QE, Bank Liquidity Risk Management, and Non-Bank Funding: Evidence From Administrative Data

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Takeaways

- Extensive, clean and thoughtful analysis on a relevant question
- Now, playing "devil's advocate"



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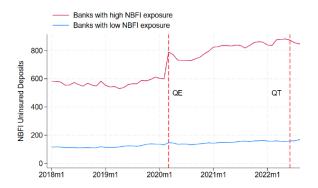
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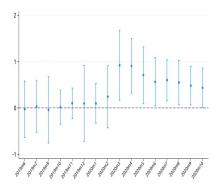
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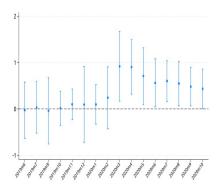


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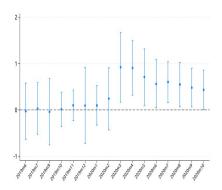
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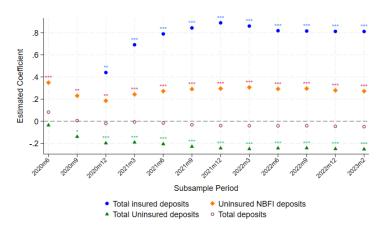
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 - ⇒ Stable Liquidity Ratios

Deposits volume, by type (rolling window)

NBFI pre-exposed banks respond quickly adjusting interest rates



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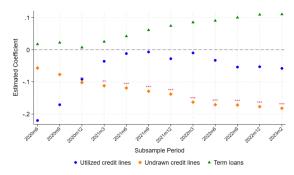
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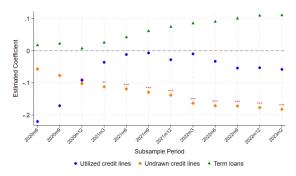
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 - Easy check: are results driven by large shares? or banks with smaller shares rebalance their BS proportionally?





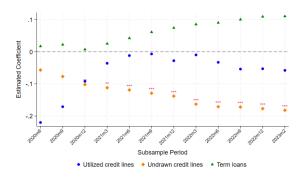
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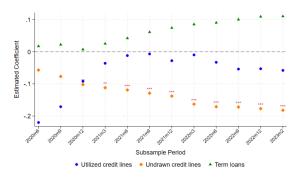
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 - 2. Whats the interpretation of QT: new shock or lagged effect from QE shock? absent through-out the paper

Conclusions

- Very interesting paper, I enjoyed reading it!
- Important research question and interesting empirics
- Unconventional shock to answer a core question
 - Complementarities between deposits and liquidity provision
 - Effectiveness of UMP
 - Insightful in both ways

Minor Comments

- 1. Low hanging fruits bank-month level specifications:
 - Clustering SE by bank and month
 - Bank level controls for ROE, Leverrage and Liquidity (Cash over deposits)
- 2. Typos: p13, p29

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