Fundamentals of Shadow Banking

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Discipline and Elasticity, Prices

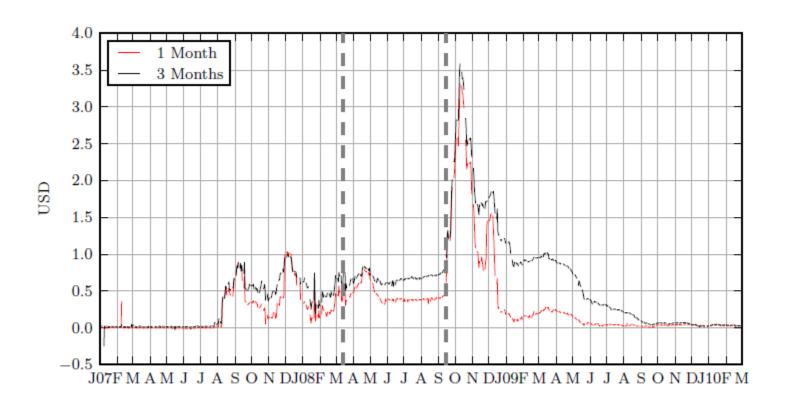
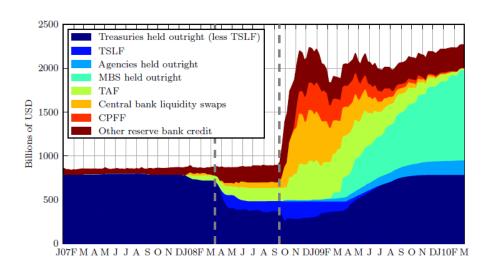
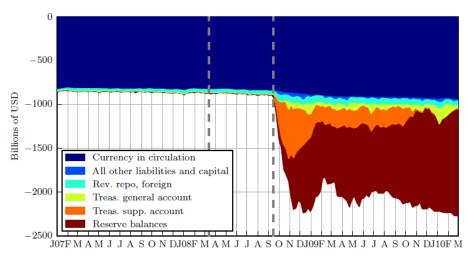


Figure 6: USD OIS-LIBOR spread, 1 and 3 months.

Discipline and Elasticity, Quantities





Financial Globalization

- Financial
 - Post WWII, rise of private capital markets
 - Post Bretton Woods, private money markets
- Globalization
 - Extension across globe
 - Integration across globe
- Shadow Banking
 - From loan-based credit to market-based credit
 - From funding liquidity to market liquidity
 - Quintessential institutional form for modern day

Inherent Instability of Credit

"Money will not manage itself, and Lombard Street has a great deal of money to manage."

Bagehot (1873)

- --irrational exuberance?
- --flawed lending, flawed regulation?
- --Wall Street wizardry, regulatory arbitrage?
- --excess leverage ratio, insufficient capital?
- --run on repo, insufficient liquidity?
- --stress test of shadow banking, and financial globalization

What is shadow banking?

"Money market **funding**of
Capital market **lending**"

- Global (dollar) funding of local lending
- Market pricing, both money and capital
- Key role of market-making institutions
- Key role of central bank as backstop

Shadow Banking as Global Finance

Shadow Bank

Asset Manager

Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
FX Risky Asset Credit Default Swap Interest Rate Swap FX Swap	\$ Repo	\$ Repo	Capital Credit Default Swap Interest Rate Swap FX Swap

Note: Treat "insurance" as contingent asset and liability; alternatively, treat "risk exposure" as contingent asset and liability

"Making" Markets, Money and Risk

Capital Funding Bank Global Money Dealer Asset Manager

Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
RMBS CDS IRS FXS	MM funding	MM funding	"deposits"	"deposits"	Capital CDS IRS FXS

Derivative Dealer

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Credit Default Swaps	Credit Default Swaps
Interest Rate Swaps	Interest Rate Swaps
FX Swaps	FX Swaps

Backstopping Market Making, First Resort

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Backstopping Market-making, Last Resort

Reserves

(market)

Liquidity put

Global Money Dealer

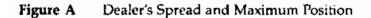
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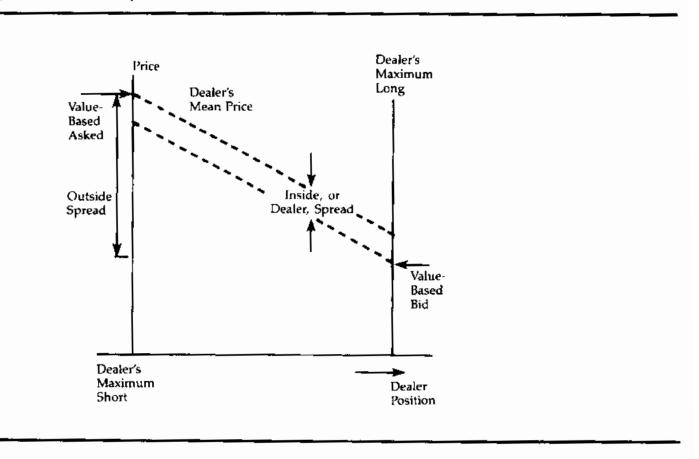
Central Bank (or C5)

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MM funding Reserves Liquidity put (funding)	"deposits"				
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FXS	FXS				

(market)	
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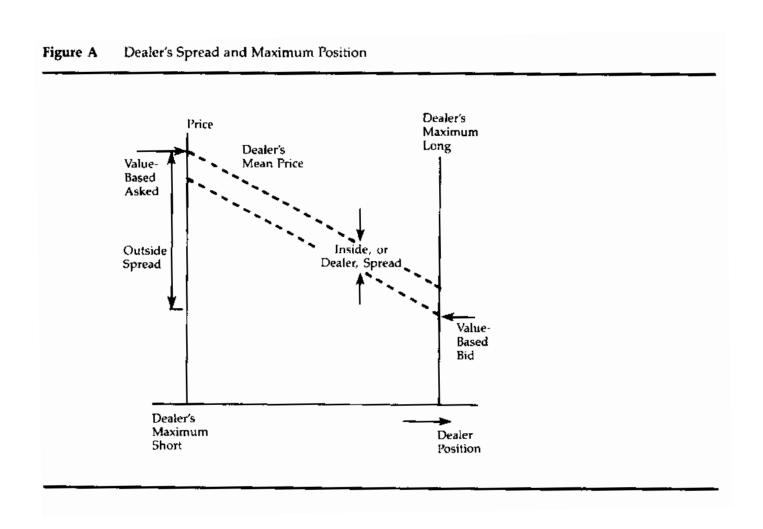
Economics of the Dealer Function





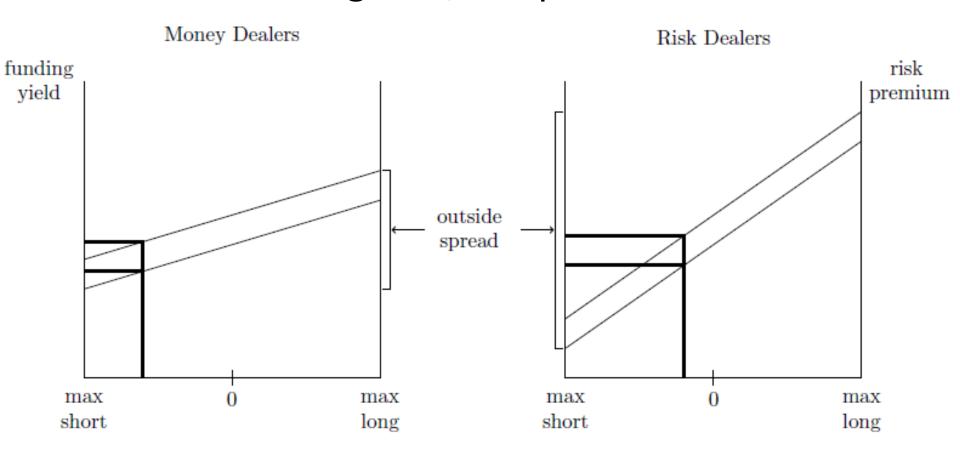
Treynor, 1987

Funding Liquidity and Market Liquidity



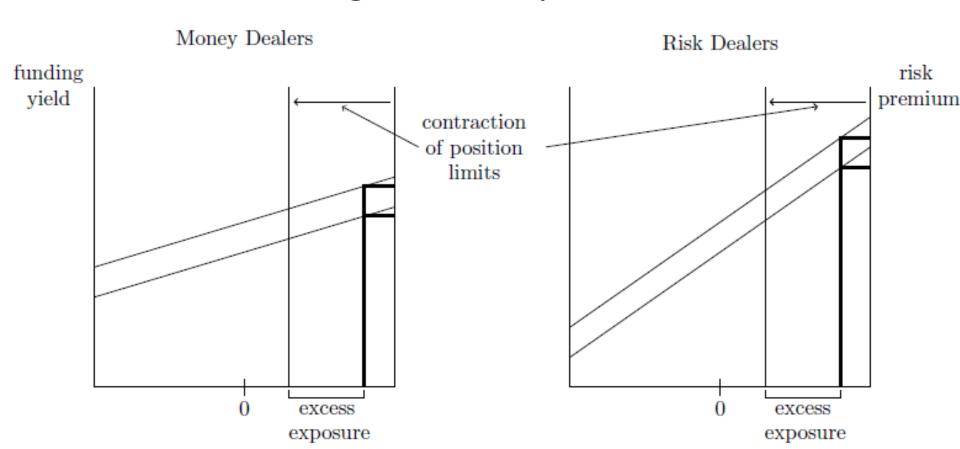
Shadow Banking Boom

 Absorbing net order flow from Asset Manager distorts funding cost, risk premium → BOOM



Shadow Banking Bust

 Absorbing new order flow from Shadow Bank distorts funding cost, risk premium → CRISIS



Central Bank as Market Backstop

Dec 15, 2011

Dec 15, 2011 (restated)

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Other	.3	Other	.3	[Risky Secs	.9	Tbond	.9]
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Unfinished business

- International last resort cooperation (C5)
 - Markets, not banks (TBTF)
- Robust first resort infrastructure
 - Outside spread, not inside spread
 - Risk spreads, as well as money spreads
- Prudential regulation, micro and macro
 - Beyond Capital Adequacy
- Monetary policy
 - Beyond QE