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 - High interest rate currencies continue to appreciate despite uncovered interest rate parity predictions
 - Our model will produce endogenous time-varying currency risk premia, however the overall amount is not sufficient to fully reconcile the anomaly

Agenda

- Economic Model
- Theoretical Predictions
- Empirical Results
- Summary

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S_t is the relative distribution of wealth

- $\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}} = \frac{\Delta C_t}{\Delta C_t^*} \frac{M_t}{M_t^*}$
- Good long-run news \Rightarrow marginal utility $\downarrow \Rightarrow S_t \downarrow$

Productivity growth

Symmetric specification across countries:

$$\underbrace{\Delta a_t}_{\text{Productivity Growth}} = \underbrace{\mu}_{\text{Deterministic Trend}} + \underbrace{\tau(a_{t-1} - a_{t-1}^*)}_{\text{Co-integration Term}} + \underbrace{\sigma \varepsilon_{a,t}}_{\text{Short-run Risk}} + \underbrace{z_{x,t-1}}_{\text{Long-run Risk}}$$

$$z_{x,t} = \rho z_{x,t-1} + \sigma_x \varepsilon_{x,t}$$

$$\varepsilon_{a,t}, \varepsilon_{x,t} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

Calibration: Croce (2008) and Colacito Croce (AER 2011, JPE 2011, JF 2012).

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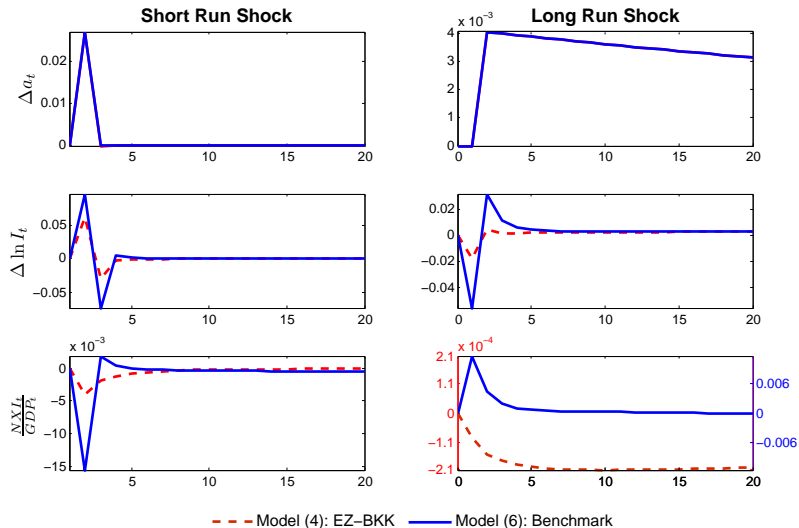
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Empirical Evidence

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- **Broader point:** conveying the need of introducing long-run risk considerations in international investment theory

Relation to literature

Prior work by the authors:

- Colacito Croce (AER 2010, JPE 2011, JF 2012): International asset pricing with EZ preferences in endowment economy
 - ↪ International production and investment flows
- Ai Croce Li (RFS 2012): Closed production economy with vintage capital to explain EP and VP & investment vintages
 - ↪ International perspective

Previous papers:

- Backus Kehoe Kydland (JPE 1992, AER 1994): IRBC
- Raffo (JIE 2008): NX empirically driven by quantities (GHH preferences)
- Erceg Guerrieri Gust (JEDC 2008): Home bias is strong in consumption, mild in investment
 - ↪ LRR-based AP perspective
- Tretvoll (2012): Robust-BKK with short-run risk only

Wages

$$W_t = MRS_t^{C,L}$$

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Time varying Pareto weights

$$\begin{aligned} S_t &= S_{t-1} \frac{M_t}{M_t^*} \frac{C_t / C_{t-1}}{C_t^* / C_{t-1}^*} \\ &= \frac{1-\lambda}{\lambda} \left(\frac{C_t}{C_t^*} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{\lambda}} \left(\frac{X_t}{X_t^*} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \left(\frac{C_t}{C_t^*} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{\lambda}} \left(\frac{Y_t}{Y_t^*} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

Terms of trade

The terms of trade is the price of imports over the price of exports:

$$P_t = \frac{1 - \lambda}{\lambda} \left(\frac{X_t}{Y_t} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

Domestic SDF

$$\begin{aligned}M_{t+1} &= \frac{\partial U_{t+1} / \partial C_{t+1}}{\partial U_t / \partial C_t} \\&= \beta \left(\frac{\tilde{C}_{t+1}}{\tilde{C}_t} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\psi}} \left(\frac{U_{t+1}}{E_t \left[U_{t+1}^{1-\gamma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\psi} - \gamma} \\M_{t+1}^X &= \frac{\partial U_{t+1} / \partial X_{t+1}}{\partial U_t / \partial X_t} \\&= \left(\frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \frac{X_t}{X_{t+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\psi}} M_{t+1}\end{aligned}$$

EZ Prefs

Ordinally equivalent transformation: $V_t = \frac{U_t^{1-\frac{1}{\Psi}}}{1-\frac{1}{\Psi}}$

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Calibration

TABLE 2: Calibrated Parameter Values

Model:		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(5b)	(6)
Subjective discount factor	β	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.985	0.9873
Risk aversion	γ	2	2	10	10	10	10	10
IES	ψ	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Consumption home bias	λ	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.97	0.97
Consumption-bundle elasticity	ζ	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	1
Consumption-labor elasticity	f	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Capital Income Share	α	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.3	0.3	0.3
Depreciation rate of capital	δ	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.06	0.06	0.06
Investment home bias	ν	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.53	0.57
Investment-bundle elasticity	ξ	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	1
Exposure of young vintages	ϕ_0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Long run mean of productivity	μ	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Persistence of long run shock	ρ	0.9859	0.9859	0.9859	0.9859	0.9859	0.9859	0.9859
Co-integration parameter	τ	5E-05	5E-05	5E-05	5E-05	5E-05	5E-05	5E-05
Short-run shock vol.	σ	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027
Long-run shock vol.	σ_x	0	.15 σ	.15 σ	.15 σ	.15 σ	.15 σ	.15 σ
Short-run shocks correlation	ρ_{srr}	0	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027
Long-run shocks correlation	ρ_{lrr}	-	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85