



# Macro, Money and Finance: A Continuous Time Approach

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- Price stability  
**Monetary policy**

- Financial stability  
**Macroprudential policy**

- Fiscal debt sustainability  
**Fiscal policy**

- Short-term interest
- Policy rule (terms structure)



- Reserve requirements
- Capital/liquidity requirements
- Collateral policy  
Margins/haircuts
- Capital controls



# Macro, Money and Finance

- Endogenous level
  - Persistence & amplification
  - “Net worth trap”
- Endogenous risk dynamics
  - Tail risk
  - Crisis probability
  - “Volatility Paradox”
- Illiquidity and liquidity mismatch
  - Undercapitalized sectors
  - Time varying risk premia (dynamics)
  - External funding premium
- Value of money
- Welfare
  - Interaction: regulatory, monetary and other policies

# History: Macro & Finance

timeline

■ *Verbal Reasoning* (qualitative)

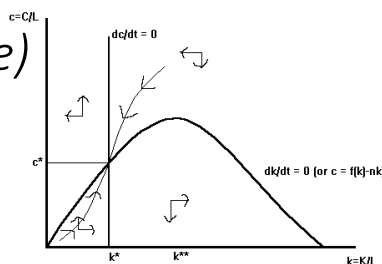
Fisher, Keynes, ...

Macro

Finance

□ Growth theory

- *Dynamic (cts. time)*
- *Deterministic*

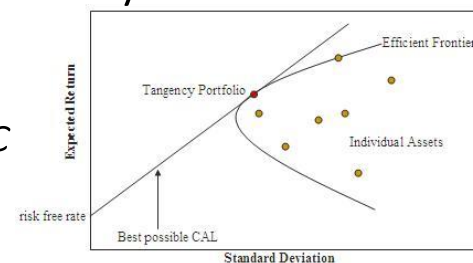


□ Introduce stochastic

- *Discrete time*
  - Brock-Mirman      Stokey-Lucas
  - Kydland-Prescott
  - DSGE models

□ Portfolio theory

- *Static*
- *Stochastic*



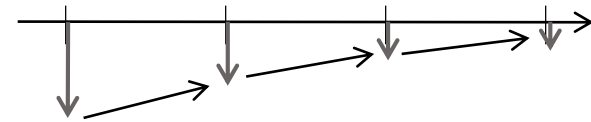
□ Introduce dynamics

- *Continuous time*
  - Options              Black Scholes
  - Term structure      CIR
  - Agency theory      Sannikov

■ Cts. time macro with financial frictions

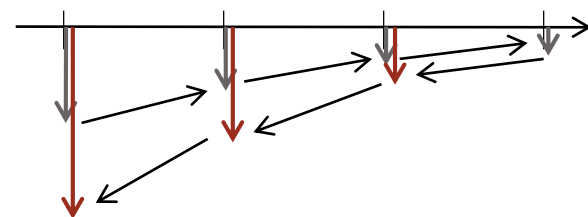
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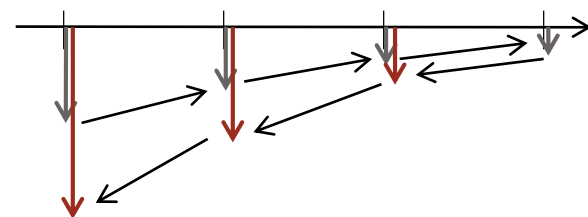
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# Impulse response vs. Volatility dynamics

- “once and for all shock”  
= no uncertainty about length of slump
- Sequence of adverse shock



# Why continuous time modeling?

- Characterization for volatility and amplification
  - Discrete: only impulse response functions
    - Only for shocks starting at the steady state
    - Only expected path – fan charts help somewhat
- More analytical steps
  - Return equations
    - Next instant returns are essentially log normal (easy to take expectations)
  - Explicit net worth and state variable dynamics
    - Continuous: only slope of price function determines amplification
    - Discrete: need whole price function (as jump size can vary)
- Numerically simple – solve differential equations
- Discrete: IES/RA within period =  $\infty$ , across periods  $1/\gamma$

# ||| Cts. time: special features of diffusions

- Continuous path – fast enough deleveraging
  - Never jumps over a specific point, e.g. insolvency point
- Implicit assumption: can react to small price changes
  - Can continuously delever as wealth goes down
  - Makes them more bold ex-ante

# Recent macro literature (in cts time)

## ■ Core

- BrunSan (2014), Basak & Cuoco (1998) He & Krishnamurthy (2012,13), DiTella (2013), Isohätälä et al. (2014)

## ■ Intermediation/shadow banking

- Phelan (2014), Adrian & Boyarchenko (2012,13), Huang (2014), Moreira & Savov (2014), Klimenko & Rochet (2015)

## ■ Quantification

- He & Krishnamurthy (2014), Mittnik & Semmler (2013)

## ■ International

- BruSan (2015), Maggiori (2013)

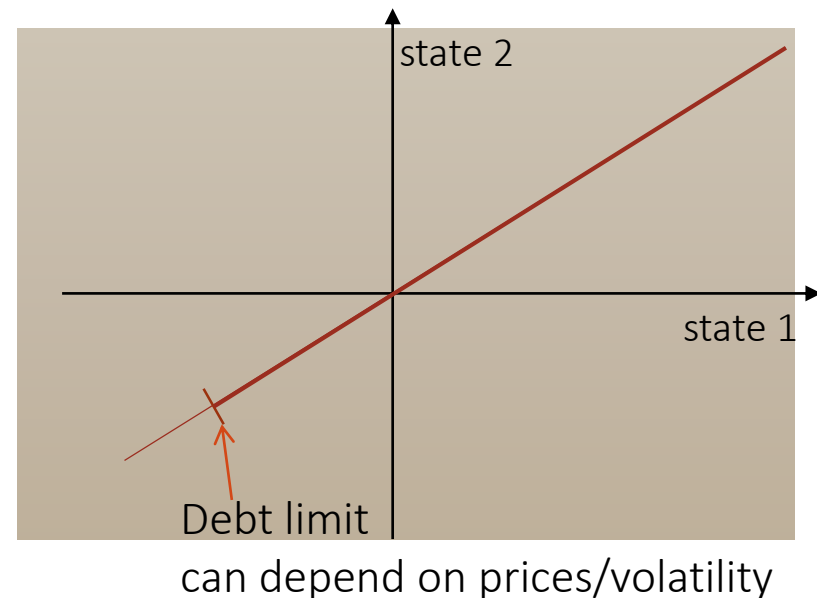
## ■ Monetary

- “The I Theory of Money” (2012), Drechsler et al. (2014)

## ■ ....

# Financial frictions

- Costly state verification (BGG)
- Leverage constraints
  - Exogenous limit (Bewley/Ayagari)
  - Collateral constraints
    - Next period's price (KM)  
$$Rb_t \leq q_{t+1}k_t$$
    - Next periods volatility (VaR)
    - Current price
- Incomplete markets
  - Endogenous leverage



# ||| Roadmap

- Why continuous time?
- Literature
  
- Simple model
  - With undesirable features
  - Add portfolio choice with general utility function
  
- Full model
  - With all desired features
  - Add equity issuance

# A simple model

Basak & Cuoco (1998)

## Experts

- Output:  $y_t = ak_t$
- Consumption rate:  $c_t$
- Investment rate:  $l_t$   
$$\frac{dk_t}{k_t} = (\Phi(l_t) - \delta)dt + \sigma dZ_t$$

- $E_0[\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \log(c_t) dt]$

- Can only issue risk-free debt

## Households

- No output:  $\underline{a} = 0$
- Consumption rate:  $\underline{c}_t$

- $E_0[\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \log(\underline{c}_t) dt]$

# Equilibrium

- An equilibrium consists of functions that for each history of macro shocks  $\{Z_s, s \in [0, t]\}$  specify
  - $q_t$  the price of capital
  - $k_t, \underline{k}_t = 0$  capital holdings
  - $c_t \geq 0, \underline{c}_t = 0$  consumption of representative expert and households
  - $l_t, \underline{l}_t = 0$  rate of internal investment, per unit of capital
  - $r$  the risk-free rate
- such that
  - intermediaries and households maximize their utility, taking prices  $q_t$  as given and
  - markets for capital and consumption goods clear

# Equilibrium

- Equilibrium is a **map**

Histories of shocks

$$\{Z_s, s \leq t\}$$

prices, allocations

$$q_t, \psi_t, l_t, \underline{l}, c_t, \underline{c}_t$$

wealth distribution

$$\eta_t = \frac{N_t}{q_t K_t} \in (0, 1)$$

experts' wealth share

- Experts, HH solve optimal investment, portfolio, consumption
- Markets clear



# ||| Solution steps

1. Postulate endogenous processes

- $dq_t/q_t = \mu_t^q dt + \sigma_t^q dZ_t$ 
  - Returns from holding capital

2. Equilibrium conditions

- Agents' optimization
  - Internal investment (new capital formation)
  - Optimal portfolio choice
  - Optimal consumption
- Market clearing conditions

3. Law of motion of state variable

- wealth (share) distribution  $\eta_t$

4. Express in ODEs of state variable

# 1. Postulate endogenous process

## ■ Postulate

- $dq_t/q_t = \mu_t^q dt + \sigma_t^q dZ_t$

Recall

$$dk_t/k_t = (\Phi(l_t) - \delta) + \sigma dZ_t$$

## ■ Return on capital

- $dr_t^k = \underbrace{\frac{a-l_t}{q_t}}_{\text{dividend yield}} dt + \underbrace{\frac{d(k_t q_t)}{k_t q_t}}_{\text{capital gains}}$

- $\frac{d(k_t q_t)}{k_t q_t} = (\Phi(l_t) - \delta + \mu_t^q + \sigma \sigma_t^q) dt + (\sigma + \sigma_t^q) dZ_t$

by Ito's product rule

- In this simple model it will turn out that  $q$  is constant, i.e.  $\mu_t^q = \sigma_t^q = 0$ .

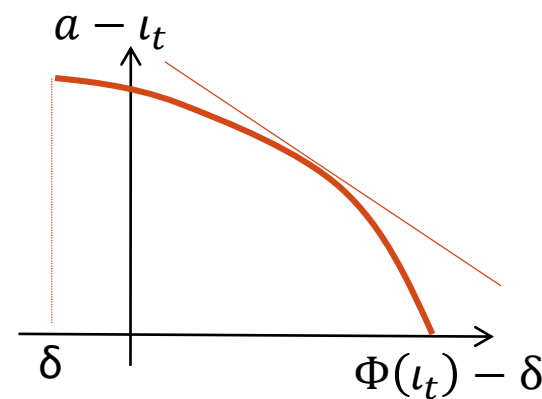
## 2. Equilibrium optimality conditions

### a. Investment rate (capital formation)

- Static problem

$$\max_l \Phi(l_t) - l_t/q_t$$

- FOC:  $\Phi'(l_t) = \frac{1}{q_t}$  (marginal Tobin's q)



### b. Consumption choice

- $c_t = \rho N_t$  due to log utility

### c. Portfolio choice

- Volatility of wealth = Sharpe ratio of risky investment

# 2. Equilibrium market clearing conditions

- Goods market price of capital

$$\rho q_t K_t = (a - \iota_t(q_t)) K_t$$

- $q_t = q = \dots$

- Special case:  $\Phi(\iota) = \frac{\log(\kappa\iota+1)}{\kappa}$       $\iota = \frac{(q-1)}{\kappa}$

$$q = \frac{a+1/\kappa}{r+1/\kappa}$$

- Risk free rate

- $dr_t^k = \underbrace{\frac{a-\iota_t}{q_t}}_{\rho, \text{dividend yield}} + \underbrace{(\Phi(\iota_t) - \delta)dt + \sigma dZ_t}_{\text{capital gains}}$

- Sharpe ratio:

$$\frac{\rho + \Phi(\iota) - \delta - r_t}{\sigma}$$

- Volatility of net worth:

$$\frac{q_t K_t}{N_t} \sigma = \frac{\sigma}{\eta_t}$$

- Sharpe ratio = volatility of  $N_t$

$$r_t = \rho + \Phi(\iota) - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{\eta_t}$$

### 3. Law of motion of $\eta_t$

$$\blacksquare \frac{dN_t}{N_t} = r_t dt + \underbrace{\frac{\sigma}{\eta_t}}_{\text{risk}} * \underbrace{\frac{\sigma}{\eta_t}}_{\text{Sharpe}} dt + \frac{\sigma}{\eta_t} dZ_t - \underbrace{\rho dt}_{\text{consumption}}$$

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# Observations

- $\frac{d\eta_t}{\eta_t} = \frac{(1-\eta_t)^2}{\eta_t^2} \sigma^2 dt + (1-\eta_t) \sigma dZ_t$ 
  - Wealth share  $\eta$  moves with macro shock  $dZ_t$
  - In the long run experts “save their way out”,  $\eta \rightarrow 1$
- Sharpe ratio  $\frac{\rho + \Phi(\iota) - \delta - r_t}{\sigma}$ 
  - Increases as  $\eta$  goes down, (to  $\infty$  as  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ )
  - Achieved through a lower risk free rate
- $q$  is constant
  - No endogenous risk
  - No amplification
  - No volatility effects

# Generalizing preference: portfolio choice

1. Also postulate process for marginal utility

$$d\theta_t/\theta_t = \mu_t^\theta dt + \sigma_t^\theta dZ_t \quad \text{SDF: } e^{\rho s} \theta_{t+s}/\theta_t$$

2. Portfolio choice: Optimality condition

- For asset  $A$  with payoff process  $dr_t^A = \mu_t^A dt + \sigma_t^A dZ_t$

$$0 = \mu_t^\theta - \rho + \mu_t^A + \sigma_t^A \sigma_t^\theta$$

- Intuition:

- i. Discrete time analog: Take log of  $1 = E_t[SDF_{t,t+s}(R_{t,t+s})]$
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Example 2:  $u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma}$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \sigma_t^\theta = -\gamma \sigma_t^c$$

# Desired model properties

- Normal regime: stable around steady state
  - Experts are adequately capitalized
  - Experts can absorb macro shock
- Net worth trap    look at stationary distribution
- Endogenous risk
  - Fat tails
  - Assets are more correlated
  - SDF vs. cash-flow news
- Volatility paradox
- Financial innovation    less stable economy

# Full model

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$$\begin{aligned} a &\geq \underline{a} \\ \delta &\leq \underline{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

- $E_0[\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \frac{c_t^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} dt]$

## Can issue

- Risk-free debt
- Equity, but most hold  $\chi_t \geq \underline{\chi}$

## Households

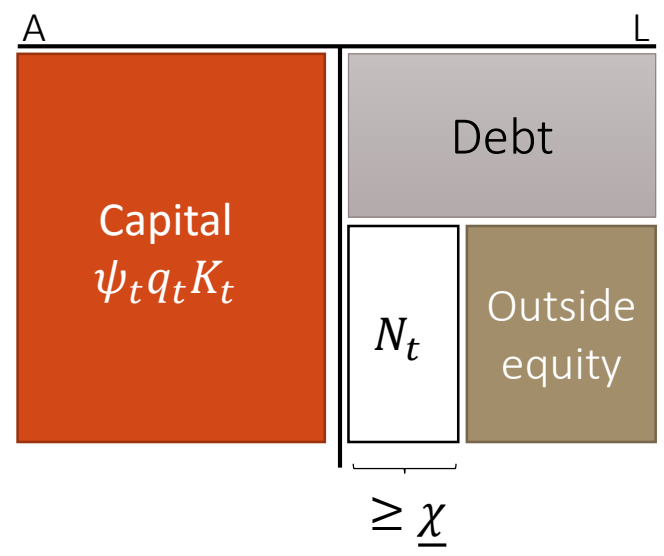
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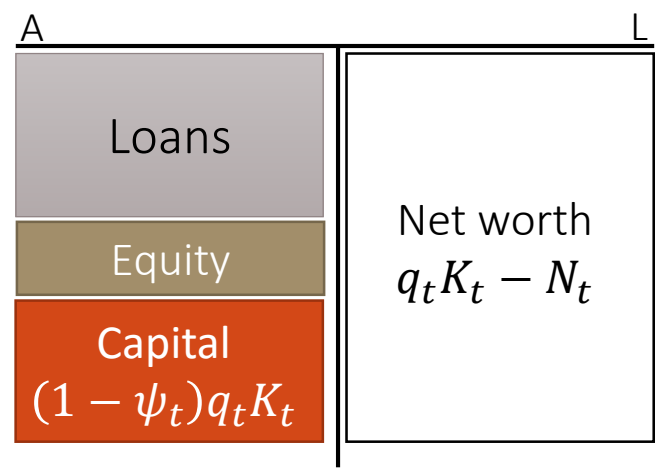
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# Experts



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- Experts must hold fraction  $\chi_t \geq \underline{\chi}$

# ||| Solution steps

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- If experts require higher returns than HH

- if  $-\sigma^\theta > -\sigma_t^\theta \Rightarrow \chi_t = \underline{\chi}$
- Otherwise  $-\sigma^\theta = -\sigma_t^\theta$

- $\frac{(a-\underline{a})/q_t}{\sigma + \sigma_t^q} \geq \underline{\chi}$  with equality if  $\psi_t < 1$



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    2. New equilibrium condition:  $r = \frac{E'(V)rV + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 V^2 E''(V)}{E(V)} - \frac{C}{E(V)}$ 
      - Two boundary conditions
        1.  $E(V_B) = 0$
        2.  $V - E(V) \rightarrow \frac{C}{r}$  as  $V \rightarrow \infty$

# Amplification – closed form

$$\sigma_t^\eta = \frac{\left(\frac{\chi_t \psi_t}{\eta_t} - 1\right) \sigma}{1 - \left[\frac{\chi_t \psi_t}{\eta_t} - 1\right] \frac{q'(\eta_t)}{q(\eta_t)/\eta_t}}$$

← “leverage”  
← Market illiquidity (price impact elasticity)

- Leverage effect  $\frac{\chi_t \psi_t}{\eta_t} - 1$
- Loss spiral  $1 / \left\{ 1 - \left[ \frac{\chi_t \psi_t}{\eta_t} - 1 \right] \frac{q'(\eta_t)}{q(\eta_t)/\eta_t} \right\}$  (infinite sum)
- Technological illiquidity  $(\kappa, \delta) \Rightarrow$  market illiquidity  $q'(\eta)$ 
  - (dis)investment adjustment cost

# 5. Solving system of ODE numerically

- Matlab ODE solver, ode45
- Boundary conditions
  - $\theta(0) = M$  for large constant  $M$
  - $\theta'(\eta)$
  - $q(0) =$  (closed form for log utility and log  $\Phi$ )



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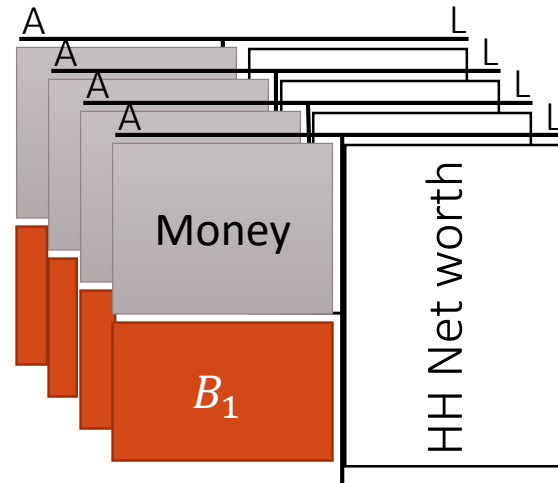
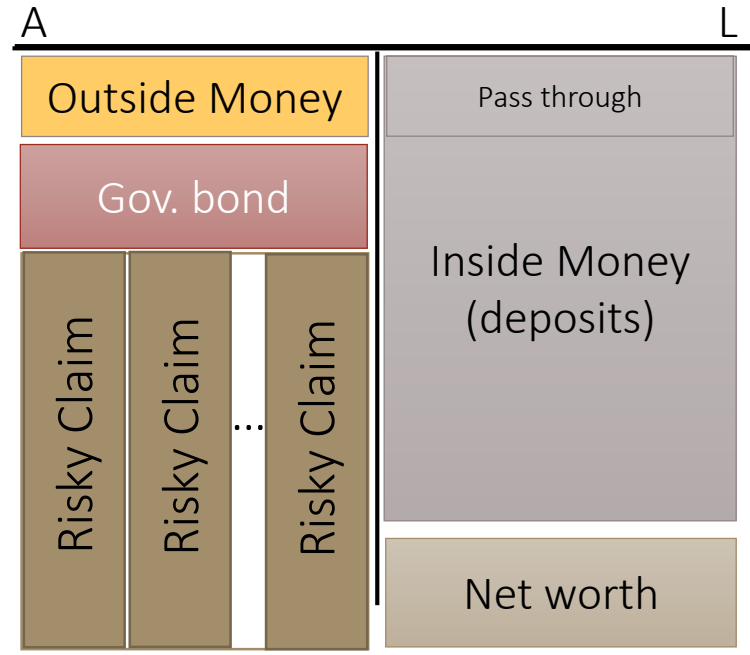
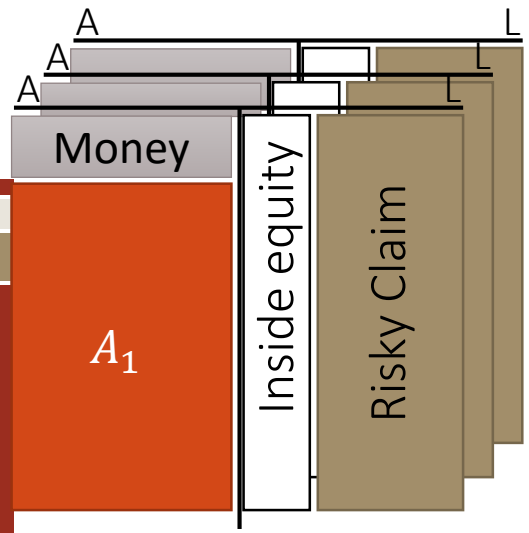
- With intermediaries/inside money
  - “Money view” (Friedman & Schwartz) vs. “Credit view” (Tobin)

# Monetary Models – The I Theory of Money

- Step 1: Postulate process for value of money  $p_t K_t$

- $$\frac{dp_t}{p_t} = \mu_t^p dt + \sigma_t^p d\mathbf{Z}_t$$
 (money + bond)
- $$dB_t/B_t = \mu_t^B dt + \sigma_t^B d\mathbf{Z}_t$$
 (part due to consol bond)

Outside Money



# Conclusion

- Manual for continuous time macro-finance models
  - 4 step approach
- More tractable: explicit amplification terms
- Volatility dynamics characterization
  - Precautionary motive
  - Endogenous fat tails, crisis probability
- Undercapitalized sectors, liquidity mismatch, fire-sales, equity issuance cycles, fat tails,
- Revival of “Money and Banking”
  - The I Theory of Money  
with short-term money and long-term bond