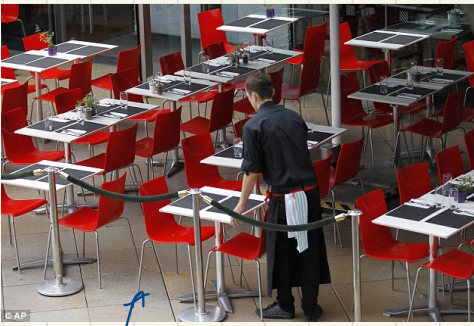


Prevalence of Idle Capacity

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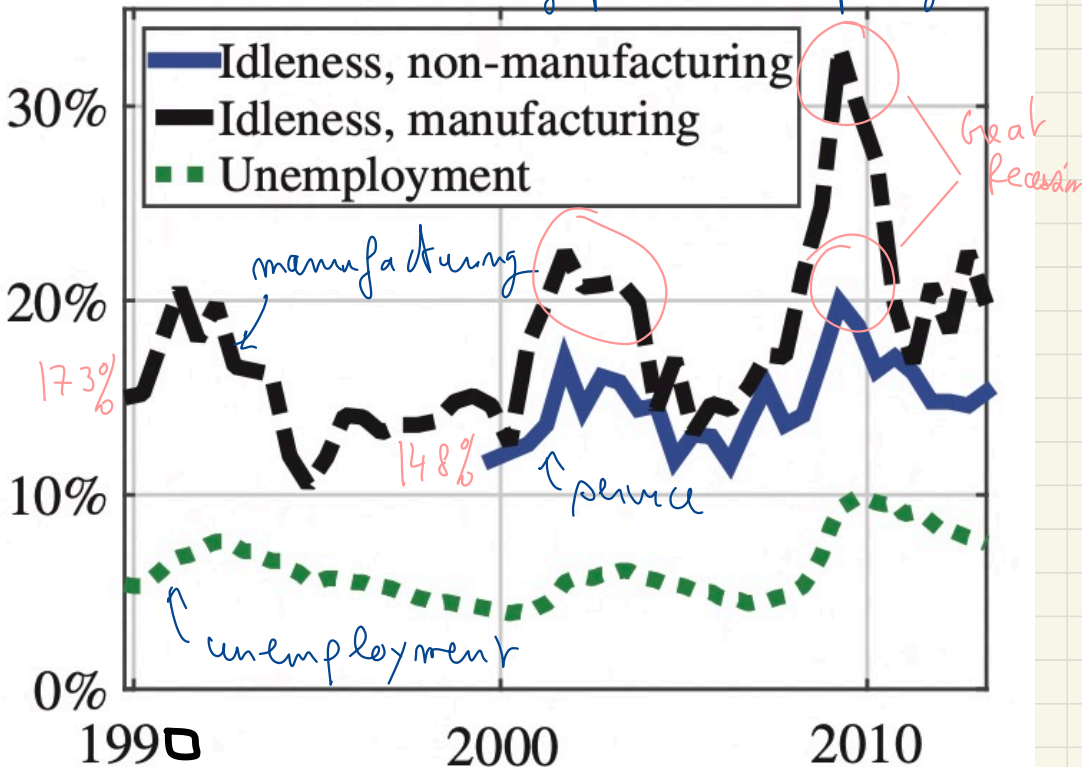
idle restaurant waiter



idle barber

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Operating rate \rightarrow Idleness rate = $1 - \text{Operating Rate}$
 \rightarrow share of productive capacity that's idle



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Source Michaellet & Saez (2015)

Capacity utilisation

- Industrial firms
- Capital given, labor can be adjusted

