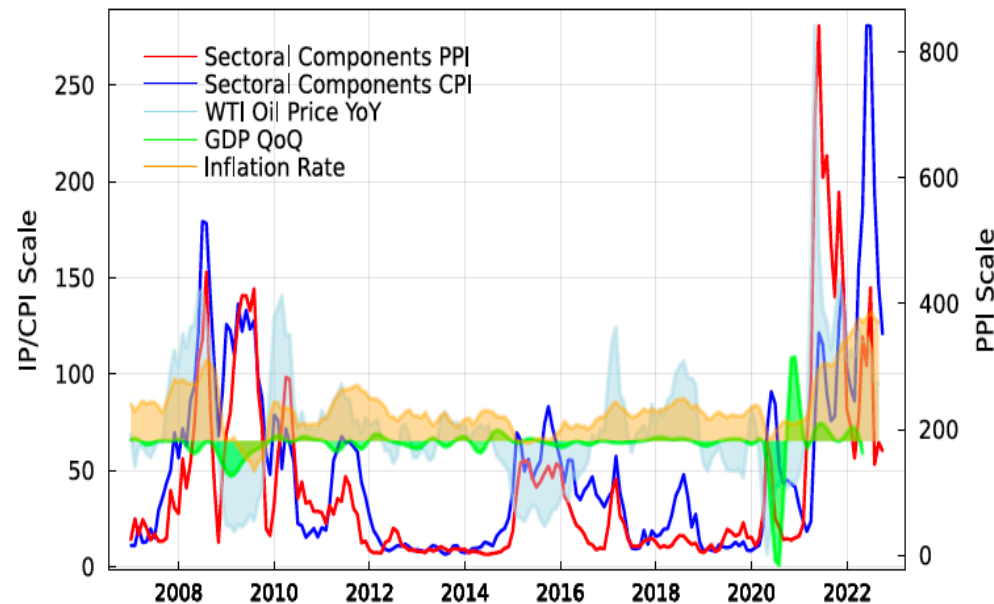
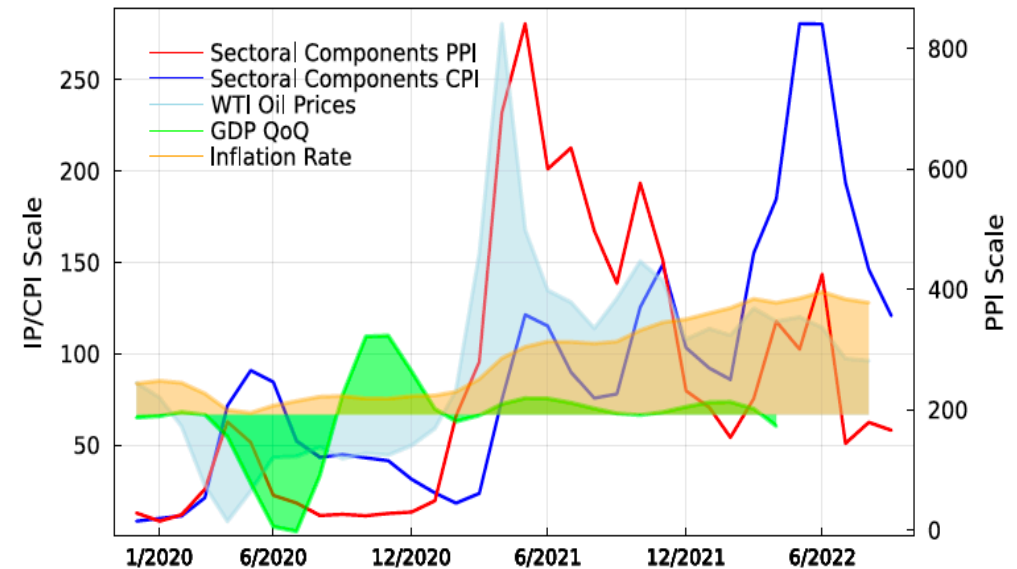


# Covid and post covid Large changes in relative prices – The US

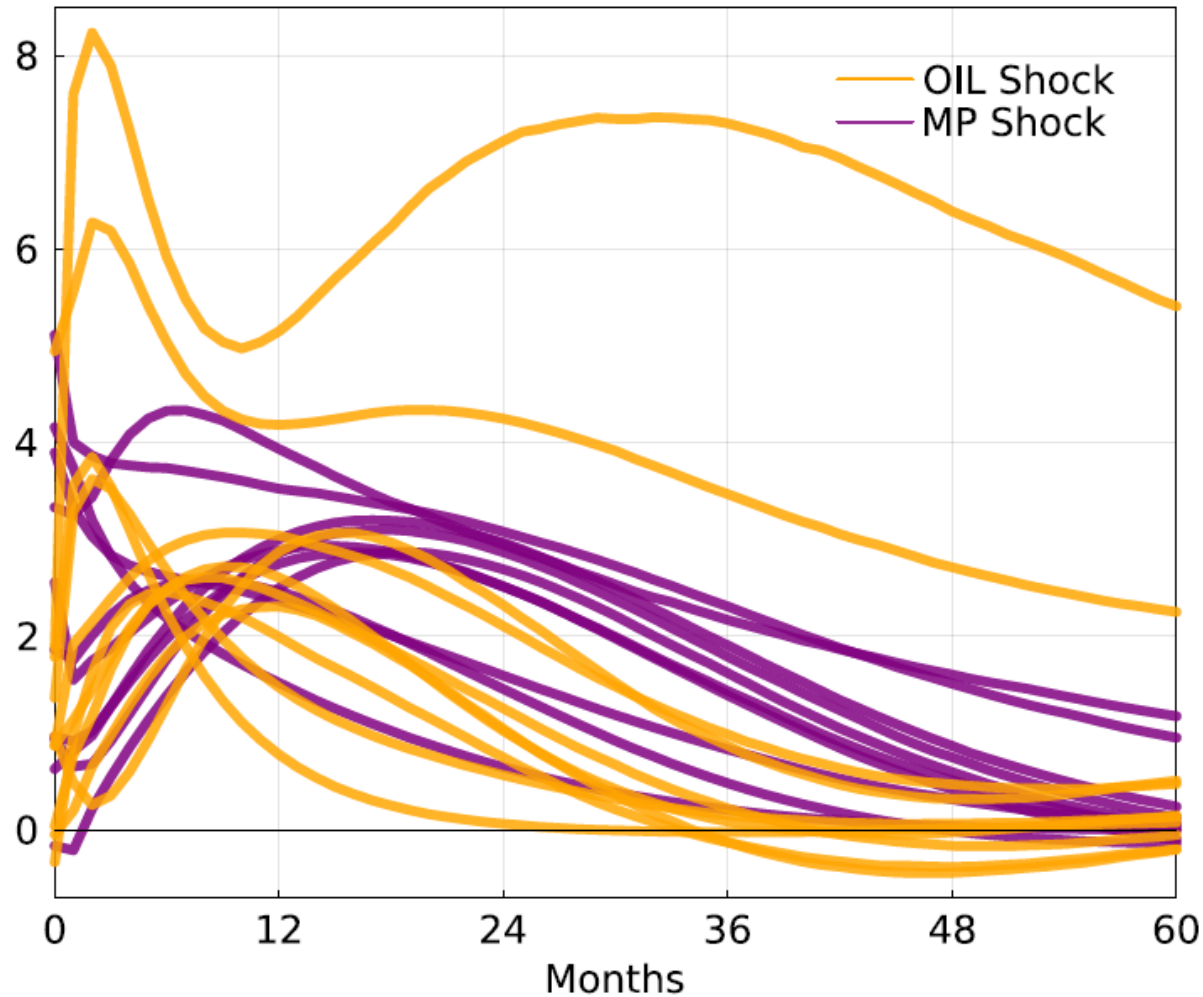
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Av. Quadratic Deviation - COVID



Historical analysis - VAR based  
Sectoral price response to oil shocks more  
heterogeneous than response to monetary  
shock



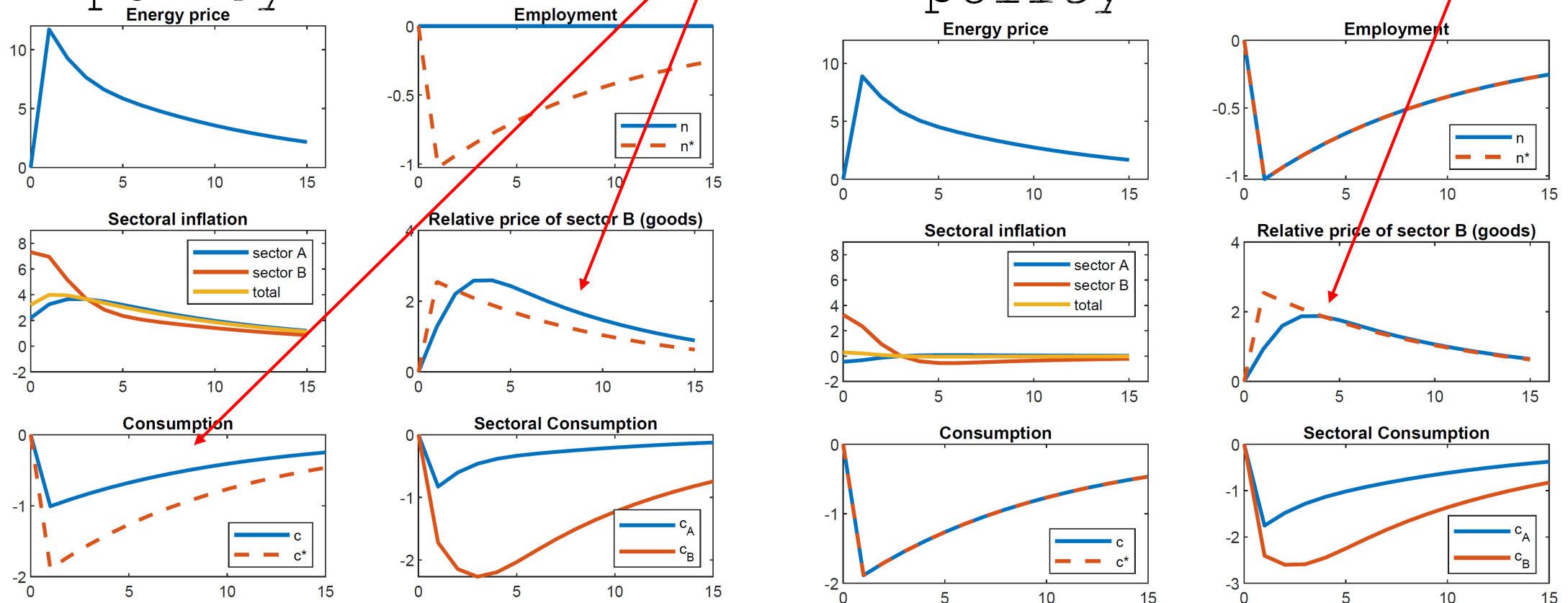
# Loose vs tight monetary policy in response to an oil shock

Flex vs Efficient path

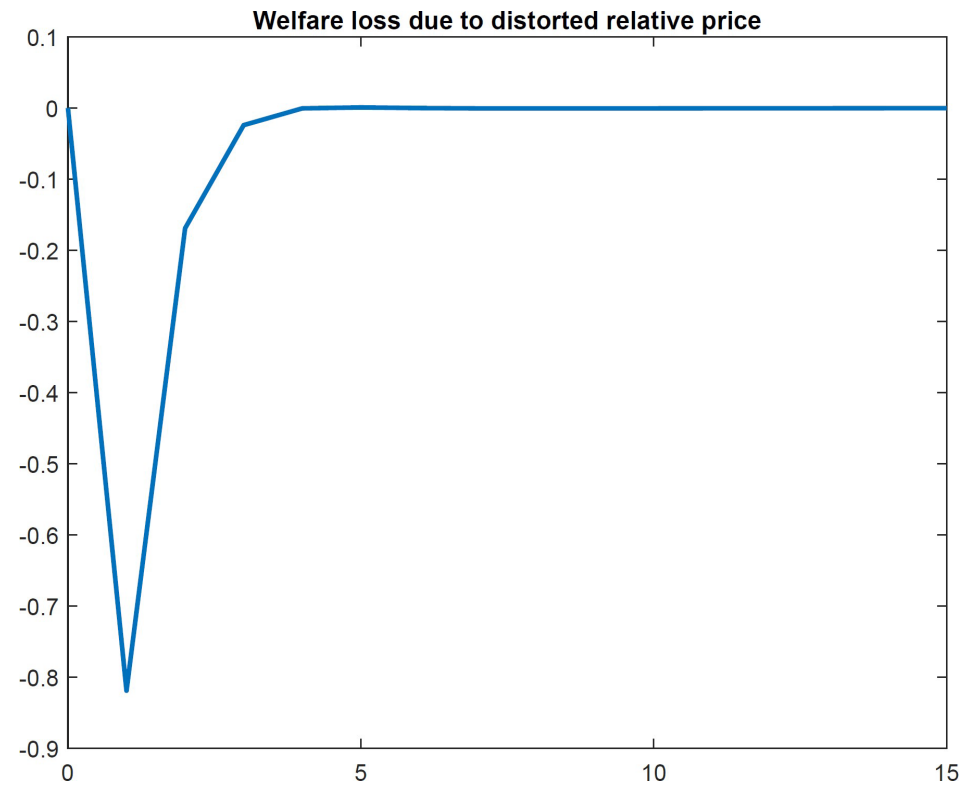
Zero inflation but distortion in allocation

## Loose monetary policy

## Tight monetary policy



# WELFARE LOSS DUE TO RELATIVE PRICES



# Non-linear Phillips curve and negative supply shift

When supply shifts to the left, an increase in demand pushes the economy to the steep part of the supply curve

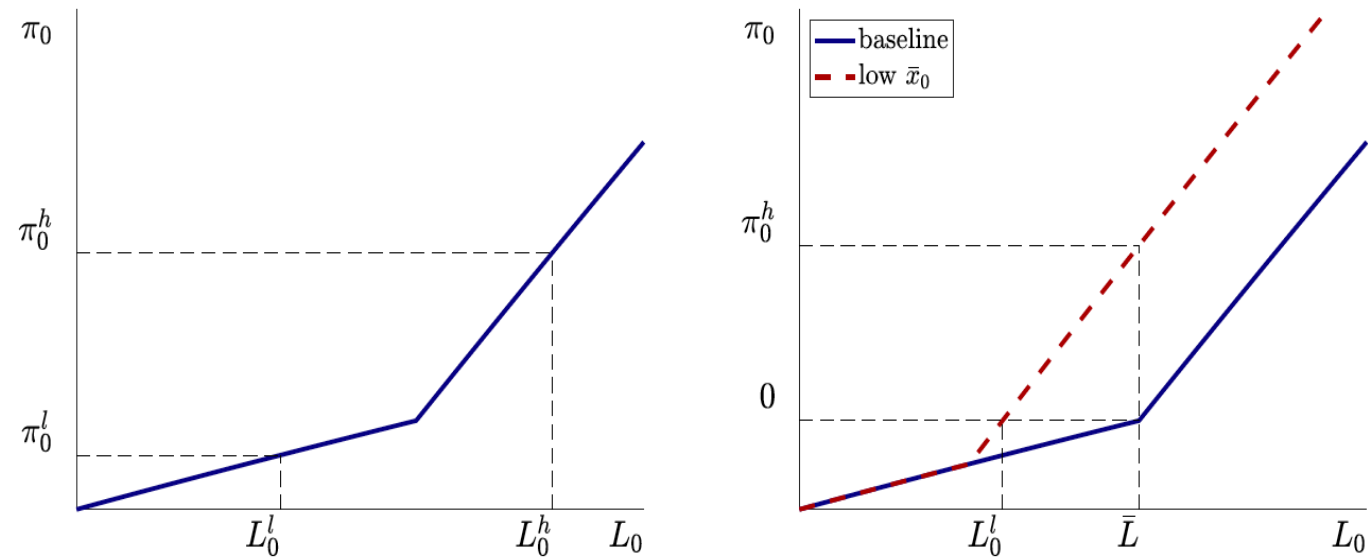


Figure 1: Phillips curve.

# Effect of temporary dirty energy shortage – costly tradeoffs

- **Under full-employment policy** we have a recession because the tightness in access to dirty goods drives down productivity. Sharp rise in inflation
- **Under inflation target**, sharp decline in employment and deep recession. Also dampens relative price change needed for reallocation

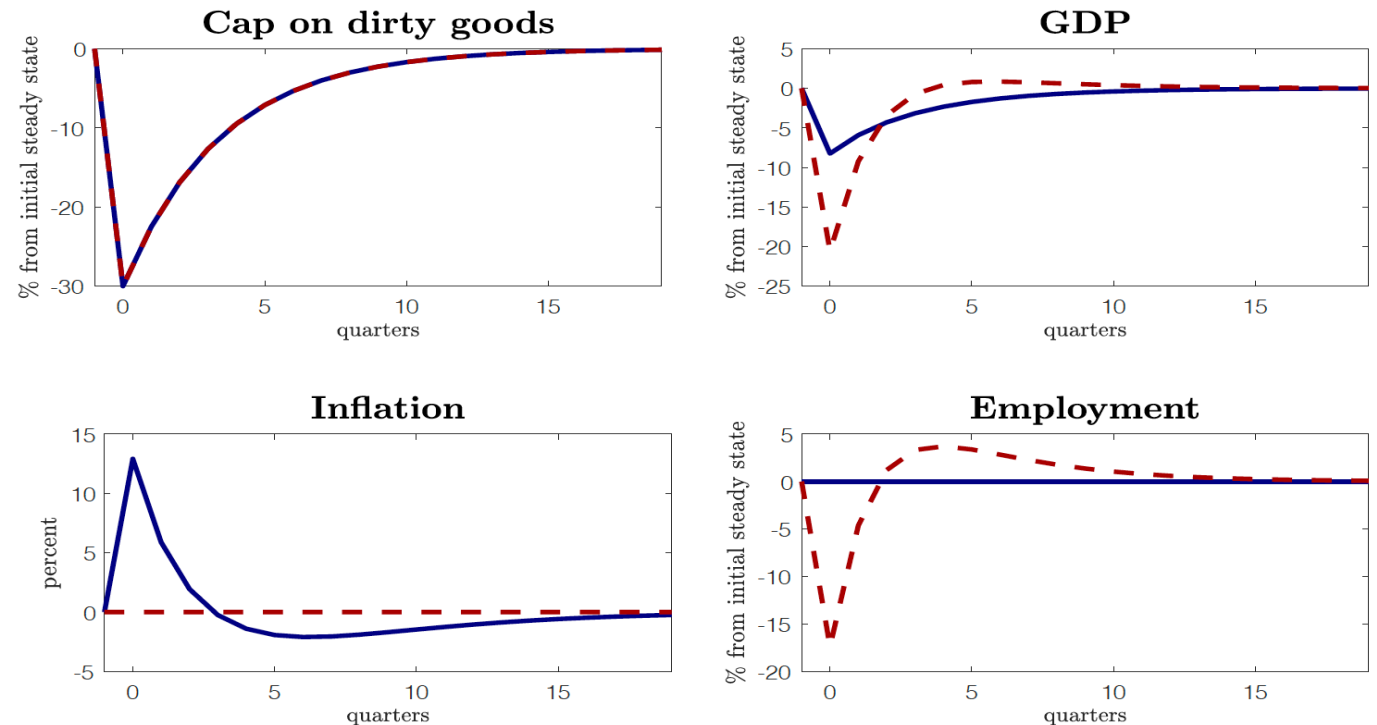
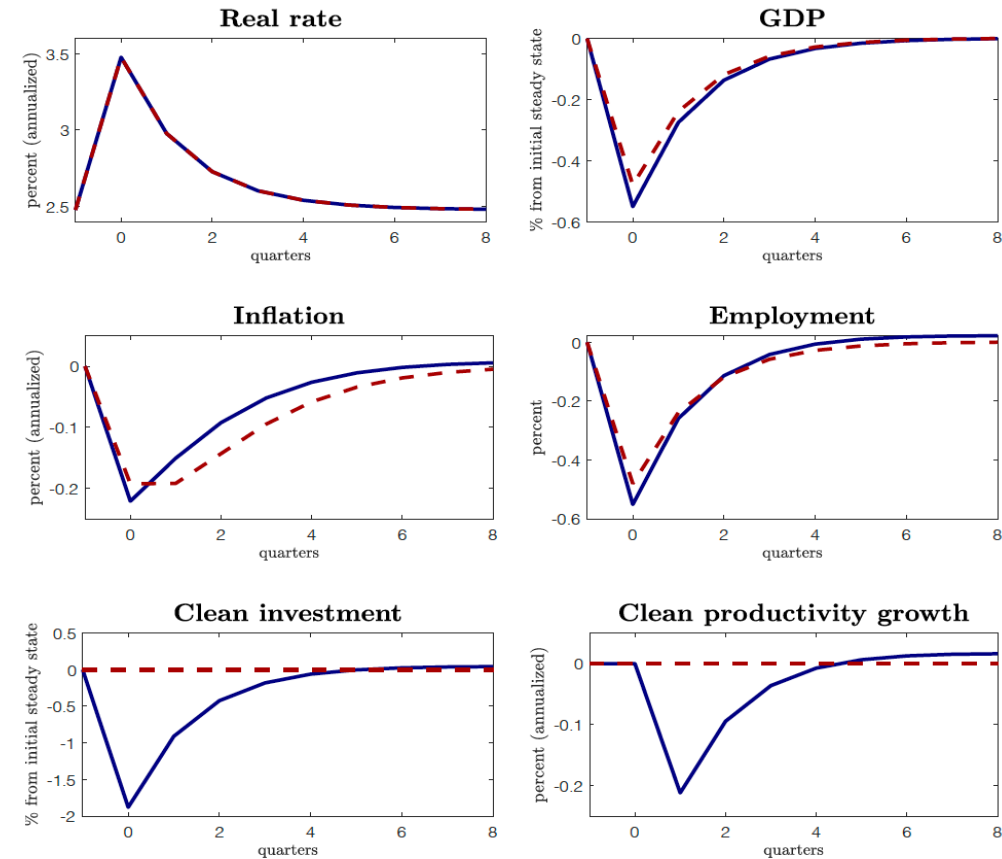


Figure 2: Temporary dirty-energy shortages.

# Monetary contraction with and without endogenous growth

- Monetary tightening dampens inflation but the endogenous responses of investment and productivity lowers productivity growth creating inflationary pressures.
- In the medium run, the economy with endogenous investment features higher inflation, and lower output, compared to the fixed-investment economy.
- Endogenous investment in innovation creates an intertemporal inflation trade-off for the central bank.



**Figure 4: Impact of a monetary contraction.** Notes: solid lines refer to the baseline model with endogenous investment, dashed lines refer to a counterfactual economy in which investment is fixed to its steady state value.