

Invoicing and Pricing-to-Market

Evidence on the “International Price System” from UK Exporters

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- While direct evidence on how firms price exports is scarce, recent studies suggest that the **currency of invoice** in trade transactions seems to be a good indicator of the degree of price adjustments to exchange rates (exchange rate pass through ERPT).

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reflect the share of imports invoiced in dollar, which are:

- **93%** of the US's imports are invoiced in dollars (**local currency**).
- **71%** of Japan's imports are invoiced in dollars (**vehicle currency**) but only 13% of its imports from the US.
- **60%** of Turkey's imports are invoiced in dollars (**vehicle currency**) but only 6% of its imports from the US.

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Key definitions: Pass through vs. pricing to market

Price changes = (a) global markup adjustments +
(b) destination-specific markup adjustments +
(c) changes in marginal costs

① **ERPT captures combination of (a), (b) and (c)**

⇒ Event study may narrow identification of shocks.

② **Pricing to market captures (b)**

⇒ To deal with potential bias due to endogenous selection of destination markets, we use the Trade Pattern Sequential Fixed Effect (TPSFE) estimator developed in previous work CCHS (2019).

⇒ The TPSFE estimator exploits destination variation in export prices to control for changes in the unobserved marginal cost (c) and common markup (a)

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Against the large depreciation following Brexit-referendum:

- Export prices in sterling rise immediately in VCI and LCI transactions.
- For PCI transactions, prices are initially unresponsive, then they rise steadily.
- Differences across VCI LCI and PCI narrow over 6 quarters from the referendum.

Fixed effect approach

- Export price elasticity to the exchange rate=1-ERPT:
 - ⇒ Producer currency (£) invoiced transactions: 0.24***
(ERPT: 76%)
 - ⇒ Vehicle currency (\$) invoiced transactions: 0.41***
(ERPT: 59%)
 - ⇒ Local currency invoiced transactions: 0.58***
(ERPT: 42%)

Local currency invoice → lower ERPT.

- Destination-specific markup elasticity to exchange rate (DSME):
 - ⇒ Producer currency (£) invoiced transactions: 0.04
 - ⇒ Vehicle currency (\$) invoiced transactions: 0.06
 - ⇒ Local currency invoiced transactions: 0.48***

Only LCI implies pricing to market: Most ($.48/.58=84\%$) of the incomplete pass through of LCI transactions is due to the exporter adjusting the markup in the destination markets.

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- If transactions are LCI, the sterling price **drops by 4.8% in Mexico**. The firm does price-to-market: The peso price rises by 5.2% ($= 10\% - 4.8\%$) in Mexico and there is no change in price in Canada.

Literature

- **Invoicing currency and pass through**

Goldberg and Tille (2008, 2016); Gopinath and Rigobon (2008); Gopinath, Itskhoki and Rigobon (2010); Fitzgerald and Haller (2014); Gopinath (2015); Casas et al. (2017); Chen, Chung and Novy (2018); Amiti, Itskhoki and Konings (2018)

- **Pricing-to-market**

e.g., Knetter (1989); Knetter (1993); Goldberg and Verboven (2001); Berman, Mayer and Martin (2012); Amit, Itskhoki and Konings (2014); Auer and Schoenle (2016); Fitzgerald and Haller (2018); Corsetti, Crowley, Han, and Song (2018)

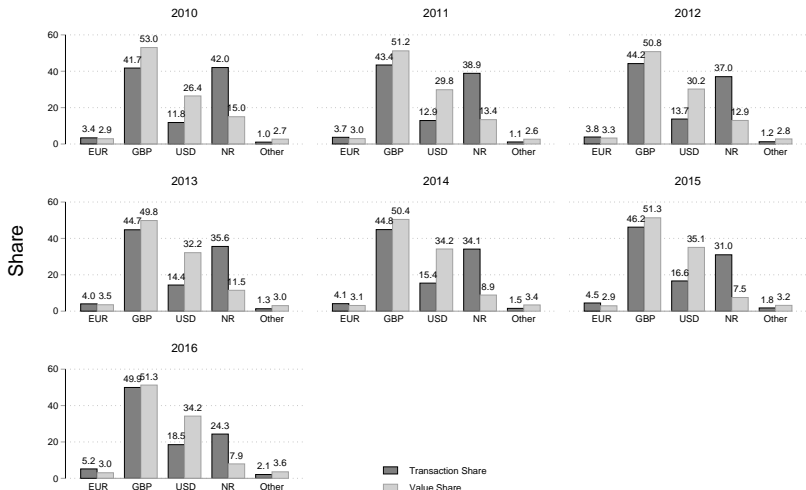
Outline

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- Brexit event study
- Pricing-to-market and invoicing currency (TPSFE approach)

Stylized facts about invoicing currencies

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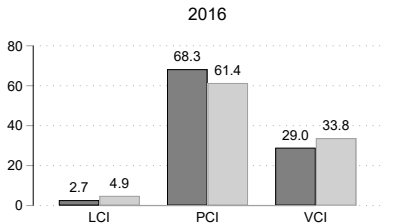
Top invoicing currencies for extra-EU exports

NR: Not Reported

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Excluding US destinations (to rule out confusion VCI LCI):

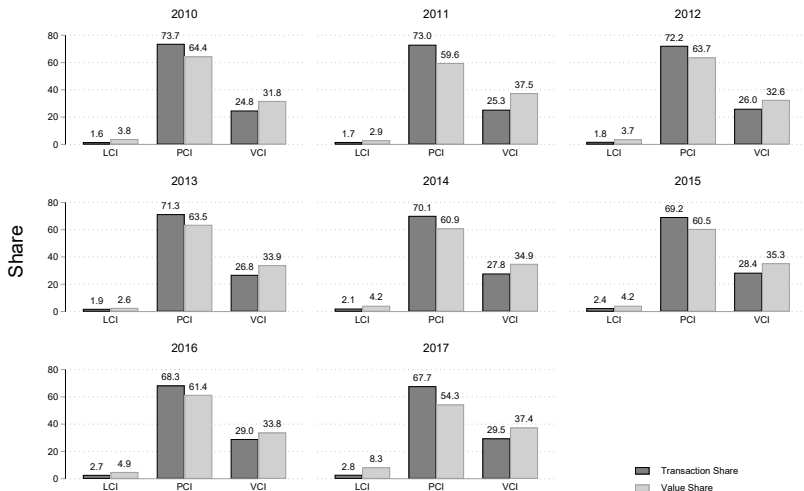
- sterling (PCI): 61%
- vehicle currency (VCI) (\$, €, ¥): 34%
- destination (local) currency (LCI): 5%



Dark: transaction share; Light: value share

Fact 1: Aggregate composition of invoicing schemes

UK exports, excluding the EU and the US



Fact 2: Number of destinations vs. invoicing currencies

UK exports, excluding the EU and the US, 2010-2017

		No. of Destinations	No. of Invoicing Currencies				Total
			1	2-5	6-10	10+	
by Share of Firms	1		35.2	6.4	0.0	0.0	41.6
	2-5		7.8	25.3	0.0	0.0	33.1
	6-10		0.4	10.4	0.1	0.0	10.9
	10+		0.1	12.7	1.5	0.2	14.4
	Total		43.4	54.8	1.5	0.2	100.0
by Share of Exports	1		0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.0
	2-5		0.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
	6-10		0.0	3.9	0.1	0.0	4.1
	10+		0.0	30.4	26.7	34.5	91.7
	Total		0.7	38.0	26.9	34.5	100.0

⇒ **99.3% of export value originates from multi-currency exporters**

⇒ **only .7% of export value (43% of transactions) uses one currency.**

Top panel: share of UK exporters. Bottom panel: share of export value.

Fact 2: Number of products vs. invoicing currencies

UK exports, excluding the EU and the US, 2010-2017

		No. of Products	No. of Invoicing Currencies				Total
			1	2-5	6-10	10+	
by Share of Firms	1		29.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	31.8
	2-5		12.0	19.4	0.0	0.0	31.4
	6-10		1.3	11.0	0.0	0.0	12.3
	10+		0.5	22.4	1.5	0.2	24.5
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⇒ **93.4% of single-product exporters use only one currency.**

⇒ **80.0% of multi-product exporters use two or more currencies.**

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Fact 3: Multi-currency invoicing for same product-firm-destination-year (ifdt) quartet

	No. of Currencies	No. of Transactions	Share (%) Transactions	Share (%) Trade
UK Exports	1	5,134,053	84.0	49.4
	2	872,124	14.3	41.1
	3	92,631	1.5	8.0
	4 plus	9,833	0.2	1.5
	Total	6,108,641	100.0	100.0
UK Imports	1	6,804,261	87.7	66.1
	2	793,630	10.2	22.8
	3	122,946	1.6	6.0
	4 plus	40,464	0.5	5.1
	Total	7,761,301	100.0	100.0

⇒ **50.6%** of exports of the same “ifdt” invoiced in multiple currencies

⇒ **33.9%** of imports by the same “ifdt” invoiced in multiple currencies

Fact 4: Transition matrix of invoicing schemes

UK exports, excluding EU and US, annual, 2010-2017

Matrix calculated based on single invoicing currency transactions at the exporter-product-destination level:

		To		
		LCI	PCI	VCI
From	LCI	76.44	18.11	5.45
	PCI	0.53	93.32	6.14
	VCI	0.52	17.07	82.41

A substantial share of UK exporters switch their invoicing scheme from year to year.

ERPT after the Brexit referendum

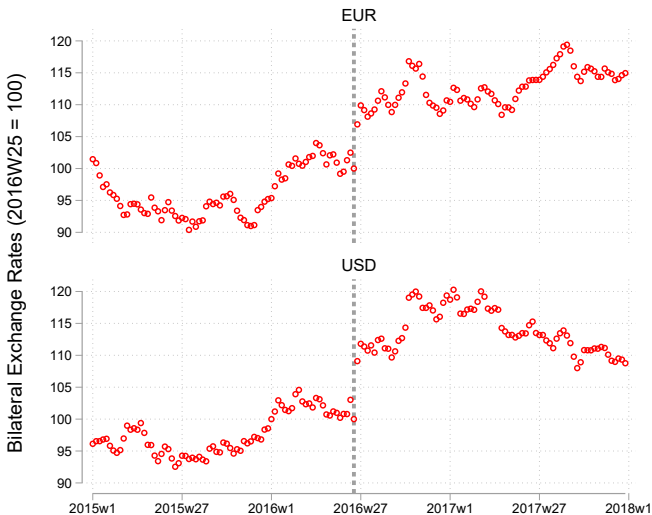
Recall

Price changes = (a) global markup adjustments +
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- Event study: Captures (a), (b) and (c) in response to a specific (although) complex shocks.
- However, if one thinks that marginal costs remain temporary unresponsive to Brexit depreciation in the very short run (evidence on import prices...), one may consider the event study informative about (a) and (b) as well.

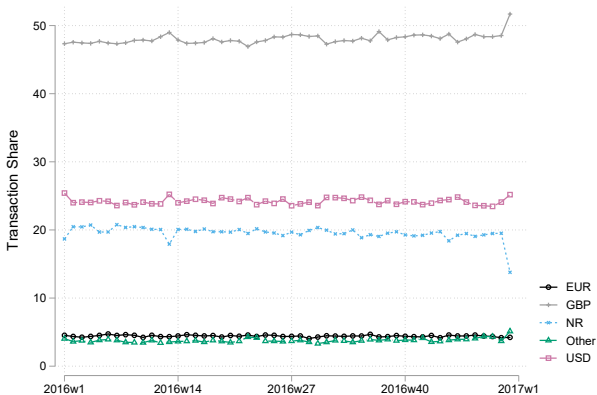
Brexit Event Study

The pound around the Brexit referendum



Brexit event study

Aggregate shares of invoicing currencies in 2016



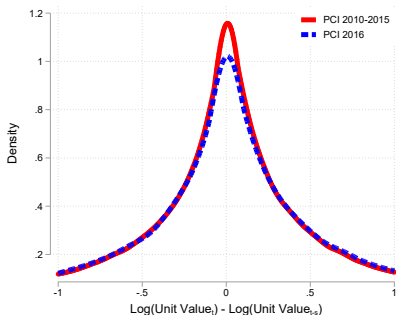
Transaction share of different invoicing currencies for extra-EU exports did not respond to the Brexit depreciation.

Note: "NR" stands for not reported.

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Distribution of export price changes: 2016 vs 2010-2015
Prices measured in sterling

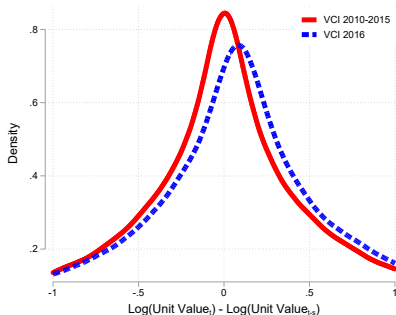
Producer Currency Invoiced (PCI)
Transactions



Note: Density is calculated based on all unit value changes including those > 1 or < -1 .

No Shift \Rightarrow High ERPT

Vehicle Currency Invoiced (VCI)
Transactions



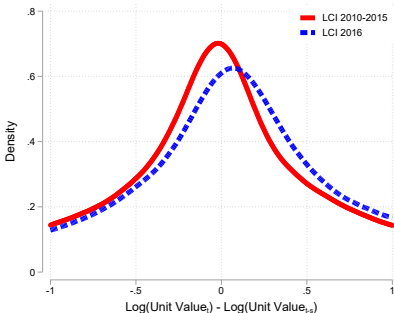
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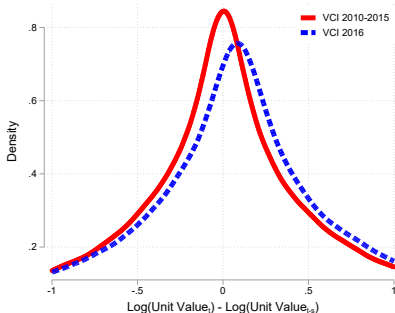
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Local Currency Invoiced (LCI) Transactions



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Estimation equation

Econometric analysis of weekly ERPT (see e.g. Bonadio Fisher and Saure 2019):

$$y_{ifdt} = \sum_{\tau=1}^{156} \lambda_{\tau} + \delta_{ifd} + u_{ifdt} \quad y \in \{p_{ifdct}, q_{ifdt}, e_{dt}\} \quad (1)$$

where

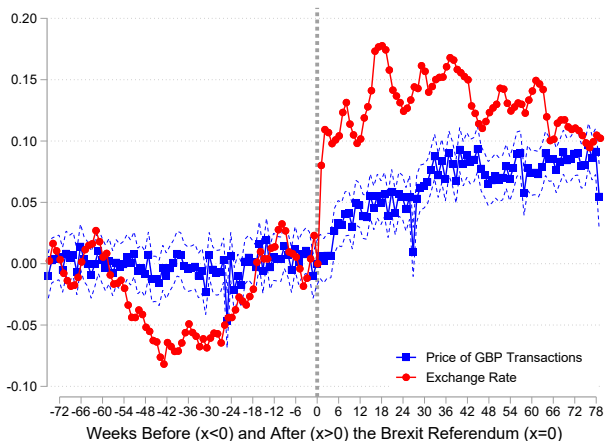
- i, f, d, t represent product, firm, destination country, and week respectively.
- $\sum_{\tau=1}^{156} \lambda_{\tau}$ is a bunch of week dummies capturing the average price/quantity/exchange rate changes
- δ_{ifd} : firm-product-destination fixed effects

⇒ Equation (1) is separately estimated for each invoicing currency schemes.

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Weekly pass through after the Brexit referendum

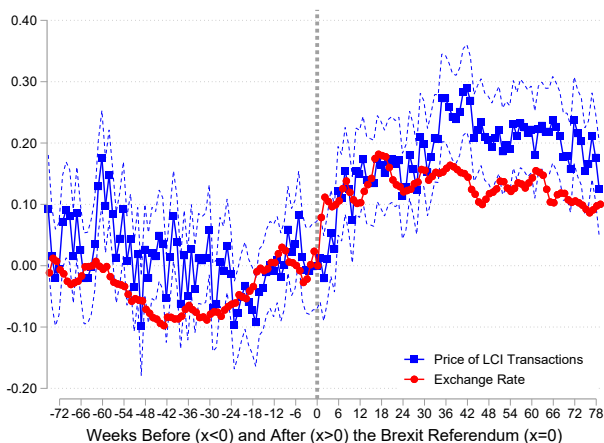
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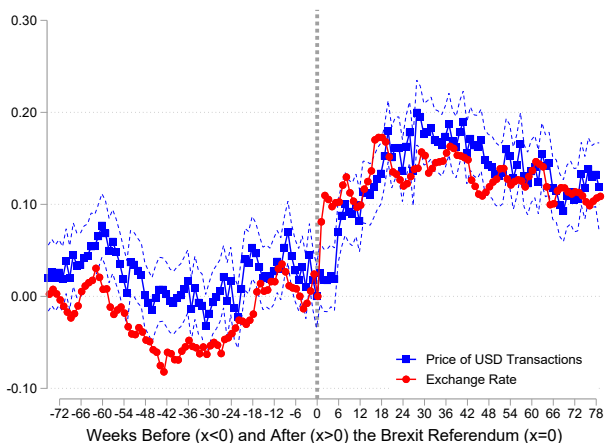
Weekly Price Changes of **Local Currency** Invoiced Transactions 2015-2017



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Weekly pass through after the Brexit referendum

Weekly Price Changes of Dollar Invoiced Transactions 2015-2017



Fixed effect approach

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(b) destination-specific markup adjustments +
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- ① Similar to the event study, ERPT regressions: Capture (a), (b) and (c).
- ② Fixed effects approach: Captures (b), i.e., pricing-to-market

Analysis of Price elasticity (1-ERPT) vs Destination-Specific Markup Elasticity (DSME) with respect to the exchange rate.
Model developed in previous work, “Markets and Markups”.

Trade Pattern Sequential Fixed Effects

Destination Specific Markup Elasticity (DSME)

Consider a firm exporting a product to four countries, A through D, over 5 time periods, according to the following (typical) pattern:

Observed Trade Patterns

$t = 1$	A	B		
$t = 2$	A		C	
$t = 3$	A	B	C	D
$t = 4$	A		C	
$t = 5$	A	B	C	D

where empty elements in the matrix indicate that there was no trade.

To estimate the markup elasticity addressing selection bias, the TPSFE estimator compares changes in destination-specific price deviations from mean at $t = 2$ with $t = 4$ and $t = 3$ with $t = 5$.

DSME: Trade Pattern Sequential Fixed Effects

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{A,1} & P_{B,1} & \cdot & \cdot \\ P_{A,2} & \cdot & P_{C,2} & \cdot \\ P_{A,3} & P_{B,3} & P_{C,3} & P_{D,3} \\ P_{A,4} & \cdot & P_{C,4} & \cdot \\ P_{A,5} & P_{B,5} & P_{C,5} & P_{D,5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{p}_{A,1} + \bar{p}_1 & \tilde{p}_{B,1} + \bar{p}_1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \tilde{p}_{A,2} + \bar{p}_2 & \cdot & \tilde{p}_{C,2} + \bar{p}_2 & \cdot \\ \tilde{p}_{A,3} + \bar{p}_3 & \tilde{p}_{B,3} + \bar{p}_3 & \tilde{p}_{C,3} + \bar{p}_3 & \tilde{p}_{D,3} + \bar{p}_3 \\ \tilde{p}_{A,4} + \bar{p}_4 & \cdot & \tilde{p}_{C,4} + \bar{p}_4 & \cdot \\ \tilde{p}_{A,5} + \bar{p}_5 & \tilde{p}_{B,5} + \bar{p}_5 & \tilde{p}_{C,5} + \bar{p}_5 & \tilde{p}_{D,5} + \bar{p}_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- For each firm-product pair, calculate the average price in each period; then extract destination-specific price residuals.
- The average price in a period is equal to the common markup and the average marginal cost.
- Estimate the markup elasticity by comparing price residuals over time for the same trade pattern.

Estimating equation for DSME

Regress price residuals on destination-demeaned exchange rates and the trade pattern fixed effects.

$$\tilde{p}_{ifdt, D_{ift}} = \kappa \tilde{e}_{dt, D_{ift}} + TP_{ifd, D_{ift}} + \tilde{u}_{ifdt, D_{ift}}$$

where

- κ is the DSME
- D_{ift} is an additional dimension of the dataset that denotes the set of destinations, e.g. VN-KR-JP, associated with the firm and product in that time period.
- The trade pattern dummies, $TP_{ifd, D_{ift}}$, capture the observation's destination (JP) and its trade pattern (VN-KR-JP).

Estimating equation for price elasticity (1-ERPT)

We also regress prices (not price residuals) on exchange rates and the trade pattern fixed effects.

$$p_{ifdt} = \beta e_{dt} + TP_{ifd, D_{ift}} + \tilde{u}_{ifdt}$$

where

- β is the price elasticity $\equiv 1 - ERPT$.
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Price and markup elasticities

UK extra-EU exports 2015-2017, weekly frequency

	(1) All
Price	0.333*** (0.0118)
Markup	0.0733*** (0.0267)
Observations	4,854,264

Notes: Export prices denominated in £.
Exchange rates in pounds per foreign
currency; increase \Rightarrow foreign currency
appreciation.

Against a 1% increase in foreign currency

\Rightarrow export prices in sterling rise by
0.33%

export prices in foreign currency fall
by $1 - 0.33 = 0.67\%$

ERPT is incomplete = 67%

\Rightarrow the destination-specific markup (in
£) increases by 0.07%

22% ($= 0.073 / 0.33$) due to
destination specific markup
adjustments.

Price and markup elasticities: 2015-2017

UK extra-EU exports by invoicing currency, weekly frequency

ERPT

	(1) All	(2) PCI	(3) LCI	(4) VCI (Dollar)	(5) VCI (Euro)
Price	0.333*** (0.0118)	0.241*** (0.0177)	0.577*** (0.0453)	0.406*** (0.0365)	0.520*** (0.0448)
Implied ERPT	67%	76%	42%	59%	48%
Markup	0.0733*** (0.0267)	0.0435 (0.0384)	0.482*** (0.0778)	0.0591 (0.0779)	0.0506 (0.106)
Observations	4,854,264	2,438,368	258,970	765,993	277,611

⇒ **Higher ERPT for PCI compared to LCI and VCI**

Export prices denominated in £. Exchange rates in pounds per foreign currency: increase ⇒ foreign currency appreciation.

Price and markup elasticities: 2015-2017

UK extra-EU exports by invoicing currency, weekly frequency

Destination Specific Markup Elasticity (DSME)

	(1) All	(2) PCI	(3) LCI	(4) VCI (Dollar)	(5) VCI (Euro)
Price	0.333*** (0.0118)	0.241*** (0.0177)	0.577*** (0.0453)	0.406*** (0.0365)	0.520*** (0.0448)
Implied ERPT	67%	76%	42%	59%	48%
Markup	0.0733*** (0.0267)	0.0435 (0.0384)	0.482*** (0.0778)	0.0591 (0.0779)	0.0506 (0.106)
Observations	4,854,264	2,438,368	258,970	765,993	277,611

⇒ **No destination specific markup adjustments for PCI and VCI**

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DSME and incomplete ERPT

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Percent of incomplete ERPT due to destination-specific markup adjustments					
	22	0	84	0	0

Export prices denominated in £. Exchange rates in pounds per foreign currency: increase ⇒ foreign currency appreciation.

Conclusions

We find supporting evidence on *International Price System* and that firms use invoice currencies as an instrument to implement their pricing strategies:

- 1 The lion's share (99%) of trade is conducted by firms invoicing in multiple currencies.
- 2 In response to the large sterling depreciation after the Brexit referendum, local and vehicle currency invoiced transactions demonstrate faster markup adjustments than producer currency invoiced transactions.
- 3 Only local currency invoiced transactions demonstrate destination-specific markup adjustments \Rightarrow Firms price discriminate by invoicing their products in local currencies.

Appendix

Number of Products vs. Destinations

UK exports to countries except the EU (2010-2017)

		No. of Destinations				Total
		1	2-5	6-10	10+	
by Share of Firms	No. of Products					
	1	29.7	2.0	0.1	0.0	31.8
	2-5	9.9	19.9	1.3	0.3	31.4
	6-10	1.2	6.9	3.2	0.9	12.3
	10+	0.7	4.3	6.2	13.2	24.5
	Total	41.6	33.1	10.9	14.4	100.0
by Share of Exports	1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0
	2-5	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.9
	6-10	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.6	3.3
	10+	0.1	1.2	2.7	89.8	93.8
	Total	1.0	3.2	4.1	91.7	100.0

⇒ **Multi-product, multi-destination firms originate 98.7% of UK exports to countries outside the EU.**

Notes: Top panel shows the share of UK exporters that falls under the relevant description. Bottom panel presents corresponding value of exports.

Price and Markup Elasticities

to destinations outside the EU and the US: 2010-2017

Freq.	Invoicing	Price		Markup		n. of obs
		NEX	CPI	NEX	CPI	
Annual	PCI	0.13***	0.34***	-0.04	0.11	1,529,583
	VCI	0.26***	0.45***	-0.05	0.01	559,184
	LCI	0.51***	0.81***	0.22	1.05	49,873
Quarterly	PCI	0.16***	0.36***	0.03	-0.05	3,106,318
	VCI	0.34***	0.55***	-0.08	-0.10	1,177,315
	LCI	0.61***	1.08***	0.40***	0.76*	121,045
Monthly	PCI	0.18***	0.35***	0.04	0.03	4,167,771
	VCI	0.35***	0.53***	0.05	-0.03	1,693,494
	LCI	0.53***	0.71***	0.30***	-0.07	164,595

Price and Markup Elasticities

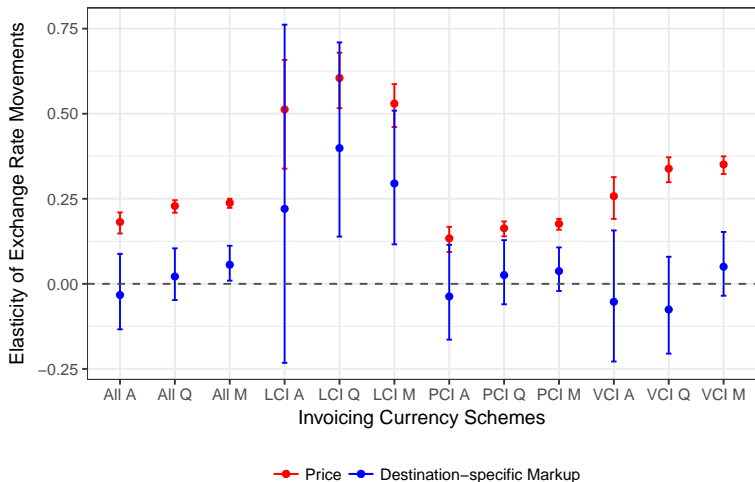
to Non-EU versus All Destinations: 2010-2017

Freq.	Exports	Price		Markup		n. of obs
		NEX	CPI	NEX	CPI	
Annual	Non-EU	0.32***	0.55***	0.10*	0.15	2,936,692
	All countries	0.28***	0.65***	-0.02	-0.04	11,502,814
Quarterly	Non-EU	0.34***	0.56***	0.09***	0.00	5,635,328
	All countries	0.31***	0.71***	0.24***	0.29***	27,397,833
Monthly	Non-EU	0.35***	0.54***	0.09***	-0.02	7,808,005
	All countries	0.34***	0.79***	0.23***	0.21***	50,129,917

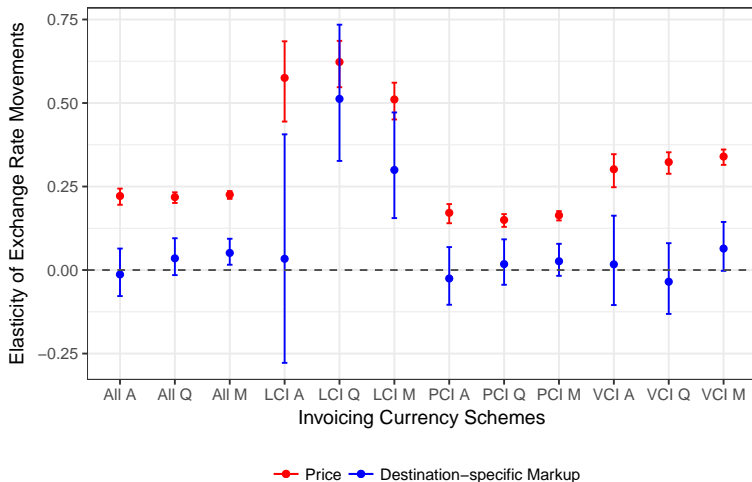
Notes: Estimates including the US conditional on a price change. Statistical significance is based on robust standard errors. ***, **, * stand for 1%, 5%, and 10% significance level respectively.

Different Time Frequencies, longer sample

Estimates of Price and Markup Elasticities Conditional on a Price Change 2010-2017



Different Time Frequencies, longer sample Not Conditional on a Price Change 2010-2017



UK Exports to all extra-EU destinations, 2010-2017

Conditional on a price change, Monthly frequency

US transactions invoiced in dollars classified as LCI

Freq.	Price		Markup		n. of obs
	NEX	CPI	NEX	CPI	
All	0.35***	0.54***	0.09***	-0.02	7,808,005
PCI	0.24***	0.43***	0.03	-0.06	5,132,214
VCI	0.35***	0.52***	0.06	-0.05	1,759,815
LCI	0.63***	0.99***	0.43***	-0.20	915,976

Price and markup elasticities larger for LCI.

ERPT into dollar low, more pricing to market.

UK exports to the EU

EU destinations only, 2010-2017

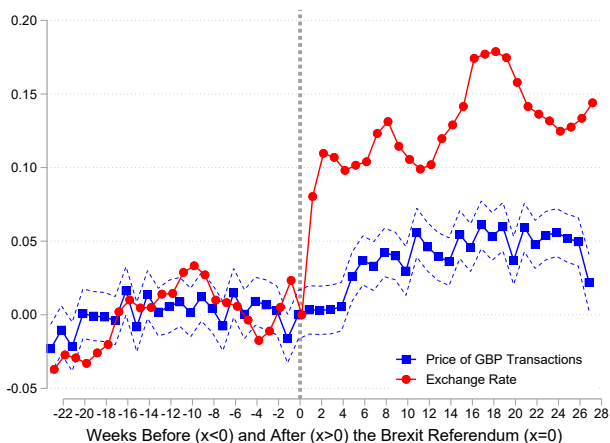
Freq.	Price		Markup		n. of obs
	NEX	CPI	NEX	CPI	
Annual	0.37***	1.46***	-	0.51***	8,566,122
Quarterly	0.34***	1.44***	-	0.60***	21,762,505
Monthly	0.35***	1.42***	-	0.56***	42,321,912

- For exports to EU, we do not know the invoicing currency.
- The pattern for price elasticities similar as for LCI exports to countries outside the EU.
- High Destination-specific Markup Elasticity to local CPI in EU countries.

Brexit Event Study

Weekly pass through after the Brexit referendum

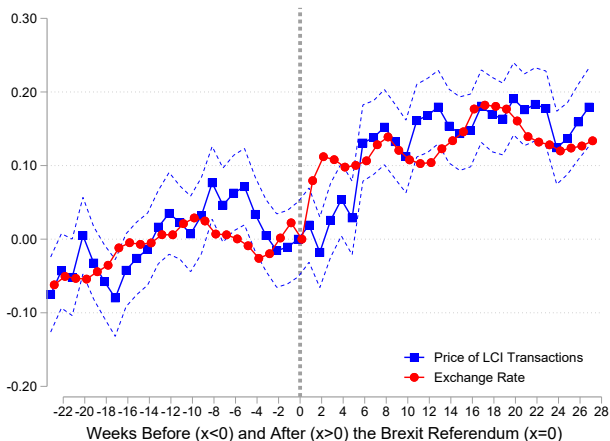
Weekly Price Changes of **Sterling** Invoiced Transactions



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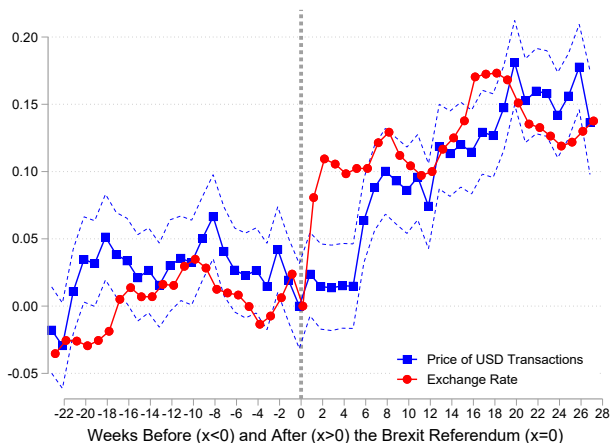
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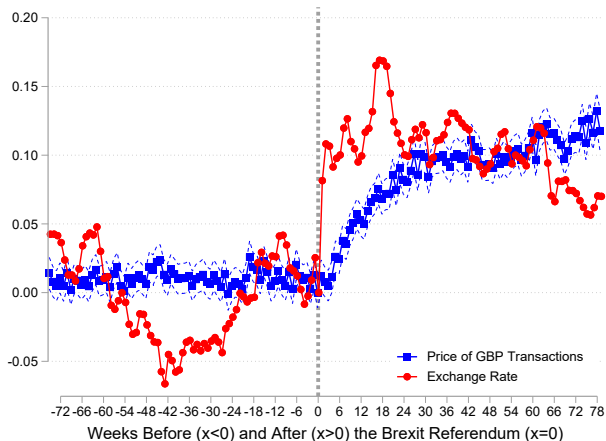
Weekly Price Changes of Dollar Invoiced Transactions



Brexit Event Study: Import

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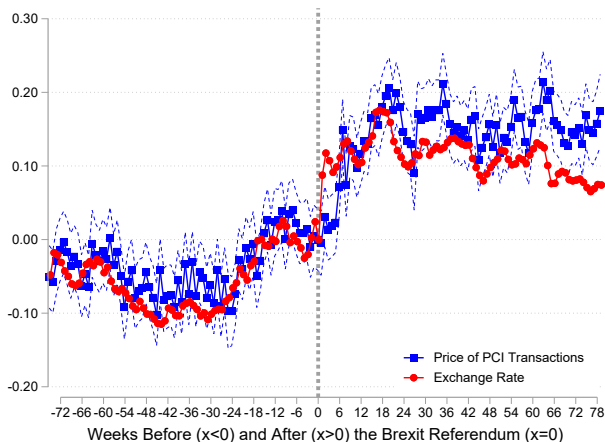
Figure: Price responses of **sterling** invoiced transactions (**extra-EU imports, 2015-2017**)



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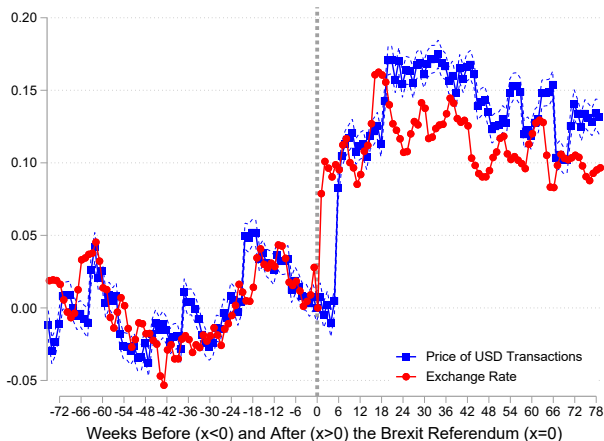
Figure: Price responses of **producer currency** invoiced transactions (extra-EU imports, 2015-2017)



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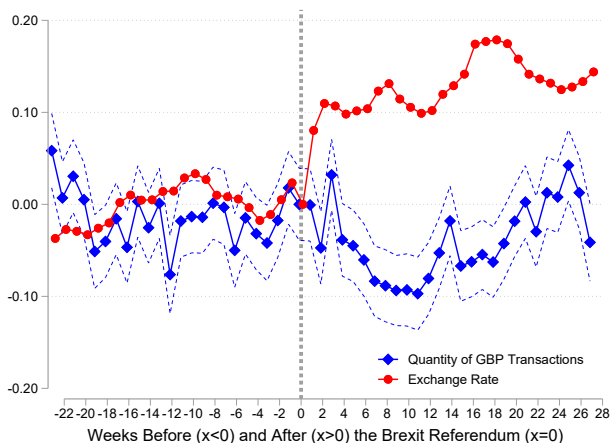
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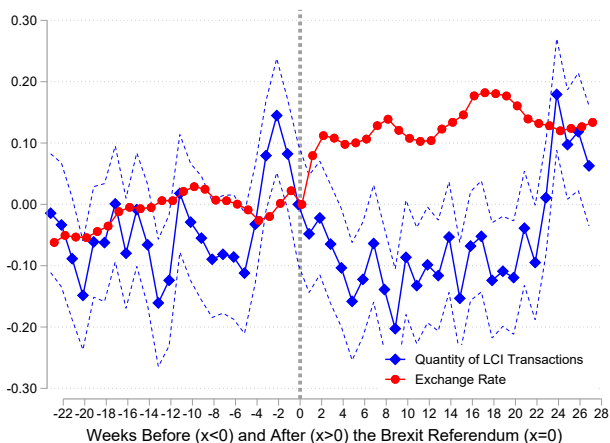
Weekly **Quantity** Changes of **Sterling** Invoiced Transactions



Brexit Event Study

Weekly pass through after the Brexit referendum

Weekly **Quantity** Changes of **Local Currency** Invoiced Transactions



Brexit Event Study

Weekly pass through after the Brexit referendum

Weekly **Quantity** Changes of **Dollar** Invoiced Transactions

