

TWO CENTURIES OF SYSTEMIC BANK RUNS

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- ▶ Numerous validation checks and readings by 20+ people

A NEW NARRATIVE CHRONOLOGY OF BANK RUNS

Dataset	Crisis definition	Narrative only	No. of countries	No. of events	Start Year	End Year	Obs.
Reinhart and Rogoff (2009)	Banking crisis	Yes	68	303	1800	2014	12,606
Laeven and Valencia (2018)	Banking crisis	Yes	156	151	1970	2017	7,488
Jordà, Schularick, and Taylor (2017)	Banking crisis	Yes	18	88	1870	2020	2,668
Baron, Verner, and Xiong (2021)	Bank equity crash	No	46	262	1870	2016	4,279
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Baron, Verner, and Xiong (2021)	Banking panic	Mixed	46	192	1870	2016	6,089
Jamilov et al. (2024)	Bank run	Yes	184	308	1800	2023	25,820
Jamilov et al. (2024)	Deposit contraction	No	179	3,293	1801	2022	13,597
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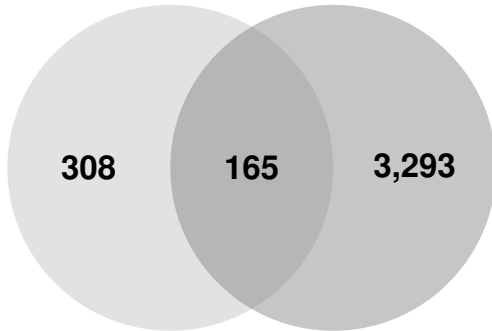
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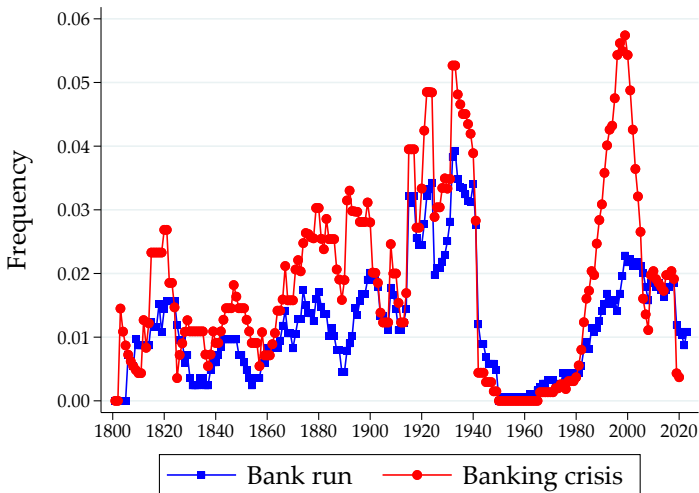
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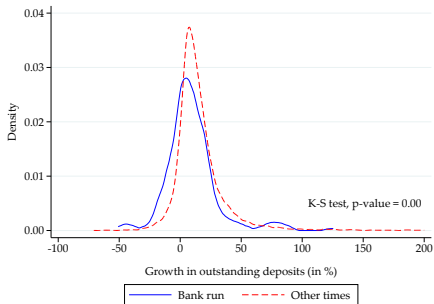
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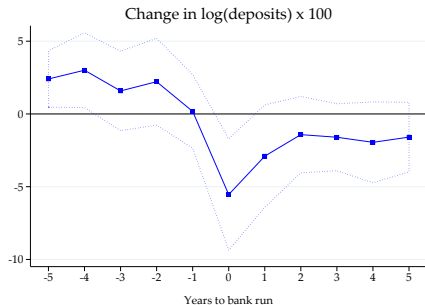
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(A) Distribution of Deposit Growth Rates



(B) Deposit Contractions Around Runs



► Run Frequency by Deposit Growth Deciles

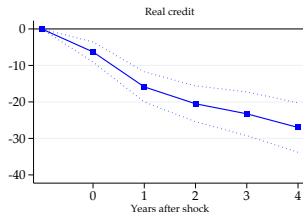
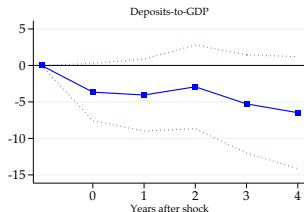
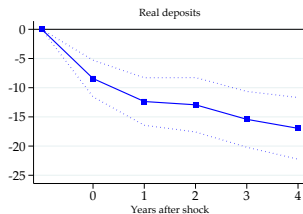
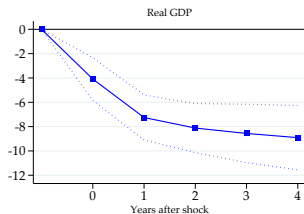
HOW LIKELY ARE BANK RUNS?

Probabilities of bank runs				
	Narrative bank run	Deposit contraction	Systemic bank run	Non- systemic run
Unconditional	1.9	12.5	1.2	0.7
Conditional on a banking crises	47	67	33	15
Conditional on a banking panics	65	70	46	22

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Conditional on a narrative bank run	56	44
Conditional on a deposit contraction	14	8
Conditional on a systemic bank run	61	47
Conditional on a non-systemic bank run	48	39

► Frequencies Pre and Post 1933

THE MACROECONOMIC COST OF SYSTEMIC BANK RUNS



► Output around Systemic Runs

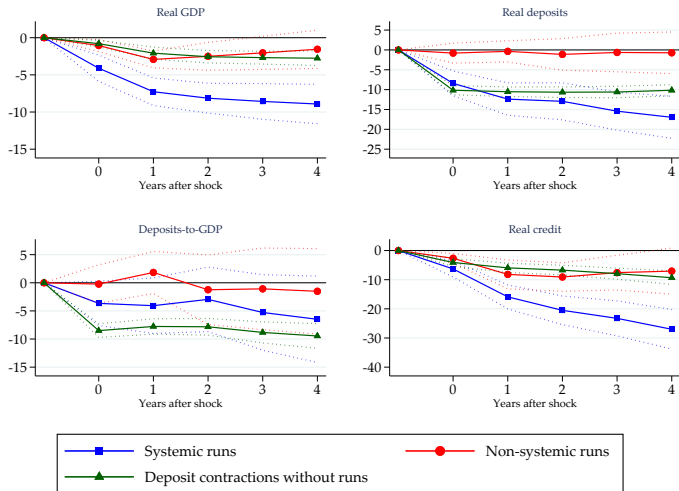
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► Different Thresholds

► Real Deposit Thresholds

► Credit-Deposit Ratio Threshold

SYSTEMIC VS NON-SYSTEMIC RUNS



▶ Table with Estimates

▶ Macro Heterogeneity

▶ Intensive Margin of Deposit Withdrawals

▶ Bank Capital Ratios

▶ Response of Nominal Deposits

▶ Response of Demand and Time Deposits

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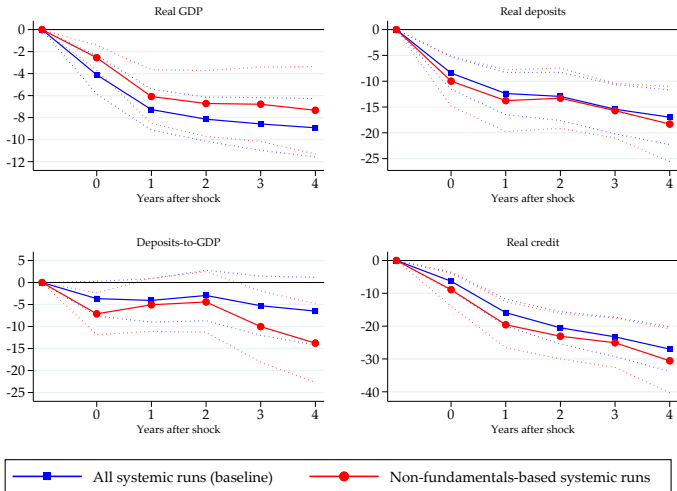
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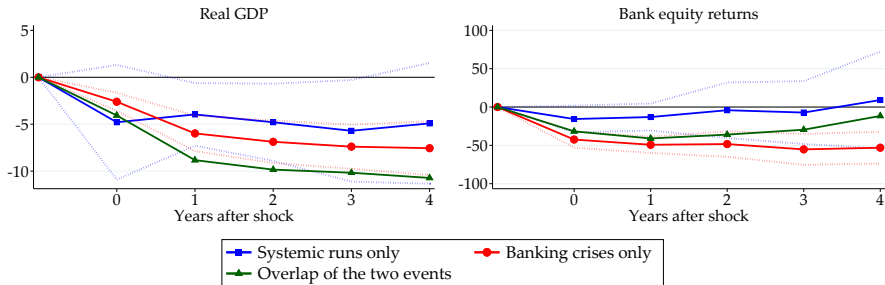
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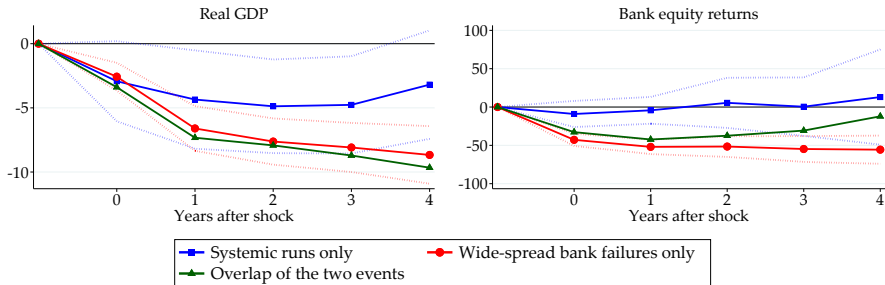
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BANK RUNS AND BANKING CRISES



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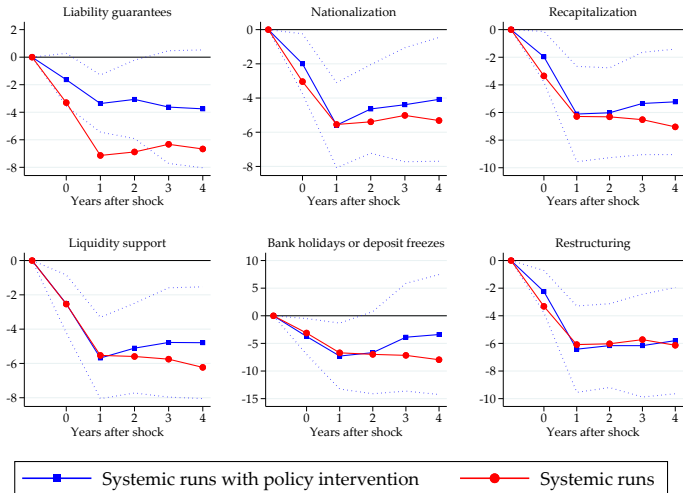
EX-ANTE GOVERNMENT POLICIES

	Full sample			Excl. 2007-2011		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Central bank exists	-0.25* (0.14)			-0.25* (0.15)		
Deposit insurance exists		-0.19 (0.12)			-0.27* (0.14)	
DI with ex-ante funding			-0.23* (0.13)			-0.30** (0.14)
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mean of DV	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.65	0.65	0.65
Observations	170	170	167	155	155	152
R ²	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.29

- ▶ Lenders of last resort and (credible) deposit insurance help prevent systemic bank runs.

▶ Aftermath of Runs with Ex-ante Regulation

EX-POST GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS



► The aftermath of systemic runs can be tamed with liability guarantees

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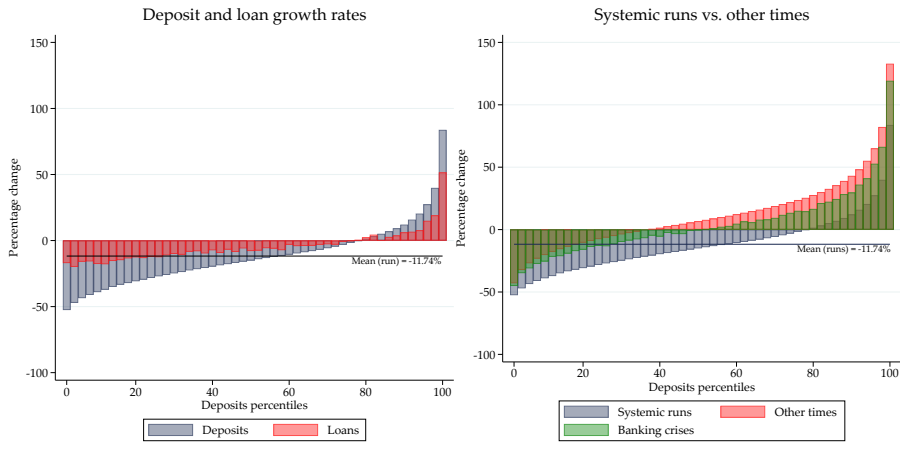
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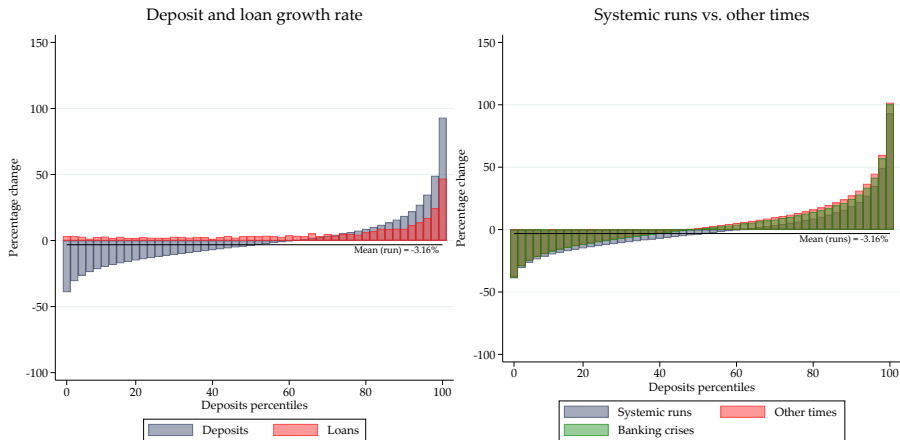
1. US Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (Carlson, Correia, and Luck, 2022)
 - US national banking era, 1867-1904
 - 108,732 bank-year observations. 7,046 individual national banks
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BANK-LEVEL REALLOCATION DURING RUNS



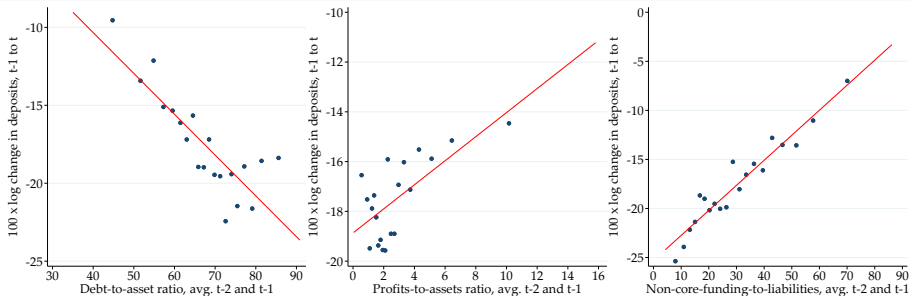
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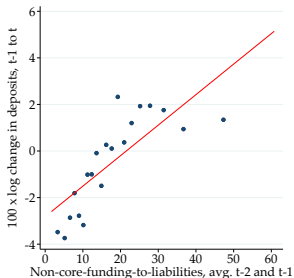
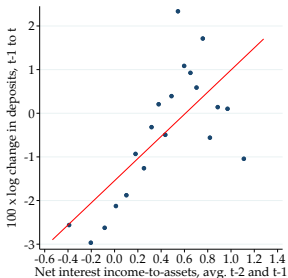
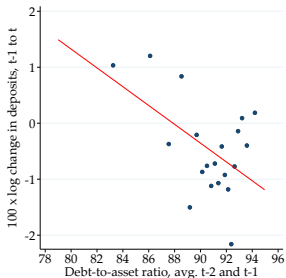
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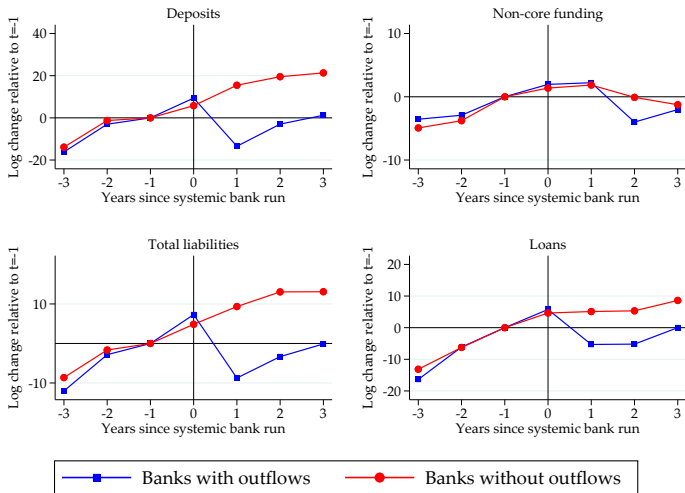
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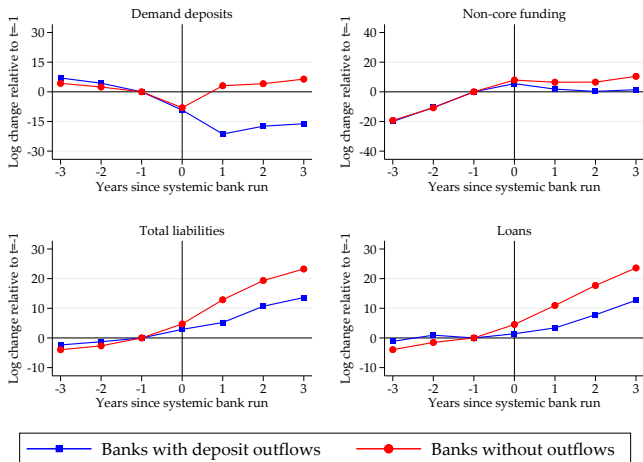
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AFTERMATH OF BANK-LEVEL DEPOSIT WITHDRAWALS



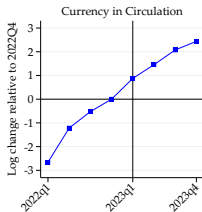
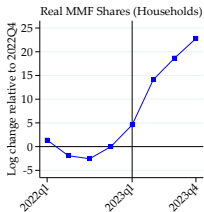
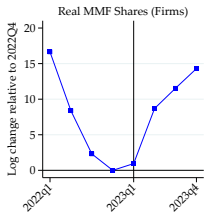
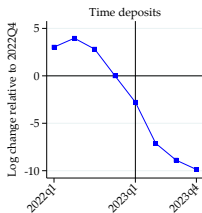
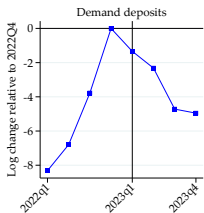
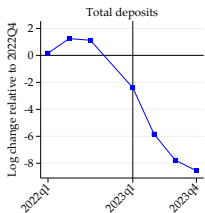
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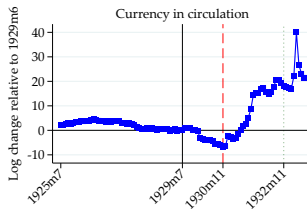
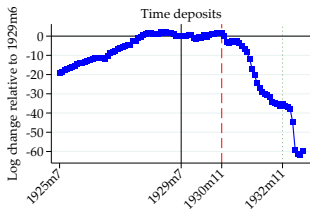
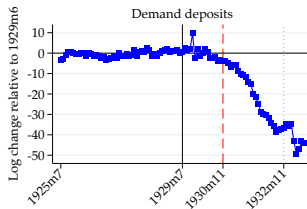
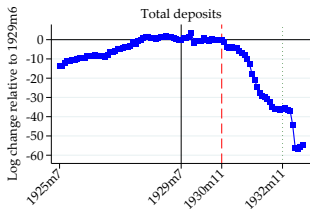


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CASE STUDY: SILICON VALLEY BANK RUN



CASE STUDY: THE GREAT DEPRESSION

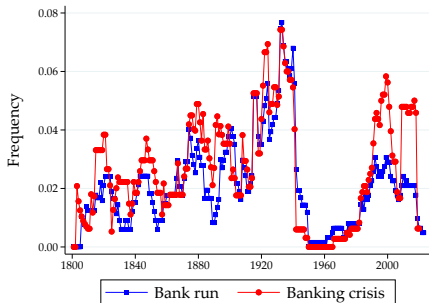


CONCLUSION

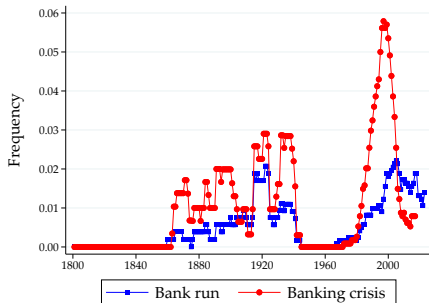
- ▶ A novel macro-historical database on bank runs covering 200 years and 184 countries
- ▶ Hybrid approach: qualitative narratives and quantitative deposit withdrawal data
- ▶ New insights into the concepts of systemicness and fundamentalness
- ▶ New stylized facts for structural modelling and calibration
- ▶ Future research
 1. Bank runs, rare disasters, and asset prices (JKMS, work in progress)
 2. Wholesale funding and inter-bank markets

Appendix

(A) Advanced economies



(B) Emerging economies



▶ Classification based on World Bank

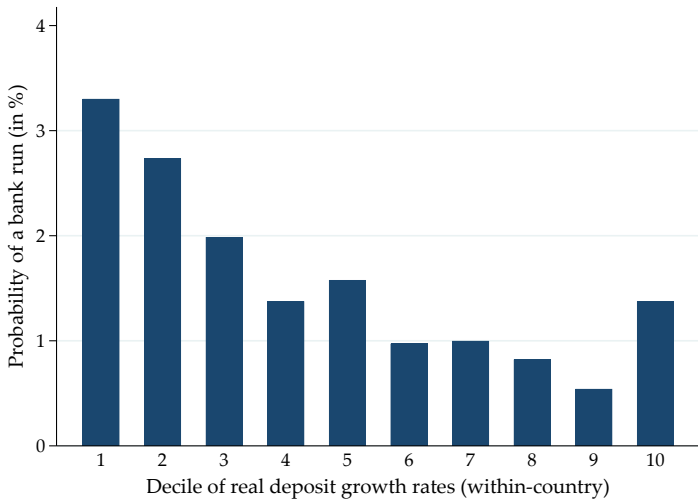
FREQUENCIES PRE AND POST 1933

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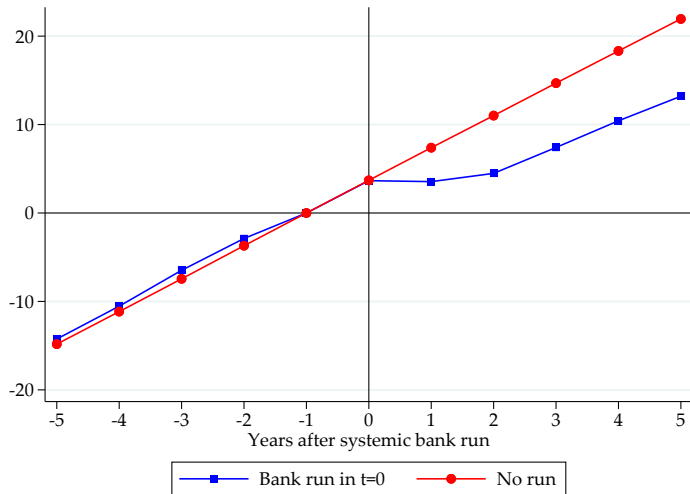
	Pre-1933		Post-1933	
	Run prob.	Share systemic	Run prob.	Share systemic
Average	4.9	75.7	1.3	55.3
<i>By region:</i>				
East Asia and Pacific	3.6	92.3	2.7	44.7
Europe and Central Asia	5.2	67.6	1.5	66.7
Latin America and Caribbean	3.6	91.7	1.3	64.5
Middle East and North Africa	N/A	N/A	0.6	85.7
North America	10.6	81.0	6.2	45.5
South Asia	1.3	100.0	1.0	40.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.0	0.0	0.3	20.0
<i>By income level:</i>				
Advanced economies	6.3	80.9	1.6	54.5
Emerging economies	4.5	70.0	1.3	55.7
<i>By financial development:</i>				
Low	4.8	68.8	0.6	35.3
Medium	6.6	76.0	1.6	64.6
High	5.8	69.6	2.0	50.0
<i>By deposit insurance:</i>				
No	4.9	75.7	0.9	52.1
Yes	N/A	N/A	2.4	58.8

RUN FREQUENCY BY DEPOSIT GROWTH DECILES

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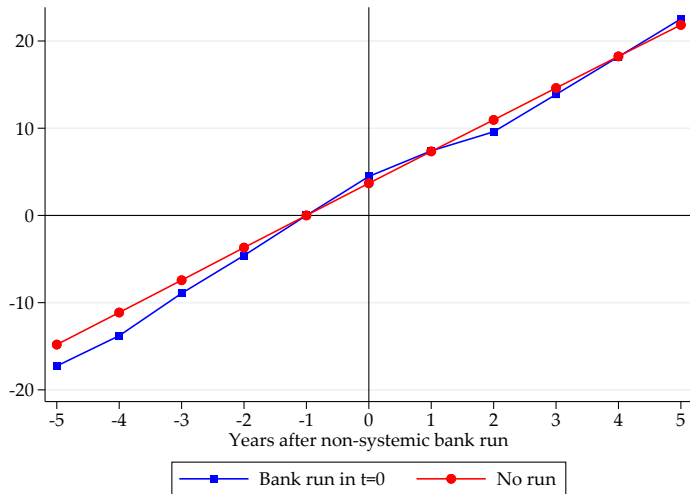


OUTPUT PATH AROUND SYSTEMIC RUNS

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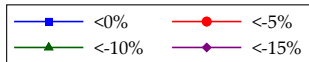
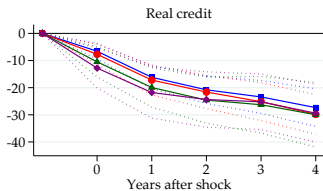
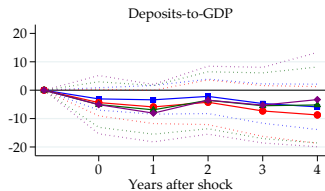
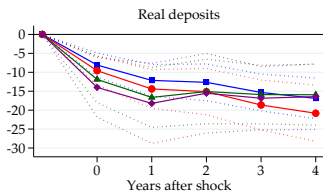
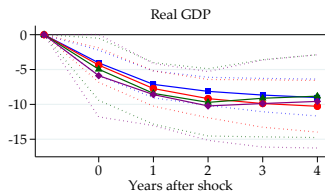
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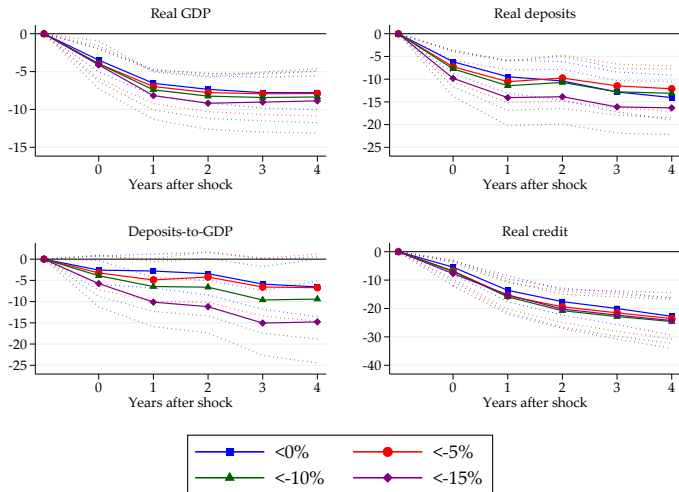
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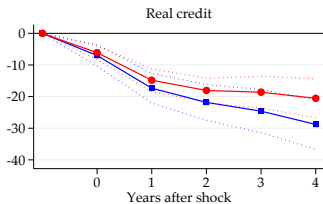
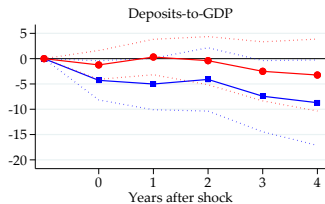
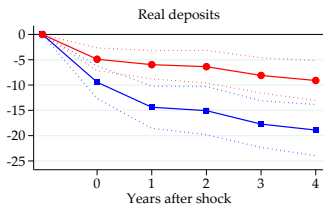
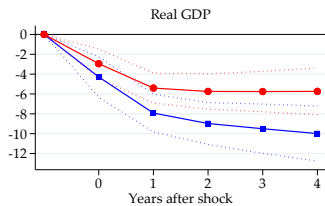
WITHDRAWALS BASED ON REAL DEPOSITS

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WITHDRAWALS BASED ON CREDIT-TO-DEPOSITS RATIO

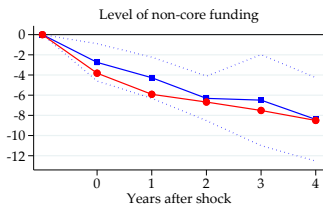
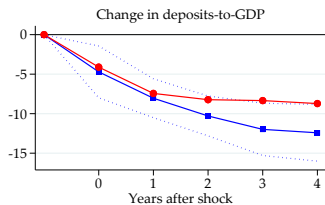
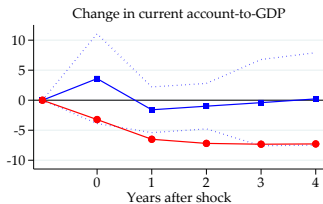
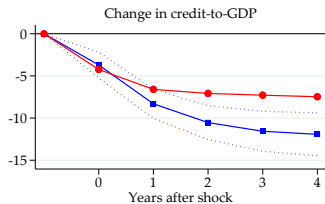
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■ Contraction in nominal deposits (Baseline) ● Contraction in credit-to-deposit ratio

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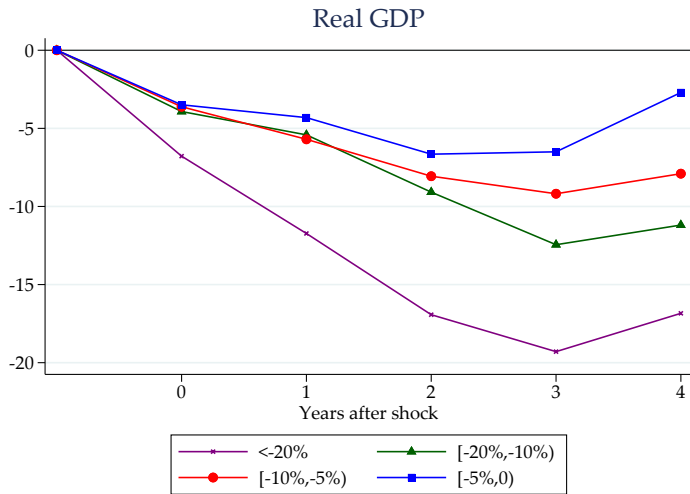
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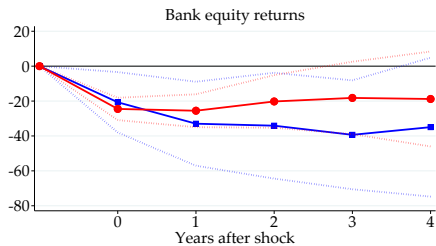
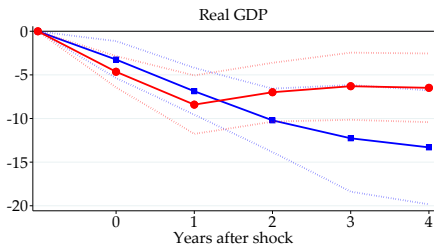
—■— Systemic runs with 1SD shock —●— Systemic runs

RESPONSE OF OUTPUT TO NARRATIVE RUNS FOR DIFFERENT WITHDRAWAL INTENSITIES

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CAPITAL RATIOS [▶ GO BACK](#)



—●— Systemic Runs with capital ratio above mean —■— Systemic runs

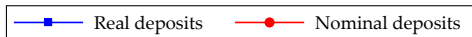
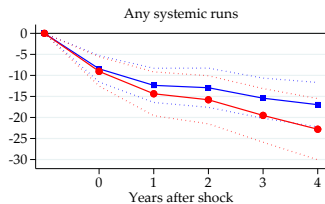
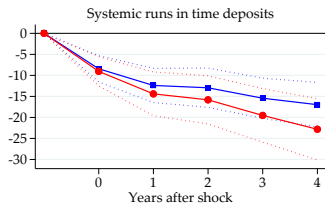
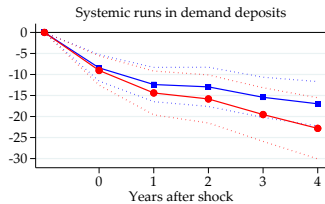
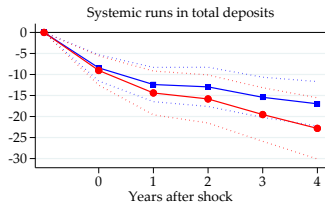
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Deposit Contractions w/o Runs	-0.845*** (0.235)	-2.653*** (0.433)	-2.852*** (0.508)
Non-Systemic Runs	-1.185** (0.409)	-2.854** (0.980)	-1.935 (1.342)
Systemic Runs	-4.194*** (0.918)	-8.414*** (1.041)	-9.208*** (1.380)
R^2	0.127	0.194	0.241
Observations	8539	8539	8430
Countries	177	177	177
Systemic Runs	83	83	82
Deposit Contractions	935	935	929
Non-Systemic Runs	54	54	53

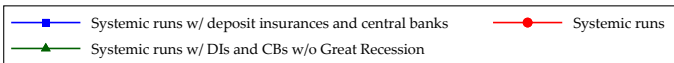
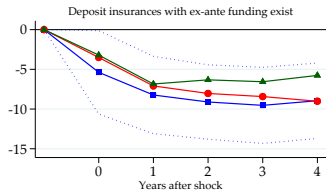
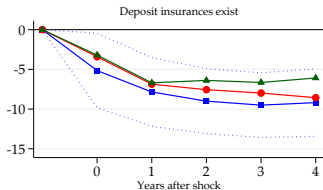
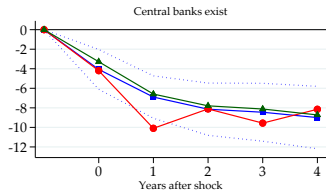
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AFTERMATH OF BANK RUNS WITH EX-ANTE REGULATION

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