

Dissecting Business Cycles

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Q: Does there **exist any subset** of long-run TFP shocks that may drive business cycles?

- * Weakens assumption **2**. Allows for two categories of long-run productivity shocks
- * Assumption **1** holds. Avoids reverse causality

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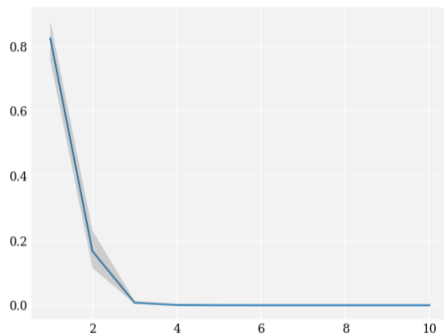
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▶ I test this key assumption on the number of dynamic factors.

- * There are **two** factors.
- * Separate them using a hypothesis, some of these shocks have long-run implications and some don't.
- * Based on empirical results, I interpret the two shocks as supply and demand shocks.

Number of Dynamic Factors?

Figure Scree Plot



Eigenvalues for a spectral matrix of GDP at business cycle frequency band.
Horizontal axis: Total principal components or eigenvalues.

- **This Paper:** The **MBC** shock is a **linear combination** of supply and demand shocks

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- ▶ Also a **second** category of long-run TFP shocks that **don't** drive business cycles
 - * Leads to biased parameters of DSGE models estimated in a full information setting
 - * Significant **normative** & **policy** implications
 - * **Solution:** Estimation via IRF matching with the identified business cycle shocks

Literature Review

► SVAR Identification (Technology Shocks):

Blanchard & Quah (1989); Gali (1999); Basu, Fernald & Kimball (2006);
Beaudry & Portier (2006); Barsky & Sims (2011); Francis et al. (2014); Barsky, Basu
& Lee (2014); Chahrour & Jurado (2018); Angeletos, Collard & Dellas (2020);
Kurmann & Sims (2022); Chahrour, Chugh & Potter (2022);

- * Conflicting conclusions about the role of long-run TFP shocks
- * Argue for (non-inflationary) demand shocks as the key driver of business cycles.

► Limited Information Estimation:

Rotemberg & Woodford (1997), Christiano, Eichenbaum & Evans (2005),
Barnichon & Mesters (2020), Lewis & Mertens (2023)

- * Identify macro equations through structural shocks

Outline

1. Identification Setup
2. Results
3. Model Estimation Challenges
4. Application: Smets & Wouters (2007)

Empirical Analysis

Baseline VAR

- ▶ Data follows the benchmark VAR of ACD (2020):
 - * Quarterly U.S data: 1955Q1-2019Q4
 - * **Macro Quantities:** Unemployment, GDP, Hours, Invest. (inclusive of durables), Cons.
 - * **Productivity:** util-adjust TFP, NFB labor productivity;
 - * **Nominal:** Inflation (GDP Delator), Federal Fund Rate, Labor Share
 - * Bayesian VAR, 2 Lags
- ▶ **Wold Representation:**

$$Y_t = D(L)Q\varepsilon_t$$

where, ε_t are structural shocks.

$$\varepsilon_t' = [\underbrace{\varepsilon_{B,t}^{long-run} \quad \varepsilon_{B,t}^{short-run}}_{\text{Business cycle shocks}} \quad \underbrace{\varepsilon_{NB,t}}_{\text{Non-Business Cycle shocks}}]$$

- ▶ **B**: Linear combination of the VAR residuals that explain significant volatility of **GDP** at the business-cycle frequencies, 6-32 quarters
- ▶ $\varepsilon_{B,t}^{short-run}$: Business cycle shocks that don't contribute to long-run volatility of GDP
- ▶ Following ACD (2020), **long-run** refers to fluctuations of periodicity >20 years
- ▶ $\varepsilon_{B,t}^{long-run}$: Residual business cycle shocks
- ▶ Structural assumptions consistent with the literature.

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- ▶ **MBC** shock (q_1): principal component analysis

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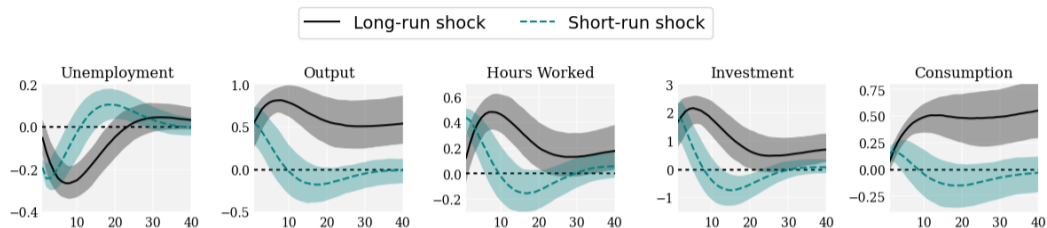
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- ▶ **Existence & Uniqueness:** Bolla, M., Michaletzky, G., Tusnády, G., Ziermann, M. (1998)
- ▶ **Convergence Algorithm:** Jiang & Dai (2014)

Business Cycle Co-movement

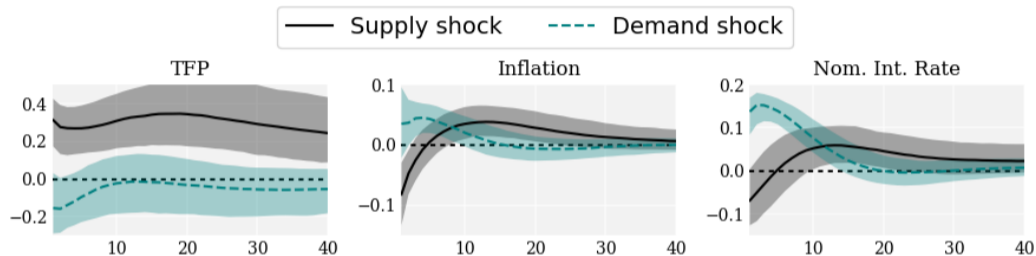


► Volatility contribution at business-cycle frequency band (6-32 quarters):

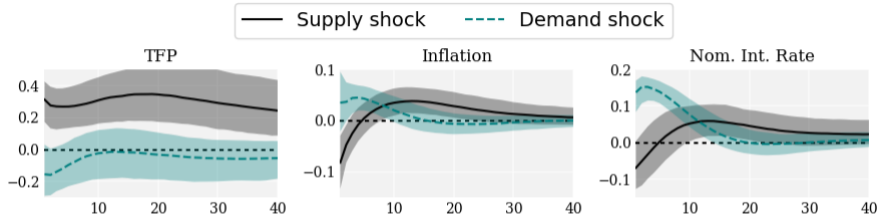
Shock	Unemployment	Output	Hours Work	Investment	Consumption
Long-run	33.9 [22.8, 46.4]	56.6 [36.1, 73.7]	30.8 [22, 41.3]	43.8 [27.4, 59.1]	32.8 [25.7, 40.2]
Short-run	46.8 [34.1, 57.7]	42.1 [25.2, 63]	39.4 [28.8, 48.3]	41.3 [25.6, 57.7]	23 [16.1, 30.8]
Total	80.7	98.7	70.2	85.1	55.8

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TFP, Inflation & Interest Rates

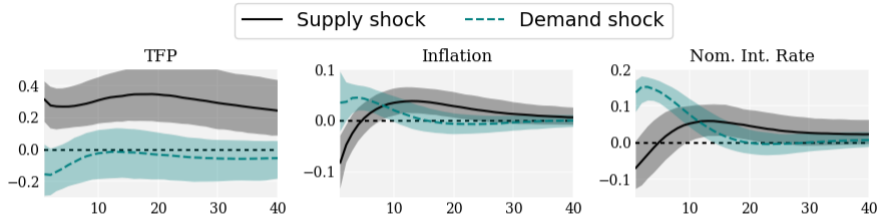


- ▶ **Supply shock** (TFP) $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ GDP $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ inflation $\downarrow \xrightarrow{\text{Taylor Rule}}$ nominal rates \downarrow
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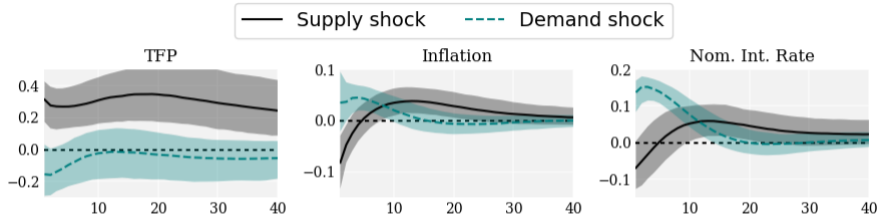
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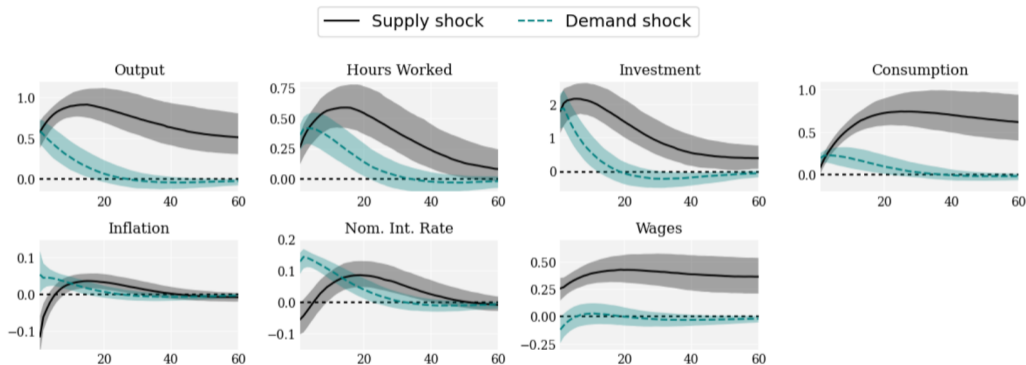
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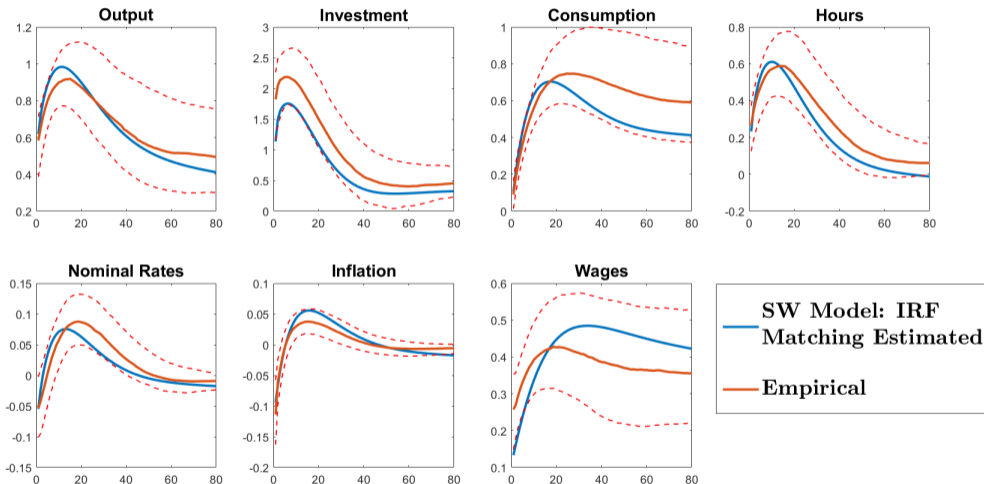
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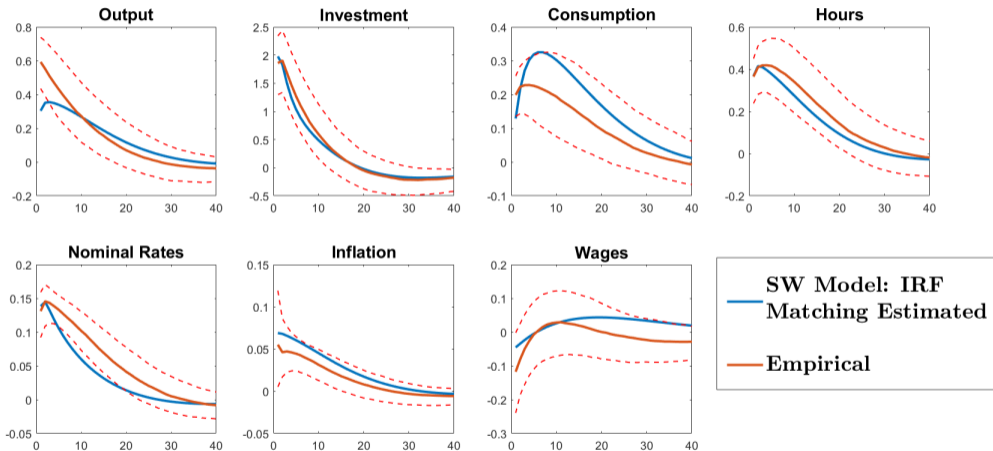
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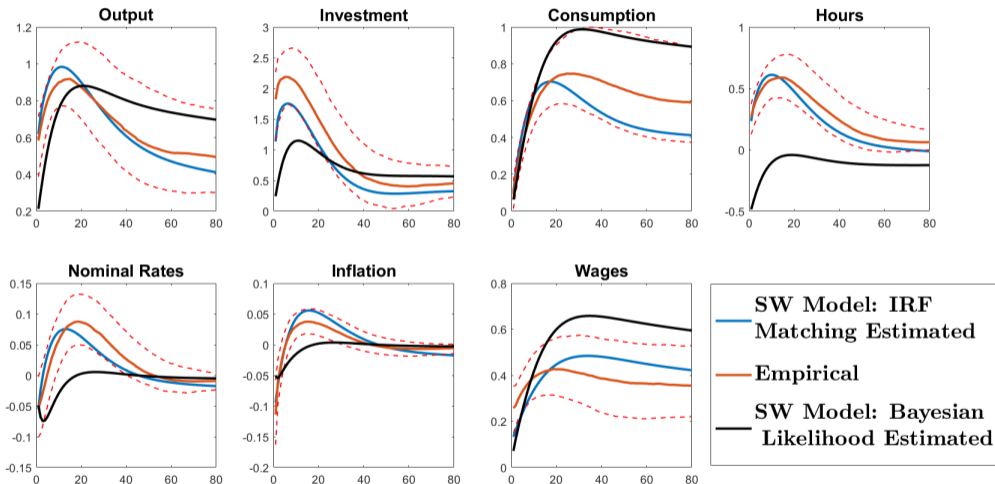
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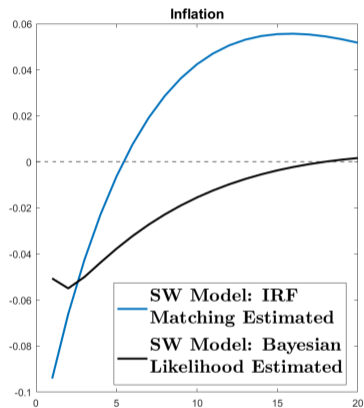
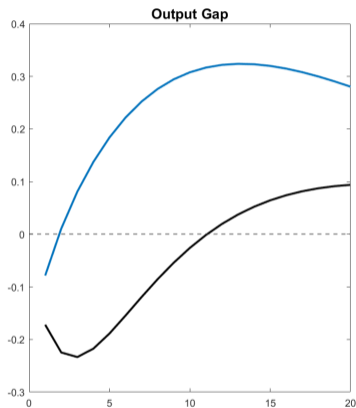
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Normative & Policy Implications



- Policy trade-offs in IRF matching estimated model.

Estimation Challenges

Full Information Estimation Challenges

In the following section,

- ▶ I argue for **downward bias** in business cycle implications of **DSGE** models estimated using Bayesian likelihood:
 1. DSGE models have cross-frequency restrictions
 2. Presence of long-run Non-Business Cycle shocks result in downward bias

Spectral Representation of DSGE Model

- ▶ Canonical representation of the DSGE model:

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- ▶ Model implied **Spectral Density** of variable k due to shock l in Y_t :

$$SD(\omega, k, l; \theta, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi} |\mathcal{M}(\omega, y_k, l; \theta)|^2 \sigma_l^2, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{M}(\omega, y_k, l; \theta) = \mathbf{D}^k(e^{i\omega}; \theta) \Theta_0^l(\theta)$$

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- ▶ Maximising $\log L$ with respect to σ_{lB}^2 gives:

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- ▶ Reducing the maximize $\log L$ objective to **minimising**

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- ▶ **Cross-frequency Restriction:** Kolmogorov result

$$\underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^t \log |\mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, lB; \theta)|^2}_{\text{long-run}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=t+1}^T \log |\mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, lB; \theta)|^2}_{\text{short-run}} = 0$$

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Cross-Frequency Restrictions

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$$S(\theta) = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^t \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{D(y_k, \omega_j, lB)\sigma_{lB}^2 + D(y_k, \omega_j, lNB)\sigma_{lNB}^2}{\left| \mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, lB; \theta) \right|^2}}_{\text{long-run volatility}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=t+1}^T \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{D(y_k, \omega_j, lB)\sigma_{lB}^2 + 0}{\left| \mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, lB; \theta) \right|^2}}_{\text{short-run volatility}}$$

$$S(\theta^*) = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^t \frac{\sigma_{lB}^2}{2\pi} + \frac{D(y_k, \omega_j, lNB)\sigma_{lNB}^2}{\left| \mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, lB; \theta^*) \right|^2}}_{\text{long-run volatility}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=t+1}^T \frac{\sigma_{lB}^2}{2\pi}}_{\text{short-run volatility}} = T \frac{\sigma_{lB}^2}{2\pi} + \sum_{j=1}^t \frac{D(y_k, \omega_j, lNB)\sigma_{lNB}^2}{\left| \mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, lB; \theta^*) \right|^2}$$

► Minimizes $S(\theta)$ to $T \frac{\sigma_{lB}^2}{2\pi}$ for true parameter (θ^*) values if $\sigma_{lNB}^2 = 0$

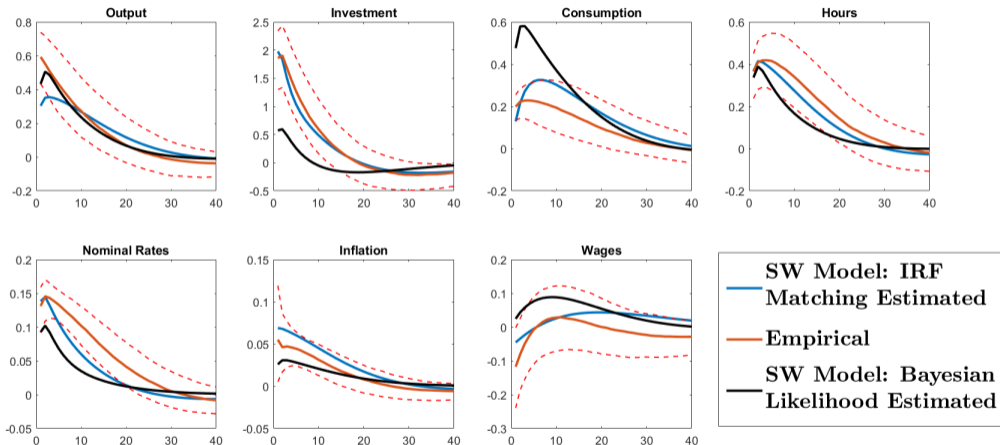
Downward Bias for Business Cycles

$$S(\theta) = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^t \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\mathcal{D}(y_k, \omega_j, LB)\sigma_{LB}^2 + \mathcal{D}(y_k, \omega_j, INB)\sigma_{INB}^2}{|\mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, LB; \theta)|^2}}_{\text{long-run volatility}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=t+1}^T \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\mathcal{D}(y_k, \omega_j, LB)\sigma_{LB}^2 + 0}{|\mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, LB; \theta)|^2}}_{\text{short-run volatility}}$$

$$\sigma_{INB}^2 \uparrow \xrightarrow{\text{minimize } S(\theta)} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^t |\mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, LB; \theta)|^2}_{\text{long-run}} \uparrow \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} \underbrace{\sum_{j=t+1}^T |\mathcal{M}(\omega_j, y_k, LB; \theta)|^2}_{\text{short-run}} \downarrow$$

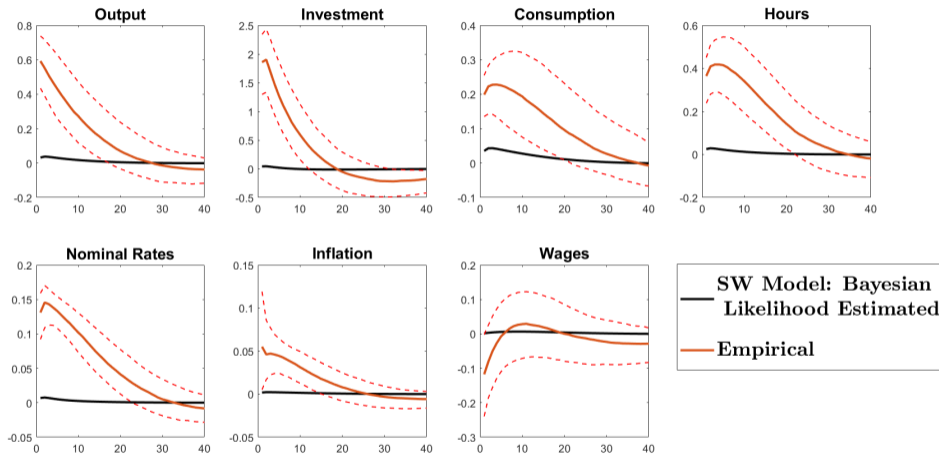
- ▶ θ changes such that model implied long-run volatility increases, resulting in a **downward bias** on short-run volatility of the model
- ▶ Argues for estimation in a **limited** information setting

Demand Shock: SW Risk Premia Shock



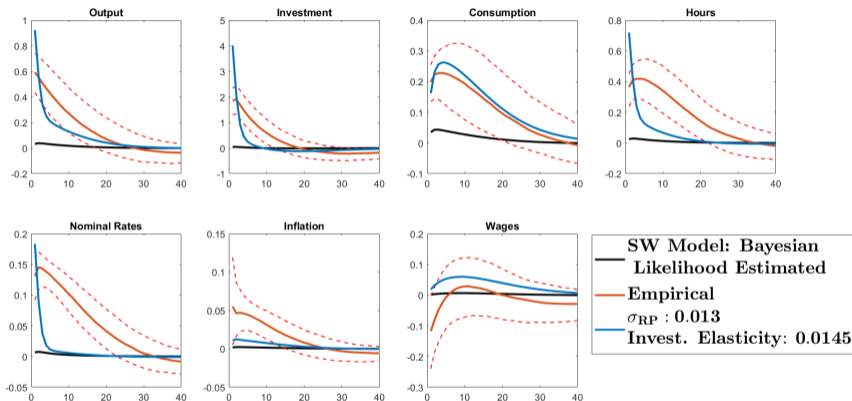
Internal vs. External Propagation

Theory



► Replaced likelihood estimated σ_{RP} (0.1762) with IRF matched estimation (0.0131)

Internal vs. External Propagation



- ▶ Additionally replaced likelihood estimated investment elasticity (0.0145) with IRF matching estimated (0.0145)

Conclusion

▶ Empirical Results:

1. Both long-run supply and short-run demand shocks drive business cycles
2. DGP also comprises long-run shocks that don't contribute to business cycles

▶ Estimation Results:

1. Long-run non-business cycle shocks result in a downward bias in business cycle implications of DSGE models estimated in full-information setting
2. **Solution:** Estimation in limited information setting
 - + For instance, estimation of Smets & Wouters (2007) by IRF matching with the identified shocks.

Appendix Slides

- ▶ Wold Representation:

$$Y_t = D(L)Q\varepsilon_t$$

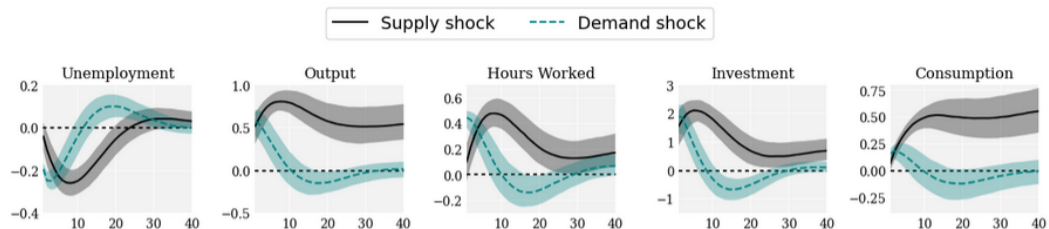
- ▶ Spectral density of a variable y_j in Y_t in the frequency band $[\underline{\omega}, \bar{\omega}]$ is represented as:

$$\mathcal{D}(y_j, \underline{\omega}, \bar{\omega}) = \int_{\underline{\omega}}^{\bar{\omega}} \left(\overline{D^j(e^{-i\omega})} D^j(e^{-i\omega}) \right) d\omega$$

- ▶ For instance, spectral density of GDP in business-cycle frequency band (6-32 quarters):

$$\mathcal{D}\left(GDP, \frac{2\pi}{32}, \frac{2\pi}{6}\right)$$

Business Cycle Co-movement



- Volatility contribution at business-cycle frequency band (6-32 quarters):

	Unemployment	Output	hours Work	Investment	Consumption
Supply Shock	31.1 [20.7, 45.8]	49.5 [30.5, 71.6]	30 [20.5, 40.7]	38.8 [23.4, 58]	32.5 [24.7, 39.9]
Demand Shock	49.5 [35.4, 59.4]	49 [26.3, 67.8]	40.7 [28, 49.2]	45.8 [26.4, 61.6]	23.4 [15.7, 31.7]

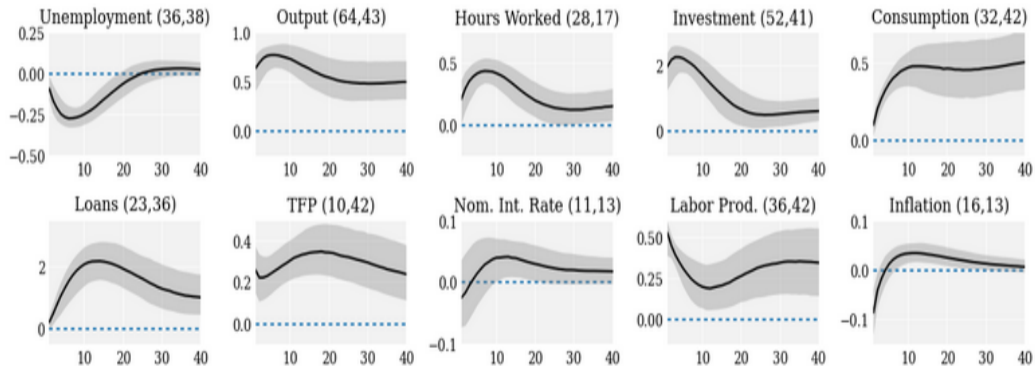
NOTE. 68 percent HPDI in brackets

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$$q_{lr}, q_{sr} \equiv \arg \max_{q_{lr}, q_{sr}} q_{lr}' D \left(GDP, \frac{2\pi}{32}, \frac{2\pi}{6} \right) q_{lr} +$$
$$q_{sr}' \left(1.01 D \left(GDP, \frac{2\pi}{32}, \frac{2\pi}{6} \right) - D \left(TFP, \frac{2\pi}{\infty}, \frac{2\pi}{80} \right) \right) q_{sr}$$
$$\text{s.t. } q_{lr}' q_{lr} = 1, q_{sr}' q_{sr} = 1, q_{lr}' q_{sr} = 0$$

Supply Shock IRFs

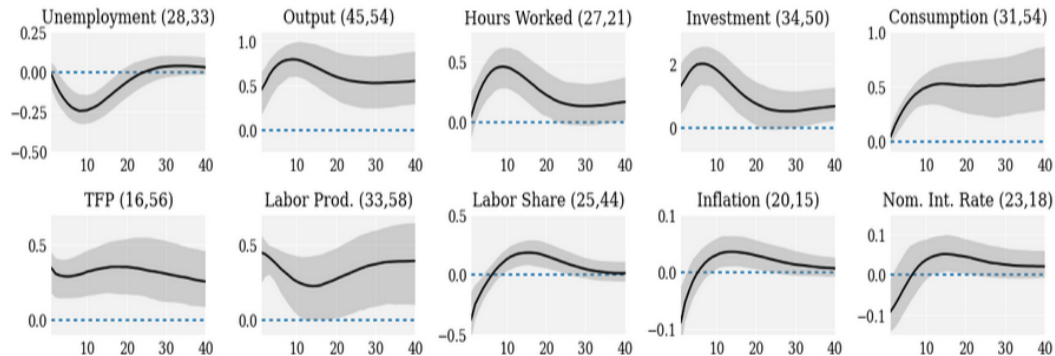
Figure IRFs



$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{lr}, q_{sr} &\equiv \arg \max_{q_{lr}, q_{sr}} q_{lr}' D\left(GDP, \frac{2\pi}{32}, \frac{2\pi}{6}\right) q_{lr} + \\
 q_{sr}' &\left(1.1 D\left(GDP, \frac{2\pi}{32}, \frac{2\pi}{6}\right) - D\left(TFP, \frac{2\pi}{\infty}, \frac{2\pi}{80}\right)\right) q_{sr} \\
 \text{s.t. } &q_{lr}' q_{lr} = 1, q_{sr}' q_{sr} = 1, q_{lr}' q_{sr} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Supply Shock IRFs

Figure IRFs



► Blanchard & Quah (1989):

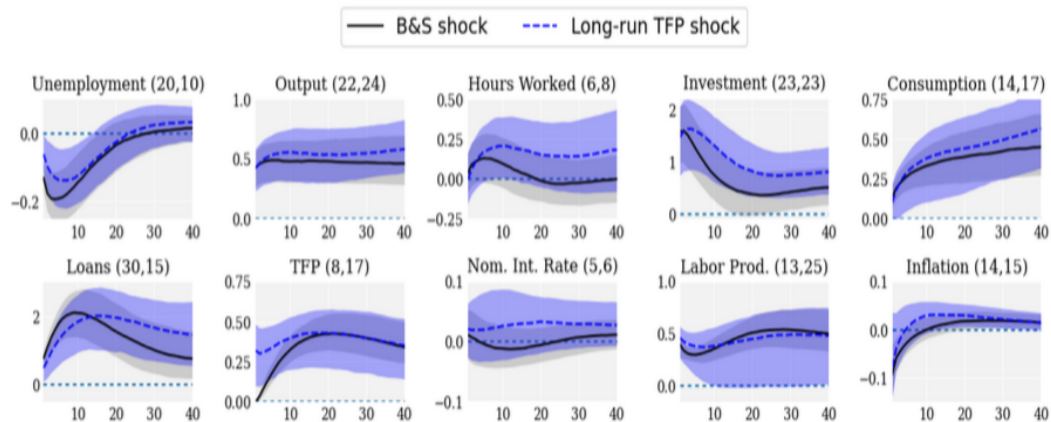
- * A bivariate VAR analysis of real GDP and unemployment.
- * **Zero long-run restriction**: Only the aggregate supply shock has permanent effects on the level of real GDP.
- * The residual orthogonal shock is interpreted as an aggregate demand shock.
- * They argue **aggregate demand** shocks as a key driver of business cycles.

$$\varepsilon'_t = \left[\underbrace{\begin{matrix} \varepsilon_{B,t}^{long-run'} & \varepsilon_{B,t}^{short-run} & \varepsilon_{NB,t}^{residual} \end{matrix}}_{\text{Aggregate Demand shock}} \quad \underbrace{\begin{matrix} \varepsilon_{B,t}^{perm} & \varepsilon_{NB,t}^{perm} \end{matrix}}_{\text{Aggregate Supply shock}} \right]$$

- * **Confounds** business and non-business cycle shocks.

Barsky & Sims (2011) vs. Long-run TFP Shocks

BS vs KS



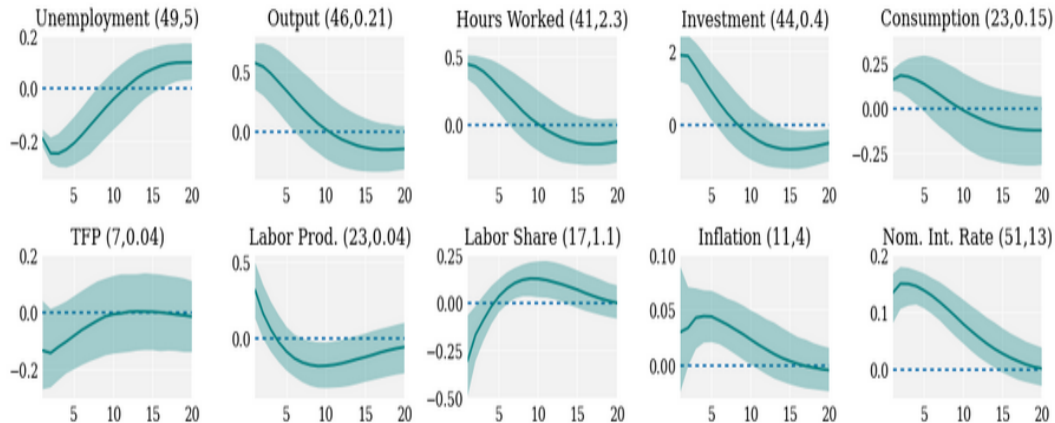
- ▶ Long-run TFP shocks from Angeletos, Collard & Dellas (2020)
- ▶ **Similar** IRFs and business cycle volatility for macro variables.

Overview: Model Estimation Results

In light of the evidence where we have two categories of long-run TFP shocks:

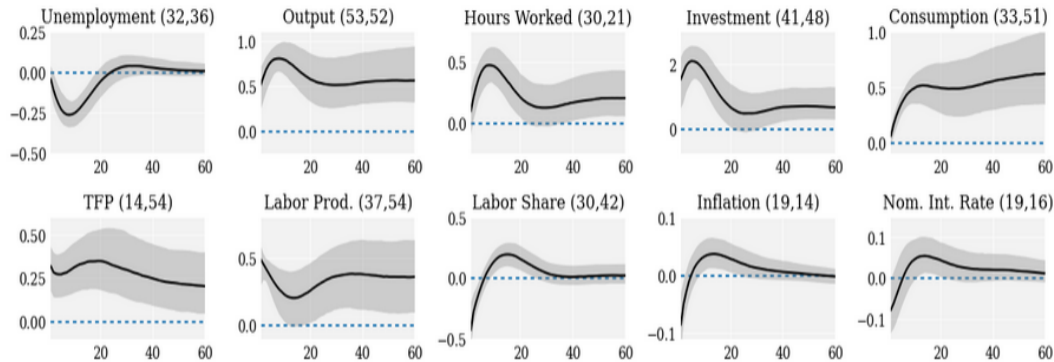
- ▶ Benchmark medium-scale **DSGE** models have **model misspecification**
 - * Similar to SVAR literature, DSGE models allow for one category of long-run TFP shocks
For instance, Smets & Wouters (2007)
 - * Full-information likelihood-based estimation of these models results in biased parameters
 - * **Downward bias** on business cycle implications of such models.
- ▶ **Solution:** Estimation in limited information setting
 - * Estimation of Smets & Wouters (2007) by IRF matching with the identified shocks.
- ▶ **Result:** Wage indexation and stickiness are key for propagation mechanism relative to price & investment frictions.

Demand Shock (short-run)



NOTE. 80 percent HPDI in brackets

Supply Shock (long-run)



- ▶ Explains significant volatility of U_{ne} , Y , h , I and C at both frequency bands.
- ▶ Explains only long-run fluctuations of TFP.
- ▶ Explains significant labor productivity (Y/h) fluctuations at both frequency bands.

Output Periodogram

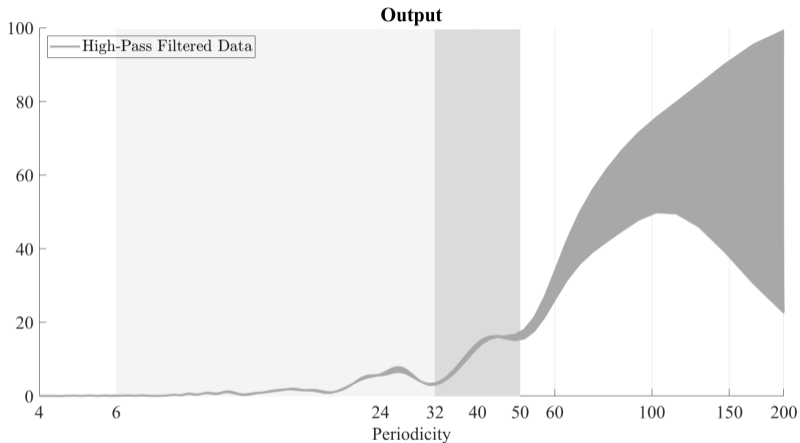
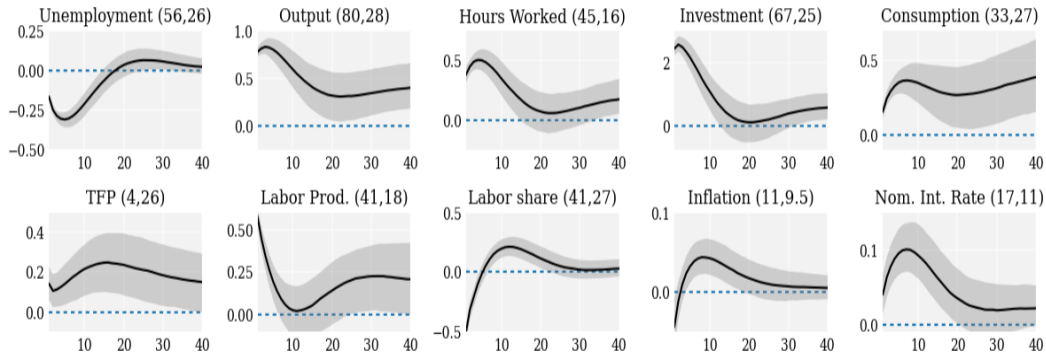


Figure This figure shows an estimate of the spectral density of U.S. GDP per capita filtered for periodicity above 20 quarters.

Figure IRFs



Normative & Policy Implications

