

# Limited (energy) supply, sunspots, and monetary policy\*

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## Abstract

In recent years the macroeconomic environment has been increasingly characterized by local shortages of inputs. Limitations in the supply of such factors can imply that their local price is quite elastic to domestic economic activity. We examine how this affects the IS and the Phillips curve in a simple New Keynesian open economy setting. We emphasize the role of ownership of the factor, marginal propensities to consume, dual use of the factor in consumption, and fiscal policy. We find that shortages can increase the risk of self-fulfilling fluctuations. A stronger focus by the central bank on input prices or on headline consumer prices removes such risks.

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# 1 Introduction

The international macroeconomic environment is increasingly affected by shortages of inputs. The underlying causes can be manifold, ranging from supply chain disruptions driven by natural disasters to policy decisions motivated by geopolitics. What these shortages have in common is a potentially substantial change in the sensitivity of prices to local demand conditions as supply might no longer be abundant at a given price – even from the perspective of a small open economy and for imported inputs. As the local price feeds back to demand and cost conditions, shortages can have profound implications for monetary stabilization policy.

This paper examines the implications of such supply constraints for monetary transmission and macroeconomic stability in a New Keynesian open economy model. Domestic production is assumed to use labor and another input factor. The income from the latter accrues to domestic households and to a foreign economy which demands domestic products in return. This core of the model is as in [Blanchard and Galí \(2009\)](#). We add supply constraints for the input factor, liquidity constrained households as in [Bilbiie \(2008\)](#), and fiscal policy that shields households and firms from fluctuations in the input's price. In our setting supply constraints alter the cyclicalities of the factor's price, which changes the slope of the Phillips curve and the cyclical distribution of income across households and countries. Through this, supply constraints alter the effectiveness of monetary policy. In addition, macroeconomic stability might require a direct response to the factor's price movements because of its central role in the distribution of income.

Before turning to a quantitative exploration, we use a simplified version of the model to derive by paper and pencil how different dimensions of the model shape the effect of supply constraints on aggregate supply and demand, monetary transmission, and equilibrium determinacy. These derivations assume that the potentially-constrained factor is only used in production and that trade is balanced. This allows a representation that has the same three equations as the textbook New Keynesian model: a Phillips curve in producer-price inflation, a dynamic IS equation, and a Taylor rule. We compare two supply regimes. In one, the factor is in abundant supply at a fixed price, a common assumption in the

literature (for example, [Blanchard and Galí, 2009](#)). In the other regime, the factor's supply to the domestic economy is fixed. Instead, its price moves flexibly to clear the market. This deviation from the literature is simple, but consequential.

Supply constraints tend to steepen the Phillips curve. This is true unless the price movements of the constrained factor are accompanied by strong wealth effects on domestic labor supply that arise on the back of redistribution between the domestic and the foreign economies. How the constraints affect the slope of the IS curve, instead, depends on how they affect the cyclical distribution of incomes, which in turn depends on the composition of the after-tax incomes of the model's different agents: Ricardian households (savers), hand-to-mouth households, and the foreign economy. We identify conditions under which the supply constraints tend to make savers' incomes more countercyclical: their ownership of the income from profits and other agents' ownership of the income from the good subject to supply constraints. Then supply constraints raise the risk of indeterminacy. A response by monetary policy to inflation would be required that is stronger than prescribed by the Taylor principle.<sup>1</sup>

In light of the fact that the distribution of income is crucial in determining the implications of supply constraints, we turn to a quantitative exploration of the model. We calibrate the model to the German economy, associate the input factor with energy, and build a scenario reflecting the energy shortages that Germany witnessed in the run-up and after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Relative to the paper-and-pencil results, here we allow for energy use in consumption and allow trade not to balance period by period. We document that this episode was characterized by high prices for energy with notably more volatility than in the US and Japan, a tightening labor market, strong wage increases – particularly at the bottom of the income distribution – and a plethora of fiscal interventions aimed at shielding households and firms from the impact of higher energy prices.

In this crisis scenario we show that the Taylor principle fails to ensure determinacy when the central bank responds to core (or producer-price) inflation rather than accounting for the energy price movements as well. The intuition for this is as follows. Suppose

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<sup>1</sup>The “Taylor principle” states that determinacy is ensured if the central bank responds more than one-to-one to inflation, that is, if  $\phi_{\pi} > 1$  but arbitrarily close to 1.

that households and firms hold a *non-fundamental* (sunspot) belief of high demand for domestic products. High demand will have to be met by high output. Since energy supply is fixed, higher output requires hours worked to rise. Wages rise and the energy price rises disproportionately so that firms substitute labor and energy. Rigid goods prices mean that firms cannot fully pass these costs on to consumers. If savers receive the profit income, their share of income falls. Foreign’s income, instead, rises if it owns the energy supply. Hand-to-mouth households’ (labor) income rises, too. Provided the foreign economy has a reasonably large marginal propensity to import goods, aggregate demand (domestic plus external) can, therefore, be high supporting the non-fundamental beliefs. This completes the energy “price economic activity feedback loop.” Energy subsidies support the loop since they shield hand-to-mouth households’ budgets from the rising costs of energy.

Finally, we discuss monetary policy options that help avoid such a feedback loop. In the feedback loop, high energy prices are a symptom of high demand meeting supply constraints. The key policy implication is, thus, that monetary and fiscal policy can avoid the loop if they lean sufficiently strongly against demand. A monetary response to headline, rather than core, inflation at conventional strengths would be sufficient to ensure determinacy in our crisis scenario as would a response to input price inflation.

It is important to emphasize that we do not claim that the rise in energy prices in the energy crisis was exclusively due to sunspot shocks. Rather, our crisis scenario works off of a fundamental energy supply shock that doubles the cost of energy and has conventional effects. It reduces GDP, real wages, and consumption, with hand-to-mouth households hit particularly hard. Instead, we emphasize that labor market and fiscal conditions in the crisis may have increased the risk of self-fulfilling beliefs, contributing to further volatility. Whether this risk mattered in practice depends on one’s view of whether or not the central bank saw through energy price movements or responded to them.

The rest of the paper is structured as follows. We review the literature next. Section 2 presents the model. Section 3 discusses our pencil-and-paper analysis. Section 4 provides results for the German energy crisis and discusses policy options. A final section concludes.

**Related literature.** We analyze how supply constraints shape monetary policy transmission and equilibrium determinacy, both in theory and in an application to the German energy crisis of recent years. We pay particular attention to how these supply constraints affect aggregate outcomes through their impact on the distribution of income.

Ours, of course, is not the first paper that studies the business-cycle implications of supply constraints. [Álvarez-Lois \(2006\)](#), [Fagnart, Licandro and Portier \(1999\)](#) and [Kuhn and George \(2019\)](#) analyze the role of capacity constraints in the propagation of aggregate shocks. [Boehm and Pandalai-Nayar \(2022\)](#) provide empirical evidence for sizable convexities in the supply curves of US industries due to capacity constraints. [Balleer and Noeller \(2023\)](#) argue that constraints on inputs empirically shape the transmission of monetary policy. [Comin, Johnson and Jones \(2023\)](#) analyze the role of occasionally binding capacity constraints with an emphasis on supply chains. Relative to the above literature we focus on how supply constraints affect aggregate demand and supply through the redistribution of resources across households and countries.

We consider the usual policy prescription of central banks to “see through” price movements of goods that have flexible prices, a prescription backed by ample theory.<sup>2</sup> Instead, we emphasize that the price of the constrained good can be as much an indication of the state of demand as of supply. If high demand is associated with a redistribution of income to agents with higher marginal propensities to consume, fiscal and/or monetary policy may need to be less accommodative to avoid self-fulfilling fluctuations. These results do not rely on fiscal policy turning active in the sense of the fiscal theory of the price level ([Leeper \(1991\)](#), [Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe \(2007\)](#), or [Kumhof, Nunes and Yakadina \(2010\)](#)). Rather, they are derived under a balanced fiscal budget. We build on the results in [Bilbiie \(2008\)](#) and [Bilbiie \(2021\)](#). To these, we add an open-economy dimension, supply constraints, and the application to the energy crisis. In this setting, indeterminacy can arise when the supply constraints induce an inversion of the relationship between aggregate demand and the *ex-ante* real interest rate. Monetary policy remains free, though, to

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<sup>2</sup>On the positive side, e.g., [Carlstrom, Fuerst and Gihoni \(2006\)](#) and [Airaudo and Zanna \(2012\)](#). On the normative side, e.g., [Aoki \(2001\)](#) and [Bodenstein, Erceg and Guerrieri \(2008\)](#).

implement the Taylor principle.<sup>3</sup> This sets our work apart from papers that study non-conventional transmission at the effective lower bound; under determinacy, [Eggertsson \(2011\)](#), or indeterminacy, [Mertens and Ravn \(2014\)](#).

Last, our quantitative application interprets the supply-constrained factor as energy. We relate to the macroeconomic literature on energy as follows. The empirical literature understands fluctuations to arise from exogenous fundamental energy shocks rather than sunspots. When, in a baseline scenario, we consider the effect of exogenous shocks to the energy price, the effects in our model are in line with empirical estimates in the literature; e.g., [Baumeister and Hamilton \(2019\)](#), [Blanchard and Galí \(2009\)](#), [Blanchard and Riggi \(2013\)](#) and [Känzig \(2021\)](#). In terms of modeling, we rely on [Blanchard and Galí \(2009\)](#) and [Blanchard and Riggi \(2013\)](#), who point to the structural features that shape the response to fundamental shocks to the price of, in their case, oil. [Olivi, Sterk and Khani \(2022\)](#) and [Känzig \(2023\)](#) have analyzed the distributional effects of exogenous energy price changes. All of these papers consider an environment of abundant energy supply, whereas we focus on the effect of supply constraints. [Datta et al. \(2021\)](#) focus on energy shock transmission amid the interest rate lower bound from which we abstract. [Pieroni \(2023\)](#) and [Auclert et al. \(2023\)](#) provide assessments of fundamental energy shocks in heterogeneous household New Keynesian models. [Kharroubi and Smets \(2023\)](#) study optimal fiscal policy when there are cuts in energy supply in a two-household setting with flexible prices. Relative to all these papers, we provide closed-form expressions for how supply constraints affect both the Phillips curve and the IS curve. And we highlight that an environment of supply constraints can support sunspot fluctuations, particularly if fiscal policy aims at shielding households and firms from the effects of the price movements.

## 2 Model

Consider the following infinite horizon model of two countries, Home and Foreign. The focus is on the Home economy and a generic, non-storable good  $E$ , the supply of which

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<sup>3</sup>It would be interesting to see how other mechanisms that invalidate the Taylor principle (see, for example, [Kara and Yates \(2021\)](#) and the references therein) interact with supply constraints.

can be constrained. Label “ $E$ ” is chosen to indicate that the good is “essential” to Home in that it is both consumed and used as an input in production.<sup>4</sup> Households in Home are heterogeneous as in [Bilbiie \(2008\)](#). Firms in Home are subject to nominal rigidity. Foreign is not modeled in detail. It serves as a source of the essential good, which it exports in exchange for goods that firms in Home produce. This setting follows [Blanchard and Galí \(2009\)](#). As many components of the model are well-known, we keep the exposition concise. Appendix [A](#) provides additional details. Appendix [B](#) lists all the model equations.

## 2.1 Households in Home

Home is populated by two types of representative infinitely-lived households: a mass  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  of hand-to-mouth households,  $H$ , and a mass  $1 - \lambda$  of saver households,  $S$ . Hand-to-mouth households do not have access to financial markets. They consume all of their income each period. Savers, instead, optimize intertemporally. They can save in liquid, risk-free nominal bonds, the rate of return on which the central bank controls.

Preferences in the two groups are identical. For any  $i \in \{H, S\}$ , they are given by

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ \frac{C_{i,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \chi \frac{N_{i,t}^{1+\varphi}}{1+\varphi} \right] \right\}, \text{ with } \beta \in (0, 1), \sigma > 0, \chi > 0, \text{ and } \varphi \geq 0.$$

Here  $\mathbb{E}_t$  marks the expectations conditional on period- $t$  information,  $N_{i,t}$  marks hours worked. The consumption index  $C_{i,t}$  is given by

$$C_{i,t} = \left[ \gamma^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (C_{i,E,t} - \bar{e})^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} + (1-\gamma)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} C_{i,G,t}^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} \right]^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}}.$$

Households, thus, derive utility from consuming the  $E$ -good and another good marked  $G$ .  $\bar{e} \geq 0$  is a subsistence level for consumption of the  $E$ -good,  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  the good’s preference weight, and  $\eta > 0$  the elasticity of substitution between the two goods.

Let  $P_{E,t}^c$  and  $P_{G,t}$  mark the consumer prices for the  $E$ - and  $G$ -good, respectively. Also define price index  $P_t = [\gamma P_{E,t}^c{}^{1-\eta} + (1-\gamma) P_{G,t}^{1-\eta}]^{1/1-\eta}$ . With this, in nominal terms,

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<sup>4</sup> $E$  is a fitting label for other reasons, too. In the current paper, the supply of  $E$  is an “endowment,”  $E$  may be owned “externally,” and in the application later  $E$  will be associated with “energy.”

the hand-to-mouth household's budget constraint is given by

$$P_{E,t}^c C_{H,E,t} + P_{G,t} C_{H,G,t} = (1 + \tau^w) W_t N_{H,t} + P_t T_{H,t}. \quad (1)$$

The left-hand side features the household's consumption expenditures for the two types of goods, the right-hand side the household's income.  $(1 + \tau^w) W_t$  is the nominal wage including a wage subsidy.  $T_{H,t}$  marks real lump-sum transfers to hand-to-mouth households. The saver's budget constraint, in turn, is given by

$$P_{E,t}^c C_{S,E,t} + P_{G,t} C_{S,G,t} + B_t/(1 - \lambda) = (1 + \tau^w) W_t N_{S,t} + P_t T_{S,t} + R_{t-1} B_{t-1}/(1 - \lambda). \quad (2)$$

Savers have access to the bond market. Bonds pay a nominal gross return of  $R_t$  in period  $t + 1$ .  $B_t/(1 - \lambda)$  marks the saver's period- $t$  expenditure for bonds.<sup>5</sup> Budget constraints (1) and (2) do not mention firms' profits or the proceeds from ownership of the  $E$ -good. For tractability, the exposition subsumes such cash-flows in the transfers  $T_{H,t}$  and  $T_{S,t}$ . Section 2.4.2 will discuss the transfers and the implied ownership structure.

Both types of households allocate consumption optimally within the period, taking prices as given. Consumption demand for the two types of goods, thus, is given by

$$C_{i,E,t} = \bar{e} + \gamma (P_{E,t}^c/P_t)^{-\eta} C_{i,t}, \quad \text{and} \quad C_{i,G,t} = (1 - \gamma) (P_{G,t}/P_t)^{-\eta} C_{i,t}, \quad i \in \{H, S\}.$$

Hand-to-mouth households' consumption expenditures simply equal their income. Savers, instead, allocate consumption optimally over time. Defining headline inflation as  $\Pi_t := P_t/P_{t-1}$ , the associated Euler equation is

$$C_{S,t}^{-\sigma} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \{ C_{S,t+1}^{-\sigma} R_t / \Pi_{t+1} \}.$$

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<sup>5</sup>Our notation already anticipates that, in equilibrium, the only counterparty of saver households' savings will be Foreign's supply of bonds,  $B_t$ .



## 2.2 The labor market in Home

The labor market may be characterized by rigid nominal wages. To avoid unnecessarily cumbersome notation, we state the corresponding equilibrium relationships here. Appendix A.1 provides the microfoundation following Colciago (2011). Under nominal wage rigidity, all households supply the same amount of labor ( $N_{H,t} = N_{S,t}$ ) and the wage, with nominal wage inflation defined as  $\Pi_{W,t} := W_t/W_{t-1}$ , moves according to

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{W,t}(\Pi_{W,t} - 1) = & \frac{\varepsilon^w}{\psi^w} \left( \frac{\chi N_t^\varphi}{\lambda C_{H,t}^{-\sigma} + (1-\lambda)C_{S,t}^{-\sigma}} - (1 + \tau^w) \frac{\varepsilon^w - 1}{\varepsilon^w} \frac{W_t}{P_t} \right) \\ & + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \frac{\lambda C_{H,t+1}^{-\sigma} + (1-\lambda)C_{S,t+1}^{-\sigma}}{\lambda C_{H,t}^{-\sigma} + (1-\lambda)C_{S,t}^{-\sigma}} \Pi_{W,t+1}(\Pi_{W,t+1} - 1) \frac{N_{t+1}}{N_t} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$\varepsilon^w > 1$  is the elasticity of substitution between different varieties of inputs of “labor services.”  $\psi^w > 0$  measures the Rotemberg-type wage adjustment costs.  $N_t$  denotes aggregate labor supply.

In the case without wage rigidities, we instead assume that households choose their labor supply flexibly and without market power (or an accordingly set  $\tau^w$ ) meaning that  $W_t/P_t = \chi C_{i,t}^\sigma N_{i,t}^\varphi$  for each  $i \in \{H, S\}$ .

## 2.3 Production in Home

There is a unit mass of producers, indexed by  $j \in [0, 1]$ . Each produces one variety of a differentiated good using the essential good and labor as inputs. Production follows

$$y_{G,t}(j) = \left[ \alpha E_t(j)^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} + (1-\alpha)N_t(j)^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}.$$

Here,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  governs input shares and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  is the elasticity of substitution of the two inputs. Producers  $j$  sell their differentiated good under monopolistic competition, to a competitive retailer that bundles goods into the final  $G$ -good according to

$$Y_{G,t} = \left[ \int_0^1 y_{G,t}(j)^{\frac{\varepsilon-1}{\varepsilon}} dj \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon-1}}, \text{ with } \varepsilon > 1.$$

Differentiated goods producers are subject to quadratic price adjustment costs. Appendix A.2 presents the price-setting problem in detail. Their first-order conditions give rise to a New Keynesian Phillips curve in producer price inflation, the latter defined as  $\Pi_{G,t} := P_{G,t}/P_{G,t-1}$ . This curve is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{G,t}(\Pi_{G,t} - 1) = & \frac{\varepsilon}{\psi} \left( \frac{\Lambda_t}{p_{G,t}} - (1 + \tau^y) \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)}{\varepsilon} \right) \\ & + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \left( \frac{C_{S,t+1}}{C_{S,t}} \right)^{-\sigma} \Pi_{G,t+1}(\Pi_{G,t+1} - 1) \frac{Y_{G,t+1}}{Y_{G,t}} \frac{p_{G,t+1}}{p_{G,t}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\tau^y$  is a sales subsidy.  $\psi > 0$  measures the Rotemberg-type price adjustment costs.  $\Lambda_t$  marks real marginal costs in consumption units and  $p_{G,t} := P_{G,t}/P_t$  the real goods price.<sup>6</sup> The relevant marginal costs thus are expressed in units of the produced good. Letting  $P_{E,t}^f$  mark the price for the  $E$ -good that *firms* pay, the optimal choice of factor inputs implies  $\alpha W_t/P_{E,t}^f = (1 - \alpha)(E_t/N_t)^{1/\theta}$ . Real marginal costs follow

$$\Lambda_t = \left[ \alpha^\theta (P_{E,t}^f/P_t)^{1-\theta} + (1 - \alpha)^\theta (W_t/P_t)^{1-\theta} \right]^{1/(1-\theta)}.$$

Last, in equilibrium, the firm sector's nominal profits are given by<sup>7</sup>

$$P_t D_t = (1 + \tau^y) P_{G,t} Y_{G,t} - W_t N_t - P_{E,t}^f E_t.$$

## 2.4 Fiscal policy in Home

The government runs a balanced budget in which transfers to savers,  $T_{S,t}$ , are the balancing item. We consider this the most innocuous assumption on government funding over the business cycle that one can make. The government budget constraint is given by

$$P_t D_t + \iota P_{E,t} \xi_{E,t} = \tau^y P_{G,t} Y_{G,t} + \tau^w W_t N_t + (P_{E,t} - P_{E,t}^c) C_{E,t} + (P_{E,t} - P_{E,t}^f) E_t + P_t T_t.$$

<sup>6</sup>We apply similar notation to other real prices later. For example,  $p_{E,t}^c := P_{E,t}^c/P_t$ .

<sup>7</sup>Below, we work with the model after linearizing around a zero inflation steady state. To keep expressions simple here, we, therefore, decided not to display the quadratic price and wage adjustment costs in the profits, in households' incomes, or in the resource constraint since they are zero to first order.

The left-hand side features the government's sources of revenue. The government receives all the dividends in the Home economy. In addition, the local economy also is endowed with a share  $\iota \in [0, 1]$  of the total supply,  $\xi_{E,t}$ , of the  $E$ -good. The revenues from selling this, thus, also accrue to the government. The right-hand side of the government budget constraint features the government's expenditures. The government subsidizes production and employment, while it also may provide subsidies to the use of the  $E$ -good in consumption, with  $C_{E,t} := \lambda C_{E,H,t} + (1 - \lambda)C_{E,S,t}$ , or production,  $E_t$ . In this case, the government bears the difference between the wholesale price  $P_{E,t}$  that the owners of the  $E$ -good receive and the price charged to consumers or firms. Last, the government makes lump-sum transfers, with  $T_t := \lambda T_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda)T_{S,t}$ .

#### 2.4.1 Subsidies for the $E$ -good

If the supply of the  $E$ -good is constrained, its wholesale price fluctuates. Depending on the scenario, we may allow the government to lean against the resulting fluctuations in the price that consumers and producers face. We parameterize the degree of this by parameters  $\tau_E^c \in [0, 1]$  and  $\tau_E^f \in [0, 1]$ , assuming the government ensures that

$$\log(p_{E,t}^k/p_E) = (1 - \tau_E^k) \log(p_{E,t}/p_E), \quad k \in \{c, f\}.$$

#### 2.4.2 Transfers and ownership of cash-flows

We assume that the sum of transfers to all hand-to-mouth households is given by

$$\lambda P_t T_{H,t} = P_t \bar{T}_H + \nu (P_t D_t - \tau^y P_{G,t} Y_{G,t}) + \iota \vartheta P_{E,t} \xi_{E,t} - \lambda \tau^w W_t N_{H,t}.$$

The transfers comprise a constant term,  $\bar{T}_H$ . In addition, the transfers reflect a claim to firms' profits (net of production subsidies). If  $\nu < \lambda$ , a hand-to-mouth household receives a smaller share of the profit income than a saver household;  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ . Meanwhile, hand-to-mouth households receive a share  $\vartheta \in [0, 1]$  of Home's income from its endowment with the  $E$ -good. Note that  $\nu$  and  $\vartheta$  implicitly define how much of the respective streams of income hand-to-mouth households "own" (and savers do not). Last, the government

charges the households their respective share of the costs of the labor subsidy.

## 2.5 Monetary policy in Home

The central bank controls the gross nominal interest rate  $R_t$  according to Taylor rule

$$\log(R_t/R) = \phi_\Pi \cdot \log(\Pi_{G,t}/\Pi_G) + v_t, \text{ where } \phi_\Pi \geq 0,$$

and  $v_t$  is a monetary shock. A common prescription for the optimal response of monetary policy to relative price changes is that the central bank focus on the inflation rates of those goods or services that are subject to nominal rigidities; see, for example, [Aoki \(2001\)](#). In the current context, this means focusing on the inflation rate associated with the  $G$ -goods.

## 2.6 International trade and Foreign demand

Foreign matters as a source of supply of the  $E$ -good to Home and as a source of demand for goods produced in Home, the  $G$ -goods. Foreign's budget constraint (expressed in units of Home's currency) is

$$P_{G,t}Y_t^* = P_{G,t}X_{G,t} - [B_t - R_{t-1}B_{t-1}].$$

On the left-hand side,  $P_{G,t}Y_t^* := (1 - \iota) \xi_{E,t} P_{E,t}$  marks Foreign's current income from selling its share  $(1 - \iota)$  of the total supply of the  $E$ -good. The right-hand side marks Foreign's expenditures for imports (Home's exports of goods to Foreign,  $X_{G,t}$ ) and accumulation of net foreign assets (nominal bonds issued in Home's currency). This formulation reflects that, in equilibrium, Home savers' savings must be mirrored in net foreign liabilities of Foreign. We do not seek to model the Foreign economy in more detail. Instead, we focus directly on Foreign's propensity to consume (MPC) out of any windfall gains associated with an increase in the price  $P_{E,t}$ .<sup>8</sup> Let  $-b_t := -B_t/P_t$  mark Foreign's external asset

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<sup>8</sup>What we label Foreign's "MPC" is identical to Foreign's marginal propensity to demand Home's goods when Foreign's income rises. We keep using the familiar term "MPC."

position. We parameterize Foreign's demand for goods produced in Home as

$$\log(X_{G,t}/X_G) = \mu_{F,1} \cdot \log(Y_t^*/Y^*) + \mu_{F,2} \cdot (-b_{t-1}/Y^*).$$

Parameters  $\mu_{F,1} \geq 0$  and  $\mu_{F,2} \geq 0$  measure, respectively, Foreign's MPC out of current income and its MPC out of wealth.

## 2.7 Supply regimes for the $E$ -good

We consider two regimes for the supply of the  $E$ -good. In the fixed-price regime, its real wholesale price,  $p_{E,t}$ , is constant. The good's supply,  $\xi_{E,t}$  is perfectly elastic. Not having modeled the costs of producing the essential goods, this serves as a point of reference, and is in keeping with the literature, for example, [Blanchard and Galí \(2009\)](#). In the fixed-supply regime, instead, the total supply to Home,  $\xi_{E,t}$ , is constant. The price of the essential good, then, has to clear the market in Home.

## 2.8 Market clearing

In equilibrium, all markets clear. The labor market clears if  $N_t = \lambda N_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda)N_{S,t}$ , that is, labor demand by firms equals the different households' labor supply. The market for the  $E$ -good clears if  $\xi_{E,t} = C_{E,t} + E_t$ , that is, if supply meets demand by households and firms. The market for domestic products clears if  $Y_{G,t} = C_{G,t} + X_{G,t}$ , that is, if production equals demand for consumption in Home and exports. Here  $C_{G,t} := \lambda C_{H,G,t} + (1 - \lambda)C_{S,G,t}$  marks total domestic consumption of the good.

## 3 Pencil-and-paper intuition

The departure of this paper from the literature is simple, but consequential. We change the supply regime of a good that, among other possible uses, serves as an input to production – from a regime of elastic supply to a regime of fixed supply. This changes the relationship between firms' marginal costs and output, and it changes the cyclicity of incomes. If

agents with different marginal propensities to consume rely on different sources of income, the supply regime also affects the distribution of income across agents, changing the interest elasticity of aggregate demand. Importantly, this changes the transmission of shocks and may alter the conditions for determinacy. Using a simplified version of the model from Section 2, the current section provides intuition by discussing a sequence of propositions. Appendix C presents all the derivations related to the model variant used in this section. Appendix D provides the proofs of the propositions.

### 3.1 Notation, parametric assumptions, and steady-state targets

**Notation.** The notation we will use is as follows. For a generic variable  $Z_t$  let  $Z$  mark its steady-state value. Let  $\hat{Z}_t$  denote the percent deviation from the steady state. Below we also rely heavily on the following notation: Let the convolute of parameters  $\Gamma_Z$  be defined such that, in equilibrium,  $\hat{Z}_t = \Gamma_Z \hat{Y}_{G,t}$ . That is,  $\Gamma_Z$  marks the cyclical elasticity of  $\hat{Z}_t$  with respect to output  $\hat{Y}_{G,t}$ . If we want to make explicit that  $\Gamma_Z$  depends on the supply regime, we add superscripts. Thus,  $\Gamma_Z^P$  marks the elasticity of  $\hat{Z}_t$  to output ( $\hat{Y}_{G,t}$ ) in the fixed-price regime;  $\Gamma_Z^Q$  in the fixed-supply regime (“Q” for a constrained quantity). The  $\Gamma_Z$  elasticities are general equilibrium elasticities. They are invariant to the shocks introduced in this section; that is, to monetary shocks or sunspot shocks. Another way to explain what  $\Gamma_Z$  is, would be as the “cyclical sensitivity” of  $Z_t$  with respect to output.

**Parametric assumptions.** The aim of the current section is to provide closed-form intuition. Toward this aim, we abstract from the use of the  $E$ -good in consumption ( $\gamma \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\bar{e} \rightarrow 0$ ). We also abstract from subsidies for the  $E$ -good ( $\tau_E^f = \tau_E^c = 0$ ) and from wage rigidity or wage markups. We set  $1 + \tau^y = \epsilon/(\epsilon - 1)$  to remove price markups. If the  $E$ -good is not only owned domestically,  $\iota < 1$ , we assume that trade is balanced ( $\mu_{F,1} = 1$ ) to avoid an endogenous state variable. And, only for the convenience of exposition, we let  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ . Throughout the section, the monetary policy shock  $v_t$  is white noise.

**Steady-state targets.** We consider a particular steady state that simplifies the exposition. We focus on a zero-inflation steady state ( $\Pi_G = \Pi_W = 1$ ) and we assume that fiscal

transfers to households in the steady state are such that consumption by the two types of households is symmetric in the steady state ( $C_H = C_S$ ). The scaling parameter of the disutility of work  $\chi$  sets  $N_H = N_S = 1$ . These assumptions imply that the slope of the Phillips curve is not affected by the distribution of income within the country. Finally, we normalize the steady-state output to  $Y_G = 1$ . The chosen value for  $\tau^y$  then implies  $E = 1$ . For all that follows, we will look at a linear approximation of the equilibrium around the non-stochastic steady state. Appendix C.1.1 provides the non-linear equilibrium conditions for the model variant used here, Appendix C.1.2 the linearized equations. Appendix C.1.3 provides the steady state.

### 3.2 Determinacy and monetary transmission

Under the assumptions above, the linearized economy can be expressed in conventional form: a Phillips curve, a dynamic IS equation, and a Taylor rule.<sup>9</sup> Since producer-price inflation and consumer-price inflation here coincide, the linearized Taylor rule gives

$$\widehat{R}_t = \phi_\Pi \widehat{\Pi}_t + v_t. \quad (3)$$

The Phillips curve and IS equation are given by

$$\widehat{\Pi}_t = \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} + \widetilde{\kappa} \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{Y}_{G,t} = \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{Y}_{G,t+1}\} - \frac{1}{\widetilde{\sigma}} \left( \widehat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} \right), \quad (4)$$

which is the textbook representation of the New Keynesian model. The values that  $\widetilde{\kappa}$  and  $\widetilde{\sigma}$  take depend on the supply regime for the  $E$ -good. Section 3.3 and 3.4 below discuss how and provide intuition for the economic determinants that underpin this. The Phillips curve's slope, given by  $\widetilde{\kappa}$ , and the IS curve's slope, given by  $1/\widetilde{\sigma}$ , have implications for local determinacy and the transmission of shocks; namely, as follows.

**Determinacy.** Below we will discuss how a change in the supply regime can invalidate the Taylor principle since the regime affects  $\widetilde{\kappa}$  and  $\widetilde{\sigma}$ . This is based on the following

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<sup>9</sup>Appendix C.2 provides the steps involved.

proposition.

**Proposition 1.** *Consider the model of Section 2 and apply the assumptions listed in Section 3.1. Then, two cases summarize the conditions for local determinacy:*

1. *If  $\tilde{\sigma}$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  have the same sign, there is determinacy if and only if  $\phi_{\Pi} > 1$ .*
2. *If  $\tilde{\sigma}$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  have opposite signs, there is determinacy if and only if*

$$\phi_{\Pi} > \max \left( 1, -4 \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1 \right). \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* The proof follows Woodford (2003, p. 670 ff) and is in Appendix D.1. □

The “Taylor principle” states that determinacy is ensured if the central bank responds more than one-to-one to inflation, that is, if  $\phi_{\Pi} > 1$  but arbitrarily close to 1. Inequality (5) shows that such a response may not be sufficient in the model considered here. Namely if  $\tilde{\sigma}/\tilde{\kappa} < 0$ , determinacy may require a notably stronger reaction,  $\phi_{\Pi} \gg 1$ . Below we provide conditions under which the supply constraint itself can render  $\tilde{\kappa} < 0$  or  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$ .

**Monetary transmission.** Suppose the monetary response to inflation,  $\phi_{\Pi}$ , is set to a value high enough to ensure determinacy. Then, (3) and (4) give that in equilibrium

$$\hat{\Pi}_t = -\frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\kappa}\phi_{\Pi}} v_t \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{Y}_{G,t} = -\frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\kappa}\phi_{\Pi}} v_t. \quad (6)$$

Thus, to the extent that the supply regime affects  $\tilde{\kappa}$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}$ , the supply regime also matters for the effectiveness of monetary stimulus and the trade-offs that monetary policy faces.

**The cyclical sensitivity of the  $E$ -good’s price and supply in equilibrium.** The fixed-price regime introduced in Section 2.7 means that quantities clear the market for the essential good. In this regime, demand for the  $E$ -good is the more sensitive to output ( $\Gamma_E^P$  greater), the more substitutable the essential good is ( $\theta$  greater) and the more sensitive marginal costs are to output ( $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^P$  greater):

$$\Gamma_{pE}^P = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_E^P = 1 + \theta \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P. \quad (7)$$



In the fixed-supply regime, instead, the price must move to equalize demand for the  $E$ -good with fixed supply ( $\Gamma_E^Q = 0$ ). In this regime, the price is elastic to output, and the more so ( $\Gamma_{pE}^Q$  greater) the more sensitive marginal costs are to output ( $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q$  greater) and the less substitutable the essential good is ( $\theta$  smaller); see the expression for  $\Gamma_{pE}^Q$  below:

$$\Gamma_{pE}^Q = \Gamma_\Lambda^Q + \frac{1}{\theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_E^Q = 0. \quad (8)$$

### 3.3 Supply constraints and the slope of the Phillips curve

The supply constraint causes a change in the cyclicality of the  $E$ -good's price. The constraint also changes the cyclicality of marginal costs. This is important for inflation dynamics. Appendix C.2.5 states that

$$\tilde{\kappa} = \frac{\epsilon}{\psi} \Gamma_\Lambda. \quad (9)$$

Equation (9) means that the slope of the Phillips curve in (4) depends on the supply regime precisely through the elasticity of marginal costs to output,  $\Gamma_\Lambda$ . We summarize the effect of the supply regime on  $\Gamma_\Lambda$  in Proposition 2.

**Proposition 2.** *Consider the model of Section 2 and the assumptions of Section 3.1. Compare the elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output,  $\Gamma_\Lambda$ , in the two supply regimes (superscripts  $P, Q$ ) for the following two cases of ownership of the  $E$ -good.*

1. *If the essential good (the  $E$ -good) is owned domestically ( $\iota = 1$ ), then*

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \sigma + \frac{\varphi}{1-\alpha} + \frac{\alpha/\theta}{1-\alpha} > \frac{(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)}{1+\alpha\theta\varphi} = \Gamma_\Lambda^P > 0. \quad (10)$$

2. *If the essential good (the  $E$ -good) is owned abroad ( $\iota = 0$ ), then*

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \frac{\alpha}{\theta}(\sigma - 1)}{1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1)}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)}{1+\alpha\theta(\sigma+\varphi)} > 0. \quad (11)$$

*In this case,*

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^Q \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \Gamma_\Lambda^P \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \sigma + \varphi \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \frac{\sigma - 1}{\theta}. \quad (12)$$

*Proof.* The proof is provided in Appendix D.2. □

Supply constraints make the constrained factor's price more responsive to demand, compare  $\Gamma_{pE}^P$  and  $\Gamma_{pE}^Q$  in (7) and (8). All else equal, this steepens the Phillips curve, meaning  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q > \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P$ . Indeed, when the constrained factor is owned domestically, this is the supply regime's only effect on the slope of the Phillips curve (Case 1 above). With foreign ownership (Case 2), in contrast, there also is a wealth effect on labor supply. This can be seen from the terms in (10) and (11). Absent the wealth effect (for  $\sigma = 0$ ) the terms  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q$  and  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^P$  in Case 1 and 2 are identical, they do not depend on ownership. For  $\sigma > 0$ , this is no longer the case. Higher output means a higher price for the constrained factor. If the proceeds accrue to Foreign, a higher price means that the domestic economy becomes less productive in converting labor into consumption, dampening the elasticity of the wage to output. The conditions in (12) show that with foreign ownership and if  $\sigma > 1$  the Phillips curve may even flatten due to supply constraints; and the slope potentially turning negative. This can arise when  $\theta$  is small (so that the price of the constrained factor rises steeply with output) and labor supply is fairly elastic ( $\varphi$  small), but households are unwilling to intertemporally substitute consumption ( $\sigma$  large).<sup>10</sup>

Summing up, supply constraints raise  $\tilde{\kappa}$  (the slope of the Phillips curve) if either the constrained factor is owned domestically, or the constrained factor is held abroad and wealth effects on labor supply are weak. Then, from the supply side, supply constraints make any monetary stimulus more inflationary, see (6), and they *reduce* the risk of indeterminacy by Proposition 1.

### 3.4 Supply constraints and the slope of the IS curve

Supply constraints, however, also have a differential effect on different types of income. Emphasizing this is an important contribution of the current paper. Supply constraints directly affect the cyclicality of revenue from the constrained factor. And, indirectly, they affect the cyclicality of labor income through input substitution. In the setting here, this matters for aggregate demand (and the slope of the IS curve) since different agents

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<sup>10</sup>While we document the effect of supply constraints for an arbitrary elasticity of substitution ( $\theta$ ), Blanchard and Raggi (2013) discuss the role of the wealth effect for long-run labor supply only and with a Cobb-Douglas production function ( $\theta = 1$ ), and only for what we call the fixed-price regime.

can have different sources of income and have different marginal propensities to consume. Appendix C.2.12 shows that the slope of the IS curve in (4) relates to the elasticity of savers' consumption to aggregate output,  $\Gamma_{C_S}$ , through

$$\frac{1}{\bar{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{\sigma \Gamma_{C_S}}. \quad (13)$$

In the current setting, the supply of bonds in equilibrium is zero,<sup>11</sup> so all agents in equilibrium consume exactly their own income. The intuition then is familiar from, for example, Bilbiie (2008). The only agents whose demand directly is interest elastic are the saver households. A higher real interest rate raises savers' demand for bonds. For the bond market to clear, savers' incomes in equilibrium, then, have to fall to reduce the savers' demand for bonds. The more procyclical the savers' income is (the more positive  $\Gamma_{C_S}$ ), the less of a fall in aggregate income is needed to bring this about. *Vice versa*, if savers' income is countercyclical ( $\Gamma_{C_S} < 0$ ), in equilibrium a higher real interest rate must go in hand with *higher* output. The next few lines highlight how the cyclicalities of savers' income, in turn, is related to the incomes of the economy's other agents, namely, the hand-to-mouth households and the Foreign economy. Thereafter, we discuss how the exposure to different income streams shapes the demand-side effects of supply constraints. In the economy at hand, the domestic distribution of income is governed by

$$\Gamma_C = (1 - \lambda) \Gamma_{C_S} + \lambda \Gamma_{C_H}. \quad (14)$$

Domestic income ( $C$  is aggregate consumption, which here is equal to GDP) is shared between savers (mass  $1 - \lambda$ ) and hand-to-mouth households (mass  $\lambda$ ). The international distribution of income, in turn, is given by

$$1 = [1 - \alpha(1 - \iota)] \Gamma_C + \alpha(1 - \iota) [\Gamma_{p_E} + \Gamma_E]. \quad (15)$$

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<sup>11</sup>This is by virtue of the assumption of balanced trade, needed for analytical tractability. Both hand-to-mouth households and Foreign, thus, have an MPC of 1. The numerical simulations in Section 4 will use a Foreign MPC that is less than 1, so that trade no longer is balanced.

Foreign's source of income is the  $E$ -good. Thus,  $\alpha(1 - \iota)$  is the steady-state share of Home's output that goes to Foreign. How a marginal increase in output (1 on the left-hand side) is allocated between domestic income,  $\Gamma_C$ , and foreign income (the second term on the right-hand side) directly relates to how cyclical the revenues from the  $E$ -good are, term  $[\Gamma_{pE} + \Gamma_E]$ ; this cyclicity of the revenues in turn depending on the supply regime, recall the expression for  $\Gamma_{pE}$  and  $\Gamma_E$  in (7) and (8).

Focus on (14) first. In Proposition 3, we look at the case of domestic ownership of the  $E$ -good ( $\iota = 1$ ) – where, by (15),  $\Gamma_C = 1$  – and spell out how ownership of the different income sources *across* domestic households but *within* the same country shapes the impact of supply constraints on aggregate demand (the slope of the IS curve).

**Proposition 3.** *Consider the model in Section 2 and the assumptions listed in Section 3.1. In addition, suppose that all of the essential good (the  $E$ -good) is owned domestically, that is,  $\iota = 1$ . Let  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(i)}$  and  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(i)}$  mark the elasticity of a saver's income with respect to output in cases  $i = 1, 2, 3$  below, in the two supply regimes for the  $E$ -good (superscripts  $P, Q$ ).*

1. ( $\nu = \vartheta = 0$ ): *hand-to-mouth households do not receive profits or revenues from the essential good. Then,*

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} < 0.$$

2. ( $\nu = 0, \vartheta > 0$ ): *hand-to-mouth households do not receive profits, but a share of revenues from the essential good. Then,*

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} < \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)}.$$

3. ( $\nu = \vartheta > 0$ ): *hand-to-mouth households receive the same positive share of profits as of revenue from the essential good. Then,*

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} > \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)}.$$

*Proof.* The proof is provided in Appendix D.3. □

All else equal, higher output means higher demand for the essential good and for labor. Labor income and income from the  $E$ -good rise disproportionately, and particularly so if the supply of one of the factors of production is constrained; they rise directly, or because of substitution. Profit income thereby falls when output rises and even more

so when there are supply constraints. Case 1 shows that if savers own all non-labor sources of income (and hand-to-mouth households none,  $\nu = \vartheta = 0$ ), supply constraints unambiguously render savers' income less procyclical. Indeed, supply constraints might turn  $\Gamma_{C_S}$  negative. This effect is even stronger (Case 2) if hand-to-mouth households share in the revenue from the essential good (a procyclical source of income). *Vice versa*, the effect is weaker if hand-to-mouth households not only share in the revenue from the essential good but also in profit income (Case 3).

Proposition 4, next, focuses on the effect of supply constraints on the distribution of income *across* countries, recall (15). For ease of exposition, the  $E$ -good here is entirely owned by Foreign, so that none of the income from the  $E$ -good accrues to households in Home ( $\iota = 0$ ). The value of  $\vartheta$  then is irrelevant and we look at different cases for the ownership of domestic profits only.<sup>12</sup>

**Proposition 4.** *Consider the model in Section 2 and the assumptions listed in Section 3.1. In addition, suppose the essential good (the  $E$ -good) is fully owned by Foreign, that is,  $\iota = 0$ . The superscripts below refer to the two supply regimes for the  $E$ -good (superscripts  $P, Q$ ) and the following three cases:*

1.  $\nu = \lambda$ , representative household in Home.
2.  $\nu = 0$ , hand-to-mouth households do not receive profits.
3.  $\nu > 0$ , hand-to-mouth households receive a positive share of profits.

*With these definitions of the cases, then the following are true:*

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} < \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)}, \quad (16)$$

and

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} \begin{matrix} > \\ (<) \end{matrix} \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \sigma + \varphi \begin{matrix} > \\ (<) \end{matrix} \frac{\sigma - 1}{\theta}. \quad (17)$$

*Proof.* The proof is provided in Appendix D.4. □

Equation (16) focuses on the case where there is heterogeneity only across borders, but not domestically. This case is important because one can show that in the fixed-price scenario the slope of the IS curve is strictly positive,  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} > 0$ . Supply constraints,

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<sup>12</sup>Note that the cases specified in Proposition 3 and Proposition 4, thus, are not identical.

instead, reduce the procyclicality of savers' income,  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} < \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)}$ ; in fact, the constraints may cause the slope of the IS curve to invert. The inequalities in (17), in turn, show that if the revenue from the essential good accrues to Foreign, the wealth effect on labor supply also matters for the slope of the IS curve, provided there is heterogeneity in Home. The reason is simple: a strong wealth effect can reverse the countercyclicality of profits, with a corresponding effect on the cyclicity of the income of those who claim the profits.

Summing up, we have derived conditions under which supply constraints tend to reduce the procyclicality of savers' incomes: their ownership of the income from profits and other agents' ownership of the income from the good subject to supply constraints. The degree of cyclicity of the income streams and of marginal costs depends in turn on the model's deep parameters: the elasticity of substitution in production,  $\theta$ , intertemporal substitution,  $1/\sigma$ , the Frisch elasticity  $1/\varphi$ , the weight of the  $E$ -good in production,  $\alpha$ , and nominal rigidities,  $\psi$ . Appendix E shows directly how these parameters affect the validity of the Taylor principle in a special case where  $\iota = 0$  and  $\nu = \lambda$ . As suggested by result (16) of Proposition 4, in this case indeterminacy can arise even when the central bank adheres to the Taylor principle; but only if there are supply constraints.

It is important to keep in mind that what matters for the above mechanisms is after-tax income. This means that fiscal policy would have an impact on the results. Next, we turn to a quantitative assessment of the full model.

## 4 Numerical analysis and policy implications

This section calibrates the model to the German economy and associates the essential good with energy. Energy is used in both consumption and production. Furthermore, we allow for energy-related subsidies, for wage rigidity, and for a marginal propensity to consume of Foreign that is less than unity. We analyze the working of the model through three scenarios. In the “fixed-price” scenario, the baseline, energy is supplied perfectly elastically at a given price. In the “fixed-supply” scenario, instead, the supply of energy is fixed. All other features remain unchanged; these two scenarios reflect rather “normal” times. Finally, we design what we call the “crisis” scenario. This is aimed at capturing

aspects important for the German energy crisis that began in the run-up to Russia’s 2022 invasion of Ukraine. All the impulse responses that we show will be based on a linearization of the model.

## 4.1 Parameterization

Table 1 provides the parameterization for all three scenarios. We start with the baseline calibration – the “fixed-price” scenario. One period in the model is taken to be a quarter. Turning first to preferences, the discount factor  $\beta$  implies a two-percent annualized real

**Table 1** Parameterization

| Preferences                             |          | Production          |            | Energy, Foreign                               |              | Government  |       |
|---|----------|---------------------|------------|---|--------------|-------------|-------|
| $\beta$                                 | 0.995    | $\varepsilon$       | 11         | $\iota$                                       | 0.333        | $\tau^y$    | 0.1   |
| $\sigma$                                | 2        | $\psi$              | 507        | $p_E$   | 0.101        | $\tau^w$    | 0.1   |
| $\varphi$                               | 3        | $\alpha$            | 0.077      | $\mu_{F,1}$                                   | 0.25         | $\nu$       | 0     |
| $\chi$                                  | 0.778    | $\theta$            | 0.1        | $\mu_{F,2}$                                   | 0.02         | $\vartheta$ | 0     |
| $\lambda$                               | 0.24     |                     |            |   |              | $\bar{T}_H$ | 0.012 |
| $\bar{e}$                               | 0.125    | <u>Labor market</u> |            |   |              | $\phi_\Pi$  | 1.5   |
| $\gamma$                                | 0.239    | $\varepsilon^w$     | 11         |   |              | $\tau_E^c$  | 0     |
| $\eta$                                  | 0.1      | $\psi^w$            | 507        |   |              | $\tau_E^f$  | 0     |
| <u>Change for fixed-supply scenario</u> |          |                     |            | <u>Additional changes for crisis scenario</u> |              |             |       |
| $p_E$                                   | flexible | $\xi_{E,t}$         | 1.5 const. | $\xi_{E,t}$                                   | 1.379 const. | $\tau_E^c$  | 0.33  |
|   |          |                     |            | $\psi^w$                                      | 0            | $\tau_E^f$  | 0.33  |

*Notes:* “Fixed-price” calibration in top panel. Changes relative to baseline for scenario “fixed-supply”, and relative to that for scenario “crisis” in bottom panel. See main text for details. “Flexible” indicates that in the fixed-supply and crisis scenario  $p_E$  is determined in equilibrium, while it is constant in the “fixed-price” scenario. “const.” indicates that  $\xi_E$  is constant in the “fixed-supply” and “crisis” scenario, while it is determined in equilibrium in the “fixed-price” scenario.

rate of interest in the steady state. We set  $\sigma = 2$ . This value implies an intertemporal elasticity of substitution of  $1/2$ , at the upper end of the range reported in Havránek (2015). We calibrate  $\varphi = 3$ , giving a Frisch elasticity of  $1/3$ , in the middle of the range reported in Elminejad et al. (2023).<sup>13</sup> The disutility of work  $\chi$  is set to normalize the steady-state labor supply of households to 1. The share of hand-to-mouth households is  $\lambda = 0.24$ , following estimates for Germany in Slacalek, Tristani and Violante (2020).  $\bar{e}$  is set so that subsistence energy consumption is 25 percent of steady-state energy consumption, following Fried, Novan and Peterman (2022). We set  $\gamma$  so that, in the baseline steady

<sup>13</sup>Using the expression derived in Swanson (2012) the implied risk aversion is  $(1/\sigma + 1/\varphi)^{-1} = 1.2$ .

state, households spend 4 percent of GDP on energy.<sup>14</sup> The elasticity of substitution in consumption is  $\eta = 0.1$ , within the range reported in [Bachmann et al. \(2022\)](#).

Turning to production next, the own-price elasticity of demand is  $\varepsilon = 11$ , a conventional value. The price adjustment costs  $\psi$  match a slope of the pencil-and-paper Phillips curve of 0.1. In a Calvo setting this would map into prices for *non-energy goods* being adjusted on average once a year. We set the elasticity of substitution between different types of labor ( $\varepsilon^w$ ) and wage adjustment costs ( $\psi^w$ ) to the same values as for prices for simplicity.  $\alpha$  is set to obtain baseline costs of energy in production of 8 percent of GDP. The elasticity of substitution in production (between energy and labor) is the same as in consumption, namely,  $\theta = 0.1$  and in line with [Bachmann et al. \(2022\)](#).

As regards the supply of energy, we assume that a share  $\iota = 0.333$  of energy is owned by domestic households, in line with German import shares for primary energy. In the fixed-price baseline the price is set such that (along with the assumptions made on preferences and production) firms' energy usage takes on a value of  $E = 1$  in the steady state. This gives  $p_E = 0.101$ . In the baseline, this price is fixed. As for the demand by Foreign, we set  $\mu_{F,1} = 0.25$ . This means that for each additional euro in energy revenue, Foreign orders a quarter of a euro's worth of goods produced in Home.<sup>15</sup> Next, we set the debt elasticity of foreign demand to a value that is small, but large enough to stabilize net foreign assets at the targeted long-run value of zero,  $\mu_{F,2} = 0.02$ .

Turning to the government, we assume that it sets  $\tau^y$  and  $\tau^w$  so that – in the steady state – there are no distortions associated with firms' or workers' market power. We do so primarily since so do the propositions in Section 3. Further, we assume that hand-to-mouth households do not receive any profits in the economy ( $\nu = 0$ ), nor any revenues

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<sup>14</sup>Other papers have focused on imports of *natural gas* and from Russia only. Doing so, at 2022 prices, energy shares are around three and six percent of income, respectively; *e.g.*, [Bachmann et al. \(2022\)](#) and [Pieroni \(2023\)](#). The parameterization here, instead, considers other sources of energy with local markets as well (such as coal and electricity, no oil). We calibrate the expenditure shares relative to GDP using 2021 German data on primary energy usage, see [BDEW \(2023\)](#). The relative share of households and firms follows from Eurostat's data on energy consumption by sector (product code: ten00124).

<sup>15</sup>[Drechsel and Tenreiro \(2018\)](#) discuss the effects of commodity price booms on commodity exporters and find a sizable increase in imports after an increase in commodity prices, speaking in favor of high MPCs out of energy revenues. [Arroyo Marioli and Vegh \(2023\)](#) document a large procyclicality of fiscal policy for commodity exporters. [Johnson, Rachel and Wolfram \(2023\)](#) consider a unit MPC for an energy exporter, alluding to borrowing constraints and risks associated with accumulating financial assets (the risk of sanctions, say). In light of this, we consider our parametrization as conservative.



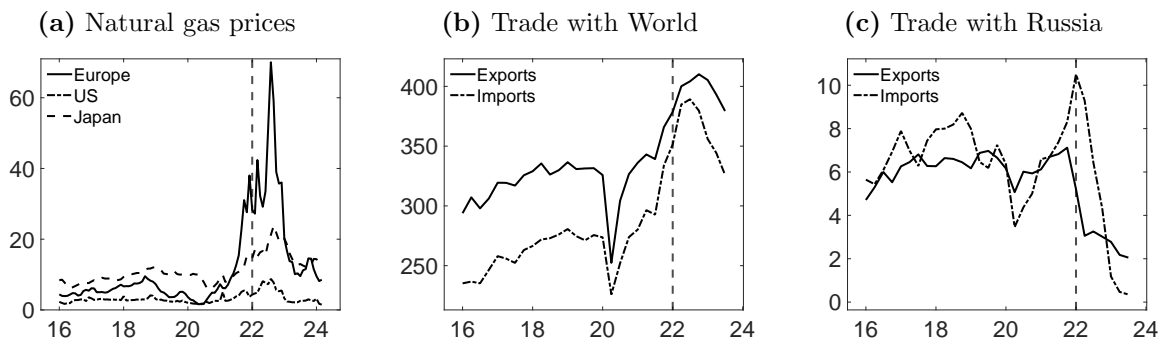
associated with domestic energy ownership ( $\vartheta = 0$ ). The government provides a transfer of  $\bar{T}_H = 0.012$  to hand-to-mouth households that ensures that both household types have the same baseline steady-state income. We do this so as to make the results easy to understand. Turning to monetary policy, we set the response to core inflation to  $\phi_\Pi = 1.5$ . The government does not implement energy-price subsidies.

**Fixed supply scenario.** This scenario shares all parameter and steady state values with the fixed-price baseline. It keeps the supply of energy fixed over the cycle, however.

**The crisis scenario.** Section 3 provided conditions under which the Taylor principle can be invalidated. To obtain those results important elements were: (i) a factor of production owned externally that receives notable weight in production, (ii) the factor being in scarce supply so that prices are responsive; and, (iii) income streams that support aggregate demand. We argue that the energy crisis that afflicted Germany in the run-up to and after the Russian invasion of Ukraine provides precisely these elements. The energy crisis, thus, forms the blue-print for the crisis scenario.

In recent years Germany imported roughly two thirds of its primary energy. Prior to the war, Russia alone provided one third of German primary energy, in particular natural gas. Panel (a) of Figure 1 shows wholesale prices of natural gas in Europe, Japan, and the

**Figure 1** Natural gas prices and trade flows of Germany



*Notes:* Panel (a) plots monthly natural gas prices in US\$ per mmbtu. Europe: Netherlands Title Transfer Facility; US: spot price at Henry Hub, Louisiana. Japan: Liquefied natural gas import price. Source: World Bank Commodity Price Data. Panels (b) and (c) plot quarterly nominal trade flows of Germany in billion euros with the rest of the world and Russia, respectively. Source: International Monetary Fund Direction of Trade Statistics. The vertical dashed line marks the end of 2022Q1.

US; all denoted in US\$. The vertical dashed line marks the end of 2022Q1 (the Russian

invasion of Ukraine began on Feb 24, 2022). European prices show a runup starting in 2021. To date, they still are about twice as high as before 2021. What is more, the fluctuations in prices after 2021 are unique to the European market. They suggest (or are at least consistent with) conditions of inelastic supply. This is perfectly in line with the frantic rerouting of supply and of trade that followed the Russian invasion. Panel (b) and (c) plot the value of German trade – imports and exports alike. Panel (b) shows Germany’s exports to and imports from the rest of the world, in nominal terms. Both rose from 2021 onward, peaking in mid 2022 before they started falling in lockstep. Panel (c) focuses on the value of direct trade with Russia, which rose sharply prior to the war, on the back of higher energy prices. With sanctions in place, thereafter, trade with Russia fell precipitously.<sup>16</sup> The crisis scenario, thus, entertains a regime of fixed energy supply and adds to this a permanent cut of supply of 8 percent (calibrated so that energy prices are twice as high as in the baseline). This gives conditions (i) and (ii) mentioned above. The final element, condition (iii) concerns support for demand when the price of the constrained good rises. On the fiscal side, the number of programs that the German government implemented to “protect” households and firms from higher energy costs are legion. The crisis scenario assumes that fiscal policy lets two thirds of price changes pass through to households or firms, “protecting” households and firms from the remainder. That is, it sets  $\tau_E^c = \tau_E^f = 0.33$ . The scenario is conservative in that this only refers to prices in deviation from the new higher-price steady state.<sup>17</sup> Last, and perhaps most contentiously, the crisis scenario assumes that nominal wage rigidities no longer restrain wage demand, so that  $\psi^w = 0$ . The scenario is built around a tight labor market in Germany, in which the unemployment rate for prime-aged workers stood at 3 percent prior at the end of 2021, falling further to 2.8 percent by 2023Q1.<sup>18</sup> In addition, in

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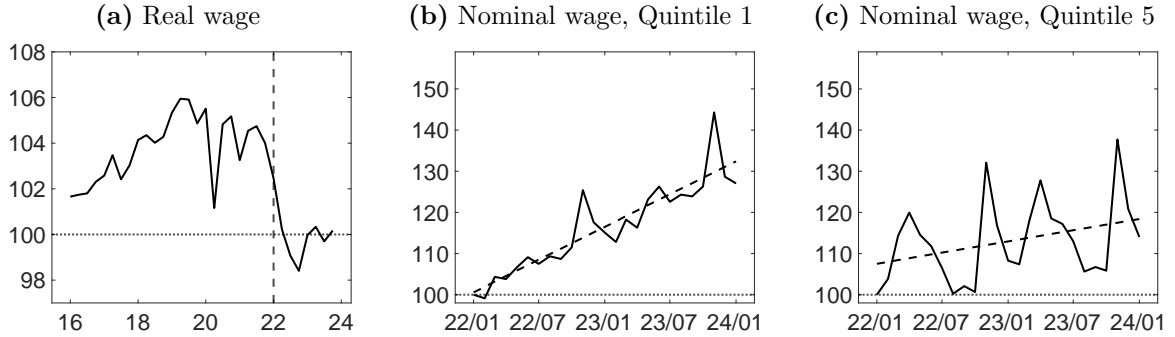
<sup>16</sup>In spite of the shortages, the remaining three German nuclear power plants were decommissioned only 3.5 months later than was originally planned, namely, in mid-April 2023. Supply of nuclear fuel, too, came historically from Russia.

<sup>17</sup>The International Energy Agency’s policy database lists energy-price related policy measures. Among many others: double-digit cuts to taxes on natural gas and to electricity surcharges, postponing CO<sub>2</sub>-surcharges, energy-cost transfers to poorer households, students, and pensioners, none-targeted transfers to all (“Energiepreispauschale”), besides transfers to energy-intensive firms, culminating in explicit price caps on electricity/natural gas/heating costs for households and firms (“Energiepreisbremsen”).

<sup>18</sup>ILO definition. Similar patterns emerge for employment rates or participation, or other age groups.

this environment, wage flexibility may have been actively encouraged politically.<sup>19</sup> Wage developments are shown in Figure 2. On the back of higher energy costs, real wages

**Figure 2** Tight labor market in Germany



*Notes:* Panel (a) plots the seasonally adjusted quarterly real wage index. The vertical dashed line marks the end of 2022Q1. Panels (b) and (c) show the monthly nominal wage index for the lowest and highest quintile of the wage distribution. The series we use start in 2022. Therefore, we did not seasonally adjust the series. This explains the seasonal spikes in Panels (b) and (c) (summer gratification and Christmas gratification). Source: German Federal Statistical Office.

fell sharply from mid 2021 to mid 2022, but then rapidly stabilized (Panel (a)), while inflation remained elevated. The recovery of real wages came with strong increases in nominal wages. Nominal wages rose about ten percent more for the lowest earnings quintile (Panel (b)) than for the top quintile (Panel (c)), indicative of both wage flexibility and wage pressures that support demand.

## 4.2 Steady states

Table 2 reports the steady state of the economy. In each block, the left column refers to the baseline fixed-price scenario and the fixed-supply scenario. They share the same steady state. The right column shows the “crisis” scenario’s steady state.

In the crisis scenario, the reduction in energy supply and the ensuing energy price increase mean that the expenditure share for energy in GDP doubles from 12 to 24 percent (block “Energy, Foreign”). Firms and households reduce their use of energy. Hand-to-mouth households reduce consumption of goods and energy by more than savers (compare block “Consumption”). This is so even though the hand-to-mouth households raise their labor

<sup>19</sup>For example, since October 2022, employers in Germany have been able to grant their employees an amount of up to 3,000 euros free of tax and contributions as a voluntary benefit over and above the regular wage – the so-called “inflation compensation bonus”, which the federal government has introduced by law. Also, the minimum wage was increased repeatedly.

**Table 2** Steady states in the scenarios

| Scenario            |        |        |                      | Scenario                          |       |        |                       |
|---------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| P/Q                 |        | crisis |                      | P/Q                               |       | crisis |                       |
| <u>Consumption</u>  |        |        |                      | <u>Production, firms</u>          |       |        |                       |
| $C_{H,E}$           | 0.5    | 0.44   | Energy cons. spender | GDP                               | 1.259 | 1.176  |                       |
| $C_{S,E}$           | 0.5    | 0.45   | Energy cons. saver   | $Y_G$                             | 1     | 1.003  | Production            |
| $C_E$               | 0.5    | 0.448  | Total energy cons.   | $p_G$                             | 1.309 | 1.269  | Real goods price      |
| $C_{H,G}$           | 0.923  | 0.835  | Goods cons. spender  | $\Lambda$                         | 1.309 | 1.269  | Real marginal costs   |
| $C_{S,G}$           | 0.923  | 0.861  | Goods cons. saver    | $D$                               | 0.131 | 0.127  | Real profits          |
| $C_G$               | 0.923  | 0.855  | Total goods cons.    |                                   |       |        |                       |
| <u>Labor market</u> |        |        |                      | <u>Energy, Foreign</u>            |       |        |                       |
| $N_H$               | 1      | 1.028  | Labor spender        | $\xi_E$                           | 1.5   | 1.379  | Energy supply         |
| $N_S$               | 1      | 1.007  | Labor savers         | $E$                               | 1     | 0.932  | Energy used in prod.  |
| $N$                 | 1      | 1.012  | Aggregate labor      | $p_E$                             | 0.101 | 0.205  | Real energy price     |
| $w$                 | 1.209  | 1.069  | Real wage            | $X_G$                             | 0.077 | 0.148  | Real exports          |
| <u>Government</u>   |        |        |                      | <u>Implied ratios, in percent</u> |       |        |                       |
| $T_H$               | -0.071 | -0.06  | Lump-sum spender     | $\frac{p_E C_E}{\text{GDP}}$      | 4     | 7.788  | energy cons./GDP      |
| $T_S$               | -0.071 | 0      | Lump-sum saver       | $\frac{p_E E}{\text{GDP}}$        | 8     | 16.212 | energy cost/GDP       |
| $R$                 | 1.005  | 1.005  | Gross nominal rate   | $\frac{p_E \xi_E}{\text{GDP}}$    | 12    | 24     | total energy exp./GDP |

*Notes:* Steady-state values for all variables in the respective scenarios.  $P/Q$  refers to the fixed-price and fixed-supply scenario. Note that  $T_H$  and  $T_S$  include taxes, profit income and revenue from domestic energy ownership. Furthermore, in each steady state,  $p_E^c = p_E^f = p_E$ ,  $\Pi = \Pi_G = \Pi_W = 1$ , and  $b = 0$ .

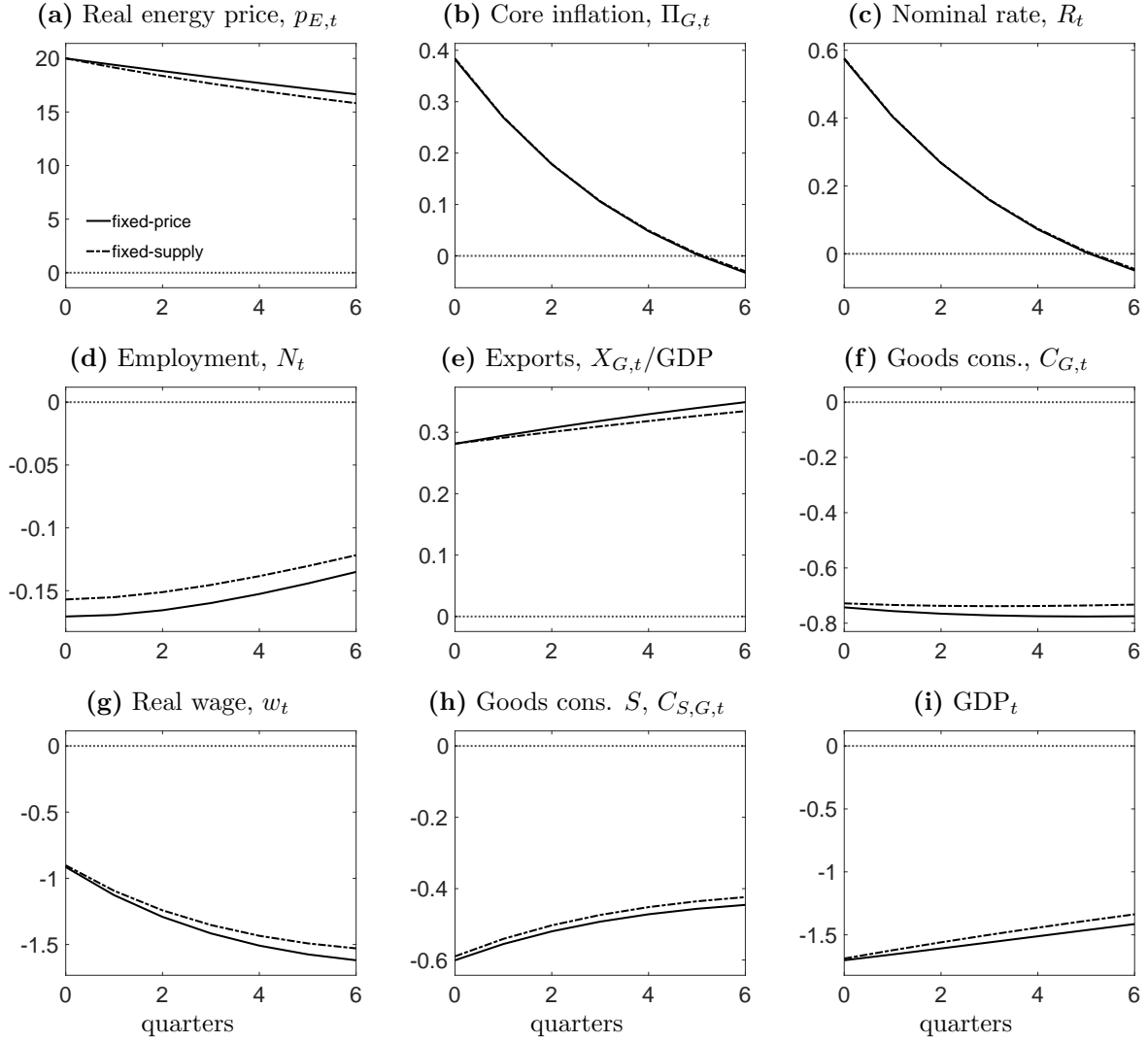
supply more. Consumption inequality increases and GDP falls. All of this is in line with a sharp fall of the real wage in the long run (by 11%, compare block “Labor market”).

### 4.3 Transmission of energy shocks in normal times

In order to allow a comparison with the literature, Figure 3 shows the transmission of an *exogenous* increase in the energy price in the fixed price scenario (solid lines) and the transmission of a cut to energy supply with fixed supply (dashed-dotted lines). The shocks are calibrated so as to deliver a twenty percent increase in the energy price and have a persistence of 0.97, following Blanchard and Galí (2009). Since the two shocks are calibrated to have the same price impact they also come with similar implications for quantities. A twenty percent increase in energy prices is associated with a decline in GDP of about 1.5 percent – broadly in line with empirical estimates in the literature.<sup>20</sup> Not only

<sup>20</sup>For example, the effect of inventory demand shocks on global activity in Baumeister and Hamilton (2019), the SVAR-based findings in Blanchard and Galí (2009) and Blanchard and Raggi (2013), and the oil supply news shocks identified by Känzig (2021).

**Figure 3** Fundamental energy shock under elastic and inelastic energy supply



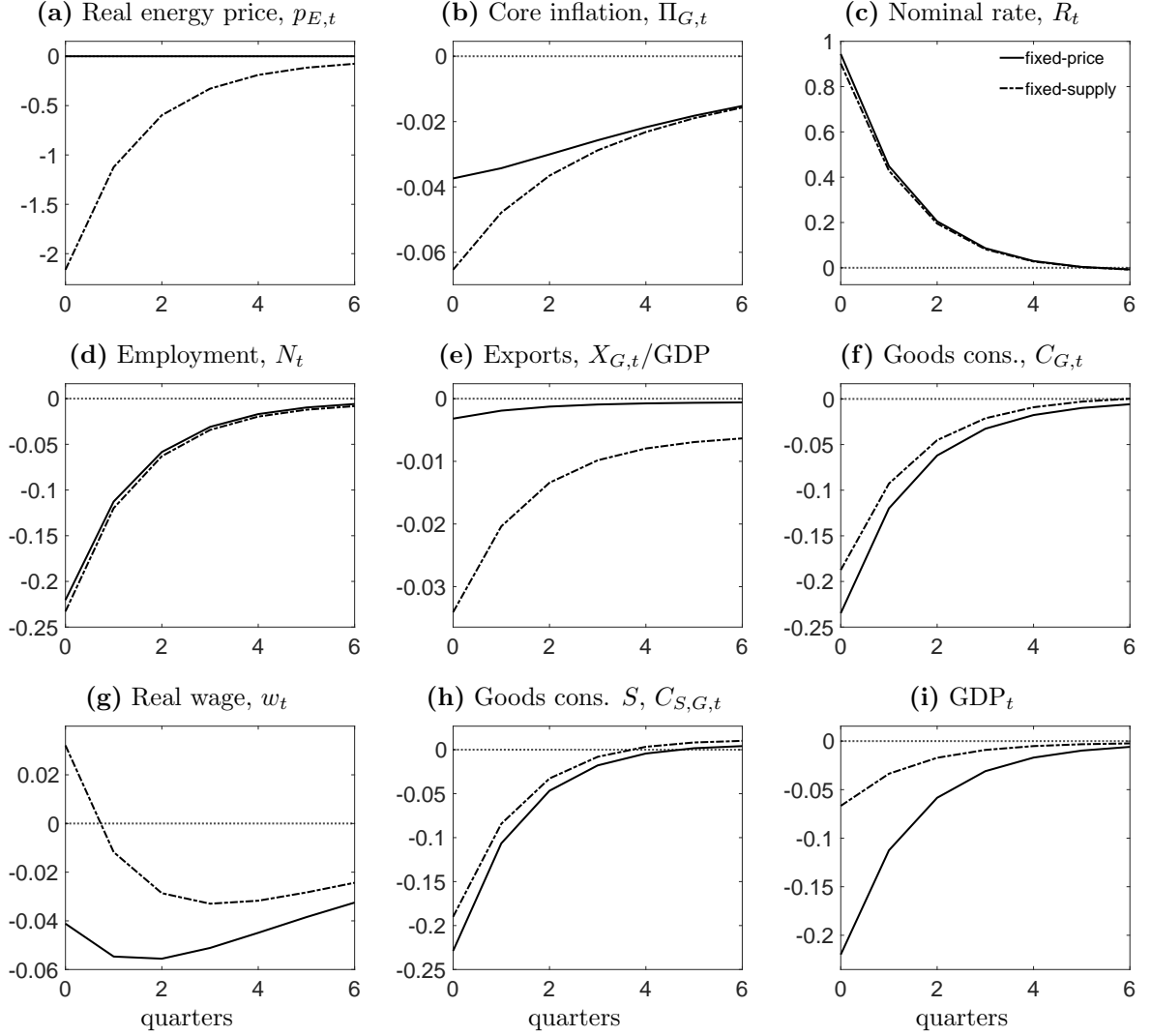
*Notes:* Impulse responses to an energy price shock in the fixed-price regime and an energy supply shock in the fixed-supply regime. Both shocks are scaled to raise the real energy price by twenty percent on impact and have a persistence of 0.97. The central bank responds to core inflation, with  $\phi_{\Pi} = 1.5$ . All response give percentage deviations from steady state. The exception is the response of exports (percent of steady state GDP). Interest rates and inflation rates are in annualized percentage points.

does GDP fall but so do wages, consumption and employment. Inflation, meanwhile rises. Clearly, such fundamental energy shocks are supply shocks. Yet, the fall in employment may seem inconsistent with the German experience in recent years.

#### 4.4 Monetary transmission in normal times

Figure 4 illustrates how the changes in the slope of the Phillips curve and the IS equation that come with supply constraints (see Section 3) affect the transmission of a monetary policy shock. The figure plots the dynamics in response to a 25 basis point monetary

**Figure 4** Monetary policy shock under elastic and inelastic energy supply



*Notes:* Impulse responses to a 25 basis point monetary tightening in the fixed-price and the fixed-supply regime with persistence of 0.5. The central bank responds to core inflation, with  $\phi_{\Pi} = 1.5$ . All response give percentage deviations from steady state. The exception is the response of exports (percent of steady state GDP). Also, interest rates and inflation rates are in annualized percentage points.

tightening. The solid line represents the baseline where the energy price is fixed and the supply potentially abundant. The dashed line instead represents the fixed-supply situation where energy supply is constrained and the energy price thus is responsive to economic activity.<sup>21</sup> On the supply side, the change toward a fixed-supply regime of energy, at the parameters here steepens the Phillips curve (more disinflation at virtually the same reduction in production), compare Panels (b), (d), and (i).<sup>22</sup>

In either supply regime, a monetary tightening induces households to reduce consumption

<sup>21</sup>Recall that the steady state level and price of energy are the same in both scenarios compared here.

<sup>22</sup>For visual impression, Appendix F plots the Phillips curve's slope under the assumptions of Section 3.

of both goods and energy. Aggregate demand falls, so do production and employment. In the case of a fixed energy price, the energy market clears through a fall in energy supply (not shown). With fixed energy supply, instead, the energy market clears through a fall in the energy *price* (Panel (a)). Marginal costs thus are more sensitive to economic activity (Section 3.3). As a result, core inflation falls more strongly than in the fixed-price baseline (Panel (b)): Monetary policy becomes more effective in influencing inflation.

The supply regime also changes how a monetary shock affects the composition of final absorption. The reason is that monetary policy affects the real value of energy imports. With fixed supply, exports fall by more upon a monetary tightening (Panel (e)). Consumption, thus, falls by less. The real wage responds little in either scenario.

For completeness, and further reference, Appendix G presents counterparts to Figure 3 and Figure 4 if monetary policy were to respond to headline inflation instead of core. Appendix H provides the respective counterparts if wages were flexible.

## 4.5 A feedback loop during a crisis?

We now move to the crisis scenario. Supply constraints affect the composition of final absorption both across borders and domestically. Table 2 and Figure 3 showed that absent fiscal intervention, an *exogenous* increase in the price of energy, or an *exogenous* reduction in the supply of energy, have distributional implications that hit hand-to-mouth households particularly hard. In Germany (and likely elsewhere, too) precisely this narrative motivated the substantial fiscal interventions and more flexible wage demands of recent years. But these interventions do not change the supply constraints themselves. The important observation, then, is that once in this situation, supply constraints on energy make the price of energy *endogenous* to fluctuations in economic activity.

How, then, do such constraints affect the workings of systematic monetary policy in such a novel environment – that is, in an environment in which energy prices are high to begin with, wages are flexible, and fiscal policy aims to insulate households’ and firms’ budgets from further increases in energy prices? We show that in the “crisis scenario” outlined above, the conditions are present for which we argued in Section 3 that they can invalidate

the Taylor principle.

Aggregate demand in our environment comes from three types of agents: domestic hand-to-mouth households, the energy-exporting foreign economy, and domestic Ricardian households – ranked here from highest marginal propensity to consume out of income to lowest. The key to a demand-driven boom (a boom relative to a lower-wage and lower-consumption steady state, cf. Table 2) is that incomes are redistributed from savers to the former two types of agents. Wages rise to entice workers to supply labor, while energy prices (and, thus, Foreign’s income) increase further amid high aggregate demand. As a result markups fall. Meanwhile, energy-price-related subsidies help sustain aggregate demand and the demand for energy in spite of high energy prices.

To see this mechanism at work graphically, Figure 5 plots impulse responses to a sunspot shock in the “crisis” scenario (with a monetary response to core inflation of  $\phi_{\Pi} = 1.5$ ) where numerically exactly one explosive root is missing to satisfy the Blanchard-Kahn conditions. Thus, there is exactly one degree of indeterminacy and room for exactly one possible sunspot shock. To compute the impulse responses to this shock, we use the methodology of Bianchi and Nicolò (2021). Theory determines the persistence of the sunspot shock, but not its magnitude. Nor does it pin down the sign of the shock.<sup>23</sup> In the figure, we somewhat arbitrarily anchor the shock’s size such that it comes along with an increase in the energy price of twenty percent (Panel (a)), the magnitudes thus being comparable to Figure 3.<sup>24</sup>

With a 33 percent energy subsidy in place, energy prices for domestic customers (households and firms) rise by 13 percent. The sunspot supports higher core inflation for about four quarters (Panel (b)) reflecting that firms face higher marginal costs. In line with the Taylor principle, the central bank raises the nominal interest rate more than one for one with core inflation (Panel (c)). A higher real interest rate means that savers’ consumption falls (Panel (h)). Nevertheless, under the sunspot beliefs, output in Home rises by about one percent (not shown). This increase requires a rise in employment (Panel (d))

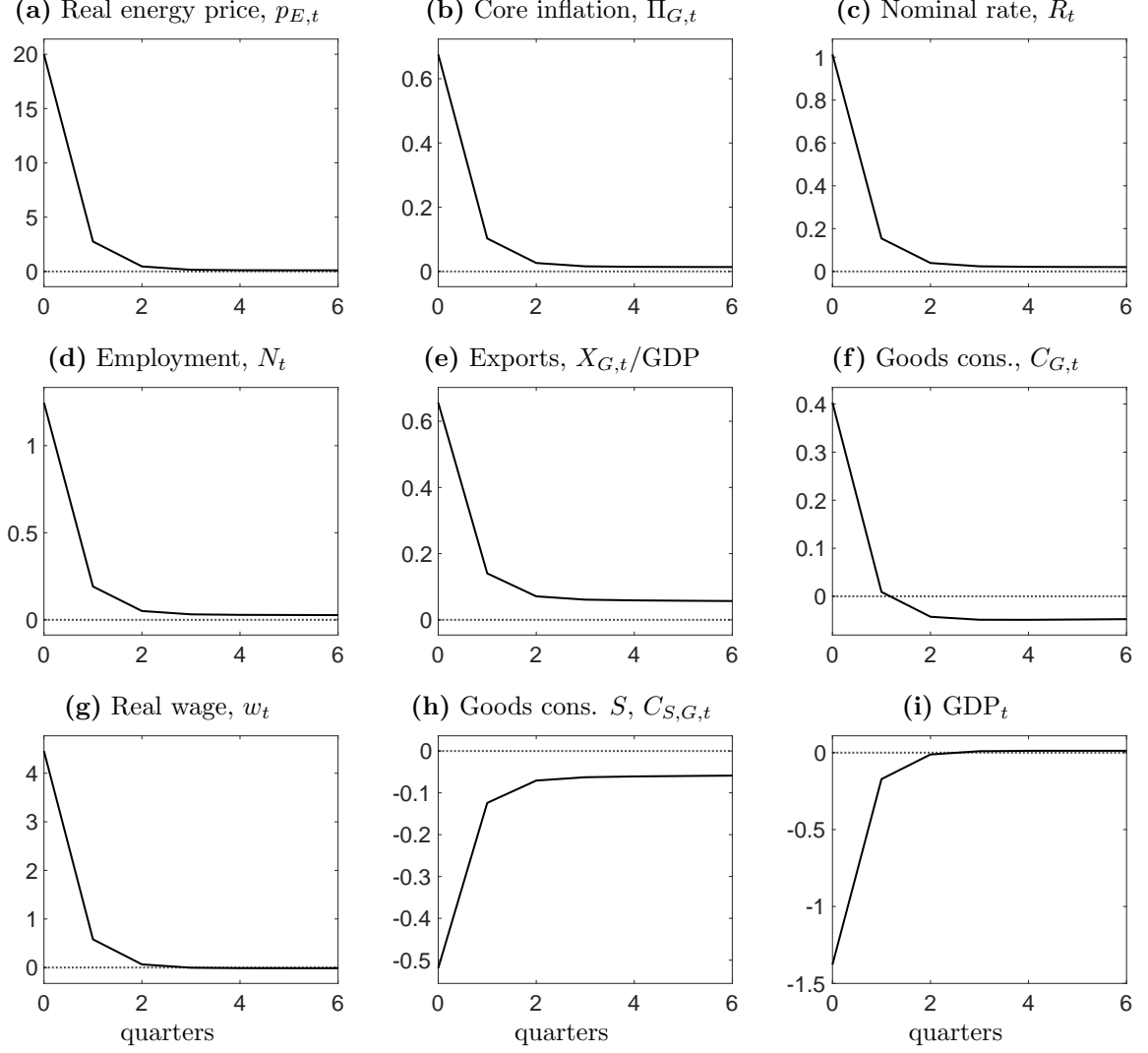
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<sup>23</sup>Recall that we look at a linear approximation of the model.

<sup>24</sup>It is important to bear in mind that Figure 3 shows the effect of a fundamental shock to the energy price. Figure 5, instead, shows the response to a sunspot shock when the supply of energy is fixed. In Figure 5, the energy price rises *endogenously*; the higher price being a symptom of higher demand.



**Figure 5** Sunspot shock in the “crisis” scenario



*Notes:* Impulse responses to a sunspot shock that raises energy prices by twenty percent on impact in the crisis scenario. The central bank responds to core inflation, with  $\phi_{\Pi} = 1.5$ . All response give percentage deviations from steady state. The exception is the response of exports (percent of steady state GDP). Also, interest rates and inflation rates are in annualized percentage points.

even if the fact that households reduce their energy consumption (not shown) means that firms can increase their use of energy somewhat. On the demand side, the increase in economic activity is supported by two developments, each linked to the distribution of income. First, under the sunspot belief of higher energy prices, Foreign’s revenues rise. In our calibration, Foreign uses one quarter of the rise in revenues for buying goods from Home. A second effect, directly linked to the heterogeneity of households, is that the domestic demand for consumption goods as a whole does not fall until some time after the shock (Panel (f)). The reason is the following: While savers retrench their consumption

demand, the hand-to-mouth households' budgets initially are supported by a stronger labor market. Namely, labor demand rises and so does the real wage (Panel (g)). That said, in all these dynamics GDP falls since value added falls on the back of higher costs for energy imports. To us, it is important to emphasize again that the theory does not pin down the shock's size, nor its sign. With the supply constraints in place, exactly the opposite dynamics would be supported by a sunspot shock of opposite sign, namely, lower wages, lower employment, a lower price of energy, all this amid higher GDP and lower inflation.

## 4.6 Policy options to avoid the feedback loop

So far, we have shown that in the crisis scenario, the economy could be affected by self-fulfilling beliefs. Sunspot shocks could support an equilibrium in which energy prices moved with employment, both supported by an expansion of aggregate demand. This section discusses policy options that help insure against the fluctuations associated with the energy price-activity feedback loop.

### 4.6.1 Domestic monetary policy

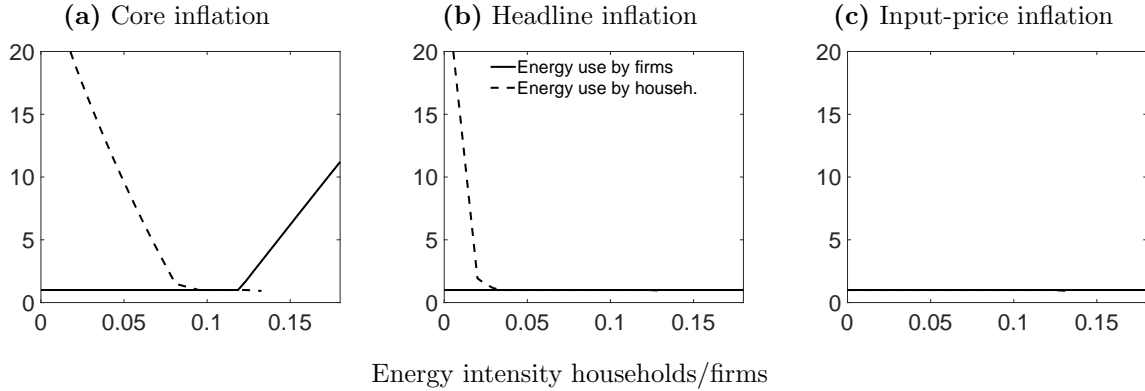
The monetary policy options that help prevent the feedback loop have in common that the central bank needs to be more hawkish in the crisis scenario than in normal times. The Taylor principle, in particular, can no longer be taken for granted. For example, with a response to core inflation only a response of  $\phi_{\pi} > 8.23$  prevents the feedback loop.

**Measures of inflation that do not “look through” higher energy prices.** What underpins the feedback loop above is a redistribution from savers to both hand-to-mouth households and Foreign. Key to this is that wages and energy prices rise when aggregate demand rises. A central bank that, directly or indirectly, leans against such price increases, thus, also leans against the feedback loop. For example, in the parameterization that underpins the crisis scenario, both a response to the change of nominal marginal costs (to input-price inflation, that is) and to headline consumer price inflation come with a

conventional determinacy cutoff of  $\phi_{\Pi} > 1$ . Both of these measures of inflation put some weight on the energy price.

Figure 6 shows how the determinacy cutoffs of such policies depend on the shares of energy in consumption and production. For any value of  $\phi_{\Pi}$  (the monetary response to inflation)

**Figure 6** Energy intensity and the determinacy cutoff



*Notes:* The figure plots the determinacy cutoff (y-axis), varying the steady-state share of energy expenditures of households or firms (x-axis). From left to right: core inflation in the Taylor rule, headline inflation, and input-price inflation. Solid line: the expenditures of firms vary, while expenditures of households remain at the crisis value of 7.788 percent of GDP. Dashed line: the expenditures of households vary, keeping the expenditures of firms at the steady-state share of 16.212 percent of GDP. Only parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\bar{e}$  (the latter to keep the subsistence share constant) vary. All other parameters remain fixed at their values in the “crisis” parameterization, cf. Table 1.

larger than the cutoff (above the respective lines), the equilibrium will be unique. For any value lower than that, the feedback loop arises. Panel (a) refers to a response to core inflation. Here, the larger the share of energy used by firms (solid line) rather than households (dashed line), the higher the determinacy cutoff. The feedback loop, thus, crucially depends on the use of energy in production.<sup>25</sup> Panel (b) refers to a Taylor rule that has interest rates respond to headline inflation. The dashed line once more varies steady-state energy use by households keeping the energy use by firms constant. In this case, as long as households’ energy consumption share is sufficiently large relative to firms’ production share ( $\gamma/\alpha$  sufficiently large), a monetary response to headline inflation that respects the Taylor principle ensures determinacy.<sup>26</sup> Panel (c) shows the case of a response to input-price inflation. Responding to input-price inflation is fail-safe in that adhering to the Taylor principle ensures determinacy independent of the weight of energy

<sup>25</sup>Indeed, this is why Section 3 has focused on the use of the  $E$ -good in production only.

<sup>26</sup>For a given value of  $\gamma$ , if  $\alpha$  increases sufficiently the same result emerges (not shown in the figure).

in production or consumption.

**Response to economic activity.** In the feedback loop higher energy prices go hand in hand with higher employment, or *vice versa*. A central bank that tightens when employment is high (unemployment is low), thus, leans against the feedback loop. Quantitatively, consider a central bank that responds to core inflation with the baseline weight of  $\phi_{\Pi} = 1.5$ . A response to employment with  $\phi_N > 0.39$  restores determinacy. It is important to note, however, that a response to GDP would further exacerbate the feedback loop. The reason is that the feedback loop comes with higher inflation and lower GDP. Leaning against the fall in GDP further fuels the feedback loop.<sup>27</sup>

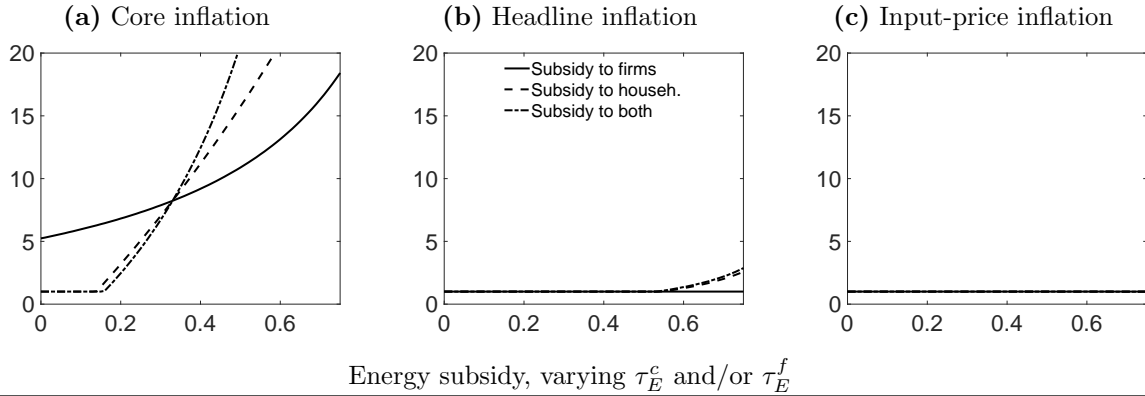
#### 4.6.2 Domestic fiscal policy

In the “crisis scenario” a fiscal policy intended to shield households and firms from higher energy prices serves to support the wholesale price of energy as part of a demand-driven feedback loop. This in turn supports foreign demand, labor demand, and wages. Figure 7 looks into which domestic fiscal-monetary mix prevents the feedback loop. The three panels refer to the same three monetary policies discussed in Figure 6. As before, the y-axis shows the determinacy cutoff. On the x-axis the figure varies the subsidies for households,  $\tau_E^c$ , and/or for firms,  $\tau_E^f$ . Focus on Panel (a) first. The dashed line varies the subsidy to households ( $\tau_E^c$ , x-axis) but keeps the subsidy to firms ( $\tau_E^f$ ) at the value of 0.33 used in the crisis scenario. Under the parameterization of the “crisis” scenario, if the subsidy to households remains below 15 percent of the price, the Taylor principle holds and there is no feedback loop. Beyond that, the determinacy cutoff rises steeply (y-axis). In contrast, the subsidy to firms is of lesser importance. The solid line varies the subsidy to firms keeping a subsidy for households of 0.33. Even absent subsidies on the production side (left end of the solid line), the central bank would still need to respond strongly to inflation to ensure determinacy ( $\phi_{\Pi} > 5.24$ ). Amid subsidies, households and firms are less inclined to substitute away from energy. This keeps the energy price elastic to output

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<sup>27</sup>In the parameterization here, the rules commonly known as Taylor-1993 and Taylor-1999, which have coefficients on GDP of 0.125 and 0.25, respectively, induce determinacy if employed with headline inflation, but indeterminacy if employed with core inflation.

**Figure 7** Energy subsidies and the determinacy cutoff



*Notes:* The figure plots the determinacy cutoff (y-axis), varying energy price subsidies – either  $\tau_E^c$  or  $\tau_E^f$  or both at the same time (x-axis). From left to right: core inflation in the Taylor rule, headline inflation, and input-price inflation. Solid line: the subsidy to firms varies, while the one to households remains at the crisis value of 0.33. Dashed line: the subsidy to households varies, while the one to firms remains at the crisis value of 0.33. Dash-dotted line: both subsidies are varied. Only parameters  $\tau_E^c$  and  $\tau_E^f$  vary. All other parameters remain fixed at their values in the “crisis” parameterization, cf. Table 1.

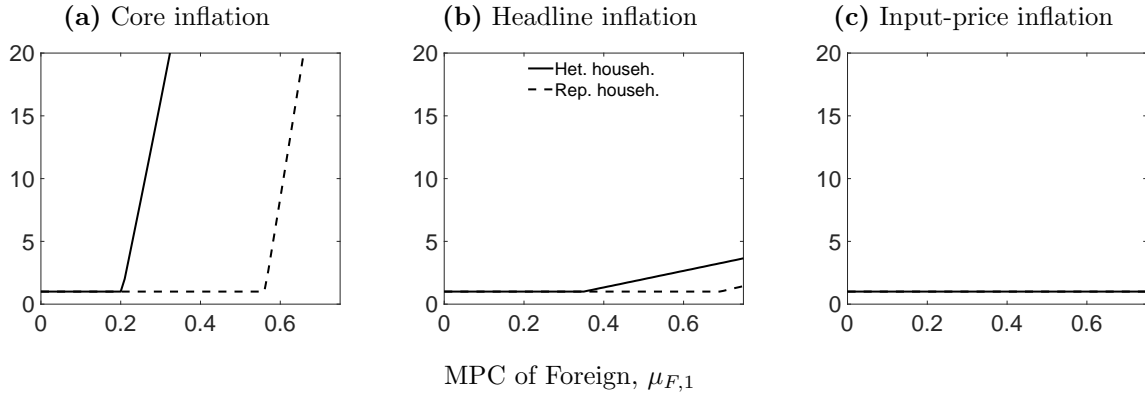
and strengthens the redistribution of incomes, to both hand-to-mouth households and Foreign. On top of this, a subsidy to firms dampens the rise in marginal costs. Firms shift to labor to a lesser extent, thereby dampening the rise in wages and the domestic redistribution that underpins the feedback loop. The dashed-dotted line shows the effect of varying the two subsidies at the same time. The remaining two panels (Panels (b) and (c)) show that the stability implications of a Taylor rule targeting headline inflation or input-price inflation, respectively, are rather robust to the extent of subsidies, too.<sup>28</sup>

#### 4.6.3 Foreign’s monetary or fiscal policy

Our analysis so far has parameterized Foreign’s MPC out of windfall revenues from energy (parameter  $\mu_{F,1}$ ). We chose a parameter that is in line with historical precedent. This MPC, however, is under (at least) the partial control of foreign monetary and fiscal policy. Since international coordination of such policies could also be a possibility, here we report how Foreign’s MPC shapes the constraints on domestic monetary policy. Toward this end, the three panels of Figure 8 again look at the same three different types of monetary policy. In each panel, the x-axis now varies Foreign’s MPC out of energy revenue,  $\mu_{F,1}$ .

<sup>28</sup>The modeling here is silent about the effect of other government interventions such as working towards a more flexible or cheaper supply of energy in the first place, or working towards storage and buffer stocks. All of these options, presumably, involve investment in infrastructure, which again would be relevant for demand, especially at shorter horizons, say following the lines of [Bilbiie, Känzig and Surico \(2022\)](#).

**Figure 8** Marginal propensities to consume and the determinacy cutoff



*Notes:* The figure plots the determinacy cutoff (y-axis), varying Foreign’s MPC,  $\mu_{F,1}$  (x-axis). From left to right: core inflation in the Taylor rule, headline inflation, and input-price inflation. Solid line: “crisis” parameterization. Dashed line: representative household in Home,  $\nu = \vartheta = \lambda$ . All other parameters remain fixed at their values in the “crisis” parameterization, cf. Table 1.

For completeness, the figure not only reports the determinacy cutoffs for the model at hand, but also for a counterfactual that abstracts from heterogeneity across households (dashed lines). The indeterminacy can arise here, too, but the foreign MPC would need to be notably larger. The solid lines, instead, show the determinacy cutoff in the model at hand. Responding to input-price inflation remains fail-safe in that the Taylor principle remains valid regardless of what the foreign MPC is (Panel (c)). For a response to headline inflation, obeying the Taylor principle ensures determinacy as long as the foreign MPC is around 0.35 or lower (Panel (b)). For a response to core inflation, the cutoff for the MPC is lower. Above a value of the foreign MPC of 0.21, the determinacy cutoff rises quickly.<sup>29</sup> An appropriate choice of domestic monetary policy obviates the need for coordination.

## 5 Conclusions

What is the effect of supply constraints on monetary transmission and macroeconomic stability? To provide an answer, we use a tractable New Keynesian open economy model with heterogeneous households in which the supply of an essential input factor is constrained. In this setting, the supply constraint changes the cyclicity of marginal costs and inflation. Moreover, through input substitution the supply constraint also affects the cyclicity of wages, profits, and – of course – it directly affects the cyclicity of revenue

<sup>29</sup>Remember that the crisis parameterization has a value of  $\mu_{F,1} = 0.25$ .

from the constrained factor itself. We show how, depending on the ownership of these streams of income, supply constraints dampen or amplify the cyclicalities of aggregate demand and the effectiveness of monetary policy.

We demonstrate that these considerations are important in an application to the energy crisis that Germany experienced around the time of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. We show that the economic environment was characterized by energy-price related fiscal interventions and a tight labor market. In the crisis scenario, we find that the conventional wisdom that the central bank should “see through” energy price movements could give rise to a sunspot equilibrium in which higher (lower) energy prices go hand in hand with higher (lower) economic activity. The takeaway is the following: under plausible condition, supply constraints imply that macroeconomic stability may require a response to the constrained factor’s price movements despite its price being flexible.

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## A Details on the modeling in Section 2

This appendix provides further information on the paper's modeling of nominal wage and price rigidities.

### A.1 Nominal wage rigidities

Our modeling of nominal wage rigidities follows Bilbiie, Känzig and Surico (2022) and Colciago (2011). There exists a range of differentiated labor services, indexed by  $s \in [0, 1]$ . Each type of household supplies all types of labor services to a “labor packer” that aggregates the different types of labor services into a labor homogenous labor service  $N_t$  that serves as input to production. Wage-setting decisions are made by labor-service-specific unions that maximize the utilitarian welfare of their members (the households). The members face quadratic adjustment costs for nominal wages. Given the wage that the union sets, workers supply all the hours that the labor packer demands.

**Labor packer.** The aggregate labor index is defined as

$$N_t = \left[ \int_0^1 N_t(s)^{\frac{\varepsilon^w - 1}{\varepsilon^w}} ds \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon^w}{\varepsilon^w - 1}},$$

where  $N_t(s)$  denotes differentiated labor services and  $\varepsilon^w > 1$  measures the elasticity of substitution between labor services. Each labor service has the price  $W_t(s)$ . Given this wage, the resulting allocation problem yields the labor demand curves

$$N_t(s) = \left( \frac{W_t(s)}{W_t} \right)^{-\varepsilon^w} N_t,$$

with the wage index  $W_t = \left[ \int_0^1 W_t(s)^{1-\varepsilon^w} ds \right]^{1/(1-\varepsilon^w)}$ . Each household supplies all the types of labor services and aggregate demand for labor type  $s$  is spread uniformly across the households. It follows that the individual quantity of hours worked in each service is common across households.

**Wage setting.** To describe the wage setting process of each union we are going to temporarily alter the preferences and budget sets of the households relative to the main text. However, as we will see, once we impose some of the implications of the union setting we get back to those expressions; everything is consistent. Preferences for any  $i \in \{H, S\}$  are now given by

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ \frac{C_{i,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \chi \frac{\int_0^1 N_t(s)^{1+\varphi} ds}{1+\varphi} \right] \right\}.$$

Here  $N_t(s)$  denotes labor services supplied by the household to union  $s$ , where we impose the assumption that both types of households have to supply the same amount of each labor service and that each household supplies each type of labor service.

The modified budget constraint for spenders is given by<sup>30</sup>

$$P_{E,t}^c C_{H,E,t} + P_{G,t} C_{H,G,t} = \int_0^1 \left( (1 + \tau^w) W_t(s) N_t(s) - P_t \frac{\psi^w}{2} \left( \frac{W_t(s)}{W_{t-1}(s)} - 1 \right)^2 N_t \right) ds + P_t T_{H,t}.$$

The right hand side now contains the labor income from all the types of labor services. In addition, households pay an adjustment cost when nominal wages of type  $s$  deviate from the wage last period,  $\int_0^1 P_t \frac{\psi^w}{2} \left( \frac{W_t(s)}{W_{t-1}(s)} - 1 \right)^2 N_t ds$ .  $\psi_w > 0$  indexes these costs.

The saver's budget constraint, in turn, is given by

$$P_{E,t}^c C_{S,E,t} + P_{G,t} C_{S,G,t} + \frac{B_t}{1 - \lambda} = \int_0^1 \left( (1 + \tau^w) W_t(s) N_t(s) - P_t \frac{\psi^w}{2} \left( \frac{W_t(s)}{W_{t-1}(s)} - 1 \right)^2 N_t \right) ds + P_t T_{S,t} + R_{t-1} \frac{B_{t-1}}{1 - \lambda}.$$

Before moving on to the union problem itself, we point out the following. First, we will look at a zero inflation steady state later, so that the resource cost of wage adjustment will be of second order. Given that we linearize to solve the model, we have dropped the costs from the main text for brevity. If in addition, as will be the case in equilibrium, all unions demand the same amount of labor services, preferences and budget constraints will be back to the expressions in the main text. There is, as a result, no contradiction between the assumptions here and the description in the main text.

Each labor-service-specific union has a utilitarian objective. It sets its wage  $W_t(s)$  so as to maximize the population-weighted utility of households in Home,

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left[ \lambda \frac{C_{H,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + (1-\lambda) \frac{C_{S,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \chi \frac{\int_0^1 N_t(s)^{1+\varphi} ds}{1+\varphi} \right] \right\},$$

given the modified budget constraints described above as well as the definition of the consumption and price index. The first-order conditions yield the non-linear wage Phillips curve in Section 2.2, once imposing that the decision problem is symmetric across labor types  $s$ , meaning that all the unions will set the same wage in equilibrium.

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<sup>30</sup>Remember also, that, for  $i \in \{H, S\}$ ,  $C_{i,t} = \left[ \gamma^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (C_{i,E,t} - \bar{e})^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} + (1-\gamma)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} C_{i,G,t}^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} \right]^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}}$ .

## A.2 Production

**Retailer.** The representative competitive retailer transforms the differentiated inputs into the  $G$ -good according to production function

$$Y_{G,t} = \left[ \int_0^1 y_{G,t}(j)^{\frac{\varepsilon-1}{\varepsilon}} dj \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon-1}},$$

where  $\varepsilon > 1$  is the elasticity of substitution between the different differentiated inputs. The retailer takes prices  $P_{G,t}(j)$  of intermediate inputs and  $P_{G,t}$  of output as given. Profit maximization leads to the conventional Dixit-Stiglitz demand function

$$y_{G,t}(j) = \left( \frac{P_{G,t}(j)}{P_{G,t}} \right)^{-\varepsilon} Y_{G,t},$$

with  $P_{G,t} = \left[ \int_0^1 P_{G,t}(j)^{1-\varepsilon} dj \right]^{1/(1-\varepsilon)}$  being the producer-price index.

**Differentiated goods.** Each producer sets its price  $P_{G,t}(j)$  so as to maximize

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta^k \left( \frac{C_{S,t+k}}{C_{S,t}} \right)^{-\sigma} \frac{1}{P_{t+k}} \left[ (1 + \tau^y) P_{G,t+k}(j) y_{G,t+k}(j) - W_{t+k} N_{t+k}(j) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - P_{E,t+k}^f E_{t+k}(j) - \frac{\psi}{2} P_{G,t+k} Y_{G,t+k} \left( \frac{P_{G,t+k}(j)}{P_{G,t+k-1}(j)} - 1 \right)^2 \right] \right\},$$

where  $\tau^y \geq 0$  is a constant sales subsidy and  $\psi > 0$  indexes the quadratic price adjustment costs.  $N_t(j)$  and  $E_t(j)$  mark labor and energy input into production, respectively.  $P_{E,t}^f$  indicates that this is the energy price that *firms* pay (thus, the subscript). Maximization is subject to the retailer's demand function and the production function (see Section 2.3). Next to the optimal factor input shares and the implied real marginal costs, the price setting problem implies the non-linear price Phillips curve in Section 2.3. Equilibrium price adjustment costs are  $\frac{\psi}{2} \frac{P_{G,t}}{P_t} Y_{G,t} (\Pi_{G,t} - 1)^2$ . Since these are zero up to first order, we abstract from displaying them in profits in the main text.

## B Model equations

This Appendix provides the model equations of the model of Section 2, all in one place. Appendix B.1 provides a complete list of variables and parameters. Appendix B.2 provides a complete list of model equations. Appendix B.3 on top of this defines the processes that govern the exogenous shocks. Appendix B.4 defines further variables that are discussed in Section 4 of the main text, but are not part of the core model shown in Section 2 of the main text.

### B.1 List of variables and parameters

#### B.1.1 Variables

The model defines the following variables.

Prices, wages, and inflation rates:

- (1) real price of  $E$ -good  $p_{E,t}$
- (2) real price of  $E$ -good that households pay  $p_{E,t}^c$
- (3) real price of  $E$ -good that firms pay  $p_{E,t}^f$
- (4) real price of  $G$ -good  $p_{G,t}$
- (5) real wage  $w_t$
- (6) nominal wage inflation  $\Pi_{W,t}$
- (7) marginal-CPI inflation  $\Pi_t$
- (8) producer price inflation  $\Pi_{G,t}$

Consumption:

- (9) hand-to-mouth household's consumption of  $E$ -good  $C_{H,E,t}$
- (10) saver's consumption of  $E$ -good  $C_{S,E,t}$
- (11) aggregate consumption  $E$ -good  $C_{E,t}$
- (12) hand-to-mouth household's  $G$ -good consumption  $C_{H,G,t}$
- (13) saver's  $G$ -good consumption  $C_{S,G,t}$
- (14) aggregate  $G$ -good consumption  $C_{G,t}$
- (15) hand-to-mouth household's consumption bundle  $C_{H,t}$
- (16) saver's consumption bundle  $C_{S,t}$
- (17) an aggregate consumption index  $C_t$

Supply and production:

- (18) supply of  $E$ -good  $\xi_{E,t}$
- (19) hand-to-mouth household's labor supply  $N_{H,t}$
- (20) saver's labor supply  $N_{S,t}$

- (21) aggregate labor supply  $N_t$
- (22) output of  $G$ -good  $Y_{G,t}$
- (23) use of  $E$ -good in production  $E_t$
- (24) profits  $D_t$
- (25) real marginal costs  $\Lambda_t$

Fiscal and monetary policies:

- (26) gross nominal interest rate  $R_t$
- (27) lump-sum transfer to hand-to-mouth household  $T_{H,t}$
- (28) lump-sum transfer to saver  $T_{S,t}$

Foreign:

- (29) real external savings  $b_t$
- (30) Foreign's revenue  $Y_t^*$
- (31) exports to Foreign  $X_{G,t}$

At the core of the model, there are, thus, 31 variables. On top of this, there are the exogenous shocks used for the respective exercises. These are shocks are discussed at the end, in Appendix B.3.

### B.1.2 Parameters

The model has the parameters listed below. We exclude steady-state values of model variables from the list for brevity.

Household and labor market:

- (1) share of hand-to-mouth households  $\lambda$
- (2) time discount factor  $\beta$
- (3) risk aversion  $\sigma$
- (4) inverse Frisch elasticity  $\varphi$
- (5) scale disutility of hours worked  $\chi$
- (6) elasticity of substitution between  $E$ -good and  $G$ -good in consumption  $\eta$
- (7) weight of  $E$ -good in consumption  $\gamma$
- (8) subsistence level of  $E$ -good in consumption  $\bar{e}$
- (9) wage subsidy  $\tau^w$
- (10) Rotemberg cost of wage adjustment  $\psi^w$
- (11) elasticity of substitution between differentiated types of labor  $\epsilon^w$

Production and energy:

- (12) elasticity of substitution between  $E$ -good and  $G$ -good in production  $\theta$

- (13) weight of  $E$ -good in production  $\alpha$
- (14) elasticity of substitution between differentiated goods  $\epsilon$
- (15) Rotemberg cost of price adjustment  $G$ -good  $\psi$
- (16) sales subsidy  $\tau^y$
- (17) supply of  $E$ -good if fixed  $\xi_E$
- (18) price of  $E$ -good if fixed  $p_E$

Fiscal and monetary policy:

- (19) share  $E$ -good supply owned by Home economy  $\iota$
- (20)  $E$ -good subsidy consumption  $\tau_E^c$
- (21)  $E$ -good subsidy production  $\tau_E^f$
- (22) share profits received by hand-to-mouth households  $\nu$
- (23) share of Home's income from  $E$ -good received by hand-to-mouth households  $\vartheta$
- (24) Taylor rule response to inflation  $\phi_\Pi$
- (25) fixed transfer to hand-to-mouth households  $\bar{T}_H$

Foreign economy:

- (26) Foreign's MPC out of current income  $\mu_{F,1}$
- (27) Foreign's MPC out of wealth  $\mu_{F,2}$

At the core of the model, there are, thus, 27 parameters excluding the steady-state values of model variables appearing in some equations. On top of this, there are the persistence parameters of exogenous shocks used for the respective exercises.

## B.2 Model equations

In defining variables and showing the model equations, this section follows the flow of Section 2 in the main text.

### B.2.1 Households in Home

The definition of the consumption-based price index,  $P_t$  gives the relation

$$1 = [\gamma p_{E,t}^c{}^{1-\eta} + (1 - \gamma) p_{G,t}^{1-\eta}]^{1/1-\eta}. \quad (\text{B.1})$$



Budget constraint of hand-to-mouth households<sup>31</sup>

$$p_{E,t}^c C_{H,E,t} + p_{G,t} C_{H,G,t} = (1 + \tau^w) w_t N_{H,t} + T_{H,t}. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

Consumption demand functions for  $E$ -good and  $G$ -good

$$C_{H,E,t} - \bar{e} = \gamma (p_{E,t}^c)^{-\eta} C_{H,t} \quad (\text{B.3}) \quad C_{H,G,t} = (1 - \gamma) (p_{G,t})^{-\eta} C_{H,t} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$C_{S,E,t} - \bar{e} = \gamma (p_{E,t}^c)^{-\eta} C_{S,t} \quad (\text{B.5}) \quad C_{S,G,t} = (1 - \gamma) (p_{G,t})^{-\eta} C_{S,t} \quad (\text{B.6}).$$

Euler equation of savers

$$C_{S,t}^{-\sigma} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \{ C_{S,t+1}^{-\sigma} R_t / \Pi_{t+1} \}. \quad (\text{B.7})$$

This leaves us at 7 equations for 31 variables.

### B.2.2 Labor market in Home

By the definition of the real wage

$$\Pi_{W,t} = w_t / w_{t-1} \Pi_t. \quad (\text{B.8})$$

Otherwise, we differentiate two scenarios.

If wages are flexible:

$$w_t = \chi N_{H,t}^\varphi C_{H,t}^\sigma \quad (\text{B.9.a})$$

$$w_t = \chi N_{S,t}^\varphi C_{S,t}^\sigma. \quad (\text{B.10.a})$$

If wages are rigid, instead of (B.9.a) and (B.10.a), we use

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^w \Pi_{W,t} (\Pi_{W,t} - 1) &= \varepsilon^w \left( \frac{\chi N_t^\varphi}{\lambda C_{H,t}^{-\sigma} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,t}^{-\sigma}} - (1 + \tau^w) \frac{\varepsilon^w - 1}{\varepsilon^w} w_t \right) \\ &\quad + \psi^w \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \frac{\lambda C_{H,t+1}^{-\sigma} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,t+1}^{-\sigma}}{\lambda C_{H,t}^{-\sigma} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,t}^{-\sigma}} \Pi_{W,t+1} (\Pi_{W,t+1} - 1) \frac{N_{t+1}}{N_t} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.9.b})$$

$$N_{H,t} = N_{S,t}. \quad (\text{B.10.b})$$

The following defines aggregate consumption index  $C_t$

$$C_t = \lambda C_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,t}. \quad (\text{B.11})$$

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<sup>31</sup>The budget constraint of a saver household

$$p_{E,t}^c C_{S,E,t} + p_{G,t} C_{S,G,t} + b_t / (1 - \lambda) = (1 + \tau^w) w_t N_{S,t} + T_{S,t} + R_{t-1} / \Pi_t b_{t-1} / (1 - \lambda)$$

is redundant by Walras' law.

This leaves us at 11 equations for 31 variables.

### B.2.3 Production in Home

Imposing symmetry, the production functions of retailers and differentiated goods producers give

$$Y_{G,t} = \left[ \alpha E_t^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} + (1-\alpha) N_t^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}. \quad (\text{B.12})$$

The price Phillips curve is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \Pi_{G,t} (\Pi_{G,t} - 1) = \varepsilon \left( \frac{\Lambda_t}{p_{G,t}} - (1 + \tau^y) \frac{(\varepsilon - 1)}{\varepsilon} \right) \\ + \psi \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ \left( \frac{C_{S,t+1}}{C_{S,t}} \right)^{-\sigma} \Pi_{G,t+1} (\Pi_{G,t+1} - 1) \frac{Y_{G,t+1}}{Y_{G,t}} \frac{p_{G,t+1}}{p_{G,t}} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.13})$$

Here  $\Pi_{G,t}$  is defined through

$$\Pi_{G,t} = p_{G,t} / p_{G,t-1} \Pi_t. \quad (\text{B.14})$$

Optimal factor demand relates to marginal costs as

$$w_t = \Lambda_t (1 - \alpha) (Y_{G,t} / N_t)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \quad (\text{B.15}) \quad \text{and} \quad p_{E,t}^f = \Lambda_t \alpha (Y_{G,t} / E_t)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}, \quad (\text{B.16})$$

which combined give the expression for real marginal costs in the main text.

Profits are given by (once more abstracting from the adjustment costs)

$$D_t = (1 + \tau^y) p_{G,t} Y_{G,t} - w_t N_t - p_{E,t}^f E_t. \quad (\text{B.17})$$

This leaves us at 17 equations for 31 variables.

### B.2.4 Fiscal policy in Home

The government budget constraint is given by

$$\begin{aligned} D_t + p_{E,t} \iota \xi_{E,t} = \tau^y p_{G,t} Y_{G,t} + \tau^w w_t N_t \\ + (p_{E,t} - p_{E,t}^c) C_{E,t} + (p_{E,t} - p_{E,t}^f) E_t + \lambda T_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) T_{S,t}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.18})$$

Price subsidies are paid according to

$$p_{E,t}^f = p_{E,t} (p_{E,t} / p_E)^{-\tau_E^f} \quad (\text{B.19}) \quad \text{and} \quad p_{E,t}^c = p_{E,t} (p_{E,t} / p_E)^{-\tau_E^c}. \quad (\text{B.20})$$

Here, as elsewhere, expressions in the form of variables that do not carry a time subscript refer to the steady state.

Transfers to hand-to-mouth households are given by

$$\lambda T_{H,t} = \bar{T}_H + \nu \times (D_t - \tau^y p_{G,t} Y_{G,t}) + \vartheta p_{E,t} \iota \xi_{E,t} - \lambda \tau^w w_t N_{H,t}. \quad (\text{B.21})$$

Transfers to savers are implied from the government budget constraint.

This leaves us at 21 equations for 31 variables.

### B.2.5 Monetary Policy in Home

The government sets monetary policy according Taylor rule

$$R_t = R \cdot (\Pi_{G,t}/\Pi_G)^{\phi_\pi} \cdot \exp\{v_t\}. \quad (\text{B.22})$$

### B.2.6 International trade and Foreign Demand

Foreign's budget constraint is given by

$$p_{G,t} Y_t^* = p_{G,t} X_{G,t} - b_t + b_{t-1} R_{t-1} / \Pi_t. \quad (\text{B.23})$$

Foreign's revenues are given by

$$Y_t^* = (1 - \iota) \xi_{E,t} p_{E,t} / p_{G,t}. \quad (\text{B.24})$$

Foreign demand (Home's exports) is given by

$$X_{G,t} / X_G = (Y_t^* / Y^*)^{\mu_{F,1}} \times \exp(-\mu_{F,2}(b_{t-1} / Y^*)). \quad (\text{B.25})$$

This leaves us at 25 equations for 31 variables.

### B.2.7 Supply regime for the $E$ -good

One of the following equations appears, depending on the supply regime.

In the *fixed-price* regime:

$$\log(p_{E,t}) = \log(p_E) + \nu_{p_{E,t}}, \quad (\text{B.26.a})$$

for some fixed value of  $p_E$ .

In the *fixed-supply* regime, instead:

$$\xi_{E,t} = \xi_E + \nu_{\xi_{E,t}}, \quad (\text{B.26.b})$$

for some fixed value of  $\xi_E$ .

Above,  $\nu_{p_E,t}$  and  $\nu_{\xi_E,t}$  are shocks to the price or the supply of the  $E$ -good, respectively. This leaves us at 26 equations for 31 variables.

### B.2.8 Market clearing

The labor market clears if

$$N_t = \lambda N_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) N_{S,t}. \quad (\text{B.27})$$

The market for the  $E$ -good clears if

$$\xi_{E,t} = C_{E,t} + E_t, \quad (\text{B.28})$$

with aggregate consumption of the good defined as

$$C_{E,t} = \lambda C_{H,E,t} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,E,t}. \quad (\text{B.29})$$

The market for domestic products clears if

$$Y_{G,t} = C_{G,t} + X_{G,t}, \quad (\text{B.30})$$

with aggregate consumption defined as

$$C_{G,t} = \lambda C_{H,G,t} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,G,t}. \quad (\text{B.31})$$

This means there are 31 equations for 31 variables.

## B.3 Exogenous shocks

In the various scenarios of Section 4 we plot impulse responses of the economy to three fundamental shocks: shocks to the price of the  $E$ -good,  $\nu_{p_E,t}$ , shocks to the supply of the  $E$ -good,  $\nu_{\xi_E,t}$ , and shocks to monetary policy,  $\nu_t$ . All these shocks follow an AR(1) process with zero mean.

Next, we also plot the transmission of sunspot shocks that arise when there is determinacy. Modeling these and solving for their transmission, we follow [Bianchi and Nicolò \(2021\)](#). This involves defining a forecast error,  $\text{FE}_t$  for an arbitrary jump variable (here we use

$C_t$ ) as

$$\text{FE}_t = \exp(\log C_t - \mathbb{E}_{t-1} \log C_t).$$

and defining the potential sunspot shock as

$$\log \omega_t = \rho_\omega \log \omega_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{\omega,t} + \log \text{FE}_t,$$

where  $\rho_\omega$  takes an arbitrary value of  $\rho_\omega = 1.5$ , and  $\varepsilon_{\omega,t}$  is white noise.

## B.4 Definition of further variables used

The simulations refer to further variables that are auxiliary definitions.

Real gross domestic product is given by

$$\text{GDP}_t = p_{E,t} C_{E,t} + p_{G,t} C_{G,t} + p_{G,t} X_{G,t} - p_{E,t} (1 - \iota) \xi_{E,t}.$$

When the central bank responds to “the change of nominal marginal costs (to input-price inflation, that is)” in Section 4.6.1 of the main text, the measure of inflation it responds to is given by

$$\Pi_{\text{nmc},t} = \Lambda_t / \Lambda_{t-1} \Pi_t.$$

## C Paper-and-pencil model variant

This appendix provides the derivations of the simplified model that underlie the paper-and-pencil results of Section 3 in the main text. Appendix C.1 reports the equations of the model after applying the simplifying assumptions spelled out in Section 3.1, first in non-linear form and then linearized. Appendix C.2 derives the three-equation representation of the model; in particular, the Phillips curve and the IS curve.

### C.1 Equilibrium conditions and steady state

This section reports the model of Section 2 under the assumptions spelled out in Section 3.1 of the main text. Appendix C.1.1 reports the non-linear model relations. C.1.2 reports the linearized model relations on which the results later will build. Appendix C.1.3 provides the steady state.

#### C.1.1 Non-linear equilibrium conditions

All household consumption is consumption of the  $G$ -good. Therefore, we drop the explicit reference to  $G$ -good consumption. Similarly producer and consumer price indexes coincide. Namely, with  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $p_{G,t} = 1$ .

**Households.** The budget constraint of a hand-to-mouth household is given by<sup>32</sup>

$$C_{H,t} = w_t N_{H,t} + T_{H,t}. \quad (\text{C.1})$$

The Euler equation of savers is unchanged

$$C_{S,t}^{-\sigma} = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \{ C_{S,t+1}^{-\sigma} R_t / \Pi_{t+1} \}. \quad (\text{C.2})$$

**Labor market.** Without wage rigidity and market power, the labor supply first-order conditions of hand-to-mouth and saver households give

$$w_t = \chi C_{H,t}^\sigma N_{H,t}^\varphi, \quad (\text{C.3})$$

$$w_t = \chi C_{S,t}^\sigma N_{S,t}^\varphi. \quad (\text{C.4})$$

**Production.** On the firm side, the production function is unchanged

$$Y_{G,t} = \left[ \alpha E_t^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} + (1-\alpha) N_t^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \right]^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}. \quad (\text{C.5})$$

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<sup>32</sup>The budget constraint for savers,  $C_{S,t} = w_t N_{S,t} + T_{S,t}$ , is redundant by Walras's law. Still, it is worth mentioning that the two budget constraints take an identical form. The reason is that in equilibrium, because of balanced trade,  $b_t = 0$  always.

Producer and consumer prices are identical,  $p_{G,t} = 1$ , under the assumptions prevailing here. So the Phillips curve takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \Pi_t (\Pi_t - 1) &= \varepsilon (\Lambda_t - (1 + \tau^y)(\varepsilon - 1)/\varepsilon) \\ &+ \psi \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left\{ (C_{S,t+1}/C_{S,t})^{-\sigma} \Pi_{t+1} (\Pi_{t+1} - 1) Y_{G,t+1}/Y_{G,t} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

The factor demand relations are unchanged, giving

$$w_t = \Lambda_t (1 - \alpha) (Y_{G,t}/N_t)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}, \quad (\text{C.7})$$

$$p_{E,t} = \Lambda_t \alpha (Y_{G,t}/E_t)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}. \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Next, absent price subsidies for the  $E$ -good, firms' profits are given by

$$D_t = (1 + \tau^y)Y_{G,t} - w_t N_t - p_{E,t} E_t. \quad (\text{C.9})$$

**Fiscal policy.** Transfers to hand-to-mouth households are given by

$$\lambda T_{H,t} = \bar{T}_H + \nu \times (D_t - \tau^y Y_{G,t}) + \iota \times \vartheta \times p_{E,t} \xi_{E,t}, \quad (\text{C.10})$$

A balanced government budget, next, implies that transfers to savers are given by

$$(1 - \lambda)T_{S,t} = (1 - \nu) \times (D_t - \tau^y Y_{G,t}) + \iota \times (1 - \vartheta) \times p_{E,t} \xi_{E,t} - \bar{T}_H. \quad (\text{C.11})$$

**Monetary Policy.** The Taylor rule is not affected, remaining

$$R_t = R (\Pi_t/\Pi)^{\phi_\pi} \exp\{\nu_t\}. \quad (\text{C.12})$$

**International Trade and Foreign Demand.** The assumption of balanced trade implies that  $b_t = 0$  and the demand for exports is given by

$$X_{G,t} = (1 - \iota) \times p_{E,t} \xi_{E,t}. \quad (\text{C.13})$$

There is no need to also specify  $Y_t^*$ .

**Supply regime for the  $E$ -good.** This part of the paper does not look at shocks to price of the  $E$ -good or its supply. Therefore:

In the *fixed-price* regime:

$$p_{E,t} = p_E, \quad (\text{C.14.a})$$

for some fixed value of  $p_E$ .

In the fixed-supply regime, instead:

$$\xi_{E,t} = \xi_E, \quad (\text{C.14.b})$$

for some fixed value of  $\xi_E$ .

**Market clearing.** The labor market clears if

$$N_t = \lambda N_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) N_{S,t}. \quad (\text{C.15})$$

The market for the  $E$ -good clears if

$$\xi_{E,t} = E_t. \quad (\text{C.16})$$

The market for domestic products clears if

$$Y_{G,t} = C_t + X_{G,t}, \quad (\text{C.17})$$

where aggregate consumption is defined as

$$C_t = \lambda C_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) C_{S,t}. \quad (\text{C.18})$$

**Summary.** Equations (C.1) to (C.18) give 18 equilibrium conditions in the 18 unknowns:  $C_{H,t}, C_{S,t}, C_t, D_t, E_t, \Lambda_t, N_{H,t}, N_{S,t}, N_t, \Pi_t, \xi_{E,t}, Y_{G,t}, X_{G,t}, p_{E,t}, R_t, T_{H,t}, T_{S,t}, w_t$ .

### C.1.2 Linearized equilibrium conditions

This section linearizes the equations in Appendix C.1.1 around the zero-inflation steady state. We denote variables in deviation from the non-stochastic steady state as  $\tilde{X}_t = (X_t - X)$ . With this,  $\hat{X}_t = X^{-1} \tilde{X}_t$  denotes percentage deviation from steady state. We proceed in the same order as in the previous section.

**Households.** The hand-to-mouth household's budget constraint (C.1) linearizes to<sup>33</sup>

$$C_H \hat{C}_{H,t} = w N_H (\hat{w}_t + \hat{N}_{H,t}) + \tilde{T}_{H,t}. \quad (\text{C.19})$$

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<sup>33</sup>The saver's budget constraint would be

$$C_S \hat{C}_{S,t} = w N_S (\hat{w}_t + \hat{N}_{S,t}) + \tilde{T}_{S,t}.$$



The saver's consumption Euler equation (C.20) gives

$$\widehat{C}_{S,t} = \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{C}_{S,t+1}\} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \left( \widehat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} \right). \quad (\text{C.20})$$

**Labor market.** The households' labor supply conditions (C.3) and (C.4) give

$$\widehat{w}_t = \sigma \widehat{C}_{H,t} + \varphi \widehat{N}_{H,t}, \quad (\text{C.21})$$

$$\widehat{w}_t = \sigma \widehat{C}_{S,t} + \varphi \widehat{N}_{S,t}. \quad (\text{C.22})$$

**Production.** Production function (C.5) gives

$$\widehat{Y}_{G,t} = (1 - \alpha) (N/Y_G)^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \widehat{N}_t + \alpha (E/Y_G)^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \widehat{E}_t. \quad (\text{C.23})$$

The linearization of Phillips curve (C.24) is

$$\widehat{\Pi}_t = \beta \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} + \frac{\varepsilon}{\psi} \Lambda \widehat{\Lambda}_t. \quad (\text{C.24})$$

The factor demand relations (C.7) and (C.26) give rise to

$$\widehat{w}_t = \widehat{\Lambda}_t + \frac{1}{\theta} \left( \widehat{Y}_{G,t} - \widehat{N}_t \right), \quad (\text{C.25})$$

$$\widehat{p}_{E,t} = \widehat{\Lambda}_t + \frac{1}{\theta} \left( \widehat{Y}_{G,t} - \widehat{E}_t \right). \quad (\text{C.26})$$

Firms' profits (C.27), in linearized form, are

$$\widetilde{D}_t = (1 + \tau^y) Y_G \widehat{Y}_{G,t} - wN \left( \widehat{w}_t + \widehat{N}_t \right) - p_E E \left( \widehat{p}_{E,t} + \widehat{E}_t \right). \quad (\text{C.27})$$

**Fiscal policy.** Transfers to hand-to-mouth households (compare (C.10)) satisfy

$$\lambda \widetilde{T}_{H,t} = \nu \times \left( \widetilde{D}_t - \tau^y Y_G \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \right) + \iota \times \vartheta \times p_E \xi_E \left( \widehat{p}_{E,t} + \widehat{\xi}_{E,t} \right), \quad (\text{C.28})$$

transfers to savers (compare (C.11))

$$(1 - \lambda) \widetilde{T}_{S,t} = (1 - \nu) \times \left( \widetilde{D}_t - \tau^y Y_G \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \right) + \iota \times (1 - \vartheta) \times p_E \xi_E \left( \widehat{p}_{E,t} + \widehat{\xi}_{E,t} \right). \quad (\text{C.29})$$

**Monetary policy.** Taylor rule (C.12) gives

$$\widehat{R}_t = \phi_{\Pi} \widehat{\Pi}_t + v_t \quad (\text{C.30})$$

**International Trade and Foreign Demand.** Foreign's demand for exports (C.13) linearizes to

$$\tilde{X}_{G,t} = (1 - \iota) \times p_E \xi_E \left( \hat{p}_{E,t} + \hat{\xi}_{E,t} \right). \quad (\text{C.31})$$

**Supply regime for the  $E$ -good.** We have the following.

In the fixed-price regime (compare (C.14.a)):

$$\hat{p}_{E,t} = 0. \quad (\text{C.32.a})$$

In the fixed-supply regime, (compare (C.14.b)), instead:

$$\hat{\xi}_{E,t} = 0. \quad (\text{C.32.b})$$

**Market clearing.** Labor-market clearing (C.15) implies

$$N \hat{N}_t = \lambda N_H \hat{N}_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) N_S \hat{N}_{S,t}. \quad (\text{C.33})$$

Market clearing condition (C.16) for the  $E$ -good gives

$$\hat{\xi}_{E,t} = \hat{E}_t. \quad (\text{C.34})$$

Market clearing for domestic products (C.17) means

$$Y_G \hat{Y}_{G,t} = C \hat{C}_t + \tilde{X}_{G,t}, \quad (\text{C.35})$$

with (C.18) implying that

$$C \hat{C}_t = \lambda C_H \hat{C}_{H,t} + (1 - \lambda) C_S \hat{C}_{S,t}. \quad (\text{C.36})$$

**Summary.** Equations (C.20) through (C.36) define 18 equilibrium conditions for the 18 unknowns:  $\hat{C}_{H,t}, \hat{C}_{S,t}, \hat{C}_t, \tilde{D}_t, \hat{E}_t, \hat{\Lambda}_t, \hat{N}_{H,t}, \hat{N}_{S,t}, \hat{N}_t, \hat{\Pi}_t, \hat{\xi}_{E,t}, \hat{Y}_{G,t}, \tilde{X}_{G,t}, \hat{p}_{E,t}, \hat{R}_t, \tilde{T}_{H,t}, \tilde{T}_{S,t}, \hat{w}_t$ .

### C.1.3 Steady state

The simplifying assumptions in Section 3.1 of the main text notably simplify the exposition of the model. The reason is that they simplify the steady state. Taylor rule (C.12) implies  $\Pi = 1$ . Consumption Euler equation (C.2) then gives  $R = 1/\beta$ . Parameter  $\bar{T}_H$  can be used to ensure that incomes of savers and hand-to-mouth households are identical in steady state.  $\bar{T}_H$  governs transfer to hand-to-mouth households by (C.10). The corresponding transfers to savers are (C.11). Since hand-to-mouth households and savers have the same preferences, they will then also have the same level of consumption and labor supply. For

consumption,  $C_H = C_S = C$ , by (C.1) and (C.18); also confer Footnote 32. For labor supply (C.3), (C.4), parameter  $\chi$  can be used to ensure  $N_H = N_S = N = 1$ , as is our target,  $N$  being defined through (C.15). Phillips curve (C.6) along with  $\Pi = 1$  and the sales subsidy  $(1 + \tau^y) = \epsilon/(\epsilon - 1)$  implies unitary marginal costs,  $\Lambda = 1$ . With  $N = 1$  and targeting  $Y_G = 1$ , in addition, firms' demand for the  $E$ -good in steady state needs to be  $E = 1$ , recall (C.5). This will be achieved through setting the price of the  $E$ -good,  $p_E$ , accordingly (in the fixed-price scenario, (C.14.a)) or the supply  $\xi_E = 1$  (in the fixed supply scenario, (C.14.b)). Market clearing for the  $E$ -good, (C.16), ensures  $\xi_E = E$ . Next, with  $Y_G = E = \Lambda = 1$ , in/for the targeted steady state,  $p_E = \alpha$  from the demand function for  $E$ -good inputs, (C.8). The labor-demand function (C.7) in turn implies  $w = 1 - \alpha$ . In this steady state, with  $p_E = \alpha$ , exports are given by  $X_G = (1 - \iota)\alpha$  by (C.13). With this, by (C.17), consumption is  $C = Y_G - X_G = 1 - (1 - \iota)\alpha$ . Dividends are given by  $D = \tau^y = 1/(\epsilon - 1)$  from (C.9).

## C.2 Consolidating to the Phillips and IS curves in system (4)

The results in Section 3 of the main text rely on a three-equation representation of the economy: The New-Keynesian Phillips curve, the IS equation and the monetary policy rule. Monetary policy rule (3) is the same as (C.30). It remains to derive the Phillips curve representation and the IS curve, both of which are displayed in (4). This is what the current appendix does. Throughout we employ the symmetry of the steady state across households, recall Appendix C.1.3, and the notation introduced in Section 3.1.

### C.2.1 Market clearing for $E$ -goods

Market clearing condition (C.34) implies  $\hat{\xi}_{E,t} = \hat{E}_t$ . In the following, we will always use this condition to eliminate  $\hat{\xi}_{E,t}$  from the model.

### C.2.2 Goods market clearing

Using foreign demand (C.31), goods market clearing (C.35) can be rewritten as

$$Y_G \hat{Y}_{G,t} = C \hat{C}_t + (1 - \iota) \times p_E E \left( \hat{p}_{E,t} + \hat{E}_t \right). \quad (\text{C.37})$$

In the fixed-price regime of the  $E$ -good, (C.32.a) applies; in the fixed-supply regime (C.32.b). Note further that if  $\iota = 1$ , aggregate consumption and production coincide.

### C.2.3 Price and supply of $E$ -good for each supply regime

In the fixed-price regime, by (C.32.a)

$$\Gamma_{p_E}^P = 0, \quad (\text{C.38})$$

and by (C.26)

$$\Gamma_E^P = 1 + \theta \Gamma_\Lambda^P. \quad (\text{C.39})$$

In the fixed-supply regime, by (C.32.b)

$$\Gamma_E^Q = 0, \quad (\text{C.40})$$

and by (C.26)

$$\Gamma_{PE}^Q = \Gamma_\Lambda^Q + \frac{1}{\theta}. \quad (\text{C.41})$$

#### C.2.4 Marginal costs

With a symmetric steady state ( $C_H = C_S = C$  and  $N_H = N_S = N$ ) one can use (C.33) and (C.36) to aggregate labor supply curves (C.21) and (C.22) to

$$\widehat{w}_t = \sigma \widehat{C}_t + \varphi \widehat{N}_t.$$

Combining this with firms' labor demand (C.25), demand for the  $E$ -good (C.26), goods market clearing (C.37), the production function (C.23), and either (C.32.a) or (C.32.b) yields the elasticity of marginal costs to production, that is,  $\Gamma_\Lambda$  in  $\widehat{\Lambda}_t = \Gamma_\Lambda \widehat{Y}_{G,t}$ . Necessarily, this depends on the supply regime; namely as follows.<sup>34</sup>

**In the fixed-price regime.** In the fixed-price regime, and under the restrictions on the steady state from Appendix C.1.3, the cyclical elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output,  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P$ , is given by

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(\sigma + \varphi)(1 - \alpha) + \iota \alpha (\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha \theta (\sigma + \varphi) + \iota \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} [1 + \alpha \theta (\sigma + \varphi) - \theta \sigma]}. \quad (\text{C.42})$$

As special cases of (C.42) we have: if  $\iota = 1$  (a closed economy),  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha \theta \varphi}$ ; if  $\iota = 0$  (the  $E$ -good owned entirely by Foreign),  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha \theta (\sigma + \varphi)}$ .<sup>35</sup>

**In the fixed-supply regime.** In the fixed supply regime, and under the restrictions on the steady state from Appendix C.1.3, the cyclical elasticity of marginal costs with

<sup>34</sup>These are studied in detail in Proposition 2 in the main text.

<sup>35</sup>In either case, marginal costs increase in output,  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P > 0$ . Absent the use of the  $E$ -good in production (that is, if  $\alpha = 0$ )  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \sigma + \varphi > 0$ , the text-book expression for the model with labor only. For a fixed price of the  $E$ -good, the elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output *decreases* in  $\alpha$ : the more important the fixed-price production factor, the less procyclical are marginal costs. This is intuitive since the price is acyclical by assumption. The elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output *decreases* in  $\theta$ : the less elastic factor demand, the more procyclical are marginal costs. As  $\theta \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P \rightarrow 0$ .

respect to output,  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q$ , is given by

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \frac{\alpha}{\theta}(\sigma - 1) + \iota \left[ \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \left( \varphi + \frac{\alpha}{\theta} \right) + \sigma \frac{\alpha}{\theta} \right]}{1 + (1 - \iota)(\sigma - 1)\alpha}. \quad (\text{C.43})$$

As special cases of (C.43), we have: if  $\iota = 1$  (a closed economy),  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \sigma + \frac{\varphi}{1-\alpha} + \frac{\alpha/\theta}{1-\alpha}$ .<sup>36</sup> if  $\iota = 0$  (the  $E$ -good owned entirely by Foreign),  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \frac{\sigma + \varphi - (\sigma - 1)\alpha/\theta}{1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1)}$ .<sup>37</sup> Note that in either supply regime  $\Gamma_\Lambda$  does not depend on household heterogeneity; compare (C.42) and (C.43). At a technical level, this arises from the assumptions on symmetry among the two types of households in steady state.

### C.2.5 Derivation of the Phillips curve of the main text

Using that in steady state  $\Lambda = 1$ , combining Phillips curve (C.24) with the solution for marginal costs in the respective  $E$ -good supply regime, (C.42) or (C.43), yields the usual representation of the New Keynesian Phillips curve in terms of production,

$$\hat{\Pi}_t = \beta \mathbb{E}_t \{ \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \} + \tilde{\kappa} \hat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{\kappa} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\psi} \Gamma_\Lambda. \quad (\text{C.44})$$

Since  $\Gamma_\Lambda$  is not affected by household heterogeneity, neither is  $\tilde{\kappa}$ . Representation (C.44) is the one that we employ in Section 3.2 in the main text; compare (4) there.

It remains to derive the IS-curve representation. This is what we do next.

### C.2.6 Production function

Using that in the steady state  $Y_G = N = E = 1$ , the firms' production function (C.23) relates labor supply to output as

$$\hat{N}_t = \Gamma_N \hat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_N = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \Gamma_E, \quad (\text{C.45})$$

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<sup>36</sup>Here, marginal costs increase in output,  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q > 0$ . The elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output also *increases* in  $\alpha$ . With fixed supply, the  $E$ -good's price is more procyclical than marginal costs, recall (C.41). The larger  $\alpha$ , the more do marginal costs inherit this feature. The elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output *decreases* in  $\theta$ .

<sup>37</sup>Here, the sign of  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q$  is ambiguous.  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q > 0$  holds if and only if  $\sigma + \varphi > \alpha/\theta(\sigma - 1)$ . One can show that term  $\alpha/\theta(\sigma - 1)$  captures the effect on marginal costs of the excess sensitivity of the  $E$ -good's price with respect to output (the rise of the  $E$ -good's price in excess of movements in the wage). The less substitutable the production factors are (the smaller  $\theta$ ), the larger the excess sensitivity. In turn, the larger the share of the  $E$ -good is in production (the larger  $\alpha$ ), the more this matters for marginal costs. See also the discussion on the wealth effect on labor supply below Proposition 2 in the main text.

where  $\Gamma_N$  is the elasticity of aggregate labor with respect to output.  $\Gamma_E$  follows either (C.39) or (C.40). With this (C.39)

$$\Gamma_N^P = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}(1 + \theta\Gamma_\Lambda^P). \quad (\text{C.46})$$

And with (C.40)

$$\Gamma_N^Q = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}. \quad (\text{C.47})$$

### C.2.7 Wages

Combining firms' labor demand function (C.25) with (C.45) yields

$$\widehat{w}_t = \Gamma_w \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_w = \Gamma_\Lambda + \frac{1}{\theta}(1 - \Gamma_N), \quad (\text{C.48})$$

where  $\Gamma_w$  is the elasticity of wages with respect to output. Again, all these terms depend on the supply regime of the  $E$ -good, as follows.

Using (C.48) along with (C.46) gives

$$\Gamma_w^P = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \Gamma_\Lambda^P, \quad (\text{C.49})$$

so that wages are unambiguously more cyclical than marginal costs.

Similarly, using (C.48) along with (C.47) gives

$$\Gamma_w^Q = \Gamma_\Lambda^Q - \frac{\alpha}{\theta(1-\alpha)}, \quad (\text{C.50})$$

so that wages are less cyclical than marginal costs.<sup>38</sup>

### C.2.8 Dividends and lump-sum income

Using the steady state in (C.27) gives

$$\widetilde{D}_t = (1 + \tau^y) \widehat{Y}_{G,t} - (1 - \alpha) (\widehat{w}_t + \widehat{N}_t) - \alpha (\widehat{p}_{E,t} + \widehat{E}_t),$$

or, using the production function (C.23),

$$\widetilde{D}_t = \tau^y \widehat{Y}_{G,t} - (1 - \alpha) \widehat{w}_t - \alpha \widehat{E}_t.$$

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<sup>38</sup>The text below Propositions 3 and 4 in the main text discusses how the elasticity of aggregate demand to production is shaped by the different elasticities of wages in the two supply regimes. As an aside, using (C.26) and (C.50), one can derive a measure of the “excess sensitivity” of the  $E$ -good price to output relative to the sensitivity of wages, namely  $\Gamma_{P_E}^Q - \Gamma_w^Q = \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} > 0$ .

Next, combining the factor demand functions (C.25) and (C.26) with the production function (C.23), shows that marginal costs are given by

$$\widehat{\Lambda}_t = (1 - \alpha)\widehat{w}_t + \alpha\widehat{E}_t,$$

so that

$$\widetilde{D}_t = \tau^y \widehat{Y}_{G,t} - \widehat{\Lambda}_t,$$

The semi elasticity of dividends with respect to output,  $\Gamma_D$ , thereby is

$$\widetilde{D}_t = \Gamma_D \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_D = \tau^y - \Gamma_\Lambda. \quad (\text{C.51})$$

As per transfers, using (C.51) and (C.28) along with the steady state implies

$$\widetilde{T}_{H,t} = \Gamma_{T_H} \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_{T_H} = \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \times (\Gamma_D - \tau^y) + \iota \times \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \times \alpha (\Gamma_{p_E} + \Gamma_E), \quad (\text{C.52})$$

where  $\Gamma_{T_H}$  is the semi-elasticity of a hand-to-mouth household's lump-sum income with respect to output. Next, using (C.51) and (C.29) along with the steady state implies

$$\widetilde{T}_{S,t} = \Gamma_{T_S} \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_{T_S} = \frac{(1 - \nu)}{(1 - \lambda)} \times (\Gamma_D - \tau^y) + \iota \times \frac{(1 - \vartheta)}{(1 - \lambda)} \times \alpha (\Gamma_{p_E} + \Gamma_E), \quad (\text{C.53})$$

where  $\Gamma_{T_S}$  is the semi-elasticity of a saver household's lump-sum income.<sup>39</sup>

### C.2.9 Aggregate consumption

Using the steady-state values of Appendix C.1.3 and the goods-market clearing condition (C.37), one can define the elasticity of aggregate consumption with respect to output as

$$\widehat{C}_t = \Gamma_C \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_C = \frac{1 - (1 - \iota)\alpha (\Gamma_{p_E} + \Gamma_E)}{1 - \alpha + \iota\alpha}, \quad (\text{C.54})$$

where, as usual,  $\Gamma_C$  depends on the supply regime.<sup>40</sup>

### C.2.10 Hand-to-mouth households' consumption

Start with hand-to-mouth households' budget (C.19). In this, substitute for employment from the households' labor supply first-order condition (C.21). Next, use the steady state

<sup>39</sup>The text surrounding Propositions 3 and 4 in the main text discusses how the elasticity of aggregate demand to production is shaped by the different elasticities of the components of lump-sum income across the supply regimes of the  $E$ -good.

<sup>40</sup>If  $\iota = 1$  (a closed economy), consumption and production coincide. If  $\iota = 0$  (the  $E$ -good is owned externally only), consumption can potentially *fall* even though production rises. This is because consumption is value-added and when the  $E$ -good's price increases, the value-added share of production falls. This is discussed in more detail in the text surrounding the main text's Proposition 4.

results from Appendix C.1.3 to get that

$$\hat{C}_{H,t} = \Gamma_{CH} \hat{Y}_{G,t}$$

with  $\Gamma_{CH} = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1+\varphi)}{(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi) + \iota\alpha\varphi} \Gamma_w + \frac{\varphi}{(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi) + \iota\alpha\varphi} \Gamma_{TH}, \quad (\text{C.55})$

where  $\Gamma_{CH}$  is the elasticity of a hand-to-mouth household's consumption with respect to output. This, too, depends on the supply regime for the  $E$ -good of course.

The proofs of Appendix D will look at one of two special cases. Either  $\iota = 0$  or  $\iota = 1$ , and at the two supply regimes. The following paragraphs prepare the ground for these proofs by providing expressions for the  $\Gamma_{CH}$  of (C.55) in these cases. The reader who is only interested in knowing that there is an IS-curve representation of the demand side, can skip these special cases and jump to Appendix C.2.11.

**Special cases in the fixed-price regime.** We look at  $\Gamma_{CH}^P$  in the two polar cases for  $\iota$ . The expressions below result from substituting in (C.55) for  $\Gamma_w^P$  from (C.49) and for  $\Gamma_{TH}^P$  from (C.52). Next, substitute for  $\Gamma_{PE}^P$  from (C.38) and for  $\Gamma_E^P$  from (C.39).

In case that  $\iota = 1$  (a closed economy), then (C.55) gives

$$\Gamma_{CH}^P = \frac{1+\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P + \frac{\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ -\frac{\nu}{\lambda} \times \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \times \alpha (1 + \theta \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P) \right], \quad (\text{C.56})$$

where  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^P = (1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)/(1+\alpha\theta\varphi)$ , see (C.42) with  $\iota = 1$ .

The first term reflects the cyclicalty of labor income. Ownership of dividends ( $\nu$ ) makes hand-to-mouth households' income (*ceteris paribus*) more countercyclical, while ownership of  $E$ -good revenues ( $\vartheta$ ) makes hand-to-mouth households' income (*ceteris paribus*) more procyclical.

Next, focus on the case  $\iota = 0$  (the  $E$ -good is owned externally only), then (C.55) gives

$$\Gamma_{CH}^P = \frac{(1+\varphi)/(1-\alpha)}{\sigma + \varphi} \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \times \frac{\varphi/(1-\alpha)}{\sigma + \varphi} \Gamma_{\Lambda}^P, \quad (\text{C.57})$$

where  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^P = (1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)/(1+\alpha\theta(\sigma+\varphi))$ , see (C.42) with  $\iota = 0$ .

**Special cases in the fixed-supply regime.** Again, we look at  $\Gamma_{CH}^Q$  in the two polar cases for  $\iota$ . The expressions below result from substituting in (C.55) for  $\Gamma_w^Q$  from (C.50) and for  $\Gamma_{TH}^Q$  from (C.52). Next, substitute for  $\Gamma_{PE}^Q$  from (C.41) and for  $\Gamma_E^Q$  from (C.40).

In case that  $\iota = 1$  (a closed economy), then (C.55) gives

$$\Gamma_{CH}^Q = 1 + \varphi + \frac{\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ -\frac{\nu}{\lambda} \Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \alpha \left( \Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) \right], \quad (\text{C.58})$$

where  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q = \sigma + \varphi/(1-\alpha) + \alpha/\theta \cdot 1/(1-\alpha)$ , see (C.43) for  $\iota = 1$ .



Next, focus on the case  $\iota = 0$  (the  $E$ -good is owned externally only), then (C.55) gives

$$\Gamma_{C_H}^Q = \frac{1 + \varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q - \frac{\alpha/\theta}{1 - \alpha} \right) - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \times \frac{\varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q, \quad (\text{C.59})$$

where  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}^Q = \frac{\sigma + \varphi - (\sigma - 1)\alpha/\theta}{1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1)}$ , see (C.43) for  $\iota = 0$ .

### C.2.11 Savers' consumption

So as to relate saver's consumption to output, use the definition of aggregate consumption, (C.36), along with  $\Gamma_C$  from (C.54) and  $\Gamma_{C_H}$  from (C.55). Then a saver's consumption can be expressed as

$$\widehat{C}_{S,t} = \Gamma_{C_S} \widehat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_{C_S} = \frac{\Gamma_C - \lambda \Gamma_{C_H}}{1 - \lambda}, \quad (\text{C.60})$$

where we have used the steady-state values spelled out in Appendix C.1.3. Note that the sign of  $\Gamma_{C_S}$  is fully determined by  $\Gamma_C - \lambda \Gamma_{C_H}$ . In a closed economy ( $\iota = 1$ ),  $\Gamma_C = 1$ , so that the numerator is given by  $1 - \lambda \Gamma_{C_H}$ , as in the standard TANK model. The innovation of our exercise is to account for how the supply regime of the  $E$ -good affects  $\Gamma_{C_H}$ . In the other extreme case, if the  $E$ -good is owned externally only  $\iota = 0$ , aggregate demand no longer is given by consumption only, so that  $\Gamma_C \neq 1$ .

### C.2.12 Derivation of the IS curve in the main text

Combining savers' Euler equation (C.20) with the expression for (C.60) (and focusing on parameter constellations in which  $\Gamma_{C_S} \neq 0$ ) yields the IS curve

$$\widehat{Y}_{G,t} = \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{Y}_{G,t+1}\} - \frac{1}{\widetilde{\sigma}} \left( \widehat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}_t\{\widehat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \widetilde{\sigma} = \sigma \Gamma_{C_S}. \quad (\text{C.61})$$

Note that  $\widetilde{\sigma} > 0$  if and only if  $\Gamma_{C_S} > 0$ . This is the case if and only if  $\Gamma_C - \lambda \Gamma_{C_H} > 0$ .

Hence, the IS curve can invert when  $\lambda \Gamma_{C_H} > \Gamma_C$ , or, in words, when the elasticity of hand-to-mouth households' income towards production is greater than their inverse weight in the economy. This is as in the "standard" TANK model. What we emphasize is how the distribution of incomes in the two supply regimes affects both  $\Gamma_C$  and  $\Gamma_{C_H}$ . Thus, here, the IS curve can invert if in a standard TANK model it would not, and *vice versa*.

Indeed, the Foreign economy is a source of demand for goods produced in Home. Thus, even if households in Home would not be heterogeneous, the IS curve may invert. Proposition E.1 in Appendix E zooms in on this case.

Representation (C.61) is the one that we employ in Section 3.2 in the main text; compare (4) there.

## D Proofs of paper-and-pencil results

This appendix provides the proofs for all the propositions in the paper. Appendix D.1 provides the proof of Proposition 1, Appendix D.2 of Proposition 2, Appendix D.3 of Proposition 3, and Appendix D.4 of Proposition 4.

### D.1 Proof of Proposition 1

This appendix provides the proof for Proposition 1. The proof is straightforward and the steps well-known in the New Keynesian literature. The model is given by equations (4), repeated here for convenience,

$$\hat{\Pi}_t = \beta \mathbb{E}_t\{\hat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} + \tilde{\kappa} \hat{Y}_{G,t} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{Y}_{G,t} = \mathbb{E}_t\{\hat{Y}_{G,t+1}\} - \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}} \left( \hat{R}_t - \mathbb{E}_t\{\hat{\Pi}_{t+1}\} \right). \quad (\text{D.1})$$

The convolute parameters  $\tilde{\kappa}$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}$  depend on the precise specification of the model, as discussed extensively in Section 3 and Appendix C.2. Take them as given.

Write the model in Blanchard and Kahn (1980) form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/\tilde{\sigma} \\ 0 & \beta \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbb{E}_t \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Y}_{G,t+1} \\ \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \phi_{\Pi}/\tilde{\sigma} \\ -\tilde{\kappa} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Y}_{G,t} \\ \hat{\Pi}_t \end{bmatrix},$$

or, alternatively

$$\mathbb{E}_t \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Y}_{G,t+1} \\ \hat{\Pi}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma}} & \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}} \phi_{\Pi} - \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}} \\ -\frac{1}{\beta} \tilde{\kappa} & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}}_{:=A} \times \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Y}_{G,t} \\ \hat{\Pi}_t \end{bmatrix}$$

There are two nonpredetermined variables. So there will always be bounded equilibria. There is a locally unique bounded equilibrium iff either (cf. Woodford, 2003, p. 670):

- Case a):  $\det(A) > 1$ ,  $\det(A) - \text{tr}(A) > -1$  and  $\det(A) + \text{tr}(A) > -1$ , or
- Case b):  $\det(A) - \text{tr}(A) < -1$  and  $\det(A) + \text{tr}(A) < -1$ .

Here,  $\det(A) = \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma}} \phi_{\Pi} \right]$  and  $\text{tr}(A) = \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma}} \right]$ .

**Proof of the proposition's item 1).** Suppose that  $\tilde{\sigma} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ . Then the determinacy conditions are as in the standard New Keynesian model. More in detail,  $\det(A) > 1$  and  $\text{tr}(A) > 0$ , so that Case a) applies. The condition that may bind is  $\det(A) - \text{tr}(A) > -1$ , which leads to the conventional determinacy condition  $\phi_{\Pi} > 1$ .

**Proof of the proposition's item 1) c'td.** Suppose that  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} < 0$ . Again, in this case  $\det(A) > 1$  for any  $\phi_{\Pi} > 0$ . Thus, we need to check Case a) again.  $\text{tr}(A) > 0$ , so

that  $\det(A) + \text{tr}(A) > -1$  always. So, what we need for determinacy is  $\det(A) - \text{tr}(A) > -1$ . Or, once more,  $\phi_\Pi > 1$ .

**Proof of the proposition's item 2).** Suppose that  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$ ,  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ . In this case, *two* determinacy regions can arise. Focus on the set of conditions for case a) first.  $\det(A) = \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma}} \phi_\Pi \right] > 1$  can be achieved by setting  $\phi_\Pi < \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}}(\beta - 1)$ , where  $\frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}}(\beta - 1) > 0$  since  $\frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} < 0$ . The second condition can be achieved by setting  $\phi_\Pi < 1$ . Finally, the third condition can be achieved by setting  $\phi_\Pi < -2(1 + \beta) \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1$ . Hence, this determinacy region exists if there is a  $\phi_\Pi \geq 0$  such that

$$\phi_\Pi < \min \left( \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}}(\beta - 1), 1, -2(1 + \beta) \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1 \right)$$

Note that, the assumptions of Section 3.1 include that  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ . Then, this determinacy region disappears.

Focus on the set of conditions for case b) next. For  $\det(A) - \text{tr}(A) < -1$ , we need  $\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma}} [\phi_\Pi - 1] - 1 < -1$ , meaning  $\phi_\Pi > 1$ . For  $\det(A) + \text{tr}(A) < -1$ , we need  $1 + \frac{2}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}}{\tilde{\sigma}} (\phi_\Pi + 1) < -1$ , meaning  $\phi_\Pi > -2(1 + \beta) \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1$ . So that both  $\det(A) \pm \text{tr}(A) < -1$ , therefore we need

$$\phi_\Pi > \max \left( 1, -2(1 + \beta) \frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1 \right),$$

or for  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\phi_\Pi > \max(1, -4\tilde{\sigma}/\tilde{\kappa} - 1)$ . This is the cutoff mentioned in Proposition 1, equation (5).

**Proof of the proposition's item 2), c'td.** Suppose that  $\tilde{\sigma} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} < 0$ . In all the derivations in the previous paragraph all  $\tilde{\sigma}$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  only appear in the form of their  $\tilde{\kappa}/\tilde{\sigma}$  in all derivations. Thus the case  $\tilde{\sigma} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} < 0$  has the same determinacy regions as the case  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ .  $\square$

## D.2 Proof of Proposition 2

This appendix proves Proposition 2. The results build on the derivations in Appendix C.2. By (C.44), for given parameters  $\epsilon$  and  $\psi$ , the slope of the Phillips curve only depends on  $\Gamma_\Lambda$ , the general elasticity of marginal costs with respect to output. (C.42) presents  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P$ , that is the elasticity for the case of a fixed price. (C.43) presents  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q$ , the elasticity amid a fixed supply of the  $E$ -good.

**Proof of the proposition's item 1.** Under the assumption of domestic ownership ( $\iota = 1$ ), the terms simplify to

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \sigma + \frac{\varphi}{1 - \alpha} + \frac{\alpha/\theta}{1 - \alpha}$$

and

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha\theta\varphi}.$$

Note that both of these terms are strictly positive. Straightforward algebra then shows that  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q > \Gamma_\Lambda^P$  is equivalent to

$$\alpha(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \frac{\alpha}{\theta} + \alpha(1 - \alpha)\theta\varphi\sigma + \alpha\theta\varphi^2 + 2\alpha\varphi > 0,$$

which holds for all admissible parameter values, since  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $\varphi > 0$ . This provides the proof of the first item.

**Proof of the proposition's item 2.** Under the assumption of complete foreign ownership of the  $E$ -good ( $\iota = 0$ ), the expressions for  $\Gamma_\Lambda$  simplify to, respectively,

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^Q = \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \frac{\alpha}{\theta}(\sigma - 1)}{1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1)} \tag{D.2}$$

and

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)}. \tag{D.3}$$

Note that  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P$  is strictly positive as stated in the proposition. Straightforward algebra shows that  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q > \Gamma_\Lambda^P$  is equivalent to  $\sigma + \varphi > (\sigma - 1)/\theta$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 2.  $\square$

### D.3 Proof of Proposition 3

This appendix proves Proposition 3. The results build on the derivations in Appendix C.2. The proposition is concerned with how the supply regime for the  $E$ -good shapes  $\Gamma_{C_S}$ .  $\Gamma_{C_S}$  matters because by (C.61), it determines the slope of the IS curve.

The proposition looks at the case that  $\iota = 1$ , that is, all of the supply of the  $E$ -good is owned domestically. In that case  $\Gamma_C = 1$  by (C.54). By equation (C.60), then  $\Gamma_{C_S} = (1 - \lambda\Gamma_{C_H})/(1 - \lambda)$ . What matters is  $\Gamma_{C_H}$ .

The proposition looks at three cases for ownership of firms and the  $E$ -good. Namely, 1.  $\nu = \vartheta = 0$ , 2.  $\nu = 0, \vartheta > 0$ , and 3.  $\nu = \vartheta > 0$ . In terms of notation, a superscript  $i \in \{(1), (2), (3)\}$  refers to these cases of ownership. So that  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)}$ , for example, refers to the output elasticity of a hand-to-mouth household's consumption when in the fixed-price regime and  $\nu = \vartheta = 0$  (case 1.)

Appendix C.2.10 spells out  $\Gamma_{C_H}$  in the two supply regimes and for  $\iota = 1$ . Next, we spell out  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{P,i}$  for each supply regime, then we compare across the two supply regimes.

**Fixed-price regime for the  $E$ -good.** For the fixed-price regime,  $\Gamma_{C_H}^P$  is given by (C.56), where  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P$  is given by (C.42), both restated here for convenience,

$$\Gamma_{C_H}^P = \frac{1 + \varphi}{(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \Gamma_\Lambda^P + \frac{\varphi}{(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ -\frac{\nu}{\lambda} \times \Gamma_\Lambda^P + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \times \alpha (1 + \theta \Gamma_\Lambda^P) \right],$$

$$\Gamma_\Lambda^P = \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha\theta\varphi}.$$

Denote with a number-superscript  $i \in \{(1), (2), (3)\}$  to  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{P,i}$  the respective cases. Then, simplifying gives for

$$\begin{aligned} \nu = \vartheta = 0 : \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)} &= (1 + \varphi) \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{((1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi)(1 + \alpha\theta\varphi)}, \\ \nu = 0, \vartheta > 0 : \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(2)} &= \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)} + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ 1 + \frac{\theta(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha\theta\varphi} \right], \\ \nu = \vartheta > 0 : \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(3)} &= \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)} + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1 - \alpha\theta)(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{\alpha(1 + \alpha\theta\varphi)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then, since  $\Gamma_{C_S}^P = (1 - \lambda\Gamma_{C_H}^P)/(1 - \lambda)$ , we have for

$$\begin{aligned} \nu = \vartheta = 0 : \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} &= \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} (1 + \varphi) \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{((1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi)(1 + \alpha\theta\varphi)}, \\ \nu = 0, \vartheta > 0 : \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} &= \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} - \frac{\vartheta}{1 - \lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ 1 + \frac{\theta(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha\theta\varphi} \right], \\ \nu = \vartheta > 0 : \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} &= \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} - \frac{\vartheta}{1 - \lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1 - \alpha\theta)(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{\alpha(1 + \alpha\theta\varphi)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**Fixed-supply regime for the  $E$ -good.** For the fixed-supply regime,  $\Gamma_{C_H}^Q$  is given by (C.58), where  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q$  is given by (C.43), both restated here for convenience,

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{C_H}^Q &= 1 + \varphi + \frac{\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ -\frac{\nu}{\lambda} \Gamma_\Lambda^Q + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \alpha \left( \Gamma_\Lambda^Q + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) \right], \\ \Gamma_\Lambda^Q &= \sigma + \frac{\varphi}{1-\alpha} + \frac{\alpha/\theta}{1-\alpha}.\end{aligned}$$

Denote with a number-superscript  $i \in \{(1), (2), (3)\}$  to  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,i}$  the respective cases. Then, simplifying gives for

$$\begin{aligned}\nu = \vartheta = 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(1)} = 1 + \varphi, \\ \nu = 0, \vartheta > 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(2)} = \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(1)} + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ \frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi + 1/\theta}{1-\alpha} \right], \\ \nu = \vartheta > 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(1)} + \frac{\vartheta}{\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ -\frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi}{\alpha} \right].\end{aligned}$$

Then, since  $\Gamma_{C_S}^Q = (1 - \lambda\Gamma_{C_H}^Q)/(1 - \lambda)$ , we have for

$$\begin{aligned}\nu = \vartheta = 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}(1 + \varphi), \\ \nu = 0, \vartheta > 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} = \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \frac{\vartheta}{1-\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ \frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi + 1/\theta}{1-\alpha} \right], \\ \nu = \vartheta > 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \frac{\vartheta}{1-\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \left[ -\frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi}{\alpha} \right].\end{aligned}$$

**Comparison across regimes.** We go over the cases one by one.

Consider case 1, ( $\nu = \vartheta = 0$ ):

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}(1 + \varphi) (\Delta^{(1)} - 1) < 0,$$

since  $\Delta^{(1)} := \frac{(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)}{((1-\alpha)\sigma+\varphi)(1+\alpha\theta\varphi)} < 1$ . Thus,  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} < 0$ , as stated in item 1 of the proposition.

Consider case 2, ( $\nu = 0, \vartheta > 0$ ):

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} = \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} + \frac{\vartheta}{1-\lambda} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{(1-\alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \Delta^{(2)} < \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)},$$

since  $\Delta^{(2)} := 1 + \frac{\theta(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)}{1+\alpha\theta\varphi} - \frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma+\varphi+1/\theta}{1-\alpha} < 0$ . The sign of this can be established taking into account that  $\sigma > 0, \alpha \in (0, 1), \varphi > 0$  and, especially,  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Thus,  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} < \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)}$ , as was the claim in the proposition's item 2.

Consider case 3, ( $\nu = \vartheta > 0$ ):

$$\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} + \frac{\vartheta}{1 - \lambda(1 - \alpha)\sigma + \varphi} \frac{\alpha\varphi}{\Delta^{(3)}} > \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)},$$

since  $\Delta^{(3)} := 1 - \frac{(1-\alpha\theta)(1-\alpha)(\sigma+\varphi)}{\alpha(1+\alpha\theta\varphi)} + \frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma+\varphi}{\alpha} > 0$ . Thus,  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} > \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)}$ , as was the claim in the proposition's item 3.

This concludes the proof of Proposition 3. □

## D.4 Proof of Proposition 4

This appendix proves Proposition 4. The outline of the proof is the same as for Proposition 3. Once more, the results build on the derivations in Appendix C.2. The proposition is concerned with how the supply regime for the  $E$ -good shapes  $\Gamma_{C_S}$ .  $\Gamma_{C_S}$  matters because by (C.61), it determines the slope of the IS curve.

The proposition looks at the case of  $\iota = 0$ , that is, all of the supply of the  $E$ -good is owned externally. By (C.60)  $\Gamma_{C_S} = (\Gamma_C - \lambda\Gamma_{C_H})/(1 - \lambda)$ . What matters, therefore, are both  $\Gamma_C$  and  $\Gamma_{C_H}$ .

The proposition looks at three cases for the ownership of firms. Namely, 1.  $\nu = \lambda$ , 2.  $\nu = 0$ , and 3.  $\nu > 0$ . In terms of notation, a superscript  $i \in \{(1), (2), (3)\}$  refers to these cases of ownership. So that  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)}$ , for example, refers to the output elasticity of a hand-to-mouth household's consumption in the fixed-price regime and  $\nu = \lambda$  (case 1.)

We first spell out the respective elasticities for each supply regime separately. Thereafter, we compare across the two supply regimes.

**Fixed-price regime for the  $E$ -good** For the fixed-price regime,  $\Gamma_C^P$  is given by (C.54) and  $\Gamma_{C_H}^P$  is given by (C.57), where  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P$  is given by (C.42) and  $\Gamma_E^P$  is given by (C.39), all restated here for convenience,

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_C^P &= \frac{1 - \alpha\Gamma_E^P}{1 - \alpha}, \\ \Gamma_{C_H}^P &= \frac{(1 + \varphi)/(1 - \alpha)}{\sigma + \varphi} \Gamma_\Lambda^P - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \frac{\varphi/(1 - \alpha)}{\sigma + \varphi} \Gamma_\Lambda^P, \\ \Gamma_\Lambda^P &= \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi)}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)}, \\ \Gamma_E^P &= 1 + \theta\Gamma_\Lambda^P.\end{aligned}$$

Note, first, that for all the cases  $i \in \{(1), (2), (3)\}$ ,

$$\Gamma_C^P = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)} > 0.$$

Denote with a number-superscript  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  to  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{P,i}$  the respective case. Then, simplifying gives for

$$\begin{aligned}\nu = \lambda : & \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)} = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)} = \Gamma_C^P, \\ \nu = 0 : & \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(2)} = \frac{1 + \varphi}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)}, \\ \nu > 0 : & \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(2)} - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \frac{\varphi}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)}.\end{aligned}$$



Then, since  $\Gamma_{C_S}^P = (\Gamma_C^P - \lambda \Gamma_{C_H}^P)/(1 - \lambda)$ , we have for

$$\begin{aligned} \nu = \lambda : & \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} = \Gamma_C^P, \\ \nu = 0 : & \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \Gamma_C^P - \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \frac{1 + \varphi}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)}, \\ \nu > 0 : & \quad \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} + \frac{\nu}{1 - \lambda} \frac{\varphi}{1 + \alpha\theta(\sigma + \varphi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Focus on the case that  $\nu = \lambda$ . Since  $\Gamma_C^P = \Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(1)} > 0$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , by (C.60) we also have that  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} > 0$ , the first part of the statement in (16) in Proposition 4.

**Fixed-supply regime for the  $E$ -good.** For the fixed-supply regime,  $\Gamma_C^Q$  is given by (C.54) and  $\Gamma_{C_H}^Q$  is given by (C.59), where  $\Gamma_\Lambda^Q$  is given by (C.43) and  $\Gamma_{pE}^Q$  is given by (C.41), all restated here for convenience,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_C^Q &= \frac{1 - \alpha \Gamma_{pE}^Q}{1 - \alpha}, \\ \Gamma_{C_H}^Q &= \frac{1 + \varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \Gamma_\Lambda^Q - \frac{\alpha/\theta}{1 - \alpha} \right) - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \frac{\varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \Gamma_\Lambda^Q, \\ \Gamma_\Lambda^Q &= \frac{\sigma + \varphi - (\sigma - 1)\alpha/\theta}{1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1)}, \\ \Gamma_{pE}^Q &= \Gamma_\Lambda^Q + 1/\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Note, first, that for all the cases  $i \in \{(1), (2), (3)\}$ ,

$$\Gamma_C^Q = \frac{1 - \alpha [1 + \varphi + 1/\theta]}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))}.$$

Denote with a number-superscript  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  to  $\Gamma_{C_H}^{P,(i)}$  the respective case. Then, simplifying gives for

$$\begin{aligned} \nu = \lambda : & \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(1)} = \frac{1 - \alpha [1 + \varphi + 1/\theta]}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} = \Gamma_C^Q, \\ \nu = 0 : & \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(2)} = \frac{1 + \varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi) - \sigma \alpha/\theta}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} \right), \\ \nu > 0 : & \quad \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_H}^{Q,(2)} - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \frac{\varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \alpha/\theta(\sigma - 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{D.4}$$

Then, since  $\Gamma_{C_S}^Q = (\Gamma_C^Q - \lambda \Gamma_{C_H}^Q)/(1 - \lambda)$ , we have for

$$\begin{aligned} \nu = \lambda : \quad & \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)} = \Gamma_C^Q, \\ \nu = 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \Gamma_C^Q - \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \frac{1 + \varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\sigma + \varphi) - \sigma \alpha / \theta}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} \right), \\ \nu > 0 : \quad & \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} = \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} + \frac{\nu}{1 - \lambda} \frac{\varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \alpha / \theta (\sigma - 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{D.5}$$

**Comparison across regimes.** We go over the cases one by one.

Consider case 1 ( $\nu = \lambda$ ) and prove (16) in Proposition 4: That  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} > 0$  was shown above. Using the results given above, straightforward algebra also shows that  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(1)} > \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(1)}$  under the parameter restrictions entertained in this paper. This concludes the proof of (16) in the proposition.

Consider case 2 ( $\nu = 0$ ) and case 3 ( $\nu > 0$ ). In the following expressions, the value of  $\nu^{(3)}$  is the value under case 3, so that  $\nu > 0$ . To prove the statement in (17), postulate the inequality

$$\left( \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} \right) < \left( \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} \right).$$

So that

$$0 > \left( \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} \right) - \left( \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} \right) = \left( \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} \right) - \left( \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)} \right)$$

Using the expressions above, this gives

$$0 > \frac{\nu^{(3)}}{1 - \lambda} \frac{\varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \alpha / \theta (\sigma - 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} \right) - \frac{\nu^{(3)}}{1 - \lambda} \frac{\varphi}{1 + \alpha \theta (\sigma + \varphi)}.$$

Thus,  $\Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(3)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(3)} < \Gamma_{C_S}^{Q,(2)} - \Gamma_{C_S}^{P,(2)}$  is equivalent to

$$\frac{\varphi}{\sigma + \varphi} \left( \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \alpha / \theta (\sigma - 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1))} \right) < \frac{\varphi}{1 + \alpha \theta (\sigma + \varphi)}.$$

Straightforward algebra shows that this is equivalent to  $\sigma + \varphi < (\sigma - 1)/\theta$ . The inequality in the other direction follows analogously. This concludes the proof of (17) in the proposition, which concludes the proof of Proposition 4.  $\square$

## E Indeterminacy – closed-form results for a special case

This appendix complements the results in Section 3 of the paper. The proposition below derives in closed form (but under further assumptions on parameters) conditions under which the Taylor principle may fail to induce determinacy, that is under which determinacy requires a stronger response to inflation. It also shows that under the conditions given here, the Taylor principle can fail in the fixed-supply regime but not in the fixed-price regime.

The additional assumptions are that all of the  $E$ -good is owned by Foreign ( $\iota = 0$ ) and that there is no heterogeneity in Home ( $\nu = \lambda$ , or  $\lambda = 0$ ). For this case, one can show by paper and pencil that indeterminacy can arise in the case of fixed supply. Before stating the proposition, let us anticipate the results. The proposition shows that the Taylor principle is “the more likely” to fail to ensure determinacy (that a too weak response to inflation may fail to ensure determinacy even if it respects  $\phi_\Pi > 1$ ) if one or more of the following is the case: if the Phillips curve absent the supply constraint is flat ( $\epsilon/\psi$  low), if households are sufficiently unwilling to substitute intertemporally ( $1/\sigma$  small), if the  $E$ -good is a sufficiently important input in production ( $\alpha$  high), if the labor supply elasticity is sufficiently low ( $\varphi$  high), and/or if labor and the  $E$ -good are hard to substitute in production ( $\theta$  small).

**Proposition E.1.** *Consider the same conditions as in Proposition 1 in the main text. In addition, let the  $E$ -good be owned entirely by Foreign,  $\iota = 0$ . Abstract from household heterogeneity ( $\nu = \lambda$ ).<sup>41</sup> Note that these are the same assumptions as in case (1) of Proposition 4 in the main text. Then the following is true:*

1. In the **fixed-price regime** for the  $E$ -good we have that both  $\tilde{\sigma} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ , so that any response  $\phi_\Pi > 1$  ensures determinacy.

2. In the **fixed-supply regime** for the  $E$ -good the following statements are true

2.a) *the convolute parameters governing the slopes of IS and Phillips curve are given by*

$$\tilde{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma}{1-\alpha} \frac{1-\alpha(1+\varphi+1/\theta)}{1+\alpha(\sigma-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\kappa} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\psi} \frac{\sigma+\varphi-\alpha/\theta(\sigma-1)}{1+\alpha(\sigma-1)}.$$

2.b) *If the fundamental parameters are such that  $\tilde{\kappa} < 0$ , then  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$  as well. But  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$*

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<sup>41</sup>This allows, of course, also for the case that  $\lambda = 0$ , in which case the (then non-existent) hand-to-mouth households would not receive profit income either.

does not imply  $\tilde{\kappa} < 0$ . In addition,  $\tilde{\sigma} > 0$  implies  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ .

2.c) Suppose that the fundamental parameters satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } 1 - \alpha(1 + \varphi) \leq 0 & \quad \text{then} \quad \alpha \frac{\sigma-1}{\varphi+\sigma} < \theta, \\ \text{if } 1 - \alpha(1 + \varphi) > 0 & \quad \text{then} \quad \alpha \frac{\sigma-1}{\varphi+\sigma} < \theta < \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha(1+\varphi)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.1})$$

Then  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ . In addition, in this case, any  $\phi_\Pi > 1$  ensures determinacy if and only if the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\varepsilon/\psi}{\sigma} \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \frac{\varphi + \sigma - \alpha/\theta(\sigma - 1)}{1 + \varphi + 1/\theta - 1/\alpha} \geq 1. \quad (\text{E.2})$$

If the inequality in (E.2) is violated, instead,  $\phi_\Pi$  needs to be sufficiently greater than 1 to ensure determinacy.

2.d) Consider the same conditions as in 2.c). In addition, assume that  $\alpha = \theta$ , meaning the weight of the E-good in production equals the elasticity of substitution between the E-good and labor. Then condition (E.2) simplifies to

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\varepsilon/\psi}{\sigma} \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \geq 1.$$

*Proof.* For all the following, recall that from Proposition 1 in the main text what matters for determinacy are the values of  $\tilde{\kappa}$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}$ .

Proof of item 1 of Proposition E.1: By item 1 of Proposition 1 in the main text, the Taylor principle will ensure determinacy, whenever  $\tilde{\sigma} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ . Here we show that in the fixed-price regime this will be the case, indeed. The sign of  $\tilde{\kappa}$  depends on the sign of  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P$  only. And  $\Gamma_\Lambda^P > 0$  by (D.3) (the equation is in Appendix D.2). Similarly, the sign of  $\tilde{\sigma}$  depends only on  $\Gamma_{C_S}^P$ . For  $\nu = \lambda$ , this sign is positive by item 1 of Proposition 4 ((16) in the main text). This proves item 1 of the current proposition: the Taylor principle is alive and well in the fixed-price regime.

Proof of item 2 of Proposition E.1: This focuses on the fixed-supply regime throughout.

First focus on the expressions in 2a):  $\tilde{\kappa} = \varepsilon/\psi \Gamma_\Lambda^Q$ . By (D.2) (the equation is in Appendix D.2) this gives

$$\tilde{\kappa} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\psi} \frac{\sigma + \varphi - \frac{\alpha}{\theta}(\sigma - 1)}{1 + \alpha(\sigma - 1)}, \quad (\text{E.3})$$

which is identical to the expression in 2a). Next,  $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma \Gamma_{C_S}^Q$ . For this, combining (D.4)

and (D.5) (both are in Appendix D.4), we have that

$$\tilde{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma}{(1-\alpha)} \frac{1-\alpha[1+\varphi+1/\theta]}{1+\alpha(\sigma-1)}, \quad (\text{E.4})$$

which again is identical to the expression in 2a). This proves statement 2a).

Next, focus on statement 2b): For this observe that (E.3) gives that

$$\tilde{\kappa} < 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\theta} < -\frac{1}{\sigma} \left( \varphi + \frac{\alpha}{\theta} \right), \quad (\text{E.5})$$

Similarly,

$$\tilde{\sigma} < 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\theta} < \alpha(1 + \varphi), \quad (\text{E.6})$$

The left-hand sides of (E.5) and (E.6) are identical. Since all the parameters are positive, the right-hand side in (E.5) is negative, however, whereas the right-hand side in (E.6) is positive. This proves statement 2b).

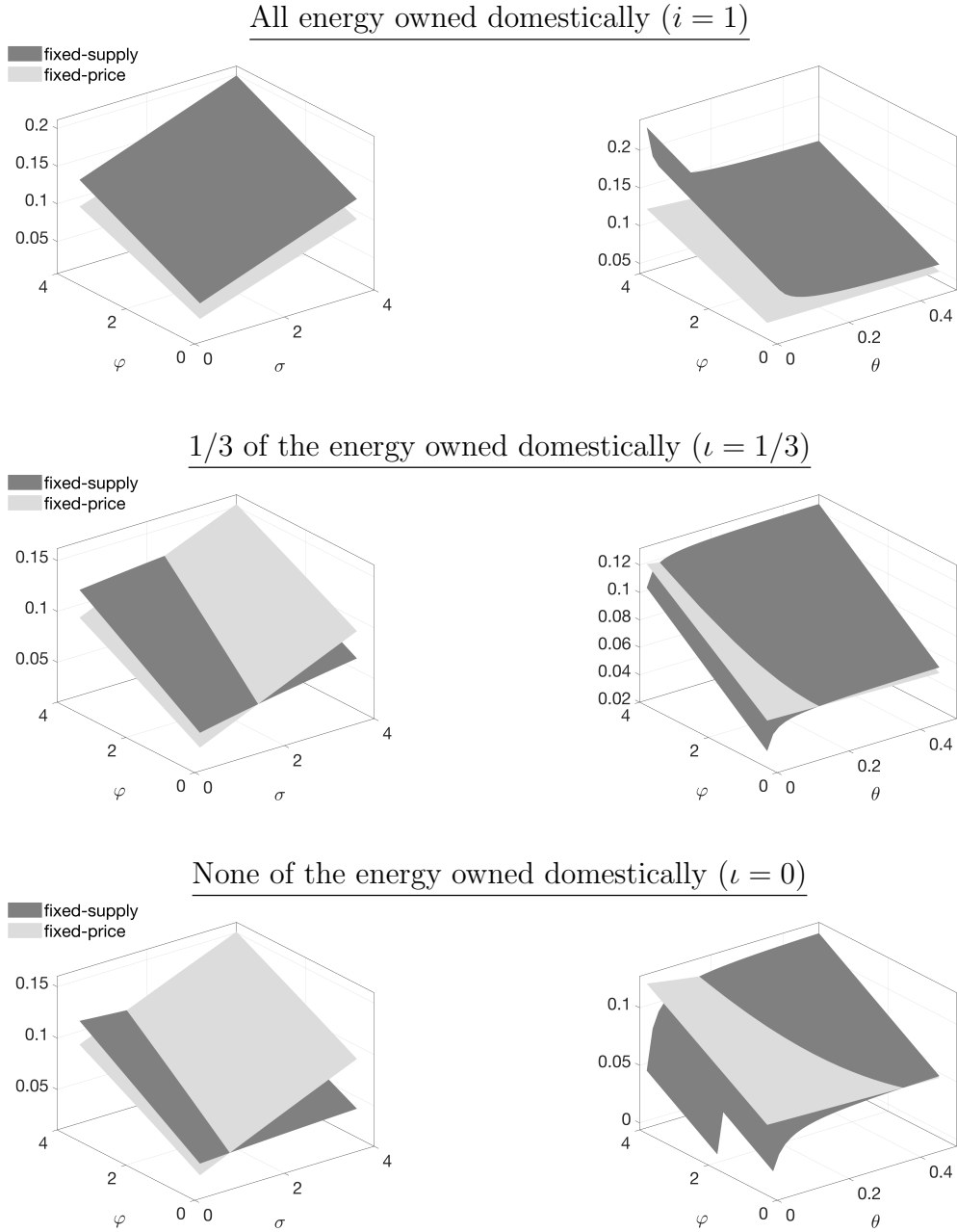
Next, focus on statement 2c): That these restrictions on parameters imply  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$  follows directly from (E.5) and (E.6). By item 2. of Proposition 1 in the main text, determinacy then requires  $\phi_{\Pi} > \max(1, -4\frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1)$ . For any  $\phi_{\Pi} > 1$  to ensure determinacy, thus, we need  $-4\frac{\tilde{\sigma}}{\tilde{\kappa}} - 1 < 1$ . Plugging in the expressions for  $\tilde{\sigma}$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  from (E.4) and (E.3) above, this boils down to (E.2) (bearing in mind that, here,  $\tilde{\sigma} < 0$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$  by assumption). This proves the statement 2c).

Last, focus on statement 2d): This follows directly from (E.2) for  $\alpha = \theta$ . □

## F Slope of the Phillips curve graphically

This appendix reports on the slope of the Phillips curve,  $\tilde{\kappa}$ , and how that is affected by parameters. The slopes are reported for the fixed-price scenario and the fixed-supply scenario. The simplifying assumptions of Section 3 apply.

**Figure F.1** Slope of the Phillips curve in production

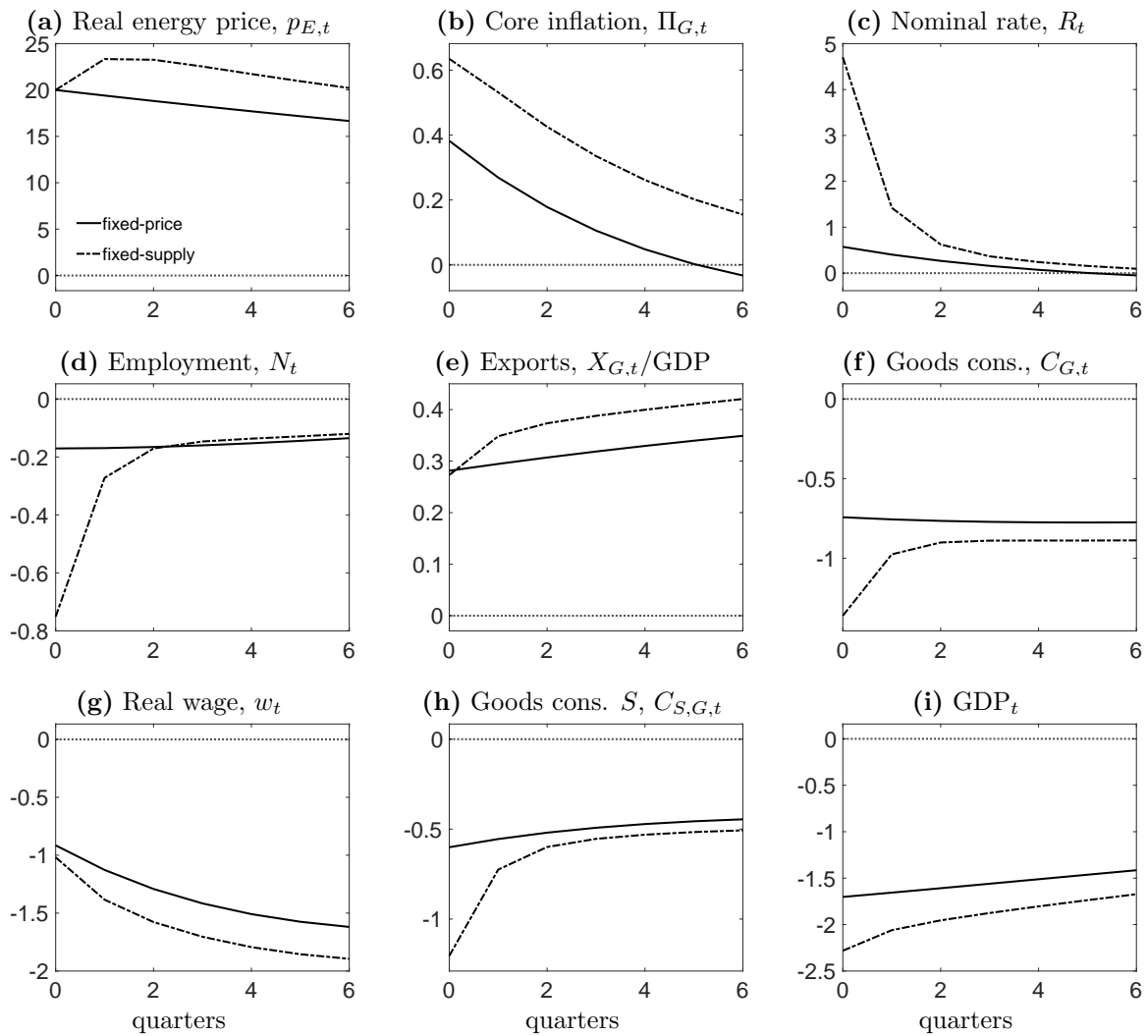


*Notes:* Slope of the Phillips curve,  $\tilde{\kappa}$ . Light gray denotes fixed-price, dark fixed-supply regime for different ownership structures of energy ( $\iota$ ). The figures work under the assumptions spelled out in Section 3.1. Unless varied in the figure, the parameters are  $\varepsilon = 11$ ,  $\psi = 507$ ,  $\theta = 0.1$ ,  $\alpha = 0.077$ ,  $\sigma = 2$ ,  $\varphi = 3$ .

## G Figures 3 and 4 with monetary response to headline inflation.

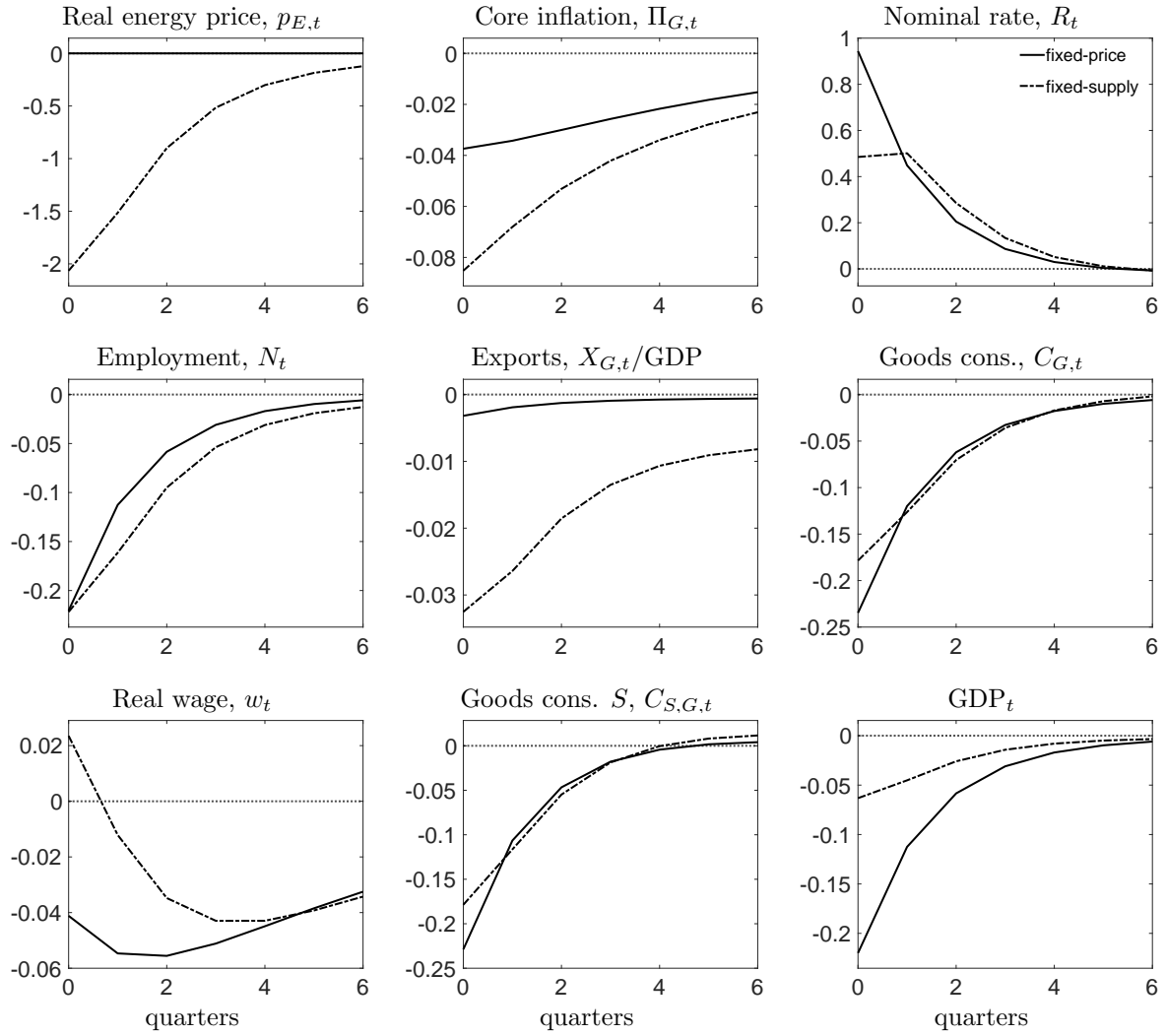
This appendix, for the sake of completeness, reports the main text's impulse responses to fundamental shocks also for the case that the central bank responds to headline inflation instead of core.

**Figure G.1** Counterpart to Figure 3 in the main text: fundamental energy shock, with response to headline inflation



*Notes:* Same as Figure 3 in the main text, but here monetary policy responds to headline inflation rather than core; still with  $\phi_{\Pi} = 1.5$ .

**Figure G.2** Counterpart to Figure 4 in the main text: monetary shock, with response to headline inflation



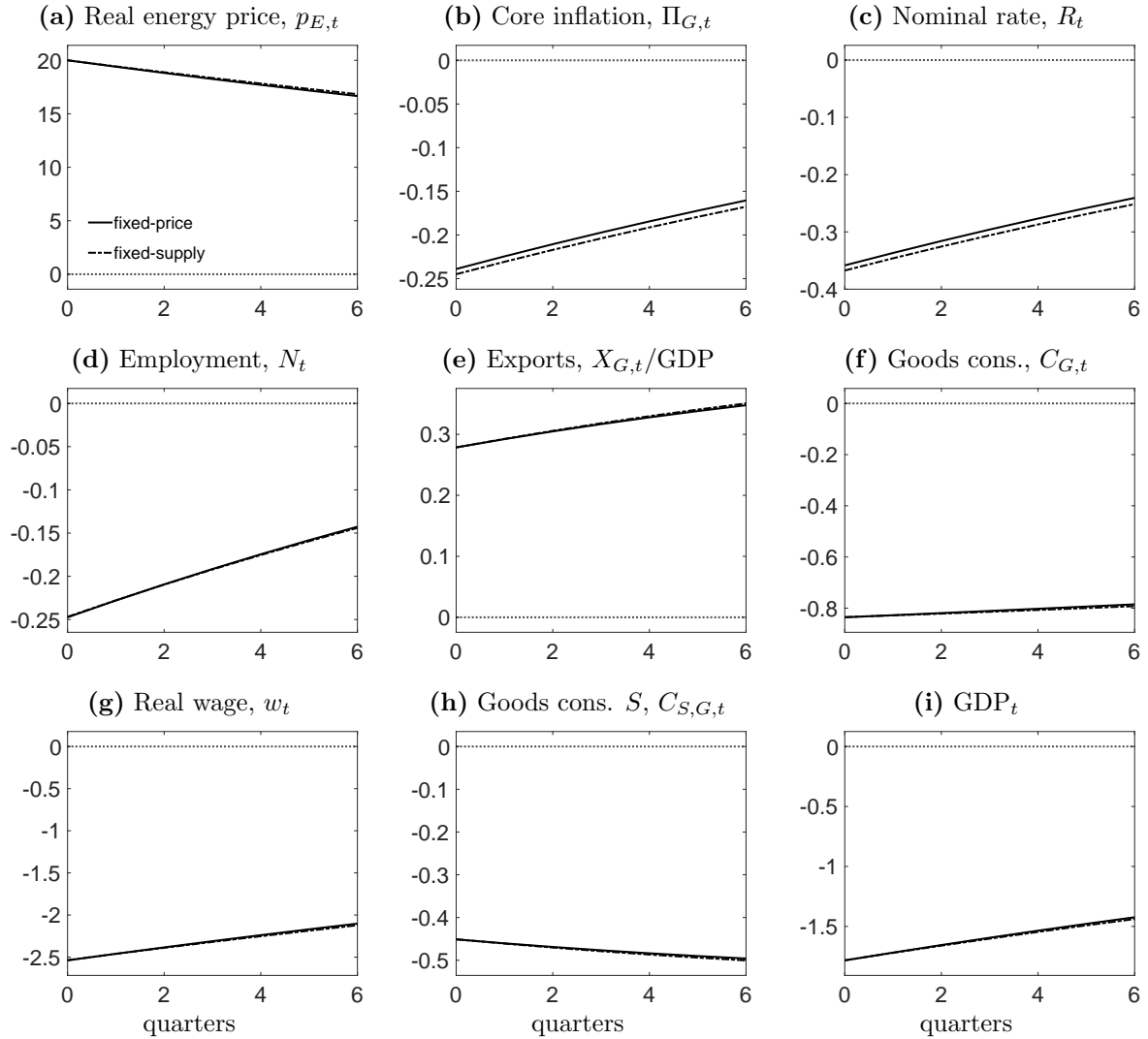
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## H Figures 3 and 4 with flexible wages

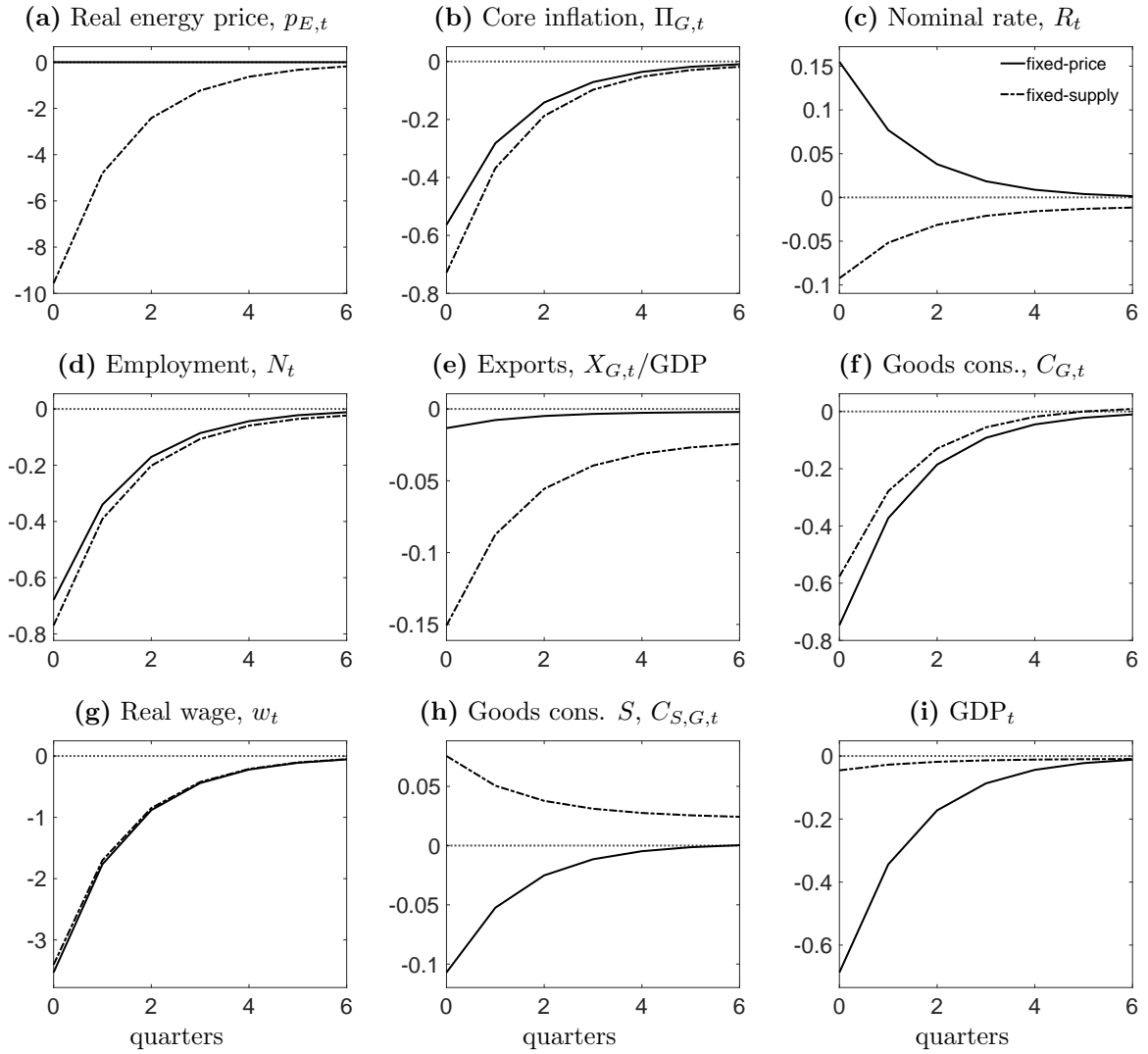
This appendix, for the sake of completeness, reports the main text's impulse responses to fundamental shocks also for the case that wages are flexible.

**Figure H.1** Counterpart to Figure 3 in the main text: fundamental energy shock, flexible wages



Notes: Same as Figure 3 in the main text, but here the wage is flexible.

**Figure H.2** Counterpart to Figure 4 in the main text: monetary shock, flexible wages



Notes: Same as Figure 4 in the main text, but here the wage is flexible.