

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DUAL MONETARY POLICY IN PROMOTING PRICE STABILITY IN INDONESIA

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Abstract

Since the enactment of the dual banking system in 1998, Bank Indonesia has a new mandate for regulating both conventional and Islamic banking in Indonesia by enforcing dual monetary policy to attain and maintain the primary objective of Bank Indonesia: price stability. By reconstructing a conceptual model based mainly on Ascarya (2011), this study was designed to empirically examine whether the implementation of dual monetary is effective in ensuring the stability in price level as represented in low inflation as well as stable exchange rate. The method applied in this research was Vector Auto-regression (VAR) Model to capture the response of inflation to the shocks arising from both monetary instruments. The results of this study indicate that

conventional monetary policy in general – when compared to the Islamic counterpart – may certainly trigger instability of the price level since flawed-cum-vulnerable money system (fiat-based money) has fully been implemented, thereby inducing inflation. In addition, the debt system, interbank money market and the fractional reserve banking which are relied heavily on interest system have indeed contributed to the price volatility in Indonesia. In contrast, Islamic monetary policy shocks have proven to be capable of promoting price stability since they could hamper a highly volatile inflation.

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Abstrak

Sejak diberlakukannya sistem perbankan ganda di Indonesia tahun 1998, Bank Indonesia mempunyai mandate baru untuk mengatur perbankan konvensional dan Islam di Indonesia dengan memberlakukan kebijakan moneter ganda untuk mencapai dan menjaga tujuan utama Bank Indonesia: Stabilitas harga. Dengan merekonstruksi model konseptual yang didasarkan pada Ascarya (2011), tulisan ini ditujukan untuk menguji secara empiris apakah penerapan kebijakan moneter ganda efektif untuk memastikan stabilitas harga yang tercermin dari inflasi yang rendah dan nilai tukar yang stabil. Metode yang digunakan dalam tulisan ini adalah *Vector Autoregressions (VAR) Model* untuk memberikan gambaran atas respon inflasi terhadap guncangan yang berasal dari kedua instrumen moneter tersebut. Hasil dari studi ini menunjukkan bahwa kebijakan moneter konvensional secara umum – ketika dibandingkan dengan kebijakan moneter Islam – membuat ketidakstabilan pada tingkat harga disebabkan penerapan sistem uang

kertas selama ini yang sangat rentan terhadap krisis, sebagai konsekuensinya akan meningkatkan tingkat harga. lebih lanjut, sistem hutang, pasar uang antar bank dan fractional reserve banking yang semuanya sangat bergantung pada sistem bunga telah menyebabkan gejolak pada tingkat harga di Indonesia. Sebaliknya, gunjangan dari kebijakan moneter Islam terbukti mampu menodorong kestabilan harga karena semua instrumen tersebut mampu menekan gejolak yang terjadi pada inflasi.

Kata Kunci: Stabilitas harga, sistem moneter ganda, *profit-and-loss sharing*, *fractional reserve banking*

1. Introduction

Bank Indonesia has a single objective to maintain the stability of the rupiah as reflected in low inflation rate and stable the exchange rate. In achieving stability in the rupiah, Bank Indonesia has three pillars, one of which is formulating and implementing monetary policy. Under the Act No. 3 of 2004, which is an amendment to the Act No. 23 of 1999 a constitutional mandate of Bank Indonesia to maintain the price stability is enshrined and extended. Since then, it has been possible for Bank Indonesia, as stated clearly in the Act, to ensure the stable price level by employing several monetary instruments that entail the instruments based on Sharia principle.

The development of Islamic banking industry in Indonesia has started in the early 1990s, given the official establishment of Bank Muamalat in 1992. The legal protection of Islamic Bank to provide financial services was first under the Act No. 10 of 1998 that has eventually been repealed by the Act No. 21 of 2008. Bank Indonesia in accordance with such legislation became dual monetary authority, implementing dual instruments to fulfill its primary objective.

As the new Law has provided the clear legal framework both for monetary authority and the financial institutions, there has been a gradually growing Islamic financial institution (IFI) functioned under such a dual financial environment. Adopting dual banking system in which conventional and Islamic banking can function side by side, Indonesia has imposed a dual regulation to govern the banking and financial system owing to a fundamentally different concept between conventional and Islamic monetary instruments. While the main purpose of those instruments is to promote price stability, it is crucial to evaluate how both instruments that have distinct instruments contribute greatly to accomplish a single purpose of Bank Indonesia.

Beside the aforementioned reasons, it is also important to highlight that the central bank has adopted the inflation targeting framework in July 2005, implementing systematically the inflation target to be the benchmark for the inflation rate that needs to be achieved and maintained (Agung et. al, 2016). As such, this can be the underlying reason why the effectiveness of dual instruments has to be taken

into account. In the aftermath of 2008 global financial crisis, January to May 2009 saw sharp decrease in inflation, so it was able to adjust the inflation target. Of monthly inflation, price movements were relatively stable from 2009 until June 2015, except in June 2013 when inflation (yoy) reached 9.0% well above the target. Rapid fluctuations in the inflation rate may bring about the question that pertains to the effectiveness of monetary policy within the dual monetary system.

The financial crisis that occurs repeatedly in many countries in the world both developed and developing countries always starts with depression, high inflation, asset prices bubbles and then leads to a great depression (Ascarya, 2009a). High inflation is an economic phenomenon that still lingers so that has always been a topic of research. Moreover, in the aftermath of the 2008 global financial crisis, many economists began to focus on the problems of credit that has widely believed as a main source of subprime mortgage crisis in the US, therefore in order to develop model proposed by Ascarya (2011), it is necessary first to include conventional credit and Islamic financing in the proposed model this paper seeks to reconstruct. As

emphasized recently by Chapra (2017), the primary cause of 2008 financial meltdown was an excessive and imprudent credit extended easily by bank. In fact, such an argument has repeatedly been articulated by several prominent economists such as Mises (1953, 1998 and 2006), Kindleberger (2005), Minsky (1970, 2016), Cesa-Bianchi and Sokol (2017) and Drehmann et al. (2017).

Moreover, this study also attempts to develop the variables responsible for a high inflation. Although the previous study has found some important findings, given the increasingly complex and the development of banking infrastructure and policies, it needs to be further analyzed. Since the study by Ascarya (2011) has not explained yet fractional reserve banking as other factors that play a substantial role in contributing to the price volatility.

II. Literature Review

IN A DUAL MONETARY SYSTEM AS IMPLEMENTED IN INDONESIA, THE MONETARY AUTHORITY NEEDS TO SYNERGIZE THE TWO SYSTEMS VERY WELL WITHOUT LOSING EACH CHARACTERISTIC, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE STABILITY IN THE PRICE LEVEL AND STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH. THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING THEORETICAL

AND EMPIRICAL LITERATURE INVESTIGATING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUAL MONETARY SYSTEM ADOPTED IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. ASCRAYA (2007) ANALYZED AND COMPARED, BOTH THEORETICALLY AND EMPIRICALLY, THE THREE INSTRUMENTS OF THE MONETARY SYSTEM OF CONVENTIONAL AND ISLAMIC, THAT INTEREST RATE VS. A PROFIT-AND-LOSS SHARING (PLS), FIAT MONEY VS. FULL BODIED/ BACKUP MONEY, AND FRACTIONAL VS 100 PERCENT RESERVE-BANKING SYSTEM.

THEORETICALLY, ALL CONVENTIONAL MONETARY INSTRUMENTS HAVE A GREAT POTENTIAL TO INCREASE VOLATILITY IN PRICES, RESULTING IN HIGH INFLATION COMPARED TO ISLAMIC MONETARY INSTRUMENT. FIRST, THROUGH FIAT MONEY THAT PRINTED BY THE MONETARY AUTHORITY OF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY, WILL PRODUCE MANY BENEFITS OF SEIGNIORAGE. THIS OCCURS BECAUSE THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF PAPER MONEY IS NOT EQUAL TO ITS FACE VALUE; THE INTRINSIC VALUE IS MUCH SMALLER THAN THE NOMINAL VALUE STATED IN MONEY. UNLIKE THE MONEY IN ISLAM REQUIRES THAT MONEY HAS INTRINSIC VALUE EQUAL TO ITS NOMINAL VALUE, SUCH AS GOLD AND SILVER, SO THAT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ISLAMIC MONEY THERE IS NO AUTHORITY WHICH EARNS HUGE PROFITS BY PRINTING MONEY.

Not to mention the fractional reserve banking

system, which the banking system is able to create money-demand deposits, for example. In this context, money is created by banks when issuing bank loan, the more loan issued through this system the more money will automatically be created. Hence, such a system can threaten severely the price stability. In contrast, in the Islamic system is through 100 percent reserve banking, banks can not create money.

Lastly, the interest rate instrument and PLS, Ascraya (2007) describe theoretically and empirically. Interest rate well, theoretically and empirically, negatively associated with investments, meaning that when interest rates rise and investment will fall, it will also have a negative impact on economic growth. Investment and economic growth are positively related to each other: a significant increase in investment will encourage economic growth. Unfortunately, the economic growth will be disturbed by the presence of a negative relationship between investment and the interest rate. While the PLS system, PLS and investment relations are positive. That said, when the PLS rises, the investment will go up hence a high level of investment will also lead the economy to grow.

Ascarya (2009b) formulate ideal synergy between conventional and Islamic monetary policy that will achieve the stability of price level and economic growth. The conventional system, according to its instruments characteristics, such as interest rates, fiat money, and fractional reserve banking system allowing speculation to get the maximum benefit. Worse, the benefits were only enjoyed by a minority group. So the money that should be spinning for real sector instead accumulates in the monetary sector. Thus, economic bubbles become unavoidable. While in the Islamic system through PLS, Zakah system and a ban on speculation in Islam will improve the investment climate is healthy and based on sector willingly so will minimize bubbles and economic growth can be realized.

In a dual monetary system, both systems explained above with their respective characteristics must work together. Ascarya stressed that in order to create the desired synergy, both systems must work side by side in accordance with their respective paradigm do not mix and merge with each other. An instrument that can unite these two systems is that the profit-and-loss sharing (PLS). In terms of monetary

policy, the monetary authorities need to leave the monetary policy of passive (creating/adding money to the economy) with an active monetary policy that emphasizes to accelerate V (velocity of money in the economy) by issuing *sukuk* based on the PLS system.

In the context of Indonesia that has implemented a dual monetary system, Ascarya (2010) suggests that conventional economics contains the root causes of the systemic problems of the crisis. Several root causes of high inflation are *riba*, which is not limited in the form of interest rate but on the creation of a system of money and banking system which is rested greatly on fractional reserve banking.

Ascarya (2011) attempted to examine the determinants of inflation under a dual monetary system in Indonesia from two perspectives; Conventional and Islam then formulate systematic steps to reduce and maintain inflation. This study applied Vector Auto Regression (VAR) and Vector Error Correction Model (VECM). By using the Impulse Response Function (IRF) this study found that the shocks of variable conventional and Islamic responded Distinct vary by inflation. Interest rates have a large and negative impact on

inflation (increasing inflation) permanently, compared with PLS whose influence is much smaller. The same result is also shown from the negative effects of multiple currency systems and permanent outweigh GOLD single currency against inflation. Moreover, Saharuddin and Rama (2016) found that gold has still triggered the inflation if implemented. While the biggest contributor to inflation in the dual monetary system of Indonesia is interest rate with 54.7% share. This study has not been able to prove empirically that credit creation of fractional reserve banking system is one of the main causes of inflation.

Study conducted by Herianingrum and Syapriatama (2016) has entailed both conventional and Islamic loan in the model, yet the fractional reserve banking as stated by previous studies has yet to be addressed. In contrast, Yuliadi et al. (2017) seemed to fill that gaps by incorporating fractional reserve system into their model, however the main important cause of crisis which is credit was not included.

III. Methodology and Data

3.1 Data

In order to fully grasp the condition of monetary system within dual system,

this study applies the empirical methodology to examine the dynamic relationship between instruments, namely Vector Auto Regression (VAR). Therefore, the montly basis data of financial variables from both conventional and Islamic are required by such a quantitative method. The data of this study were obtained from various resources, encompassing every institution from Bank Indonesia (SEKI-BI), Financial Services Authority (SBI and SPS) to Biro Pusat Statistik (BPS) and covered the period from January 2009 to June 2015. The period of 2009 was chosen to be the starting point of this paper since it was the period after the Act No. 10 2008 about Islamic Banking in Indonesia being enacted.

3.2 Vector Auto Regressive (VAR) Model

Analyzing the response of price stability as represented by the inflation to the shocks emanating from conventional and Islamic monetary instruments, this study uses the vector auto regressive (VAR). Meanwhile, if the variables included in the model have cointegration as can be tested by Johansen cointegration, this means that the long-term analysis can be conducted

in Vector Error Correction Model. Hence, VECM is also called as VAR that is designed for non stationary series or stationary at first difference level which has long-term cointegration (Ascarya, 2009b). Otherwise, if there is no long term cointegration between variables, this study employs the first difference of VAR model. The general model of VECM can be written as equation (3.1)

$$\Delta x_t = \mu_t + \Pi x_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \Gamma_i \Delta x_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

Where:

x_k is k all variables threatened as endogenous, flexible according to the model;
 ε_k is disturbance or error term with zero means and constant variance-covariance.

The model used in this study followed Ascarya (2011), where variables will be divided into conventional monetary policy and Islamic monetary policy; then will be tested how both monetary policies can induce or reduce price level volatility. Moreover, price stability can be defined according to the stability of inflation by assessing the response of consumer price index from both monetary policy shocks. Therefore, the research models under dual

monetary policy system are as follows:

Conventional monetary policy model:

$x_k = [\text{Inflation, lnFM, lnFRB, INT, lnEXC, rPUAB, lnLOAN}]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \ln F_t \\ \Delta \ln FM_t \\ \Delta \ln FRB_t \\ \Delta \ln INT_t \\ \Delta \ln EXC_t \\ \Delta rPUAB_t \\ \Delta \ln LOAN_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{10} \\ \alpha_{20} \\ \alpha_{30} \\ \alpha_{40} \\ \alpha_{50} \\ \alpha_{60} \\ \alpha_{70} \end{bmatrix} + R(L) \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \ln F_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln FM_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln FRB_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln INT_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln EXC_{t-i} \\ \Delta rPUAB_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln LOAN_{t-i} \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1t} \\ \varepsilon_{2t} \\ \varepsilon_{3t} \\ \varepsilon_{4t} \\ \varepsilon_{5t} \\ \varepsilon_{6t} \\ \varepsilon_{7t} \end{bmatrix} \tag{3.2}$$

Islamic monetary policy model:

$x_k = [\text{Inflation, GOLD, PLS, lnIM, rPUAS, lnFINC}]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \ln F_t \\ \Delta \ln GOLD_t \\ \Delta \ln PLS_t \\ \Delta \ln IM_t \\ \Delta rPUAS_t \\ \Delta \ln FINC_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{10} \\ \beta_{20} \\ \beta_{30} \\ \beta_{40} \\ \beta_{50} \\ \beta_{60} \end{bmatrix} + R(L) \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \ln F_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln GOLD_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln PLS_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln IM_{t-i} \\ \Delta rPUAS_{t-i} \\ \Delta \ln FINC_{t-i} \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{1t} \\ \mu_{2t} \\ \mu_{3t} \\ \mu_{4t} \\ \mu_{5t} \\ \mu_{6t} \end{bmatrix} \tag{3.3}$$

Where R is matrix polynomial parameter estimator which consists of 7×7 in the conventional and 6×6 in Islamic model respectively; L is the lag length operator; Δ is the difference operator; λ denotes the level of adjustment from short-term to long-term equilibrium if the VAR model is co-integrated.

Where:

- INF: the monthly CPI (consumer price index) inflation obtained from table "Indeks Harga Konsumen

- dan Inflasi Bulanan Indonesia”, BPS.
- INT: the rate of one-month conventional time deposits, obtained from table I.28 “Suku bunga simpanan berjangka rupiah menurut kelompok bank”: Bank Umum 1/3/6/12/24 bulan, SEKI-BI.
 - PLS: the rate of one-month Islamic time deposits (deposito iB), obtained from table 36 “Ekuivalen Tingkat Imbalan bagi hasil/fee/bonus - Bank Umum Syariah dan Unit Usaha Syariah”: Time Deposits - 1 month, SPS-BI.
 - FM: money creation originally issued by the central bank or money in circulation (M2), obtained from table I.2 “Neraca analitis otoritas moneter”: Uang Kartal yang diedarkan, SEKI-BI.
 - FRB: credit creation or fractional reserve banking, is the difference between broad money M2 and M0 monthly. Broad money M2, obtained from table I.1 “Uang Beredar dan Faktor-Faktor yang Mempengaruhinya”: M2, SEKI-BI.
 - IM: Just money supply or money needed in the economy in Islamic perspective, which is an equilibrium intrinsic M0 proximate by the monthly M1 and GDP data obtained from SEKI-BI and BPS.
 - LOAN: the outstanding amount (total loan) of conventional banks gained from Indonesian Banking Statistics (SPI)-BI.
 - FINC: the outstanding amount (total financing) of Islamic banks acquired from Islamic Banking Statistics (SPS)-BI.
 - EXC: Multiple currency systems or exchange rate is the exchange rate of Rupiah against the US Dollar gained from SEKI-BI.
 - GOLD: Single global currency or gold price, is international gold price index obtained from “Indeks Harga Energi”, SEKI-BI.

IV. Result and Analysis

4.1 Preliminary Test

Before discussing the results of VAR model, it is compulsory to meet several processes including unit root test, stability test, and co-integration tests to examine whether the model in this paper has cointegration in the long term. First, unit root test results show that most variables are not stationary in level, except two variables that is inflation and growth but all variables are stationary in first difference (see Appendix a). Second, in terms of stability of

the model, the results suggest that both models (conventional and Islamic) are stable as shown in the figure below,

price level to shocks every monetary policy; both in terms of conventional and Islamic. The response rate is seen from

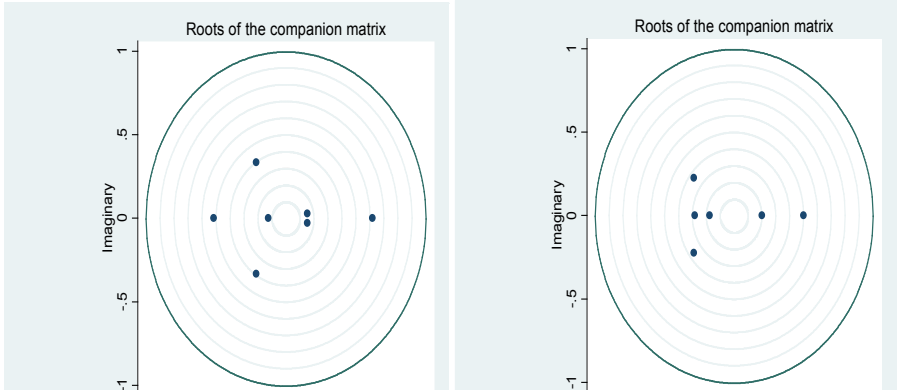


Figure 4.1 Conventional Model (right) and Islamic Model (left)

Third, optimum lag test for both conventional and Islamic model are 1 (one) as the results of selection order criteria demonstrate the lag 1 (one) (see Appendix b and d). Fourth, to assess the cointegration, this study employs Johansen Cointegration test. The result demonstrates that there is no cointegration in both models since the trace statistics exceeds the critical value (see Appendix c and e). From the cointegration result, it can be concluded that this paper applies VAR model instead of VECM.

4.2 VAR of Conventional Monetary Model

In this section will explain the response of the

the Impulse Response; when the response rises (upward and positive), then the price level in this case has increased, meaning that any changes or shocks that occur in monetary policy resulted in price volatility rises. Conversely, when the response rate of price decreases (toward negative) it means a change in the monetary policy side is able to reduce the price level. Furthermore, in this section it will also be shown how to price stability occurs, when there is a mix between those two policies to maintain price levels, so it can be illustrated by how comprehensively price stability has been maintained in the dual monetary system in Indonesia.

In addition, the

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contribution of each monetary policy-will either raise or lower the price level-will be explained also by the results of the variance decomposition, so it would seem any policies that contribute the most dominant to stabilize the price level in the dual monetary system.

From the model (1) and (3), it is apparent that the credit (Loan) of conventional has a significantly positive impact on the inflation, this means that the more the credit is extended to the borrowers the easier it is to trigger the high inflation. Moreover,

Table 4.1 VAR of Conventional Model

Dep. var: Δinf	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Δinf_{t-1}	-0.478*** (-4.93)	-0.478*** (-5.02)	-0.479*** (-4.95)	-0.522*** (-5.21)	-0.487*** (-5.08)	-0.477*** (-4.85)	-0.475*** (-4.99)
$\Delta \ln \text{LOAN}_{t-1}$	6.490** (2.22)		5.882* (1.83)				
Δfm_{t-1}		-0.713 (-0.40)			1.577 (1.31)	2.038* (1.68)	
Δfrb_{t-1}		7.159* (1.96)					6.466*** (2.79)
Δint_{t-1}		0.0688 (0.50)	0.0659 (0.45)				
Δexc_{t-1}				2.100 (1.45)			
Δpuab_{t-1}					0.218** (2.08)		
_cons	-0.0903* (-1.69)	-0.0671 (-1.49)	-0.0796 (-1.36)	-0.00316 (-0.09)	-0.00650 (-0.18)	-0.0206 (-0.56)	-0.0694* (-1.66)
N	76	76	76	76	76	76	76
R ²	0.290	0.319	0.292	0.264	0.310	0.271	0.314

t statistics in parentheses

* $p < .1$, ** $p < .05$, *** $p < .01$

the fiat money along (model 6) with fractional reserve banking system (model 2 and 7) has a positive relationship with the price level: if FM and FRB increase 1 per cent, both will bring about the rise in inflation rate 2.03 and 6.46, respectively. It can be argued that fiat money and fractional reserve system has been detrimental for price stability. The other three variables, namely interest rate, puab rate and exchange rate have a positive relation to inflation, however only puab rate that can significantly contribute to the price volatility.

The previous results are in line with the Impulse Response Function (IRF) results of Inflation for conventional policy model as can be seen in figure 4.2. IRF results show that all conventional variables induce inflation especially: fiat

money 'FM', followed by total credit outstanding 'LOAN', fractional reserve banking 'FRB', interest rate 'INT', interbank money market rate 'rPUAB' and the last is exchange rate 'EXC'.

To see how much the contribution of both the policy in maintaining price stability, FEVD is applied. Forecast Error Variance Decomposition (FEVD) results for conventional policy (see figure 4.3) show that fractional reserve banking 'FRB' with 7.5% is the main contributor of high volatility in price level, followed by interbank call money market rate 'rPUAB' with 3.8%, total loan 'LOAN' with 3% share, exchange rate 'EXC' with 1% share, interest rate 'INT' (0.03%), and the last is fiat money 'FM' which gives the highest share (0.01%) to induce inflation.

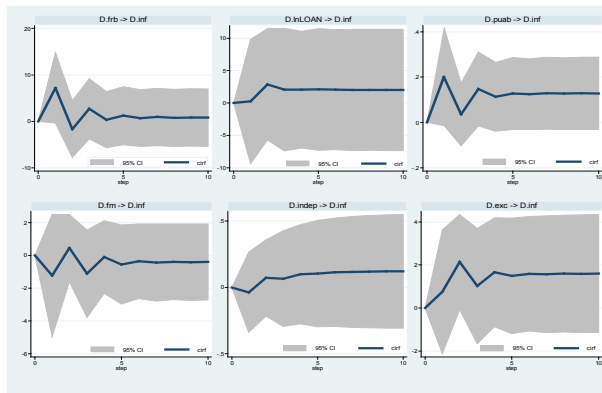


Figure 4.2 Responses of CPI Inflation to Conventional Monetary Policy Shocks

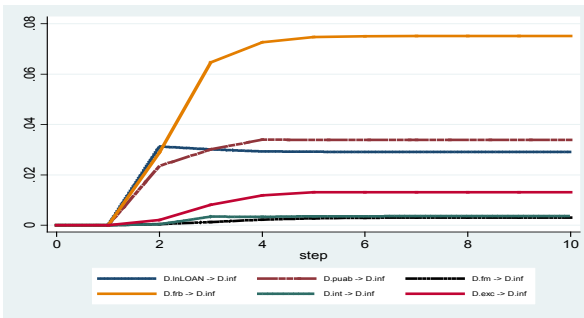


Figure 4.3 FEVD Results of Conventional monetary instruments to Price Level

Shocks that occur in conventional monetary instruments, especially in a system based on fiat money and fractional reserve banking, make the price level to rise long term. It can not be avoided because the system of paper money is inflationary, so do not be surprised if fiat money 'FM' as a means of transaction has the greatest role in raising significantly the level of the price. In any creation, banknotes These findings confirm the historical volatility after the collapse of the Bretton Woods Agreements in 1972; characterized by high frequency inflation and a series of crises which are becoming more frequent. One thing that can not be avoided, that the seigniorage profits are always obtained through printing fiat money, this is what makes the money supply in the economy increases and rising inflation becomes unavoidable.

The total outstanding credit, which in conventional systems, can be created through the mechanism of fractional reserve banking system. Debt or leveraging originally a sign of economic expansion, but when the debt has been accumulated will lead to asset price bubbles. In this case, Meera (2002) explains that the support system of fractional reserve banking 'FRB' are applied in banking is the interest rate; where the interest rate 'INT' was instrumental in the formation and additional money through debt (new loans) in the banking system calculation. The banking system that is run by fractional reserve banking able to create money and add new loans but unable to ensure well-being.

Total loans issued by banks in the long term have very large impact on the rise of inflation, it is in line with the system used to create a

whole debt, that fractional reserve banking. Although in the short term, the loan does not affect the stability of prices but in the long term, the accumulated loan capable of being a threat to price stability. These empirical results prove explanation Shirakawa (2015) states that the accumulated debt that could be the root of asset price bubbles, because the debt could be an indicator of macroeconomic stability.

Interbank call money market rate (r_{PUAB}) which is the benchmark lending rate between conventional banks also causes price volatility. Exchange rate (EXC) in the early period were able to lower the price level, because as a means of monetary transmission to dampen inflation, exchange rate is effective in the short term, but after a period of five shocks that occur in the exchange rate responded negatively by the price level, in other words improving instability in CPI.

Furthermore, Ascarya (2007; 2009; and 2010) stressed that the monetary system based on fiat money is likely to be instability and even crises. With fiat money system, it would be very easy to get the benefits of seigniorage for the cost of printing money is lower than the value of paper money itself so high and unstable

inflation becomes inevitable. And not surprisingly, the FRB also give the same effect, because According to Meera (2002) that the interest rate is actually an important factor in the creation of money through fractional reserve banking system, and the money created through the FRB would be circulated into new debt 'LOAN'.

The banking system that implements fractional reserve banking system is able to automatically create money through issuing new debt, so that in the long term was 'FRB' pose a threat to price stability. These results successfully demonstrated empirically that the FRB are the main factors that cause inflation, and these results also complement the findings by Ascarya (2011).

4.3 VAR of Islamic Monetary Model

The table 4.2 below shows the estimation results of several monetary instruments based on sharia principle. All Islamic variables are capable of reducing the price volatility in Indonesia since they have a negative coefficient with the exception of gold which has a positive coefficient.

Table 4.2 VAR of Islamic Model

Dep. var:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Δinf					
Δinf_{t-1}	0.388*** (3.67)	0.388*** (3.67)	0.399*** (3.72)	0.389*** (3.69)	0.390*** (3.68)
$\Delta lnFINC_{t-1}$	-0.871 (-0.18)				-0.736 (-0.15)
$\Delta gold_{t-1}$		0.000767 (0.23)	0.00109 (0.31)		
Δim_{t-1}			-1.026 (-0.56)		
Δpls_{t-1}				-0.0554 (-0.45)	-0.0538 (-0.43)
$\Delta puas_{t-1}$				-0.0158 (-0.11)	
_cons	0.0119 (0.09)	-0.00636 (-0.08)	0.00814 (0.10)	-0.00822 (-0.11)	0.00876 (0.07)
N	76	76	76	76	76
R^2	0.150	0.150	0.154	0.152	0.152

t statistics in parentheses

* $p < .1$, ** $p < .05$, *** $p < .01$

Islamic financing which is based on real sector activity (model 1 and 5) can negatively affect the inflation but not significant and hence when the volume of Islamic financing

is distributed the volatility of inflation can effectively be dampened. It can be argued that such a condition may occur because of the share of Islamic banking which is

relatively small compared to conventional counterpart, so that it can not significantly impact the inflation. Islamic money along with profit and loss sharing has also a negative effect on inflation while the impact is not significant.

Almost all Islamic monetary instruments (see figure 4.4) such as profit and loss sharing 'PLS', Islamic interbank call money market 'rPUAS', Total financing 'FINC', base money 'IM' can reduce inflation or stabilize price level however gold 'GOLD' which is believed to be the main factor of promoting the price stability induce inflation.

The Impulse Response Function (IRF) supports the estimation results. Shocks that occur from Islamic variables are responded positively by inflation thereby they are able to stabilize the price level. In this case, IRF indicates that Islamic money (IM) gives the most effect on price volatility reduction because in Islamic monetary policy, financing should be based on the real sector which is able to increase investment and boost the economy. Profit-and-loss sharing 'PLS' has an impact on reducing the price volatility, because the PLS system is a growth-oriented real sector, unlike the conventional

interest rate. Chapra (2017) proposed the risk-sharing principle to be adopted in the mainstream system since it can safeguard the whole financial system, promoting a prudent debt. In addition, Ascarya (2009b) stressed that profit-and-loss sharing which should be the principle also in Islamic financing is perfectly fair system wherein both investors and entrepreneurs can share the profit gained from the business activities as well as the loss incurred in the future. As a result, the exploited party can initially be avoided.

In addition, policy sharia interbank money market rate (rPUAS) also plays a role in dampening inflation, the same as former variable, since rPUAS is based on profit sharing rate in Islamic banking. Furthermore, the single currency 'GOLD' seems to be resulting in instability of the price level. This finding is in agreement with study by Ascarya (2011) which showed that gold still has the potential to increase the inflation rate even though its contribution is smaller than the application of the multiple currencies 'EXC'.

The results for Islamic model (see figure 4.5) show Islamic money (IM) has a highest share in curbing the inflation with 0.025% share, followed by profit-and-loss

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sharing 'PLS' with the share (0.024%) to reduce inflation, total financing 'FINC' with (0.04%) share, and interbank syariah call money market (rPUAS) with 0.01% share, while GOLD (0.14%) appears to be the contributor of inflation. This is consistent with the findings of Ascarya (2009a & 2011) which states that in order to prevent price volatility, PLS could be applied alternative (and optimized) to dampen inflation.

Islamic policies in the short term have a fairly effective role in bringing about stability in prices. This suggests that to achieve stability in the price level or inflation in accordance with the target of Bank Indonesia, the two policies are mutually reinforcing. Through this model, we can conclude that Islamic monetary policy play an effective role in ensuring price stability while conventional monetary policy to effectively control the price

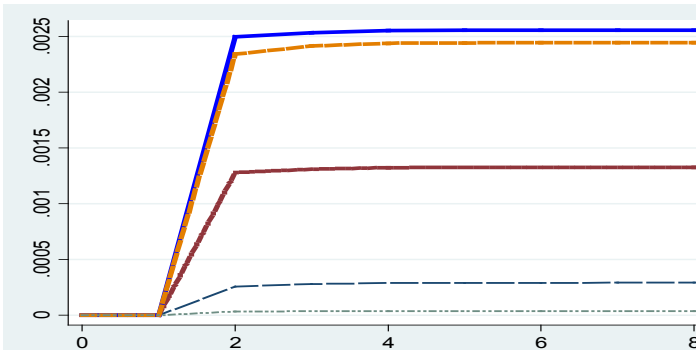


Figure 4.4 Responses of CPI Inflation to Islamic Monetary Policy Shocks

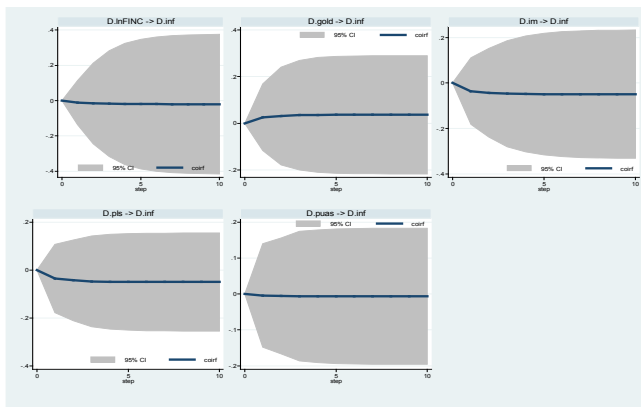


Figure 4.5 FEVD Results of Islamic monetary policy to Price Level

level in the initial period only; in the long run it causes price volatility.

With the results as described above, in the context of the application of the dual monetary system in Indonesia, not all conventional monetary policy is able to ensure and maintain price stability, as one of the objectives of the central bank. However, Islamic monetary policy also has a good performance in order to realize these objectives. Although the market share of Shariah banking is relatively lagging behind from conventional banking, but the results already provide empirical evidence for the contribution of the Islamic policy.

V. Conclusion

From the results of VAR for conventional monetary model, it is apparent that all variables are inducing the inflation in Indonesia in particular credit. As the previous studies seem to exclude credit in the model, this study is able to grasp the information about the detrimental effect of credit on increasing the likelihood of high inflation that may certainly lead to a great crisis. Moreover, since this paper seeks to include fractional reserve banking in the model,

it can be concluded that it is capable of filling the gap of the study undertaken by Ascarya (2011), and other previous researches done by Herianingrum and Syapriatama (2016) and Yuliadi et al. (2016). The result indicates that such a fractional reserve system tends to be the key contributor of price volatility in dual banking system adopted by Indonesia. While the interest rate does not impact the inflation, the interbank money market rate (rPUAB) which is rested on interest system appears to be a major threat to price stability.

In contrast, Islamic monetary instruments are proven to be effective in curbing inflation as shown in the estimation results as well as IRF. It is clearly seen that all Islamic instruments has a negative impact on inflation, hence the full implementation of this policy will result in a stable price level. Yet, gold which is widely believed to stable becomes the only Islamic instrument that can possibly trigger the inflation.

By looking at the results of the two models of this study, it can be concluded that the monetary policy of Islam in the dual monetary policy can contribute to reducing instability in the price level in Indonesia.

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Appendix

a. Unit Root test

Variable	ADF Value		MacKinnon Critical Value (5%)	
	Level	1 st Difference	Level	1 st Difference
CPI Inf	-3.091589	-5.967617	-2.900137	-2.900670
IM	-2.139282	-7.189076	-2.901217	-2.901217
GOLD	-0.413825	-7.995538	-2.899619	-2.900137
PLS	-2.805238	-11.76616	-2.899619	-2.900137
INT	-2.089824	-3.662435	-2.900670	-2.900670
FM	-0.819366	-8.400545	-2.899619	-2.900670
LOAN	-0.627279	-4.201535	-2.899619	-3.480463
FINC	-2.136680	-3.614344	-2.900670	-3.470851
FRB	-0.287591	-8.874091	-2.900670	-2.900670
EXCH	0.319318	-7.524795	-2.899619	-2.900137
PUAB	-3.081866	-8.237052	-2.899619	-2.900137
PUAS	-3.598283	-11.36603	-2.899619	-2.900137

b. Selelction-order Criteria (for Conventional model)

Selection-order criteria

Sample: 2009m5 - 2015m6

Number of obs = 74

lag	LL	LR	df	p	FPE	AIC	HQIC	SBIC
0	302.31				8.1e-13	-7.98135	-7.89441	-7.7634
1	917.161	1229.7	49	0.000	1.9e-19*	-23.2746*	-22.5791*	-21.531*
2	956.357	78.393*	49	0.005	2.5e-19	-23.0097	-21.7055	-19.7404
3	982.692	52.67	49	0.334	5.0e-19	-22.3971	-20.4843	-17.6021
4	1007.1	48.82	49	0.480	1.2e-18	-21.7325	-19.2111	-15.4119

Endogenous: lnIHK lnLOAN puab fm frb indep exc

Exogenous: _cons

c. Johansen Cointegration Test (for Conventional model)

Johansen tests for cointegration
 Trend: constant Number of obs = 77
 Sample: 2009m2 - 2015m6 Lags = 1

maximum				trace	5% critical
rank	parms	LL	eigenvalue	statistic	value
0	7	829.37845	.	233.8579	124.24
1	20	864.86691	0.59908	163.4810	94.15
2	31	894.86232	0.64474	102.8902	68.52
3	40	915.89289	0.42088	60.8290	47.21
4	47	931.13822	0.32698	30.3384	29.68
5	52	936.91007	0.13922	18.7947	15.41
6	55	942.3367	0.13147	7.9414	3.76
7	56	946.3074	0.09799		

d. Selection-order Criteria (for Islamic model)

Selection-order criteria
 Sample: 2009m5 - 2015m6 Number of obs = 74

lag	LL	LR	df	p	FPE	AIC	HQIC	SBIC
0	-669.641				3.43262	18.2606	18.3351	18.4474
1	-130.512	1078.3	36	0.000	4.3e-06*	4.66247*	5.18414*	5.97019*
2	-102.096	56.831	36	0.015	5.4e-06	4.86746	5.83626	7.29606
3	-74.9123	54.367*	36	0.025	7.1e-06	5.10574	6.52168	8.65524
4	-52.7129	44.399	36	0.159	.000011	5.47873	7.34181	10.1491

Endogenous: inf lnFINC gold m0 pls puas
 Exogenous: _cons

e. Johansen Cointegration Test (for Islamic model)

Johansen tests for cointegration
 Trend: constant Number of obs = 75
 Sample: 2009m4 - 2015m6 Lags = 3

maximum				trace	5% critical
rank	parms	LL	eigenvalue	statistic	value
0	105	859.37638	.	154.7034	124.24
1	118	884.9703	0.49465	103.5156	94.15
2	129	901.41623	0.35503	70.6237	68.52
3	138	912.52055	0.25630	48.4151	47.21
4	145	921.07057	0.20388	31.3151	29.68
5	150	927.82104	0.16474	17.8141	15.41
6	153	933.16548	0.13283	7.1252	3.76
7	154	936.7281	0.09063		