
THE NEW KEYNESIAN CLIMATE MODEL

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$$m c_t = \psi (x_t \tilde{y}_t - \omega d)^{\sigma_c} \tilde{y}_t^{(1+\sigma_n)/\alpha-1} \Phi(\tilde{m}_t)^{-(1+\sigma_n)/\alpha}$$

$$\text{MP:} \quad r_t = r_{t-1}^\rho \left[r_r (\pi_t^* / \pi) (\pi_t / \pi_t^*)^{\phi_\pi} (\tilde{y}_t / \tilde{y}_t^n)^{\phi_y} \right]^{1-\rho} \varepsilon_{r,t}$$

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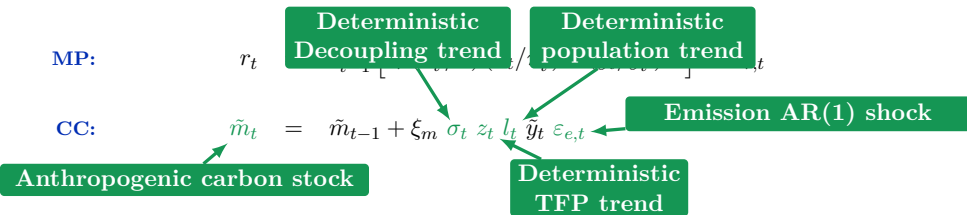
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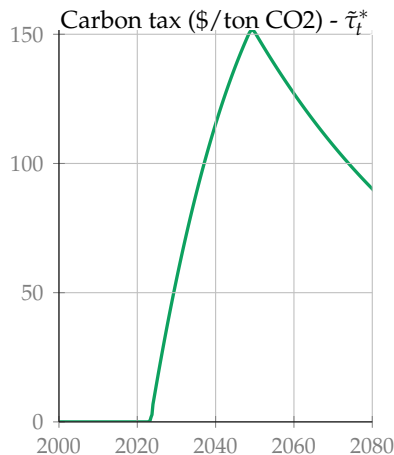
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- ▶ Large uncertainty about future carbon tax: implications for estimation in particular at the end of the sample.
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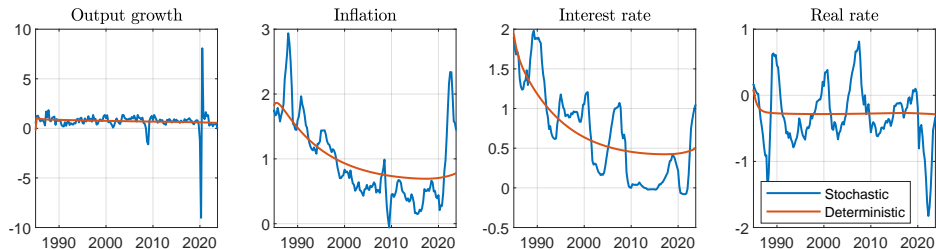
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where $\varphi \in [0, 1]$ is the fraction of believers (or expected intensity) of Paris-Agreement policy.



STOCHASTIC AND DETERMINISTIC PATHS

Figure 1: Implied deterministic and stochastic paths



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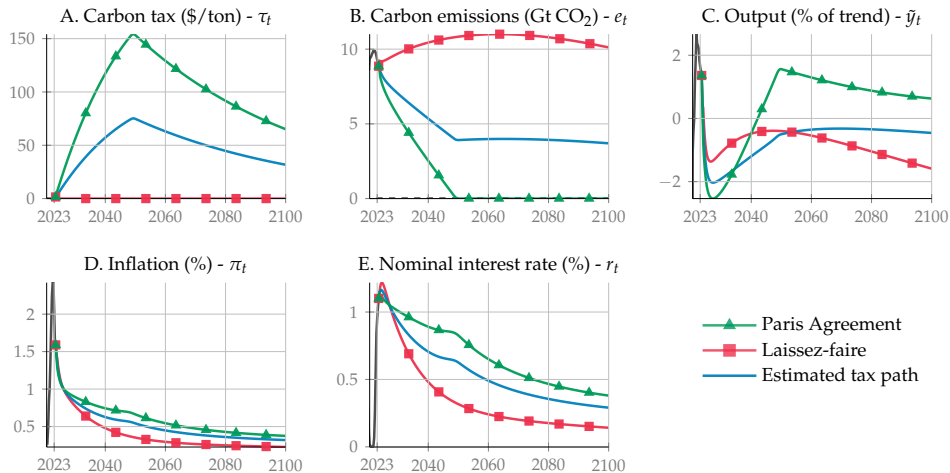
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- ▶ What is the future macroeconomic landscape by the end of the century?
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 - ▶ Paris-Agreement with $\varphi = 1$.
 - ▶ Estimated carbon path with $\varphi = 0.53$.
 - ▶ Laissez-faire with $\varphi = 0$.

THREE TRANSITIONS

Figure 2: Model-implied projections based on alternative control rates of emissions



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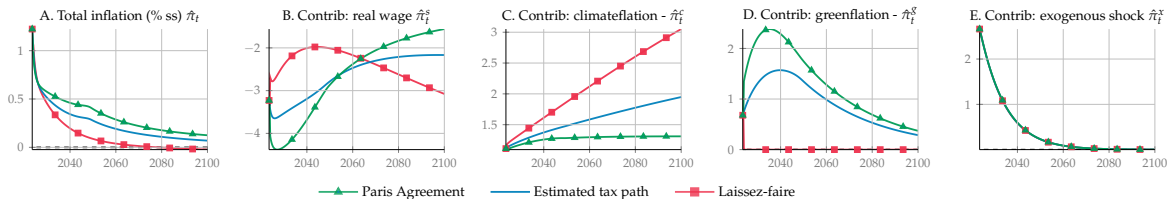
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which allows to break down inflation into 4 different forces:

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with $\hat{\pi}_t = \pi_t - \pi_t^*$

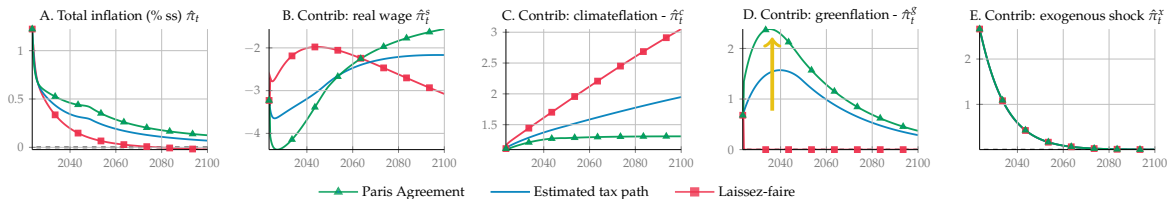
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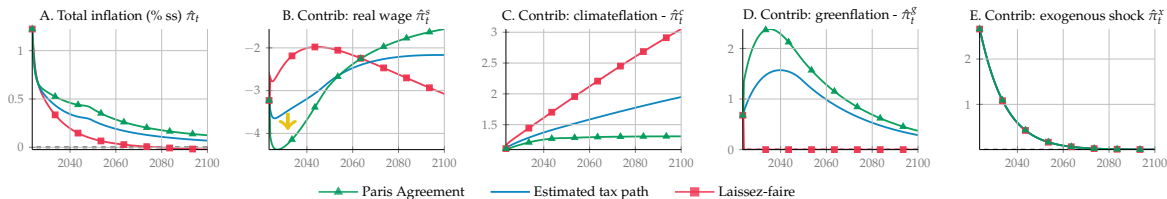
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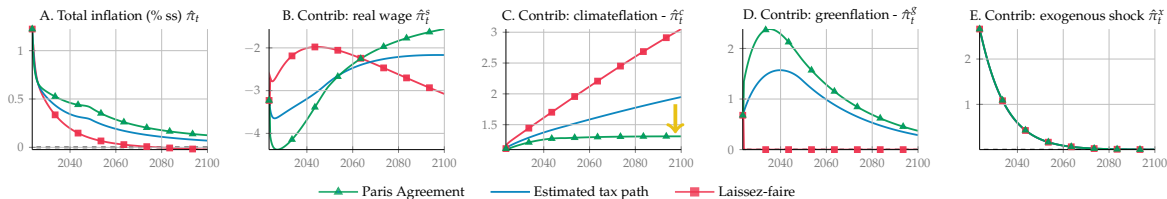
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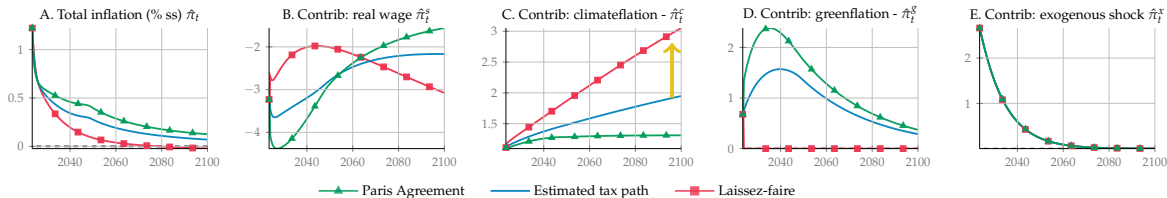
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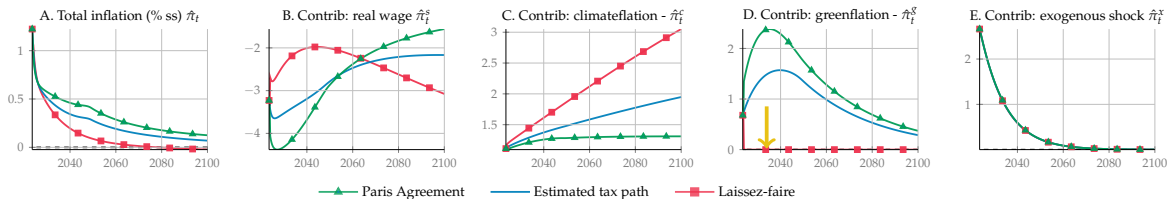
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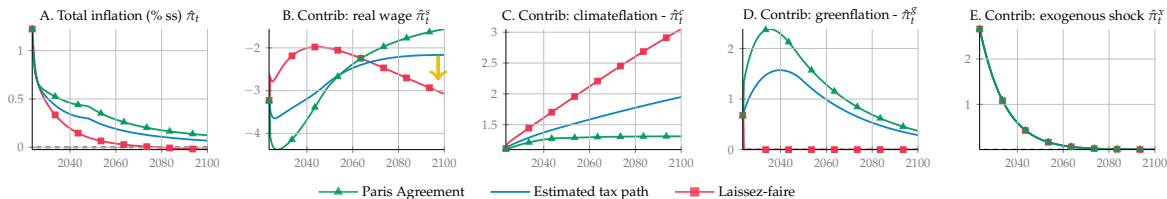
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- ▶ Do sticky wages increase inflation?
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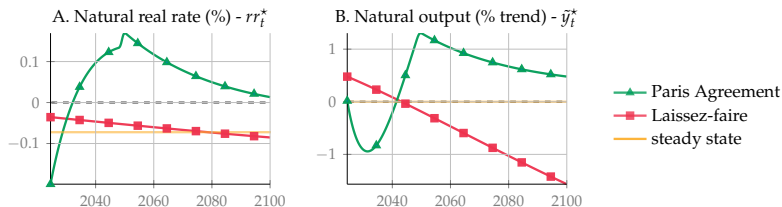
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THE DESIGN OF POLICY RULES

- ▶ The New Keynesian model assumes **the natural interest rate (r^*) is stable** over time;
- ▶ This leads to monetary policy (e.g., the Taylor Rule) being designed around deviations from a steady-state targets;
- ▶ **Climate factors disrupt the natural economy** proportionally to the carbon stock/tax;
- ▶ As a result, the traditional design of monetary policy rules based on a stable (r^*) may become flawed.

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- ▶ Substantial changes in the natural rate: **decline under laissez faire, increase under transition;**
- ▶ A standard Taylor rule could be **persistently misaligned** with the neutral rate;
- ▶ If the **natural rate is persistently lower** (higher) than the steady-state target, monetary policy could be **persistently too tight** (too loose).

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Monetary policy rule reads as:

$$\varsigma_{r,t} = \varsigma_{r,t-1}^{\rho} \left[\frac{\pi_t^*}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi_t}{\pi_t^*} \right)^{\phi_{\pi}} \varsigma_{y,t}^{\phi_y} \right]^{1-\rho} \varepsilon_{r,t},$$

► **Current taylor rule:**

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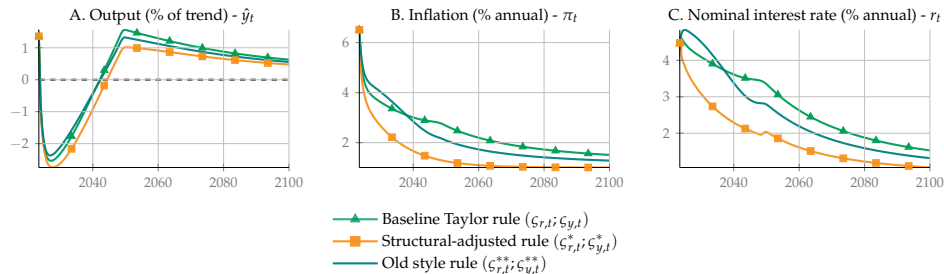
► **Structural-adjusted rule:**

$$\varsigma_{r,t}^* = r_t/r_t^*, \quad \varsigma_{y,t}^* = y_t/y_t^*$$

► **Old style rule:**

$$\varsigma_{r,t}^{**} = r_t/r, \quad \varsigma_{y,t}^{**} = y_t/y$$

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- ▶ Baseline and old style rules are quite similar during the transition.
- ▶ Structural rule more aggressive, cutting down inflation by 1.5 percent.
- ▶ Baseline rule is too loose, inefficiently driving up inflation from misalignment with natural rate.

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CONCLUSION

- ▶ This framework allows us to identify *climateflation* and *greenflation*
- ▶ With conservative assumptions, *climateflation* and *greenflation* are sizable and depends on how real wages adjust
- ▶ Structural change of r^* matters: could inefficiently increase inflation by 1.5 percent during transition

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