## ENDOGENOUS TECHNOLOGY, SCARRING AND FISCAL POLICY

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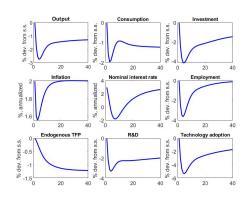
- 1. Analyzes scarring following economic crises by means of a DSGE model with endogenous technology growth:
  - Scarring mechanisms (demand-driven, supply-driven, demandand supply-driven (f.ex. COVID crisis))
  - Long-run TFP scars and role of cycle-trend interaction
- 2. Studies fiscal policy under endogenous technology-enhancing investment and TFP growth:
  - Government spending
  - Novel fiscal policy tool in DSGE setup: growth policies
  - Role of ELB and monetary-fiscal interaction
- 3. Derives fiscal multipliers under endogenous growth:
  - Accounts for spillovers to the technology stock and hence aggregate supply
  - Short- and long-run multipliers and permanent effects of fiscal stimulus

### MODEL

- New Keynesian model with endogenous technology growth through productivity-enhancing investment
- Medium-scale DSGE model:
  - Calvo price and wage rigidities
  - Monetary policy rule
  - ELB constraint
- Endogenous technology growth mechanism (Comin and Gertler (2006)):
  - Endogenous technological frontier: entrepreneurs' investment in R&D
  - Endogenous technology adoption choice: technological diffusion on the firm-level
- Fiscal policy:
  - 1. Government spending
  - 2. Growth-promoting fiscal policy tools: fiscal support to R&D and technology adoption
  - 3. Role of and interaction with ELB

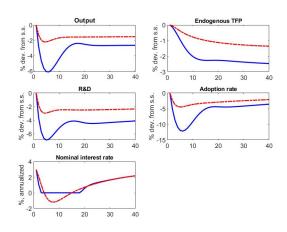
## ENDOGENOUS SCARRING EFFECTS FOLLOWING RECESSIONS

- Scarring effects on long-term aggregate supply: permanent losses in technology stock and aggregate output
- Cycle-trend interaction: permanent costs of recessions
- Scarring effects can occur both in demand- and supply-driven recessions (key difference: inflation response)

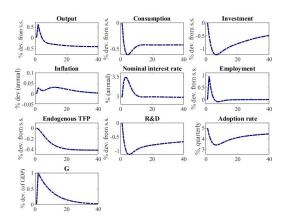


Scarring: demand-driven recession

## LONG-RUN NON-NEUTRALITY: INTENSIFICATION OF SCARRING EFFECTS AT THE ELB



# GOVERNMENT SPENDING CROWDS OUT INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY OUTSIDE THE ELB

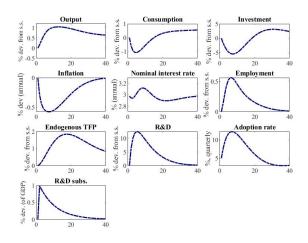


Response to a gov't spending shock (1 % of GDP)

### GROWTH POLICIES

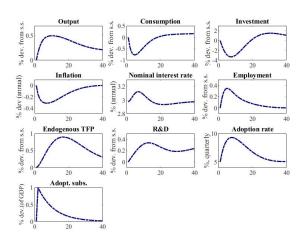
- Endogeneity of technology growth opens possibility for different type of fiscal policy tools → fiscal growth policies
- Well-established role of growth-promoting policies in long-run endogenous growth literature, changed role in the DSGE setup:
  - Short-run demand stabilization tool
  - Reduction of spillovers from cycle to trend and scarring effects
- Various options (owed to two-stage technology process):
  - 1. Fiscal support to entrepeneurs' research and development
  - 2. Fiscal support to firms' technology adoption activities
  - ightarrow differ in terms of timing and effect of fiscal policy
- Motive for fiscal policy mix

## FISCAL GROWTH POLICIES: R&D



Response to fiscal support to R&D (1 % of GDP)

## FISCAL GROWTH POLICIES: TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION



Response to fiscal support to adoption (1 % of GDP)

### FISCAL MULTIPLIERS

- Fiscal policy influences the technology stock and hence the long-run trend
- Short- and long-run implications of fiscal stimulus
- Fiscal multipliers of subsidies to R&D and technology adoption can be considerable

### CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Scarring effects in TFP can occur endogenously following both demand- and supply-driven recessions
- 2. Increased importance of monetary-fiscal interaction:
  - Intensification of scarring effects at the ELB
  - Fiscal tools can reduce depth of recession and long-run scars
- 3. Growth policies as novel fiscal tools in the DSGE context: support to R&D and adoption
  - Short-run demand stabilization and boost to long-run trend
  - Fiscal policy mix (simultaneous support to R&D + technology adoption) most effective
- 4. New insights on fiscal multipliers:
  - Short- and long-run dimension, permanent effects of fiscal stimulus
  - Impact of fiscal policy more far-reaching than conventionally assumed