# The Impact of Skin in the Game on Bank Behavior in the Securitization Market 

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1 Introduction
Security design
Typical structure of asset-backed securities (ABS)

- Pooling
- Tranching/Subordination
- Retention (= "skin in the game")


1 Introduction

## Problem

- Securitizations enable banks to lend money almost without bearing credit risk
o Informational asymmetries between originator and investors
o Incentive problems of originators
- Design of securitizations contributed to financial crisis
o Lower screening and monitoring effort
o Selection of bad quality loans for securitizations
o Resulting losses had to be borne by investors


## EU regulation: "Skin in the game"

- Credit risk assessment in securitizations has to correspond to balance sheet loans
o Aims to improve screening effort (but not monitoring)
- EU minimum retention requirement (since 2011):

Originators have to retain a material fraction of the deal (= 5\% retention) to harmonize the interests of banks and investors.

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## Research questions

$>$ Does retention lead to better loan performance?
$>$ If yes, what are the components/channels for the improved performance?
$>$ Do banks treat securitized loans differently if they have "skin in the game"? difference regarding: I) screening? II) monitoring? III) workout process?


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## Analyses: Incentive problems in the credit process

Based on loan level data, we analyze incentive problems of retention- vs. no-retention-loans during the whole credit process after securitization:


Scope of analyses

## 1 Introduction

## Security design - Literature

a) Security design and retention (theoretical)

0 Pooling, tranching and retention are important features to reduce asymmetric information (Subrahmanyam, 1991 RFS; Gorton/Pennachi, 1993 JoB; DeMarzo, 2005 RFS;
Hartman-Glaser et al., 2012 JFE; Chemla/Hennessy 2014 JF)
o Retention amount as a signal for asset quality, but compulsory flat-rate retention has information destruction effect
(Guo/Wu, 2014 JBF; Hartman-Glaser, 2017 JFE; Vanasco, 2017 JF)
0 Retention as substitute to ratings and reputation
(Hartman-Glaser, 2017 JFE; Daley et al. forthcoming JF)
b) Security design and retention (empirical)
o Complex deals default more often (Ghent et al., 2019 RES)
o If originator is also sponsor or servicer of the deal: improved screening and lower losses; could be due to retention (Demiroglu/James, 2012 RFS)

0 Retention leads to lower defaults and spreads of loans and tranches (Begley/Purnanandam, 2017 RFS; Agarwal et al., 2018 WP; Ashcraft et al., 2019 JFE)

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## Security design - Contribution 1

## Contribution 1: Retention and loan performance

- Retention improves loan performance
o Loss volume: 112€ lower per loan and year
- Decomposition of Losses (= Default * EAD * LGD)
o Default rate: 1.5 times lower
o EAD: $\quad 16,000 €$ lower
o LGD: $\quad 11 \mathrm{pp}$ lower


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## Bank behavior - Literature

a) Before loan origination (between lender and originator)
o Theoretically: originators lack screening incentives if they are not exposed to credit risk (Pennacchi, 1988 JF; Gorton/Pennacchi, 1995 JME; Holmstrom/Tirole, 1997 QJE; Petersen/Rajan 1994 JF)
o Empirically: originators screen less if they have access to the securitization market (Keys et al., 2010 QJE; Purnanandam, 2011 JFE)
o Securitized pools are not a random sample of balance sheet loans, e.g. different loan size, credit risk, and prepayment risk (Keys et al., 2010 QJE; Titman/Tsyplakov, 2010 RFS; Purnanadam, 2011 JFE; Agarwal et al., 2012 JFE; Ghent/Valkanov, 2016 MS; Kara et al., 2018 EFM)
b) After loan securitization (between originator and investor)
o Less monitoring for securitized loans than for balance sheet loans (Wang/Xia, 2014 JFE; Kara et al. 2018 EFM)

O Modifications are less likely, foreclosure is more likely for securitized loans (Maturana, 2017 RFS)
o Renegotiations are more successful and re-defaults are less likely for balance sheet loans (Piskorski et al., 2010 JFE; Agarwal et al., 2011 JFE; Zhang, 2013 JFI; Ghent/Valkanov, 2016 MS; Kruger, 2018 JFE)

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## Bank behavior - Contribution 2

## Contribution 2: Retention and bank behavior

- Retention and monitoring
o Retention improves monitoring effort
(3 times higher probability of rating and valuation changes)
o Retention improves rating quality
(8 pp better default prediction)
- Retention and delinquencies \& defaults

O Retention prevents NPL
(58\% lower delinquency probability)
o Retention improves the handling of NPL
(57 days less in arrears; 1,650€ lower delinquency amount)
o Retention improves restructuring and modification (40\% higher probability of NPL-recovery and default-recovery)

- Retention and securitization decision
o No evidence for adverse selection


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2 Data
Sample

- European RMBS deals issued between 2009-2017
- Quarterly loan level data from EDW (ECB loan level initiative)
- Retention information hand-collected from investor prospectuses
- Exclusion of loans

0 without unique identifier in a deal
0 with negative time to maturity
0 with missings in control variables
> Final sample:
o 24.9 million loan-quarter observations
o 2.5 million loans
o 156 deals

## 2 Data

## Descriptives: retention

|  | Panel A.1: Number of deals issued per year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Total |
| No-Retention-Deals | 26 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Retention-Deals | 0 | 5 | 23 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 111 |
| Total | 26 | 16 | 24 | 21 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 156 |


|  | Panel A.2: Observations of deals outstanding |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Total |
| No-Retention-Deals | 15 | 43 | 43 | 39 | 28 | 24 | 192 |
| Retention-Deals | 22 | 68 | 83 | 90 | 100 | 90 | 453 |
| Total | 37 | 111 | 126 | 129 | 128 | 114 | 645 |


| Panel B.1: Number of loans per year of deal issuance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Total |
| No-Retention-Deals | 222,215 | 334,205 | 25,885 | 26,559 | 9,140 | 8,673 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 636,677 |
| Retention-Deals | 0 | 25,477 | 356,067 | 462,667 | 219,290 | 266,133 | 186,820 | 264,019 | 39,013 | $1,819,486$ |
| Total | 222,215 | 369,682 | 381,952 | 489,226 | 228,430 | 274,806 | 186,820 | 264,019 | 39,013 | $2,456,163$ |


|  | Panel B.2: Observations of loans outstanding |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Total |
| No-Retention-Loans | 161,924 | $1,823,559$ | $1,870,406$ | $1,576,689$ | $1,199,716$ | 491,459 | $7,123,753$ |
| Retention-Loans | 222,727 | $3,108,006$ | $3,629,352$ | $4,358,137$ | $4,347,760$ | $2,146,168$ | $17,812,150$ |
| Total | 384,651 | $4,931,565$ | $5,499,758$ | $5,934,826$ | $5,547,476$ | $2,637,627$ | $24,935,903$ |

## 2 Data

Descriptives: dependent \& control variables


## 3 Empirical strategy

## Theory suggests

Equipping deals with retention should harmonize the interests of originators and investors.

- Originators' behavior should be improved by retention
o Higher screening effort
o Higher monitoring effort
o Higher effort in workout process
- Losses should be reduced by retention


## Our analyses

Do banks treat loans differently, which are similar in as many characteristics as possible and only differ in being assigned to a retention- vs. no-retention-deal?

## 3 Empirical strategy

> Sample restriction: only deals of originators which issued retention-deals and no-retention-deals

- Loan characteristics as control variables
$>$ Originator-time fixed effects for unobservable heterogeneity of originators
> Standard errors clustered on deal level

$$
Y_{i, t}=\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} \cdot \text { Retention }_{d}+\delta \cdot \text { Controls }_{i, t}+\psi_{t \times o}+\psi_{y}+\varepsilon_{i, t}
$$

- Loan i at time t of originator o in deal d
- $Y_{i, t}$ :
- Retention ${ }_{d}$
- Controls (loan-level):
- $\psi_{t \times o}$ :
- $\psi_{y}$ :

Proxy variables for bank behavior/effort
Retention- vs. no-retention-deal (indicator variable)
Loan balance, time to maturity, interest rate, loan to value
Originator-time fixed effects
Year of loan origination fixed effects

3 Empirical strategy
Endogeneity

Possible endogeneity problem:
Assigning a loan to a retention- or a no retention-deal may not be exogenous
$>$ We find no significant differences between retention-loans vs. no-retentionloans at securitization
> Propensity score matching confirms our results
> Instrumental variable regressions confirm our results

## I. Moral hazard - Monitoring after Securitization

How are the losses reduced in the presence of retention?
Do banks treat loans differently after securitization?


## I. Monitoring effort

Problem: Monitoring effort not directly observable
But: Monitoring effort results in confirmation or revision of existing evaluation
> Higher monitoring effort should lead to:
o Higher frequency of rating changes
o Higher frequency of valuation changes
o Higher quality of default prediction
$>$ Used as proxy variables for monitoring effort

4 Results
I. Monitoring - Rating and Valuation Changes

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rating Change | Rating Change | Valuation Change | Valuation Change |
| Retention | $1.302^{* * *}$ | $1.330^{* * *}$ | 1.031* | 1.165* |
|  | (3.484) | (3.653) | (2.418) | (2.387) |
| Constant | -9.560*** | 7.956*** | 4.210*** | 1.275 |
|  | (-5.439) | (9.783) | (5.489) | (1.113) |
| Observations | 6,321,830 | 5,736,502 | 22,629,943 | 21,192,607 |
| Adj. Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.391 | 0.451 | 0.622 | 0.650 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Loan Origination Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Time FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Time FE | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

Standard errors are clustered on deal level. $t$ statistics are presented in parentheses. The signs denote as follows: ${ }^{+} p<0.10,{ }^{*} p<0.05,{ }^{* *} p<0.01,{ }^{* * *} p<0.001$.

Retention leads to ...
$>$... more frequent rating changes (3 times higher)
$>$... more frequent adjustments of collateral values (3 times higher)
> Additional findings: Rating changes indeed improve default prediction

## I. Monitoring - Rating Quality (1/2)

Two step regression:

1. Evaluate rating quality for each deal:

- How much does the actual rating increase the performance of a naïve rating system?

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\Delta \text { RatingQuality }_{d, t}=\text { RatingQuality }_{d, t}-\text { RatingQuality }_{d, t, n a i v e}
$$

- Creation of a naïve rating system (consisting of loan balance, loan to value, and time to maturity): $\quad P\left(\right.$ Default $\left._{i, t+12}=1 \mid X_{i, t}\right)=\beta_{0}+\gamma^{\prime} \cdot$ Controls $_{i, t}+\psi_{t}$
- Information surplus due to actual rating:

$$
P\left(\text { Default }_{i, t+12}=1 \mid X_{i, t}\right)=\beta_{0}+\beta^{\prime} \cdot \text { CreditRating }_{i, t}+\gamma^{\prime} \cdot \text { Controls }_{i, t}+\psi_{t}
$$

- For each deal: The area under the ROC curve $A U C_{d, t}$ and the coefficient of determination $R_{p s e u d o, d, t}^{2}$ as measures of rating quality

2. Relate rating quality to retention:

$$
\Delta \text { RatingQuality }_{d, t}=\gamma_{0}+\gamma_{1} \cdot \text { Retention }_{d}+\psi_{t \times o}+\varepsilon_{d}
$$

4 Results

## I. Monitoring - Rating Quality (2/2)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Rating Quality | $(2)$ <br> Rating Quality | $(3)$ <br> $\Delta$ Rating Quality | $(4)$ <br> $\Delta$ Rating Quality |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Retention | $0.061^{* * *}$ | $0.053^{* * *}$ | $0.084^{* * *}$ | $0.086^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(10.332)$ | $(13.435)$ | $(12.130)$ | $(22.066)$ |
| Constant | $0.753^{* * *}$ | $0.667^{* * *}$ | $0.045^{* * *}$ | $-0.092^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(128.374)$ | $(22.943)$ | $(6.467)$ | $(-4.737)$ |
| Observations | 407 | 407 | 407 | 407 |
| Adj. R | 0.622 | 0.606 | 0.661 | 0.552 |
| Originator FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Time FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Time FE | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| 1st Step Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

Standard errors are clustered on deal level. $t$ statistics are presented in parentheses. The signs denote as follows: ${ }^{+} p<0.10,{ }^{*} p<0.05,{ }^{* *} p<0.01,{ }^{* * *} p<0.001$.
> Average rating system has an AUC of 80.9\% ( 4.6 pp better than the naïve rating system).
$>$ Rating quality for retention deals increases by about 8 pp .
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Main result: Retention improves monitoring effort.

## II. Moral hazard - Workout process

Do banks treat loans differently during the workout process?


|  | NPL | Time to NPL | Time in Arrears | Delinquency Amount | NPL Recovery | Default Recovery |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Retention | $-0.537^{*}$ | -5.653 | $-56.824^{* * *}$ | $-1,650.9^{*}$ | $0.338^{* * *}$ | $0.338^{+}$ |
|  | $(-2.234)$ | $(-0.369)$ | $(-3.683)$ | $(-2.039)$ | $(5.502)$ | $(1.827)$ |
| Constant | $-8.957^{* * *}$ | $-1120.97^{* * *}$ | 10.329 | $6,398.691^{*}$ | -0.931 | -1.350 |
|  | $(-11.965)$ | $(-7.512)$ | $(0.227)$ | $(2.441)$ | $(-0.723)$ | $(-1.364)$ |
| Observations | $24,903,628$ | 36,828 | 599,982 | 489,149 | 491,887 | 64,868 |
| Adj. $R^{2} /$ Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.080 | 0.726 | 0.122 | 0.130 | 0.046 | 0.110 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Loan Origination Yr | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Time FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Time FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

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## Retention ...

$>$... reduces probability of becoming non-performing (NPL) by $58 \%$.
$>\ldots$ decreases the time in arrears ( 57 days) and the delinquency amount (1650 $€$ ).
$>$... increases probability of recovering from NPL or Default by $40 \%$.
Main result: Retention improves treatment of non-performing loans.

## III. Adverse selection at loan securitization

Do loans differ already at securitization?

$>$ We find no significant differences regarding Time to Securitize, Interest Rate, Time to Maturity, Loan to Value, and Loan Balance.
$>$ No evidence for adverse selection

## IV. Decomposition of losses

Does higher monitoring effort for retention-loans lead to reduced losses?
Due to less defaults / lower EADs / lower LGDs?


4 Results
IV. Decomposition of losses

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ | $(5)$ | $(6)$ | $(7)$ | $(8)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Loss | Loss | Default | Default | EAD | EAD | RR | RR |
| Retention | $-29.524^{*}$ | $-27.989^{*}$ | $-0.433^{*}$ | $-0.411^{*}$ | $-12,391.7$ | $-16,560.2^{*}$ | $11.559^{+}$ | 10.949 |
|  | $(-2.196)$ | $(-2.122)$ | $(-2.234)$ | $(-2.113)$ | $(-0.997)$ | $(-2.291)$ | $(1.711)$ | $(1.651)$ |
| Constant | $-333.690^{* * * *}$ | $-347.818^{* * *}$ | $-13.277^{* * *}$ | $-10.835^{* * *}$ | $152,764.7$ | $-155,345.7^{* *}$ | $92.96^{* * *}$ | $99.44^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(-3.528)$ | $(-3.968)$ | $(-12.836)$ | $(-10.601)$ | $(0.819)$ | $(-3.357)$ | $(10.442)$ | $(16.457)$ |
| Observations | $24,801,006$ | $24,801,006$ | $15,552,589$ | $14,761,628$ | 33,058 | 33,058 | 8,365 | 8,365 |
| Adj. $R^{2} /$ /dj. Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.082 | 0.096 | 0.885 | 0.964 | 0.783 | 0.793 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Loan Origination Yr | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Time FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Time FE | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

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Retention leads to...
> ... Iower Losses:
> ... lower Default rates:
> ... lower Exposure at Default:
> ... higher Recovery Rate:

## $112 €$ per loan and year

1.5 times

16,000 €
11 pp

III $>$ Main result: Retention improves all loss components.

Two possible mechanisms of retention:

- Assignment to no-retention-deal after credit risk assessment might be more likely for loans that are expected to perform worse.
$\rightarrow$ Retention as indication of future poor performance but not its cause
- Originators of a no-retention-deal has weaker screening and monitoring incentives resulting in poorer performance.
$\rightarrow$ Retention as cause of poor performance


## Instrument: Access to no-retention-deals

to differentiate between these two explanations (see Ashcraft et al. 2019 JFE)
$>$ The greater the originator's percentage of no-retention-deals, the better the expected monitoring of loans that are instead assigned to a retention-deal.
o Moving average of the percentage of no-retention-deals by the same originator,
o issued within a window surrounding one year before and after the issuance of deal $d$,
o including all deals other than d.
First stage F-tests suggest that the instrument is strong.
$>$ Second stage results are in line with our previous findings.

## II. Propensity score matching

Nearest neighbor matching with replacement using interest rate, loan balance, LTV, time to maturity, loan origination year, originator and time

| Variable | Retention | No Retention | Difference | $t$-stat |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rating Change | 0.1211 | 0.0642 | 0.0569 | 27.54 |
| Valuation Change | 0.4816 | 0.4585 | 0.0239 | 12.52 |
| NPL | 0.0230 | 0.0383 | -0.0153 | -63.72 |
| Time to NPL | 5.089 | 80.999 | -75.91 | -6.43 |
| Time in Arrears | 137.5 | 176.9 | -39.4 | -10.54 |
| Delinquency Amount | 2,014 | 3,484 | $-1,470$ | -5.00 |
| Days in Arrears | 3.4954 | 8.3091 | 4.8137 | -31.54 |
| NPL Recovery | 0.3160 | 0.2352 | 0.0808 | 27.3 |
| Default Recovery | 0.0307 | 0.0158 | 0.0148 | 6.03 |
| Loss | 15.41 | 55.57 | -40.16 | -9.42 |
| Default | 0.091 | 0.123 | -0.316 | -5.86 |
| EAD | 150,753 | 194,280 | $-43,526$ | -0.76 |
| RR | 91.97 | 58.73 | 33.24 | 3.87 |

$>$ Average treatment effects on the treated (ATT) resulting from a PSM in line with all previous loan level analyses

| I | Moral Hazard Monitoring after Securitization | Rating Change | $\checkmark$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Valuation Change | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Rating Quality | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | $\Delta$ Rating Quality | $\checkmark$ |
| II | Moral Hazard Restructuring and Workout of Non-Performing Loans | NPL | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Time to NPL | $x$ |
|  |  | Time in Arrears | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Delinquency Amount | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | NPL Recovery | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Default Recovery | $\checkmark$ |
| III | Adverse Selection at Loan Securitization | Time to Securitize | $x$ |
|  |  | Interest Rate | $x$ |
|  |  | Time to Maturity | $x$ |
|  |  | Loan to Value | $x$ |
|  |  | Loan Balance | $\times$ |
| IV | Losses and <br> Decomposition of Losses | Loss | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Default | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Exposure at Default | $\checkmark$ |
|  |  | Recovery Rate | $\checkmark$ |

## Conclusion

$>$ Theoretical arguments regarding difference between balance sheet loans and securitized loans transferred to retention- vs. no-retention-loans.
$>$ Strong evidence for moral hazard: Retention improves bank behavior after securitization
o Higher monitoring effort (rating quality, frequency of rating \& valuation changes)
o Improved NPL prevention (delinquency probability, time to NPL)
o Increased restructuring and modification effort (delinquency volume \& duration, recovery probability)
> No evidence for adverse selection
$>$ Retention reduces losses - Decomposition: lower default rates, EADs and LGDs
> Comprehensive image on benefits of retention - providing insights on the way ABS should be designed to ensure trust and proper actions.

## Open questions

## What remains unclear:

Is the level of effort for retention-loans comparable to balance-sheet-loans?

How does

- a given originator
- at a given point in time
- treat three loans which are equal in all characteristics but:
o one is kept on the balance sheet,
o one is securitized in a retention-deal,
$o$ and one is securitized in a no-retention-deal?


## Backup

## 1 Introduction

## Retention types

Five retention types (Art. 405 CRR)
Mandatory retention of at least 5\% of the deal volume


Sellers Share*
Random Selection


Equity Retention


| Default | Indicator variable equal to one if a loan will default in $t+1$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| DefaultRecovery | Indicator variable equal to one if a loan is in default in $t$ and will become performing or will be redeemed in $t+1$ |
| DelinquencyAmount | Volume in arrears, given a loan is delinquent (in €) |
| ExposureAtDefault | Outstanding balance in $t$ if a loan will default in $t+1$ (in €) |
| InterestRate | Current interest rate (in \%) |
| InternalRating | Internal rating of a loan, measured by a set of indicator variables for each rating class of a deal's rating system |
| LoanBalance | Current loan balance (in €) |
| LoanToValue | Current ratio of loan balance and collateral value (in \%) |
| Loss | Default volume minus cumulative recoveries (in €) |
| NPL | Indicator variable equal to one if a loan is delinquent |
| NPLRecovery | Indicator variable equal to one if a loan is delinquent in $t$ and will become performing or will be redeemed in $t+1$ |
| OriginalLoanVolume | Loan volume at loan origination |
| RecoveryRate | Cumulative recoveries divided by default volume |
| RatingChange | Indicator variable equal to one if a loan's rating changes in the time between $t$ and $t+1$ |
| RatingQuality | Deal's rating system's capability to predict defaults within the next 12 months (pseudo $R^{2}$, measured in \%) |
| 4RatingQuality | Surplus of a deal's rating system's capability to predict defaults within the next 12 months over a naïve rating system's capability (measured in \%-points) |
| Retention | Indicator variable equal to one for retention loans (loans that are securitized in a deal with retention) and retention deals |
| TimeInArrears | Number of days a loan is delinquent |
| TimeToMaturity | Number of months until date of loan maturity |
| TimeToNPL | Number of days between loan securitization and date of loan delinquency |
| TimeToSecuritize | Number of months between loan origination and loan securitization |
| ValuationChange | Indicator variable equal to one if a loan's collateral value changes in the time between $t$ and $t+1$ |

$P\left(\right.$ Retention $\left._{i}=1 \mid X_{i}\right)=\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} \cdot$ TimeToSecuritize $_{i}+\beta_{2} \cdot$ InterestRate $_{i}$
$+\beta_{3} \cdot$ LoanBalance $_{i}+\beta_{4} \cdot$ LoanToValue $_{i}+\beta_{5} \cdot$ TimeToMaturity $_{i}$
(1)

|  | Retention | Retention |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Time to Securitize | -0.007 | -0.010 |
|  | $(-0.338)$ | $(-0.350)$ |
| Interest Rate | -0.006 | -0.045 |
|  | $(-0.053)$ | $(-0.415)$ |
| Loan Balance | -0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | $(-1.288)$ | $(0.196)$ |
| Loan to Value | 0.005 | 0.001 |
|  | $(1.355)$ | $(0.141)$ |
| Time to Maturity | 0.001 | -0.000 |
|  | $(1.272)$ | $(-0.257)$ |
| Constant | -1.439 | 1.327 |
|  | $(-0.765)$ | $(0.409)$ |
| Observations | $1,439,620$ | 928,464 |
| Adj. Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.329 | 0.370 |
| Loan Origination Yr FE | Yes | Yes |
| Originator FE | Yes | Yes |
| Time FE | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Time FE | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal |

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Main result: No evidence for adverse selection.

## 4 Results

## I. Monitoring - Rating and Valuation Changes

Rating and collateral valuation changes might be due to a new assessment of credit risk within monitoring.

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rating Change | Rating Change | Valuation Change | Valuation Change |
| Retention | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1.302^{* * *} \\ & (3.484) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.330^{* * *} \\ & (3.653) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1.031^{*} \\ & (2.418) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.165^{*} \\ & (2.387) \end{aligned}$ |
| Interest Rate | $\begin{gathered} -0.001 \\ (-0.031) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.091^{* *} \\ & (-2.654) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.095^{*} \\ & (2.335) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.124^{* *} \\ & (3.185) \end{aligned}$ |
| Log Loan Balance | $\begin{gathered} 0.470 \\ (1.624) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.053 \\ (-1.569) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.209^{* *} \\ & (-2.815) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.311^{* * *} \\ (-5.134) \end{gathered}$ |
| Loan to Value | $\begin{gathered} -0.005 \\ (-1.011) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.004^{* * *} \\ & (3.973) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.014^{* * *} \\ & (3.928) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.014^{* * *} \\ & (4.087) \end{aligned}$ |
| Time to Maturity | $\begin{gathered} -0.002^{*} \\ (-2.032) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.000 \\ (-0.869) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.001^{* *} \\ & (2.638) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.002^{* * *} \\ & (3.533) \end{aligned}$ |
| Constant | $\begin{gathered} -9.560^{* * *} \\ (-5.439) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.956^{* * *} \\ & (9.783) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.210^{* * *} \\ & (5.489) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.275 \\ (1.113) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Observations | 6,321,830 | 5,736,502 | 22,629,943 | 21,192,607 |
| Adj. Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.391 | 0.451 | 0.622 | 0.650 |
| Fixed Effects |  |  |  |  |
| Loan Origination Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Year | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

Standard errors are clustered on deal level. $t$ statistics are presented in parentheses. The signs denote as follows: ${ }^{+} p<0.10,{ }^{*} p<0.05,{ }^{* *} p<0.01,{ }^{* * *} p<0.001$.

## 4 Results

## II. Workout process: Originator, time FE

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NPL | Time to NPL | Time in Arrears | Delinquency Amount | NPL Recovery | Default Recovery |
| Retention | -0.540* | 591.819*** | -58.258*** | -1,626.1* | $0.316^{* * *}$ | 0.373* |
|  | (-2.307) | (9.038) | (-3.925) | (-2.027) | (5.194) | (2.330) |
| Constant | -8.341*** | -1319.351** | -13.502 | 11,668.037** | -1.595 | -2.094 |
|  | (-10.211) | (-3.175) | (-0.249) | (3.140) | (-1.280) | (-1.360) |
| Observations | 24,903,628 | 36,828 | 599,982 | 489,149 | 492,284 | 65,236 |
| Adj. $R^{2}$ | 0.076 | 0.698 | 0.109 | 0.079 | 0.040 | 0.098 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Loan Origination Yr | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Time FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Time | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| FE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

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## 4 Results

IV. Decomposition of losses

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Loss | Loss | Default | Default | EAD | EAD | RR | RR |
| Retention | $\begin{gathered} \hline-29.524^{*} \\ (-2.196) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -27.989^{*} \\ & (-2.122) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-0.433^{*} \\ (-2.234) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-0.411^{*} \\ (-2.113) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-12,391.7 \\ (-0.997) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-16,560.2^{*} \\ (-2.291) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11.559^{+} \\ & (1.711) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10.949 \\ & (1.651) \end{aligned}$ |
| Interest Rate | $\begin{gathered} 2.997^{*} \\ (2.081) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.436^{*} \\ & (2.204) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.241^{* * *} \\ & (7.096) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.230^{* * *} \\ & (6.891) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 734.98 \\ & (0.399) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -5,429.31^{* * *} \\ (-7.121) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.268 \\ (0.891) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.229 \\ (0.899) \end{gathered}$ |
| Log Loan Balance | $\begin{gathered} 23.608^{* *} \\ (3.135) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24.278^{* *} \\ (3.129) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.092^{+} \\ & (1.751) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.085 \\ (1.539) \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} -0.972 \\ (-1.621) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -1.096 \\ & (-1.520) \end{aligned}$ |
| Loan to Value | $\begin{gathered} 0.202^{*} \\ (2.570) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.188^{*} \\ (2.401) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.025^{* * *} \\ (8.126) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.026^{* * *} \\ & (7.052) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 290.90^{* * *} \\ (3.486) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 403.31^{* * *} \\ (4.215) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.004 \\ (0.396) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.001 \\ (0.051) \end{gathered}$ |
| Time to Maturity | $\begin{gathered} 0.001 \\ (0.055) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.001 \\ (0.092) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.001 \\ (-1.039) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.001 \\ (-1.376) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 118.08^{* * *} \\ (4.161) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 135.58^{* * *} \\ (5.649) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.005 \\ (0.854) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.003 \\ (0.702) \end{gathered}$ |
| Original Loan Volume |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.501^{* * *} \\ & (21.335) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.160^{* * *} \\ & (3.962) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Constant | $\begin{gathered} -333.690^{* * *} \\ (-3.528) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -347.818^{* * *} \\ (-3.968) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -13.277^{* * *} \\ (-12.836) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -10.835^{* * *} \\ (-10.601) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 152,764.7 \\ (0.819) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -155,345.7^{* *} \\ (-3.357) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 92.958^{* * *} \\ (10.442) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 99.443^{* * *} \\ (16.457) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Observations | 24,801,006 | 24,801,006 | 15,552,589 | 14,761,628 | 33058 | 33058 | 8,365 | 8,365 |
| Adj. $R^{2} /$ Adj. Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.082 | 0.096 | 0.885 | 0.964 | 0.783 | 0.793 |
| Fixed Effects |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loan Origination Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Year | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

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5 Causality
Instrumental variable approach (1/3)

|  | (1) Rating Change | (2) <br> Rating <br> Change | (3) <br> Valuation Change | (4) <br> Valuation Change | (5) NPL | (6) NPL | (7) <br> Time to <br> NPL | (8) <br> Time to NPL | (9) <br> Time in Arrears | (10) Time in Arrears |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fitted Retention | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.025 \\ (1.044) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.050 \\ (1.438) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.070 \\ (1.578) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.078^{+} \\ (1.843) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.015^{* *} \\ & (-2.977) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.014^{* *} \\ & (-2.887) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-868.853 \\ (-0.814) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-5,065.621^{+} \\ (-1.714) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-84.84^{* * *} \\ & (-3.442) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-79.57^{* *} \\ & (-2.982) \end{aligned}$ |
| Constant | $\begin{gathered} -0.157 \\ (-1.432) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.014 \\ (-0.505) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.290^{* * *} \\ & (12.073) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.849^{* * *} \\ & (10.670) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.051^{* * *} \\ & (-3.592) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.061^{* * *} \\ (-5.187) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1460.124 \\ (1.239) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5224.732 \\ (1.611) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -145.60^{*} \\ (-2.242) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -114.95^{+} \\ (-1.872) \end{gathered}$ |
| Observations | 6,526,992 | 6,526,992 | 22,630,706 | 22,630,706 | 24,905,049 | 24,905,049 | 36,828 | 36,828 | 599,982 | 599,982 |
| Adjusted $R^{2}$ | 0.247 | 0.328 | 0.623 | 0.698 | 0.019 | 0.020 | 0.469 |  | 0.109 | 0.122 |
| Loan Level Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Fixed Effects |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loan Origination Yr | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Year | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |

## 5 Causality

Instrumental variable approach (2/3)

|  | (11) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Delinquency <br> Amount | $(12)$ <br> Delinquency <br> Amount | $(13)$ <br> NPL <br> Recovery | $(14)$ <br> NPL <br> Recovery | $(15)$ <br> Default <br> Recovery | (16) <br> Default <br> Recovery |
| Fitted Retention | $-3,000.854^{*}$ | $-3,012.623^{*}$ | $0.058^{* * *}$ | $0.061^{* * *}$ | $0.011^{* *}$ | $0.009^{* *}$ |
| Constant | $(-2.516)$ | $(-2.369)$ | $(6.147)$ | $(6.145)$ | $(2.787)$ | $(2.814)$ |
|  | $6772.700^{*}$ | 2308.801 | $0.288^{* *}$ | $0.449^{* * *}$ | -0.002 | -0.024 |
|  | $(2.335)$ | $(0.872)$ | $(3.269)$ | $(4.749)$ | $(-0.049)$ | $(-0.566)$ |
| Observations |  |  |  |  |  | 109,489 |
| Adjusted $R^{2}$ | 489149 | 489149 | 492,286 | 492,286 | 109,489 |  |
| Loan Level Controls | 0.078 | 0.130 | 0.044 | 0.050 | 0.063 | 0.073 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Loan Origination Year |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |
| Originator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |
| Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Clustered SE | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |

## 5 Causality

Instrumental variable approach (3/3)

|  | $(17)$ | $(18)$ | $(19)$ | $(20)$ | $(21)$ | $(22)$ | $(23)$ | $(24)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Loss | Loss | Default | Default | EAD | EAD | RR | RR |
| Fitted Retention | $-28.095^{*}$ | $-23.675^{+}$ | $-0.005^{+}$ | -0.004 | $-9,561.59$ | $-11,027.26^{*}$ | 1.669 | 2.284 |
|  | $(-2.017)$ | $(-1.793)$ | $(-1.664)$ | $(-1.455)$ | $(-1.511)$ | $(-1.978)$ | $(0.682)$ | $(0.938)$ |
| Constant | $-334.317^{* * *}$ | $-350.817^{* * *}$ | $-0.021^{* * *}$ | $-0.020^{* * *}$ | $239,435.47$ | $-19,299.77$ | $104.4^{* * *}$ | $105.7^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(-3.540)$ | $(-3.977)$ | $(-4.696)$ | $(-5.131)$ | $(1.303)$ | $(-1.639)$ | $(11.73)$ | $(12.44)$ |
| Observations | $24,801,006$ | $24,801,006$ | $21,999,440$ | $21,999,440$ | 33,061 | 33,061 | 8,365 | 8,365 |
| Adjusted $R^{2}$ | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.016 | 0.018 | 0.885 | 0.964 | 0.774 | 0.786 |
| Loan Level Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Fixed Effects |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loan Origination Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Originator x Year | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Clustered SE | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal | Deal |


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