

Commodity and Credit Cycles in Resource-rich Economies¹

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- Key **risk** for resource-rich economies is creating the **boom** on national credit markets during the episodes of **high commodity prices**
- Reversal of commodity prices entails the significant **deleverage** and the difficulties in servicing the **liabilities in foreign currency**
- The paper is aimed to assess the impact of terms of trade (ToT) shocks on credit cycles in resource-rich economies

Urgency

The rise of commodity prices contributes to ...

- Foreign currency inflow
- Credit expansion
- Amplification of FX loans and external financing
- Improvement of economic and credit activity

The unexpected reversal of commodity prices entails...

- Deterioration of the solvency of economic agents
- Worsening of the bank credit portfolio
- Risks of default of external debt and foreign loans
- Rise of financial market volatility or even financial crisis

Related Literature

- Rise of crude oil prices increases aggregate output and its components [Bergholt, Larsen, 2016]
- Decline of crude oil prices results in credit contraction and the worsening of bank credit portfolio [Agarwal et al., 2017] and ...
- ... the upsurge of the dollarization of bank credit and deposit, the NPL share and the probability of banking crisis [Kinda et al., 2016]
- Complementation of monetary policy by MMP instruments helps to alleviate the credit activity during the expansion of financial cycle [González et al., 2015; Bruno et al., 2015]
- MMP remains effective especially in developing economies [Cerutti et al., 2017; Gambacorta, Murcia, 2017; Richter et al., 2018]

Related Literature (about Russia)

- Increase in crude oil prices contributes to the rise of GDP [Malakhovskaya, Minabutdinov, 2017; Polbin, 2017]
- Positive ToT shock entails the upsurge of credit volume and external debt of corporate sector [Lomivorotov, 2015; Pestova, Mamonov, 2016]

Related Literature (conclusions)

- 1 **Close relationship** between the dynamics of the commodity and credit cycle indicators in resource-rich economies
- 2 **Sizeable sensitivity** of financial cycle parameters to global commodity market development
- 3 **Financial system risks' accumulation** in response to the decline of commodity prices
- 4 EMEs are **mostly prone** to negative external shocks
- 5 **MPP is essential!**

Methodology

The vector autoregression (VAR) model with m variables и p lags:

$$Y_t = B_{const} + B_1 Y_{t-1} + B_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + B_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \Sigma),$$

where $Y_t = (y_{1t}, y_{2t}, \dots, y_{mt})'$ – the vector of endogenous variables with dimension of m ($t = 1, \dots, T$), $B_{const} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)'$ – the vector of constants with the dimension of m , B_l – the matrix of autoregressive coefficients $m \times m$, where l – the number of a lag from 1 to p

After transformation $B = [B_{const} B_1 \dots B_p]'$ and $X_t = [1 Y'_{t-1} \dots Y'_{t-p}]'$ VAR in the reduced form:

$$Y_t = B' X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

Methodology

- Structural identification – Cholesky decomposition
- The identification of shocks in a **small open economy** (SOE):
 - *External sector variables* (volatility of global markets, commodity prices, global GDP)
 - *Domestic macroeconomic variables* (aggregate output, inflation)
 - *Domestic financial variables* (external debt, interest rate, credit risk indicator, monetary base, exchange rate, risk premium)

Methodology

Bayesian regularization is necessary due to the «curse of dimensionality»!

The Bayes formula supposes:

$$p(B, \Sigma | Y) = \frac{p(B, \Sigma) p(Y | B, \Sigma)}{p(Y)}$$

where $p(B, \Sigma | Y)$ – the posterior density function; $p(B, \Sigma)$ – the prior distribution, $p(Y | B, \Sigma)$ – the likelihood function, $p(Y)$ – the probability density function.

$$\textit{posterior_distribution} = \textit{prior_distribution} \times \textit{data}$$

- Prior distribution: Independent Normal – Inverse Wishart distribution
- Every element of the covariance matrix of model's coefficients [Blake, Mumtaz, 2017]:

$(\sigma_i \lambda_4)^2$ for constants

$(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_3})^2$ for $i = j$

$(\frac{\sigma_i \lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\sigma_j \lambda_3})^2$ for $i \neq j$

Choice of hyperparameters [Demeshev, Malakhovskaya, 2016; Pestova, Mamonov, 2015]:

- $\lambda_1 = 0.1$ (total «tightness» of the prior distribution)
- $\lambda_2 = 0.5$ (Bayesian cross-regularization parameter)
- $\lambda_3 = 1$
- $\lambda_4 = 100$ (relative «tightness» of the distribution of a constant)

Six time series models for countries (AEs and EMEs) with the sizeable share of commodity export:

Country	Key export category	2017
Chile	Copper	58%
Russia	Crude oil and oil products	42%
Colombia	Crude oil and oil products	35%
Australia	Coal	16%
Canada	Crude oil	13%
Brazil	Iron ore	9%

Source: Bloomberg

Data (variables)

① *External sector variables:*

- implied volatility of the US stock exchange index S&P 500 (VIX)
- commodity price (Brent crude oil, copper, coal, iron ore)
- real GDP of US or EU

② *Domestic macroeconomic variables:*

- real GDP or industrial production
- consumer price index CPI

③ *Domestic financial variables:*

- interest rate
- monetary base (wide definition)
- **credit risk indicator**
- nominal exchange rate of the US dollar to national currency
- sovereign risk premium (5-year credit default swap (CDS) spread)

Data (variables)

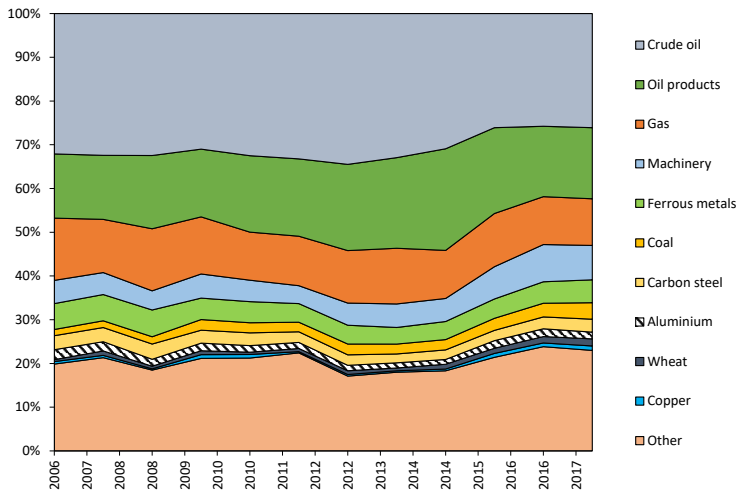
Credit risk indicators:

- growth rate of total credit
- growth rate of households and enterprise credit
- growth rate of credit in national and foreign currency
- NPL ratio
- dollarization coefficient
- growth rate of external debt
- credit-to-GDP ratio

*Elasticities' calculations are based on the impulse response function (IRF) analysis. The elasticity of the level of X implies that the acceleration of the **annual commodity price growth rate** by 1 p.p. entails the increase in the **credit cycle indicator** by X p.p.*

Results

Russia



Source: Federal Customs Service of Russia

Russia (elasticities)

Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Consumer credit (national currency)	0.2236	15 m
Consumer credit (foreign currency)	0.2424	22 m
NPL share of consumer credit (national currency)	-0.0138	15 m
NPL share of consumer credit (foreign currency)	-0.0714	21 m
Enterprise credit (national currency)	0.0782	27 m
Enterprise credit (foreign currency)	0.2136	7 m
NPL share of enterprise credit (national currency)	-0.0165	18 m
NPL share of enterprise credit (foreign currency)	insignif.	

Russia (elasticities)

Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Total credit (national currency)	0.0872	26 m
Total credit (foreign currency)	0.1851	7 m
Total credit	0.0857	30 m
Dollarization of consumer credit	0.0359	18 m
Dollarization of enterprise credit	0.0284	21 m
Total dollarization	0.0339	20 m
External debt of the corporate sector	0.1194	2 q
Credit-to-GDP ratio	-0.2119	5 q

Source: author's calculations

The improvement of the global energy markets is accompanied by ...

- decrease in the money market interest rates (recent introduction of inflation targeting, countercyclical fiscal policy and MPP framework)
- accumulation of external debt of the corporate sector
- rise of the growth rates of consumer and enterprise loans
- increase in the dollarization rate
- decline of NPL share

Macroprudential policy in Russia

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Three main episodes of MPP instruments' implementation [Danilova, Elizarova, 2017; FSR, 2014; FSR, 2016]:

① 2007-2008:

- strong private capital inflow
- rise of the share of foreign debt in the banking sector' liabilities up to 20%
- growth of reserve requirements from 4,5% in January, 2008 to 8,5% at the beginning of September, 2008
- **effectiveness**: accumulation of additional 400 bln rub in the banking sector

Macroprudential policy in Russia

2 2013-2014:

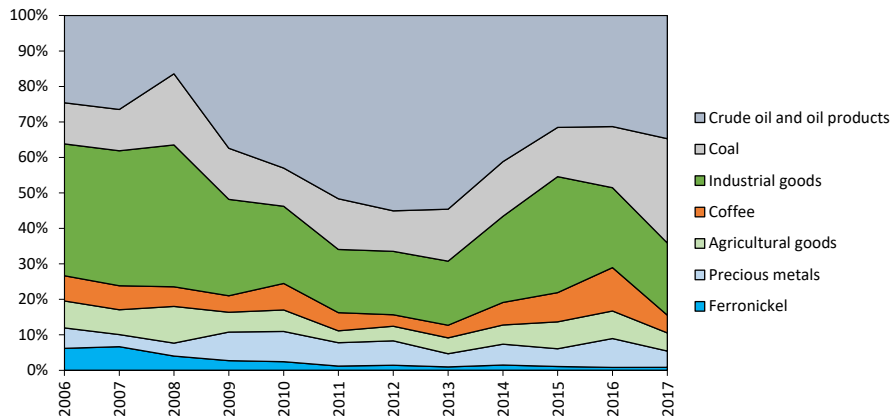
- growth rate of consumer lending was 60% that exceeded the similar indicator to enterprise growth rate (24,4%) (2011-2012)
- Bank of Russia raised loan-loss provisions for unsecured consumer loans and risk weights
- **effectiveness:**
 - consumer lending growth rate decreased to 27% (1st April, 2014)
 - decline of risky loans' share
 - rise of coverage ratio of banks (specialized in unsecured consumer lending) from 1,9% (1st January, 2013) to 4,3% (1st January, 2015)

Macroprudential policy in Russia

③ 2016:

- spike in market volatility
- high level of dollarization of banks' assets and liabilities
- rise of the volatility of the credit institutions' required ratios and the total credit risk
- Bank of Russia introduced the increased risk weights for foreign currency claims on households and corporate entities with insufficient foreign exchange earnings
- **effectiveness:**
 - dollarization of banking sector deposits fell by 5,9 pp to 18,8%

Colombia



Source: National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia

MPP index in commodity exporters

Country	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Angola	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	3
Australia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brazil	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Canada	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5
Chile	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Colombia	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Kazakhstan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Norway	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	4
Russia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saudi Arabia	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
UAE	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
USA	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Source: Cerutti et al., 2017

Colombia

Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Total credit	0.0683	31 m
Total NPL share	insignif.	
Consumer credit	0.1197	20 m
NPL share of consumer credit	-0.0037	2 m
Enterprise credit	0.0564	33 m
NPL share of enterprise credit	insignif.	
External debt of the private sector	-0.1078	9 m
Credit (private non-financial sector)-to-GDP ratio	-0.0362	3 q
Loans in foreign currency	-0.4804	2 q

Source: author's calculations

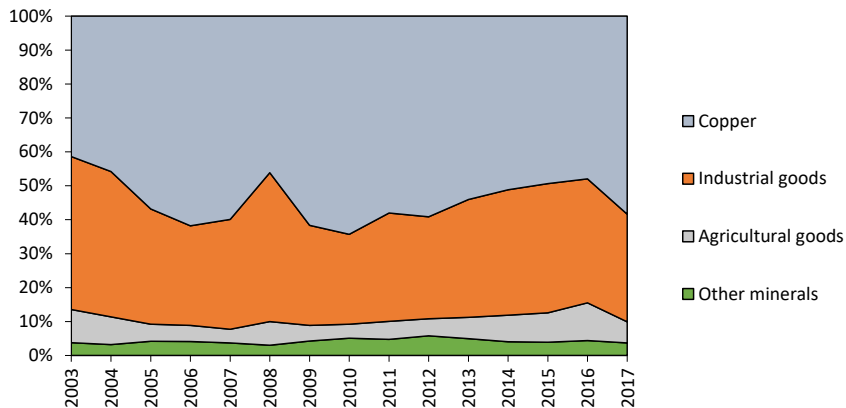
The Colombian economy is characterised by ...

- high level of MPP implementation [Cerutti et al., 2017]
- closeness (in terms of trade in GDP) [Vargas et al., 2017]
- importance of non-tradable sector

The increase in oil prices elicits:

- domestic financial conditions' tightening
- rise of consumer, enterprise and total credit
- decrease in external debt of the private sector and total foreign currency loans

Chile



Source: Central Bank of Chile

Chile

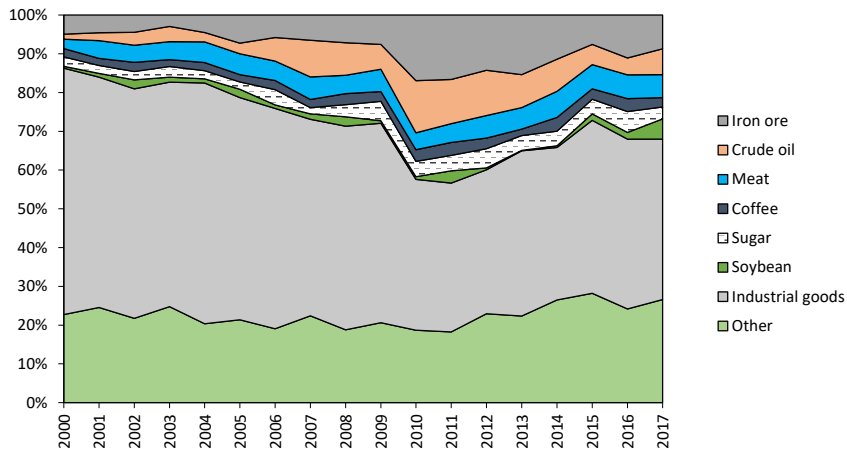
Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Total credit	insignif.	
Consumer credit	0.0463	9 q
Enterprise credit	insignif.	
Total external debt	0.0481	3 q
Credit(non-financial private sector)-to-GDP	-0.0687	7 q
Loans in foreign currency	0.2942	10 q

Source: author's calculations

The improvement of ToT results in:

- increase in interest rates (high level of MPP usage [Cifuentes et al., 2017])
- responses of growth rates of total and enterprise loans remain insignificant

Brazil



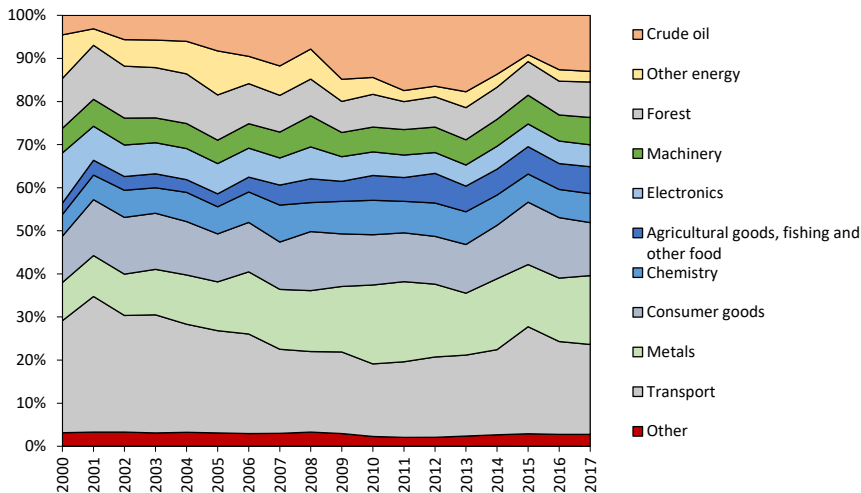
Source: Ministry of Industry and External Trade of Brazil

Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Total credit	0.0804	5 q
Consumer credit	insignif.	
Enterprise credit	0.1213	5 q
External debt of the private sector	-0.1290	13 q
Credit(private non-financial sector)-to-GDP	0.0898	13 q
Total loans in foreign currency	0.2178	2 q
The dollarization coefficient	0.1168	10 q

Source: author's calculations

The reaction of consumer lending is insignificant due to the regulation of car lending market

Canada and Australia



Source: Statistics Canada

Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Total credit	-0.0453	4 q
Consumer credit	insignif.	
Enterprise credit	-0.0883	4 q
Mortgage outstanding	-0.0158	8 q
Total external debt	0.0509	1 q
Credit(private non-financial sector)-to-GDP	-0.0836	4 q
Total loans in foreign currency	insignif.	
Dollarization coefficient	-0.09826	2 q

Source: author's calculations

Australia

Credit cycle indicator	Elasticity	Maximum effect
Total credit	-0.0365	7 q
Consumer credit	-0.1444	7 q
Enterprise credit	-0.0392	6 q
External debt of the private sector	-0.0774	5 q
Credit(private non-financial sector)-to-GDP	-0.0628	5 q

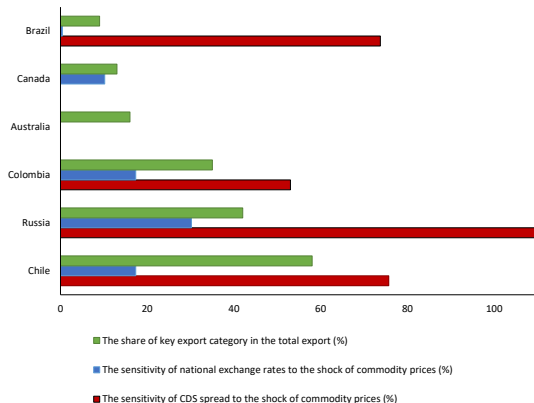
Source: author's calculations

Canada and Australia

- Central banks in developed countries have more opportunities to pursue countercyclical monetary policy in the historical perspective [Kaminsky et al., 2004]
- High level of MPP implementation in Canada [Cerutti et al., 2017; Allen et al., 2017]
- Wide national financial markets
- Saturation of credit markets
- Increase in commodity prices entails the rise of interest rates and the decrease in credit cycle indicators

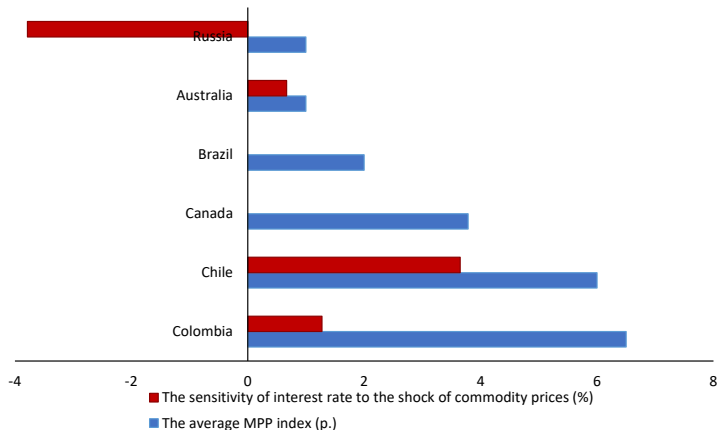
Results (1)

The increase in the share of the predominant commodity export category results in the rise of the sensitivity of sovereign risk premium and national exchange rate to commodity prices shocks. This dependency is higher in EMEs.



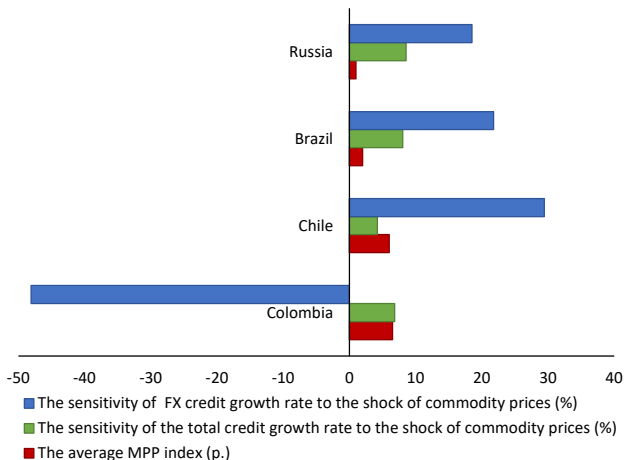
Results (2)

The market interest rates rise in response to positive ToT shocks in AEs. This tendency also exists in EMEs with high level of MPP implementation.



Results (3)

There is less exposure of total and foreign currency credit growth to commodity prices shocks in EMEs with high MPP score.



Conclusions

- Commodity prices' upsurge results in the increase in total credit growth rate, foreign currency credit growth rate and the rate of accumulation of external debt in most countries
- The improvement of the conditions of international trade contributes to the rise of dollarization and the decline of NPL in Russia
- Interest rates rise during the expansionary phase of commodity cycle in AEs and EMEs with high level of MPP implementation
- EMEs with active usage of MPP instruments are less exposed to external conditions' vulnerabilities
- Economic authorities in EMEs should develop national financial markets and pursue countercyclical MPP

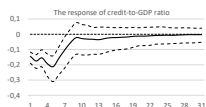
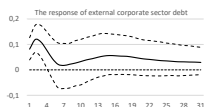
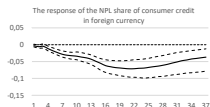
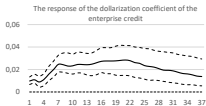
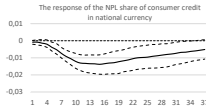
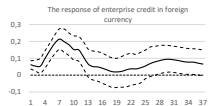
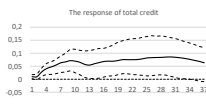
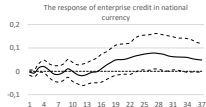
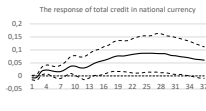
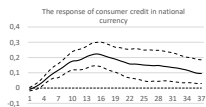
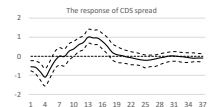
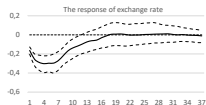
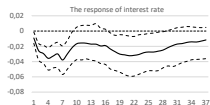
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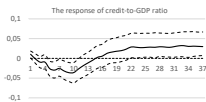
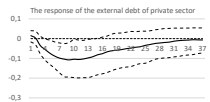
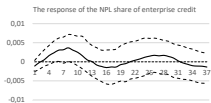
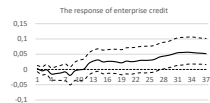
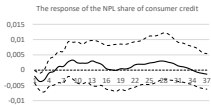
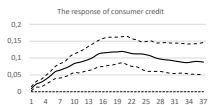
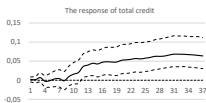
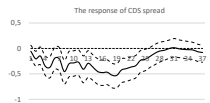
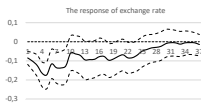
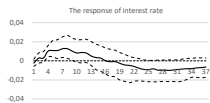
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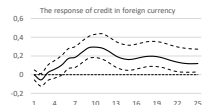
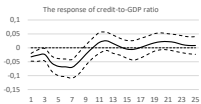
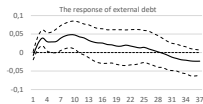
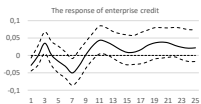
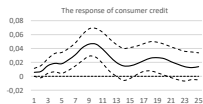
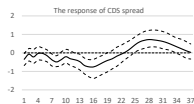
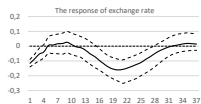
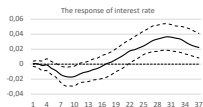
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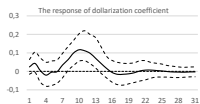
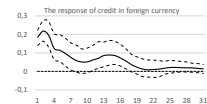
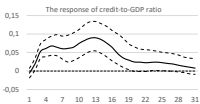
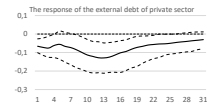
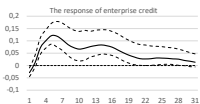
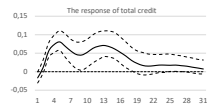
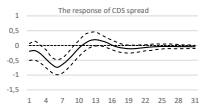
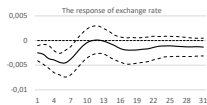
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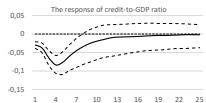
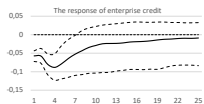
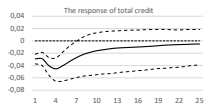
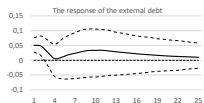
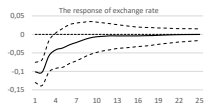


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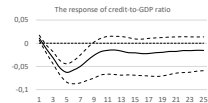
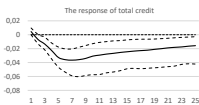
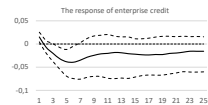
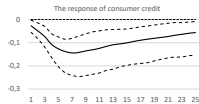
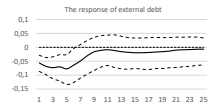
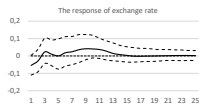
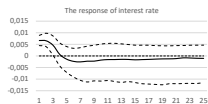


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