

PROJECTING BANKS NET INTEREST INCOME: AN ASSET-LIABILITY APPROACH, APPLIED TO THE EURO AREA

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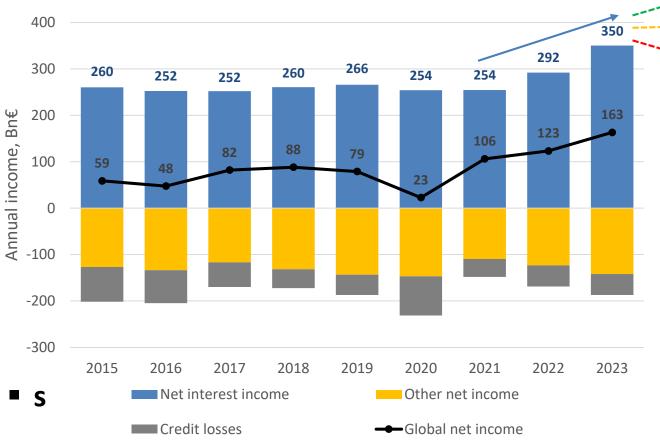
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NET INTEREST INCOME IS A KEY FACTOR OF BANKS' PROFITABILITY

Aggregate NII of euro banks has been stable through 2015-21.





- What drove the 2022–23 surge?
- How NII will evolve next? What are the main risk factors?



MODELLING APPROACH – ALM-LIKE MODEL

NII = $\sum \pm$ (Balance sheet amounts × average interest rates).

Result from **credit issuance** + central bank actions etc.

Must be modelled in a consistent accounting framework, where **Debit = Credit** always.

Ex. : issuance of new loans (Debit) \Rightarrow creation of new deposits (Credit).

Aggregate banking system (sum of large eurozone banks) ⇒ reliable conservation laws (no "aggregate run risk").

React to the IR environment

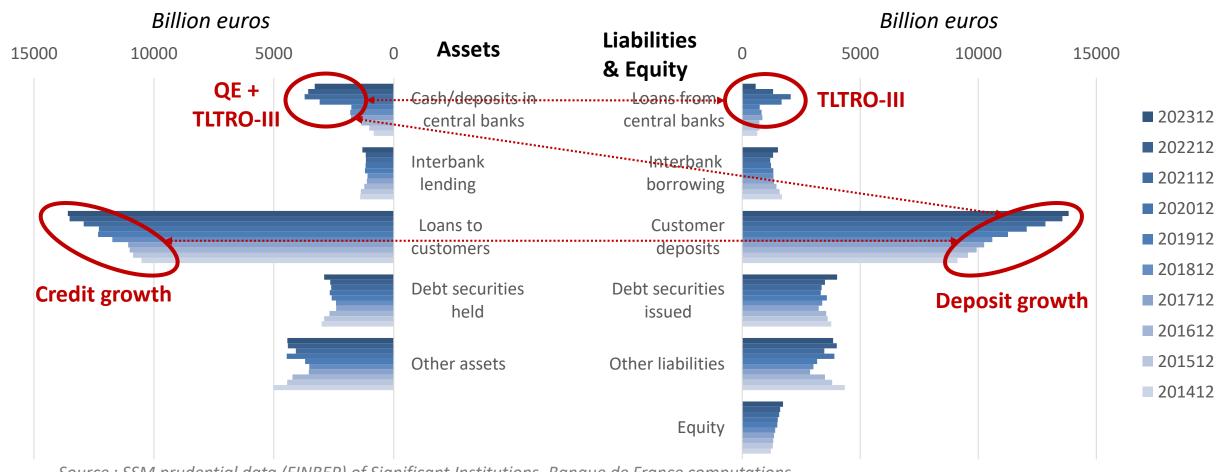
Reaction depends on the financial structure: fixed vs. floating rates, short vs. long maturities.



BANK BALANCE SHEETS ARE STRONGLY DYNAMIC

Main sources of change: credit growth, central bank actions.

Accounting consistency: *deposit growth* follows from *credit growth* + QE.

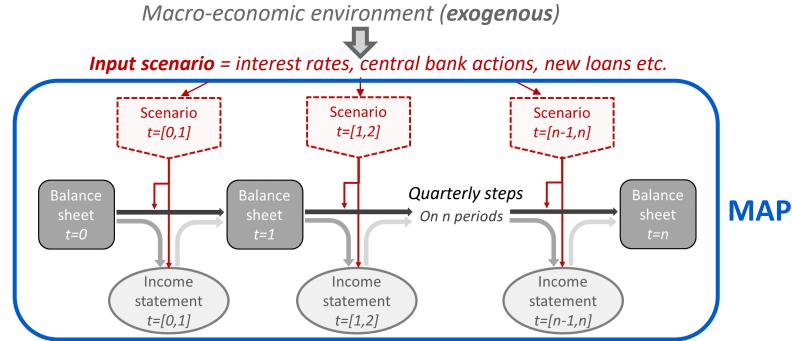




MODELLING APPROACH – SCENARIO AGNOSTICISM

"MAP": model developed at Banque de France in 2022-23.

- \blacksquare Assumptions kept at a minimum \rightarrow wide freedom in **input scenarios**.
- No attempt to predict interest rates, lending volumes, security purchases...: set externally, no imposed relationship (any combination can be tested).





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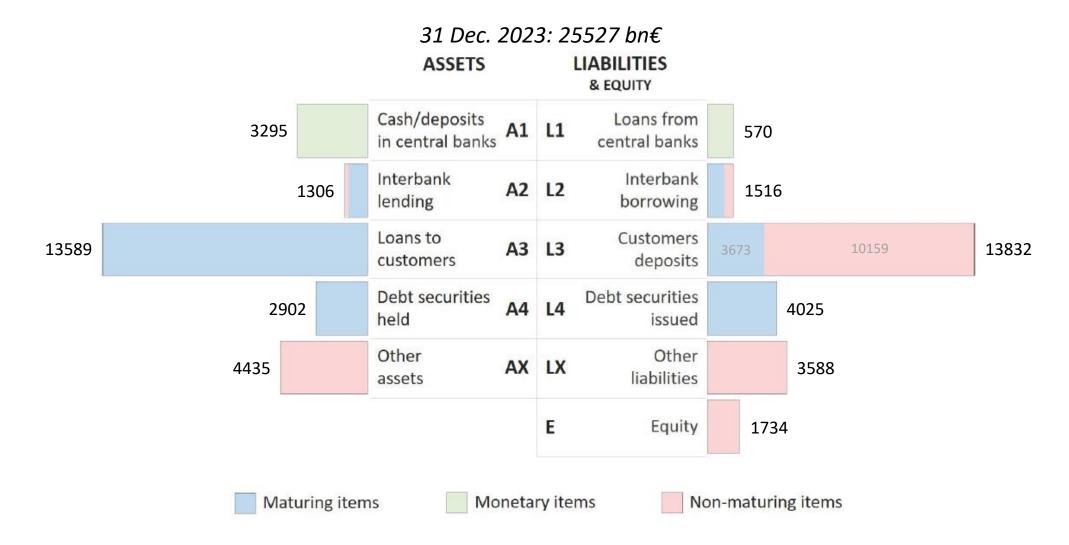
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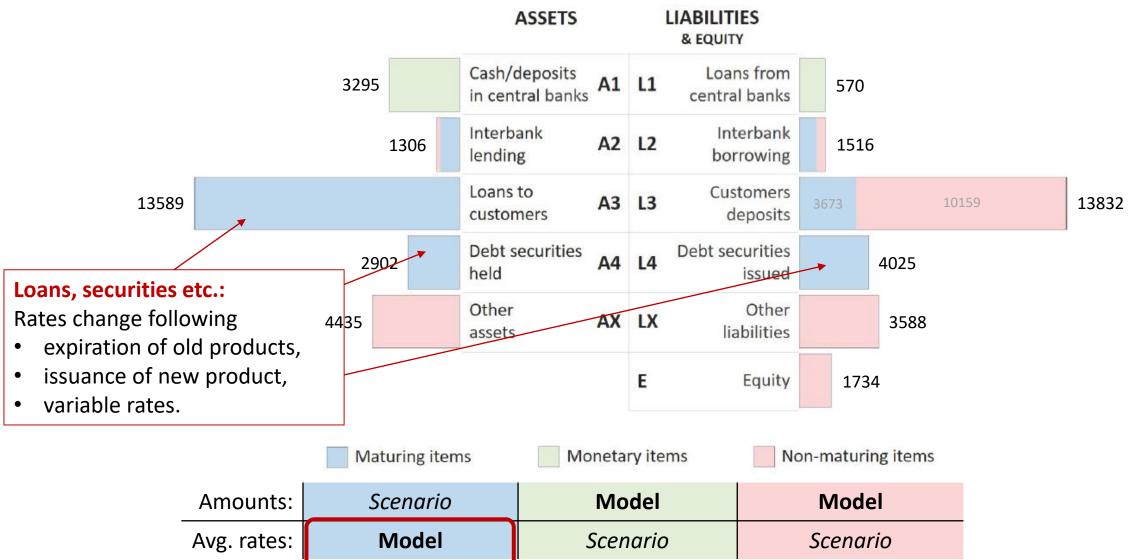
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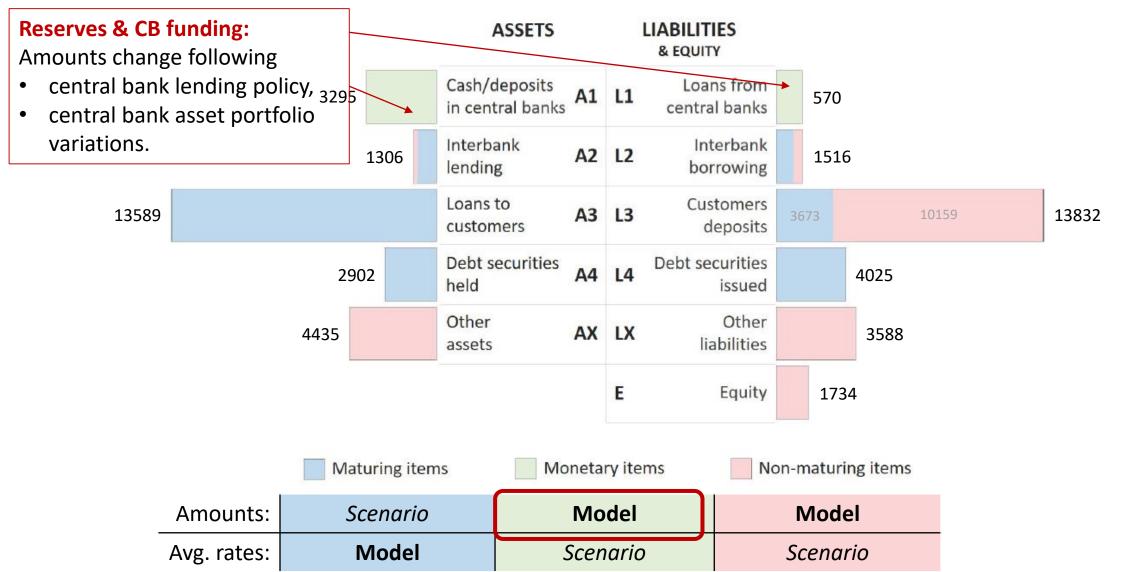




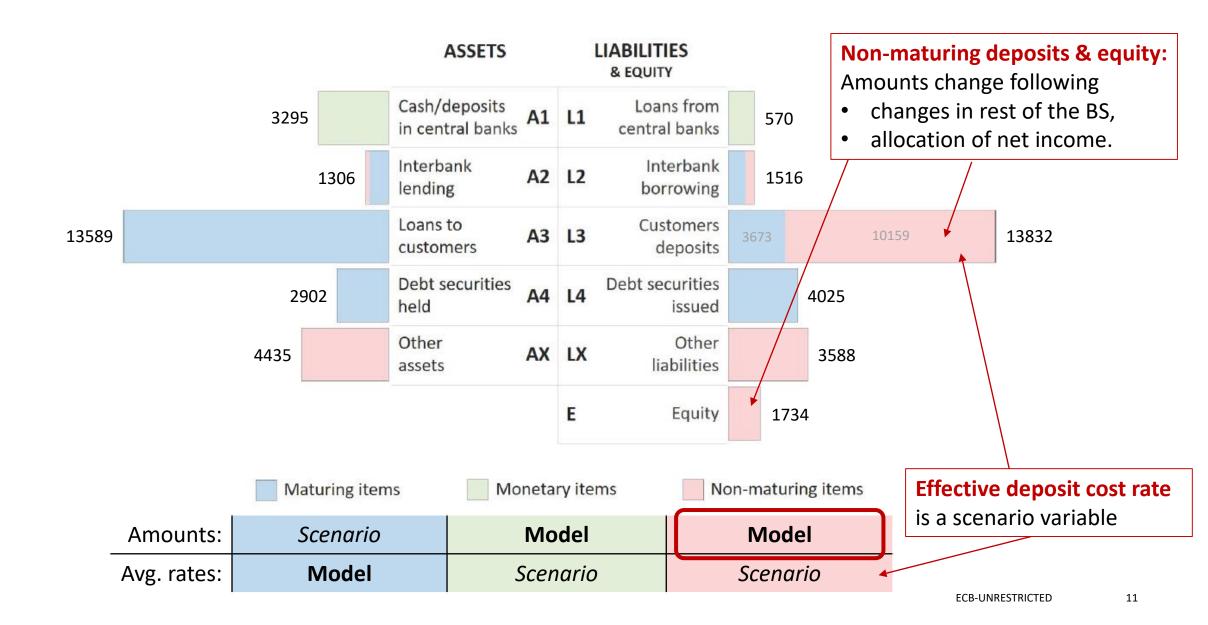
Source: SSM prudential data (FINREP) of Significant Institutions; structure: Banque de France MAP.











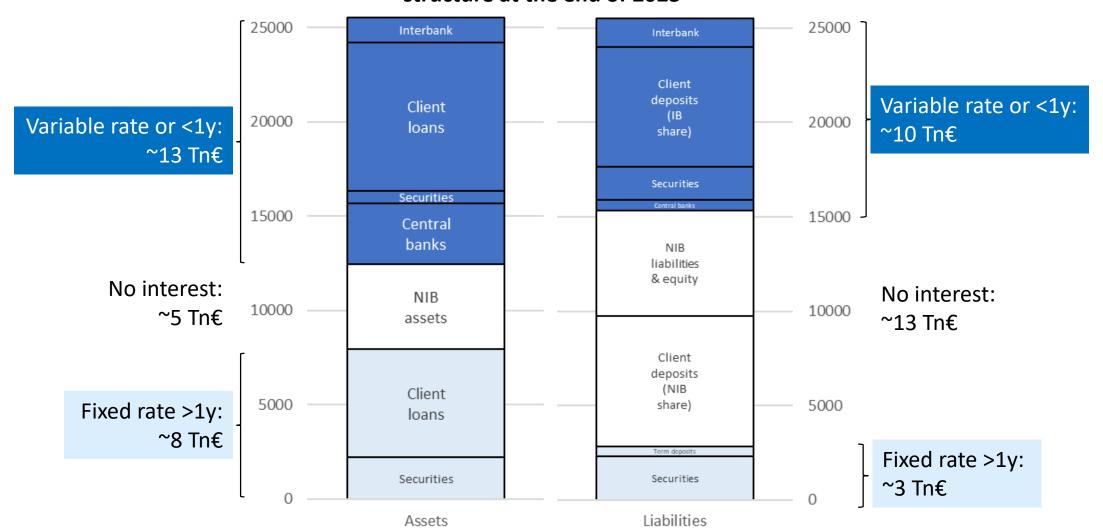
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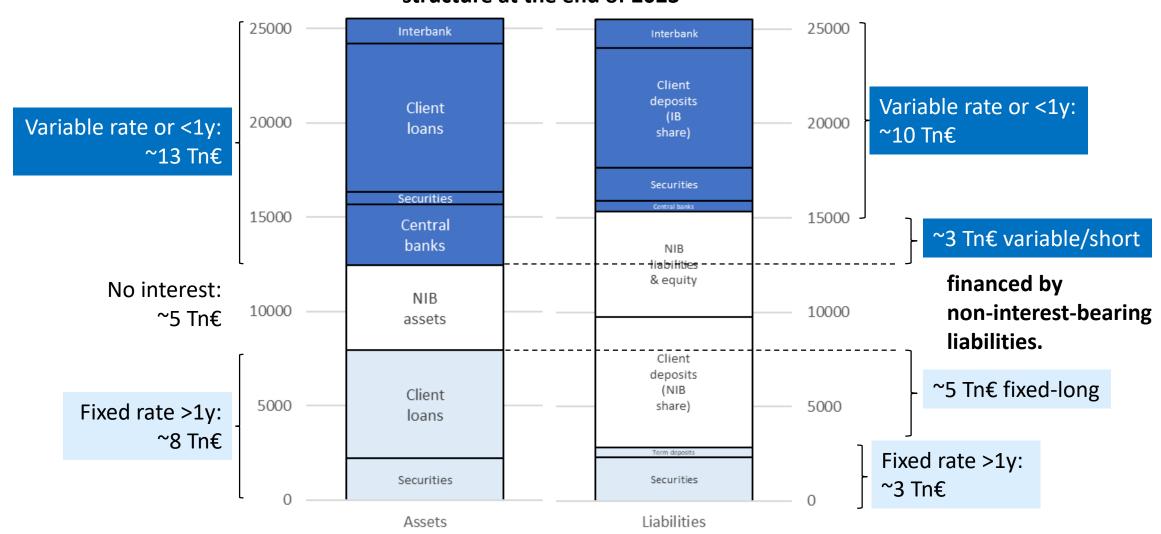
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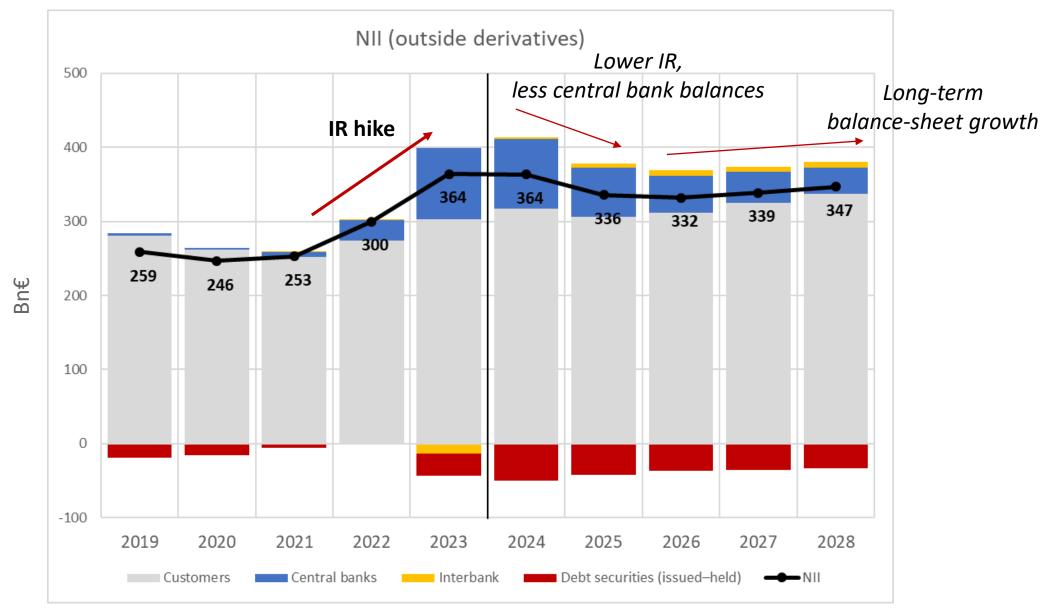
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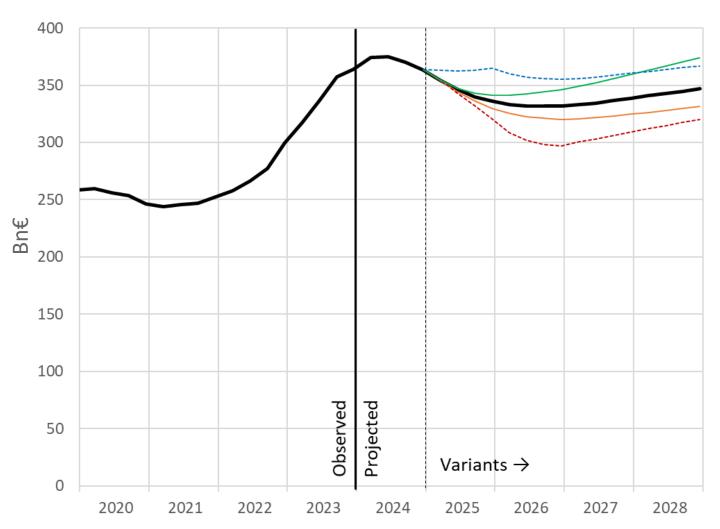


PROJECTION OUTCOME ON A CENTRAL SCENARIO





MULTI-SCENARIO VIEW: SENSITIVITY OF THE NII TO SIGNIFICANT RISK FACTORS



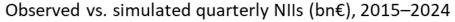
- ----- IR + 100 bps starting Jan. 2025
- Lending +2.5% p.y. starting Jan. 2025
- Central scenario
- ×2 migration to interest-bearing deposits
- ----- Fast QT: all Eurosystem bonds sold end-2025
- Positive NII sensitivity to interest rates at the aggregate level of Eurozone banks
- Central bank deposits created by QE yield significant extra NII
- Vulnerability to deposit remuneration structure.

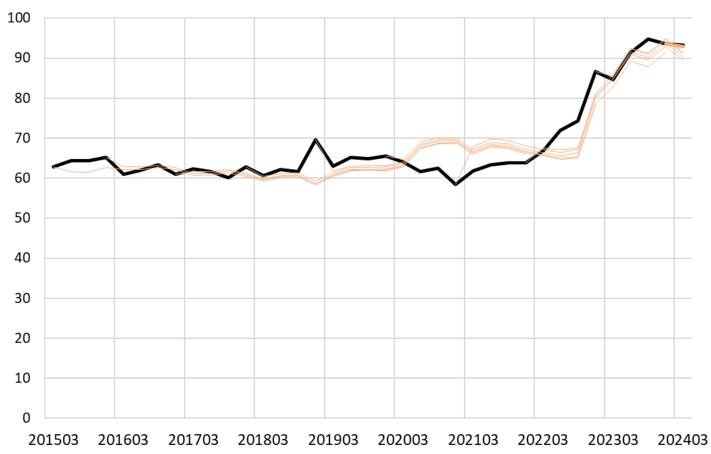
All these effects are ceteris paribus (and non-linear).



MODEL PERFORMANCE

Back-testing exercise: run the model from various past starting dates on 5y realised scenario (volumes + IR). Calibration= end-2022.





Source: SSM prudential data (FINREP) of Significant Institutions (black curve), Banque de France MAP projections (orange curves).

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CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVE

- Accounting-consistent model of aggregate banks' balance sheet and interests.
- Interdependence with central bank balance sheet factored in.
- Large variety of scenarios can be tested.
- Results can be broken down, analyzed, and back-tested.
- Provides insight into NII sensitivity to risk factors
 - → currently dominated by positive IR sensitivity.

