

Draft of the Data Report[★]

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1. A Real Time Data Set For DSGE-Estimation And Forecasting

2. US Variables

2.1. Real Output (*xgdp_q_obs*)

(a) Raw Time Series:

1. ROUTPUT: Real GNP/GDP (Billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted)

- Source: Philadelphia Fed,
- Quarterly observations.
- Quarterly vintages from 1965:Q4 to 2014:Q1. Reflect the data available in the middle month of the quarter.

(b) Transformation:

- *xgdp_q_obs*: Quarterly Real GNP/GDP Growth
- First Difference in log quarterly observations:

$$xgdp_q_obs_t = (\ln(ROUTPUT_t) - \ln(ROUTPUT_{t-1})) \times 100$$

- Saved in OUTPUT/*xgdp_q_obs*

2.2. Real Consumption (*pcer_q_obs*)

(a) Raw Time Series:

1. NCON: Nominal Personal Consumption Expenditures (Billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted)

- Source: Philadelphia Fed,
- Quarterly observations
- Release frequency: quarterly (from 1965:Q4 to 2014:Q1). Quarterly vintages reflect the data available in the middle of the quarter.

2. PNGP_J is the deflator (for the definition see Section 5)

(b) Transformation:

- *pcer_q_obs*: Quarterly Real Personal Consumption Expenditures Growth
- First Difference in log of deflated quarterly observations:

$$pcer_q_obs_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{NCON_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{NCON_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

- Saved in PCER/*pcer_q_obs*

25 2.3. *Real Investment (fpi_q_obs)*

26 (a) **Raw Time Series:**

27 1. FPI: Fixed Private Investment¹ (Billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rate)

- 28 • Source: ALFRED/StLouis,
- 29 • Quarterly observations.
- 30 • Release frequency: neither monthly nor quarterly.

31 2. PNGP_J is the deflator (for the definition see Section 5)

32 (b) **Transformation:**

- 33 • Quarterly vintages reflect the latest ALFRED/StLouis-release before the 15th of the middle
- 34 month of the quarter.
- 35 • fpi_q_obs: Quarterly Real Fixed Private Investment Growth
- First Difference in log of deflated quarterly observations:

$$fpi_q_obs_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{FPI_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{FPI_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

- 36 • Saved in FPI/fpi_q_obs

37 2.4. *Real Wages (wage_obs)*

38 (a) **Raw Time Series:**

39 1. WSD: Wage and Salary Disbursements (Billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted, at annual

40 rate)

- 41 • Source: Philadelphia Fed,
- 42 • Quarterly observations
- 43 • Release frequency: Quarterly (from 1965:Q4 to 2014:Q1). Quarterly vintages reflect the
- 44 data available in the middle of the quarter.

45 2. PNGP_J is the deflator (for the definition see Section 5).

46 (b) **Transformation:**

- 47 • wage_obs: Real Wage Growth
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$wage_obs = \left(\ln \left(\frac{WSD_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{WSD_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

- 48 • Saved in WAGE/wage_obs

¹This title is as given by ALFRED and values are in nominal terms.

49 2.5. Inflation (*pgdp_q_obs*)

50 (a) Raw Time Series:

51 1. P: Price Index for GNP/GDP. Index level, seasonally adjusted. Base Year: see DATADSGE/BaseIndex

- 52 • Source: Philadelphia Fed,
- 53 • Quarterly observations
- 54 • Release frequency: Quarterly (from 1965:Q4 to 2014:Q1). Quarterly vintages reflect the
- 55 data available in the middle of the quarter.

56 (b) Transformation:

- 57 • *pgdp_q_obs*: Quarter-To-Quarter Rate of Inflation
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$pgdp_q_obs = (\ln(P_t) - \ln(P_{t-1})) \times 100$$

58 (c) Computation of *PNGP_J* (column J in MW vintages)

- Computation of *PNGP_Level* (column I in MW vintages)

$$PNGP_Level_t = \begin{cases} \ln(P_t) & \text{if } t = 1 \text{ which corresponds to } 1960Q1 \\ PNGP_Level_{t-1} + pgdp_q_obs_t & \text{if } t > 1 \end{cases}$$

- 59 • Finally, $PNGP_J_t = \exp(PNGP_Level_t)$
- 60 • Saved in PGNP/PNGP_J

61 2.6. RFF (*rff_q_obs*)

62 (a) Raw Time Series:

63 1. FEDFUNDS: Effective Federal Funds Rate

- 64 • Source: FRED/StLouis
- 65 • Quarterly observations: from 1954:Q1 to 2014:Q1
- 66 • Release: Not revised
- 67 • Quarterly data corresponds to the average of monthly data over months in the quarter. Not
- 68 Seasonally Adjusted

69 (b) Transformation: Divide annual rate by four: $rff_q_obs = FEDFUNDS/4$

- 70 • Saved in FEDFUNDS

71 2.7. *Hours (hours_obs)*

72 (a) **Raw Time Series:**

73 1. H: Indexes of Aggregate Weekly Hours, Total. Base Year: see DATADSGE/BaseIndex

- 74 • Source: Philadelphia Fed,
- 75 • Monthly observations: from 1964-Jan onward
- 76 • Release frequency: Monthly. From 1971:M9 onward

77 2. CE16OV:Civilian Employment

- 78 • Source: ALFRED/StLouis,
- 79 • Monthly observations.
- 80 • Release frequency: neither monthly nor quarterly.

81 (b) **Transformation:**

- 82 • Hours worked quarterly vintages are obtained by taking the index in the middle month of
- 83 the quarter. Quarterly observations are averages of the monthly observations in the quarter
- 84 (HOURS_Q). For employment, quarterly vintages obtained by considering the latest release
- 85 before the 15th of the month in the middle of the quarter while quarterly observations are com-
- 86 puted by averaging.

- Hours Per Capita:

$$HOURS_PER_CAPITA_t = \ln \left(\frac{HOURS_Q_t}{CE16OV_t} \right)$$

- Finally:

$$hours_obs_t = HOURS_PER_CAPITA_t - HPTrend(HOURS_PER_CAPITA_t, 16000)$$

- 87 • Saved in HOURS/hours_obs

88 2.8. *Real Money Balances: M2 (real_m2_growth)*

89 (a) **Raw Time Series:**

90 1. M2SL: M2 Money Stock (Billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted)

- 91 • Source: ALFRED/StLouis,
- 92 • Monthly observations: from 1959-Jan to 2014-Feb
- 93 • Release frequency: Monthly. The series so-obtained is dubbed M2_Q.

94 2. PNGP_J is the deflator (for the definition see Section 5).

95 (b) **Transformation:**

- Quarterly vintages obtained by taking the middle month of the quarter and averaging the monthly observations
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$real_m2_growth_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{M2_Q_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{M2_Q_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

- Saved in M2/real_m2_growth

2.9. Credit Spreads:

(a) Raw Time Series:

1. Moody's Baa (FRB.H15_Baa_monthly): the annualized Moody's Seasoned Baa Corporate Bond Yield

- Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- Monthly observations: from 1919-Jan onward
- Quarterly observations, FRB.H15_Baa_Q, obtained by averaging the monthly observations

2. Moody's Aaa (FRB.H15_Aaa_monthly): the annualized Moody's Seasoned Aaa Corporate Bond Yield

- Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- Monthly observations: from 1919-Jan up to 2014-May
- Quarterly observations, FRB.H15_Aaa_Q, obtained by averaging the monthly observations

3. TB10YR(FRB.H15_Treasury): the 10-Year Treasury Note Yield at Constant Maturity

- Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- Monthly observations: from 1953-Apr up to 2014-May
- Quarterly observations, FRB.H15_Treasury_Q, obtained by averaging the monthly observations

4. Gilchrist and Zakrajsek(gzspr_nf) spread index

- Source: <http://www.aeaweb.org/articles.php?doi=10.1257/aer.102.4.1692>
- Monthly observations: from 1973-Jan up to 2012-Dec
- Quarterly observations, GZ_Q, obtained by averaging the monthly observations

(b) Transformation:

- Baa_10YTB: quarterly spread as Moody's Baa over TB10YR,

$$Baa_10YTB = (FRB_H15_Baa_Q - FRB_H15_Treasury_Q)/4$$

- Baa_Aaa: quarterly spread as Moody's Baa over Aaa

$$Baa_Aaa = (FRB_H15_Baa_Q - FRB_H15_Aaa_Q)/4$$

- Baa_RFF: quarterly spread as Moody's Baa over FEDFUNDS

$$Baa_RFF = (FRB_H15_Baa_Q - FEDFUNDS)/4$$

- Gilchrist and Zakrajsek index:

$$GZ = GZ_Q/4$$

121 2.10. Mortgage debt by type of holder and property

122 (a) Raw Time Series:

- 123 1. *MDOTHMFCBTPMFR_2* and *MDOTHMFCBTP1T4FR_2*: Mortgage Debt Outstanding
 124 by Type of Holder and Property: Major Financial Institutions: Commercial Banks for Multi-
 125 family residences and One-to-four family residences (Millions of Dollars, not seasonally ad-
 126 justed)
- 127 2. *MDOTHMFIDITPMFR_2* and *MDOTHMFIDITP1T4FR_2*: Mortgage Debt Outstanding
 128 by Type of Holder and Property: Major Financial Institutions: Depository institutions for Mul-
 129 tiframe residences and One-to-four family residences (Millions of Dollars, not seasonally ad-
 130 justed)
 - 131 • Source: ALFRED/StLouis,
 - 132 • *MDOTHMFCBTPMFR_2*, observations: from 1951-Oct to 2013-Oct. Vintages re-
 133 leases: Jan 23th 2014 and March 06th 2014
 - 134 • *MDOTHMFCBTP1T4FR_2*, observations: from 1951-Oct to 2013-Oct. Vintages re-
 135 leases: Jan 23th 2014 and March 06th 2014
 - 136 • *MDOTHMFIDITPMFR_2*, observations: from 1949-Oct to 2014-Jan. Vintages release:
 137 June 05th 2014
 - 138 • *MDOTHMFIDITP1T4FR_2*, observations: from 1951-Oct to 2013-Oct. Vintages re-
 139 leases: Jan 23th 2014 and March 06th 2014 For each of these variables, the quarterly
 140 observations obtained by taking the observation of the first month in the quarter.
- 141 3. PNGPJ is the deflator .

142 (b) Transformation:

- MDOTHMFCB: Mortgage Debt Outstanding by Type of Holder and Property: Commercial banks;

$$MDOTHMFCB = MDOTHMFCBTPMFR_2 + MDOTHMFCBTP1T4FR_2$$

- MDOTHMFIDI: Mortgage Debt Outstanding by Type of Holder and Property: Depository Institution;

$$MDOTHMFIDI = MDOTHMFIDITPMFR_2 + MDOTHMFIDITP1T4FR_2$$

- DLNQuarterly

$$MDOTHMFCBGROWTH_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{MDOTHMFCB_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{MDOTHMFCB_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

and

$$MDOTHMFIDIGROWTH_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{MDOTHMFIDI_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{MDOTHMFIDI_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

143 2.11. C and I Loans

144 (a) Raw Time Series:

145 1. *EVANQ*: Total Value of Loans for All C and I Loans, All Commercial Banks (Millions of
146 Dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

- 147 • Source: ALFRED/StLouis,
- 148 • Quarterly, 1st Full Wk. in 2nd Mo. Of Qtr: from 1997-Apr to 2014-Jan
- 149 • These data are collected during the middle month of each quarter and are released in the
150 middle of the succeeding month. First vintage release: 2011-03-21. Latest vintage release:
151 2014-04-01.

152 2. *PNGP_J* is the deflator.

153 (b) Transformation:

- 154 • The vintage of a quarter (*EVANQ_Q*) corresponds to the latest release before the 15th of the
155 middle month of the quarter
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$EVANQ_QGROWTH_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{EVANQ_Q_t}{PNGP_J_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{EVANQ_Q_{t-1}}{PNGP_J_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

3. Christiano Motto Rostagno (2014) dataset

As in Christiano Motto Rostagno (2014) Risk shock paper the aim is to collect observations on 12 variables. These include the 8 standard variables used in the DNSG14 model ² and extends it with the following 4 variables:

1. Relative price of investment goods (*pinv_q_obs*) ,
2. Loans to non financial corporations (*credit_q_obs*),
3. Measure for the slope of the term structure (*spreadl_obs*),
4. Indicator for the entrepreneurial net worth (*networth_q_obs*).

In what follows we discuss the aforementioned 4 series and their construction. Due to data availability the real time data series are substituted for their final, most recent release, as of 2019.01.01.

3.1. Relative price of investment goods (*pinv_q_obs*)

(a) Raw Time Series:

1. *A006RD*: Implicit Price Deflators for Gross Domestic Product: Gross private domestic investment - Quarterly

- Source: BEA/NIPA-T10109, <https://db.nomics.world/BEA/NIPA-T10109>
- Quarterly, 1st Full Wk. in 2nd Mo. Of Qtr.
- Seasonally adjusted
- Index 2012=100
- 1947-01-01 to 2018-07-01

2. *A191RD*: Implicit Price Deflators for Gross Domestic Product: Gross private domestic investment price deflator - Quarterly

- Seasonally adjusted
- Index 2012=100
- 1947-01-01 to 2018-07-01
- Note: The final reading of the GDP deflator was used to ensure data consistency.

(b) Transformation:

- First Difference in log of quarterly observations of the investment deflator divided by the GDP deflator:

$$pinv_q_obs_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{A006RD_t}{A191RD_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{A006RD_{t-1}}{A191RD_{t-1}} \right) \right) + 1$$

²1. *xgdp_q_obs*, 2. *pgdp_a_obs*, 3. *rff_a_obs*, 4. *pcer_q_obs*, 5. *fpi_q_obs*, 6. *wage_obs*, 7. *hours_obs*, 8. *cp_q_obs*

182 3.2. Loans to non financial corporations (*credit_q_obs*)

183 (a) Raw Time Series:

- 184 1. *LoanstoHH* : $loans_hh = DBNOMICS : BIS/data/CNFS/Q.US.H.A.M.XDC.A$
 185 2. *LoanstoNFC* : $loans_nfc = DBNOMICS : BIS/data/CNFS/Q.US.H.A.M.XDC.A$
 186 3. *US population* : $pop = DBNOMICS : OECD/MEI/USA.LFWA64TT.STSA.Q$
 187 4. *US DGP deflator* : $A191RD = DBNOMICS : BEA/A191RD$

188 (b) Transformation:

$$credit_q_obs_t = \ln \left(\left(\frac{loans_hh_t}{pop_t * A191RD_t} \right) + \left(\frac{loans_nfc_t}{pop_t * A191RD_t} \right) * 10^6 \right) - \\ - \ln \left(\left(\frac{loans_hh_{t-1}}{pop_{t-1} * A191RD_{t-1}} \right) + \left(\frac{loans_nfc_{t-1}}{pop_{t-1} * A191RD_{t-1}} \right) * 10^6 \right) + 1;$$

189 3.3. Measure for the slope of the term structure (*spreadl_obs*)

190 (a) Raw Time Series:

- 191 1. *Longrate* : $longrate = DBNOMICS : USA.IRLTLT01.ST.QYield10-year federal government securities$
 192 2. *Shortrate* : $shortrate = DBNOMICS : FED/H15/129.FF.O-Quarterly average of Federal funds Overnight$

193 (b) Transformation:

$$spreadl_obs_t = (longrate_t - shortrate_t) + 1$$

194 3.4. Indicator for the entrepreneurial net worth (*networth_q_obs*)

195 (a) Raw Time Series:

- 196 1. $nw = Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 index, deflated by the GDP price deflator. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System$
 197 $Bureau of Economic Analysis, Quarterly frequency$

198 (b) Transformation:

$$networth_q_obs_t = \ln(nw_t) - \ln(nw_{t-1}) + 1$$

199 4. Euro Area Variables

200 4.1. Real Output Growth (*xgdp_q_obs*)

201 (a) Raw Time Series:

202 1. RTD.Q.S0.S.G.GDPM_TO_U.E: Nominal GDP (Seasonally adjusted, not working day ad-
203 justed, Gross domestic product at market price - Current prices, Euro)

- 204 • Source: Real Time Database-RTD- (context of Euro Area Business Cycle Network).
- 205 • Quarterly observations.
- 206 • Release frequency: Quarterly. Quarterly vintages (GDPVint) reflect the latest RTD-release
207 before the 15th of the middle month of the quarter.
- 208 • DEFLATORVint is the GDP-deflator

209 (b) Transformation:

- 210 • *xgdp_q_obs*: Quarterly Real GDP Growth
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$xgdp_q_obs_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{GDPVint_t}{DEFLATORVint_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{GDPVint_{t-1}}{DEFLATORVint_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

211 4.2. Real Consumption Growth (*pcer_q_obs*)

212 (a) Raw Time Series:

213 1. RTD.Q.S0.S.G.FCHI_TO_U.E: Private Consumption Nominal (PCN) (Seasonally adjusted, not
214 working day adjusted, Final consumption of households and NPISHs - Current prices, Euro).

- 215 • Source: Real Time Database-RTD- (context of Euro Area Business Cycle Network).
- 216 • Quarterly observations from 1995:Q1 to 2013:Q4.
- 217 • Release frequency: Quarterly. Quarterly vintages (PCNVint) reflect the latest RTD-release
218 before the 15th of the middle month of the quarter.

219 2. DEFLATORVint is the GDP-deflator (for the definition see Section 5)

220 (b) Transformation:

- 221 • *pcer_q_obs*: Quarterly Real Personal Consumption Expenditures Growth
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$pcer_q_obs_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{PCNVint_t}{DEFLATORVint_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{PCNVint_{t-1}}{DEFLATORVint_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

222 4.3. Real Investment (*fpi_q_obs*)

223 (a) Raw Time Series:

224 1. RTD.Q.S0.S.G_GFCF.TO.U.E: Gross Fixed Capital Formation Nominal (Seasonally adjusted,
225 not working day adjusted, Gross fixed capital formation - Current prices, Euro).

- 226 • Source: Real Time Database-RTD- (context of Euro Area Business Cycle Network).
- 227 • Quarterly observations from 1995:Q1 to 2013:Q4
- 228 • Release frequency: Quarterly. Quarterly vintages (GFCFVint) reflect the latest RTD-
229 release before the 15th of the middle month of the quarter.

230 2. DEFLATORVint is the GDP-deflator (for the definition see Section 5).

231 (b) Transformation:

- 232 • *fpi_q_obs*: Quarterly Real Fixed Private Investment Growth
- First Difference in log of quarterly observations:

$$fpi_q_obs_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{GFCFVint_t}{DEFLATORVint_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{GFCFVint_{t-1}}{DEFLATORVint_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$

233 4.4. Inflation (*pgdp_q_obs*)

234 (a) Raw Time Series:

235 1. RTD.Q.S0.S.G.GDPM.TO.D.X : Price Index for GDP (Seasonally adjusted, not working day
236 adjusted, Gross domestic product at market price - Deflator, Index).

- 237 • Source: Real Time Database-RTD- (context of Euro Area Business Cycle Network).
- 238 • Quarterly observations: from 1995:Q1 to 2013:Q4
- 239 • Quarterly vintages (DEFLATORVint) reflect the latest RTD-release before the 15th of the
240 middle month of the quarter.

241 (b) Transformation:

- 242 • *pgdp_q_obs*: Quarter-To-Quarter Rate of Inflation
- DLNQuarterly

$$pgdp_q_obs = (\ln(DEFLATORVint_t) - \ln(DEFLATORVint_{t-1})) \times 100$$

243 4.5. RFF (*rff_q_obs*)

244 (a) Raw Time Series:

245 1. RTD.M.S0.N.C_EONIA.E: Monthly, Neither seasonally nor working day adjusted, Rate - Eo-
 246 nia rate, Euro.

- 247 • Source: Real Time Database-RTD- (context of Euro Area Business Cycle Network).
- 248 • Monthly observations from 1994Jan to 2014Feb of annual nominal interest rate.
- 249 • Quarterly vintages (RFFVint) reflect average of monthly observations-in the quarter- of
 250 the latest RTD-release before the 15th of the middle month of the quarter.

251 **(b) Transformation:** Divide annual rate by four: $rff_q_obs = RFFVint/4$

252 4.6. Real Money Balances: M3 (*real_m3_growth*)

253 **(a) Raw Time Series:**

254 1. RTD.M.S0.Y.M_M3_V_NC.E: Monthly, Working day and seasonally adjusted, Monetary ag-
 255 gregate M3, all currencies combined - MFIs, central government and post office giro institu-
 256 tions reporting sector - Euro area counterpart, Non-MFIs excluding central government sector
 257 - outstanding amounts at the end of the period (stocks), Euro

- 258 • Source: Real Time Database-RTD- (context of Euro Area Business Cycle Network).
- 259 • Monthly observations: from 1970Jan to 2014Jan
- 260 • Quarterly vintages (M3Vint) obtained by taking the latest RTD-release before the 15th of
 261 the middle month of the quarter and averaging the monthly observations.

262 2. DEFLATORVint is the GDP-deflator.

263 **(b) Transformation:**

- DLNQuarterly real money balances

$$real_m3_growth_t = \left(\ln \left(\frac{M3Vint_t}{DEFLATORVint_t} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{M3Vint_{t-1}}{DEFLATORVint_{t-1}} \right) \right) \times 100$$