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{PC} \left( \frac{C_2}{\beta R_2 \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \pi^2\right)}, \pi \right) &= 0 \\ C_2 &= Y_2 + K - \left( \frac{\beta_L}{2} \frac{P_2 B_{H2}}{B} \right) B_{H2} - \left( \frac{\beta_K}{2} \frac{P_2 K_{H2}}{K} \right) K_{H2} - \left( \frac{\beta_G}{2} \frac{K_G}{K} \right) K_G \\ K_G &= \underbrace{\frac{\beta_K}{\beta_G}}_{\text{Efficiency of CB intermediation}} \underbrace{K_{H2}}_{\text{HH holding}} \frac{\mathcal{BSC}_{K_G}}{\mathcal{BSC}_{K_H}} \end{aligned}$$

The stronger the cost-push shock  $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 - 1}$ , the steeper the Phillips curve  $-\frac{\mathcal{PC}_Y}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi}$  and the higher future consumption  $C_2$ , the higher the optimal interest rate.

**Inside the run zone.** Given that the inflation rate is random, the central bank cannot achieve perfect stabilization, it can only minimize average deviation from target. The objective is to minimize the expected squared deviations from target

$$\max_{R_2} -(1 - \xi) \frac{(\pi_1 - \bar{\pi})^2}{2} - \xi \frac{(\pi_1^* - \bar{\pi})^2}{2} \quad s.t. \quad \mathcal{PC}(C_1, \pi_1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{PC}\left(C_1 \frac{C_2^*}{C_2}, \pi_1^*\right) = 0$$

The FOCs are given by

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \xi)(\pi_1 - \bar{\pi}) &= \lambda \mathcal{PC}_\pi \\ \xi(\pi_1^* - \bar{\pi}) &= \lambda^* \mathcal{PC}_\pi^* \\ \lambda \mathcal{PC}_Y + \frac{C_2^*}{C_2} \lambda^* \mathcal{PC}_Y^* &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting for the lagrange multipliers gives

$$(1 - \xi) \frac{\pi_1 - \bar{\pi}}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi} C_2 \mathcal{PC}_Y + \xi \frac{\pi_1^* - \bar{\pi}}{\mathcal{PC}_\pi^*} C_2^* \mathcal{PC}_Y^* = 0$$

This FOC implies that in a run period, inflation is below target, and in a no zone situation it is above target. The interest rate must thus be below its level without the risk of a run.

When other tools are available, they can be used to decrease  $\xi$  and increase  $C_2^*$ , which then allows the central bank to raise its interest rate to stabilize inflation.

**Large financial crisis.** The results are qualitatively similar to those inside the "run" zone: when the central bank uses only the interest rate, the rate that stabilizes inflation is lower than the one prevailing outside of the run and of constrained zones. But quantitatively the rate is lower than in both zones given the larger drop in consumption implied by the large financial crisis,  $C_2 = Y_2 + K - \frac{\beta_L}{2} L - \left(\frac{\beta_K}{2} \frac{K - K_G}{K}\right) (K - K_G) - \left(\frac{\beta_G}{2} \frac{K_G}{K}\right) K_G$

It could even be that the loss is so large that the interest rate  $R_2$  that stabilizes inflation when the economy could be below the one that stabilizes inflation without the markup shock and without the run shock. In that case, there wouldn't be a trade-off between output and inflation in period 1 anymore.

When governments use credit policy and  $\beta_G = 0$  and  $B = 0$  households don't hold any assets,  $C_2 = Y_2 + K$  which implies that the policy rate is the same as the one



prevailing outside of the constrained and run zones. Otherwise, when  $\beta_G > 0$ , or  $L > 0$ , or both, credit policy help offset the drop in consumption in period 2 and the optimal policy rate can be higher than in the case when only interest rate policy are used.

## D Empirical relationship between monetary policy and financial instability

This appendix presents empirical evidence of the link between monetary policy and financial instability. In particular, we show that monetary policy tightening can exacerbate financial stability risks, particularly when fluctuations are driven by supply shocks. We also find that rate hikes increase the likelihood of both equity crashes and banking panics, indicating that both intermediary constraints and bank runs are important sources of financial instability. Moreover, rate hikes predict lower real stock prices, house prices, and bank lending, suggesting that these are important channels through which monetary policy impact financial stability risk.

### D.1 Methodology.

Our baseline specification for evaluating the systematic impact of monetary policy on financial stability is given by:

$$C_{i,t+h} = \alpha_{i,h} + \beta_h \times \Delta r_{i,t} + \sum_{l=0}^L \Gamma_{h,l} \mathbf{X}_{i,t-l} + \epsilon_{i,t+h} \quad (49)$$

where  $C_{i,t+h}$  is indicates whether country  $i$  experienced a financial crisis in year  $t$  or in any of the following two years,  $\alpha_{i,h}$  are country fixed effects and  $\Delta r_{i,t}$  is the change in nominal short-term interest rates, which measure yields on three-month government securities and money market rates

The set of control variables  $\mathbf{X}_{i,t}$  include four lags of the following variables: per capita real GDP growth, per capita real consumption growth, per capital real investment growth, CPI inflation, world GDP growth, changes in short-term and long-term interest rates, growth in real stock prices, real house prices, and real bank loans, the current account-to-GDP ratio, as well as the crisis dummy. The set of

controls include contemporaneous values of these variables, except for the crisis dummy, and changes in short and long-term interest rates.

The rich set of controls aims to hold fix other channels that explain the correlation between short-term rates and incidence of financial crisis. For example, the growth rate in real stock prices, real house prices, and real bank loans, control for the role of risky credit build-ups, which could explain the tightening of short-term rates and subsequent rise in financial crisis risk. Similarly, real per capita GDP growth and real per capita consumption growth hold fix differences in real economic activity that could explain both changes in the policy rate and the probability of a financial crisis.

Another source of endogeneity concern is the possibility that central banks internalize financial stability risk when setting the policy rate, which would lead to a downward bias on the impact of rate hikes on financial stress. To this end, we instrument changes in nominal rates with the Trilemma instrument from [Jordà et al. \(2017\)](#). The instrument is based on the economic intuition that, under perfect capital mobility, maintaining an exchange rate peg requires a country to adjust their domestic interest rates to match those of the base country's. Changes in the country's interest rates would thus be plausibly exogenous to local economic and financial conditions.

The trilemma IV from [Jordà et al. \(2017\)](#) is given by

$$z_{i,t} \equiv \left( \Delta r_{b(i,t),i,t} - \Delta \hat{r}_{b(i,t),i,t} \right) \times PEG_{i,t} \times PEG_{i,t-1} \times KOPEN_{i,t}$$

where  $r_{b(i,t),i,t}$  is short-term nominal rate of the base country for country  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $\hat{r}_{b(i,t),i,t}$  is the predicted value of interest rates based on macroeconomic observables,  $PEG_{i,t}$  is an indicator for whether the country's currency is fixed with respect to base  $b$ , and  $KOPEN_{i,t}$  is an index of financial openness. The effect of monetary policy tightening on financial crisis is estimated using the LP-IV approach.<sup>19</sup> This involves estimating specification (49), but instrumenting  $\Delta r_{i,t}$  with  $z_{i,t}$ .

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<sup>19</sup>We prefer linear probability models given that it allows for including a larger set of controls in the specification, particularly discrete time and country fixed effects.

## D.2 Estimation of supply and demand shocks

To formalize the notion of supply and demand shocks, consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Aggregate Demand: } \tilde{y}_t &= -\alpha\pi_t + d_t \\ \text{Aggregate Supply: } \pi_t &= \beta\tilde{y}_t + \eta_t\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{y}_t$  is the output gap and  $\pi_t$  is the inflation rate, and  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , and  $d_t$  and  $\eta_t$  are aggregate demand and supply shocks. This system can be micro-founded in a standard three-equation NK model, assuming that structural shocks are zero-mean white noise ([Jump and Kohler, 2022](#)). Aggregate demand implies a negative relationship between  $(\tilde{y}_t, \pi_t)$ . On the other hand, aggregate supply implies a positive relationship between  $(\tilde{y}_t, \pi_t)$ .

Re-arranging the system of equation yields the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{y}_t &= \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\beta} (d_t - \alpha\eta_t) \\ \pi_t &= \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\beta} (\beta d_t + \eta_t)\end{aligned}$$

We can see that the demand shock  $d_t$  moves output gap and inflation in the same direction, whereas the supply shock  $\eta_t$  moves output gap and inflation in the opposite direction.<sup>20</sup>

To bring this model to data, we first express the system of equation as an SVAR. We proxy the output gap with the change in real GDP  $\Delta y_t$  and inflation with the change in CPI. The SVAR specification is given by

$$Az_t = \sum_{j=1}^p A_j z_{t-j} + \epsilon_t \tag{50}$$

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<sup>20</sup>Demand shocks include discount rate factor shocks, fiscal spending shocks, and monetary policy shocks, whereas supply shocks include cost-push shocks and productivity shocks. The negative impact of cost-push shocks on output relies on the reaction of interest rate policy to inflation, which is likely to be muted (but still not zero) when the exchange rate is pegged.

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ -\beta & 1 \end{bmatrix}, z_t = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_t \\ \pi_t \end{bmatrix}, \epsilon_t = \begin{bmatrix} d_t \\ \eta_t \end{bmatrix}$$

The relationship between reduced form residuals  $v_t = [v_t^y, v_t^\pi]'$  and the structural shocks  $\epsilon_t = [d_t, \eta_t]'$  is given by

$$v_t \equiv z_t - E[z_t | z_{t-1}, \dots, z_{t-p}] = A^{-1} \epsilon_t$$

[Jump and Kohler \(2022\)](#) show that the restrictions on the slope of supply and demand curves imply the following restrictions on the signs of the reduced form shocks:

Positive demand shock	$d_t > 0$	$\rightarrow v_t^y > 0, v_t^\pi > 0$
Negative demand shock	$d_t < 0$	$\rightarrow v_t^y < 0, v_t^\pi < 0$
Positive supply shock	$\eta_t > 0$	$\rightarrow v_t^y > 0, v_t^\pi < 0$
Negative supply shock	$\eta_t < 0$	$\rightarrow v_t^y < 0, v_t^\pi > 0$

To estimate the demand and supply shocks, we use data on real GDP and CPI inflation rate from the Jorda-Schularick-Taylor Macroeconomic Database ([Jordà et al., 2017](#)), which provides annual data on real and financial sector variables for 18 advanced economies from 1870 to 2016. The countries included in the sample are Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The reduced form specification is given by

$$\Delta y_t = \delta_i^y + \gamma_{d(t)}^y + \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{\tau}^{d(T)} \beta_{j,\tau}^{yy} y_{t-j} \times 1\{d(t) = \tau\} + \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{\tau}^{d(T)} \beta_{j,\tau}^{y\pi} \pi_{t-j} \times 1\{d(t) = \tau\} + v_t^y \quad (51)$$

$$\pi_t = \delta_i^\pi + \gamma_{d(t)}^\pi + \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{\tau}^{d(T)} \beta_{j,\tau}^{\pi y} y_{t-j} \times 1\{d(t) = \tau\} + \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{\tau}^{d(T)} \beta_{j,\tau}^{\pi\pi} \pi_{t-j} \times 1\{d(t) = \tau\} + v_t^\pi$$

where  $(\delta_i^y, \delta_i^\pi)$  are country fixed effects,  $(\gamma_{d(t)}^y, \gamma_{d(t)}^\pi)$  are decade fixed effects. By interacting the lagged variables by decade indicators, the specification allows for the auto-regressive coefficients to vary over time. This accommodates structural

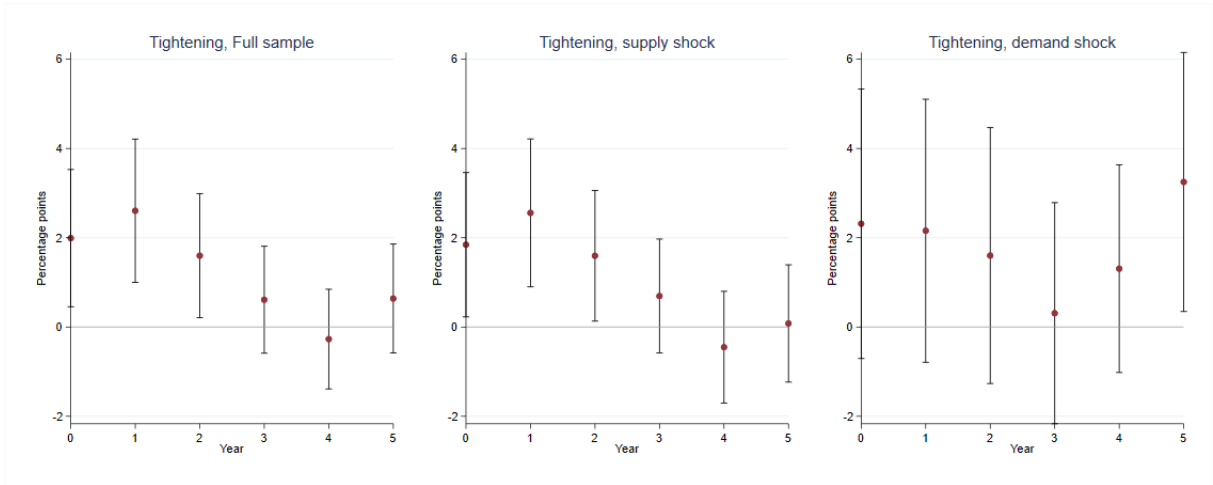


Figure 7: Annual probability of financial crisis following a one percentage point increase in short-term nominal rates. Solid bars denote 90 percent confidence intervals. The full sample depicts the unconditional effect. The other two panels show the effect of a tightening in period  $t$  conditional on a supply or demand shock in period  $t - 1$ .

changes in the relationship between inflation and real GDP growth over the long sample period. The number of distributive lags in the reduced form VAR is set to 2, based on comparing the Akaike Information Criteria scores across models with 1 to 10 distributive lags.

### D.3 Impact of monetary policy on financial instability

The second and third panels show the impact of rate hikes in periods following supply shocks versus demand shocks. We see that the effect of rate hikes are primarily observed in the periods following supply shocks. The magnitude of the impact is similar to the unconditional sample, with financial crisis risk peaking at 2.5 percent one year after the rate hike. On the other hand, in the periods following demand shocks, financial crisis risk rises but is largely insignificant.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>21</sup>This finding complements those from Boissay et al. (2023), who document that rate hikes exacerbate financial stress in the presence of supply-driven inflation, whereas it dampens financial stress following demand-driven inflation. While we do not find that rate hikes lead to lower financial crisis risk following demand-driven shocks, our findings indicate that monetary policy has significant financial stability implications following supply-driven shocks.

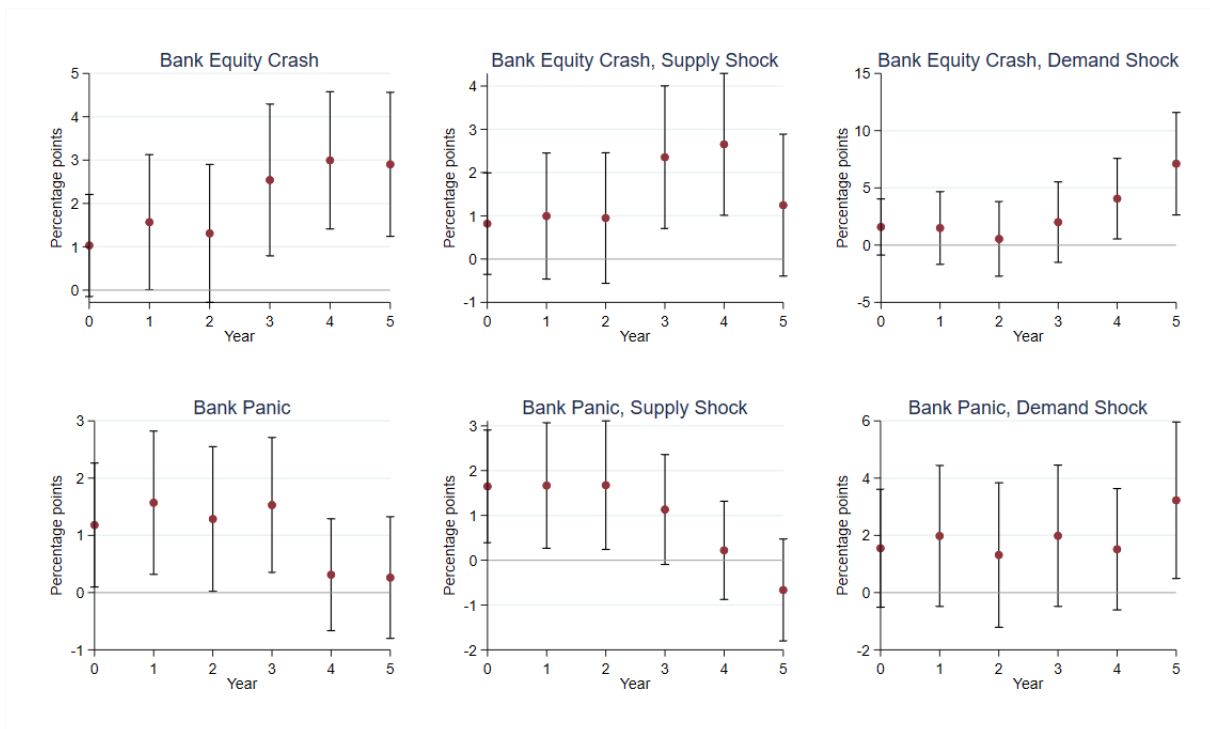


Figure 8: Annual probability of bank equity crashes (top panel) and banking panics (bottom panel) following a one percentage point increase in short-term nominal rates. Solid bars denote 90 percent confidence intervals. The second and third columns show the effect of a tightening and loosening in period  $t$  conditional on a supply or demand shock in period  $t - 1$ .

## D.4 Channels of transmission

We now investigate the potential channels through which monetary policy affects financial stability. First, we show that monetary policy tightening leads to both heightened risk of bank equity crashes and banking panics. The significance of these two channels suggest important roles of intermediary capacity constraints and the risk of depositor runs as sources of financial instability. Second, we show that tightening leads to large declines in real stock prices, house prices, and bank credit. The impacts of rate hikes on house prices and bank credit are not reversed even five years after the initial hike. These findings highlight that monetary policy can have negative implications for asset prices and bank profitability, which in turn matter for financial stability.

*Equity crashes and banking panics* – Figure 8 shows the impact of a one percent increase in short-term nominal rates on the probability of bank equity crashes and banking panics.<sup>22</sup> The empirical specification is similar to (49), except with lagged controls for the crisis substituted with lagged controls for both indicators of financial stress.

The figure shows that rate hikes lead to a significant increases in the probability of both bank equity crashes and banking panics. Interestingly, the timing for which both sources of financial stress become elevated differs. The likelihood of banking panics rises by 1 percent point in the same year of the rate increase. On the other hand, the likelihood of bank equity crashes become significant three years after the initial rate hike. Given an average unconditional annual probability of a bank equity crash and banking panics of 3.5 percent and 3.4 percent respectively, these represent sizable increases in financial crisis risk.

The second and third panels show that the effects of rate hikes on these two measures of financial stress is more immediate in the periods following supply shocks. In the years following demand shocks, the probability of bank equity crashes and bank panics is elevated for four and five years, respectively, after the initial rate hike. By contrast, supply shocks are associated with increases in bank equity crash risk three years after the rate hike, and with bank panics in the same year of the rate hikes.

*Bank credit and asset prices* – Next, we examine the impact of rate hikes on bank credit and asset prices. The empirical specification is similar to (49), but with the

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<sup>22</sup>The correlation between these two indicators of financial stress is 0.34.

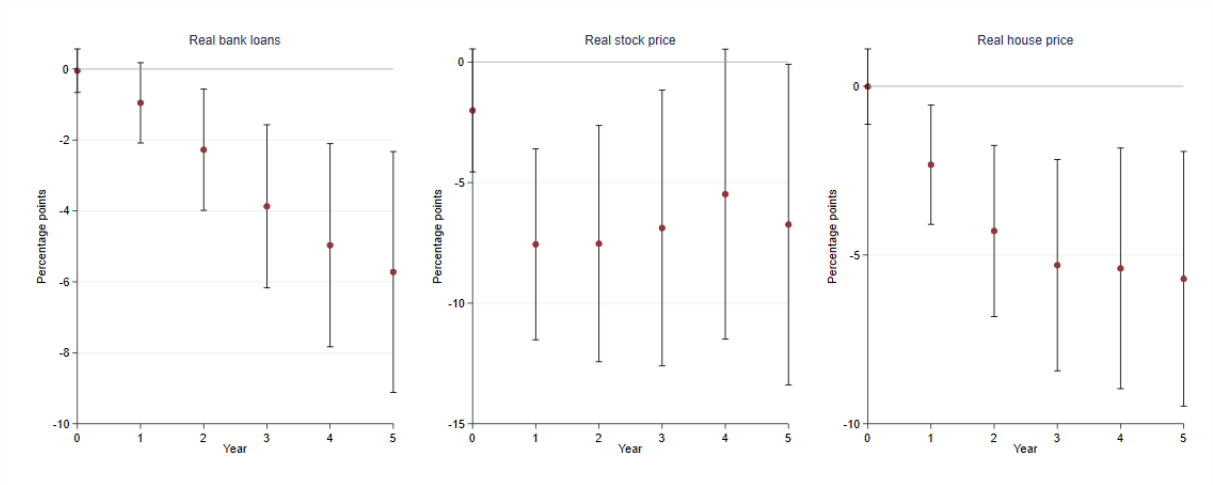


Figure 9: Cumulative log percentage change in real bank loans, real stock price, and real house price following a one percentage point increase in short-term nominal rates. Solid bars denote 90 percent confidence intervals. The second and third columns show the effect of a tightening and loosening in period  $t$  conditional on a supply or demand shock in period  $t - 1$ .

left-hand variables replaced with cumulative log changes of these variables. The specification excludes contemporaneous values of the dependent variables as controls, but includes contemporaneous values of the financial crisis indicator to isolate the direct impact of short-term rate hikes on these variables.

Figure 9 shows that a short-term rate hike leads to significant declines in bank credit, stock prices, and house prices. The effect of rate hikes on stock prices tends to be largest one year after the initial rate hike, and dissipates in the subsequent years. On the other hand, short-term rate hikes continue to have an impact on bank credit and housing prices several years after the initial rate hike, with a sizable cumulative impact five years after the initial rate hike. The model described in the subsequent section shows that declines in asset prices and lending capacity are key channels through which rate hikes exacerbate financial instability.

## D.5 Additional figures



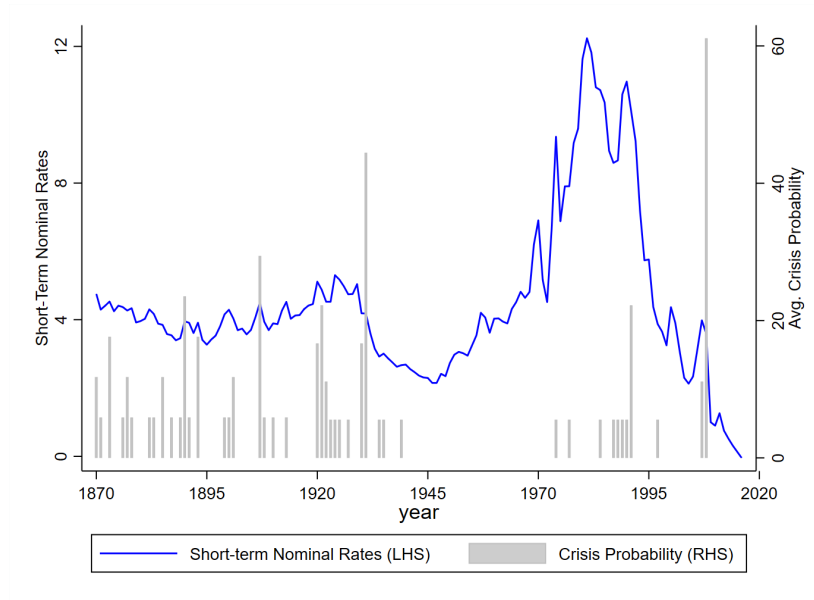


Figure 10: The figure shows the equally-weighted averages of short-term nominal rates (LHS) and probability of a financial crisis as defined in [Jordà et al. \(2017\)](#) (RHS). The sample consists of 18 advanced economies from 1870 to 2016 (see main-text for full list of countries).

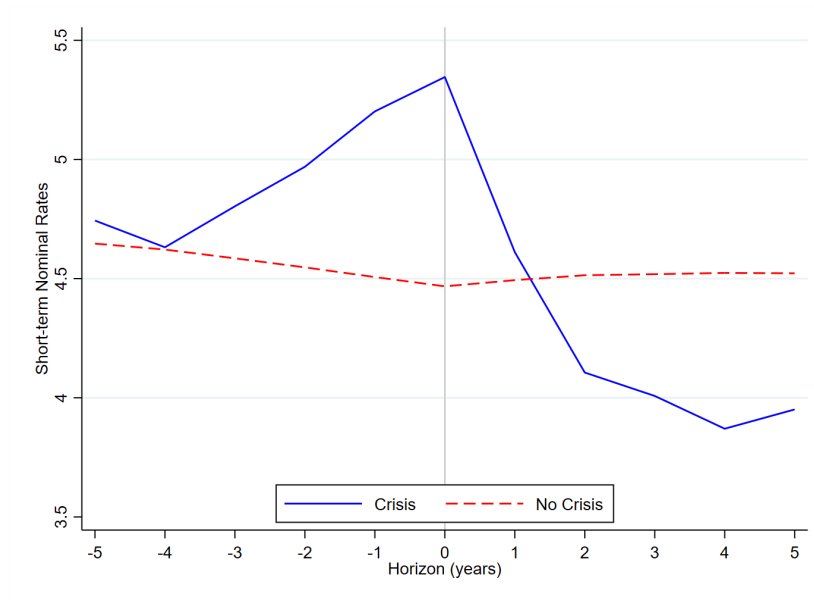


Figure 11: The figure shows the average short-term nominal rate in a 5 year window around a crisis event (blue solid line) and a non-crisis event (red dashed line). Crisis (non-crisis) events are country-year observations where a crisis occurs (does not occur).



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