

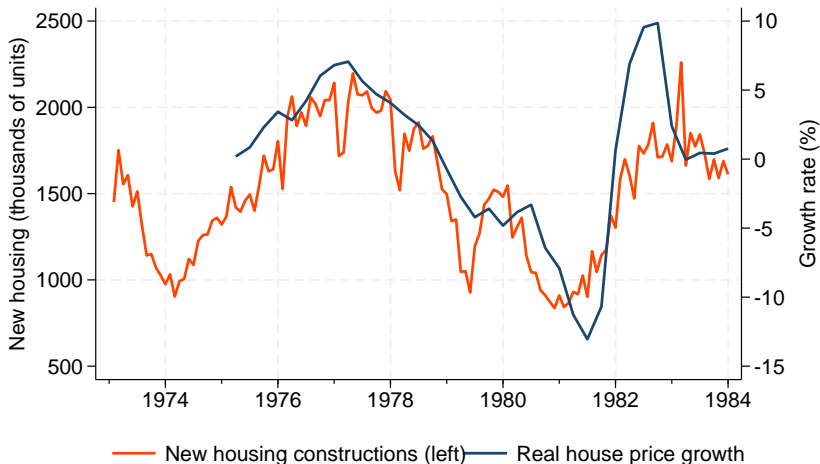
Credit Crunch in Housing under Regulation Q

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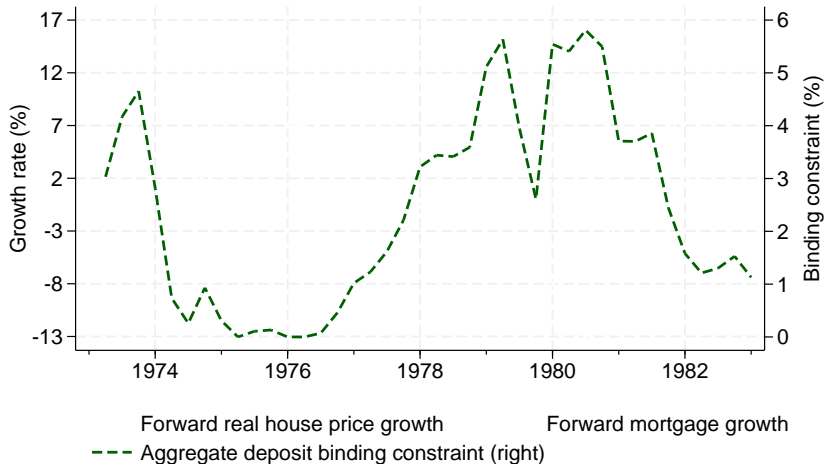
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Boom-bust cycle in the housing market in the 1970s



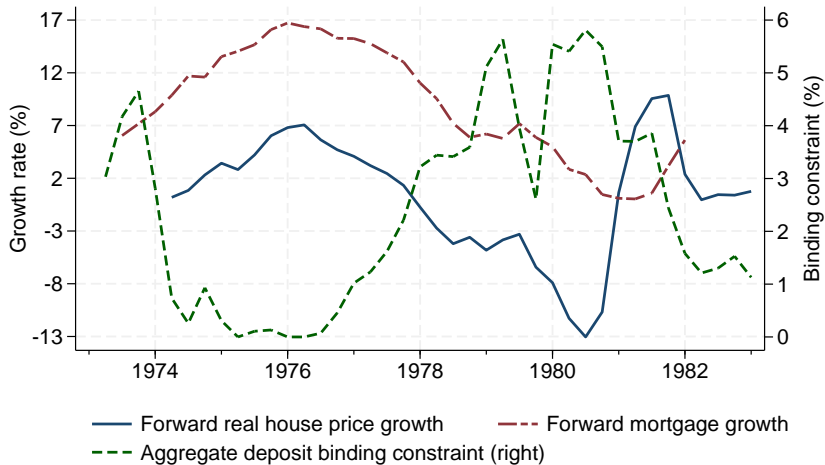
This paper: Credit crunch under Regulation Q played an important role

Deposit ceiling tightness and housing market



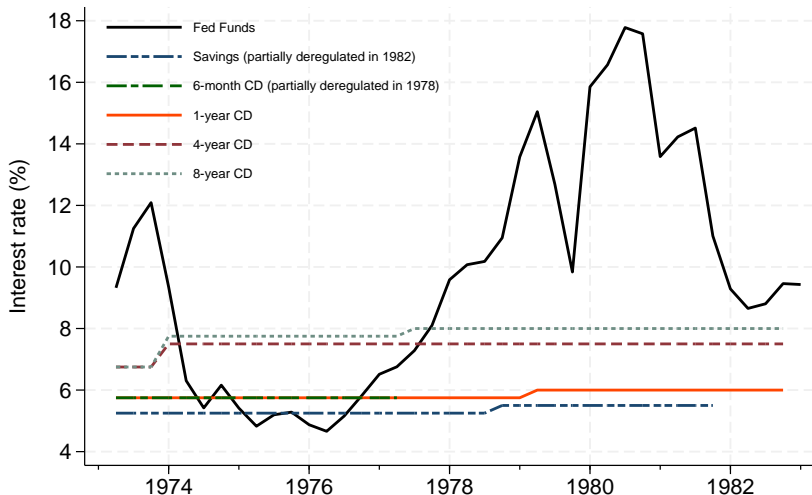
- Regulation Q imposed ceiling rates that institutions paid on deposits

Deposit ceiling tightness and housing market



- Tighter ceilings \Rightarrow deposits \downarrow \Rightarrow credit provision \downarrow \Rightarrow credit crunch

Cross section: deposit composition drives ceiling tightness



- Product ceilings vary \Rightarrow compositions face different effective ceilings

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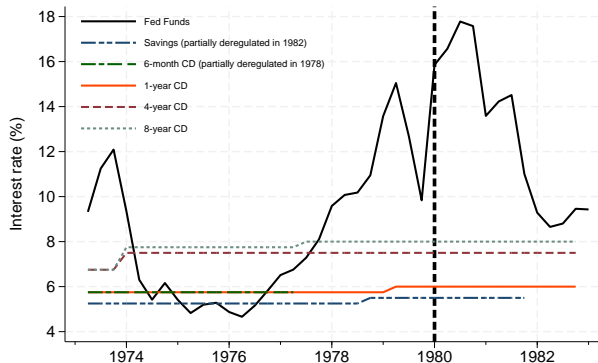


Setting and Data

Regulation Q

- Product-specific ceiling rates on deposits, enacted in 1933
- Ceilings were not binding until mid-1960s when interest rate rose
- Gradual phase-out of ceiling rates started in 1970
 - 1973: Wholesale deposits fully exempt
 - 1983: Ceilings on all time deposits eliminated
 - 1986: Ceilings on savings deposits eliminated
 - 2010: Ceiling on demand deposits eliminated through Dodd–Frank

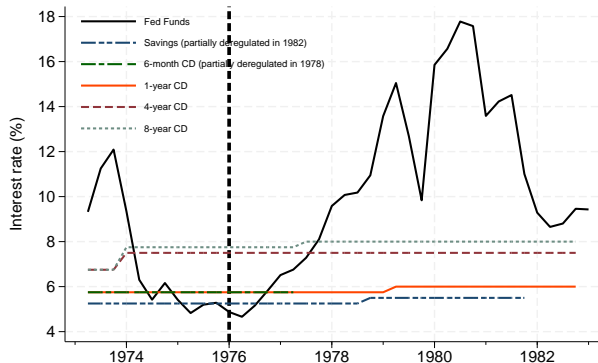
Deposit rate ceilings under Regulation Q



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S&Ls under Regulation Q

Assets	Liabilities
Mortgages 50-60% of US mortgages	Retail deposits subject to Regulation Q
Other loans	Wholesale deposits exempt but limited access

Banks under Regulation Q

Assets	Liabilities
Mortgages 10% of US mortgages	Retail deposits subject to Regulation Q
Other loans	Wholesale deposits exempt and no restrictions

Funding flexibility: Access to wholesale deposits

- Wholesale deposits: time deposits with denomination $\geq 100,000$
- Primarily from the national market
 - Jumbo negotiable CDs sold to investors
 - Brokered CDs
- Banks: no restrictions, broad investor network
- S&Ls: thin investor network and regulatory caps on issuance
 - Allowed in 1974, issuance cap of 5–10% of deposits
- **Funding flexibility \implies Different effects between banks and S&Ls**

Data

- Sample period
 - Starts in 1975Q1, beginning of housing data
 - Ends in 1983Q3, when all time-deposit ceilings were removed
- Financial data [Summary statistics](#)
 - S&L Financial Reports, available through National Archives
 - Bank Call Reports, available through WRDS
- Housing data at CBSA level [Summary statistics](#)
 - Freddie Mac Housing Price Index (FMHPI)
 - Median house price from 1980 Census; build the series using FMHPI



Measuring Funding Frictions from Deposit Ceilings

Measuring the funding frictions

- How much higher can institution i pay on deposits absent Regulation Q?
- Use a **shift-share** approach

$$\text{Bind}_{i,t} = \sum_j s_{ijt} g_{jt}$$

- The shift: spread between market rate and ceiling rate for deposit product j

$$g_{jt} = \max\{0, \text{Maturity Matched Market Rate}_{tj} - \text{Ceiling}_{tj}\}$$

- The share: share of deposit product j at institution i

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Identification assumption

- Deposit composition is orthogonal to future shocks in deposits and lending
- Deposit composition is sticky, and reflects legacy factors [What explains the variations?](#)

What might break the identification?

- Anticipation of future shock (No pre-trend when ceiling first binds)
- Rapid reshuffling within quarter (Persistent mix, $R^2 = 0.93$)



Steps 1 & 2:

Deposit and Lending Response at Institutions

Effects of deposit-rate ceilings on deposits and lending

- How do deposit-rate ceilings affect funding allocation and mortgage credit?
- I run the following regression for S&Ls and banks separately

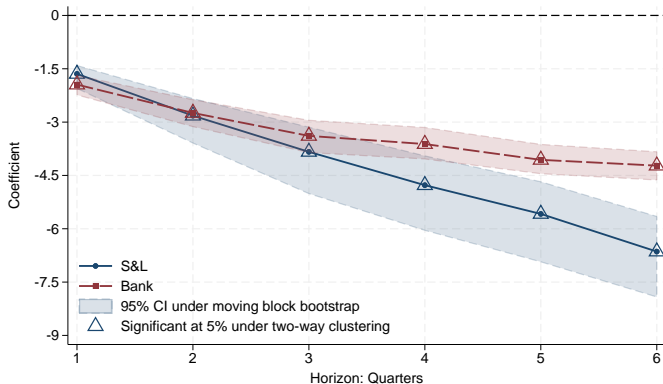
$$\Delta y_{i,t \rightarrow t+h} = \beta_h \text{Bind}_{i,t} + \phi_h^\top \mathbf{X}_{i,t} + \delta_{s(i),t} + \varepsilon_{i,t+h}$$

- Dependent variables: cumulative growth of balance sheet variable y from t to $t+h$ for institution i
- Controls $\mathbf{X}_{i,t}$: institution fundamentals and local market demographics
- $\delta_{s(i),t}$: state \times time fixed effects

Step 1: Tighter effective ceilings \implies retail deposit outflows

- When effective ceiling tightens by 1 pp, retail deposit growth rate drops by

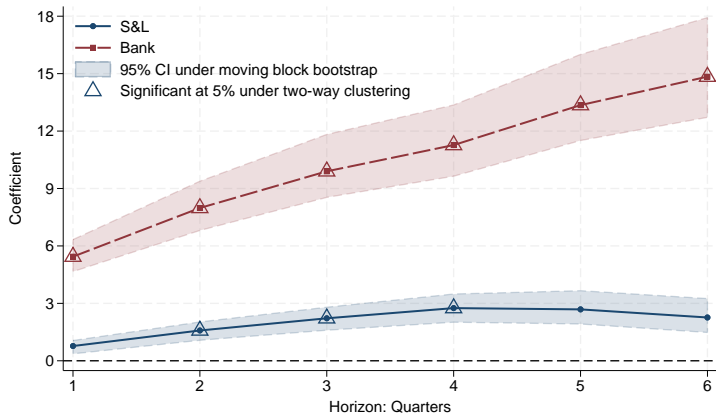
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- Similar \downarrow in retail deposits across institutions over the next year

Banks substitute toward wholesale deposits

- When effective ceiling tightens by 1 pp, wholesale deposit growth moves by



- Mechanism: **Funding flexibility** at banks, not S&Ls

Demand dep

Non-deposit alternative funds

Initial share control

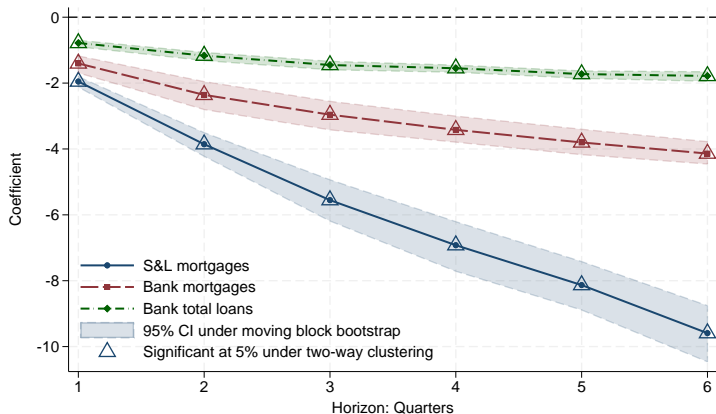
No overlaps

Jorda (2005)

Event study 1977Q4

Step 2: Lending responses differ at banks and S&Ls

- When effective ceiling tightens by 1 pp, mortgage growth rate drops by



- 7.0 pp \downarrow at S&Ls over the next year – banks \approx half as large
- A mortgage credit crunch occurs, and it is stronger at S&Ls



Step 3: Local Housing Outcomes

Measuring funding frictions at local level

- S&L and bank funding frictions at CBSA c :

$$\text{S\&LFriction}_{c,t} \equiv \text{share}_{c,1974}^{\text{S\&L}} \text{Bind}_{c,t}^{\text{S\&L}}$$

$$\text{BankFriction}_{c,t} \equiv \text{share}_{c,1974}^{\text{Bank}} \text{Bind}_{c,t}^{\text{Bank}}$$

- Use *initial deposit share in 1974* to capture historical S&L or bank reliance
- Aggregate deposits at the CBSA level to construct $\text{Bind}_{c,t}$

Local level summary statistics

Correlation between components

Geographic variation

How do deposit-rate ceilings affect housing outcomes?

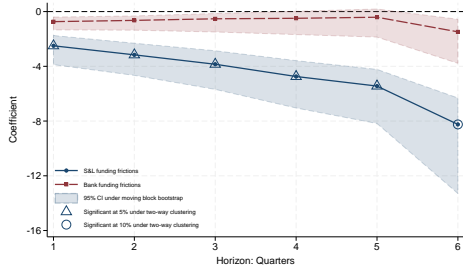
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- Dependent variable: cumulative change from t to $t+h$
 - Total mortgage credit in the local area
 - Real house prices
- Controls $\mathbf{X}_{c,t}$: CBSA demographics and lending-market characteristics

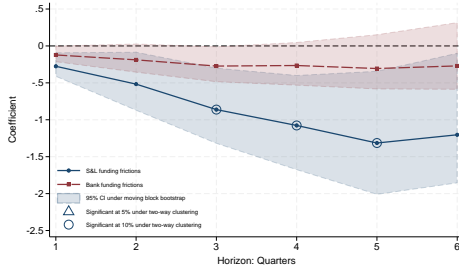
Step 3: Tighter S&L ceilings weaken local housing market

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Mortgage (\$) growth rate



Real house price growth rate



- When effective S&L ceiling tightens by 1 pp, over the next year
 \implies Mortgage growth \downarrow by 4.7 pp, real house price \downarrow by 1.1 pp
- Effects through banks are muted

Demand deposits

No overlap

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Substitution

Supply side

Alternative measure

Sorting exercise

Housing market equilibrium: What about quantities?

$$\Delta h_{c,1980 \rightarrow 1990} = \alpha + \beta_1 Z(\text{S\&LFriction})_c + \beta_2 Z(\text{BankFriction})_c + \phi^T \mathbf{X}_c + \varepsilon_c$$

	Δ Housing units per 1,000 persons (1980–1990)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
S&L funding frictions 1975–1980	−9.466** (4.458)	−11.019** (4.478)	−9.909** (4.430)
Bank funding frictions 1975–1980	−5.718 (4.435)	−6.454 (4.428)	−3.421 (4.431)
Demographic controls	Yes	No	Yes
Lending market controls	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	884	884	884
R^2	0.02	0.01	0.06

- Joint decline in prices and housing quantities

⇒ Net effect of downward shift in homebuyers' demand curve

Construction results

Supply side

Additional findings and robustness

Additional results

- What drives the impact? Ceiling tightness or reliance? [Sorting](#)
- Limited substitutions between banks and S&Ls [Substitution](#)
- Supply side effect [Supply side](#)
- Model to illustrate how funding frictions map into housing outcomes

Robustness

- Varying the treatment of demand deposits in $\text{Bind}_{i,t}$ [Institution](#) [Local](#)
- Jorda (2005) local projections [Institution](#) [Local](#)
- Overlapping observations: Keeping one start date per horizon [Institution](#) [Local](#)



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A credit crunch channel for the 1970s boom-bust in the housing market

- Tighter ceilings \Rightarrow deposits \downarrow \Rightarrow mortgage credit \downarrow \Rightarrow prices & quantities \downarrow
- Channel runs through S&Ls, which lack funding flexibility to replace retail with exempt wholesale funds

Implications

- Funding rules and flexibility still shape banks, shadow banks, and fintech (Begenau and Landvoigt, 2022; Buchak et al., 2018)
- Deposit-rate caps persist in some emerging markets (e.g., China) (Buchak et al., 2021)



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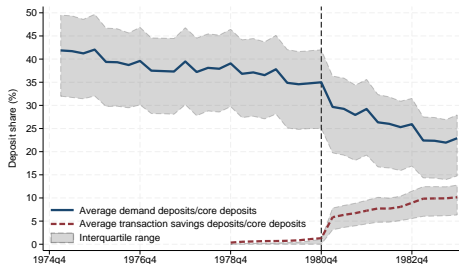
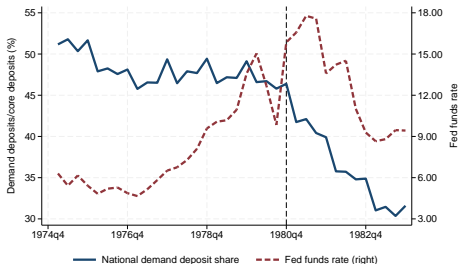
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Deposit products in the funding friction construction

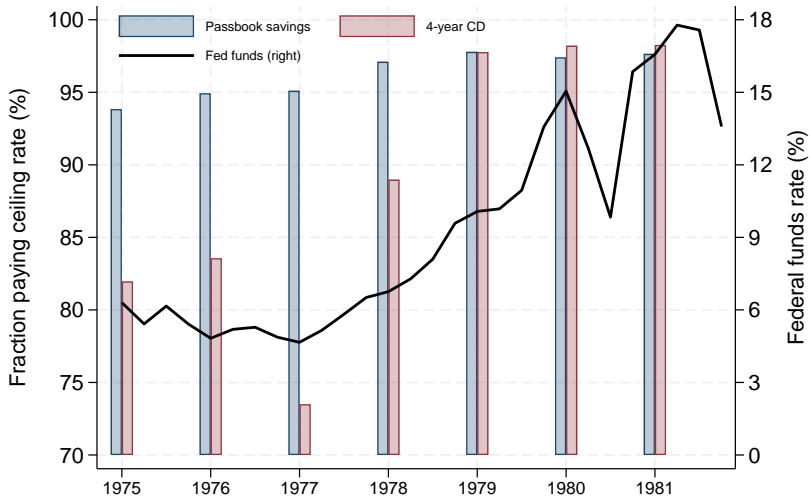
- Savings deposits: use fed funds rate as market rate
- Small time deposits: average market-rate-to-ceiling spread of 3-month, 6-month, 1-year, and 2.5-year CDs
- Demand deposits: treat as savings with implicit return
- Wholesale deposits: no ceiling rate
- Deregulated products: no ceiling rate
 - Money Market Certificates (3- and 6-month), 1978Q2
 - Small Savers Certificates, 1979Q3
 - Transactional savings deposits (NOW and Super NOW), 1980Q4
 - Money Market Deposit Accounts, 1982Q4

Rationale for assigning implicit return to demand deposits

- Demand deposits paid zero explicit interest under Reg Q until 2011
- The demand-to-core-deposit share falls as the fed funds rate rises
- After transactional savings deposits were introduced in 1980, funds flowed out of demand deposits
- Demand deposits face funding pressure comparable to other retail components [Back to measurement](#)

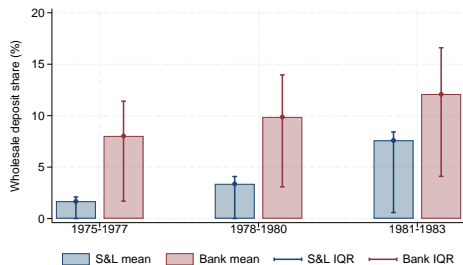


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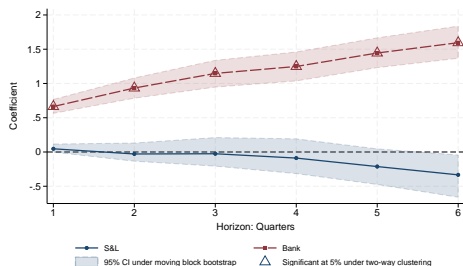


Wholesale deposit mean and shares

Wholesale deposit share



Response to 1 p.p. tightening in ceilings



[Back to funding flexibility](#)

Summary statistics: institution level

	S&Ls		Banks	
	Mean (1)	St.Dev. (2)	Mean (3)	St.Dev. (4)
Rate ceiling binding constraint (p.p.)	1.79	1.65	2.66	2.24
Assets (mil.)	133.90	42718	110.60	1490.69
Mortgages/Assets	0.80	0.18	0.18	0.11
Total loans/Assets			0.60	0.12
Deposits/Assets	0.87	0.07	0.88	0.06
Wholesale deposits/Assets	0.03	0.07	0.09	0.08
Wholesale deposits and alternative funds/Assets	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.09
Year-over-year growth rate (%):				
Mortgages	11.89	20.97	14.05	28.82
Total loans			11.66	15.20
Deposits	13.44	18.45	11.66	13.01
Fraction of deposits:				
Demand	0.00	0.01	0.30	0.13
Savings	0.31	0.16	0.24	0.11
Small time ($\leq 100,000$)	0.65	0.16	0.36	0.16
Wholesale ($> 100,000$)	0.04	0.08	0.10	0.10
Institutions	4,523		16,123	
Observations	135,311		503,364	

Summary statistics: CBSA level

	CBSA level				
	Mean (1)	St.Dev. (2)	p25 (3)	Median (4)	p75 (5)
Bank funding frictions (p.p.)	1.895	1.723	0.332	1.406	3.112
S&L funding frictions (p.p.)	0.445	0.641	0.000	0.188	0.660
Housing market:					
Mortgages growth rate (%)	7.467	24.245	1.751	8.952	16.222
Real house price growth rate (%)	-1.120	7.661	-5.468	-0.810	3.553
Mortgage per capita/median income	0.148	0.121	0.082	0.131	0.181
Home price/median income	2.593	0.652	2.140	2.486	2.930
Housing units per capita 1980	0.393	0.055	0.369	0.383	0.402
Housing units per capita 1990	0.361	0.053	0.332	0.360	0.387
Financial institutions:					
S&L share of assets	0.285	0.235	0.118	0.256	0.383
S&L share of deposits	0.286	0.234	0.120	0.257	0.384
S&L share of mortgages	0.533	0.306	0.320	0.603	0.763
Log(Bank wholesale/S&L wholesale)	2.456	1.623	1.480	2.469	3.530
log(Assets)	12.808	1.510	11.946	12.627	13.508
Deposits/Assets	0.870	0.049	0.857	0.881	0.898
Mortgages/Assets	0.370	0.156	0.270	0.353	0.437
Mortgage HHI	0.371	0.234	0.200	0.314	0.486
Demographics:					
log(Population)	11.278	1.166	10.449	11.038	11.830
log(Median income 1980)	9.613	0.180	9.493	9.623	9.732
CBSAs	904				
Observations	31,188				

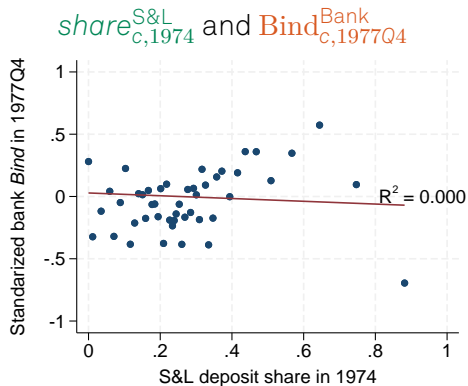
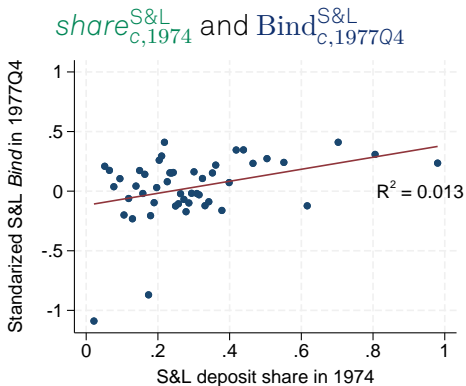
Mismeasurement in the market rate

- For product j at time t , true spread between market rate and ceiling rate is g_{jt}
- Econometricians observe \tilde{g}_{jt} with mismeasurement: $\tilde{g}_{jt} = g_{jt} + v_{jt}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Observed Bind}_{i,t} &= \sum_j s_{ijt}(g_{jt} + v_{jt}) \\ &= \text{True Bind}_{i,t} + \bar{v}_t + \sum_j s_{ijt}(v_{jt} - \bar{v}_t)\end{aligned}$$

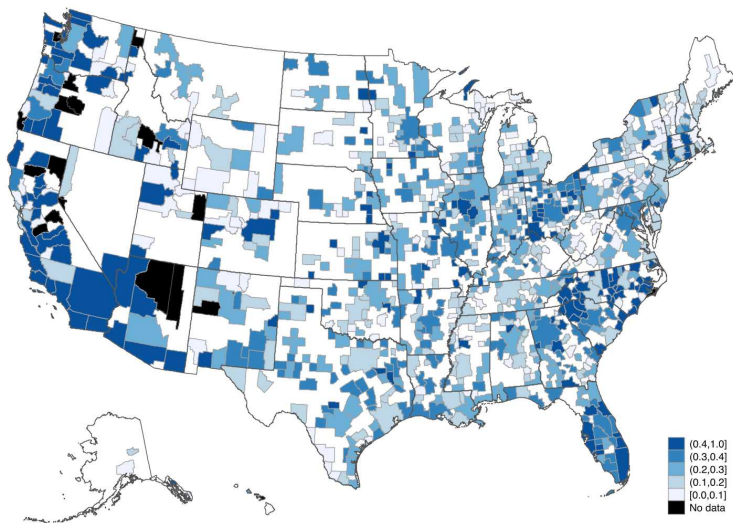
- \bar{v}_t : Average mismeasurement across products, **absorbed by time FE**
- **Assumption:** $E[\sum_j s_{ijt}(v_{jt} - \bar{v}_t)] = 0$ conditional on institution characteristics
 - Deposit composition (which reflects legacy business decision) uncorrelated with aggregate product specific mismeasurement

Is there correlation between S&L reliance and $\text{Bind}_{c,t}$?



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Geographic variation in initial S&L deposit share



- Initial share explains 2% variation in $\text{Bind}_{c,t}^{\text{S\&L}}$ and 1% in $\text{Bind}_{c,t}^{\text{Bank}}$

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What (not) explains the variations in $\text{Bind}_{i,t}$?

- Not any institution fundamentals, local market conditions, or demographics
- **Within state** \times **time**: explain **2.2%** of total variations at S&Ls, **2.5%** at banks

Partial R^2 of S&L $\text{Bind}_{i,t}$ (within state \times time)

Partial R^2 of bank $\text{Bind}_{i,t}$ (within state \times time)

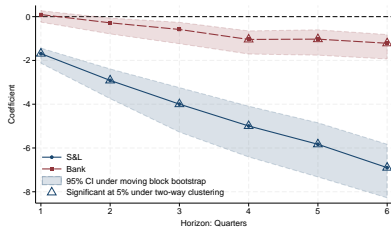
Fundamental 2.0%	{	Asset Mortgage/Asset Deposit/Asset	1.0% 0.1% 0.5%	Fundamental 3.3%	{	Asset Mortgage/Asset Deposit/Asset	3.3% 0.0% 0.0%
Local Market 1.0%	{	Deposit HHI Mortgage HHI	0.2% 0.1%	Local Market 0.3%	{	Deposit HHI Mortgage HHI	0.1% 0.0%
Demographic 4.5%	{	Population Population growth Median income	2.1% 0.2% 1.0%	Demographic 2.5%	{	Population Population growth Median income	0.9% 0.0% 0.7%

- Variation reflects **legacy, slow-moving** deposit compositions

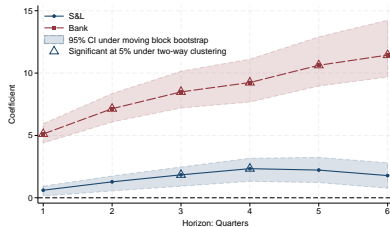
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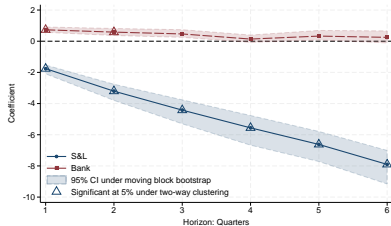
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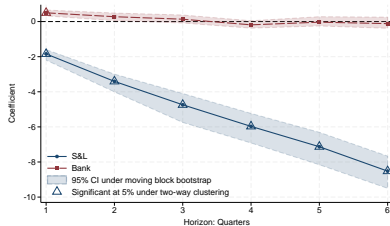
Wholesale deposits



Total deposits



Total deposits + alternative wholesale funds



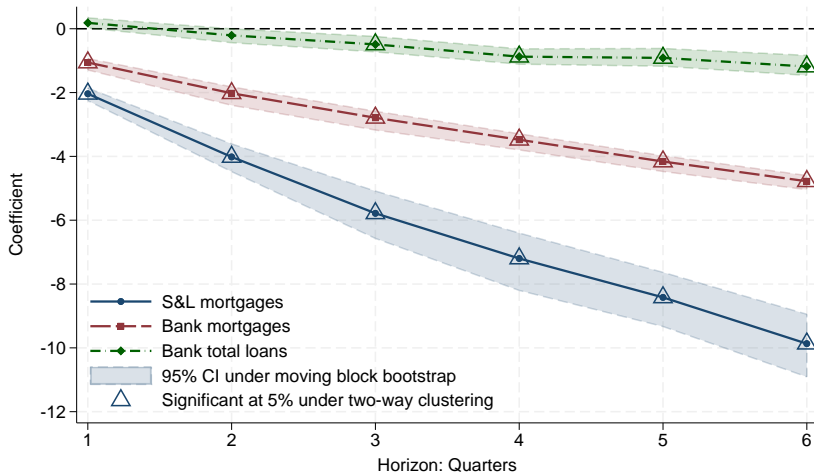
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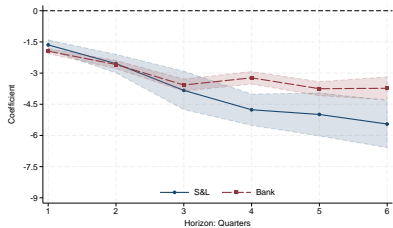
Mortgages and lending



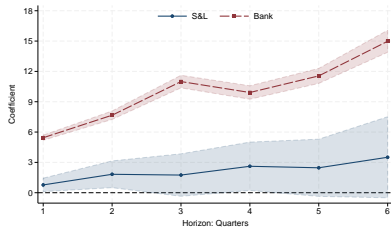
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Non-overlapping horizons on deposit growth

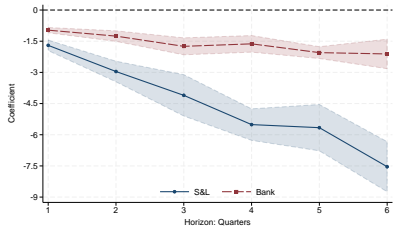
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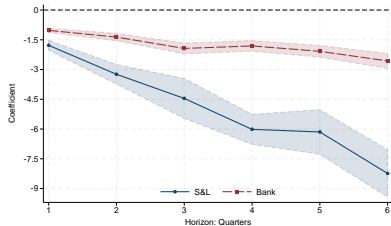
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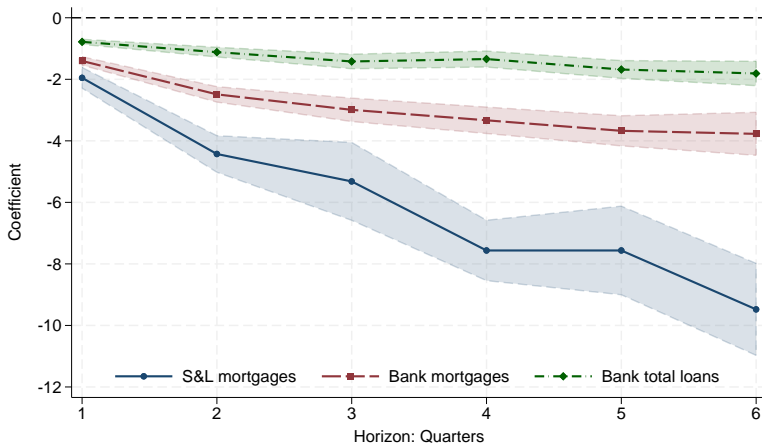
Total deposits



Total deposits + alternative wholesale funds



Non-overlapping horizons on mortgage and loan growth

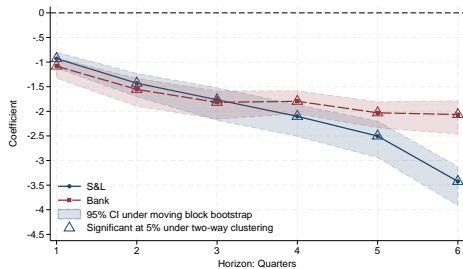


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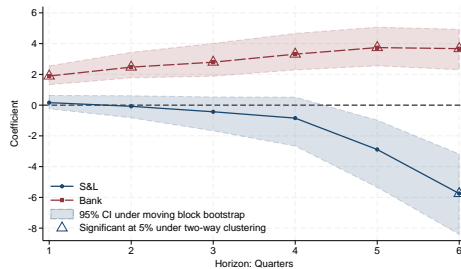
Controlling for core deposit share

$$\Delta y_{i,t \rightarrow t+h} = \beta_h \text{Bind}_{i,t} + \phi_h^\top \mathbf{X}_{i,t} + \delta_{s(i),t} + \varepsilon_{i,t+h}$$

Core deposits



Wholesale deposits

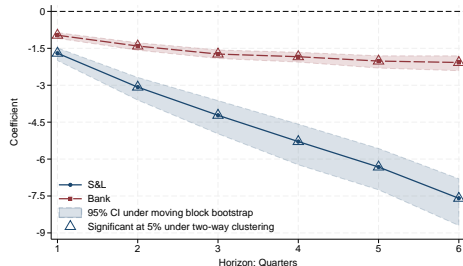


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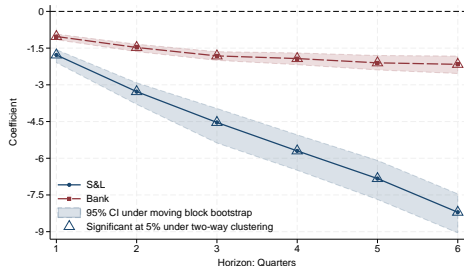
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Total deposits and funding

Total deposits



Total deposits + non-deposit wholesale funds

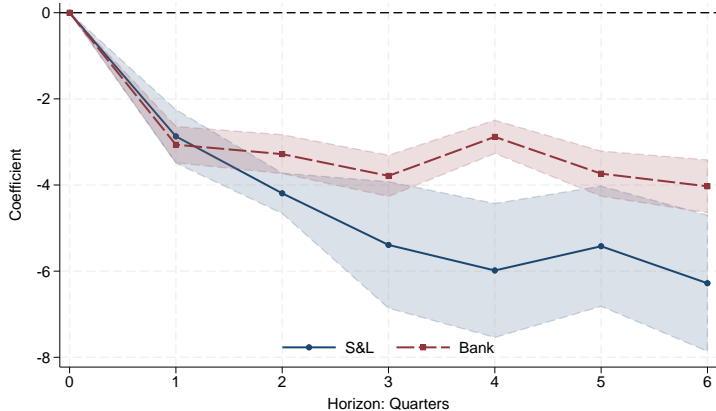


- Non-deposits funds: FHLB advances for S&Ls and fed funds loans and repo for banks
- Non-deposit channels offered limited relief—alternative funds did not offset lost core deposits.

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Retail deposits, local projections

- When effective ceiling tightens by 1 pp, retail deposit growth rate drops by

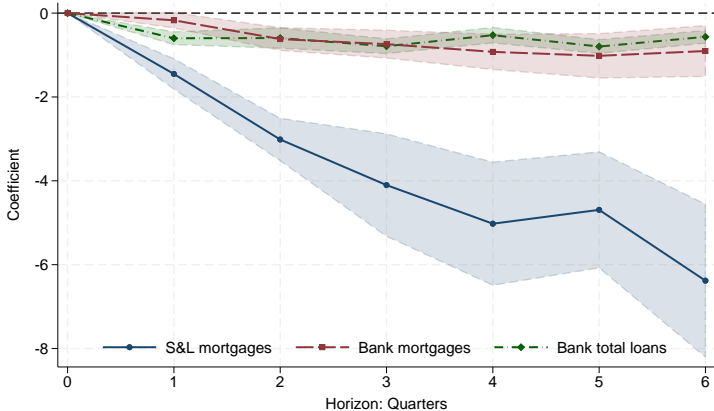


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Lending response, local projections

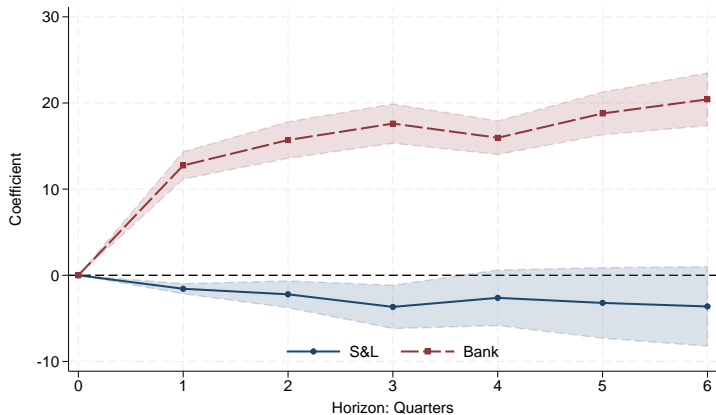
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Wholesale deposits, local projections

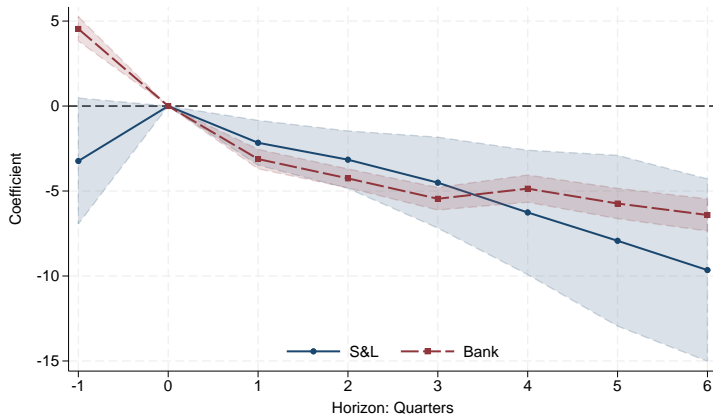
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Retail deposits, event study 1977Q4

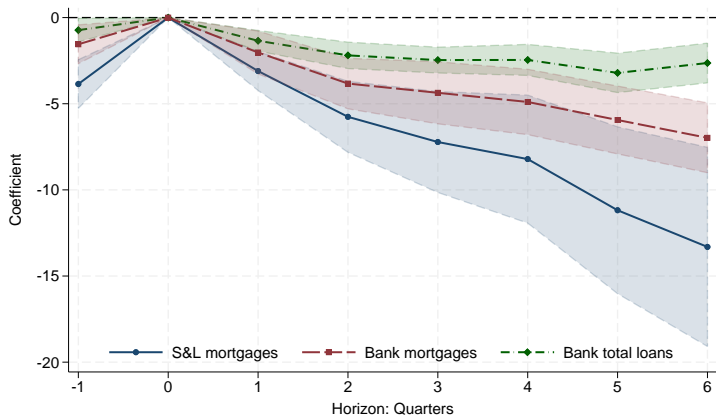
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Lending response, event study in 1977Q4

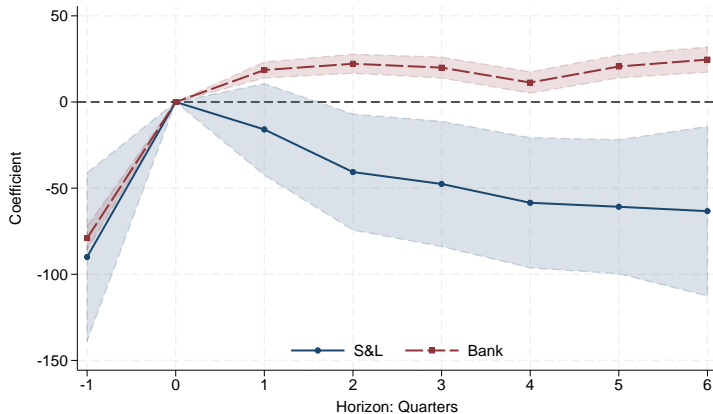
- When effective ceiling tightens by 1 pp, mortgage growth rate drops by



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Wholesale deposits, event study 1977Q4

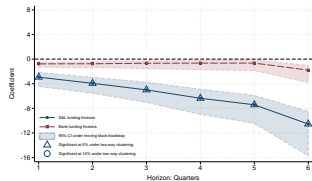
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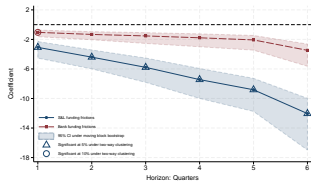
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Varying demand deposits, mortgage growth

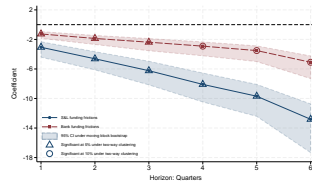
100% Savings



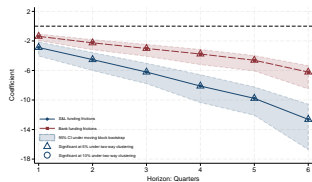
75% Savings and 25% Exempt



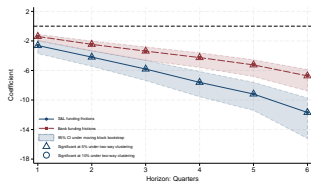
50% Savings and 50% Exempt



25% Savings and 75% Exempt



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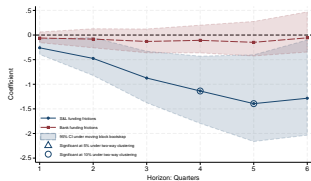


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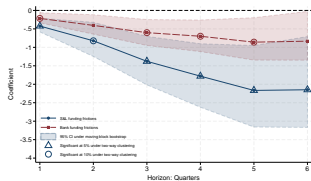
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Varying demand deposits, house price growth

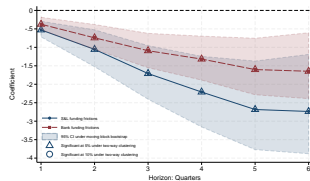
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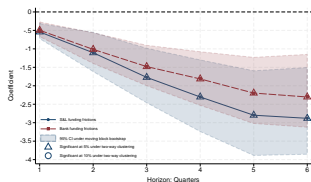
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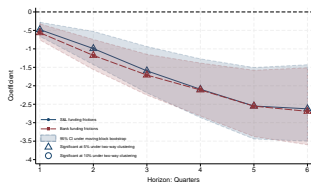
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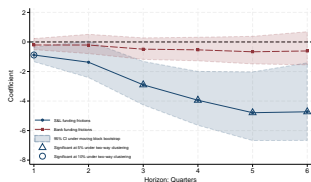


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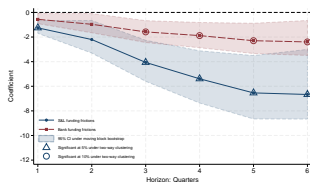


Varying demand deposits, house price/income

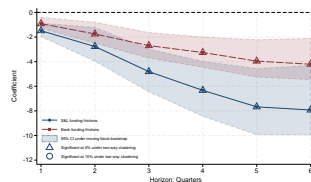
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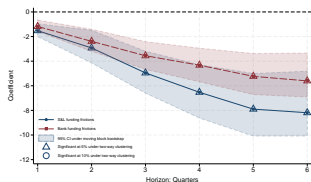
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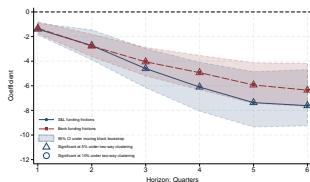
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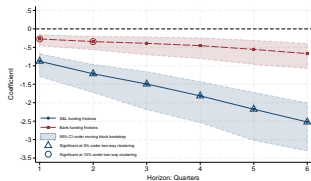


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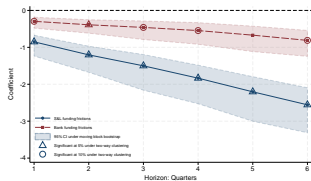


Varying demand deposits, mortgage/income

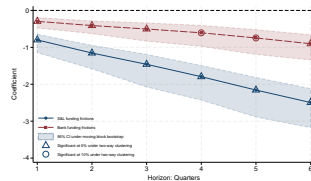
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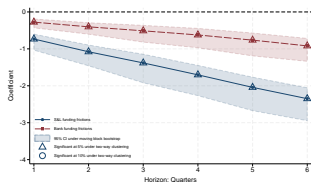
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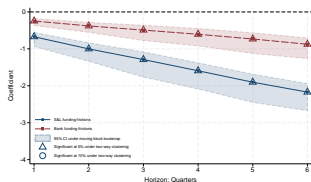
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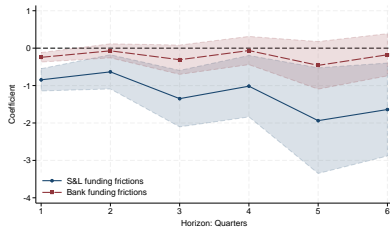


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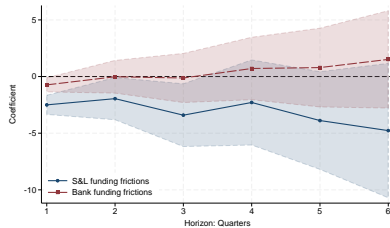


No overlapping horizons on house prices and mortgages

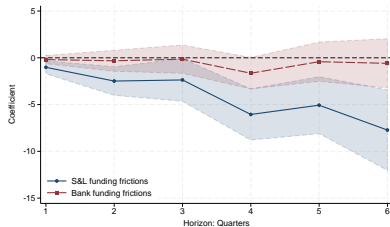
Δ (Mortgage per capita/household income)



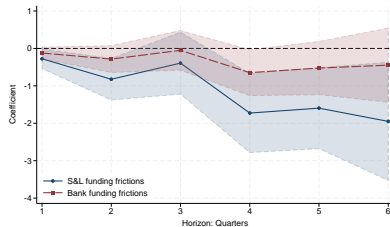
Mortgage growth



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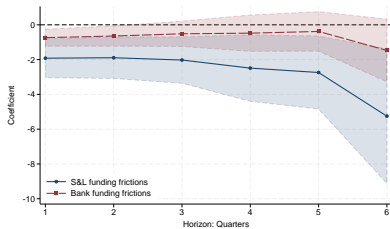


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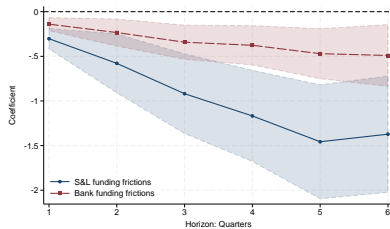


Local outcome: Jorda (2005)

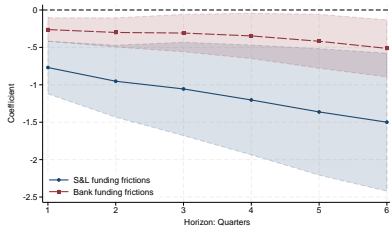
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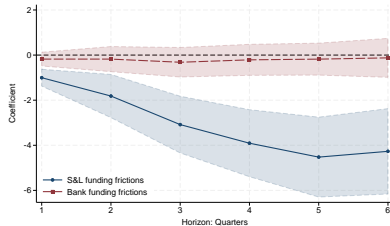
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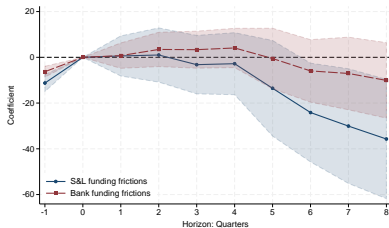


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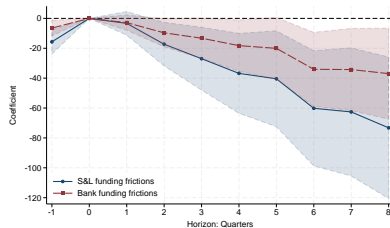
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Local outcome: Event study 1977Q4

Mortgage growth



Real house-price growth

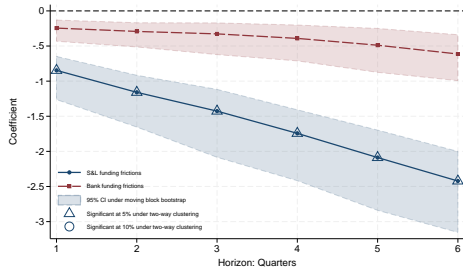


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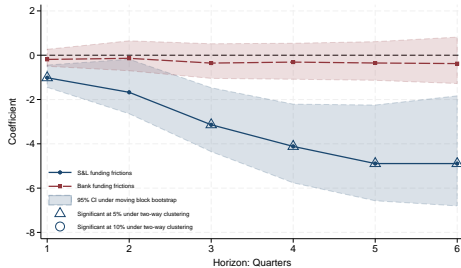
Local housing market: alternative measure

$$\Delta y_{c,t \rightarrow t+h} = \beta_{1,h} \text{S\&L Friction}_{c,t} + \beta_{2,h} \text{Bank Friction}_{c,t} + \phi_h^\top \mathbf{X}_{c,t} + \delta_t + \varepsilon_{c,t+h}$$

△ Per-capita mortgage dollars / income



△ Real house prices / income



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Substitution effect between S&Ls and banks

- Areas with higher bank wholesale capacity \implies higher substitution effect
- Interaction term of funding friction and relative size of wholesale deposits

$$\text{Rel}_{c,t} \equiv \ln \left(\frac{W_{c,t}^{\text{Bank}}}{W_{c,t}^{\text{S\&L}}} \right)$$

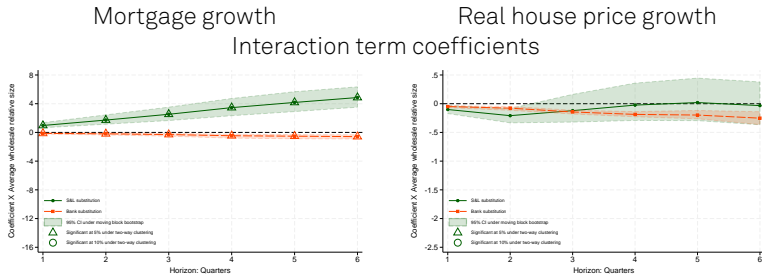
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta y_{c,t \rightarrow t+h} = & \beta_{1,h} \text{S\&LFriction}_{c,t} + \beta_{2,h} \text{BankFriction}_{c,t} \\ & + \gamma_{1,h} (\text{Rel}_{c,t} \times \text{S\&LFriction}_{c,t}) + \gamma_{2,h} (\text{Rel}_{c,t} \times \text{BankFriction}_{c,t}) \\ & + \kappa_h \text{Rel}_{c,t} + \phi_h^\top \mathbf{X}_{c,t} + \delta_t + \varepsilon_{c,t+h}. \end{aligned}$$

- If substitution exists, $\gamma_{1,h} > 0$

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Partial offset on mortgages, no offset on prices



- Green series: $\gamma_{1,h} > 0 \implies$ Banks help constrained S&Ls

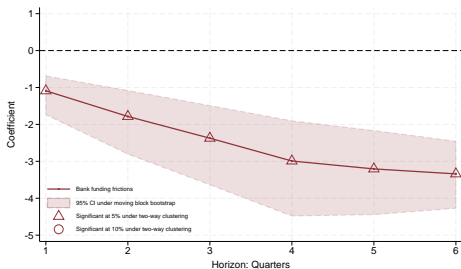
Areas with no S&Ls: Does the supply side play a role?

- Credit crunches at banks constrain construction activities

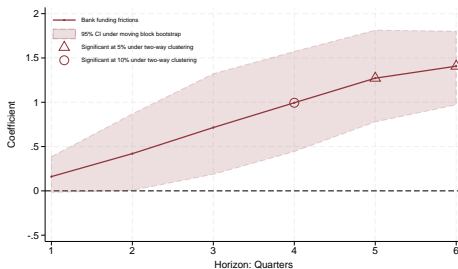
⇒ Shifting supply curve ↓ ⇒ house price ↑

$$\Delta y_{c,t \rightarrow t+h} = \beta_h \text{Bank Friction}_{c,t} + \phi_h^\top \mathbf{X}_{c,t} + \delta_t + \varepsilon_{c,t+h}$$

Mortgage growth



Real house-price growth



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Real effect on housing units in areas without S&Ls

$$\Delta h_{c,1980 \rightarrow 1990} = \alpha + \beta Z(\text{BankFriction})_c + \phi^T \mathbf{X}_c + \varepsilon_c$$

	Δ Housing units per 1,000 persons (1980–1990)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Bank funding frictions 1975–1980	–24.73*** (8.45)	–23.14** (8.94)	–22.14** (8.82)
Demographic controls	Yes	No	Yes
Lending market controls	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	98	98	98
R^2	0.23	0.15	0.24

- Increase in prices and decline in housing quantities \implies Supply-side effect dominates on net

Real effect on construction activities

$$\text{Construction employment growth}_{c,t+1} = \beta_1 \text{S\&L Funding frictions}_{c,t} + \beta_2 \text{Bank Funding frictions}_{c,t} + \phi \mathbf{X}_{c,t} + \text{Time FE} + \epsilon_{c,t}$$

	Construction employment growth		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
S&L funding frictions	-8.11*	-6.31*	-7.65*
	(4.23)	(3.74)	(4.10)
Bank funding frictions	-4.15	-3.59	-4.16
	(2.58)	(2.26)	(2.54)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Demographic controls	Yes	No	Yes
Lending market controls	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	6,008	6,033	6,008
No. of CBSA	862	862	862
No. of year	8	8	8
R^2	0.01	0.01	0.01

- Standard errors are clustered at CBSA level
- Controls $\mathbf{X}_{i,t}$: CBSA demographics (population and median income) and lending market characteristics (assets, deposit ratio, mortgage concentration) [Back to quantities](#)

What drives the impact? Ceiling tightness or reliance?

- Sort CBSAs on initial S&L share into quartiles
- Regress housing outcome on $\text{Bind}_{c,t}^{\text{S\&L}}$

	S&L reliance quartiles			
	1	2	3	4
Mortgage outcome:				
Δ Per-capita mortgage amount / income	-0.21** (0.11)	-0.65*** (0.22)	-1.21** (0.57)	-1.96** (0.92)
House price outcome:				
Δ Real house price / income	-2.40 (2.11)	-3.67*** (1.27)	-5.37** (1.99)	1.85 (2.40)
CBSAs in each bin	221	221	221	221

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