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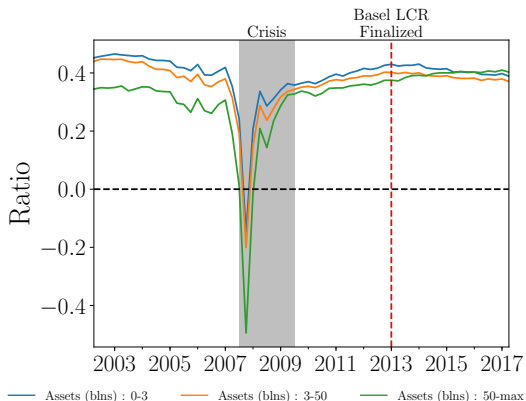
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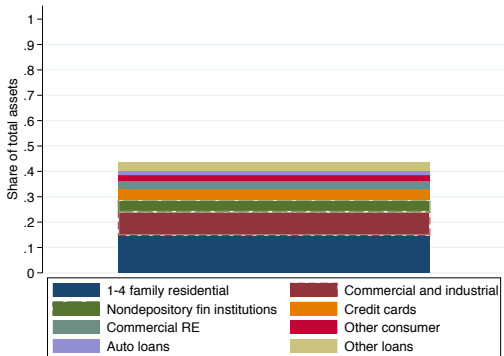
- ▶ **Question:** How has LCR affected liquidity creation by banks?
- ▶ Measure liquidity creation using Liquidity Mismatch Index (LMI) of Bai et al (forthcoming).
 - ▶ $LMI = \text{Asset Liquidity} - \text{Liability Liquidity}$
 - ▶ **Smaller** values of LMI indicate **more** liquidity creation



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Changes in Loan Portfolios?

Different types of loans in the aggregate portfolio of the affected banks, 2012Q4



- ▶ LMI assigns same liquidity to all loans.
- ▶ Does not matter much in Bai et al: results driven by liabilities.
- ▶ Can you tell us more about changes in loan composition?

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- ▶ How should we think about non-constant returns to scale in liquidity creation and differential growth opportunities?
 - ▶ Parallel trends before treatment?
- ▶ Since liquidity creation is rewarded with higher multiples (Berger and Bouwman 2009, Egan et al 2016), can you look at the change in multiples for different banks?

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Questions

1. How do banks optimally liquidate their portfolios when forced to sell?
2. What is the role of different regulatory constraints?

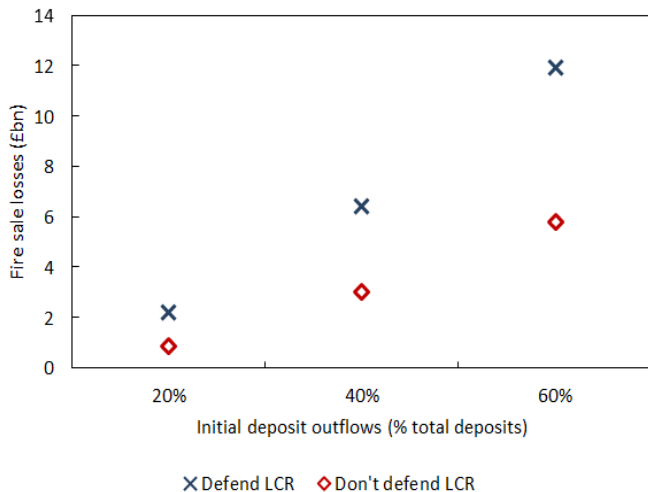
Approach

- ▶ Model of bank balance sheets subject to regulatory constraints.
- ▶ Calibrate using detailed supervisory data on 7 UK banks.

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Lesson 1: Liquid Assets Must Be Usable Under Stress

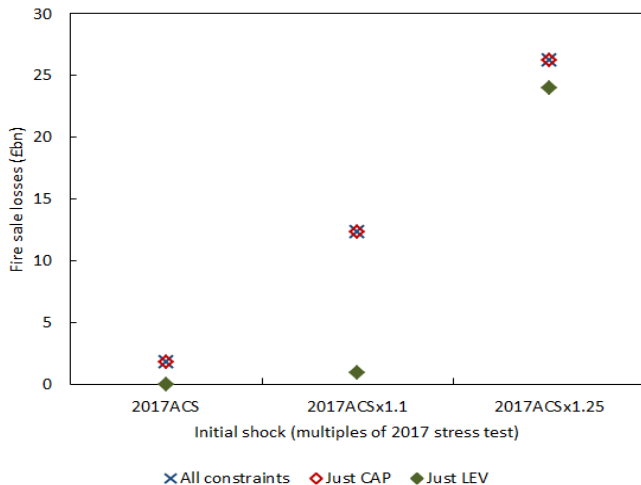
Figure 6: fire-sale losses for deposit outflow scenarios



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Lesson 2: Risk-Based Capital More Binding Than Leverage Ratio

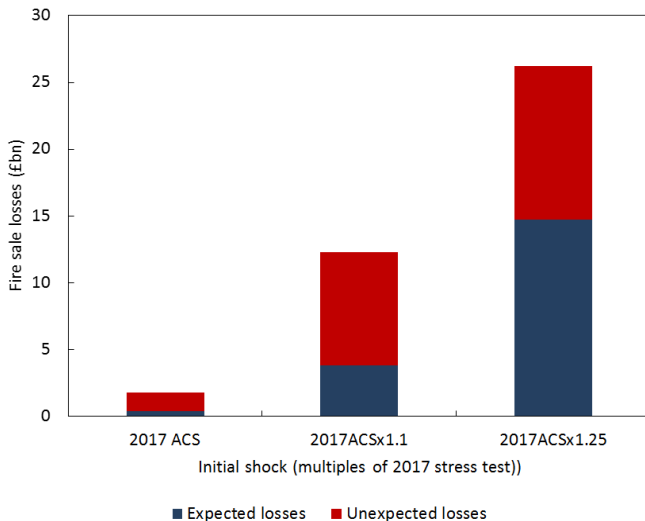
Figure 3: Fire-sale losses for variants of 2017 stress test scenario



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Lesson 3: Spillover Effects Are Large

Figure 4: Breakdown of fire-sale losses for 2017 stress test scenario



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Comments

1. Bank's **objective function**: minimize fire sale losses this period.
 - ▶ Trade-off between losses this period vs. positioning oneself to withstand shocks next period.
2. **Anticipating** vs. **internalizing** distressed sales by other banks.
 - ▶ In the model, banks completely fail to anticipate distressed sales by other banks.
 - ▶ Chernenko and Sunderam (2017): mutual funds that internalize more of the price impact of their trading hold more cash and use it more aggressively to accommodate fund flows.
 - ▶ What are the likely effects of greater transparency of bank holdings?
3. Securities holdings account for 7–28% of RWA of the 7 banks.
 - ▶ Irani et al (2018): banks sell syndicated loans in response to capital shocks.
4. Spillovers to US and other banks.