The Inflation Accelerator

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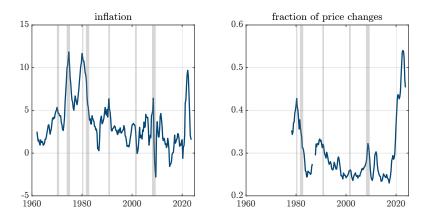
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Evidence from the U.S.



Source: Nakamura et al. (2018), Montag and Villar (2023). Fraction quarterly.

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- How does the slope of the Phillips curve fluctuate in U.S. time series?
 - answer using model that reproduces this evidence

Existing Models

- Calvo model
 - widely used due to its tractability
 - constant fraction of price changes
- Menu cost model
 - less tractable: state of the economy includes distribution of prices
 - calibration consistent with micro price data: fraction nearly constant
- Our model
 - tractable model with time-varying endogenous fraction of price changes
 - multi-product firms choose how many, but not which, prices to change
 - exact aggregation: reduces to one-equation extension of Calvo

Our Findings

- Our model predicts a highly non-linear Phillips curve
 - slope fluctuates from 0.02 in 1990s to 0.12 in 1970s and 1980s
- Mostly due to the feedback loop between frequency and inflation
 - higher inflation increases the frequency of price changes
 - higher frequency further increases inflation
 - inflation accelerator
- Absent feedback loop slope would increase to only 0.04 in 1970s and 1980s

Model

Model Overview

- Multi-product firms: each sells a continuum of goods
 - decreasing returns labor-only technology
 - cost of changing prices
- Monetary policy targets nominal spending M_t
 - only source of aggregate uncertainty
- Quasi-linear preferences in labor
 - nominal wages proportional to M_t

Consumers

• Life-time utility

$$\mathbb{E}_t \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left(\log c_t - h_t \right)$$

• Budget constraint

$$P_t c_t + \frac{1}{1 + i_t} B_{t+1} = W_t h_t + D_t + B_t$$

• Monetary policy targets nominal spending $M_t = P_t c_t$

$$\log M_{t+1}/M_t = \mu + \sigma \varepsilon_{t+1}$$
, with $\varepsilon_t \sim \mathbb{N}(0,1)$

• Log-linear preferences imply $W_t = M_t$

Technology

• Final good used for consumption, produced using CES aggregator

$$c_t = y_t = \left(\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(y_{ikt}\right)^{\frac{\theta - 1}{\theta}} dk di\right)^{\frac{\theta}{\theta - 1}}$$

- y_{ikt} output of good k produced by firm i, sold at price P_{ikt}
- Demand for individual product

$$y_{ikt} = \left(\frac{P_{ikt}}{P_t}\right)^{-\theta} y_t, \quad \text{where} \quad P_t = \left(\int_0^1 \int_0^1 (P_{ikt})^{1-\theta} \, \mathrm{d}k \, \mathrm{d}i\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

Individual goods produced with decreasing returns technology

$$y_{ikt} = (l_{ikt})^{\eta}$$

• Real flow profits of firm *i*

$$\int_0^1 \left(\left(\frac{P_{ikt}}{P_t} \right)^{1-\theta} y_t - \tau \frac{W_t}{P_t} \left(\frac{P_{ikt}}{P_t} \right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} y_t^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \right) dk$$

Price Adjustment Costs

- Firm chooses fraction of prices to change n_{it}
 - but not which prices to change (similar to Greenwald 2018)
- Price adjustment cost, denominated in units of labor

$$\frac{\xi}{2} \left(n_{it} - \bar{n} \right)^2, \quad \text{if } n_{it} > \bar{n}$$

- when $\xi \to \infty$, model collapses to Calvo with constant frequency \bar{n}
- If adjust $P_{ikt} = P_{it}^*$, otherwise $P_{ikt} = P_{ikt-1}$

Firm-Level Aggregation

• Firm-level output y_{it} and labor l_{it}

$$y_{it} = \left(\int_0^1 (y_{ikt})^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} dk\right)^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}$$
 and $l_{it} = \int_0^1 l_{ikt} dk$

• Firm-level production function

$$y_{it} = \left(\frac{X_{it}}{P_{it}}\right)^{\theta} l_{it}^{\eta}$$

- depends on firm price index P_{it} and losses from misallocation X_{it}

$$P_{it} = \left(\int_0^1 (P_{ikt})^{1-\theta} dk\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$
 and $X_{it} = \left(\int_0^1 (P_{ikt})^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} dk\right)^{-\frac{\eta}{\theta}}$

- absent price dispersion $X_{it}/P_{it} = 1$, otherwise $X_{it}/P_{it} < 1$

Firm Problem

• Choose reset price P_{it}^* and fraction of price changes n_{it} to maximize

$$\mathbb{E}_{t} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \beta^{s} \left[\underbrace{\left(\frac{P_{it+s}}{P_{t+s}} \right)^{1-\theta}}_{\text{sales}} - \underbrace{\tau \left(\frac{X_{it+s}}{P_{t+s}} \right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} y_{t+s}^{\frac{1}{\eta}}}_{\text{labor costs}} - \underbrace{\frac{\xi}{2} \left(n_{it+s} - \bar{n} \right)^{2}}_{\text{repricing costs}} \right]$$

• P_{it}^* and n_{it} affect firm price index and misallocation at all future dates

$$(P_{it+s})^{1-\theta} = n_{it+s} (P_{it+s}^*)^{1-\theta} + (1 - n_{it+s}) n_{it+s-1} (P_{it+s-1}^*)^{1-\theta} + \cdots$$
$$+ \prod_{j=1}^s (1 - n_{it+j}) n_{it} (P_{it}^*)^{1-\theta} + \prod_{j=1}^s (1 - n_{it+j}) (1 - n_{it}) (P_{it-1})^{1-\theta}$$

▶ misallocation

- History encoded in two state variables: P_{it-1} and X_{it-1}
 - exact aggregation because adjustment hazard does not depend on P_{ikt-1}

Optimal Reset Price

• Optimal reset price

$$\left(\frac{P_{it}^*}{P_t}\right)^{1+\theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta}-1\right)} = \frac{b_{2it}}{b_{1it}}$$

- Present value of marginal revenue and costs in future dates
 - weighted by the probability that a price is still in effect at a future date

$$b_{1it} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \beta^s \prod_{j=1}^s (1 - n_{it+j}) \left(\frac{P_{t+s}}{P_t}\right)^{\theta - 1}$$

$$b_{2it} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \beta^s \prod_{j=1}^s (1 - n_{it+j}) \left(\frac{P_{t+s}}{P_t}\right)^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} \underbrace{y_t^{1/\eta} \eta^{-1}}_{=\eta^{-1} w_t y_t^{1/\eta - 1}}$$

• Similar to Calvo, except n_{it} time-varying

Optimal Fraction of Price Changes

• Equate marginal cost to marginal benefit

$$\xi\left(n_{it} - \bar{n}\right) = b_{1it} \left(\left(\frac{P_{it}^*}{P_t}\right)^{1-\theta} - \left(\frac{P_{it-1}}{P_t}\right)^{1-\theta} \right) - \tau b_{2it} \left(\left(\frac{P_{it}^*}{P_t}\right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - \left(\frac{X_{it-1}}{P_t}\right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} \right)$$

- Marginal benefit: higher n_{it}
 - changes firm price index
 - and reduces misallocation
 - weighted by the same terms b_{1it} and b_{2it} that determine P_{it}^*

Symmetric Equilibrium

- Since firms are identical, in equilibrium $P_{it}^* = P_t^*$, $n_{it} = n_t$, ...
- Going forward: $p_t = P_t/M_t, p_t^* = P_t^*/M_t, x_t = X_t/P_t$ and $\pi_t = P_t/P_{t-1}$
- Equilibrium conditions

- reset price:
$$\frac{p_t^*}{p_t} = \left(\frac{b_{2t}}{b_{1t}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta}-1\right)}}$$

- price index:
$$1 = n_t \left(\frac{p_t^*}{n_t^*} \right)^{1-\theta} + (1 - n_t) \pi_t^{\theta-1}$$

- losses from misallocation:
$$x_t^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} = n_t \left(\frac{p_t^*}{p_t}\right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} + (1-n_t) x_{t-1}^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} \pi_t^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}$$

- fraction of price changes:

$$\xi\left(n_{t} - \bar{n}\right) = b_{1t} \left(\left(\frac{p_{t}^{*}}{p_{t}}\right)^{1-\theta} - \left(\frac{1}{\pi_{t}}\right)^{1-\theta} \right) - \tau \eta b_{2t} \left(\left(\frac{p_{t}^{*}}{p_{t}}\right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - \left(\frac{x_{t-1}}{\pi_{t}}\right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} \right)$$

Computation

- Model collapses to one-equation extension of Calvo
 - the additional equation determines the fraction of price changes
 - as $\xi \to \infty$, $n_t = \bar{n}$ so our model nests Calvo
- Two state variables: previous period price and misallocation
 - do not need to keep track of joint distribution of these variables
 - because firms are ex-post identical
- \bullet Solve the model globally, but third-order perturbation reasonably accurate

Parameterization

Calibration Strategy

- Assigned parameters
 - period 1 quarter so $\beta = 0.99$
 - demand elasticity $\theta = 6$ and span of control $\eta = 2/3$
- Calibrated parameters
 - mean and standard deviation of nominal spending growth μ and σ
 - fraction of free price changes \bar{n} and price adjustment cost ξ
- Calibration targets
 - mean and standard deviation of inflation
 - mean fraction of price changes
 - slope of fraction of price changes on absolute value of inflation

Calibrated Parameters

Targeted Moments

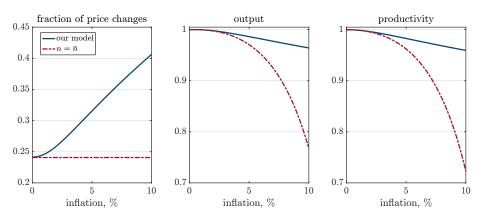
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Calibrated Parameters

		Our model	Calvo
μ σ \bar{n} ξ	mean spending growth rate s.d. monetary shocks fraction free price changes adjustment cost	0.035 0.022 0.241 1.767	0.035 0.024 0.297

• Price adjustment costs account for 0.65% of all labor costs

Steady-State Output and Productivity



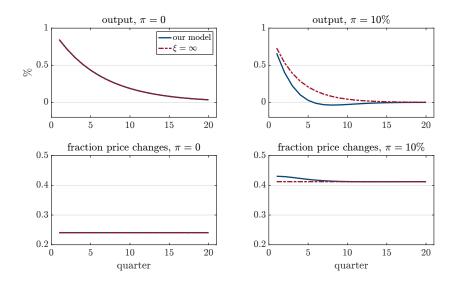
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- equations
- because more frequent price changes, as in menu cost models

Real Effects of Monetary Shocks

- Response to 1% monetary shock
 - in economies with 0 and 10% trend inflation
 - compare to economy with steady-state frequency as our model, but $\xi = \infty$
- Focus on output response
 - $-M_t = P_t y_t$, so output response depends on how sticky prices are

Response to 1% Monetary Shock



Understanding the Result

- Small jump in frequency has large effect on price level
- To see why, log-linearize expression for aggregate price index

$$\hat{\pi}_{t} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{(1-n)\pi^{\theta-1}} \frac{\pi^{\theta-1}-1}{\theta-1}}_{\mathcal{M}} \hat{n}_{t} + \underbrace{\frac{1-(1-n)\pi^{\theta-1}}{(1-n)\pi^{\theta-1}}}_{\mathcal{N}} (\hat{p}_{t}^{*} - \hat{p}_{t})$$

- Elasticity \mathcal{N} to reset price changes: identical to Calvo
- Elasticity \mathcal{M} to frequency: increases with inflation, zero if $\pi = 1$
 - so price level more responsive to changes in n at high inflation
 - intuition: inflation \approx average price change \times fraction of price changes



Inflation Accelerator

• Expression for price index: higher frequency increases inflation

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \mathcal{M}\hat{n}_t + \mathcal{N}\left(\hat{p}_t^* - \hat{p}_t\right)$$

- elasticity \mathcal{M} increases with inflation, zero if $\pi = 1$

• Optimal frequency increases with inflation

$$\hat{n}_t = \mathcal{A}\hat{\pi}_t + \mathcal{B}\left(\hat{p}_t^* - \hat{p}_t\right) - \mathcal{C}\hat{x}_{t-1} + \frac{n - \bar{n}}{n}\hat{b}_{1t}$$

- elasticities \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} increase with inflation, zero if $\pi = 1$



Feedback loop amplifies inflation response to changes in reset price

$$\hat{\pi}_t = \frac{\mathcal{MB} + \mathcal{N}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \left(\hat{p}_t^* - \hat{p}_t \right) - \frac{\mathcal{MC}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \hat{x}_{t-1} + \frac{\mathcal{M}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \frac{n - \bar{n}}{n} \hat{b}_{1t}$$

Phillips Curve

• Can derive Phillips curve: $\hat{\pi}_t = \mathcal{K}\widehat{mc}_t + \dots$

▶ Phillips Curve

• Slope of the Phillips curve

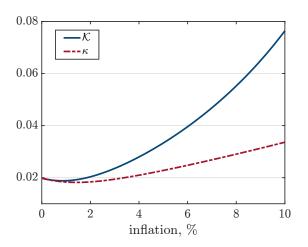
$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \times \underbrace{\left(1 - \beta\left(1 - n\right)\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}\right)}_{\text{horizon effect}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{MB} + \mathcal{N}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}}}_{\text{reset price}}$$

• If $\xi = \infty$, reduces to slope in Calvo

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{1 + \theta \left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \quad \times \quad \left(1 - \beta \left(1 - n\right) \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}\right) \quad \times \quad \underbrace{\frac{1 - (1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}}{(1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}}}_{-N}$$

• Difference between K and κ captures inflation accelerator

Slope of the Phillips Curve



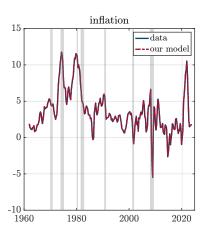
Much steeper at high inflation, mostly due to inflation accelerator

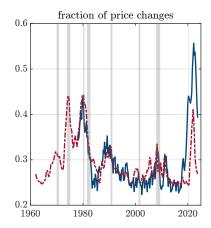
Phillips Curve in the Time-Series

Approach

- Use non-linear solution to back out shocks that match U.S. inflation series
 - initialize 1962 in stochastic steady state
- Derive Phillips curve by perturbing equilibrium conditions at each date

Fraction of Price Changes





Reproduces fraction well, except post-Covid because lower inflation



Slope of the Phillips Curve

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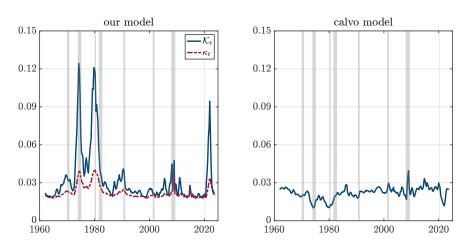
$$\mathcal{K}_t = \frac{1}{1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \quad \times \quad \frac{y_t^{\frac{1}{\eta}}}{b_{2t}} \quad \times \quad \frac{\mathcal{M}_t \mathcal{B}_t + \mathcal{N}_t}{1 - \mathcal{M}_t \mathcal{A}_t}$$

• Absent endogenous frequency response

$$\kappa_t = \frac{1}{1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \quad \times \quad \frac{y_t^{\frac{1}{\eta}}}{b_{2t}} \quad \times \quad \underbrace{\frac{1 - (1 - n_t) \pi_t^{\theta - 1}}{(1 - n_t) \pi_t^{\theta - 1}}}_{= \mathcal{N}_t}$$

• The difference $\mathcal{K}_t - \kappa_t$ captures the inflation accelerator

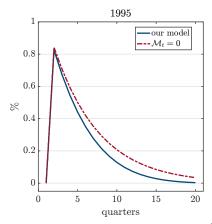
Time-Varying Slope of the Phillips Curve

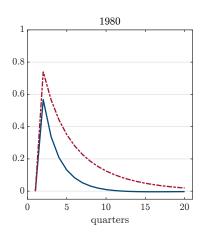


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Implication 1: Time-Varying Responses to Shocks

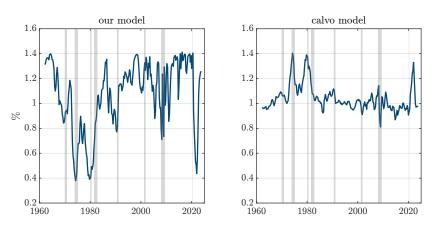
- Consider response to 1% shock in 1995 (low π_t) and 1980 (high π_t)
- Build intuition by computing log-linear approximation
 - repeat setting $\mathcal{M}_t = 0$ to isolate inflation accelerator





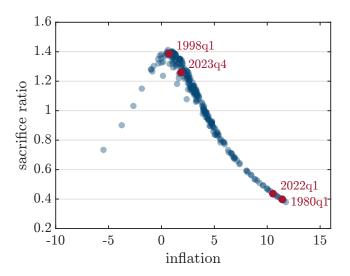
Implication 2: Sacrifice Ratio

- Time-varying slope: reducing inflation less costly when inflation is high
- Calculate average drop in output needed to reduce π by 1pp over a year



Ranges from 0.4% (high inflation) to 1.4% (low inflation), opposite of Calvo

Inflation and the Sacrifice Ratio



Conclusions

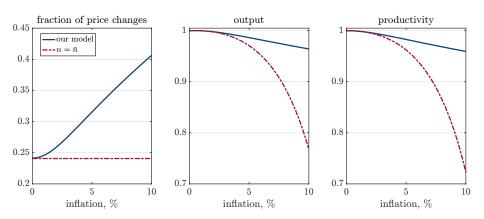
- Data: fraction of price changes rises with inflation
- Developed tractable model consistent with this evidence
 - firms choose how many, but not which prices to change
 - collapses to one-equation extension of Calvo
- Implies slope of Phillips curve increases considerably with inflation
 - partly because more frequent price changes
 - primarily due to endogenous frequency response inflation accelerator

Losses from Misallocation

$$(X_{it+s})^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} = n_{it+s} (P_{it+s}^*)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} + (1 - n_{it+s}) n_{it+s-1} (P_{it+s-1}^*)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} + \cdots$$
$$+ \prod_{j=1}^{s} (1 - n_{it+j}) n_{it} (P_{it}^*)^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}} + \prod_{j=1}^{s} (1 - n_{it+j}) (1 - n_{it}) (X_{it-1})^{-\frac{\theta}{\eta}}$$



Steady-State Output and Productivity



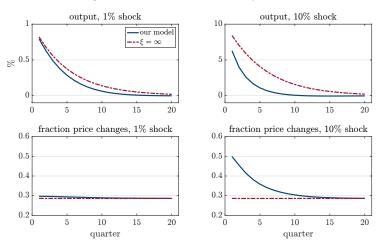
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Response to Large Shock

• 10% shock starting from non-stochastic steady state of baseline model



Strong non-linearities, as in menu cost model



Elasticities \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}

Log-linearize optimal fraction of price changes

$$\hat{n}_t = \mathcal{A}\hat{\pi}_t + \mathcal{B}\left(\hat{p}_t^* - \hat{p}_t\right) - \mathcal{C}\hat{x}_{t-1} + \frac{n - \bar{n}}{n}\hat{b}_{1t}$$

• Elasticities \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} increase with trend inflation

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{\theta - 1}{\xi n} \frac{1}{1 - \beta (1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}} \frac{\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - \pi^{\theta - 1}}{1 - (1 - n) \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = (1 - \tau \eta) \frac{\theta - 1}{\xi n} \frac{1 - (1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}}{1 - \beta (1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - 1}{1 - (1 - n) \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}}$$

- zero when $\pi = 1$, so our model identical to Calvo up to a first-order



Phillips Curve

• Let $\widehat{mc}_t = \frac{1}{n} \hat{y}_t^{1/\eta}$ aggregate real marginal cost

• Phillips curve

$$\hat{\pi}_{t} = \mathcal{K}\widehat{mc}_{t} + \beta \left(1 - n\right) \left(\frac{\frac{\theta}{\eta}\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - (\theta - 1)\pi^{\theta - 1}}{1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \frac{\mathcal{MB} + \mathcal{N}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} + \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}\right) \mathbb{E}_{t}\hat{\pi}_{t+1}$$

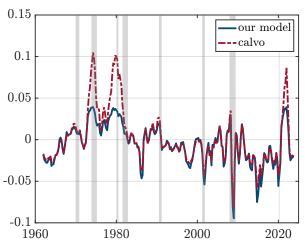
$$+ \beta \left(1 - n\right) \left(\frac{\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - \pi^{\theta - 1}}{1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \frac{\mathcal{MB} + \mathcal{N}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} - \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} \frac{\mathcal{M}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \frac{n - \bar{n}}{n}\right) \mathbb{E}_{t}\hat{b}_{1t+1}$$

$$- \beta n \frac{\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} - \pi^{\theta - 1}}{1 + \theta\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)} \frac{\mathcal{MB} + \mathcal{N}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \mathbb{E}_{t}\hat{n}_{t+1}$$

$$+ \beta \left(1 - n\right) \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}} \frac{\mathcal{MC}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \hat{x}_{t} - \frac{\mathcal{MC}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \hat{x}_{t-1} + \frac{\mathcal{M}}{1 - \mathcal{MA}} \frac{n - \bar{n}}{n} \hat{b}_{1t}$$



Output Gap



Our model: smaller output gap in periods of high inflation



Eliminate Strategic Complementarities

• Set $\eta = 1$, recalibrate model



Targeted Moments

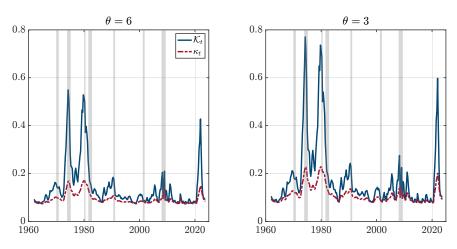
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2.739 0.297 0.016

Calibrated Parameters

$\begin{array}{cccc} \mu & \text{mean spending growth rate} & 0.035 & 0.035 \\ \sigma & \text{s.d. monetary shocks} & 0.019 & 0.018 \\ \bar{n} & \text{fraction free price changes} & 0.232 & 0.227 \\ \xi & \text{adjustment cost} & 0.365 & 0.109 \\ \end{array}$			$\theta = 6$	$\theta = 3$
	σ	s.d. monetary shocks fraction free price changes	0.019 0.232	$0.018 \\ 0.227$

• Smaller price adjustment costs because less curvature in profit function

Slope of the Phillips Curve



Larger absent complementarities, but fluctuates as much



Taylor Rule

• Replace nominal spending target with Taylor rule

$$\frac{1+i_t}{1+i} = \left(\frac{1+i_{t-1}}{1+i}\right)^{\phi_i} \left(\left(\frac{\pi_t}{\pi}\right)^{\phi_\pi} \left(\frac{y_t}{y_{t-1}}\right)^{\phi_y}\right)^{1-\phi_i} \exp\left(u_t\right)$$

- Two versions
 - $-u_t$ shocks iid
 - serially correlated with persistence ρ to match autocorrelation inflation
- Use Justiniano and Primiceri (2008) estimates

$$-\phi_i=0.65, \phi_\pi=2.35, \phi_u=0.51$$



Calibration of Economy with a Taylor Rule

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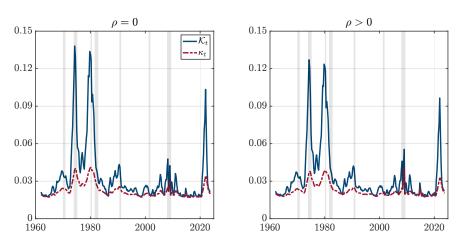
	Data	$\rho = 0$	$\rho > 0$
mean inflation	3.517	3.517	3.517
s.d. inflation	2.739	2.739	2.739
mean frequency	0.297	0.297	0.297
slope of n_t on $ \pi_t $	0.016	0.016	0.016
autocorr. inflation	0.942	0.913	0.942

Calibrated Parameters

		$\rho = 0$	$\rho > 0$
	inflation target s.d. monetary shocks ×100 persistence monetary shocks	0.040 2.626	0.037 0.551 0.685
$ar{ar{n}}$ $ar{\xi}$	fraction free price changes adjustment cost	$0.241 \\ 1.671$	0.241 1.688



Slope of the Phillips Curve



Our results are robust to assuming a Taylor rule



Steady-State Output and Productivity

Output

$$y^{\frac{1}{\eta}} = \eta \frac{1 - \beta (1 - n) \pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}}{1 - \beta (1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}} \left(\frac{n}{1 - (1 - n) \pi^{\theta - 1}} \right)^{\frac{1 + \theta \left(\frac{1}{\eta} - 1\right)}{\theta - 1}}$$

- absent trend inflation $y = \eta^{\eta}$
- Productivity

$$x^{\theta} = \left(\frac{1 - (1 - n)\pi^{\frac{\theta}{\eta}}}{n}\right)^{\eta} \left(\frac{1 - (1 - n)\pi^{\theta - 1}}{n}\right)^{-\frac{\theta}{\theta - 1}}$$

- absent trend inflation $x^{\theta} = 1$

