

Discussion of:  
Exchange Rate Adjustment in Financial Crises  
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# Conclusions

- ▶ Great paper
- ▶ First paper in an exciting literature
- ▶ Much more to be done on logical distinction between monetary and macropru