

Flow-Driven Corporate Finance: A Supply-Demand Approach

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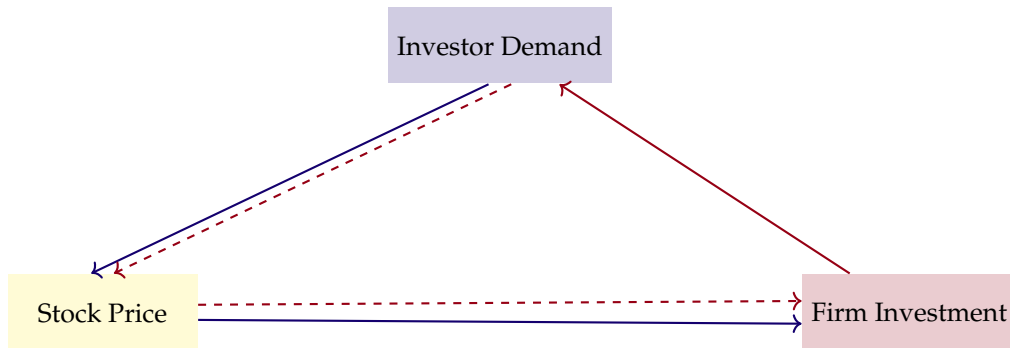
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Introduction

- Assume fixed supply side (Firm)
 - Demand System AP: Price impact of flows (Koijen and Yogo, 2019; Gabaix and Koijen, 2023)
- Assume fixed demand side (Investor)
 - Production-Based AP: Price impact of investment (Cochrane, 1996; Zhang, 2005)
 - Q-Theory of Investment: Investment impact of price (Hayashi, 1982; Liu et al., 2009; Bolton et al., 2011)
- This paper develops a supply-demand framework with both sides in the stock market.

Introduction



- I quantify and decompose the impact of investor flows on firm's financing and investment.

Introduction

Challenges to quantify the real effect of investor flows

(1) Feedback effect

- firm's investment $\Rightarrow$ investor flows

(2) Measurement error

- Investor flows via index reconstitution, mutual fund flow, or dividend reinvestment.
 - Hypothetical investor flows
 - Active trades between investors
 - No impact on stock prices and firms (Wardlaw, 2020)

(3) Decomposition is hard!

Introduction

This paper addresses these challenges!

- (1) Derive the equilibrium effect of investor flows via a demand-supply framework
 - The equilibrium effects are linear functions of investor flows
 - The real effects are identifiable via linear regressions
- (2) Construct a granular instrumental variable to estimate the parameters
- (3) Conduct counterfactual analysis for decomposition based on estimated parameters

Overview of Results

Using quarterly US data from 1999 to 2023, I find that

- Investor demand is key in determining firm's policies
 - \$1 flow induces \$.24 share issuance and \$.19 increase in firm's investment over two years
 - Investor preferences substantially diminish direct effects
- Two asymmetries
 - Stronger responses to investor inflows than outflows
 - Stronger responses during economic expansions than recessions
- Firms are key in determining stock prices
 - Firm's net issuance and changed fundamentals affect price dynamics

Literature

- This paper integrates both demand and production based models
 - Demand-Based AP: Kojien and Yogo (2019); Gabaix and Kojien (2023); Van der Beck (2024); Haddad et al. (2024)
 - Production-Based AP: Cochrane (1996); Zhang (2005); Belo (2010); Gomes and Schmid (2021)
 - The q theory of investment: Hayashi (1982); Erickson and Whited (2000); Liu et al. (2009); Bolton et al. (2011); Crouzet and Eberly (2023)
- This paper quantifies the real impact of investor demand
 - Mutual fund flows: Edmans et al. (2012); Khan et al. (2012); Hau and Lai (2013); Norli et al. (2015); Bennett et al. (2020); Xu and Kim (2022)
 - Dividend reinvestment: Hartzmark and Solomon (2024); Schmickler and Tremacoldi-Rossi (2023); Van der Beck (2024)
 - Index reconstitution: Chang et al. (2015); Chaudhry (2024); Sammon and Shim (2024); Tamburelli (2024)

Model: Setup

- N firms: $n = 1, \dots, N$
 - Total shares issued $Q_t^F(n)$: normalized to 1 at the beginning of each quarter
 - Investment $X_t(n)$
- I investors: $i = 1, \dots, I$
 - The investor i 's ownership shares of stocks are $Q_{i,t} = Q_{i,t}(P_t, X_t, V_t)$

Model: Investor Side

- Equilibrium conditions

(1) Stock market clears: $Q_t^F = \sum_{i=1}^I Q_{i,t}$

- Firms don't issue shares: $Q_t^F = \sum_{i=1}^I Q_{i,t} = 1$
- Firms net issue shares: $Q_t^F = \sum_{i=1}^I Q_{i,t} > 1$
- Firms net repurchase shares: $Q_t^F = \sum_{i=1}^I Q_{i,t} < 1$

(2) Investor's budget constraint: $AUM_{i,t} \geq \sum_{n=1}^N P_t(n) Q_{i,t}(n).$

Model: Investor Side

- The aggregate demand elasticity to asset prices is ζ_t^P .

$$\zeta_t^P = \sum_{i=1}^I \text{diag}(Q_{i,t}) \zeta_{i,t}^P \quad (1)$$

where $\zeta_{i,t}^P(n, n) = -\frac{\partial \ln(Q_{i,t}(n))}{\partial \ln(P_t(n))}$ and $\zeta_{i,t}^P(n, m) = -\frac{\partial \ln(Q_{i,t}(n))}{\partial \ln(P_t(m))}$.

- The aggregate demand elasticity to firm characteristics is ζ_t^X .

$$\zeta_t^X = \sum_{i=1}^I \text{diag}(Q_{i,t}) \zeta_{i,t}^X \quad (2)$$

where $\zeta_{i,t}^X(n) = \frac{\partial \ln(Q_{i,t}(n))}{\partial \ln(X_t(n))}$ and $\zeta_{i,t}^X(n, m) = \frac{\partial \ln(Q_{i,t}(n))}{\partial \ln(X_t(m))}$.

Model: Investor Side

- Assume an exogenous demand shock ΔV_t
- The impact of the demand shock (1st Order Taylor Approximation)
 - Firm level demand shock: $\Delta D_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\sum_{i=1}^I \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial V_t} \right) \Delta V_t$
 - Asset price: $\Delta P_t = \frac{\partial P_t}{\partial V_t} \Delta V_t$
 - Share issuance: $\Delta Q_t^F = \frac{\partial Q_t^F}{\partial V_t} \Delta V_t$
 - Firm's real investment: $\Delta X_t = \frac{\partial X_t}{\partial V_t} \Delta V_t$

Model: Investor Side

Lemma 1

The equilibrium effects of investor flows satisfy

$$\Delta D_t = \underbrace{\zeta_t^P \text{diag}(\mathbf{P}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}_t}_{\text{Price Effect}} + \underbrace{\Delta Q_t^F}_{\text{Financing Effect}} - \underbrace{\zeta_t^X \text{diag}(\mathbf{X}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{X}_t}_{\text{Investment Effect}} \quad (3)$$

where ζ_t^P and ζ_t^X are demand elasticities.

- If no financing and investment effects, the price effect $\text{diag}(\mathbf{P}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}_t = (\zeta_t^P)^{-1} \Delta D_t$.
 - Price effect by estimating ζ_t^P (Gabaix and Koijen, 2023; Van der Beck, 2024; Haddad et al., 2024)
- Evidence shows **non-zero** financing and investment effects

Model: Firm Side

(1) Q-theory of investment

- Hayashi (1982); Liu et al. (2009); Bolton et al. (2011)
- Assume CRS and quadratic adjustment cost
- Investment is linear in Tobin's q : $\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{\Lambda}^X \text{diag}(\mathbf{P}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}_t$

(2) Information role of stock prices

- Bond et al. (2012); Foucault and Fresard (2014); Dessaint et al. (2019)
- Assume price as a noisy indicator of MPK: $\mathbf{P}_t = \mathbf{MPK}_t + \mathbf{u}_t$
- Investment is linear in stock prices: $\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{\Lambda}^X \text{diag}(\mathbf{P}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}_t$

⇒ Total shares and investment are linear functions of stock prices

- $\Delta \mathbf{Q}_t^F = \mathbf{\Lambda}^F \text{diag}(\mathbf{P}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}_t$ and $\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{\Lambda}^X \text{diag}(\mathbf{P}_t)^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}_t$

Model: Equilibrium

Proposition 1

The equilibrium effects of investor flows on firm's share issuance and investment are

$$\Delta Q_t^F = \underbrace{\Lambda_t^F (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1}}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M_t^F} \Delta D_t \quad (4)$$

$$\text{diag}(X_t)^{-1} \Delta X_t = \underbrace{\Lambda_t^X (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1}}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M_t^X} \Delta D_t \quad (5)$$

Challenges

Identification

Model: No Feedback Effects

The direct impact of investor flows ($\zeta_t^X = 0$):

$$\Delta Q_t^F = \Lambda_t^F (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F)^{-1} \Delta D_t \quad (6)$$

$$\text{diag}(X_t)^{-1} \Delta X_t = \Lambda_t^X (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F)^{-1} \Delta D_t \quad (7)$$

How much the feedback effect diminishes the direct effect:

$$\Delta^X = \frac{(\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1}}{(\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F)^{-1}} - 1. \quad (8)$$

Data and Sample

Data

- Quarterly firm data: Compustat
- Stock data: CRSP
- Quarterly institutional holdings: Factset Ownership v5

Sample

- Industrial firms: exclude financial and utilities firms
- Common stocks listed in NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ
- 1999Q1 – 2023Q4

Identification

The identification strategy is based on Gabaix and Koijen (2024).

- The demand-supply system to be estimated:

$$\Delta q_{i,t}(n) = -\zeta^P(n)R_t(n) + \zeta^X(n)\Delta x_t(n) + \gamma_i(n)\eta_t(n) + \varepsilon_{i,t}(n) \quad (9)$$

$$\Delta Q_t^F(n) = \lambda^F(n)R_t(n) + \mu_t(n) \quad (10)$$

$$\Delta x_t(n) = \lambda^X(n)R_t(n) + \nu_t(n) \quad (11)$$

- Assumptions

- (1) Exogenous demand shocks: $\varepsilon_{i,t}(n) \perp \eta_t(n), \mu_t(n), \nu_t(n)$
- (2) No spillover effects
- (3) Homogenous demand elasticity: $\zeta_{i,t}^P(n) = \zeta^P(n)$ and $\zeta_{i,t}^X(n) = \zeta^X(n)$
- (4) Homogenous supply elasticity: $\lambda_t^F(n) = \lambda^F(n)$ and $\lambda_t^X(n) = \lambda^X(n)$

Identification

- Define three weights: $S_{i,t}(n) = \frac{Q_{i,t-1}(n)}{\sum_i Q_{i,t-1}(n)}$, $E_i(n)$, and $S_{i,t}(n) - E_i(n)$
- The aggregate demand functions are

$$S_{i,t}(n) : \quad \widetilde{\Delta q_t(n)} = -\zeta^P(n)R_t(n) + \zeta^X(n)\Delta x_t(n) + \widetilde{\gamma(n)}\eta_t(n) + \widetilde{\varepsilon_t(n)} \quad (12)$$

$$E_i(n) : \quad \overline{\Delta q_t(n)} = -\zeta^P(n)R_t(n) + \zeta^X(n)\Delta x_t(n) + \overline{\gamma(n)}\eta_t(n) + \overline{\varepsilon_t(n)} \quad (13)$$

$$S_{i,t}(n) - E_i(n) : \quad \widehat{\Delta q_t(n)} = \widehat{\gamma(n)}\eta_t(n) + \widehat{\varepsilon_t(n)}. \quad (14)$$

- The demand shock is $D_t(n) = \widetilde{\varepsilon_t(n)}$, but unidentifiable.
 - $z_t(n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \widehat{\varepsilon_t(n)}$ is identified!
 - $z_t(n)$ is called the granular instrumental variable (GIV). (Gabaix and Koijen, 2024)
- $\Delta Q_t^F(n) = \widetilde{\Delta q_t(n)}$

Identification

Proposition 2

The equilibrium effects of investor flows are identified from regressions

$$\Delta Q_t^F(n) = M^F(n)z_t(n) + \xi_t(n) \quad (15)$$

$$\Delta x_t(n) = M^X(n)z_t(n) + v_t(n) \quad (16)$$

where

$$M^F(n) = \lambda^F(n)[\zeta^P(n) + \lambda^F(n) - \zeta^X(n)\lambda^X(n)]^{-1} \quad (17)$$

$$M^X(n) = \lambda^X(n)[\zeta^P(n) + \lambda^F(n) - \zeta^X(n)\lambda^X(n)]^{-1} \quad (18)$$

Identification

Estimation Procedure

- Aggregate institutional holdings to nine: brokers, hedge funds, long term investors, private banking, small active, large active, small passive, large passive, and households.
- Compute the weights $S_{i,t}(n)$ and $E_i(n)$: $S_{i,t}(n) = \frac{Q_{i,t-1}(n)}{\sum_i Q_{i,t-1}(n)}$ and $E_i(n) = \frac{1/\sigma_i^2(n)}{\sum_i 1/\sigma_i^2(n)}$
- Follow Gabaix and Koijen (2024) to construct $z_t(n)$
 - $\eta_t = (\text{GDP Growth}_t, \eta_{1t}(n), \eta_{2t}(n))$
 - $(\eta_{1t}(n), \eta_{2t}(n))$ by PCA
- Run the two regressions

$$\Delta Q_t^F(n) = M^F z_t(n) + \alpha^F(n) + \gamma^F(n) \eta_t(n) + \xi_t(n) \quad (19)$$

$$\Delta x_t(n) = M^X z_t(n) + \alpha^X(n) + \gamma^X(n) \eta_t(n) + v_t(n) \quad (20)$$

GIV $z_t(n)$ Validity

- Main results are stable for GIVs constructed by different factors
- The GIVs are unrelated to firm characteristics in previous quarters
- The GIVs should capture the *hypothetical* demand shocks.
 - (1) Demand shocks from mutual fund flows positively predict $z_t(n)$.

Method

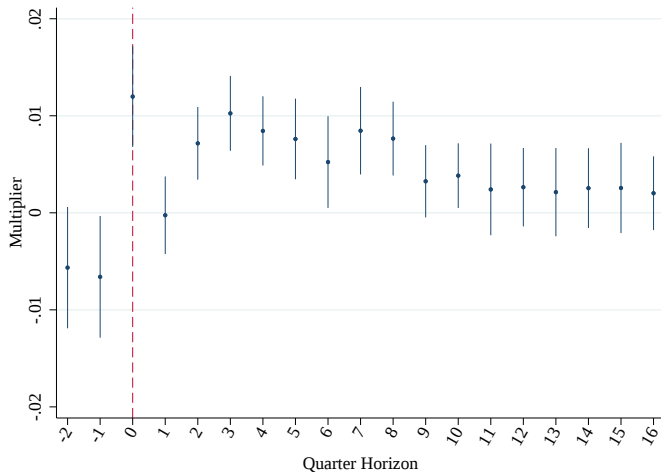
Result
 - (2) Demand shocks by dividend reinvestment positively predict $z_t(n)$.

Method

Result
 - (3) $z_t(n)$ captures both hypothetical demand shocks at the same time.

Result

Share Issuance

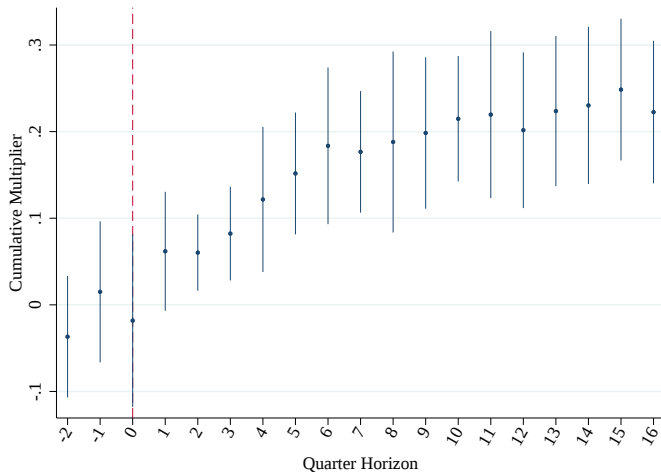


Long-term Issuance

$$\sum_{\tau=0}^8 \Delta Q_{t+\tau}^F(n) = M^F z_t(n) + \alpha^F(n) + \gamma^F(n) \eta_t(n) + \xi_t(n) \quad (21)$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	ΔQ_t^S			$\Delta \text{NetIssue/TA}$		
$z_t(n)$	0.235*** (0.041)	0.236*** (0.042)	0.236*** (0.042)	0.021*** (0.007)	0.021*** (0.007)	0.021*** (0.007)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.571	0.573	0.573	0.748	0.749	0.749
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times$ GDP Growth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes			Yes

Growth of Real Investment



Long-term Growth of Real Investment

$$\sum_{\tau=0}^8 \Delta \frac{I_{t+\tau}}{K_{t+\tau-1}}(n) = M^X z_t(n) + \alpha^X(n) + \gamma^X(n) \eta_t(n) + v_t(n) \quad (22)$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)
$z_t(n)$	0.184*** (0.057)	0.188*** (0.058)	0.188*** (0.058)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.461	0.463	0.463
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times$ GDP Growth	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes

Heterogeneity Analysis

- Investor Inflows vs. Outflows

- Almost zero net buybacks for outflows

Financing

- Dis-investment is 50% for outflows of investment for inflows

Investment

- Economic Expansions vs. Recessions

- Net issuance is 56% during recessions of that during expansions

Financing

- Investment responses are 50% during recessions of that during expansions

Investment

The Effect of Investor Preferences

How much the feedback effect diminishes the direct effect:

$$\Delta^X = \frac{(\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1}}{(\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F)^{-1}} - 1. \quad (23)$$

- (1) $(\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1}$: identify by $R_t(n)$ on $z_t(n)$
- (2) Λ_t^F : identify by $\mathbb{E}[z_t(n)[\Delta Q_t^F(n) - \lambda^F(n)R_t(n)]] = 0$
- (3) ζ_t^P : identify by instruments in DSAP such as investment mandate of institutions

The Effect of Investor Preferences

The price impact of investor flows is

$$\text{diag}(P_t)^{-1} \Delta P_t = (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1} \Delta D_t \quad (24)$$

Dep. Var.: $\sum_{\tau=0}^8 R_t(n)$	(1)	(2)	(3)
$z_t(n)$	0.266*** (0.047)	0.266*** (0.048)	0.266*** (0.048)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.471	0.474	0.474
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times$ GDP Growth	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes

(1) $(\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1} = 0.266$

(2) $\Lambda_t^F = 0.236/0.266 = 0.887$

The Effect of Investor Preferences

Literature	Methodology	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		ζ^P	$\frac{\Lambda^F}{(\zeta^P + \Lambda^F)}$	$\frac{\Lambda^X}{(\zeta^P + \Lambda^F)}$	Δ^X
	Benchmark		0.236	0.188	
Koijen and Yogo (2019)	Investment Mandate	0.200	0.816	0.650	-71.1%
Choi et al. (2023)	Simulated Method of Moments	0.339	0.724	0.576	-67.4%
Gabaix and Koijen (2023)	GIV	0.211	0.808	0.643	-70.8%
Lou (2012)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.833	0.516	0.411	-54.2%
Peng and Wang (2021)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.208	0.810	0.645	-70.9%
Li (2022)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.175	0.835	0.665	-71.7%
Van der Beck (2022)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.833	0.516	0.411	-54.2%
Ben-David et al. (2022)	Morningstar Ratings	0.189	0.825	0.657	-71.4%
Schmickler and Tremacoldi-Rossi (2023)	Dividend Reinvestment	1.250	0.415	0.331	-43.2%
Van der Beck (2024)	Dividend Reinvestment	1.730	0.339	0.270	-30.4%
Hartzmark and Solomon (2024)	Dividend Reinvestment	0.526	0.628	0.500	-62.4%
Chang et al. (2015)	Index Reconstitution	0.625	0.587	0.467	-59.8%
Da et al. (2018)	Pension Fund Rebalance	0.455	0.661	0.527	-64.3%
Li et al. (2021)	IPO Restriction	0.220	0.801	0.638	-70.6%

Reverse Question: Firm's Role in the Stock Market

The price impact of investor flows

$$\text{diag}(P_t)^{-1} \Delta P_t = (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F - \zeta_t^X \Lambda_t^X)^{-1} \Delta D_t \quad (25)$$

The price impact without fundamental responses ($\Lambda_t^X = 0$)

$$\text{diag}(P_t)^{-1} \Delta P_t = (\zeta_t^P + \Lambda_t^F)^{-1} \Delta D_t \quad (26)$$

The price impact without firm responses ($\Lambda_t^F = \Lambda_t^X = 0$)

$$\text{diag}(P_t)^{-1} \Delta P_t = (\zeta_t^P)^{-1} \Delta D_t \quad (27)$$

Reverse Question: Firm's Role in the Stock Market

Benchmark price impact is 0.266.

Literature	Methodology	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		ζ^P	$\frac{1}{\zeta^P}$	$\frac{1}{(\zeta^P + \Lambda^F)}$	Δ^F	Δ^{X+F}
Koijen and Yogo (2019)	Investment Mandate	0.200	5.000	0.920	-81.6%	-94.7%
Choi et al. (2023)	Simulated Method of Moments	0.339	2.951	0.816	-72.4%	-91.0%
Gabaix and Koijen (2023)	GIV	0.211	4.730	0.910	-80.8%	-94.4%
Lou (2012)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.833	1.200	0.581	-51.6%	-77.8%
Peng and Wang (2021)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.208	4.800	0.913	-81.0%	-94.5%
Li (2022)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.175	5.700	0.941	-83.5%	-95.3%
Van der Beck (2022)	Mutual Fund Flows	0.833	1.200	0.581	-51.6%	-77.8%
Ben-David et al. (2022)	Morningstar Ratings	0.189	5.300	0.929	-82.5%	-95.0%
Schmickler and Tremacoldi-Rossi (2023)	Dividend Reinvestment	1.250	0.800	0.468	-41.5%	-66.8%
Van der Beck (2024)	Dividend Reinvestment	1.730	0.578	0.382	-33.9%	-54.0%
Hartzmark and Solomon (2024)	Dividend Reinvestment	0.526	1.900	0.707	-62.8%	-86.0%
Chang et al. (2015)	Index Reconstitution	0.625	1.600	0.661	-58.7%	-83.4%
Da et al. (2018)	Pension Fund Rebalance	0.455	2.200	0.745	-66.1%	-87.9%
Li et al. (2021)	IPO Restriction	0.220	4.550	0.903	-80.1%	-94.2%

Conclusion

- This paper develops a demand-supply framework to study the multipliers of investor flows
 - The multipliers depend on both demand and supply side elasticities
 - The multipliers can be decomposed as direct and feedback effects
- The multipliers can be identified using GIV
 - 1% investor flow leads to .24% share issuance and 0.19% growth of real investment
 - The effect to outflows and during recessions is half of that inflows and economic expansions
 - The direct effect is mostly diminished by the feedback effect
- The framework also provides a novel tool to evaluate how a firm shapes financial markets
 - Share supply reduces the price impact of investor flows by 80%
 - Firm's investment reduces the price impact by additional 10%

GIV $z_t(n)$ Validity: Mutual Fund Flows

- The *hypothetical* demand shocks are defined as Lou (2012).
 - Keep only $\frac{F_{i,t}}{TNA_{i,t-1}} \geq 5\%$ mutual fund flows
 - Firm level demand shock is

$$MFFlow_t(n) = \sum_{i=1}^I Q_{i,t-1}(n) \frac{F_{i,t}}{TNA_{i,t-1}} \quad (28)$$

GIV $z_t(n)$ Validity: Mutual Fund Flows

$$z_t(n) = \beta MFFlow_t(n) + FEs + \epsilon_t(n) \quad (29)$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)
MFFlow	0.001** (0.000)	0.002*** (0.001)	0.002*** (0.001)
Obs.	360003	360003	360003
R^2	0.000	0.004	0.004
Quarter FEs		Yes	Yes
Quarter Clustering	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm Clustering			Yes
Obs.	360003	360003	360003
R^2	0.0000	0.0037	0.0037

GIV $z_t(n)$ Validity: Dividend Reinvestment

- The *hypothetical* demand shocks are defined as Schmickler and Tremacoldi-Rossi (2023).
 - Investor flow to n due to dividend reinvestment is $\Delta q_{i,t}(n) = \frac{\sum_{m \neq n} \text{Div}_{i,t}(m)}{\text{AUM}_{i,t-1}}$
 - Firm level demand shock is

$$\text{DivxFlow}_t(n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^I Q_{i,t-1}(n) \Delta q_{i,t}(n)}{Q_{t-1}^F(n)} \quad (30)$$

GIV $z_t(n)$ Validity: Dividend Reinvestment

$$z_t(n) = \beta \text{DivxFlow}_t(n) + FEs + \epsilon_t(n) \quad (31)$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)
DivxFlow	9.007*** (1.464)	16.002*** (1.904)	16.002*** (2.124)
Obs.	399635	399635	399635
R^2	0.004	0.012	0.012
Quarter FEs		Yes	Yes
Quarter Clustering	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm Clustering			Yes
Obs.	399635	399635	399635
R^2	0.0041	0.0117	0.0117

GIV $z_t(n)$ Validity: Mutual Fund Flows vs Dividend Reinvestment

$$z_t(n) = \beta_1 MFFlow_t(n) + \beta_2 DivxFlow_t(n) + FEs + \epsilon_t(n) \quad (32)$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)
MFFlow	0.000 (0.000)	0.001*** (0.000)	0.001*** (0.000)
DivxFlow	10.014*** (1.703)	18.572*** (2.209)	18.572*** (2.396)
Obs.	359979	359979	359979
R^2	0.006	0.015	0.015
Quarter FEs		Yes	Yes
Quarter Clustering	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm Clustering			Yes
Obs.	359979	359979	359979
R^2	0.0059	0.0150	0.0150

Share Issuance: Inflows versus Outflows

	(1)	(2)	(3)
$z_t^+(n)$	0.850*** (0.173)	0.853*** (0.173)	0.853*** (0.173)
$z_t^-(n)$	0.005 (0.044)	0.005 (0.045)	0.005 (0.045)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.573	0.575	0.575
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times$ GDP Growth	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes

For 1% investor flows,

- 0.85% net issuance to inflows
- 0.01% net buyback in outflows

⇒ All effects from inflows

Real Investment: Inflows versus Outflows

	(1)	(2)	(3)
$z_t^+(n)$	0.289*** (0.094)	0.297*** (0.097)	0.297*** (0.097)
$z_t^-(n)$	-0.143** (0.067)	-0.145** (0.069)	-0.145** (0.069)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.461	0.463	0.463
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times$ GDP Growth	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes

For 1% investor flows,

- 0.30% investment growth to inflows
- 0.15% dis-investment growth in outflows

$\Rightarrow$ 50% of the effect

Share Issuance during Economic Recessions

	(1)	(2)	(3)
$z_t(n)$	0.250*** (0.031)	0.248*** (0.031)	0.248*** (0.031)
Recession	-0.119*** (0.030)	-0.119*** (0.030)	-0.119*** (0.030)
$z_t(n) \times \text{Recession}$	-0.110 (0.079)	-0.111 (0.081)	-0.111 (0.081)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.298	0.300	0.300
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes

For 1% investor flows,

- 0.25% share issuance in expansions
- 0.14% share issuance in recessions

⇒ 56% of the effect in recessions

Real Investment during Economic Recessions

	(1)	(2)	(3)
$z_t(n)$	0.187*** (0.044)	0.183*** (0.045)	0.183*** (0.045)
Recession	-0.300*** (0.096)	-0.297*** (0.095)	-0.297*** (0.095)
$z_t(n) \times \text{Recession}$	-0.093* (0.047)	-0.095* (0.050)	-0.095* (0.050)
Obs.	38172	38172	38172
R^2	0.123	0.131	0.131
Firm FEs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_1$		Yes	Yes
Firm $\times \eta_2$			Yes

For 1% investor flows,

- 0.18% investment growth in expansions
- 0.09% investment growth in recessions

⇒ 50% of the effect in recessions

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