

US Wealth Shares, the Dollar and Global Risk Premia

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Motivation

EP: Theory explains the link between the US wealth share, the dollar and global risk premia through a **risk sharing mechanism** (Maggiore, 2017)

Overview: Due to greater risk bearing capacity, the US holds a wealth portfolio that longs global risky assets and shorts dollar safe assets. Thus:

- 1 **US Wealth Share:** Since US insures ROW during global recessions, *US wealth share should be **procyclical** w.r.t global economy*
- 2 **Global Risk Premia:** Since ROW is *more* risk averse, *global risk premia should be **countercyclical** w.r.t global economy*
- 3 **Dollar:** Due to wealth effects associated with falling US wealth share, *dollar strength should be **procyclical** w.r.t global economy*

Bottom Line: Central to these joint dynamics is the prediction of a **procyclical US wealth share**

Countercyclical US Wealth Share

Fact: US wealth share is **countercyclical** w.r.t the global economy: Global recessions are associated with **rises**, not falls, in US relative wealth.

Mechanism: What drives the countercyclical US wealth share? I establish two crucial components to the underlying mechanism:

- ① **Valuation Channel:** *Valuation forces*, not *flow forces* are key
- ② **Equities:** Valuation channel driven by **risky asset markets**: *relative US equity outperformance during global recessions drives the countercyclical US wealth share.*

Bottom Line: These facts challenge EP theory: countercyclical US wealth share challenges view that US insures ROW ([Maggiore, 2017](#))

Theory Resolution

Question: How to rationalise the countercyclical US wealth share alongside traditional countercyclical dynamics for dollar and global risk premia?

Resolution: *Risk premia, not risk sharing, is the key economic force driving these international asset pricing dynamics.*

- 1 **Global Risk Premia:** If US loads less on the global factor structure in equity prices, *US risk premia rises relatively less during global recessions.*
- 2 **Wealth Share:** Since US risk premia rises less during global recessions, $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW} \uparrow$, mapping directly into **rising US wealth share**
- 3 **Dollar:** Wealth effects associated with $\uparrow \omega_t^{US}$ generates a powerful dollar *appreciation* force during global recessions.

Model: I make this case using a two country, two-good model with recursive preferences, frictionless markets, and het global shock exposures.

Related Literature

Overview: My paper makes contact with two literatures in int macro-finance:

- ① **Exorbitant Privilege (EP):** Risk sharing view of international dynamics
 - **Theory:** Gourinchas and Rey (2007a); Gourinchas et al (2010); Gourinchas et al (2017); Maggiori (2017)
 - **New Facts:** Chen (2020); Atkeson, Heathcote and Perri (2021);
- ② **EZ:** Explain int dynamics using recursive framework:
 - **Old Facts:** Colacito and Croce (2011, 2013); Colacito et al (2018a); Bansal and Shaliastovich (2013)
 - **New Facts:** Dou and Verdelhan (2015); Colacito et al (2021); Sauzet (2021)

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Empirical Framework

Overview: To construct my measure of the US wealth share, I map my empirical analysis to a bilateral framework with two countries: US and ROW.

ROW: I collapse non-US world into a single investor country (ROW). This includes 27 Developed countries.

Wealth Portfolios: Each country's wealth portfolio is invested across four assets: US equities, ROW equities, US bonds and ROW bonds:

$$W_t^i = \underbrace{Q_{US,t}^{E,i} + Q_{ROW,t}^{E,i}}_{Equities} + \underbrace{Q_{US,t}^{D,i} + Q_{ROW,t}^{D,i}}_{Bonds}, i \in \{US, ROW\} \quad (1)$$

$Q_{US,t}^{E,i}$: Country i 's holdings of US equities

$Q_{ROW,t}^{E,i}$: Country i 's holdings of ROW equities

$Q_{US,t}^{D,i}$: Country i 's holdings of US bonds

$Q_{ROW,t}^{D,i}$: Country i 's holdings of ROW equities

US Wealth Share Measures

Wealth Share: *US wealth share* ω_t^{US} is defined as:

$$\omega_t^{US} = \frac{\mathcal{W}_t^{US}}{\mathcal{W}_t^{US} + \mathcal{W}_t^{ROW}} \quad (2)$$

Relative Wealth: *US relative wealth* $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_t$ is defined as:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_t = \mathcal{W}_t^{US} - \mathcal{W}_t^{ROW} \quad (3)$$

Empirics: Due to persistence, I work with growth rates: $\Delta\omega_t^{US}$, $\Delta\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_t$

External Holdings Data

Source: External holdings are publicly observable via **US Treasury**. Two sets of official data:

- 1 **Treasury International Capital (TIC) Survey**
- 2 **Treasury SLT Form**

Time Series: Jan 1994 - Dec 2018.

- 1 **US:** Monthly *stock* dataset of US holdings of ROW Equity + Debt
 $(Q_{ROW,t}^{E,US}, Q_{ROW,t}^{D,US})$
- 2 **ROW:** Monthly *stock* dataset of ROW holdings of US Equity + Debt
 $(Q_{US,t}^{E,ROW}, Q_{US,t}^{D,ROW})$

Asset Coverage: Portfolio equity and publicly issued bonds (Treasury, Agency, Corporate)

Internal Holdings Data

Estimation: Internal holdings $Q_{i,t}^{E,i}$, $Q_{i,t}^{D,i}$ backed out from market values:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{US,t}^{E,US} &= Q_{US,t}^E - Q_{US,t}^{E,ROW} \\
 Q_{ROW,t}^{E,ROW} &= Q_{ROW,t}^E - Q_{ROW,t}^{E,US} \\
 Q_{US,t}^{D,US} &= Q_{US,t}^D - Q_{US,t}^{D,ROW} \\
 Q_{ROW,t}^{D,ROW} &= Q_{ROW,t}^D - Q_{ROW,t}^{D,US}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$Q_{i,t}^E$: Dollar market cap of country i 's stock market

$Q_{i,t}^D$: Dollar market value of country i 's debt outstanding

Data: I obtain market cap data from the following sources:

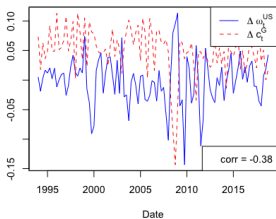
- ① **Equities:** *Datastream* (MSCI Global ex US)
- ② **Bonds:** *BIS* (International Debt Statistics)

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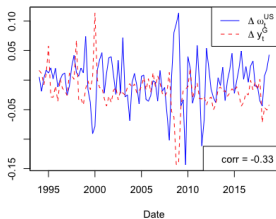
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Fact 1a: US Wealth Share is countercyclical

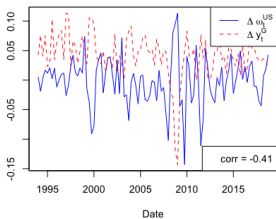
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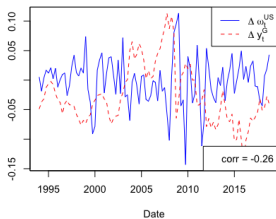
Global IP



Global GDP



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Fact 1: US Wealth Share is countercyclical

Table: US Wealth Share and Global Economy

	Wealth Share: $\Delta\omega_t^{US}$			Relative Wealth: $\Delta\hat{W}_t$		
	Full	Pre-2007	Post-2007	Full	Pre-2007	Post-2007
Δc_t^G	-0.166*** (0.053)	-0.187** (0.090)	-0.212** (0.089)	-0.245** (0.092)	-0.148** (0.071)	-0.285*** (0.090)
Dollar _t	-0.373*** (0.081)	-0.246* (0.126)	-0.513*** (0.106)	-0.047*** (0.009)	-0.080*** (0.002)	-0.0149* (0.008)
Constant	0.008** (0.003)	0.009 (0.007)	0.009** (0.004)	0.008** (0.004)	0.007 (0.004)	0.012** (0.005)
Observations	103	53	50	103	53	50
Adjusted R ²	0.220	0.121	0.322	0.240	0.103	0.385

Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Description: Δc_t^G is a GDP weighted average of consumption growths. Dollar_t is the dollar carry trade return. Sample is from 1994Q1 - 2018Q4.

Interpretation: 1% decrease in Δc_t^G is associated with:

- ① **US Wealth Share:** 16.6 basis pt increase in US wealth share growth
- ② **US Relative Wealth:** 24.4 basis pt increase in US relative wealth growth

Fact 1a: US Wealth Share is countercyclical

Example: $\Delta c_t^G \downarrow 15\%$ during 2007-2008. Thus coefficients imply:

- 1 **US Wealth Share:** US wealth share growth $\Delta \omega_t^{US}$ increased by approximately 2.5% during this period
- 2 **US Relative Wealth:** US relative wealth growth $\Delta \tilde{W}_t$ increased by approximately 3.74% during this period.

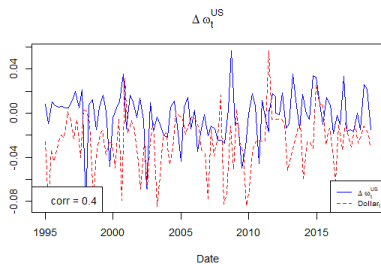
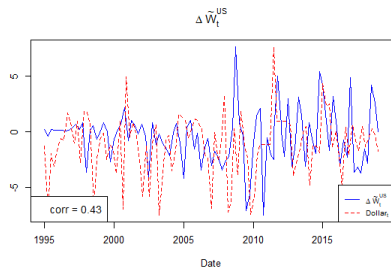
Interpretation: These magnitudes are modest but economically meaningful

Bottom Line: *US gains relative wealth vis-à-vis the ROW during global recessions.*

▶ Robustness Checks

Fact 1b: US Wealth Share and Dollar

Description: This figure plots $\Delta \omega_t^{US}$, $\Delta \tilde{W}_t$ (blue) against the dollar carry trade return (red).



Bottom Line: *Rises in US wealth share coincide with dollar appreciations against ROW.*

Fact 1C: US Wealth Share and Global Risk Premia

Overview: I regress log changes in various proxies for global uncertainty and global risk premia against US relative wealth growth $\Delta\tilde{W}_t$.

<i>Panel A: Global Uncertainty Proxies</i>				
	ΔIV_t^G	$\Delta Uncertainty_t$	ΔVIX_t	ΔRV_t^G
$\Delta\tilde{W}_t$	0.028*** (0.009) (0.02)	0.018** (0.007) (0.017)	0.023** (0.010) (0.024)	0.055** (0.025) (0.059)
Observations	93	103	103	103
Adjusted R ²	0.106	0.051	0.040	0.038
<i>Panel B: Global Risk Premia Proxies</i>				
	ΔDEF_t	ΔGZ_t	ΔGFC_t	ΔRA_t
$\Delta\tilde{W}_t$	0.033*** (0.006)	0.025*** (0.007)	-0.091*** (0.029)	0.018** (0.007)
Observations	103	103	103	103
Adjusted R ²	0.194	0.117	0.080	0.051

Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Bottom Line: *Rises in US wealth share coincide with rises in global uncertainty and global risk premia.* [▶ Proxy Variable Descriptions](#)

Summary So Far

Fact 1a: Countercyclical US Wealth Share

*The US wealth share is **countercyclical** w.r.t. the global economy: the US gains relative wealth vis-à-vis the rest of the world (ROW) during global recessions.*

Fact 1b: Joint Dynamics with Dollar and Global Risk Premia

*rises in the US wealth share coincide with i) **rises** in global risk premia, ii) systematic dollar **appreciations** against the ROW.*

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Mechanism

Comment: Stylised facts challenge EP theory: countercyclical US wealth share challenges view that US insures ROW ([Maggiore, 2017](#))

Question: Digging deeper, what drives the countercyclical US wealth share?

Mechanism: I establish two crucial ingredients to the underlying mechanism:

- 1 **Valuation Channel:** *Valuation forces*, not *flow forces* drive US relative wealth changes (Fact 2A)
- 2 **US equities:** Valuation forces in *risky asset markets* are key (Fact 2B)

Bottom Line: US equity outperformance vis-à-vis the ROW during global recessions drives the countercyclical US wealth share.

Fact 2a: US Wealth Share and the Valuation Channel

Decomposition: To establish the dominance of valuation forces, I decompose aggregate wealth \mathcal{W}_t^i into valuation and flow components: $\mathcal{V}_t^i, \mathcal{D}_t^i$:

$$\mathcal{W}_t^i = \underbrace{\mathcal{W}_{t-1}^i (\pi_{t-1}^i r_t)}_{\mathcal{V}_t^i} + \mathcal{D}_t^i \quad (5)$$

This implies that **US relative wealth changes** $\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{W}}_t$ take the form:

$$\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{W}}_t = \underbrace{\Delta \mathcal{V}_t^{US} - \Delta \mathcal{V}_t^{ROW}}_{\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_t} + \underbrace{\Delta \mathcal{D}_t^{US} - \Delta \mathcal{D}_t^{ROW}}_{\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_t} \quad (6)$$

Variance Decomposition: This gives rise to the following variance decomposition:

$$\text{var}(\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{W}}_t) = \text{var}(\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_t) + \text{var}(\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_t) + 2\text{cov}(\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_t, \Delta \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_t) \quad (7)$$

Fact 2a: US Wealth Share and the Valuation Channel

Table: Variance Decomposition of $\Delta\tilde{W}_t$

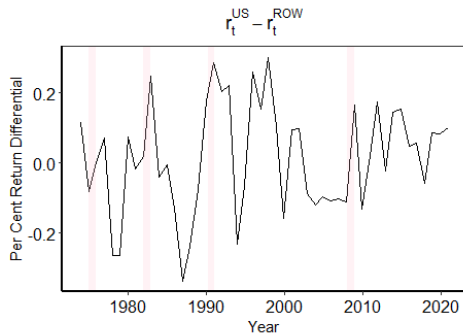
Sample	$\frac{var(\Delta\tilde{V}_t)}{var(\Delta\tilde{W}_t)}$	$\frac{var(\Delta\tilde{D}_t)}{var(\Delta\tilde{W}_t)}$	$\frac{2cov(\Delta\tilde{V}_t, \Delta\tilde{D}_t)}{var(\Delta\tilde{W}_t)}$
Full Sample	0.741	0.309	-0.050
Pre 2007	0.817	0.128	0.055
Post 2007	0.727	0.343	-0.070

Takeaway: Valuation component $\Delta\tilde{V}_t$ drive US relative wealth dynamics

► Valuation Channel and Global Economy

Fact 2b: Countercyclical US Equity Outperformance

Description: Pink bands corresponds to four global recessions: 1974Q1-1975Q1, 1981Q4-1982Q4, 1990Q4-1991Q1, and 2008Q3-2009Q1.



▶ US Equity Outperformance Regressions

Interpretation: US stock market outperforms ROW during global recessions.

Fact 2b: US Equity Outperformance

Table: US Equity Outperformance and Valuation Channel

	Dependent variable: $\Delta \tilde{V}_t$					
	Full	Full	Pre-2007	Pre-2007	Post-2007	Post-2007
$r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$	0.257*** (0.045)	0.286*** (0.039)	0.114*** (0.026)	0.144*** (0.030)	0.441*** (0.087)	0.479*** (0.074)
Dollar _t		-0.230*** (0.087)		-0.112 (0.069)		-0.217 (0.152)
Constant	-0.003*** (0.002)	-0.007*** (0.002)	-0.004*** (0.002)	-0.006*** (0.002)	-0.031*** (0.003)	-0.011*** (0.003)
Observations	103	103	53	53	50	50
Adjusted R ²	0.376	0.434	0.285	0.346	0.543	0.577

Note: * p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01

Interpretation: US equity outperformance drives the valuation component, and consequently the countercyclical US wealth share

▶ Bond Robustness Check

Fact 2b: US Equities and Valuation Channel

Fact 2a: Countercyclical US Wealth Share and Valuation Channel

Valuation forces, not flow forces, drive the countercyclical US Wealth Share.

Fact 2b: US Equities and Valuation Channel

*Valuation channel driven by the **relative outperformance of the US stock market vis-à-vis the ROW during global bad times.***

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Theory Perspective

Recap: I document a novel stylised fact: US wealth share is *countercyclical*: US gains relative wealth during global recessions:

- 1 **Mechanism:** These dynamics are driven by *countercyclical US equity outperformance vis-à-vis the ROW*
- 2 **US Wealth Share and Dollar:** These countercyclical US wealth share dynamics are accompanied by traditional countercyclical dollar dynamics

Comment: Resolution must explain why US stock market outperforms ROW during global bad times.

Resolution: I argue that *risk premia, not risk sharing, is the key economic force driving these international dynamics.*

Mechanism

Environment: Two country, two-good model with EZ preferences, frictionless markets and het global shock exposures:

- 1 **Global Shock Exposure:** US endowment loads *less* on global supply shocks
- 2 **Implication:** US risk premia rises less during global recessions

Mechanism: This *risk premium channel* can reproduce countercyclical US wealth share and countercyclical dollar dynamics:

- 1 **Wealth Share:** Since US risk premia rises less during global recessions, $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW} \uparrow$, mapping directly into *rising US wealth share*
- 2 **Dollar:** $\uparrow \omega_t^{US}$ generates a dollar *appreciation* force that overpowers the dollar *depreciation* force caused by the bad global supply shock.

Risk Premium Channel and Pareto Weights

Mechanism: Risk premium channel driven by home pareto weight S_t :

$$S_t = S_{t-1}(\mathcal{E}_t)^{-\phi} Y_t \quad (8)$$

\mathcal{E}_t : ROW consumption per US consumption

Y_t : Relative Consumption Ratio ($Y_t = \frac{C_t^F}{C_t^H}$)

ϕ : Elasticity of Substitution across Goods

Existence: To guarantee existence of equilibrium, I allow for *cointegration between US, ROW endowment processes* (Colacito and Croce, 2013; Colacito et al, 2021)

Solution: Approximate model to **third order** around symmetric steady state where $S_t = \bar{S} = 1$ (Colacito and Croce, 2013). [▶ Model Details](#)

Baseline Calibration

Calibration: Baseline calibration is presented below:

Panel A: <i>Preference Parameters</i>		
Parameter	Description	Value
γ	Relative Risk Aversion	7.5
ψ	Intertemporal Elasticity of Substitution	2
α	Home Bias Parameter	0.98
δ	Discount Factor	0.99
ϕ	Elasticity of Substitution across Goods	0.2

Panel B: <i>Endowment Parameters</i>		
Parameter	Description	Value
τ_H	Home Endowment Exposure to Global Shock	0.5
τ_F	Foreign Endowment Exposure to Global Shock	1.5
μ	Mean Endowment Growth Rate	0.005
β	Cointegration Parameter	0.01

Simulated Regressions

Table: *Simulated Model Regressions*

Description: The table reports the results from estimating the baseline wealth share regression and the US equity outperformance regressions using simulated data from the model. I report the simulated regression results for the baseline EZ model and the corresponding CRRA model.

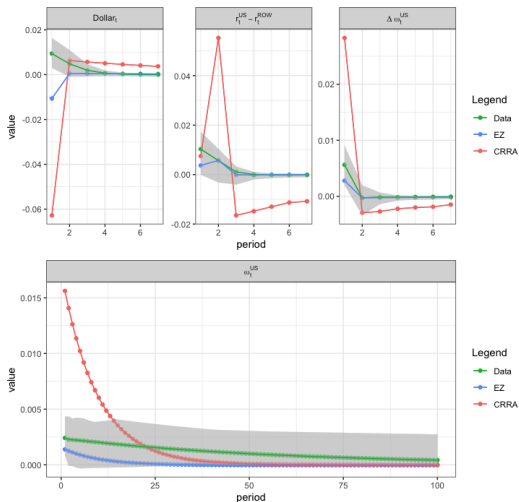
	Dependent variable: $\Delta\omega_t^{US}$			Dependent variable: $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$		
	Data	EZ	CRRA	Data	EZ	CRRA
Δc_t^G	-0.166*** (0.063)	-0.365*** (0.087)	-7.901*** (0.798)	-0.400*** (0.137)	-0.780*** (0.173)	-7.201*** (0.874)

Note:

* $p < 0.1$; ** $p < 0.05$; *** $p < 0.01$

Model vs Empirical IRFs

Description: Model and Empirical IRFs to a 1 SD bad global shock:



Global Long Run Risks and Dollar Dynamics

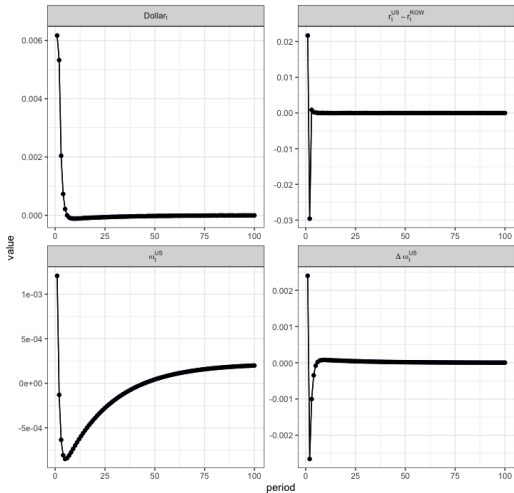
Big Picture: Model can reproduce wealth share dynamics well but falls prey to the infamous *reserve currency paradox* (Maggiore, 2017)

Resolution: I add a *global long run shock* $\xi_{x,t}^G$ to the endowment process for each country that is *positively* correlated with *contemporaneous global shock* [▶ Details](#)

Bottom Line: With EZ preferences, $\xi_{x,t}^G$ generates an additional dollar appreciation force that allows model to reconcile both dollar and wealth share dynamics.

Global Long Run Risks and Reserve Currency Paradox

Description: Augmented Model IRFs to a 1 SD bad global shock:



Conclusion

Contribution: Paper explores the link between the US wealth share, the dollar and global economy:

- 1 **Empirical:** Uncover novel stylised facts regarding joint dynamics between US wealth share, the dollar and the global economy
- 2 **Theory:** Rationalise these facts using a two country, two-good model with Epstein and Zin preferences, frictionless markets, and het global shock exposures.

Big Picture: Observed joint dynamics are consistent with a recursive view of int asset pricing

Robustness Checks

Regressions: I make sure that countercyclical US wealth share result is robust w.r.t:

- 1 **Dollar:** [▶ Dollar Robustness](#)
- 2 **Policy Shocks:** [▶ US Policy Robustness](#)

SVAR: I use an SVAR framework to evaluate response of US wealth share, dollar and global risk premia to bad global shocks:

- 1 **Just Dollar:** [▶ Baseline SVAR](#)
- 2 **Dollar and Global Risk Premia:** [▶ Augmented SVAR](#)

[▶ Return](#)

Dollar Robustness

Description: η_t^ω and $\eta_t^\mathcal{W}$ are the orthogonalised component of $\Delta\omega_t^{US}$, $\Delta\tilde{W}_t$ w.r.t the dollar respectively. The full sample is from 1994Q1 - 2018Q4.

	η_t^ω			$\eta_t^\mathcal{W}$		
	Full	Pre-2007	Post-2007	Full	Pre-2007	Post-2007
Δc_t^G	-0.165*** (0.053)	-0.175** (0.089)	-0.189** (0.088)	-0.181*** (0.058)	-0.138* (0.079)	-0.245** (0.092)
Constant	0.009** (0.003)	0.010 (0.007)	0.009** (0.004)	0.008** (0.004)	0.007 (0.005)	0.001** (0.005)
Observations	103	53	50	103	53	50
Adjusted R ²	0.078	0.051	0.069	0.079	0.066	0.120

Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Bottom Line: Countercyclical US wealth share is not driven by the dollar

Global Uncertainty Proxies

Proxies: Consider the following proxies for global uncertainty:

$$z_t^i = \left[\Delta IV_t^G, \Delta Uncertainty_t, \Delta VIX_t, \Delta RV_t^G \right]^T \quad (9)$$

IV_t^G : micro-level uncertainty from [Dew Becker and Giglio \(2021\)](#)

$Uncertainty_t$: Uncertainty index from [Bekaert and Xu \(2020\)](#)

VIX_t : VIX in log levels

RV_t^G : global stock market volatility ([Lustig and Verdelhan \(2011\)](#))

Global Risk Premia Proxies

Proxies: Consider the following proxies for global uncertainty:

$$z_t^i = \left[\Delta DEF_t, \Delta GZ_t, \Delta GFC_t, \Delta RA_t \right]^T \quad (10)$$

DEF_t : US Corporate Default Spread

GZ_t : GZ spread

GFC_t : Global return factor from [Miranda-Aggropino and Rey \(2020\)](#)

RA_t : global risk aversion index from [Bekaert and Xu \(2019\)](#)

Policy Shocks Robustness

Description: MP_t are monetary policy news shocks identified by Nakamura and Steinsson (2018) from January 1994 - December 2014. Shocks are aggregated to the quarterly frequency. FP_t are realized quarterly changes in US surplus-debt ratio as in Jiang (2021)

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>			
	$\Delta\omega_t^{US}$		$\Delta\tilde{V}_t$	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
MP_t	-0.009 (0.038)		-0.833 (3.888)	
FP_t		0.744* (0.436)		29.618 (49.887)
Constant	-0.003 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.002)	-0.531** (0.245)	-0.432* (0.240)
Observations	83	102	83	102
Adjusted R ²	-0.012	0.019	-0.012	-0.006

Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Bottom Line: US wealth share is orthogonal w.r.t US policy shocks.

SVAR Analysis (US Wealth Share, Dollar)

SVAR: To evaluate dynamic response of US wealth share to global shocks, I investigate the following first order SVAR:

$$z_t = \Psi z_{t-1} + \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} \epsilon_t \quad (11)$$

State System: z_t is four dimensional:

$$z_t^i = [-\Delta c_t^G, \text{Dollar}_t, \omega_t^{US}, \Delta \omega_t^{US}]^T \quad (12)$$

Δc_t^G : Global Consumption Growth

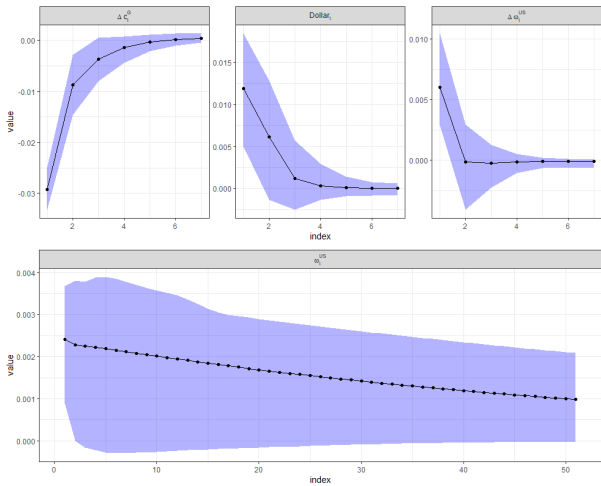
Dollar_t : Dollar Carry Trade Return (Lustig and Verdelhan, 2011)

ω_t^{US} : US Wealth Share Level

$\Delta \omega_t^{US}$: US Wealth Share Growth Rate

Ordering: Recursive ordering follows (12). Shocks are identified via **Cholesky decomposition**

SVAR Analysis (US Wealth Share, Dollar)



SVAR Analysis (Global Risk Premia Included)

SVAR: I augment baseline SVAR with global risk premia proxy:

$$z_t^i = [-\Delta c_t^G, \text{Dollar}_t, \text{GZ}_t, \omega_t^{US}, \Delta\omega_t^{US}]^T \quad (13)$$

Δc_t^G : Global Consumption Growth

Dollar_t : Dollar Carry Trade Return ([Lustig and Verdelhan, 2011](#))

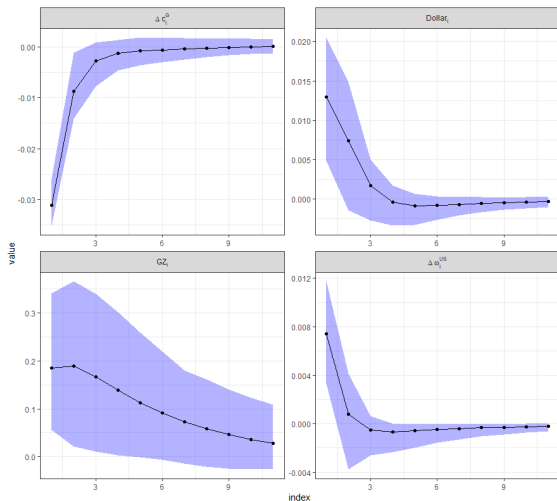
GZ_t : GZ spread

ω_t^{US} : US Wealth Share Level

$\Delta\omega_t^{US}$: US Wealth Share Growth Rate

Ordering: Recursive ordering follows (13). Shocks are identified via **Cholesky decomposition**

SVAR Analysis (Global Risk Premia Included)



▶ Return

Fact 2a: US Wealth Share and the Valuation Channel

Table: Valuation Channel and Global Economy

	Full Sample		Pre-2007		Post-2007	
	$\Delta \mathcal{V}_t$	$\Delta \bar{\mathcal{D}}_t$	$\Delta \mathcal{V}_t$	$\Delta \bar{\mathcal{D}}_t$	$\Delta \mathcal{V}_t$	$\Delta \bar{\mathcal{D}}_t$
Δc_t^G	-0.200*** (0.063)	0.001 (0.002)	-0.154*** (0.055)	-0.001 (0.002)	-0.490*** (0.141)	0.006 (0.004)
Dollar _t	-0.043*** (0.097)	-0.003 (0.032)	-0.139* (0.077)	-0.002 (0.032)	-0.81*** (0.167)	-0.009 (0.005)
Constant	0.007* (0.004)	0.000 (0.001)	0.005 (0.004)	0.009 (0.002)	0.015** (0.006)	-0.002 (0.002)
Observations	103	103	53	53	50	50
Adjusted R ²	0.215	-0.009	0.173	-0.019	0.363	-0.002

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Description: Coefficients are in units of USD trillions. Δc_t^G is a *GDP weighted average* of consumption growths. *Dollar_t* is the dollar carry trade return. Sample is from 1994Q1 - 2018Q4.

Interpretation: Valuation component $\Delta \mathcal{V}_t$ drives countercyclical US wealth share [▶ Return](#)

Fact 2b: Countercyclical US Equity Outperformance

Table: US Equity Outperformance and Global Economy

	<i>Dependent variable: $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$</i>					
	Full	Full	Pre-2007	Pre-2007	Post-2007	Post-2007
Δc_t^G	-0.587*** (0.137)	-0.400*** (0.187)	-0.521** (0.207)	-0.378** (0.137)	-0.846*** (0.187)	-0.572*** (0.207)
Dollar _t		-0.662*** (0.200)		-0.532* (0.259)		-1.033*** (0.246)
Constant	0.014*** (0.008)	0.039* (0.019)	0.047*** (0.009)	0.027*** (0.008)	0.025* (0.019)	0.037*** (0.009)
Observations	144	144	97	97	47	47
Adjusted R ²	0.107	0.125	0.067	0.080	0.252	0.295

Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Description: $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$ is computed using MSCI total return indices. Δc_t^G is a *GDP weighted average* of consumption growths. $Dollar_t$ is the dollar carry trade return. The full sample is 1983Q4 - 2018Q4. [▶ Return](#)

Bond vs Equity Valuation Forces

Comment: Do bond valuation forces matter for the valuation channel?

CY: Jiang et al (2019a) argue that a *convenience yields mechanism* can drive countercyclical US relative wealth dynamics

Measure: $Premium_t$ is the average CIP deviation for the G9 currencies vis-à-vis the dollar (Du, Im and Schreger, 2017)

Horseshoe: Does $Premium_t$ drive out $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$ in the wealth share regression?

US Equity Outperformance vs US Convenience Yields

Table: US Equity Outperformance vs Convenience Yields

	<i>Dependent variable: $\Delta \tilde{V}_t$</i>					
	Full	Full	Pre	Pre	Post	Post
premium _t	1.702** (0.724)	0.793 (0.582)	-1.394 (0.911)	-1.186 (0.749)	2.419** (1.044)	0.386 (0.774)
$r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$		30.912*** (3.907)		15.014*** (2.957)		51.638*** (7.068)
Constant	-0.873*** (0.301)	-0.993*** (0.238)	-0.273 (0.291)	-0.398 (0.240)	-0.875* (0.520)	-1.289*** (0.364)
Observations	103	103	53	53	50	50
Adjusted R ²	0.042	0.405	0.025	0.344	0.082	0.561

Note:

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Interpretation: In the univariate regressions, higher convenience yields are associated with higher US wealth share, consistent with [Jiang et al \(2019a\)](#)

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Interpretation: Convenience yields are driven out of the regression by equity return differentials $r_t^{US} - r_t^{ROW}$

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Global Shock Exposure of US

Table: *Global Shock Exposures Across the World*

Description: This table reports the global consumption growth betas β_G^i extracted from the following regression:

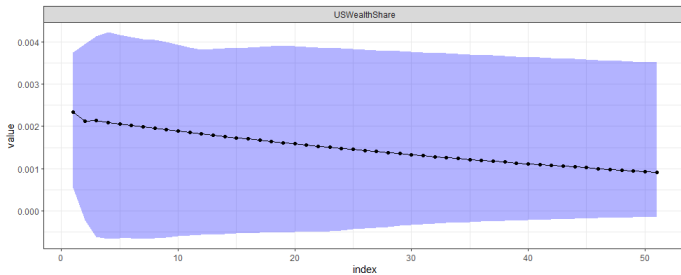
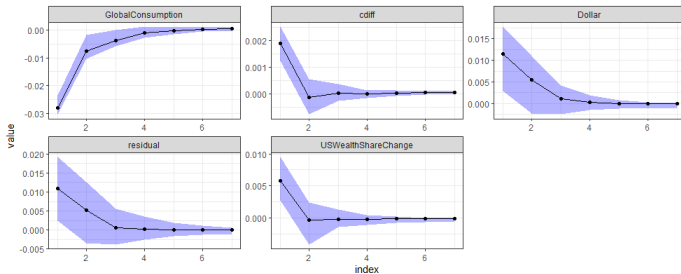
$$\Delta c_t^G = \alpha + \beta_G^i \Delta c_t^i + \epsilon_t^i \quad (14)$$

	<i>Global Consumption Growth Exposures</i>								
	Japan	Sweden	US	Switzerland	Australia	Germany	Norway	Canada	UK
β_G^i	0.067*** (0.006)	0.071*** (0.004)	0.089*** (0.003)	0.092*** (0.004)	0.100*** (0.004)	0.101*** (0.004)	0.103*** (0.005)	0.128*** (0.003)	0.191*** (0.004)
Adjusted R ²	0.551	0.763	0.907	0.861	0.851	0.832	0.792	0.950	0.946

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Global Shock Exposure of US



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Recursive Resolution

Environment: Two country recursive model of int risk sharing that is closely related to [Colacito and Croce \(2013\)](#).

- ① **EZ Endowment Economies:** Infinitely lived EZ rep investor who solves an intertemporal consumption, saving problem
- ② **Two Countries, Two Goods:** Each country is endowed with a unique good that is internationally tradable.
- ③ **Global Shock Exposure:** US endowment *more* exposed to global endowment shock

Solution: Approximate model to *third order* around deterministic steady state where pareto weight dist is symmetric ([Colacito and Croce, 2013](#)). [▶ Model Details](#)

US Wealth Share and the Dollar (Analytical Note)

Insight: *Wealth share channel* attenuates dollar response during global recessions in EZ world

Example: Consider a global shock ξ_t^G that reduces $C_{t+1} = \Delta c_{t+1}^{US} - \Delta c_{t+1}^{ROW}$ by 1%. Then dollar elasticity w.r.t ξ_t^G can be approximated as:

$$\varphi = \frac{\partial \Delta \mathcal{E}_{t+1}}{\partial C_{t+1}} + \frac{\partial \Delta \mathcal{E}_{t+1}}{\partial W_{t+1}} \frac{\partial W_{t+1}}{\partial C_{t+1}} = \underbrace{-\gamma}_{\text{Supply Channel}} + \underbrace{\kappa_1(1-\theta)(1-\lambda)}_{\text{Wealth Share Channel}} \quad (15)$$

Implication: Wealth share channel attenuates dollar response during global recessions in EZ model.

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Consumption Markets

Two Countries, Two Goods: Two countries: *Home* and *Foreign*. Both are endowed with a unique good that is internationally tradable.

Endowments: Log endowments x_t^i feature **cointegration** and is driven by a country specific shock ξ_{t+1}^i and a global shock ξ_{t+1}^G :

$$\begin{aligned}x_{t+1}^H &= \mu + x_t^H - \beta(x_t^H - x_t^F) + \xi_{t+1}^H + \tau_H \xi_{t+1}^G \\x_{t+1}^F &= \mu + x_t^F + \beta(x_t^H - x_t^F) + \xi_{t+1}^F + \tau_F \xi_{t+1}^G\end{aligned}\quad (16)$$

μ : Mean Endowment Growth Rate

β : Degree of Cointegration

τ_i : Global Shock Exposure of country i

Global Exposure: Home less exposed to global shock: $\tau_H < \tau_F$

Consumption Aggregator

CES: Consumption streams for both investors are defined over a general CES aggregator of the two goods:

$$C_t^H = \left[\alpha^{\frac{1}{\phi}} (C_{H,t}^H)^{\frac{\phi-1}{\phi}} + (1-\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\phi}} (C_{F,t}^H)^{\frac{\phi-1}{\phi}} \right]^{\frac{\phi}{\phi-1}} \quad (17)$$

$$C_t^F = \left[(1-\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\phi}} (C_{H,t}^F)^{\frac{\phi-1}{\phi}} + \alpha^{\frac{1}{\phi}} (C_{F,t}^F)^{\frac{\phi-1}{\phi}} \right]^{\frac{\phi}{\phi-1}} \quad (18)$$

Consumption Aggregator

$C_{H,t}^H, C_{F,t}^H$: Home consumption of the home and foreign good

$C_{H,t}^F, C_{F,t}^F$: Foreign consumption of the home and foreign good

Preference Parameters

α : Preference parameter for local good

ϕ : Elasticity of Substitution across both goods

Numeaire: Home consumption basket is the global numeraire.

Preferences

Utility: Each country is populated by a representative agent with [Epstein and Zin \(1989\)](#) and [Weil \(1989\)](#) recursive preferences:

$$U_t^i = [(1 - \delta)(C_t^i)^{1 - \frac{1}{\psi}} + \delta(E_t U_{t+1}^i)^{1 - \gamma}]^{\frac{1 - \frac{1}{\psi}}{1 - \gamma}}, i \in \{H, F\} \quad (19)$$

δ : *Time Preference*

ψ : *Intertemporal Elasticity of Substitution (IES)*

γ : *Relative Risk Aversion*

C_t^i : *Consumption Basket for country i at time t*

Home Agent's Problem

Overview: Each period the home investor chooses:

- ① Non-negative consumption: $C_{H,t}^H, C_{F,t}^H$
- ② Wealth: W_t^H

Problem: Home investor's problem is:

$$\max_{\{C_{H,t}^H, C_{F,t}^H, W_t^H\}} U_t^H = [(1 - \delta)(C_t^H)^{1 - \frac{1}{\psi}} + \delta(E_t U_{t+1}^H)^{1 - \gamma}]^{\frac{1 - \frac{1}{\psi}}{1 - \gamma}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\psi}} \quad (20)$$

Subject to the intertemporal budget constraint (IBC):

$$W_{t+1}^i = r_{m,t+1}^i (W_t^i - P_t^i C_t^i) \quad (21)$$

Equilibrium

Definition: Equilibrium consists of prices $\{p_t^H, p_t^F, Q_{F,t}, Q_{H,t}, Q_{B,t}\}$, consumption allocations $\{C_{H,t}^H, C_{F,t}^H, C_{H,t}^F, C_{F,t}^F\}$ and wealth $\{W_t^H, W_t^F\}$ such that:

- ① Each rep investor i maximises (19) subject to (21)
- ② Goods market clears:

$$\begin{aligned} X_t^H &= C_{H,t}^H + C_{H,t}^F \\ X_t^F &= C_{F,t}^F + C_{F,t}^H \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Solution Method

State Variables: Eq system can be formulated in terms of state vector Z_t :

$$Z_t = \left[\underbrace{\left[\xi_t^H, \xi_t^F, \xi_t^G \right]}_{\text{Exogenous}}, \underbrace{S_t}_{\text{Endogenous}} \right]^T \quad (23)$$

Pareto Weight: Home pareto weight S_t follows recursion:

$$S_t = S_{t-1} (\mathcal{E}_t)^{-\phi} Y_t \quad (24)$$

Solution: Numerically approximate model to **third** order around symmetric steady state where $S_t = \bar{S} = 1$

Note: Symmetric wealth distribution is common approximation point in int macro ([Devereux and Sutherland, 2011](#); [Coeurdacier, 2009](#))

Baseline Calibration

Calibration: Baseline calibration is presented below:

Panel A: <i>Preference Parameters</i>		
Parameter	Description	Value
γ	Relative Risk Aversion	7.5
ψ	Intertemporal Elasticity of Substitution	2
α	Home Bias Parameter	0.98
δ	Discount Factor	0.99
ϕ	Elasticity of Substitution across Goods	0.2
Panel B: <i>Endowment Parameters</i>		
Parameter	Description	Value
τ_H	Home Endowment Exposure to Global Shock	0.5
τ_F	Foreign Endowment Exposure to Global Shock	1.5
μ	Mean Endowment Growth Rate	0.005
β	Cointegration Parameter	0.01

Global Long Run Risks Extension

LRRs: To incorporate this extension I add a global long run shock $\xi_{x,t}^G$ to the country specific endowment processes:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t+1}^H &= \mu + x_t^H - \beta(x_t^H - x_t^F) + \xi_{t+1}^H + \tau_H \xi_{t+1}^G + \tau_{L,H} z_t^G \\ x_{t+1}^F &= \mu + x_{t+1}^F + \beta(x_t^H - x_t^F) + \xi_t^F + \tau_F \xi_{t+1}^G + \tau_{L,F} z_t^G \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$z_{x,t}^G$ follows an AR(1):

$$z_t^G = \rho_x z_{t-1}^G + \xi_{x,t}^G \quad (26)$$

Exposures: $\tau_H < \tau_F$, $\tau_{L,H} > \tau_{L,F}$

Shock Structure: ξ_t^G has a *positive* correlation with the contemporaneous global shock ξ_t^G which is parameterized by $\chi > 0$. All other shock correlations are zero.

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