

Strategic Macroprudential Policy Setting in Emerging Markets: The Role of Coordination

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Real life example (coordination effort):

European Union: the MaP Policies are set at the Supranational level and then implemented in each country

Establishment of Institutions aimed at overseeing coordination: ESRB (for MaP) and EBA, EIOPA and PESMA (for Micro-pru)

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Here: Dynamic banking problem and policy

What is the path of optimal macroprudential policies in open economies [Strategic interaction]

What is the role of Policy Cooperation in generating Welfare Gains?

Better welfare accounting that captures the total effect of policy (over time).

Results Preview

- Cooperation matters? Yes, but not any type: **Center Cooperation Matters**
 - Welfare Ranking: $Coop \succcurlyeq CoopAC \succcurlyeq Nash \succcurlyeq CoopEMEs$
- Time Consistency of Policies is important
 - Welfare Ranking: Any time consistent policy \succcurlyeq Time Variant Coop
- Distributional issues may difficult cooperation.
 - Individually EMEs may prefer Nash
- best policies are also smoother and countercyclical (in relative terms)
 - Deliver smoother financial variables too.

Model

- Three economies: Core (c) with relative population size $1 - n_a - n_b$, and two Peripheries: a and b with sizes n_a and n_b such that $n_a + n_b \leq \frac{1}{2}$.
- There is an international financial market where the households trade non-contingent bonds.
⇒ the peripheries saving opportunities are not affected by the relative inefficiency of the domestic banking sector.
- The model is set in real terms.
- Agents: Households, Production Sector (final consumption good and capital), **Banks** and Government.
- EMEs banks are funded with loans from Financial Center banks.



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Households

$$\max_{\{C_t, B_t, D_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} W_0^i = E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left(\frac{C_t^{i(1-\sigma)}}{1-\sigma} - \frac{H_t^{i(1+\psi)}}{1+\psi} \right)$$

s.t.,

$$C_t^i + B_t^i + D_t^i + \frac{\eta}{2}(B_t^i)^2 + \frac{\eta_D}{2}(D_t^i - \bar{D}^i)^2 = R_{t-1}^i B_{t-1}^i + R_{D,t-1}^i D_{t-1}^i + W_t^i H_t^i + \Pi_t^i, \quad i = \{a, b, c\}$$

B_t^i : Non-contingent international bonds (units of consumption bundle),

D_t^i : domestic deposits - dropped for the peripheries that rely on foreign lending,

$W_t^i H_t^i$: labor income,

Π_t^i : profits from banks and capital firms net of lump-sum taxes → quite different between Center and EMEs.

One good is produced worldwide and C^i is the corresponding consumption by the household in the country i .

Incomplete Mkts: Adjustment costs of assets allow the model to be stationary.

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Final goods firms

There is one single good produced in the world that is obtained from a CD technology:

$$Y_t^i = A_t^i \left(\xi_t^i K_{t-1}^i \right)^\alpha H_t^{i(1-\alpha)} \quad (\text{technology})$$

H^i, K^i are labor and capital. A_t^i is a productivity shock and ξ^i is a capital-quality shock (AR(1) processes).

Profits are derived from production and the resale of undepreciated capital to investors.

The firms choose the inputs optimally to solve:

$$\max_{K_{t-1}, H_t} \Pi_t^{i, \text{prod}} = Y_t^i + (1 - \delta) \xi_t^i Q_t^i K_{t-1}^i - W_t^i H_t^i - \underbrace{\tilde{R}_{k,t}^i Q_{t-1}^i}_{\text{Repayment to bank}}$$

s.t. (technology)

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Final goods firms and returns on Banking

Let $r_t^i \equiv \alpha A_t^i H_t^{i(1-\alpha)} (\xi^i K_{t-1}^i)^{(\alpha-1)} \propto MPK_t$ — we can obtain the optimal payments to each input (workers and bankers) as:

$$W_t^i = (1 - \alpha) A_t^i H_t^{i(-\alpha)} \xi_t^i \alpha K_{t-1}^{i(\alpha)}$$

$$\tilde{R}_{k,t} = \xi_t^i \frac{r_t^i + (1 - \delta) Q_{t-1}^i}{Q_{t-1}^i}$$

$\tilde{R}_{k,t}$ is the gross rate of return of bankers **before** paying the macroprudential taxes.

This structure reflects that Capital is funded by selling securities to domestic banks $Z_t^i = K_t^i$.

Capital Goods production

Physical capital is produced in a competitive market by using old capital and investment.

The depreciation rate of capital is $1 - (1 - \delta)\xi_t^i$.

The investment will be subject to convex adjustment costs:

Total cost of Investing:

$$C(I_t^i) = I_t^i \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{2} \left(\frac{I_t^i}{I_{t-1}^i} - 1 \right)^2 \right)$$

The firms buy back the old capital stock at price Q_t^i and produce new capital units for future production.

Capital stock dynamics:

$$K_t^i = I_t^i + (1 - \delta)\xi_t^i K_{t-1}^i$$

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Banking Sector - EMEs

Sector targeted by Macroprudential policies. Set-up based on Gertler and Karadi (2011).

Banks start with a bequest from the households and continue their activities with prob. $\theta \Rightarrow$ **there is exit**

N_{jt}^e : net worth, F_{jt}^e : interbank borrowing j at a rate $R_{b,t}^e$ and D_{jt}^e : deposits from domestic households.

Balance sheet of the bank j :

$$Q_t^e Z_{jt}^e = N_{jt}^e + F_{jt}^e \quad (\text{e: EME})$$

Aggregate net worth

of the banking system :

$$N_t^e = \underbrace{\theta N_{j,t}^e}_{\text{surviving banks}} + \underbrace{\delta_T Q_t^e K_{t-1}^e}_{\text{new banks start-up K}}$$

$N_{j,t}^e$: net worth of surviving banks:

$$N_{j,t}^e = R_{k,t}^e Q_{t-1}^e Z_{j,t-1}^e - R_{b,t-1}^e F_{j,t-1}^e$$

Gross return on capital (after-tax):

$$R_{k,t}^e = \xi_t^e \frac{(1-\tau_{k,t}^e) r_t^e + (1-\delta) Q_t^e}{Q_{t-1}^e} \quad \tau_{k,t}^e : \text{macroprudential tax/subsidy}$$

Banking Sector - EMEs (cont.)

Agency problem in EMEs

Lending contracts subject to **limited enforceability**: a bank can default and run away with a portion κ^e of the assets.

The problem of the j banker is to maximize the value of the bank:

$$J^e(N_{j,t}^e) = \mathbb{E}_t \max_{N_t, Z_t^e, V_{s,t}^e} (1 - \theta) \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{t+1+s}^e [\theta^s N_{j,t+1+s}^e]$$

subject to: net worth ($N_{j,t}^{e_i}$) dynamics and Incentive Compatibility Constraint:

$$\underbrace{J_{j,t}^e}_{\text{value of bank}} \geq \underbrace{\kappa^e Q_t^e Z_{s,t}^e}_{\text{value of defaulting}}$$

ICC: the continuation value of the bank is larger than the profit from defaulting.

The bank's optimal decisions:

The F.O.C. of the banker's problem are:

$$[Z_t] : \quad \mathbb{E}_t\{\Omega_{t+1|t}(R_{k,t+1}^{e_i} - R_{b,t}^{e_i})\} = \mu_t^e \kappa^e$$

the envelope condition:

$$[N_{j,t}^e] : \quad J^{e'}(N_{j,t}^e)(1 - \mu_t^{e_i}) = \mathbb{E}_t\{\Omega_{t+1|t}R_{b,t}^e\}$$

where $\mu_t^{e_i}$ is the lagrange multiplier associated with the ICC and $\Omega_{t+1|t} = \Lambda_{t+1}^e(1 - \theta + \theta J_{t+1}^{e'})$ is the effective pricing kernel of the bank.

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Banking sector - Center Country

Most of the sectors are analogous to the EMEs. However, the banking sector differs in their degree of development and agency frictions.

Implications:

- Center banks can intermediate local deposits without restrictions.
 - Foreign lending flows from center to peripheries.
- Agency frictions can be present but can be milder.

The balance sheet of bank j :

$$F_{j,t}^a + F_{j,t}^b + Q_t^c Z_{j,t}^c = N_{jt}^c + D_t^c$$

where $F_{j,t}^e$: claims on the j -th representative peripheral bank and $Q_t^c Z_{j,t}^c$: claims on the core country capital stock.

Return on capital is given as before: $R_{k,t}^c = \xi_t^c \frac{(1-\tau_{k,t}^c)r_t^c + (1-\delta)Q_t^c}{Q_{t-1}^c}$

Banking sector - Center Country (cont.)

The bank j value function is:

$$J_{j,t}^c(N_{j,t}^c) = \mathbb{E}_t \max_{N_{j,t}^c, Z_t^c, F_{s,t}^e, D_t^c} \Lambda_{t+1}^c \left[(1 - \theta) \underbrace{(R_{k,t+1}^c Q_t^c Z_{j,t}^c + R_{b,t}^a F_{j,t}^a + R_{b,t}^b F_{j,t}^b)}_{\text{gross return on assets}} - \underbrace{R_{D,t}^c D_t^c}_{\substack{\text{deposits} \\ \text{repayment}}} \right] + \theta J_{j,t+1}^c(N_{j,t+1}^c)$$

The bank determines such value while being subject to an incentive compatibility constraint:

$$J_{jt}^c \geq \kappa_{F_a}^c F_{jt}^a + \kappa_{F_b}^c F_{jt}^b + \kappa^c Q_{c,t} Z_{j,t}^c \quad (\text{ICC-C})$$

with $\kappa_F^c, \kappa^c > 0$, i.e., the pledgeable fraction can be asymmetric across assets.

Optimality Conditions:

The F.O.C. are:

$$[Z_{j,t}] : \quad \mathbb{E}_t \Omega_{t+1|t}^c (R_{k,t+1}^c - R_{D,t}^c) = \kappa^c \mu_t^c$$

$$[F_{j,t}^a] : \quad \mathbb{E}_t \Omega_{t+1|t}^c \left(\textcolor{blue}{R}_{b,t}^a - R_{D,t}^c \right) = \kappa_{F_a}^c \mu_t^c$$

$$[F_{j,t}^b] : \quad \mathbb{E}_t \Omega_{t+1|t}^c \left(\textcolor{blue}{R}_{b,t}^b - R_{D,t}^c \right) = \kappa_{F_b}^c \mu_t^c$$

and the envelope condition,

$$[N_{j,t}^c] : \quad J^{c'}(N_{j,t}^c)(1 - \mu_t^c) - \mathbb{E}_t \Omega_{t+1|t}^c R_{D,t}^c = 0$$

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Macroprudential Policy

Several potential choices (capital controls, taxes, leverage ratios, etc.).

Policy used here: **tax on return to capital.**

Advantage: targets the source of the friction (credit spread).

Government budget (balanced):

$$\tau_{k,t}^j r_{k,t}^j K_{t-1}^j + T_t^j = 0 \quad j = \{a, b, c\}$$

Welfare objective of each policy maker is given by PV of agents utility.

However, there could be policy implementation costs.

$$\hat{W}_0^j = W_0^j - \psi_{\tau,k} E_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \tau_{k,t}^{j,2}$$

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Ramsey Policy Problem

Cooperation: objective function of the planner is the weighted average of the welfare of coalition participants.

Non-cooperative equilibrium: *open-loop Nash* equilibrium.

We assume players know the initial state vector and define the whole sequence of actions taking the future path of tools for other planners as given.

Problem of the planner: Under commitment, choose the vector of endogenous variables and the policy instruments to solve:

$$\hat{W}_{coop,0} = \max_{\mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau}_t} [n_p \hat{W}_0^p + (1 - n_p) \hat{W}_0^c] = \max_{\mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau}_t} [n_a \hat{W}_0^a + n_b \hat{W}_0^b + (1 - n_a - n_b) \hat{W}_0^c]$$

s.t.,

$$\mathbb{E}_t F(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{t+1}; \boldsymbol{\varphi}_t) = 0$$

where \mathbf{x}_t is the vector of endogenous variables, $\boldsymbol{\tau}_t = (\tau_t^a, \tau_t^b, \tau_t^c)'$ is the vector of instruments and $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_t$ is a vector of exogenous variables and shocks.

Semi-cooperative cases: subsets of country form a coalition and solve:

$$\hat{W}_{coopAC,0} = \max_{\mathbf{x}_t, \tau_t^a, \tau_t^c} [n_a \hat{W}_0^a + n_c \hat{W}_0^c]$$

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Or for the case of regional (EMEs) cooperation:

$$\hat{W}_{coopEME,0} = \max_{\mathbf{x}_t, \tau_t^a, \tau_t^b} [n_a \hat{W}_0^a + n_b \hat{W}_0^b]$$

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Nash: On the other hand, the non-cooperative policy-maker of the country $j = \{a, b, c\}$ solves:

$$\hat{W}_{nash,0}^j = \max_{\mathbf{x}_t, \tau_t^j} \hat{W}_0^j$$

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Gains from cooperation

The gains from cooperative schemes will be given as the difference with respect to the strategic solution from cooperation will be computed as,

$$Gain \equiv \hat{W}_{coop,0} - (n_a \hat{W}_{nash,0}^a + n_b \hat{W}_{nash,0}^b + (1 - n_a - n_b) \hat{W}_{nash,0}^c)$$

The gains are approximated at the second order around the non-stochastic steady state (Taylor expansion around $\varphi = 0$).

- The welfare obtained is the **conditional welfare**: the same initial state values are used in the simulation of each model.
- The Gain above is given in utility units. Hence, we normalize them by the change in utility from a 1% increase in Steady State consumption and get the **consumption equivalent variation** →
 - compensation in terms of an increase in the steady state consumption to be indifferent between models.
- We also compare the moments of key financial variables across models as well as the dynamics of the tools under each policy regime.

RESULTS

Steady State of Policy Instruments

	Nash	Cooperation (Center+EME-A)	Cooperation (EMEs)	Cooperation (All)	Cooperation (Time Variant)
τ^c	-0.850	-0.530	-0.806	-0.864	-0.140
τ^a	0.319	-0.164	0.348	-0.697	0.811
τ^b	0.319	0.328	0.348	-0.697	0.811

- We obtain the **Instrument conditional Steady States**
- In all cases the Center subsidizes the financial sector
- The peripheries use their tools to mitigate the friction

► Details

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- Distribution of gains:

C: better off with Coop or CoopAC. Its response affects EMEs significantly.

A: best off by Cooperating with Center only

→ Potential Deviation Incentives

B: If full Cooperation is not credible prefers to play Individually (Nash)

-Potential credibility issues

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- **Indeterminacy:** Non-cooperative policies and some semi-cooperative are not well defined if time inconsistent.
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CoopTVariant - in IRFs

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W^b	-5030.3	-5037.6	-5037.0	-5025.4	-5343.3
W	-5005.2	-4995.9	-5008.3	-4994.4	-5266.3
W^{ab}	-5030.2	-5027.0	-5037.1	-5025.4	-5343.4

Consumption Equivalent Compensation					
C	-10.9	4.8	-10.2	6.3	-224.9
A	-17.0	-3.1	-24.2	-12.2	-335.7
B	-16.6	-24.0	-23.4	-11.6	-334.5
World	-13.9	-4.4	-17.0	-2.9	-280.2
EMEs	-16.8	-13.5	-23.8	-11.9	-335.1

Notes: Compensation using the First Best as benchmark.

In Cooperation symmetry between instruments rules is assumed for EMEs

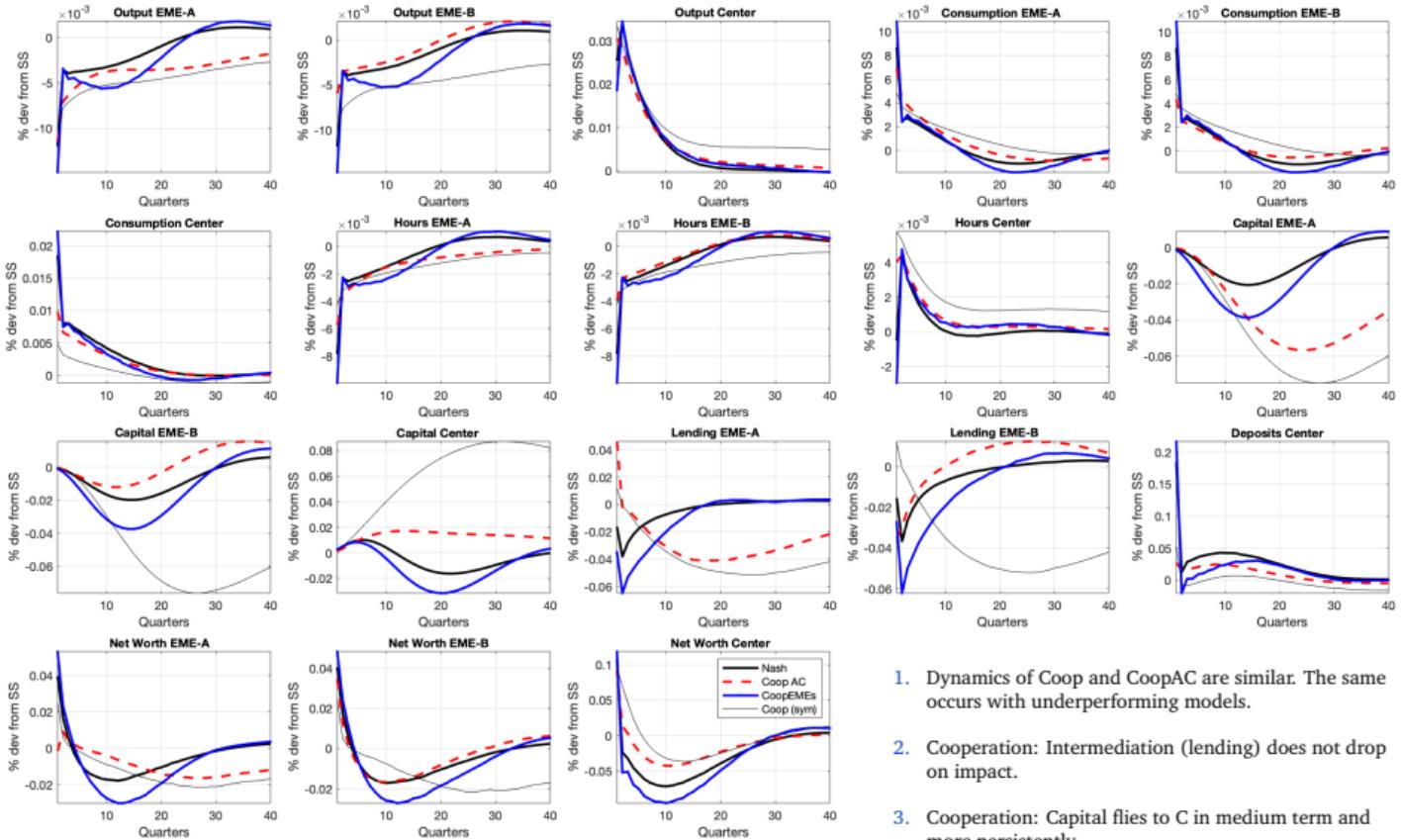
Time Consistency in the model

CoopTVariant - in IRFs

IRFs: Dynamic of variables and policies

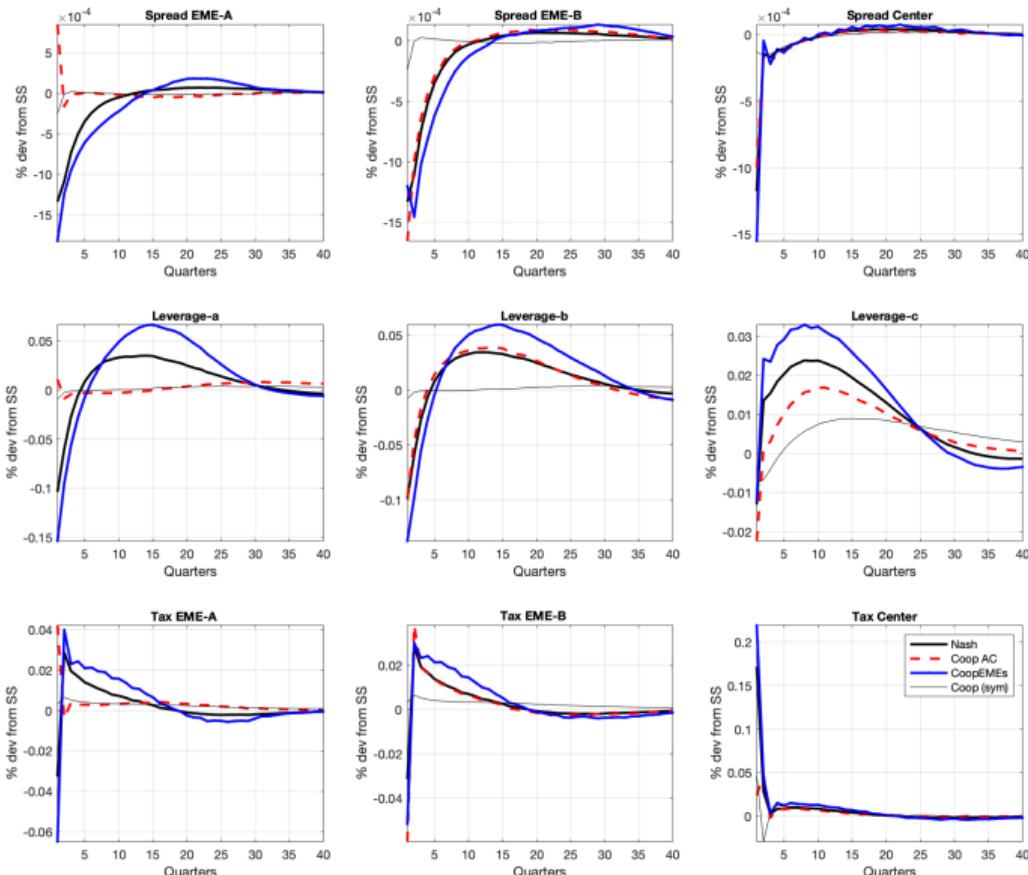
Cases of interest: Shocks that originate in the Center

IRFs: Productivity shock on country C



1. Dynamics of Coop and CoopAC are similar. The same occurs with underperforming models.
2. Cooperation: Intermediation (lending) does not drop on impact.
3. Cooperation: Capital flies to C in medium term and more persistently.

IRFs: Productivity shock on country C - Financial Variables and Policies



1. Non-Coop policies imply lowering Spread actively. Effect is noticeable between A and B in CoopAC case.

2. Cooperative policies lower the leverage of C more (countercyclical)

Taxes:

1. τ^c : Coop. schemes \rightarrow milder subsidy

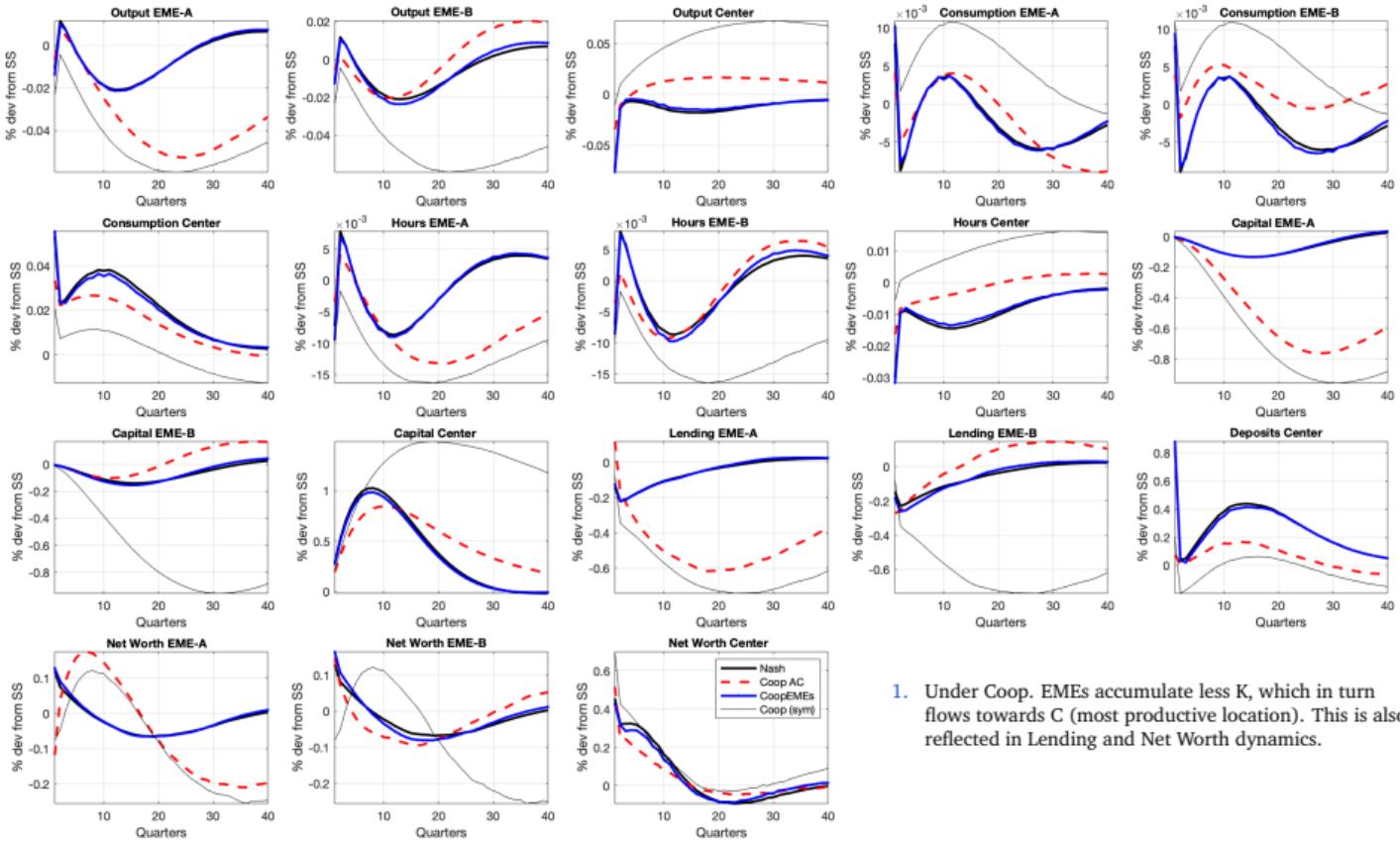
2. Policy not quite countercyclical (as SG-U17). BUT, it is countercyclical relative to Non-Cooperation.
Reconciles Bianchi'11 and SG-U?

3. τ^{emes} : Non-Coop. (with C) sets a higher subsidy.
Effect is stronger with regional Coop.

4. τ^a : If Coop. with C \Rightarrow sets a tax.

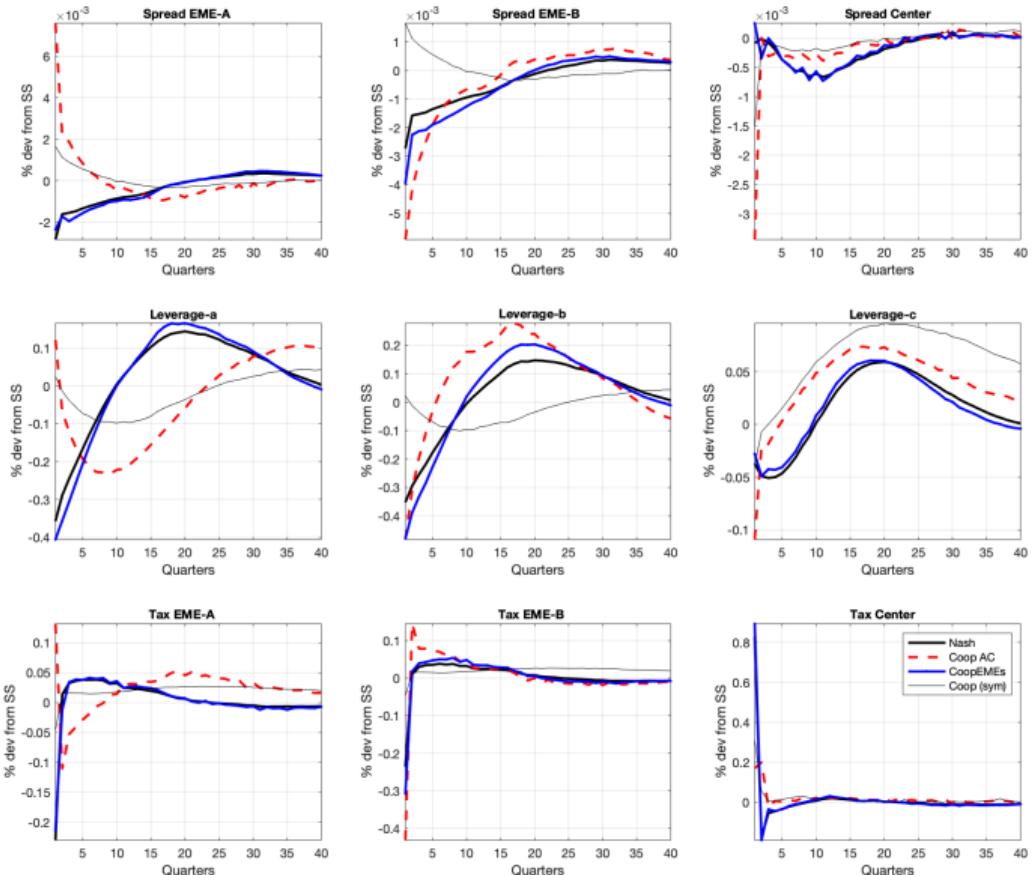
▶ FB ▶ Corr(τ, Y)

IRFs: Capital Quality shock on C (Financial Shock)



- Under Coop. EMEs accumulate less K, which in turn flows towards C (most productive location). This is also reflected in Lending and Net Worth dynamics.

IRFs: Capital Quality shock on C - Financial Variables and Policies



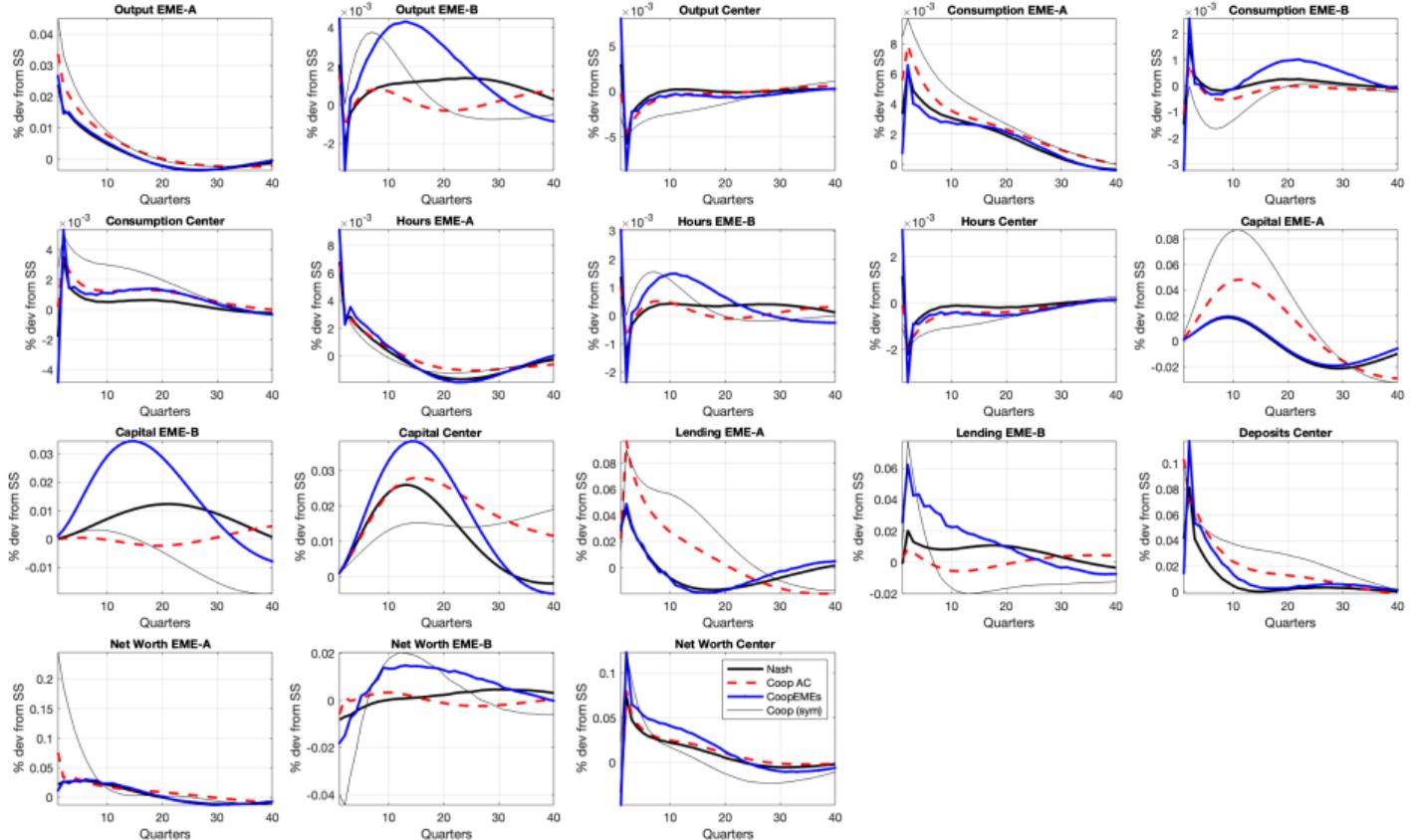
1. Cooperation pushes down the Center Spread.
Undoes the spread shock
w/ Partial Cooperation → effect is stronger as it internalizes the strategic interaction with B.
2. Under Coop. the EMEs try to increase competition for K flows by ↑ Spread.
3. EMEs Leverage decreases by less with Cooperation, whereas C will increase it by more.

Taxes:

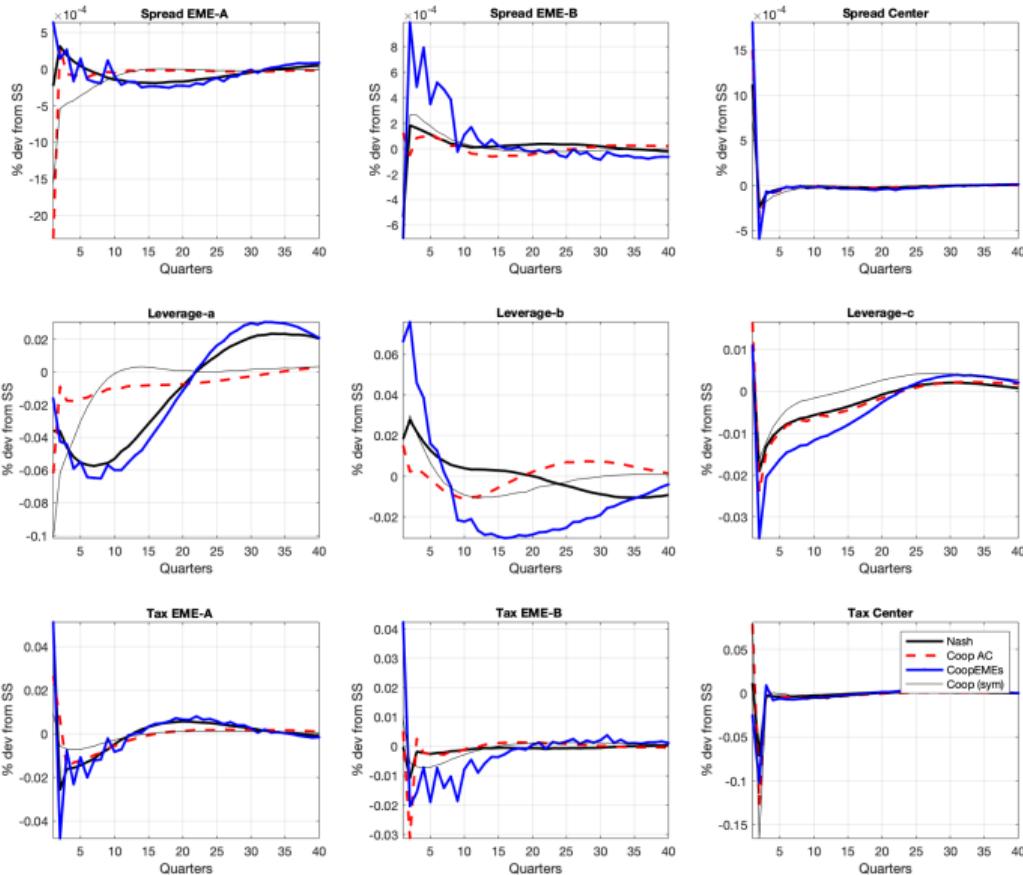
1. τ^C : w/ Coop. longer lasting tax.
⇒ Coop. mitigates better local Spread shock.
2. τ^{emes} : Stronger subsidization under No-Coop.
3. τ^A : If Coop. with C it mimics the Center policy ⇒ sets a tax.

In general: τ^C is less persistent.
More effective policy at Center.

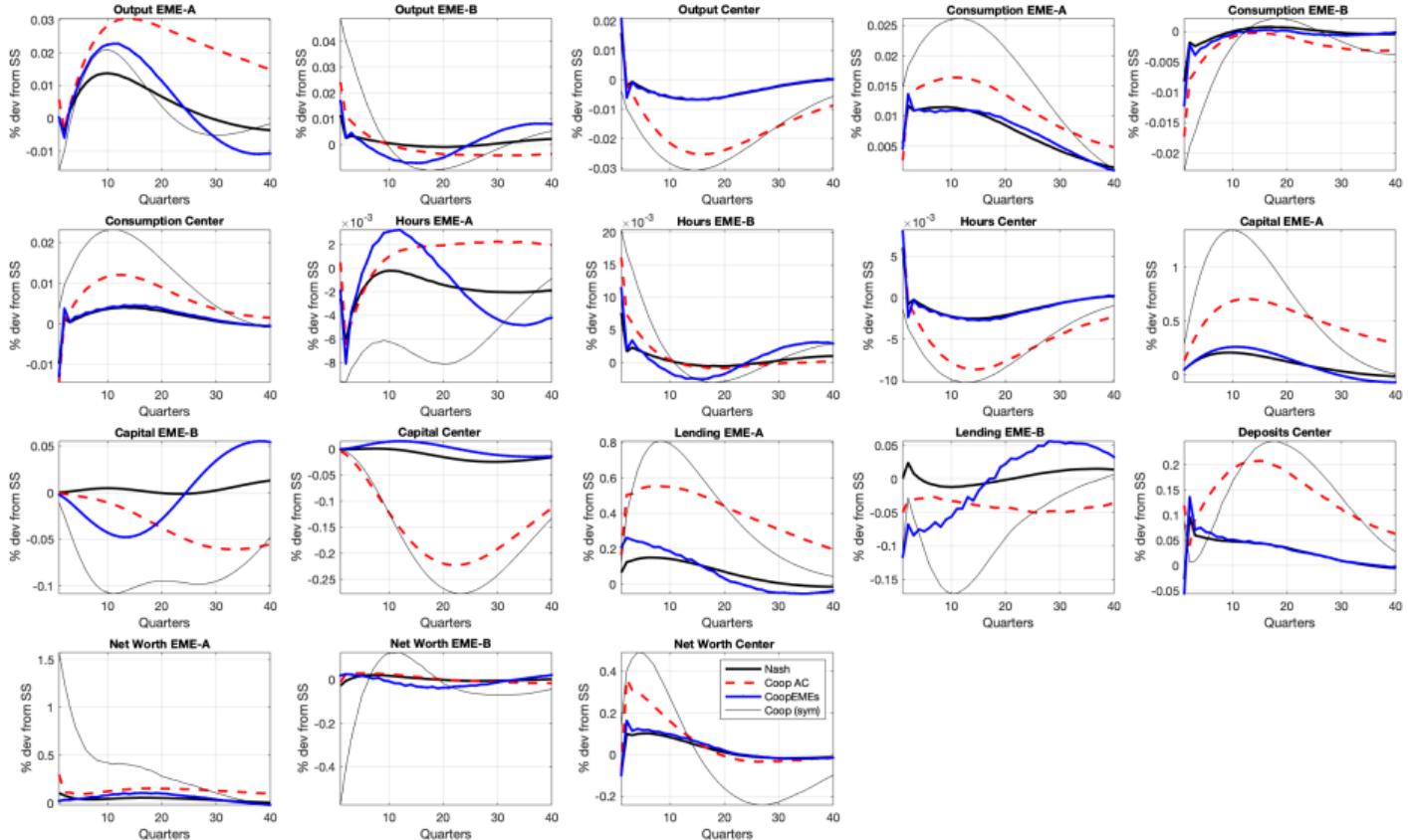
IRFs: Productivity shock on EME-A



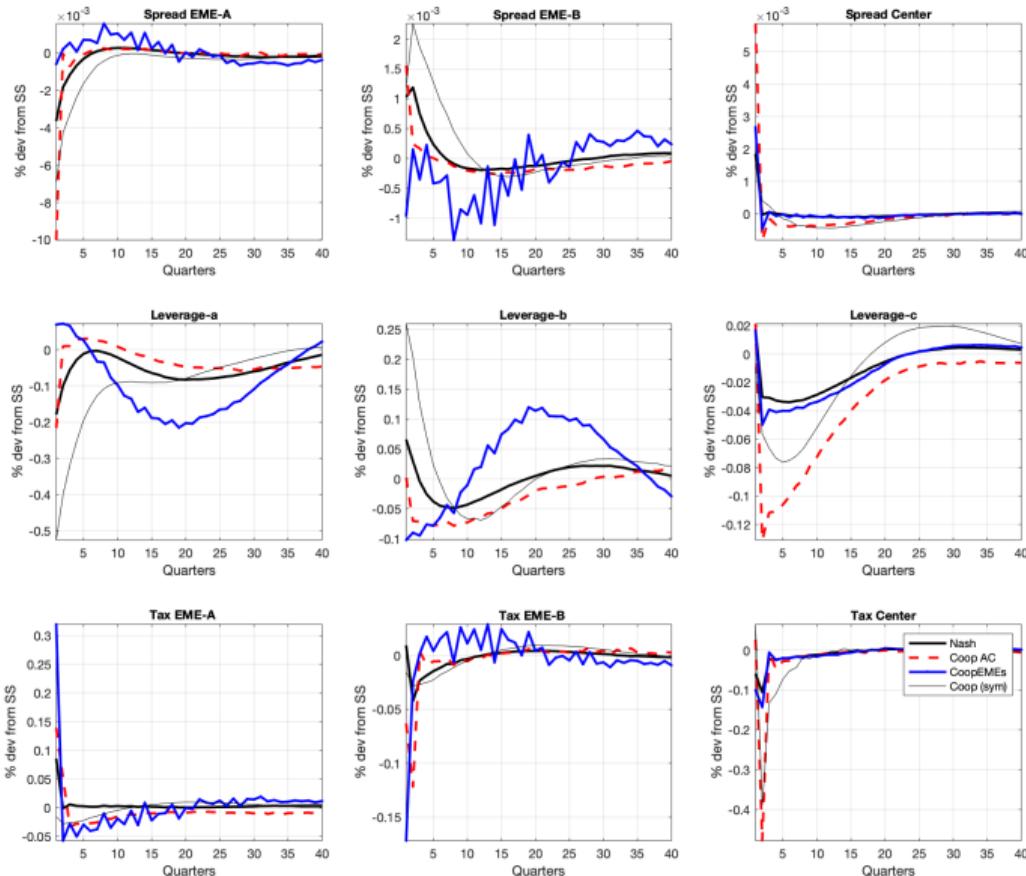
IRFs: Productivity shock on EME-A - Financial Variables and Policies



IRFs: Capital Quality shock on EME-A



IRFs: Capital Quality shock on EME-A - Financial Variables and Policies



Conclusions

- We set a multicountry open economy model with financially integrated banks in a dynamic setup (banking and policy have persistent effects)
- Welfare Accounting Ranking: $Coop \succcurlyeq CoopAC \succcurlyeq Nash \succcurlyeq CoopEME$
- There are gains from coordination. However, the **bulk of them come from coordinating with the Center.**
- **Regional Coordination can be detrimental.** EMEs may be worse off by forming a coalition.
 - This is not only a matter of population size but also of Sources of Funding.
- Center tax is less persistent in general (potentially more effective as in static model)
- Best performing policy schemes are Countercyclical (for center) relative to other models.
- In overperforming models the IRFs show a pattern of externalities internalization: The transition is observable because the models vary by level of Coordination. (e.g. in CoopAC A mimics C's policies and departs from B's)

► Corr(τ, Y)

Next (tentative):

- Financial Friction Shock: $\kappa \xrightarrow{\text{becomes}} \kappa_t = (1 - \rho)\kappa + \rho\kappa_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$
- Bubble-like shock: Unmaterialized news shock.
- Deviation incentives calculation.

The End (for now) ... Thank You!

Steady State of Ramsey model

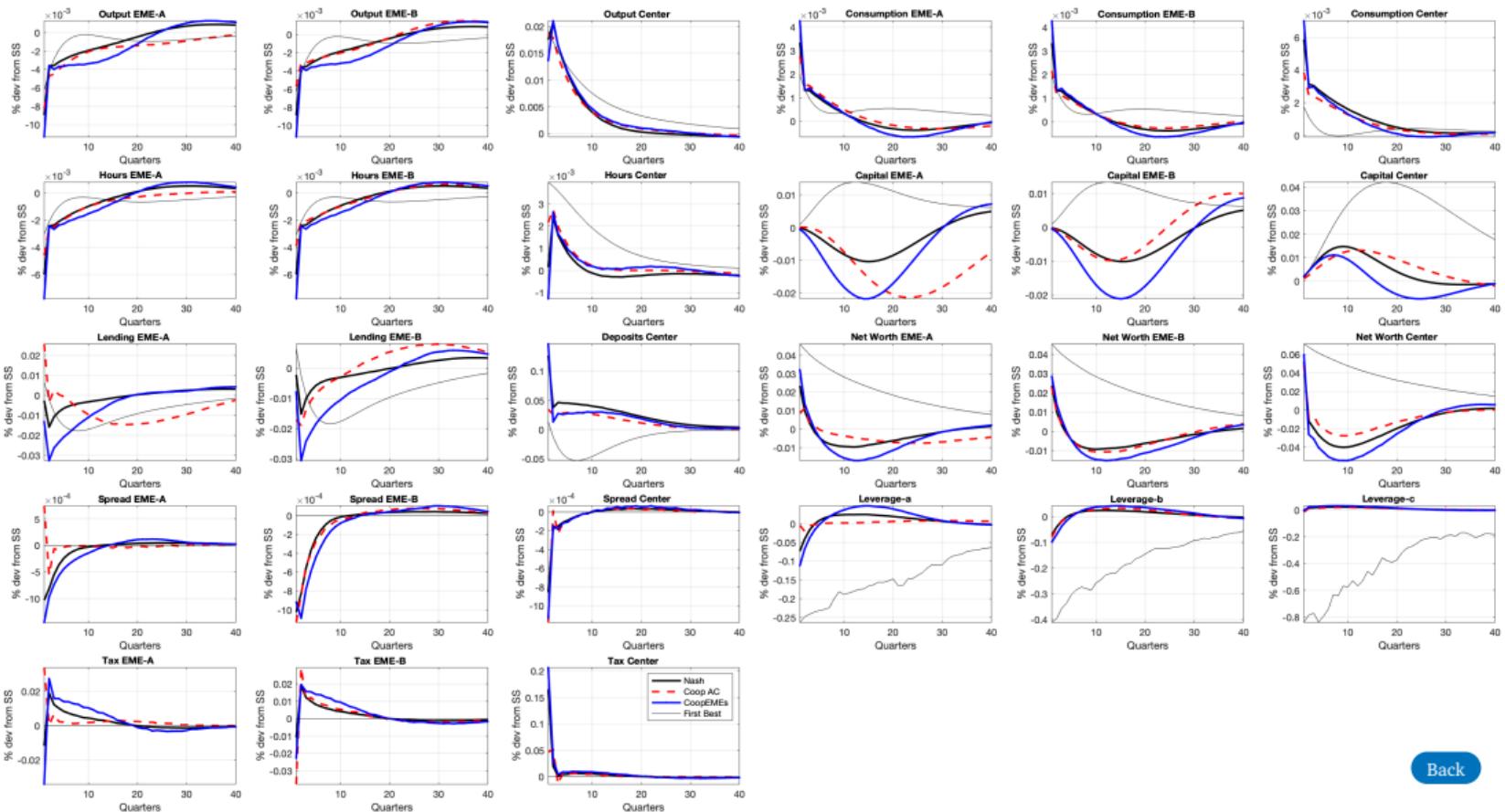
In the Ramsey model we work with a **instrument conditional steady state**, i.e., we set a value for the policy tools $\bar{\tau}$ and obtain an associated steady state for the rest of the variables. **How to pick $\bar{\tau}$?**

We follow an algorithm outlined in Christiano, Motto and Rostagno (2007):

1. set any value for $\bar{\tau}$ and solve, using the static private FOCs, for the steady state of private variables: \mathbf{x}_t
2. replace \mathbf{x}_t in remaining $N + k$ equations, the policy FOC w.r.t. the N endogenous variables and k tools: get a linear system of $N + k$ equations for N unknowns (policy multipliers)
3. More equations than unknowns. Then solution is subject to an approximation error \mathbf{u} :
 - set $N + k$ static equations in vector form as: $U_1 + \bar{\lambda}[1/\beta F_3 + F_2 + \beta F_1] = 0$
 - let $Y = U'_1, X = [1/\beta F_3 + F_2 + \beta F_1]$ and $\beta = \bar{\lambda}'$
 - get the tools as: $\beta = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$ with error $\mathbf{u} = Y - X\beta$
 - repeat for several $\bar{\tau}$ and pick it as: $\bar{\tau} = \arg \min_{\tau} \mathbf{u}$

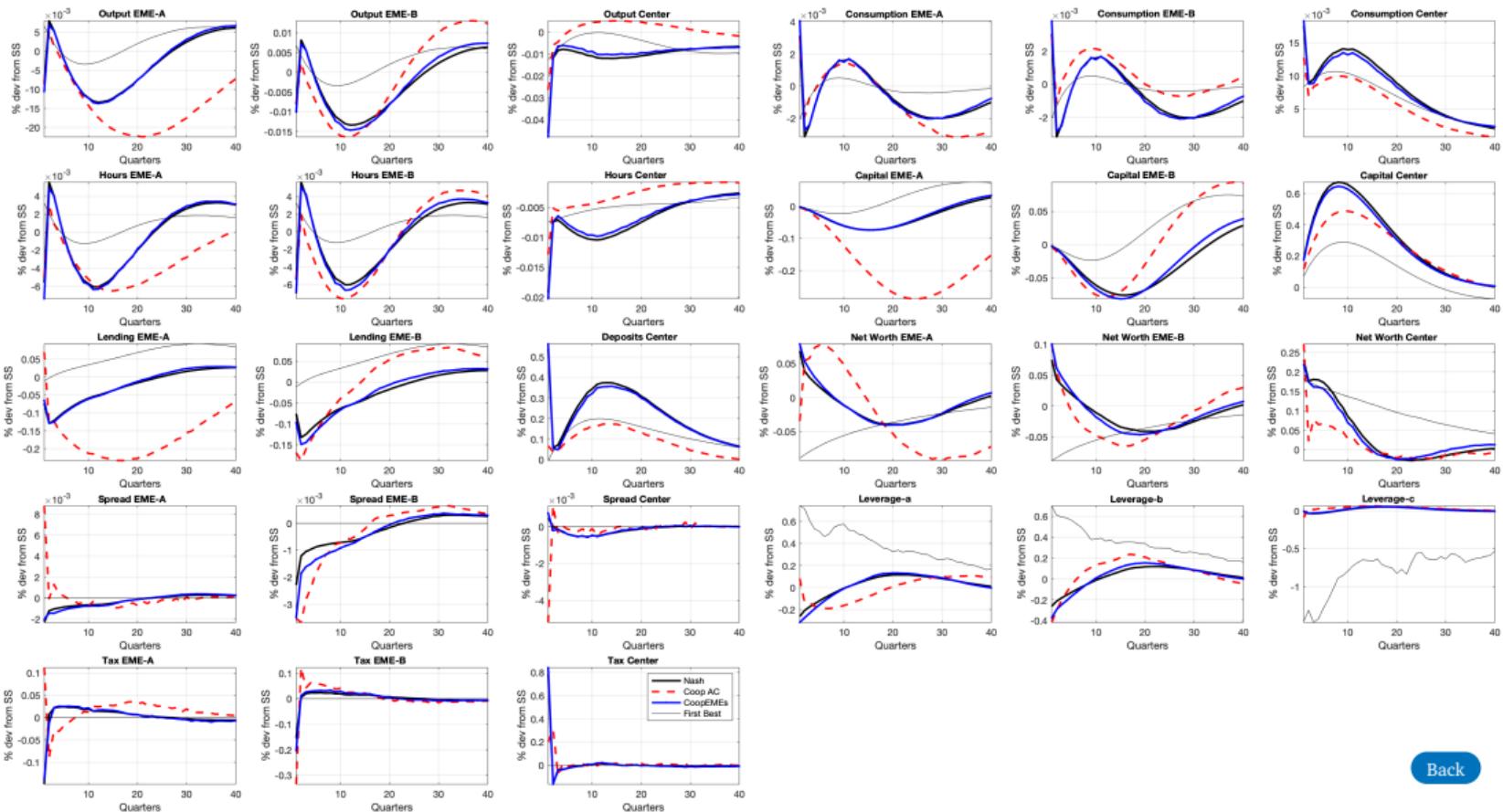
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IRFs: Productivity shock on C - includes First Best



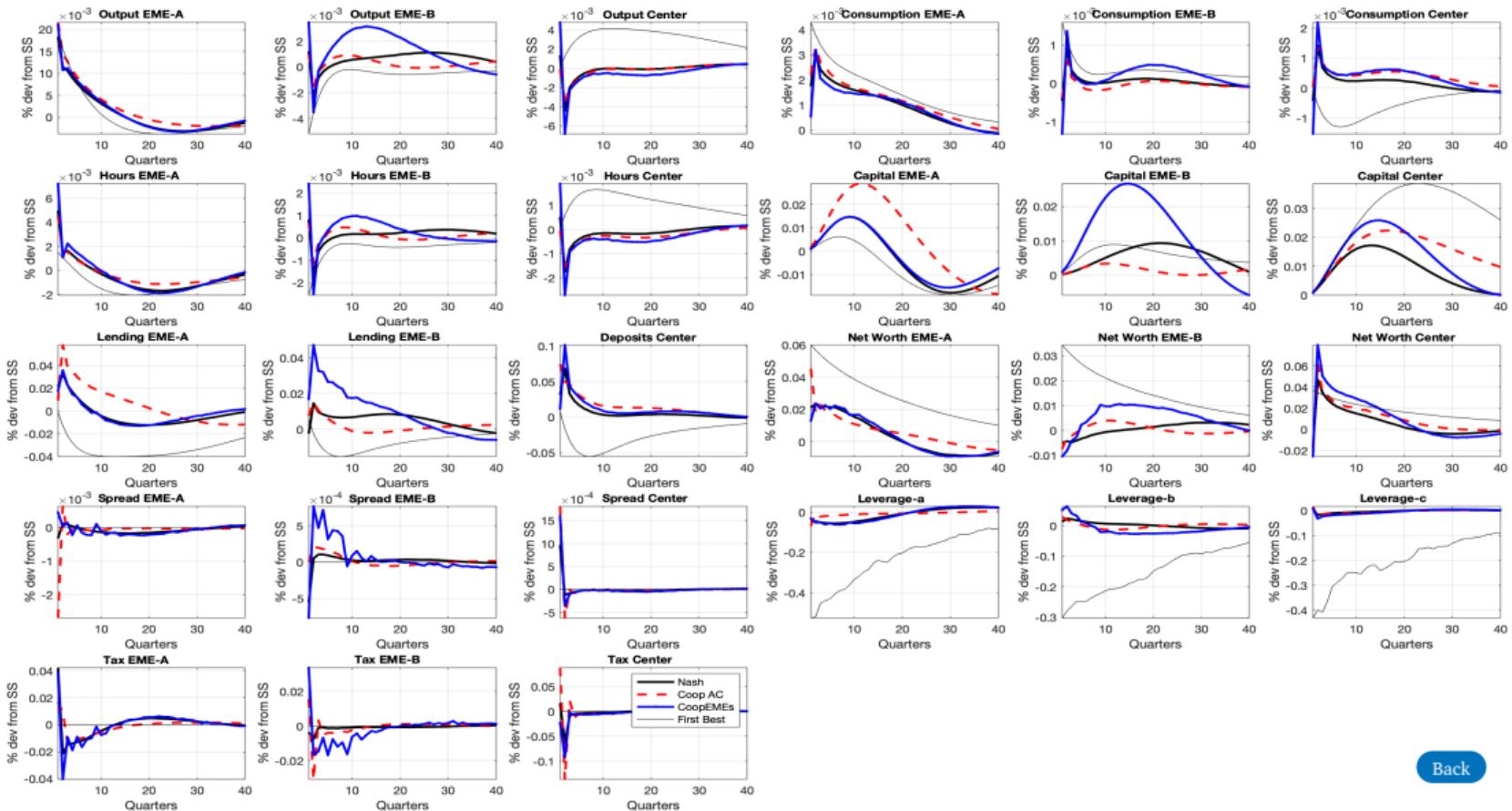
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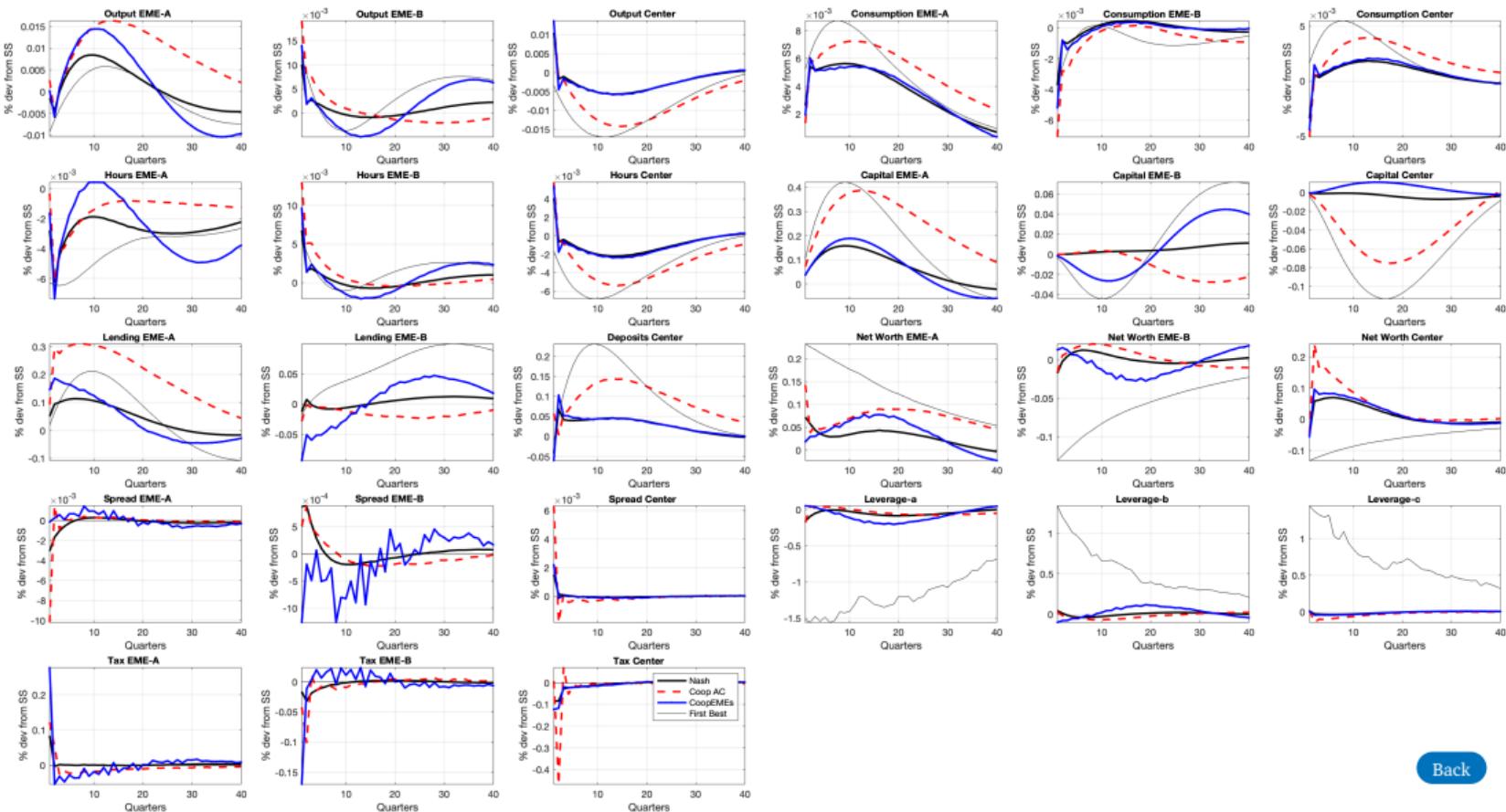
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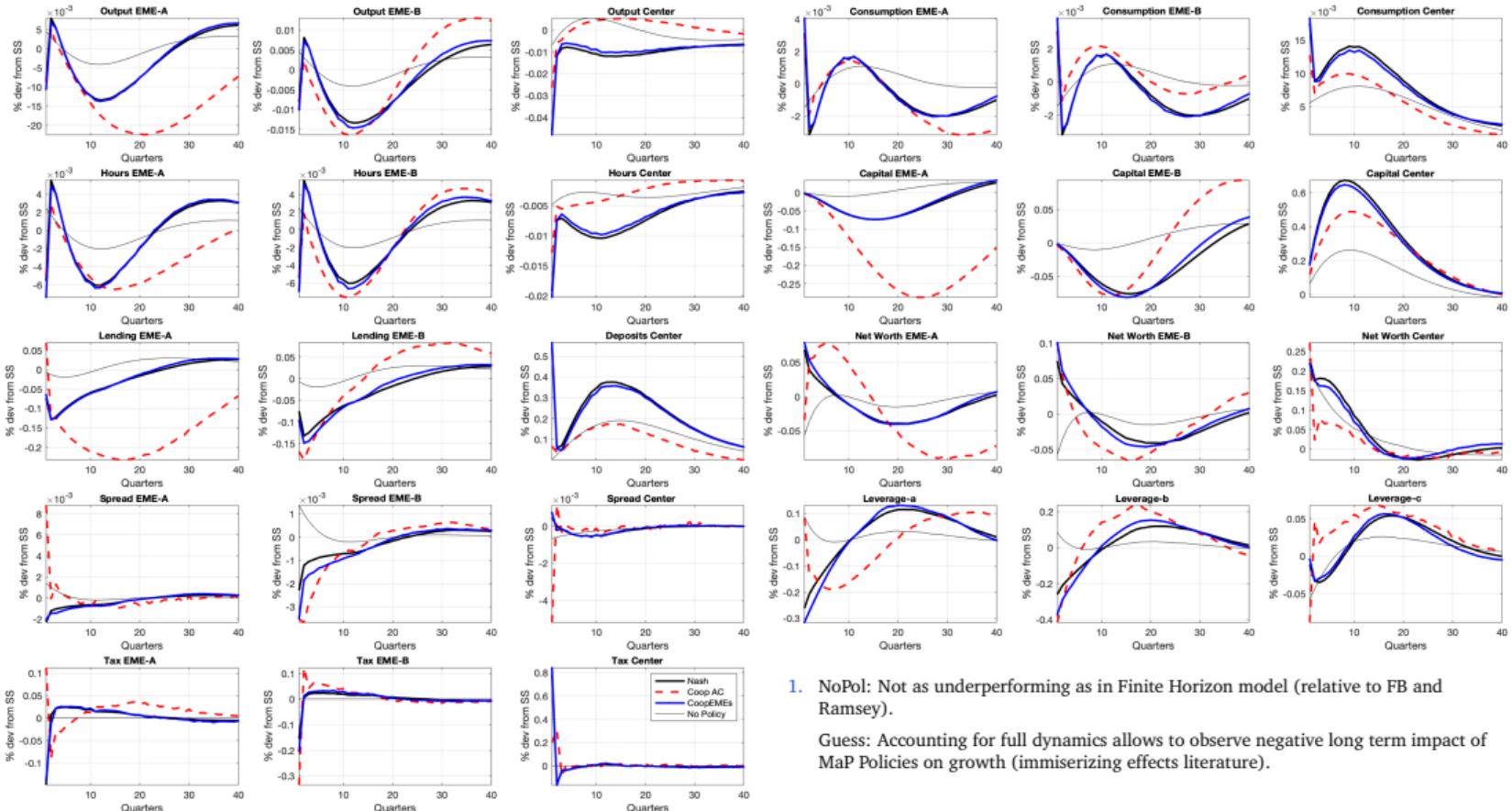
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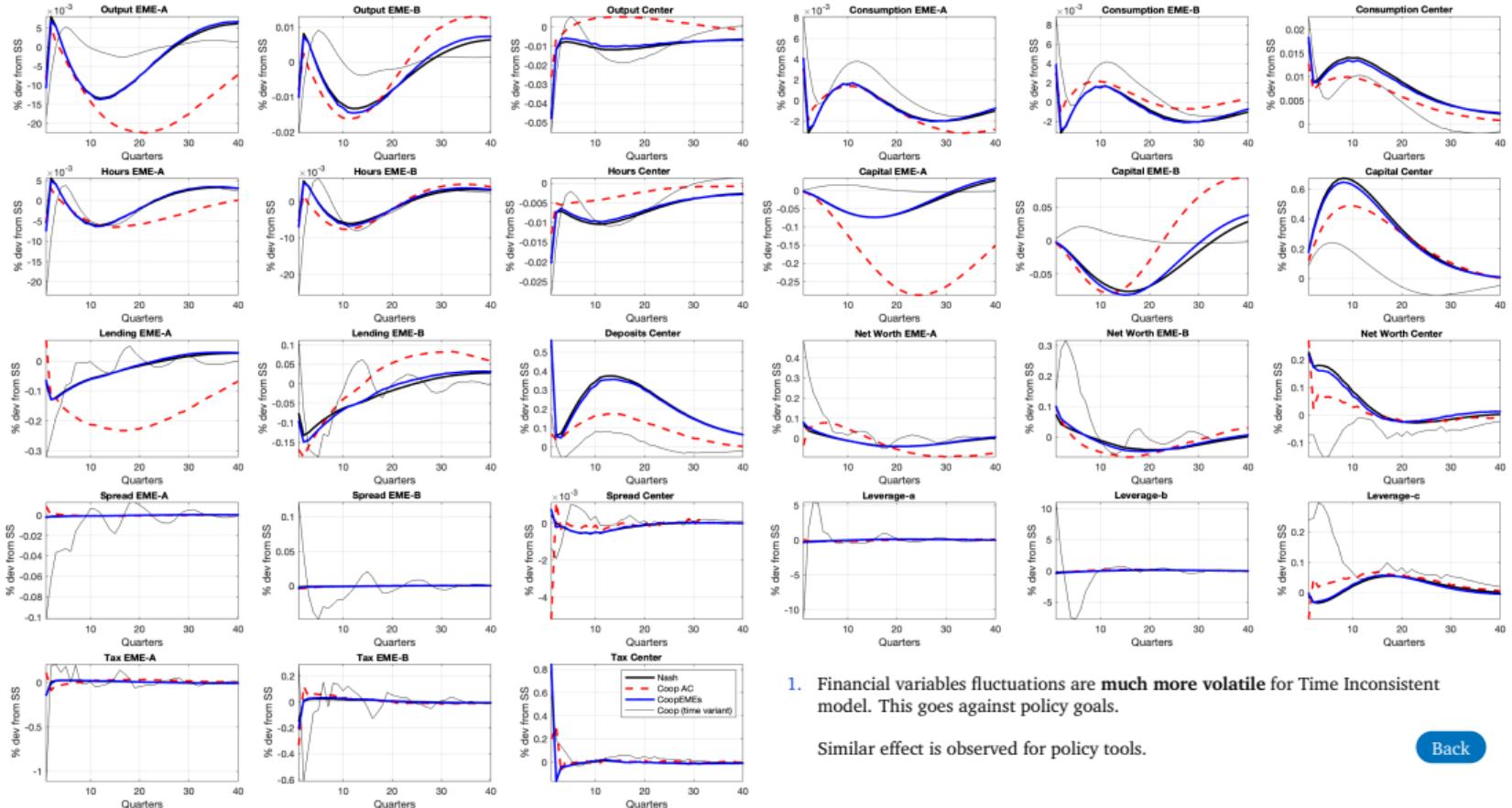
IRFs: Capital Quality shock on C - Comparison to No Policy



1. NoPol: Not as underperforming as in Finite Horizon model (relative to FB and Ramsey).

Gues: Accounting for full dynamics allows to observe negative long term impact of MaP Policies on growth (immiserizing effects literature).

IRFs: Capital Quality shock on C - Includes Time Variant Cooperation



1. Financial variables fluctuations are **much more volatile** for Time Inconsistent model. This goes against policy goals.

Similar effect is observed for policy tools.

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Time consistency

Policy problem in Lagrangian form (Nash):

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_0 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left\{ U(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{s}_t) + \overbrace{\boldsymbol{\lambda}'_t \mathbb{E}_t F(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}; \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{s}_{t+1})}^{\text{Private C. Eq. FOCs}} \right\}$$

F.O.C.
for $t > 0$

$$U_1(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{s}_t) + \frac{1}{\beta} \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_{t-1} F_3(\mathbf{x}_{t-2}, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t; \mathbf{s}_{t-1}, \mathbf{s}_t) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_t \mathbb{E}_t F_2(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}; \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{s}_{t+1}) + \beta \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_{t+1} \mathbb{E}_t F_1(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}, \mathbf{x}_{t+2}; \mathbf{s}_{t+1}, \mathbf{s}_{t+2}) = 0$$

for $t = 0$, with $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t-1} = 0$

$$U_1(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{s}_t) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_t \mathbb{E}_t F_2(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}; \mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{s}_{t+1}) + \beta \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_{t+1} \mathbb{E}_t F_1(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_{t+1}, \mathbf{x}_{t+2}; \mathbf{s}_{t+1}, \mathbf{s}_{t+2}) = 0$$

Implications:

- Policies of $t = 0$ are **not consistent** with those of $t > 0$.
- Policymakers reoptimize at 0 and reset their policy weights, i.e., disregard the past (Juillard and Pelgrin, 2007)
- Multiple solutions (sunspot eq.) issues may arise, Evans and Honkapohja (2003 ReStud, 2006 ScandJofEcon).

Solution: Adopt *timeless perspective* (Woodford (2003), Woodford and Benigno (2003)) \Rightarrow set $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t-1} \neq 0$.

With this, we assume policy makers were making optimal decisions in the past in a time consistent manner (King and Wolman, 1999).

Correlations with Output

$\text{Corr}(\tau^j, Y^j)$	Nash	Cooperation (EMEs)	Cooperation (Center+EME-A)	Cooperation (All)
EME-A	-0.164	-0.265	-0.611	-0.861
EME-B	-0.164	-0.265	-0.221	-0.861
Center	-0.419	-0.425	0.085	0.138

A policy τ is **Countercyclical** if $\text{Corr}(\tau^j, Y^j) > 0$ (higher taxes in booms)

- Cooperation for Center implies more countercyclical policies
- Cooperation for EMEs implies more procyclical policies

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