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Highlights

- We examine default propagation along the trade credit channel and provide direct and systematic evidence of its existence and relevance.
- We also estimate the probabilities of actual firm bankruptcies and compare the predicted defaults and actual defaults.
- An economically sizable number of firms are predicted to fail when their customers default on their trade debt.
- The prospective defaulters are indeed more likely to go bankrupt than other firms.
- A certain type of firm-bank relationships, in which a bank extends loans to many of the firms in the same supply chain, significantly reduces firms' bankruptcy probability.

This study i

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