THE OPTIMAL MONETARY POLICY RESPONSE TO TARIFFS

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- Extensions: temporary/anticipated, ex/endogenous TOT, supply chains

Literature on Tariffs in International Macro

- Classic question: Are tariffs expansionary or contractionary? Keynes vs. Mundell
- Recent studies: Auray, Devereux, Eyquem (2022,2024); Eichengreen (2019); Barattieri, Cacciatore and Ghironi (2021); Comin and Johnson (2021); Jeanne (2021); Bergin and Corsetti (2021); Erceg, Prestipino and Raffo (2023); Lloyd and Marin (2024)

Focus literature: positive analysis and joint optimal tariffs-monetary policy

• Bergin-Corsetti (2023): Optimal cooperative is contractionary for tariff-imposing

Our contribution:

- Non-cooperative: optimal policy is expansionary
 - ▶ Fiscal externality ⇒ tariff ≠ TOT shock
- Analytical conditions for tariffs expansionary/contractionary

Active agenda!

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Monop. competitive w/ Rotemberg price adjustment costs φ

$$\max_{\left\{y_{jt}, P_{jt}\right\}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_{t+1} \left[(1+s)P_{jt}y_{jt} - W_t y_{jt} - \frac{\varphi}{2} \left(\frac{P_{jt}}{P_{j,t-1}} - 1 \right)^2 P_t^h y_t \right]$$
s.t.
$$y_{jt} = \left(\frac{P_{jt}}{P_t^h} \right)^{-\varepsilon} y_t$$
Constant subsidy to correct markup distortion

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▶ NK Phillips Curve

$$(1+\pi_t)\pi_t = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varphi} \left[\frac{W_t}{P_t^h} - 1 \right] + \beta \frac{u_h(c_{t+1}^h, c_{t+1}^f)}{u_h(c_t^h, c_t^f)} \frac{\ell_{t+1}}{\ell_t} (1+\pi_{t+1})\pi_{t+1}$$

where $\pi_t \equiv P_t^h/P_{t-1}^h - 1$ denotes Producer Price Index PPI inflation

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- Portfolio undetermined, assume $B_0 = 0$ \Leftarrow Abstract from valuation effects

Efficient Allocation

$$\max_{\left\{b_{t+1}, c_{t}^{f}, c_{t}^{h}, \ell_{t}\right\}} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^{t} \left[u(c_{t}^{h}, c_{t}^{f}) - v(\ell_{t})\right],$$
s.t $c_{t}^{h} + pc_{t}^{f} + \frac{b_{t+1}}{R^{*}} = b_{t} + \ell_{t}.$

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- Sticky prices: labor wedge & inflation costs

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- ▶ For large τ , ambiguous.

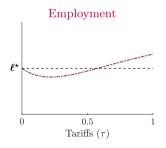
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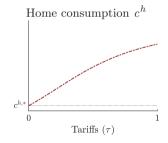
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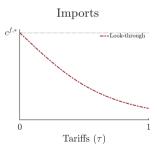
- Three goods, two changes in relative prices:
 - 1. Substitution (c^f, ℓ)
 - Tariff reduces the real wage in terms of $c^f \Rightarrow$ substitution away from labor
 - 2. Substitution (c^f, c^h)
 - $-\sigma > \gamma$ goods are Hicksian complements \Rightarrow labor unambiguously falls
 - $-\sigma < \gamma$ goods are Hicksian substitutes \Rightarrow labor increases for large τ

Illustration: Hicksian Substitutes

$$\sigma = 1/2, \gamma = 4$$







$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^{k} \left[\left(\begin{array}{cc} h & f \\ h & f \end{array} \right) \right]$$

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s.t. $c_t^h + p c_t^f + \frac{b_{t+1}}{R^*} = b_t + \ell_t \left(1 - \Upsilon \frac{\varphi}{2} \pi_t^2 \right),$

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$$(c_t^J)^T$$
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Competitive equilibrium

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same eqni. conditions as with 101 shock
$$\rightarrow p = p(1+\tau)$$

Flex-price allocation ($\pi_t = 0$) coincides with efficient with different TOT

Efficient allocation

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With a genuine rise in cost, optimal to let imports fall and set $\pi_t = 0$.

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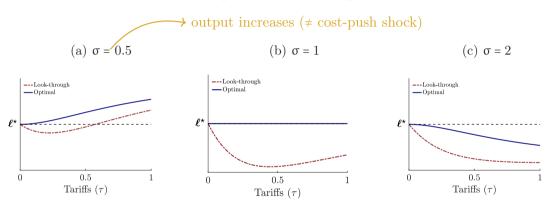
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Employment Response



Under optimal policy, output is always above natural level. With $\sigma < 1$, output exceeds efficient level as well.

Standard NK assumption: price adjustment costs are not rebated, $\Upsilon=1$

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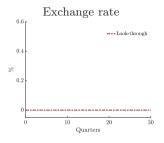
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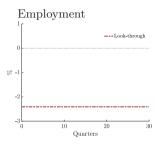
Parameter	Description	Value
β	Discount factor	0.99
γ	Elasticity between h and f	4
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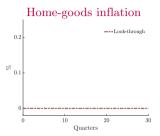
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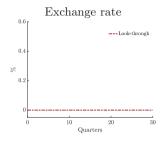
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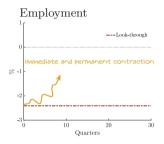


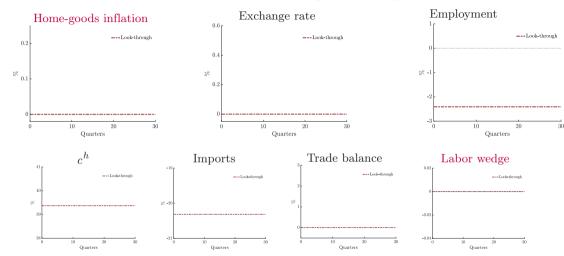


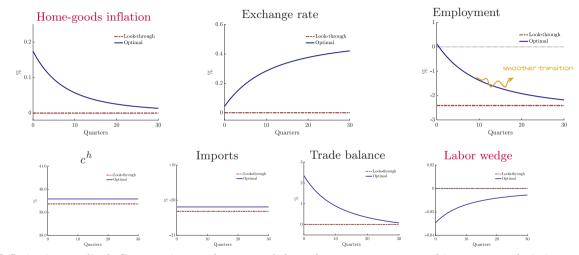


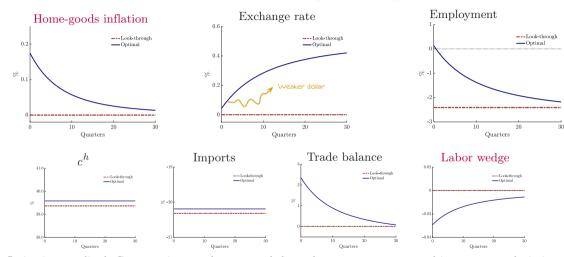


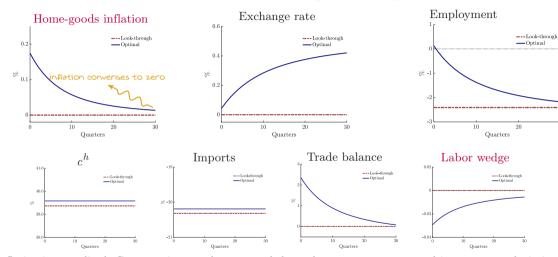




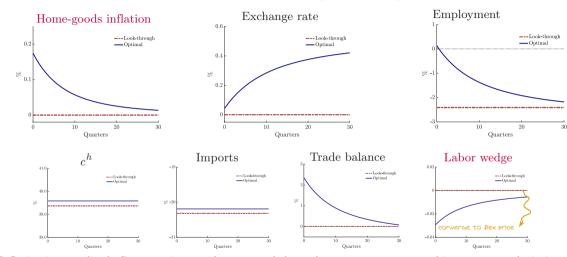








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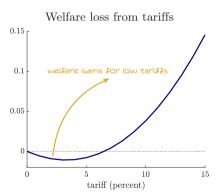
 \bullet Baseline model: labor subsidy s is set to offset markup distortion

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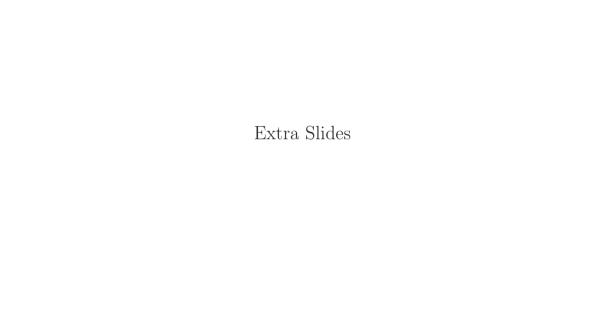
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Conclusions

- How should a monetary authority should respond to import tariffs?
- Optimal policy is to overheat economy:
 - ▶ Monetary stimulus to offset fiscal externality
 - Let inflation rise above and beyond the direct effects from tariffs



Tariffs on Imported Inputs

- Production of domestic varieties $y_{jt} = \ell_{jt}^{1-\nu} x_{jt}^{\nu}$
- NK Phillips curve:

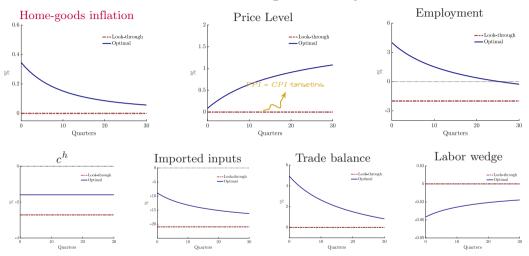
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$$mc_t = \left[\frac{W_t}{(1 - \nu)P_t^h} \right]^{1 - \nu} \left[\frac{p(1 + \tau_t^x)}{\nu} \right]^{\nu}$$

Same as baseline: firms perceive cost of imported inputs to be larger than social one
 ⇒ Optimal policy is stimulative

Quantitatively, larger welfare gains and increase in employment

Tariff on Inputs Only



Note: Calibrate ν , ω to match: (i) share of intermediate inputs in total imports; (ii) imports-tradable GDP (%).

Endogenous TOT

• Continuum of SOE where c^f is a CES composite of goods produced abroad

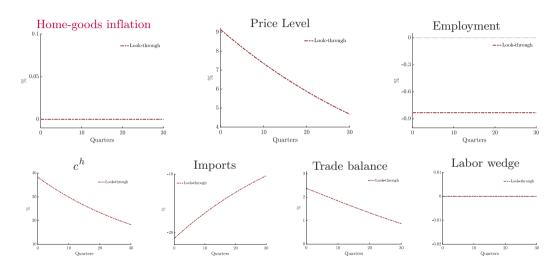
$$c_{it} = \left[\omega\left(c_{it}^{h}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{\gamma}} + (1-\omega)\left(c_{it}^{f}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{\gamma}}\right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}, \quad c_{it}^{f} = \left(\int_{0}^{1}\left(c_{it}^{k}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{\theta}}dk\right)^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}$$

• Export demand for home good

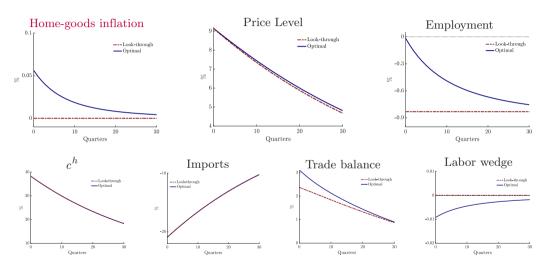
$$p_t = A(y_t - c_t^h)^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$$
 Baseline $\theta = \infty$

- Optimal tariff is positive $\tau^* = \frac{1}{\theta 1}$ with $\theta > 1$
 - ▶ Same results as baseline as long as $\tau > \tau^*$
- Quantitatively, modest attenuation » Results

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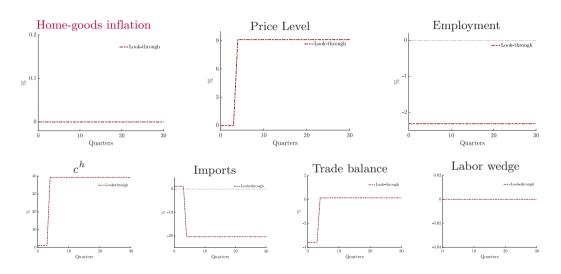


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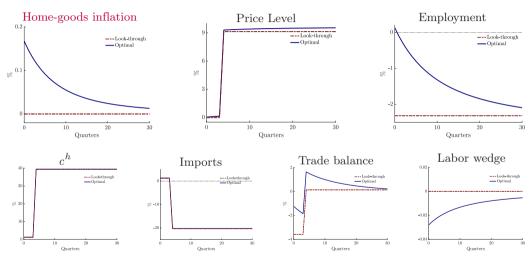


As in the case of a permanent tariff, optimal MP stimulates the economy

Anticipation Effects - back

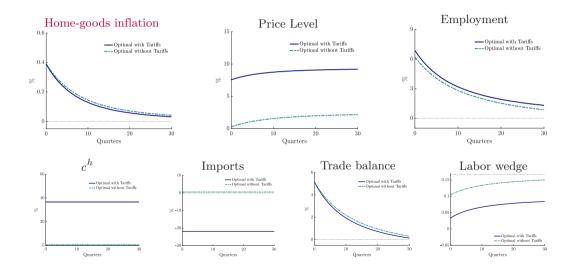


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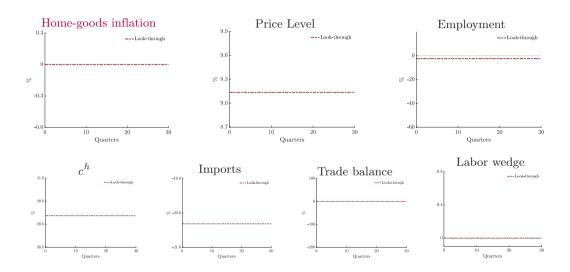
MP less expansionary: imports inefficiently high before tariff takes place

The Case with Distorted Steady State back

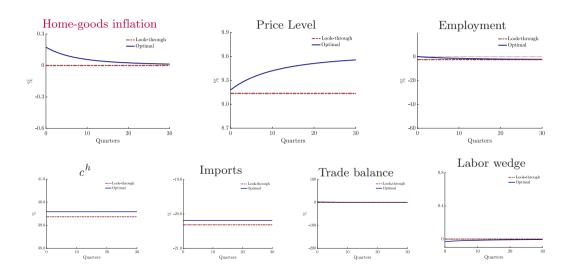




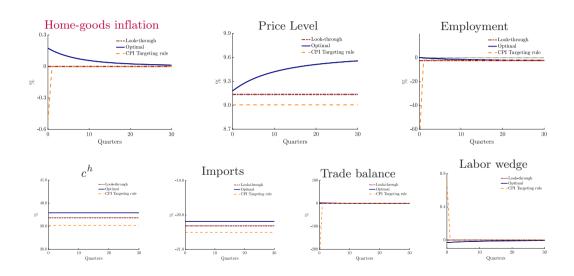
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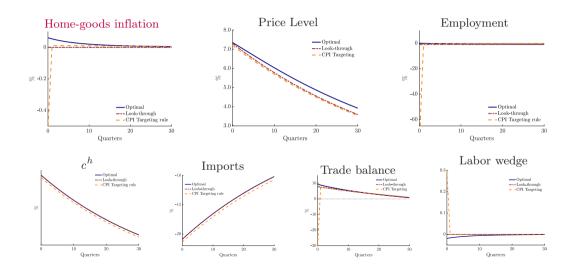
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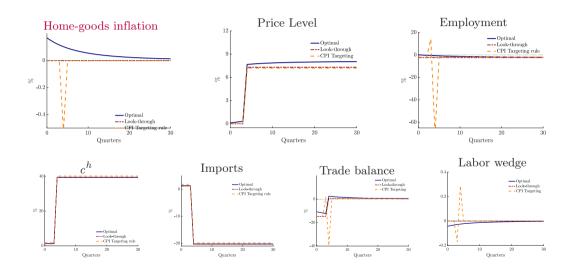
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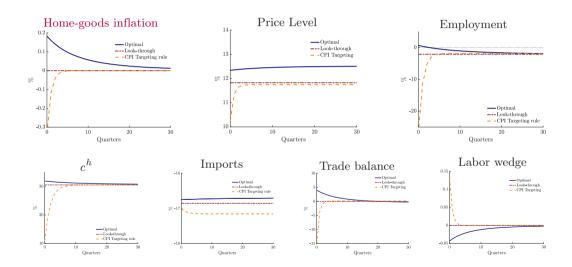
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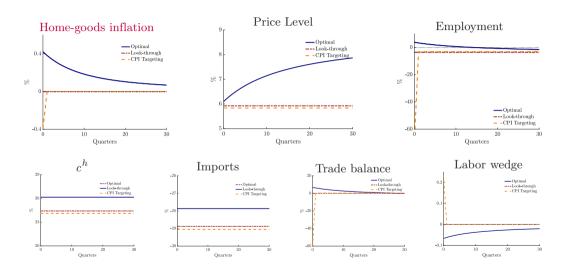
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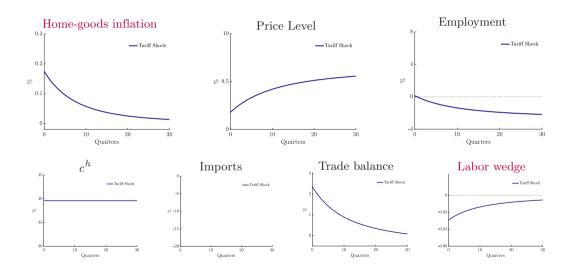
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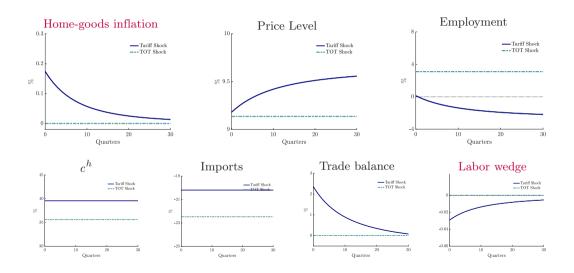
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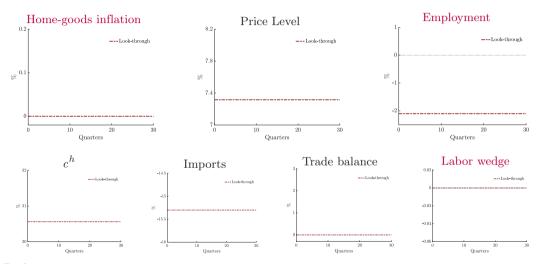
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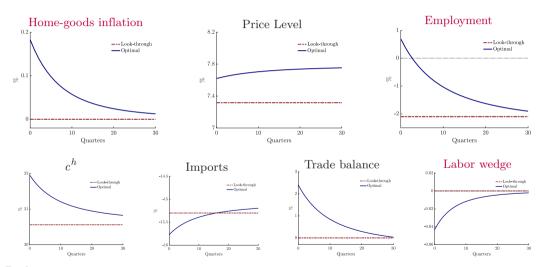
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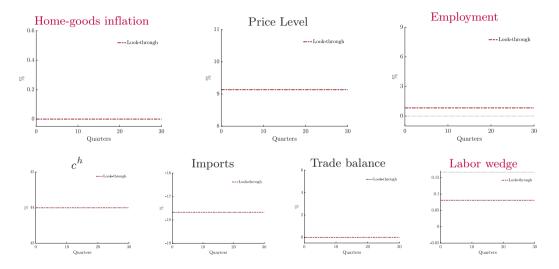
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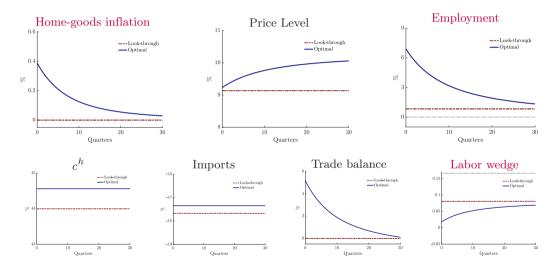


Distorted Steady State: Tariff Revenue to Subsidize Wage Bill



Employment rises under look-through Tariffs vs. No tariffs

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