Credit Event Contagion in Supply Chains

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Abstract:
We document that supply-chain contagion exists in the Credit Default Swap (CDS) market. Extreme jumps in the CDS spread of a customer are associated with CDS spread changes that are in the same direction for the supplier. The same pattern holds for customers when suppliers have large CDS jumps. Furthermore, credit risk contagion extends to higher supply-chain tiers. Firm and supply chain attributes contribute to CDS supply chain contagion. Particularly, credit risk contagion is magnified by longer term supply chain relations, with differentiated products and with the usage of trade credit. The contagion is moderated when a customer is investment grade and has more inventory.

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