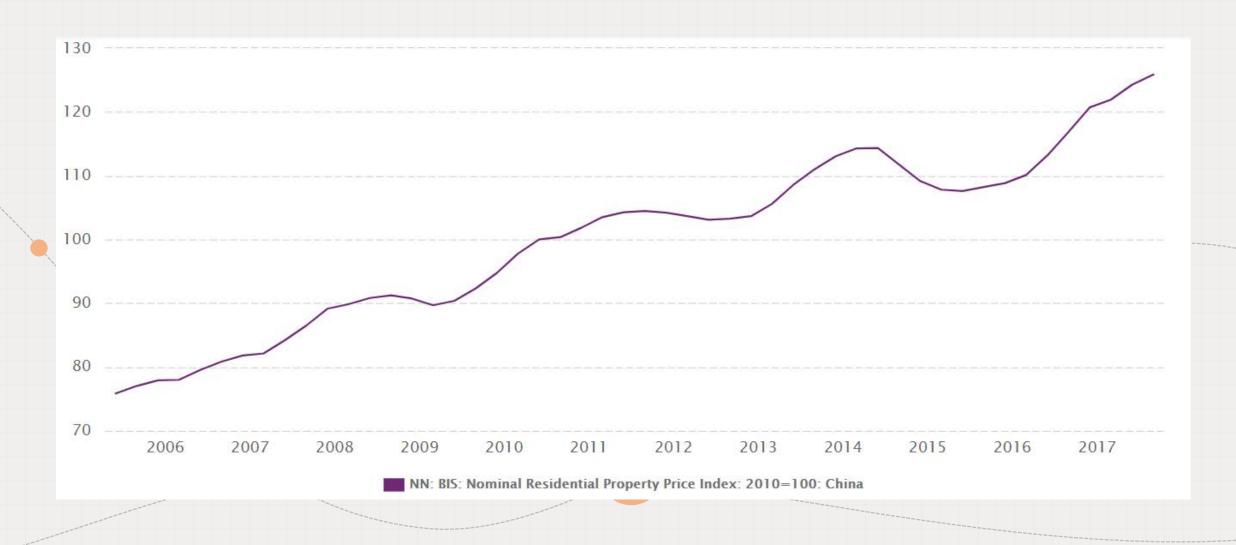
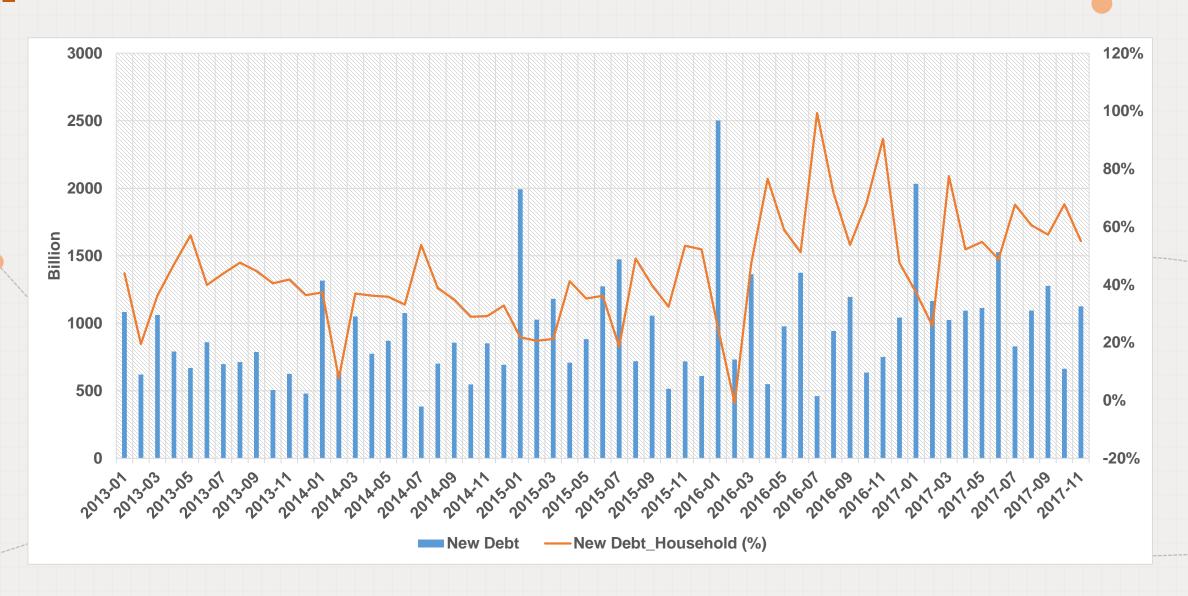




China's Nominal Residential Property Price Index

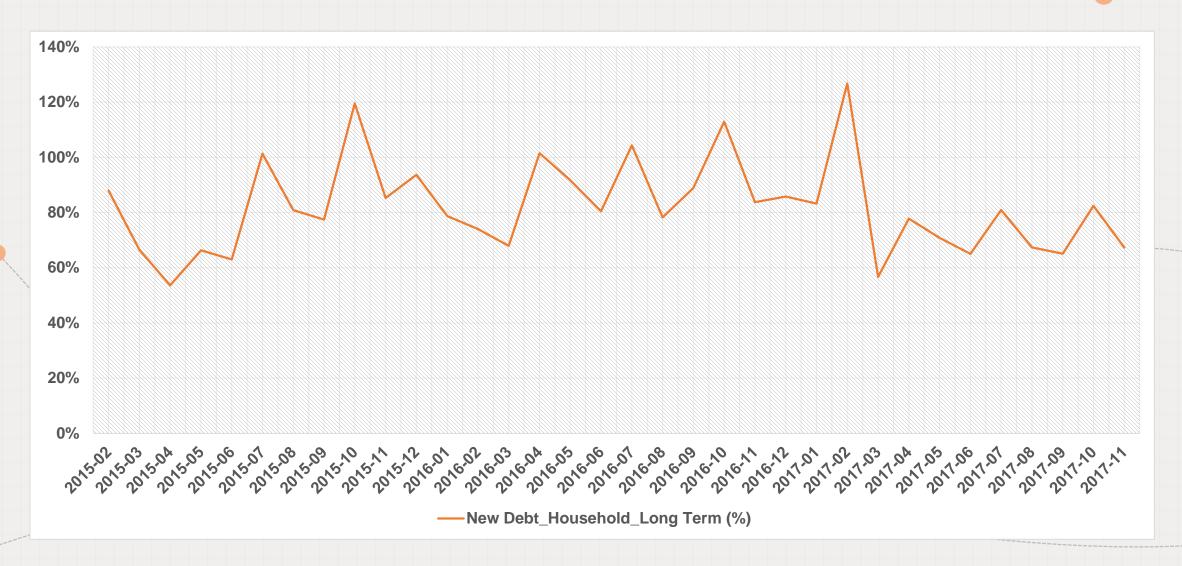


China's Monthly Domestic New (RMB) Debt



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China's Monthly Household Long Term New Debt (%)



The real impact of Housing Price and Household Debt

- Homeowners borrow significantly more debt as their house prices appreciate
- An increase in the household debt/GDP ratio can predict lower GDP growth & higher unemployment in the medium run (Mian and Sufi, 2014, Mian, Sufi and Verner, 2017, QJE)

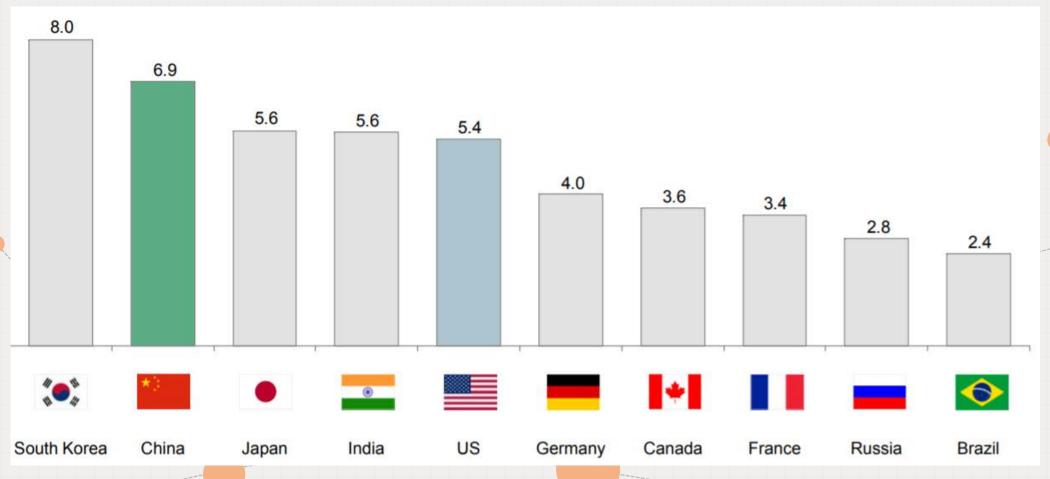
The real impact of Housing Price and Household Debt

- Corradin and Popov (2015, RFS): housing wealth helps alleviate credit constraints for potential entrepreneurs by enabling home owners to extract equity from their property and invest it in their business
- Schmalz et al. (2017, JF): an increase in collateral value leads to a higher probability of becoming an entrepreneur; more profound for homeowners
- Adelino et al. (2015, JFE): small business in areas with greater increases in house prices experienced stronger growth in employment; more pronounced in industries that need little start-up and capital

Motivation

- How will housing price appreciation influence (stimulate/depress) entrepreneurship activities?
- Collateral channel: housing price ↑ credit constraints ↓
- Cost channel: housing price ↑ operating costs ↑
- Speculation channel: housing price ↑ non-land investment ↓
- Transition from offline business to online business?
- Cost-saving: wages, rents,...
- Access to credit: micro credit availability
- Low entry barrier: business registration is NOT required

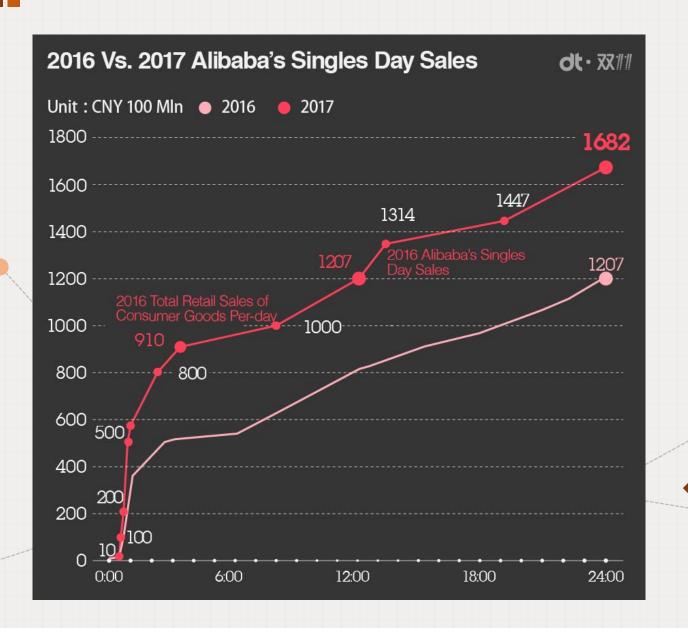
Development of Online Business



Share of Internet-Driven GDP of Total GDP (%, 2016)

Internet-related activities contribute 6.9% of China's GDP

Online Business Platform: Taobao





Taobao: the largest online business platform

Online Business: Entrepreneurship on Taobao

Businesses 16+ million

Alibaba platform accommodates 16+ million merchants, among which 97% employ less than 5 persons

Employment 30.83 million

Alibaba retail
ecosystem creates
30.83 million job
opportunities in China,
including 11.76 million
transaction-related
ones and 19.07 million
indirect ones

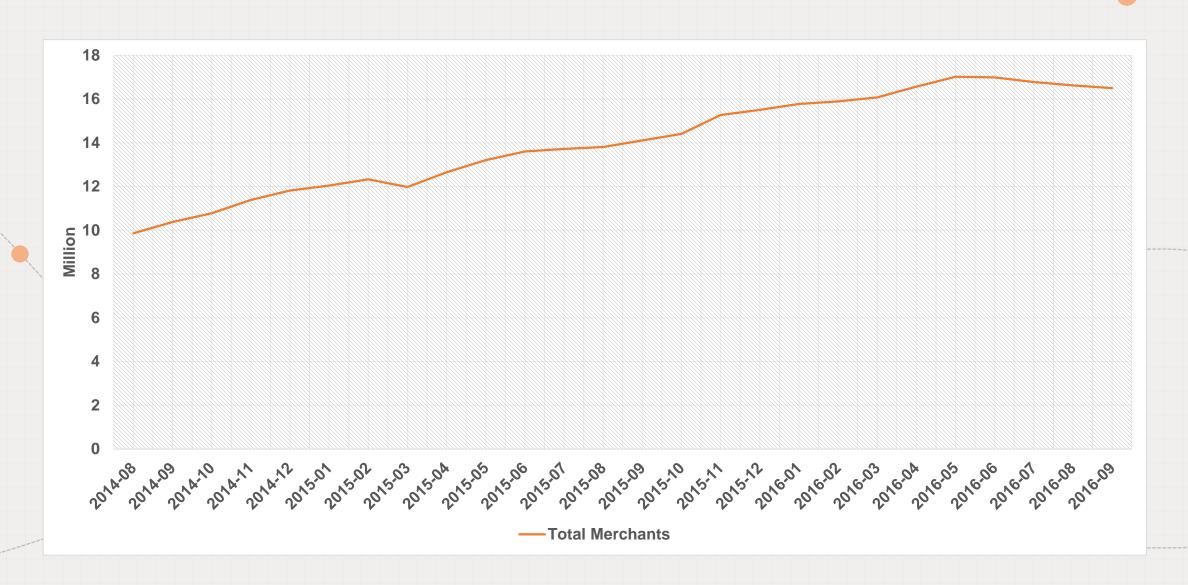
Women 6 million

49.4% of active online stores owners in Alibaba retail ecosystem are female and contribute to 46.7% of the total sales. Taobao store is the top priority for more than 6 million women who want to start their own business

Disabled 0.16 million

There were more than 160,000 disabled sellers on the Taobao retail platform with total transaction volume of more than USD 1.9 billion

Online Business: Entrepreneurship on Taobao



Major Finding

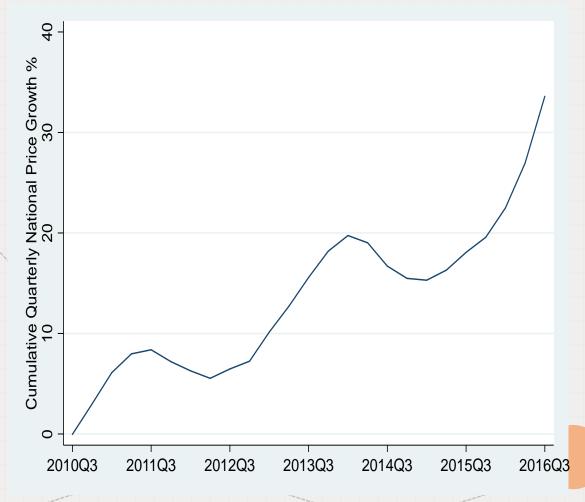
Housing price appreciation curbs offline business creation but stimulates online entrepreneurial activities

Literature Review: Housing Booms in China

- Chen et al. (2016): real estate shocks can also affect corporate investment through speculation channel (land investment) & crowding out channel (land-holding firms receive more loans)
- Shi (2017): real estate boom caused the a significant pattern of capital reallocation within existing private businesses from the manufacturing sector to the real estate sector; this pattern happens among the more productive private businesses

- Chen, Ting, Liu, Xiaolei., Xiong, Wei., & Zhou, Lian. (2016). The speculation channel and crowding out channel: Real estate shocks and corporate investment in china. Working Paper.
- Shi, Yu. (2017). Real Estate Booms and Endogenous Productivity Growth. Working Paper..

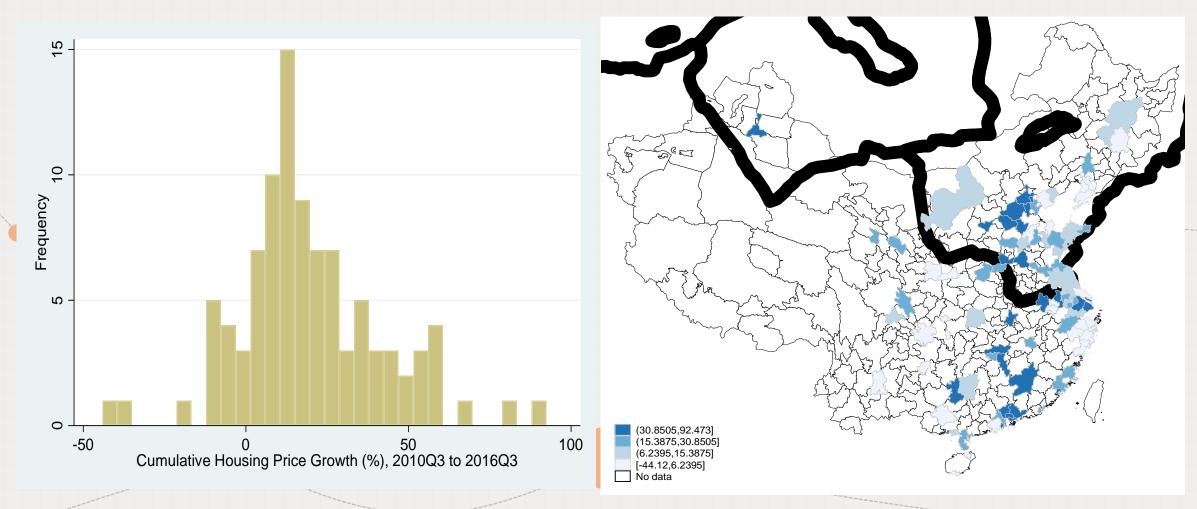
Housing Price Appreciation in China



Quarterly Cumulative Growth of National Housing Price (%)

- The figure plots quarterly cumulative growth of national housing price in percentage
- The sample contains 100
 Chinese cities between
 2010Q3 and 2016Q3
- The data is from CREIS database

Housing Price Appreciation in China



Quarterly Cumulative Growth of National Housing Price (%)

Housing Price Appreciation in China

| 10 cities w | vith largest price growth | 10 cities wit | th lowest price growth | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| City | Cumulative City Price Growth from 2010Q3 to 2016Q3 (%) | City | Cumulative City Price Growth from 2010Q3 to 2016Q3 (%) | | |
| 深圳/Shen Zhen 厦门/Xia Men | 92.47 80.87 | 三亚/San Ya 海口/Hai Kou | -44.12 -38.51 | | |
| 珠海/Zhu Hai | 66.20 | 绍兴/Shao Xing | -17.77 | | |
| 东莞/Dong Guan | 58.70 | 台州/Tai Zhou | -10.18 | | |
| 北京/Bei Jing | 58.38 | 马鞍山/Ma Anshan | -9.42 | | |
| 廊坊/Lang Fang | 58.19 | 金华/Jin Hua | -8.64 | | |
| 上海/Shang Hai | 57.59 | 宁波/Ning Bo | -8.38 | | |
| 保定/Bao Ding | 54.85 | 南通/Nan Tong | -8.14 | | |
| 合肥/He Fei | 54.24 | 贵阳/Gui Yang | -7.47 | | |
| 南京/Nan Jing | 52.35 | 吉林/Ji Lin | -7.33 | | |

Empirical Challenge

Traditional approach (Schmalz et al., JF, 2017)

$$E_{i,j,t+1} = \alpha + \beta \cdot Owner_{i,t} \times \Delta p_j^{t-6 \to t-1} + \theta \cdot Owner_{i,t}$$
$$+ \gamma \cdot Z_{i,t} + \tau \cdot Z_{i,t} \times \Delta p_j^{t-6 \to t-1} + \delta_l + \delta_{jt} + \varepsilon_{i,j,t},$$

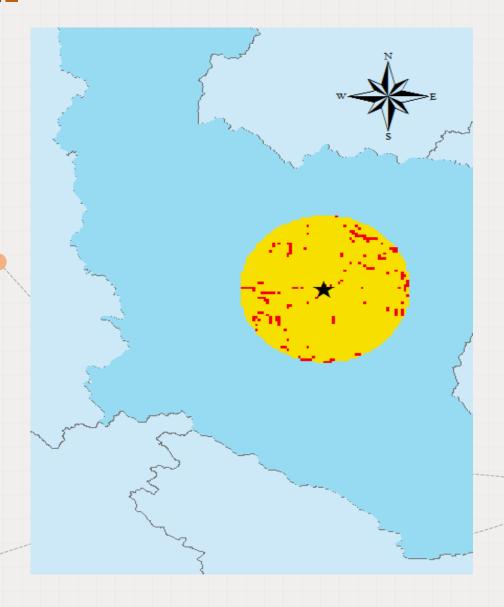
- Endogeneity
- Housing price: highly endogenous
- Omitted variable: unobserved factors affect both housing price and entrepreneurial activities
- Reverse causality: the expected entrepreneurial activities may affect the housing demand and price

Land Supply Elasticity Construction

- The method basically follows Saiz (2010) who stressed the supply-side response to housing demand shocks
- Mian and Sufi (2011) adopt a similar approach
- Shi (2017) also uses this method in the context of China
- Land supply elasticity: the percentage of developable land within 30 kilometer radii from central point of each city (normalized to a 0 to 1 scale)

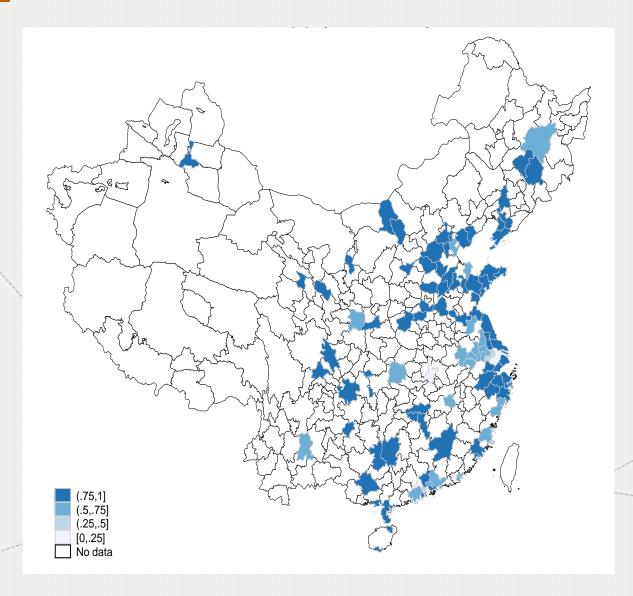


Construction of Land Supply Elasticity



- This figure presents the map of the city of Ankang, Shaanxi province
- The star indicates the center of the city as proxied by the location of the city government
- Orange areas denote developable land within 30 kilometer radii from central point of each city, whereas red areas are undevelopable land
- The undevelopable land is defined as area with slope over 10%

Spatial Distribution of Land Supply Elasticity



- This figure plots the spatial distribution of the land supply elasticity measure for our sample cities
- The sample contains100 cities

First Stage Regression

| | (1) | (2) | (3) Log(GDP | (4) GDP | (5) |
|--|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | City Price | Growth | per capita) | Growth | Ln(population) |
| National Price Growth X (1-Elasticity) | 0.9250*** | 0.9264*** | 0.0007 | -0.0137 | 0.0003 |
| | [0.1671] | [0.1681] | [0.0033] | [0.0550] | [0.0008] |
| National Price Growth | 0.4770*** | | | | |
| | [0.0495] | | | | |
| (1-Elasticity) | -0.9684*** | | | | |
| | [0.3545] | | | | |
| City FE | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year-Quarter FE | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| F-value | | 30.36 | | | |
| N | 2318 | 2318 | 2318 | 2318 | 2318 |
| R2 | 0.2146 | 0.3849 | 0.9825 | 0.7883 | 0.9960 |

- Model (2) is the one to use for instrument variable regression
- Model (3) (6) suggest the instrument is insignificantly correlated with some major economic factors
- The standard error clustered at city level is reported in the parenthesis

Data: Housing Prices

- Quarterly housing price at city level from China Real Estate Index System (CREIS) database
- Chinese equivalent of Zillow: constructed and maintained by China Index Academy, which is the largest independent property research organization with more than 15 offices in China
- The database contains a monthly housing price index for 100 cities in China. The index is constructed using real-time transaction data in cities across China

Data: Offline Entries

- Business registration information from State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC)
- The database contains all business registration information in China, including information about registration date, name of the owner, type of registration (individual owner or not), industries, date of regulatory check, registered capital...
- The database contains both active firms and cancelled firms.
 Our current sample contains more than 80 million business entities across China

Data: Online Entries

- Ant Financial: the entire universe of shops in Taobao
- The Taobao Shops information we used in this study contains the entire universe of shops on Taobao platform between 2014Q3 and 2016Q3.
- The sample consists of 4.3 million unique shops that were active between 2014Q3 and 2016Q3 with precise location and demographic characteristics of shop owners, of which 1.2 million distinct shops were registered after 2014Q3

Data: Online Entries

- The shop information includes the date of registration, shop's location, and sales for each month
- The demographic information of shop owners includes the age, gender, marital status and birthplace of the owner
- An estimated probability of house ownership status is also included

Variable Definitions

| Variable | Definition |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| City-level Entries | |
| Offline entries | Number of new firms registered in a quarter |
| Offline entries (real estate) | Number of new real estate firms registered in a quarter |
| Offline entries (finance) | Number of new financial firms registered in a quarter |
| Offline entries (retail) | Number of new retail firms registered in a quarter |
| Offline entries (others) | Number of newly registered firms that are not categorized as real estate, finance, or retail in a quarter |
| Offline entries (individual owner=1) | Number of new firms registered as individual owner in a quarter |
| Offline entries (individual owner=0) | Number of new firms that are not registered as individual owner in a quarter |
| Online entries | Number of new shops registered in the Taobao platform in a quarter |
| Online exits | Number of shop cancellations in the Taobao platform in a quarter |

Variable Definitions

City-level Economic Factors

City Price Growth Quarterly housing price growth at city level

National Price Growth Quarterly national housing price growth

Elasticity A city's land supply elasticity defined as the percentage of developable land

within 30 kilometer radii from central point of each city. The undevelopable

land is defined as area with slope over 10%.

Log(GDP per capita) Log of GDP per capita

GDP Growth GDP growth

Ln(population) Log of population in a city

We control for In(GDP per capita), GDP Growth, and In(Population) in all the specifications

Variable Definitions

| <u> </u> | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Shop-level | |
| Sales Growth | Sales growth |
| Log(Sales) | Log of sales in a quarter |
| Shop Owner Characteristics | · |
| Have_house | The probability that a shop owner owns a house |
| Age | The Age of the shop owner |
| Married | A indicator set to one if the shop owner is married |
| Migrant | A indicator set to one if the birthplace of the shop owner is different from the operating city of the shop |

Summary Statistics

- ❖ Sample period: 2010Q3~2016Q3
- For variables for online business (Taobao), the sample period starts from 2013Q3
- Exit variables for online business starts from 2014Q4

| 1 | Variable | N | Mean | S.D. | Min | P25 | Median | P75 | Max |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|-----|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| | City-level Entries | | | | | | | | |
| | Offline entries | 2,272 | 8594.459 | 8492.73 | 530 | 3545 | 5849.5 | 10000 | 8.80E+04 |
| | Offline entries (real estate) | 2,272 | 448.707 | 490.556 | 21 | 161 | 278.5 | 542 | 4723 |
| | Offline entries (finance) | 2,272 | 55.247 | 266.508 | 0 | 10 | 19 | 40 | 5294 |
| | Offline entries (retail) | 2,272 | 4041.43 | 3941.596 | 254 | 1679 | 2820 | 4857 | 42000 |
| | Offline entries (others) | 2,272 | 4049.075 | 4324.506 | 173 | 1622 | 2691.5 | 4773.5 | 59000 |
| | Offline entries (individual owner=1) | 2,272 | 3852.043 | 3847.418 | 199 | 1749.5 | 2887.5 | 4773.5 | 84000 |
| | Offline entries (individual owner=0) | 2,272 | 4742.416 | 6468.336 | 331 | 1447 | 2694.5 | 5107.5 | 58000 |
| | Online entries | 1,328 | 1246.011 | 1868.869 | 8 | 270 | 634 | 1473.5 | 1.50E+04 |
| | Online exits | 663 | 1640.845 | 2296.282 | 72 | 410 | 879 | 1898 | 1.80E+04 |

Summary Statistics

| Variable | N | Mean | S.D. | Min | P25 | Median | P75 | Max |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| City-level Economic Factors | | | | | | | | |
| City Price Growth | 2,368 | 0.789 | 2.962 | -9.36 | -0.968 | 0.42 | 2.157 | 15.97 |
| National Price Growth | 2,368 | 1.346 | 2.009 | -2.32 | -0.18 | 1.5 | 2.86 | 6.63 |
| Elasticity | 2,318 | 0.803 | 0.202 | 0 | 0.736 | 0.875 | 0.93 | 1 |
| Log(GDP per capita) | 2,368 | 5.67 | 0.782 | 2.853 | 5.139 | 5.618 | 6.186 | 7.829 |
| GDP Growth | 2,368 | 11.2 | 2.786 | 2.6 | 9.3 | 11 | 13.1 | 23 |
| Ln(population) | 2,368 | 8.456 | 0.631 | 6.323 | 8.082 | 8.546 | 8.895 | 10.427 |
| Shop-level | | | | | | | | |
| Sales Growth | 994,327 | 1.309 | 7.519 | -1 | -1 | -0.5 | 0.5 | 74 |
| Log(Sales) | 3,072,076 | 3.008 | 4.031 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.804 | 18.446 |

Common Database

- Wind/CSMAR: covers only listed firms
- Chinese Industrial Enterprises Database: covers only stateowned, or non-state firms with sales above 5 million RMB ("above-scale" industrial firms)



Our Data Advantages

- ❖ Individual business (个体工商户)
- The most common form of business structure
- Usually one individual or married couple in business alone
- Greater flexibility & fewer taxes
- The business owner is personally liable for all debts incurred by the business
- Individual owner dummy: whether the new firm is registered as individual owner

Housing Price & Offline Business

| | | (2) | (2) |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | | Log(Offline entries A),t+1 | |
| | OLS | Reduced-form | IV |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0022 | -0.0358*** | -0.0389*** |
| | [0.0029] | [0.0132] | [0.0144] |
| Ln(GDP per capita) | 0.4023*** | 0.3960*** | 0.3960*** |
| | [0.1374] | [0.1390] | [0.1390] |
| GDP Growth | 0.0042 | 0.0015 | 0.0015 |
| | [0.0059] | [0.0059] | [0.0059] |
| Ln(population) | 0.3910** | 0.3715** | 0.3715** |
| | [0.1736] | [0.1723] | [0.1723] |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| N | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 |
| R2 | 0.9182 | 0.9201 | 0.9201 |

- This table reports the effect of housing price appreciation on offline business creation at city-quarter level in 100 cities between 2010Q3 and 2016Q3
- One unit increase in city price growth will translate into a 3.58%-3.89% decrease in offline business entries

Offline Business: Entries by Industries

| | <u> </u> | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | OLS | Reduced-form | IV |
| | Panel | A: Log(Offline entries, Real esta | te),t+1 |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0049* | -0.0063 | -0.0068 |
| | [0.0027] | [0.0100] | [0.0108] |
| N | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 |
| R2 | 0.9519 | 0.9542 | 0.9542 |
| | Pane | el B: Log(Offline entries, Finance |),t+1 |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0125* | 0.0413 | 0.0450 |
| | [0.0072] | [0.0290] | [0.0315] |
| N | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 |
| R2 | 0.6993 | 0.7035 | 0.7035 |
| | Par | nel C: Log(Offline entries, Retail) | ,t+1 |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0061** | -0.0365** | -0.0397** |
| | [0.0026] | [0.0153] | [0.0166] |
| N | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 |
| R2 | 0.8981 | 0.9001 | 0.9001 |
| | Pan | el D: Log(Offline entries, Others) |),t+1 |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0012 | -0.0434*** | -0.0472*** |
| | [0.0036] | [0.0139] | [0.0151] |
| N | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 |
| R2 | 0.9156 | 0.9172 | 0.9172 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | Yes |

This table reports the heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on offline business creation according to type of sectors

Offline Business: Entries by Registration Type

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| | OLS | Reduced-form | IV | | |
| | Panel A: I | og(Offline entries, Individual Ow | ner=1),t+1 | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0144*** | -0.0741*** | -0.0806*** | | |
| | [0.0035] | [0.0204] | [0.0221] | | |
| N | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 | | |
| R2 | 0.7942 | 0.7937 | 0.7937 | | |
| | Panel B: Log(Offline entries, Individual Owner=0),t+1 | | | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0035 | -0.0065 | -0.0071 | | |
| | [0.0027] | [0.0080] | [0.0087] | | |
| N . | 2272 | 2224 | 2224 | | |
| 82 | 0.9735 | 0.9742 | 0.9742 | | |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | | |

This table reports the heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on offline business creation according to registration type

Online Business

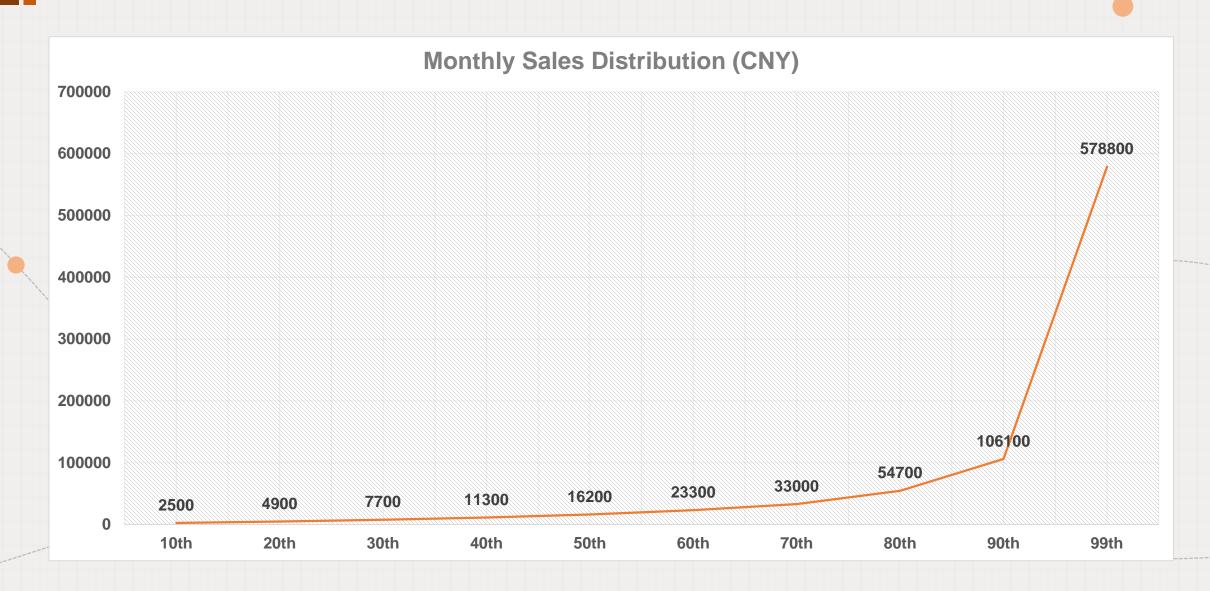
- Until now, most researches only focus on the offline business dynamics
- Our data for online business: Taobao
- The major retail platform of Alibaba
- Serves self-employed individuals & small businesses







Taobao Platform



MyBank (阿里网商贷, 原蚂蚁微贷、阿里小贷)



- Ant financial collects information from Taobao platform and applies a credit model with machine learning to decide on credit qualification
- Qualified online shops receive an credit line including loan rate, maximum loan amount (up to 1 million RMB), maturity (6 months to 1 year) and loan contract
- Shops decide whether to accept the non-collateral loan offer or not, based on the loan rate and repayment schedule
- Repayment anytime, and credit score update daily

Online Business: Entries & Exits

| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| _ | OLS | Reduced-form | IV |
| _ | Panel A: Log(Online entries),t+1 | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0000 | 0.0454*** | 0.0494*** |
| | [0.0024] | [0.0108] | [0.0118] |
| N | 1328 | 1300 | 1300 |
| R2 | 0.9863 | 0.9866 | 0.9866 |
| _ | Panel B: Log(Online exits),t+1 | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0060*** | -0.0208** | -0.0227** |
| | [0.0019] | [0.0099] | [0.0108] |
| N | 663 | 649 | 649 |
| R2 | 0.9922 | 0.9919 | 0.9919 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | Yes |

- This table reports the effect of housing price appreciation on online business creation
- For online entries, the sample period starts from 2013Q1; For online exits, the sample period starts from 2014Q1
- One unit increase in city price growth will translate into a 4.54%-4.94% increase in online business entries

Online Business: Entries by House Ownership

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | |
|-----------------------|------------|--|------------|--|
| | OLS | Reduced-form | IV | |
| | Panel A: | Panel A: Log(Online entries Have_house>=0.5), +1 | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0017 | 0.0608*** | 0.0661*** | |
| | [0.0023] | [0.0110] | [0.0120] | |
| N | 1328 | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9880 | 0.9886 | 0.9886 | |
| | Panel B: | Panel B: Log(Online entries, Have_house<0.5),t 1 | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0020 | 0.0346** | 0.0377** | |
| | [0.0029] | [0.0134] | [0.0146] | |
| N | 1328 | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9786 | 0.9789 | 0.9789 | |
| | Panel C: 1 | >=0.7), +1 | | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0020 | 0.0624*** | 0.0678*** | |
| | [0.0023] | [0.0115] | [0.0125] | |
| N | 1328 | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9881 | 0.9885 | 0.9885 | |
| | Panel D: | Log(Online entries, Have_house | e<0.3),t+1 | |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.0011 | 0.0367*** | 0.0399*** | |
| | [0.0030] | [0.0136] | [0.0148] | |
| N | 1328 | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9774 | 0.9776 | 0.9776 | |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | |

This table reports the heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on online business creation according to shop owner's house ownership (estimated from a probability model)

Online Business: House Ownership & Owner Age

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| | | Panel A: Log(Online entri | es, Have_house>=0.5),t+1 | |
| | Age<=25 | Age: (25,35] | Age: (35,45] | Age: >45 |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0782*** | 0.0659*** | 0.0271* | 0.0254 |
| | [0.0146] | [0.0133] | [0.0160] | [0.0220] |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 |
| R2 | 0.9798 | 0.9848 | 0.9633 | 0.9324 |
| | Panel B: Log(Online entries, Have_house<0.5),t+1 | | | |
| | Age<=25 | Age: (25,35] | Age: (35,45] | Age: >45 |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0468** | 0.0488*** | 0.0467** | 0.0506** |
| | [0.0227] | [0.0154] | [0.0230] | [0.0253] |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 |
| R2 | 0.9601 | 0.9716 | 0.9401 | 0.9215 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

This table reports the IV regression results for heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on online business creation according to shop owner's house ownership & age

Online Business: House Ownership & Marital Status

| | (1) | (2) | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|--|
| | Panel A: Log(Online entries, Have_house>=0.5),t+1 | | |
| | Married=1 | Married=0 | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0611*** | 0.0679*** | |
| | [0.0138] | [0.0136] | |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9842 | 0.9839 | |
| | Panel B: Log(Online entries, Have_house<0.5),t+1 | | |
| | Married=1 | Married=0 | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0437*** | 0.0389** | |
| | [0.0164] | [0.0173] | |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9711 | 0.9724 | |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | |

This table reports the IV regression results for heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on online business creation according to shop owner's house ownership & marital status

Online Business: House Ownership & Birthplace

| | (1) | (2) | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|--|
| | Panel A: Log(Online entries, Have_house>=0.5),t+1 | | |
| | Migrant=1 | Migrant=0 | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0629*** | 0.0535** | |
| | [0.0118] | [0.0224] | |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9884 | 0.9450 | |
| | Panel B: Log(Online entries, Have_house<0.5),t+1 | | |
| | Migrant=1 | Migrant=0 | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0395*** | 0.0238 | |
| | [0.0149] | [0.0197] | |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9781 | 0.9464 | |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | |

This table reports the IV regression results for heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on online business creation according to shop owner's house ownership & birthplace

Online Business: House Ownership & Gender

| | (1) | (2) | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|--|
| | Panel A: Log(Online entries, Have_house>=0.5),t+1 | | |
| | Male | Female | |
| City Price Growth (t) | 0.0516*** | 0.0746*** | |
| | [0.0133] | [0.0135] | |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | |
| R2 | 0.9841 | 0.9859 | |
| | Panel B: Log(Online entries, Have_house<0.5),t+1 | | |
| | Male | Female | |
| ity Price Growth (t) | 0.0274* | 0.0544** | |
| | [0.0158] | [0.0231] | |
| N | 1300 | 1300 | |
| 22 | 0.9749 | 0.9675 | |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | |
| City FE | Yes | Yes | |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes | |

This table reports the IV regression results for heterogeneous effect of housing price appreciation on online business creation according to shop owner's house ownership & gender

Housing Price & Expansion of Online Business

| | (1) | (2) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Sales Growth, t+1 | Log(Sales), t+1 |
| City Price Growth (t) | -0.2640*** | -0.0572* |
| | [0.0743] | [0.0292] |
| City Price Growth (t) X Have_house | 0.3878*** | 0.0515* |
| | [0.0916] | [0.0297] |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
| Shop FE | Yes | Yes |
| Year-Quarter FE | Yes | Yes |
| N | 994327 | 3072076 |
| R2 | 0.3065 | 0.7064 |

This table reports the IV regression results for the effect of housing price appreciation on the expansion of online business

Conclusion

- Using the unique data of business registration information and the entire universe of online shops on the largest e-commerce platform in China, we find housing price appreciation curbs offline business creation but stimulates online entrepreneurial activities.
- This effect is more pronounced among house-owners
- We also explore the heterogeneous effect of housing price according to the demographic characteristics of the shop owners
- Housing price appreciation also leads to online business expansion as measured by sales growth

