

Facing the Quadrilemma: Reserve Accumulation, Exchange Rates and Monetary Policy in Large Emerging Markets

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Motivation

- How do large emerging markets manage the quadrilemma?



Quadrilemma and associated policy questions for emerging markets

Is the Taylor rule Targeting inflation, output and exchange rate?

Monetary Policy

Capital Control

Are capital controls actively used as an instrument of policy?

Exchange Rate

How much flexibility? "Managing" ER by Taylor rule and fx intervention?

Financial Stability

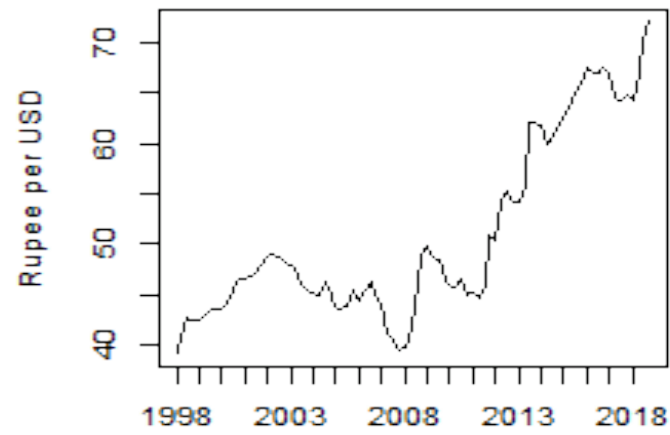
International Reserve Accumulation: what is the associated fx intervention policy?



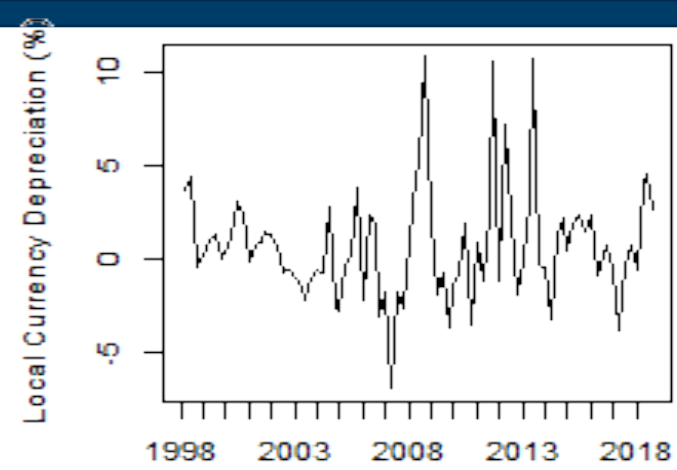
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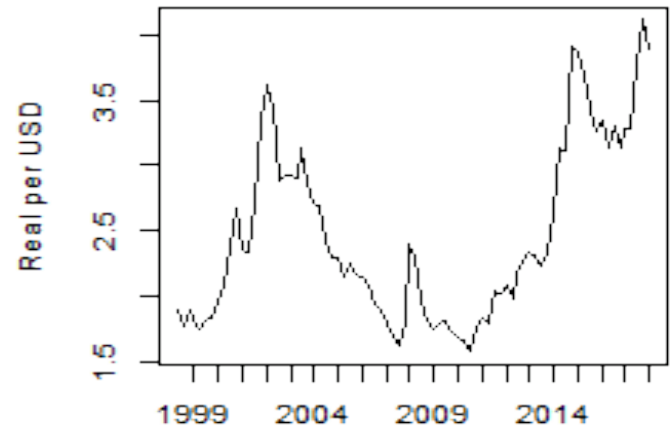




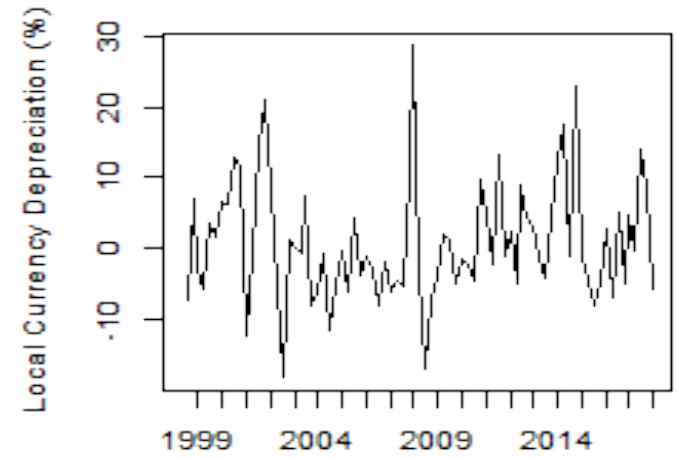
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Panel B: India



Panel C: Brazil



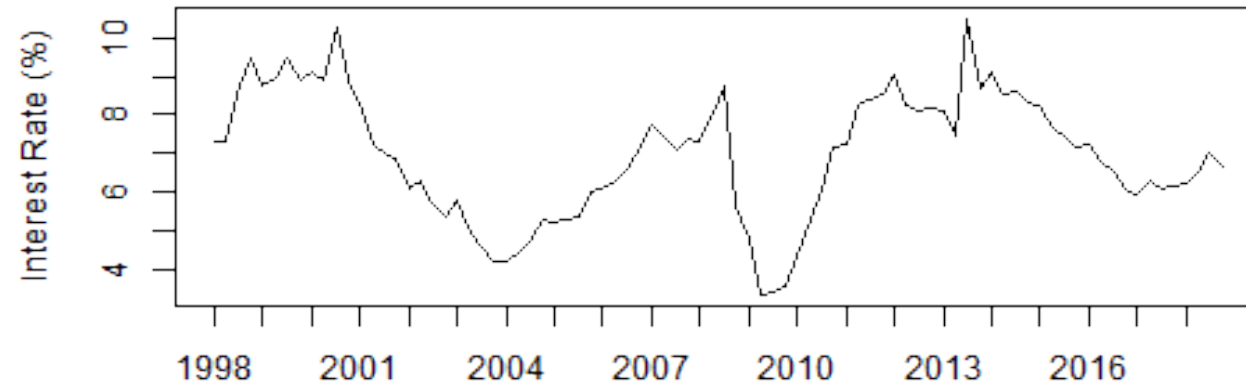
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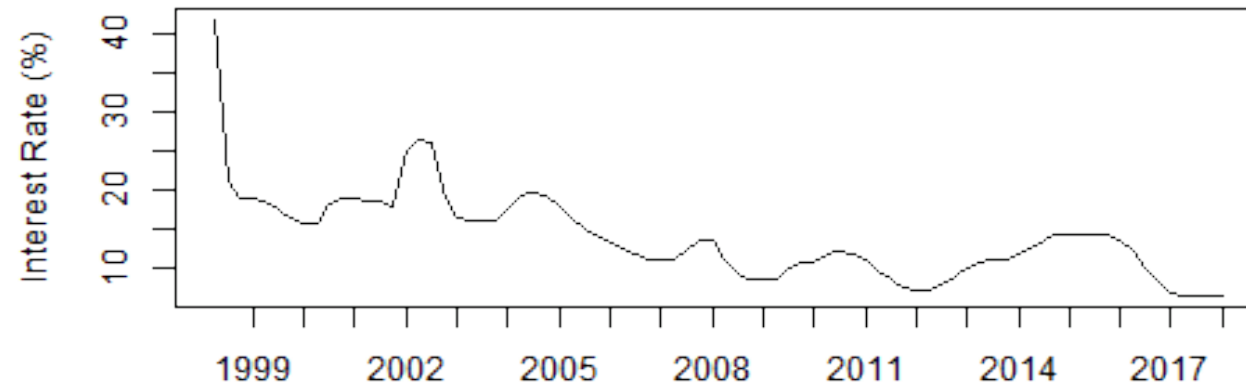
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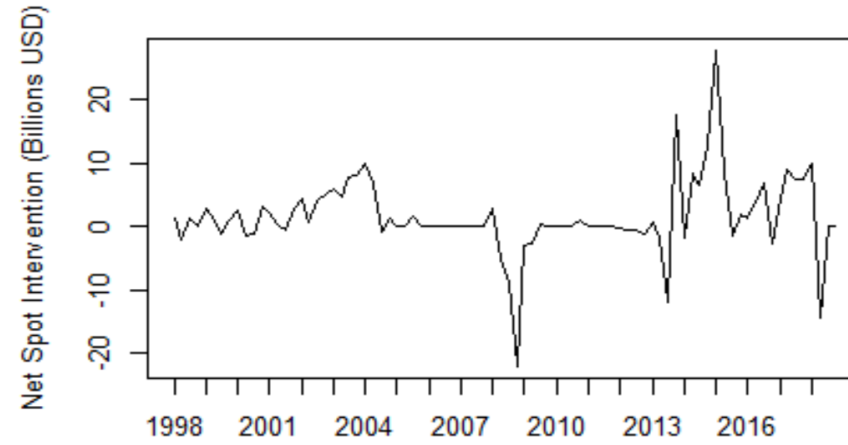
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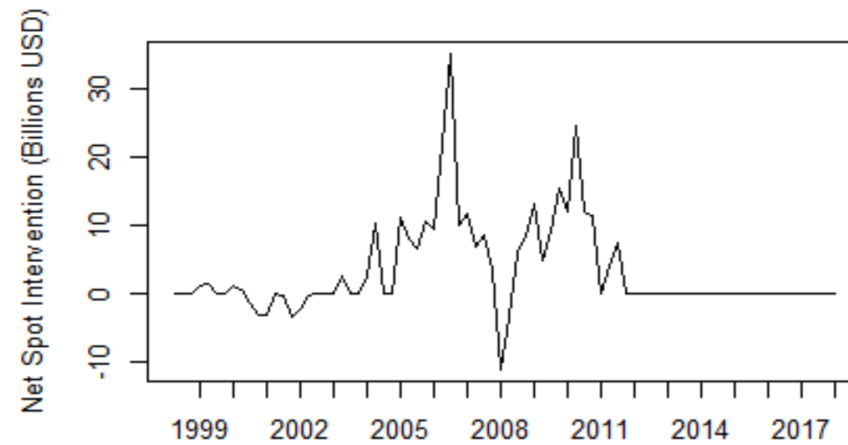
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Panel B: India



Panel C: Brazil

Form of Taylor rules?
Only domestic or also
external objectives?



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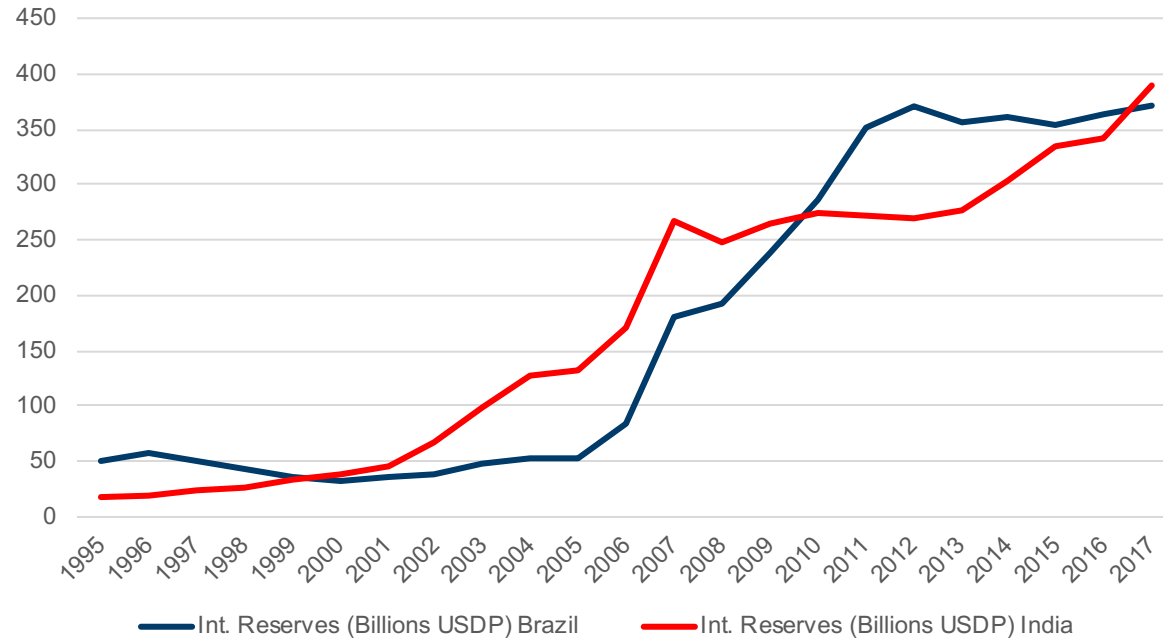
Why buildup in so many EMs?

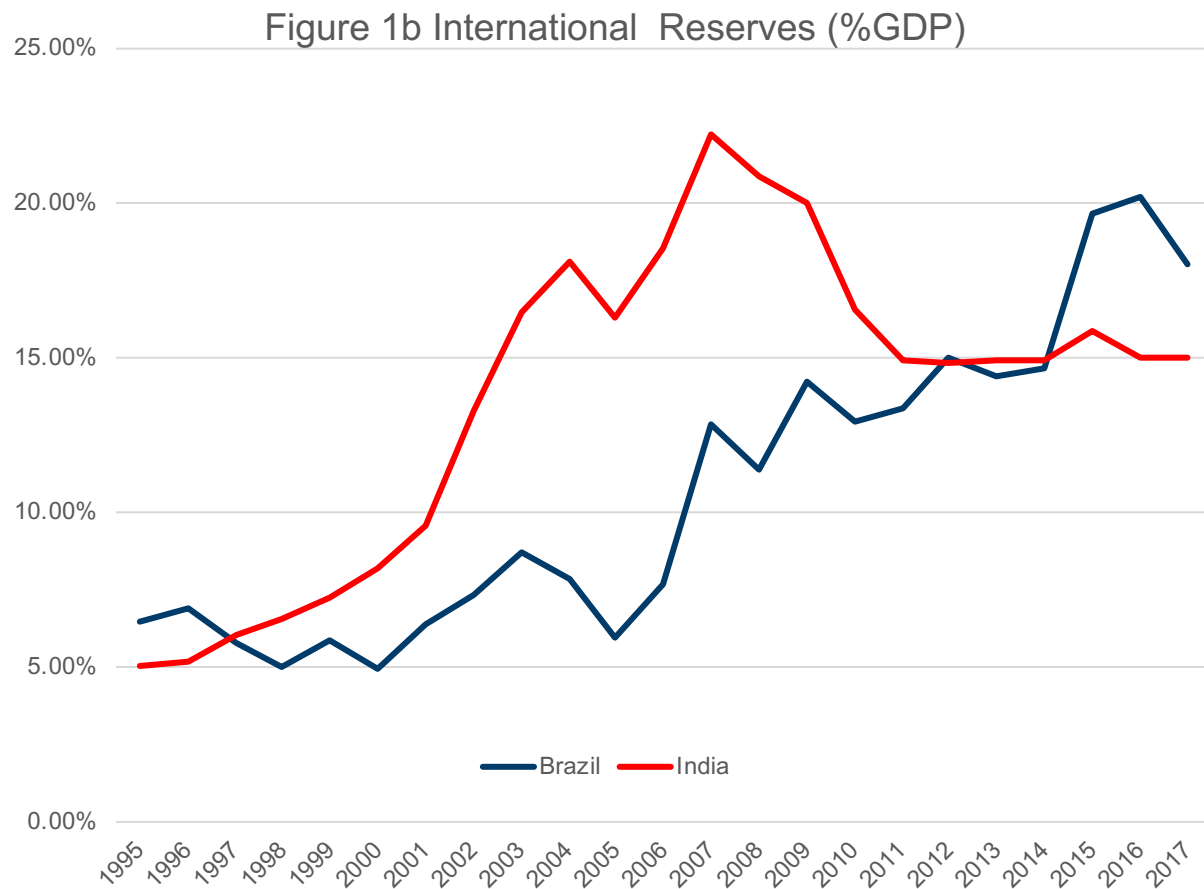
Mercantilist (e.g. BW2...Dooley et al.)

Precautionary (e.g. Aizenman et al.)

Hoarding- Mrs Machlup's Wardrobe and the Joneses (e.g. Cheung et al.)

Figure 1a International Reserves (USD Billions)

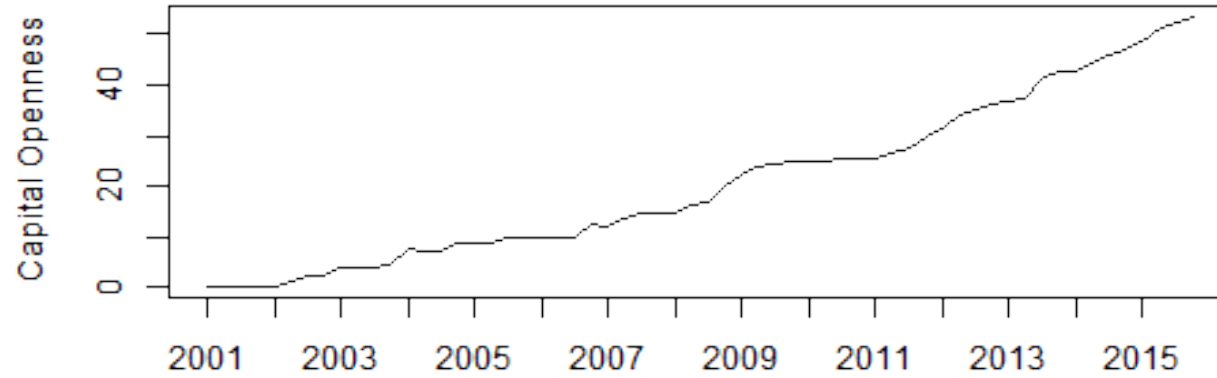




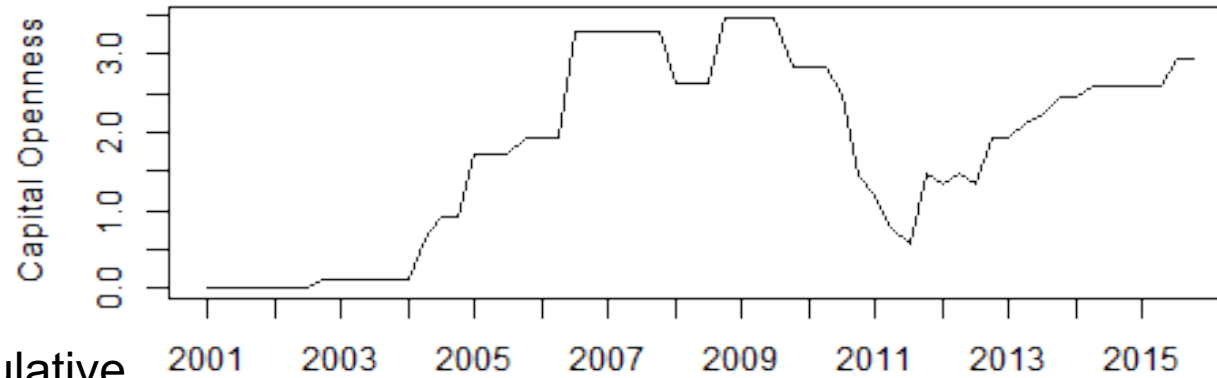
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Panel A: India



Panel B: Brazil

Pasricha et al. 2015
 Updated in Pasricha 2017
 Net number of changes cumulative
 given (liberalize less restrictions), not
 a “level” measure of openness



How do they functionally manage macro policy?

- Facing the quadrilemma



Our approach

- Model
 - Interest rate policy
 - Intervention policy
 - Reserve accumulation identity
- To achieve
 - Internal goals: output and inflation
 - External goals: exchange rates and reserve accumulation (financial stability)
- Complication or complement to policy control? capital controls



Taylor Rule:

$$(1) \quad i_t = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 (y_t - y^*) + \alpha_3 (\pi_t - \pi^*) + \alpha_4 (e_t - e_{t-1}) + \alpha_5 i_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

i_t is interest rate operating instrument, $(y_t - y^*)$ is (log) output less (log) output trend, $(\pi_t - \pi^*)$ is inflation deviation from target, $(e_t - e_{t-1})$ is the (log) nominal exchange rate change. Stabilizing objectives (“leaning against the wind”) of output, inflation and the exchange rate suggests that $\alpha_2 > 0$, $\alpha_3 > 0$, and $\alpha_4 > 0$.

Operational interest rates:

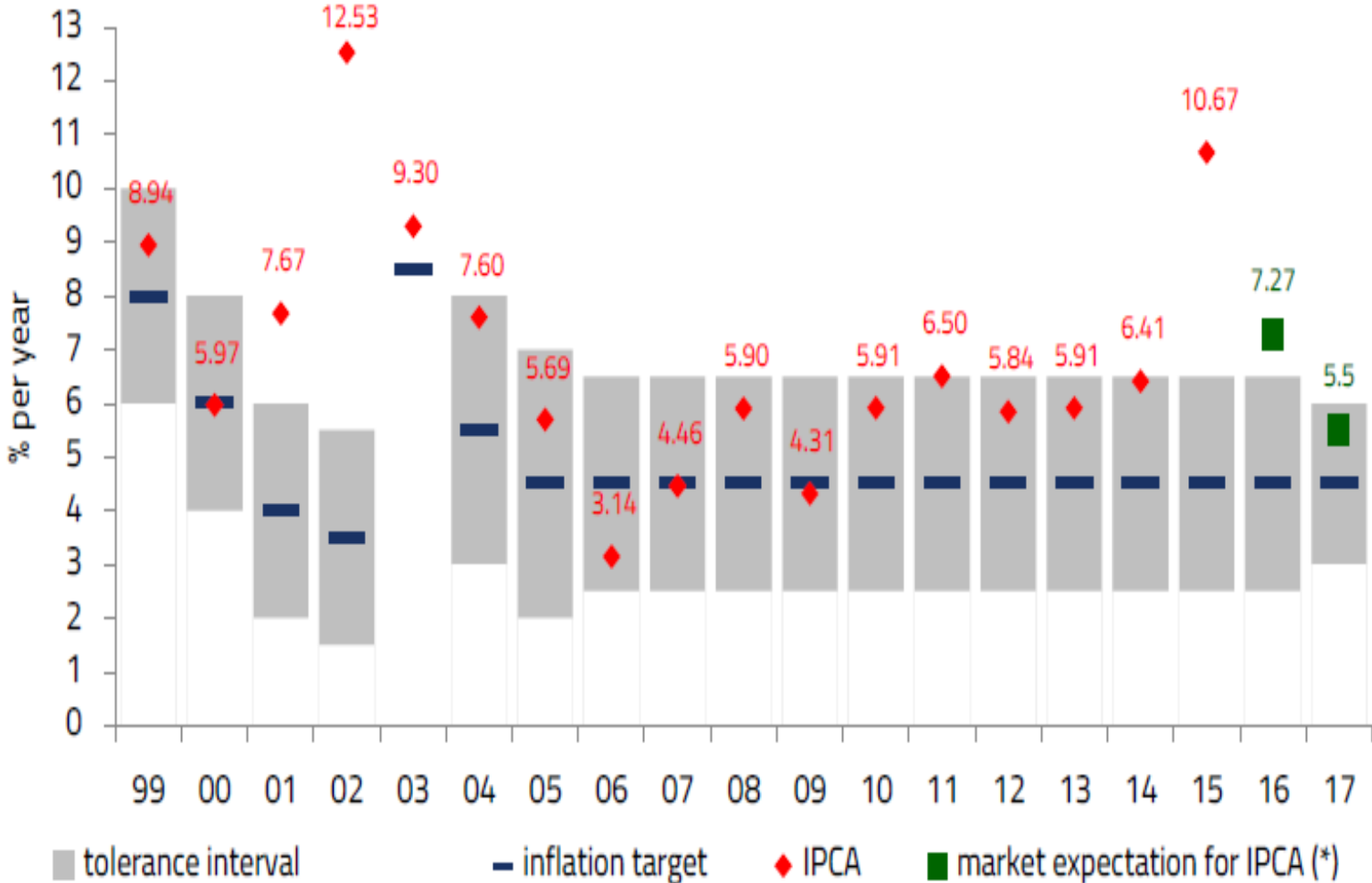
Policy rate: 3-mo. Interbank for India

SELIC rate (overnight) for Brazil



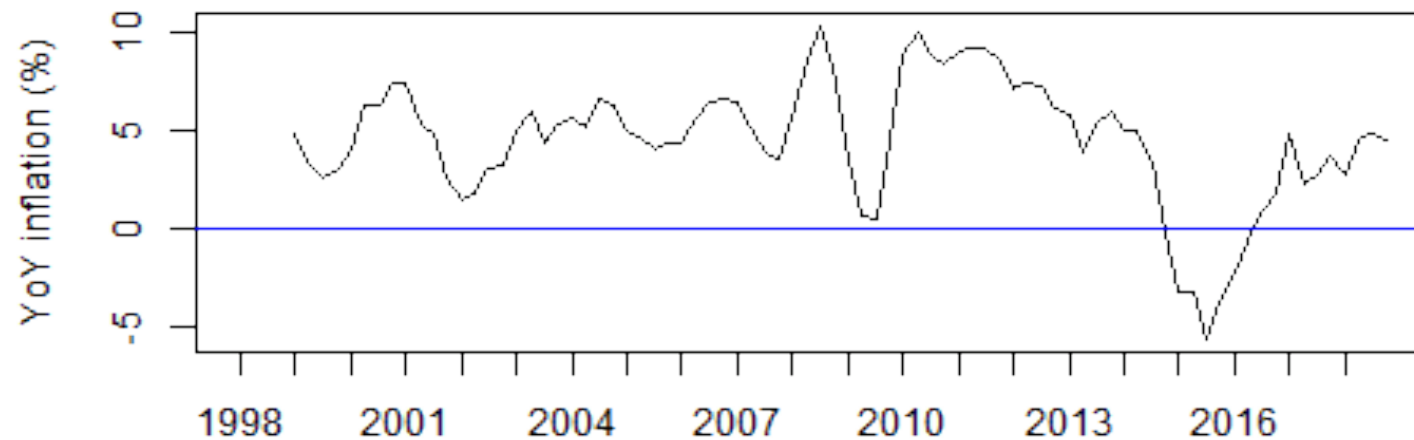
Brazil has an IT regime since 1999, 4.5% target 2005-18

4.25 percent in 2019
4.00 percent in 2020,

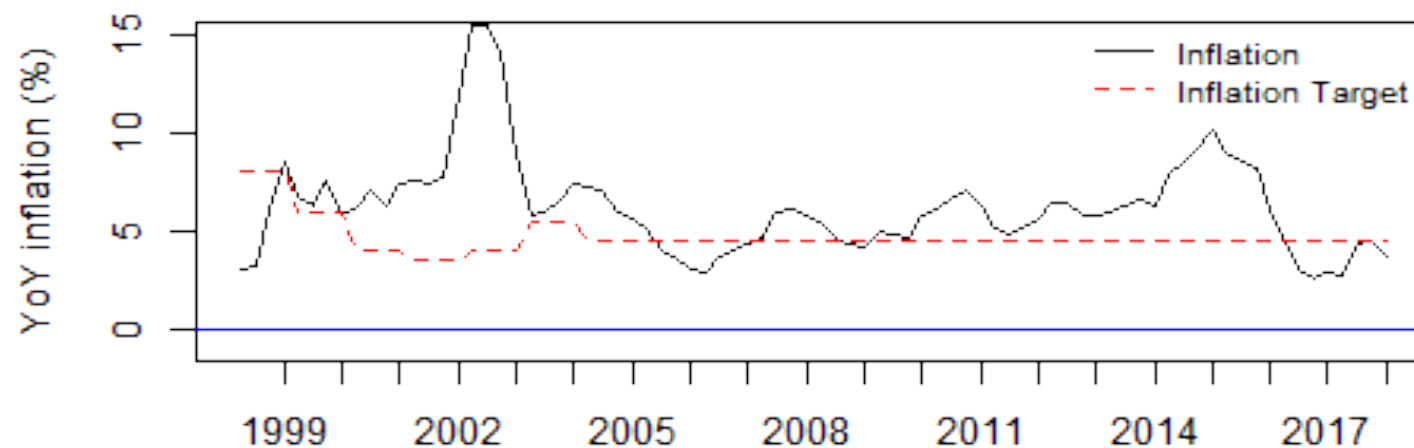


WPI India

IPCA Brazil
(broad CPI
used for IT)



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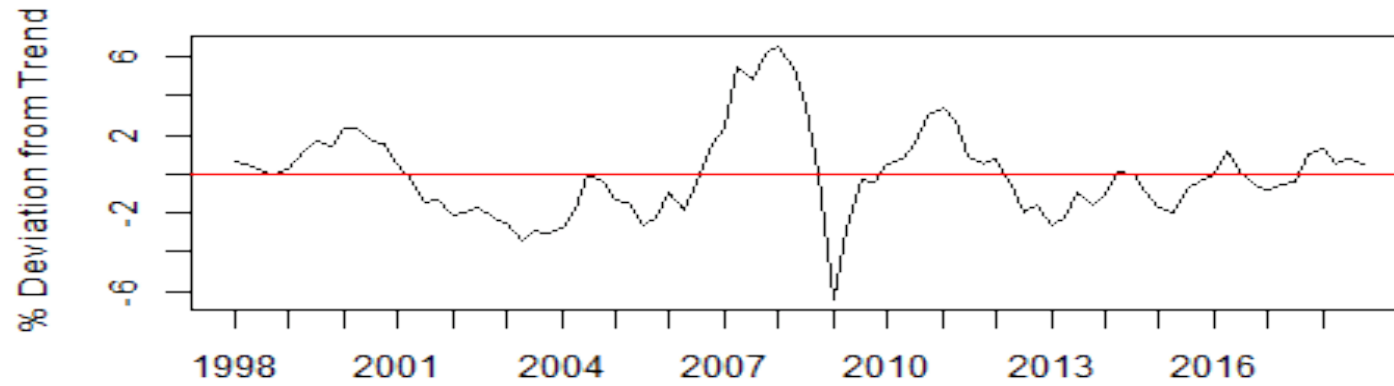
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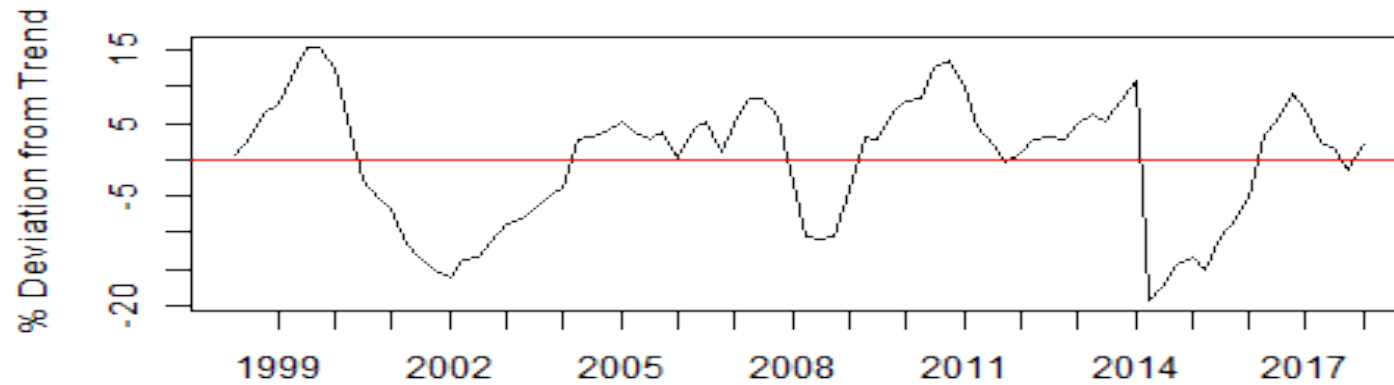
Output Gap

Industrial
Production

HP filter, cyclical
component



Panel A: India



Panel B: Brazil



Intervention Policy Function:

$$(2) \quad I_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 (e_t - e_{t-1}) + \beta_3 (R_t - R_t^*) + \mu_t$$

Where I_t is foreign exchange market intervention (USD purchases (purchases of FX positive, sales negative; %last quarter's stock of reserves), $(R - R^*)$ is the (log) stock of international reserves less the (log) of reserve adequacy. Foreign exchange sales intervention to slow or reserve exchange rate depreciation ($e_t - e_{t-1} > 0$) suggests $\beta_2 < 0$. Reserves above the target value suggests foreign exchange sales $\beta_3 < 0$.

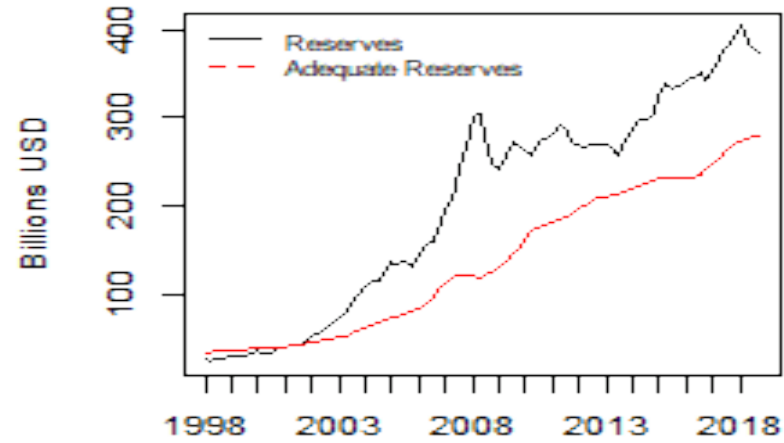


What is “adequate” or target reserves?

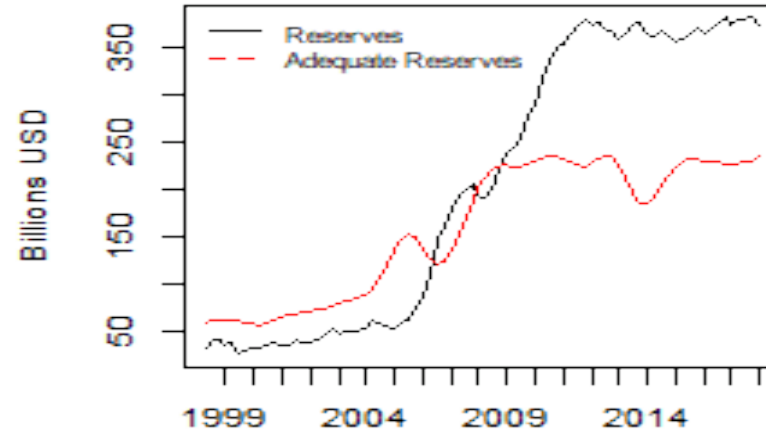
What is operational target of “mercantilist” or “hoarding”?

Easier to proxy “precautionary”...

Using IMF measure of reserve adequacy



Panel A: India



Panel C: Brazil



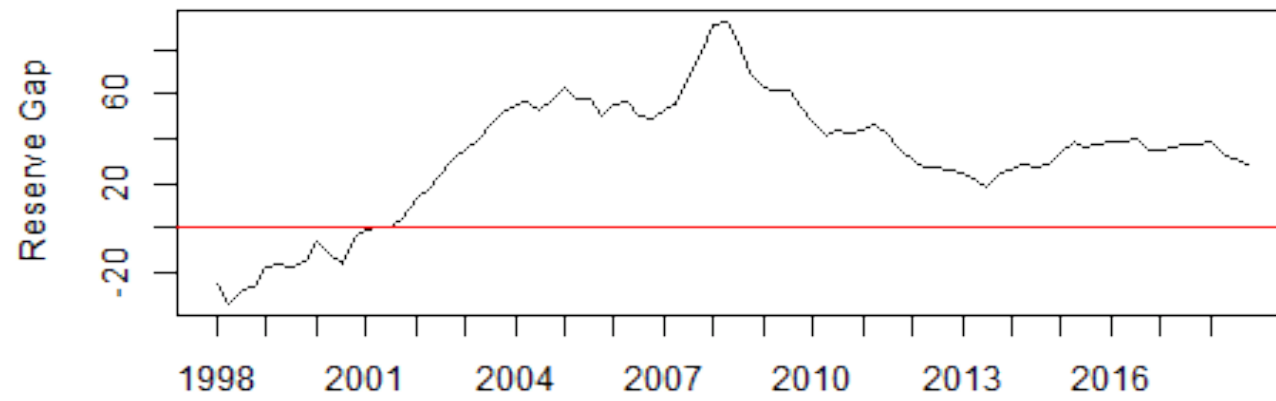
Reserve Target? If so, what target?

Reserve Target values are from IMF report "Assessing Reserve Adequacy". The institution's work compares the reserve holdings and alternative metrics of reserve adequacy.

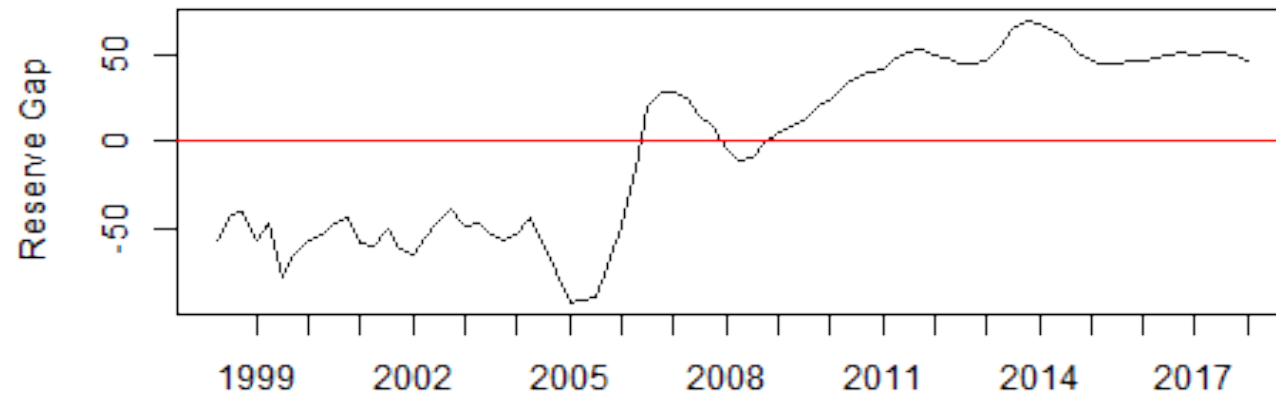
This reserves adequacy measure was initially developed in the IMF Board Paper "Assessing Reserve Adequacy" - RAM1 (February 15, 2011), and adjusted in the latest IMF Board Paper "Assessing Reserve Adequacy- Specific Proposals" (December 19, 2014), in order to reflect the outflows during the Global Financial Crisis which were not addressed in RAM1.

Operationally, IMF defines international reserve adequacy (RA) for emerging market economies with floating exchange rates as $RA = 5\% \times \text{Exports} + 5\% \times \text{Broad Money} + 30\% \times \text{Short Term Debt} + 15\% \times \text{Other Liabilities}$.





Panel A: India



Panel B: Brazil



Reserve Accumulation:

Intervention is linked to international reserves through an accounting identity, i.e. the rise (fall) in international reserves equals foreign exchange intervention purchases (sales) plus interest earnings on foreign reserves and valuation changes:

$$(3) R_t - R_{t-1} = I_{t-1} + i_{t-1}^* R_{t-1} + VAL_{t-1}$$



Estimation of Taylor Rule and Intervention Policy Equations

- Individual time series
- Quarterly time series 1998q1-2018q4
- IV estimation for reserve gap, HAC Newey-West Ses reported
- Allow for policy shift post-GFC



Full Sample Results

Panel A: Interest Rate Policy	Dependent Variable: i_t	
	India	Brazil
c	1.1277*** (0.3943)	1.30* (0.7100)
\hat{Y}	0.1150*** (0.0342)	-0.0000 (0.0203)
$\pi - \pi^*$	0.0194 (0.0194)	0.7307*** (0.2300)
Δe	0.0348 (0.0646)	0.0377 (0.0345)
i_{t-1}	0.8170*** (0.0498)	0.9740*** (0.0498)
R^2	0.8321	0.9215
Num. obs.	80	76

Panel B: Spot Intervention	Dependent Variable: I_t	
	India	Brazil
c	3.2275*** (0.7114)	2.93** (1.2802)
Δe	-0.4766*** (0.1496)	-0.2662*** (0.0801)
$R - R^*$	-0.0402*** (0.0120)	-0.0311 (0.0291)
R^2	0.1319	0.1368
Num. obs.	83	76

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$

- India targets output
- Brazil targets inflation
- Little systematic exchange rate targeting using interest rate
- Highly persistent policies
- Both “lean against wind” intervention, India more strongly
- India systematically intervenes to achieve identifiable reserves target



Pre- and Post GFC

	Dependent Variable: i_t			
	India		Brazil	
	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis
c	1.4799*** (0.4983)	0.8609 (0.5315)	2.51** (1.20)	1.07 (0.76)
\hat{Y}	0.1207* (0.0651)	0.1611*** (0.0225)	-0.0000 (0.0203)	0.0120 (0.0112)
$\pi - \pi^*$	-0.0236 (0.0537)	0.0353** (0.0145)	0.70** (0.34)	0.48** (0.22)
Δe	-0.0242 (0.0334)	0.0818 (0.0820)	0.10** (0.04)	-0.01 (0.01)
i_{t-1}	0.7863*** (0.0528)	0.8555*** (0.0756)	0.91*** (0.05)	0.95*** (0.07)
R^2	0.8486	0.858	0.8515	0.8732
Num. obs.	40	40	36	40

	Dependent Variable: I_t			
	India		Brazil	
	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis
c	3.5684*** (1.1493)	4.6347** (1.8151)	2.36 (2.58)	3.87*** (0.90)
Δe	-0.6624** (0.2975)	-0.3476** (0.1517)	-0.48*** (0.13)	-0.09*** (0.03)
$R - R^*$	-0.0315* (0.0170)	-0.0969** (0.0378)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.06*** (0.01)
R^2	0.1503	0.1437	0.1016	0.4107
Num. obs.	43	40	36	40

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Confirmation:

- India: output
- Brazil: inflation

New

- inflation targets in India post-GFC

Confirmation:

- “leaning” both periods
- India targeting reserves

New

- Less leaning post-GFC
- Both reserves target post-GFC



How do you pull off target reserves, especially period of buildup of reserves?

- Asymmetric intervention test



Asymmetric intervention during period of large reserve buildup pre-GFCbut symmetric fx intervention post-GFC

Panel A: Spot Intervention		Dependent Variable: I_t				
	India			Brazil		
	Full Sample	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis	Full Sample	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis
c	2.57*** (0.67)	3.56*** (0.62)	1.70 (1.05)	1.85** (0.76)	2.33 (1.47)	0.89 (0.87)
Δe	-0.70*** (0.19)	-1.11*** (0.07)	-0.42** (0.20)	-0.23*** (0.08)	-0.36*** (0.12)	-0.03 (0.06)
<i>Appreciated</i>	1.17 (1.48)	2.31 (2.20)	-0.38 (1.21)	4.60** (1.91)	9.83*** (2.76)	0.35 (1.13)
$\Delta e \times \textit{Appreciated}$	1.44*** (0.37)	2.27*** (0.45)	0.61 ? (0.41)	0.62** (0.28)	1.24*** (0.39)	-0.05 ? (0.14)
R^2	0.21	0.31	0.17	0.18	0.35	0.06
Num. obs.	83	43	40	79	39	40

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Table 1: Asymmetric Exchange Rate Intervention



Next Up: capital controls and macro policy

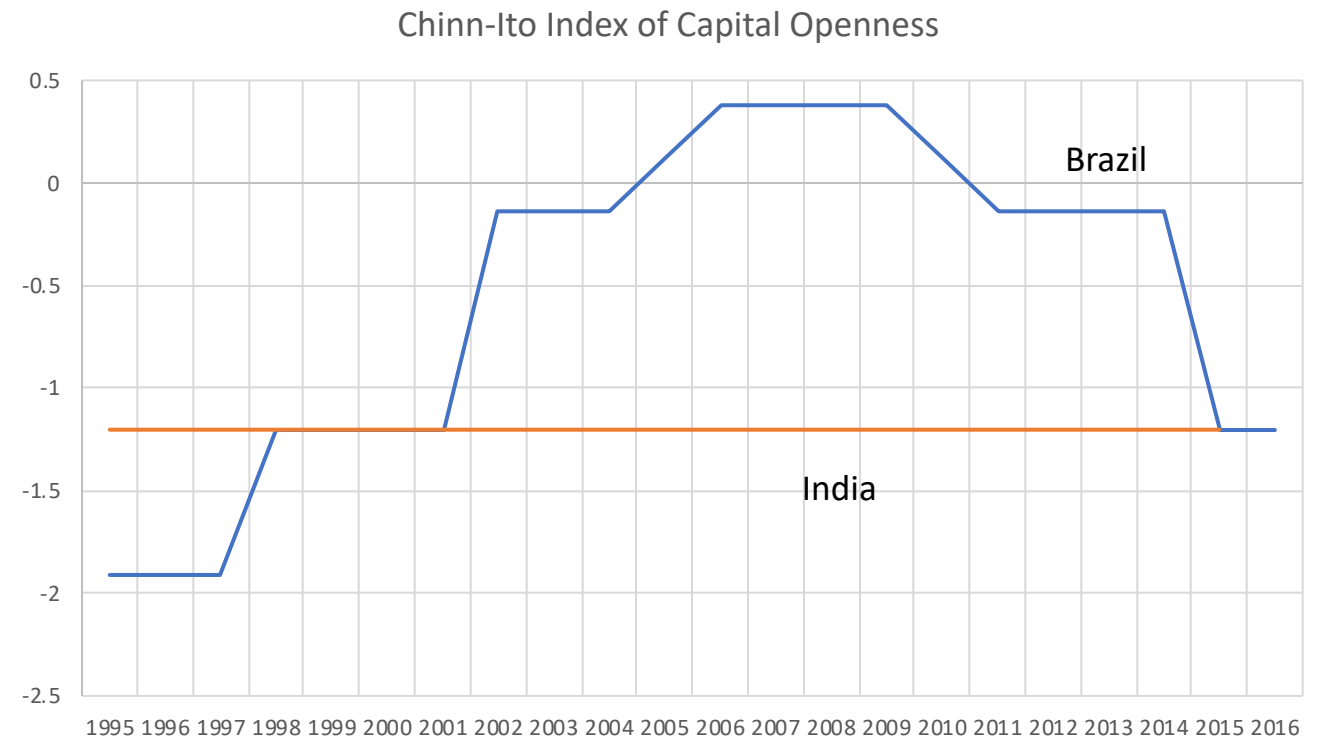
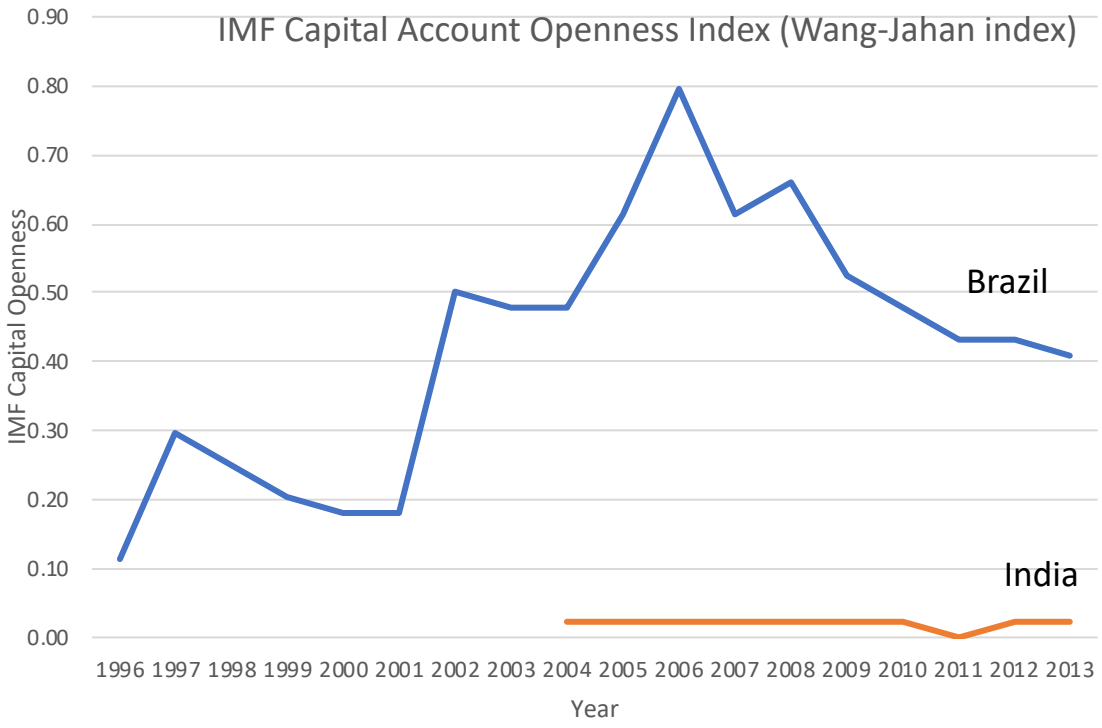
- Our angle: how do fluctuations in capital controls influence monetary management?
- Empirically: has net liberalization been accompanied by closer interest rate linkage with U.S. rates, comprising monetary independence?



Side topic (very important!): How to measure capital controls?

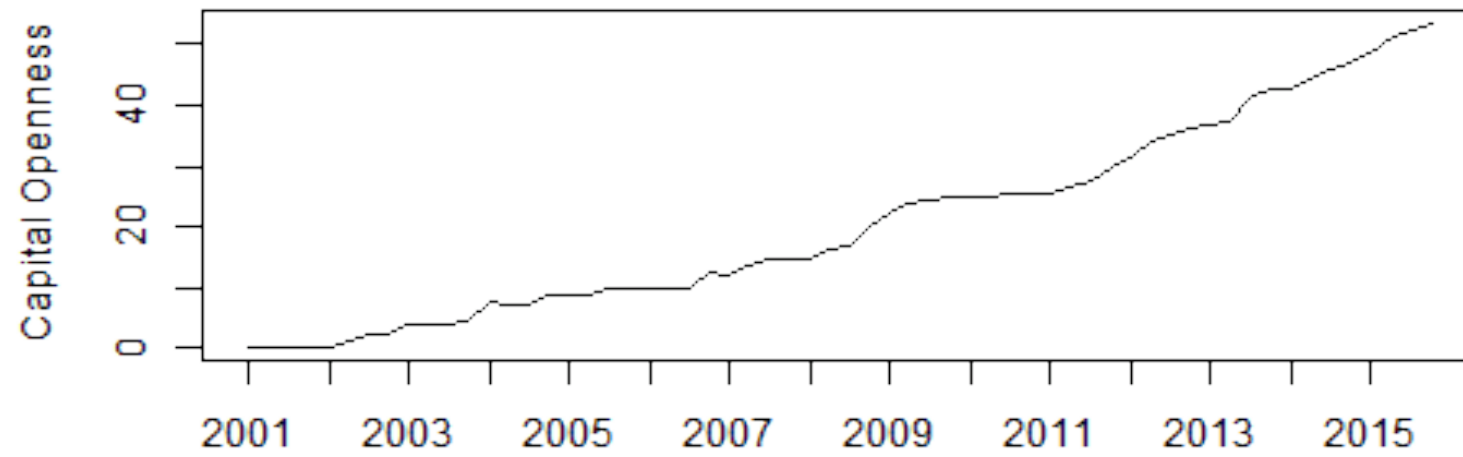
- Chinn-Ito AREAER-based, level comparison
- IMF (Wang-Jahan) AREAER-based, level comparison
- Pasricha et al. Number of net changes (easing measures less restricting measures for aggregate)



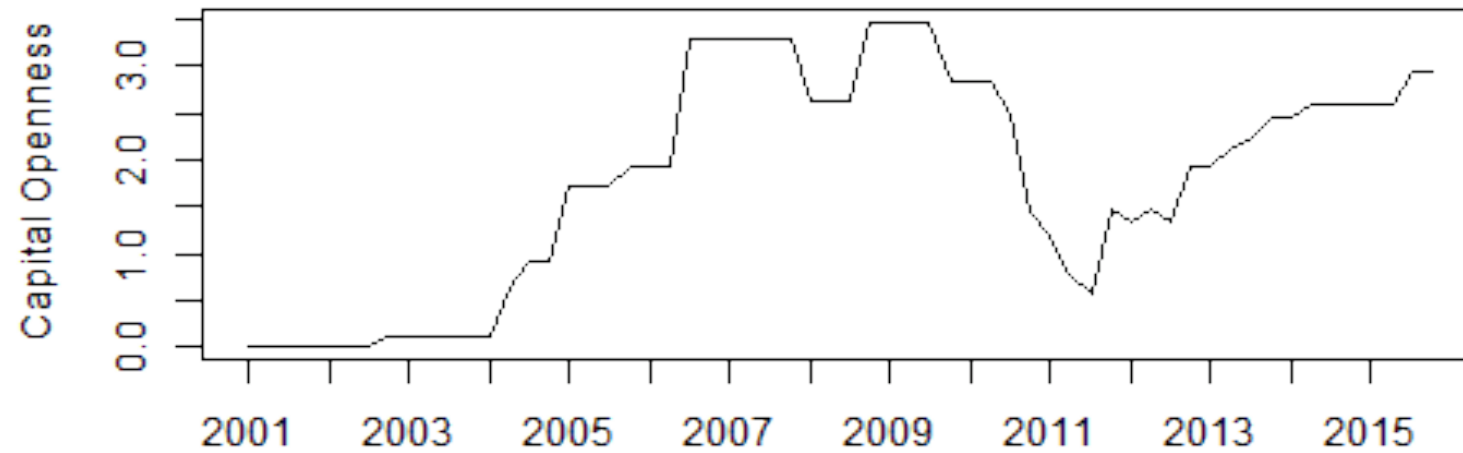


Pasricha et al.
Capital Liberalization
Data Set

Number of Net
Easing Measures



Panel A: India



Panel B: Brazil

Panel A: Interest Rate Policy - Pre GFC		Dependent Variable: i_t			
	India		Brazil		
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	
c	1.987*** (0.3249)	3.2289*** (0.8176)	6.4176* (3.4913)	8.8692** (4.1772)	
\hat{Y}	0.1277** (0.0691)	0.2475*** (0.0578)	-0.0176 (0.0390)	0.0041 (0.0416)	
$(\pi - \pi^*)$	-0.0276 (0.0489)	.0909 (.0849)	0.5248 (0.3105)	0.5183 (0.3798)	
Δe	0.0323 (0.0336)	0.0590 (0.0373)	0.0089 (0.0294)	0.0006 (0.0279)	
i_{t-1}	0.5994*** (0.0455)	0.4054*** (0.1175)	0.5103* (0.2598)	0.4080 (0.3249)	
i_{US}	0.2474*** (0.0511)	0.236*** (0.0473)	0.1872 (0.2306)	0.2717 (0.3268)	
openness		-0.0809*** (0.0284)		-0.6089* (0.3550)	
R^2	0.8908	0.8766	0.8198	0.8369	
Num. obs.	40	32	32	32	

- Pasricha et al. measure
- Only pre-GFC as U.S. rates didn't move in post-GFC
- Greater openness led to lower rates in both India and Brazil....
 - Much more in Brazil



These tables refer to Brazil

Panel A: Interest Rate Policy		Dependent Variable: i_t	
		Pre-Crisis	
		(1)	(2)
c		2.9856** (1.3659)	-1.2779 (5.3497)
\hat{Y}		-0.0739 (0.1374)	-0.1179 (0.1439)
$(\pi - \pi^*)$		0.7912 (0.4855)	0.7491 (0.4430)
Δe		0.0054 (0.0296)	-0.0018 (0.0410)
i_{t-1}		0.8431*** (0.1088)	0.8094*** (0.1274)
i_{US}		0.1208 (0.5868)	1.1248 (1.3762)
IMF openness		-1.5933 (1.6149)	7.6095 (12.1351)
$i_{US} \times \text{IMF openness}$			-1.9265 (2.4213)
R^2		0.7933	0.8001
Num. obs.		32	32

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No
systemically
link using
IMF measure

Ongoing
research...



Takeaways

- Complex policies but facing similar constraints
- Taylor Rules: Brazil committed to IT, and India output stabilization
- Intervention policies focused on external stabilization— exchange rates (both) and reserve management (India)
- Identifiable Policy Shifts:
 - India—
 - inflation more important post-GFC
 - Less weight on exchange rate and more on reserves target post-GFC
 - Brazil
 - IT more important pre-GFC, more discretion post-GFC
 - Reserve accumulation objective pre-GFC, targeting adequate reserves post-GFC
- Capital controls complex to measure and difficult to find stable, identifiable linkages with domestic policy constraints



Capital Account Openness Index (April 2016)

The Wang-Jahan capital account openness index is a de jure index that provides information on the state of openness of the capital account based on 12 types of asset categories for 168 countries, of which 60 are low-income developing countries, over the period 1996 -2013. **This index is constructed based on the information contained in the IMF's Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions (AREAER).** It not only captures the overall openness of the capital account but also provides a breakdown of openness across various types of subcategories: direction of flows (inflow verses outflow), residency (resident verses non-resident), and asset types (for example, equity, bonds, direct investment etc.). The granularity of this index provides researchers and policy-makers new avenues to pinpoint changes in de jure policies with associated changes in de facto capital flows. The large country coverage, particularly of low-income developing countries, allows for an in-depth analysis of each individual country or cross-country comparisons.

Panel B: Spot Intervention	Dependent Variable: I_t		
	Full Sample	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis
c	-6.5341 (4.1443)	-7.0780 (5.5368)	7.6730 (5.3679)
Δe	-0.2275*** (0.0833)	-0.2302 (0.1512)	-0.1700*** (0.0397)
$(R - R^*)$	-0.0210 (0.0228)	-0.0080 (0.0409)	-0.0410 (0.0371)
IMF openness	19.9903** (8.8857)	23.0595** (10.5498)	-8.6912 (9.9483)
R^2	0.2687	0.3039	0.2967
Num. obs.	56	32	24

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Panel A: Entire Sample, 1999Q1 - 2018Q4

Statistic	India					Brazil				
	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max
i	84	6.98	1.62	3.35	10.52	76	13.447	4.579	6.5	26.500
\hat{Y}	84	0.00	2.24	-6.46	6.61	76	-0.207	9.554	-18.712	16.250
π	80	4.56	3.19	-5.68	10.47	76	5.242	3.385	3.025	11.153
$\pi - \pi^*$	80	4.56	3.19	-5.68	10.47	76	0.419	1.023	-1.025	5.685
Δe	83	0.73	3.04	-6.91	10.86	76	1.019	8.498	-17.857	28.557
$R - R^*$	84	33.12	27.68	-34.01	93.13	76	1.244	49.978	-92.475	69.608
I_{spot}	84	1.56	3.89	-8.30	10.14	76	2.63	6.769	-8.816	32.000
I_{total}	84	0.01	11.64	-34.76	26.66	76	2.581	7.12	-11.292	32.000
$openness$	60	20.76	15.84	0.15	53.73	60	1.802	1.193	0.000	3.490

Panel B: Pre Crisis, 1999Q1 - 2008Q4

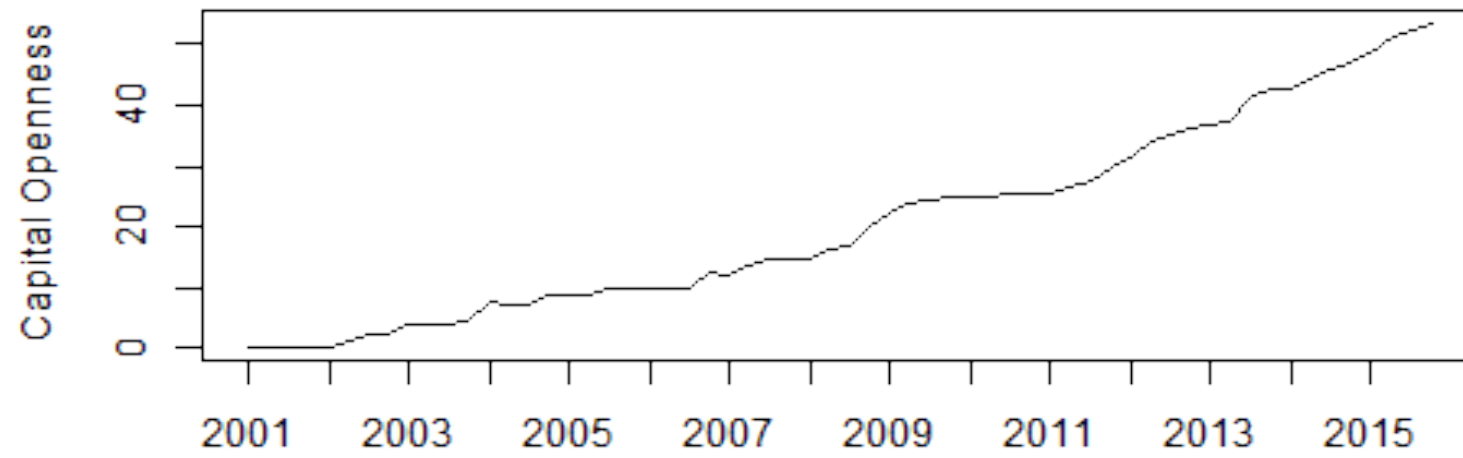
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i	44	6.93	1.63	4.19	10.23	36	16.931	3.775	11.25	26.500
\hat{Y}	44	0.25	2.61	-3.43	6.61	36	-0.624	10.049	-17.035	16.250
π	40	4.56	3.19	-5.68	10.47	36	6.268	3.870	3.025	11.153
$\pi - \pi^*$	40	5.15	1.87	1.51	10.47	36	0.546	1.254	-1.025	5.685
Δe	43	0.50	2.87	-6.91	10.86	36	-0.148	8.109	-17.857	20.815
$R - R^*$	44	29.68	36.78	-34.01	93.13	36	-42.709	33.72	-92.475	28.552
I_{spot}	44	2.32	4.79	-8.30	10.14	36	4.263	9.358	-8.816	32.000
I_{total}	44	0.14	11.37	-25.35	23.40	36	3.988	9.801	-11.292	32.000
$openness$	32	8.07	5.67	0.15	20.36	32	1.409	1.346	0.000	3.490

Panel C: Post Crisis, 2009Q1 - 2018Q4

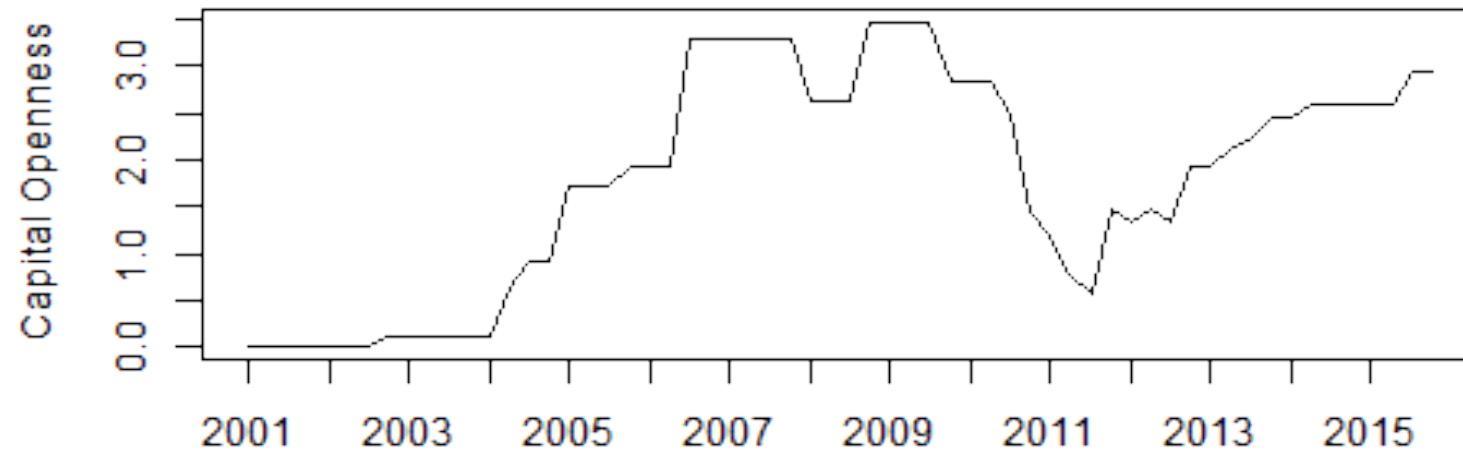
Statistic	India					Brazil				
	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max
i	40	7.04	1.63	3.35	10.52	40	10.312	2.5	6.5	14.250
\hat{Y}	40	-0.27	1.74	-6.46	3.41	40	0.168	9.198	-18.712	14.710
π	40	3.97	4.05	-5.68	10.12	40	5.057	2.908	3.625	8.741
$\pi - \pi^*$	40	3.97	4.05	-5.68	10.12	40	0.305	0.755	-0.905	2.705
Δe	40	0.98	3.24	-3.86	10.72	40	2.069	8.801	-16.717	28.557
$R - R^*$	40	36.91	10.51	19.07	62.61	40	40.802	19.869	-11.280	69.608
I_{spot}	40	0.72	2.34	-4.56	9.12	40	1.161	2.199	-1.775	8.490
I_{total}	40	-0.16	12.08	-34.76	26.66	40	1.315	2.794	-2.743	8.959
$openness$	28	35.27	10.11	22.32	53.73	28	2.252	0.798	0.578	3.490

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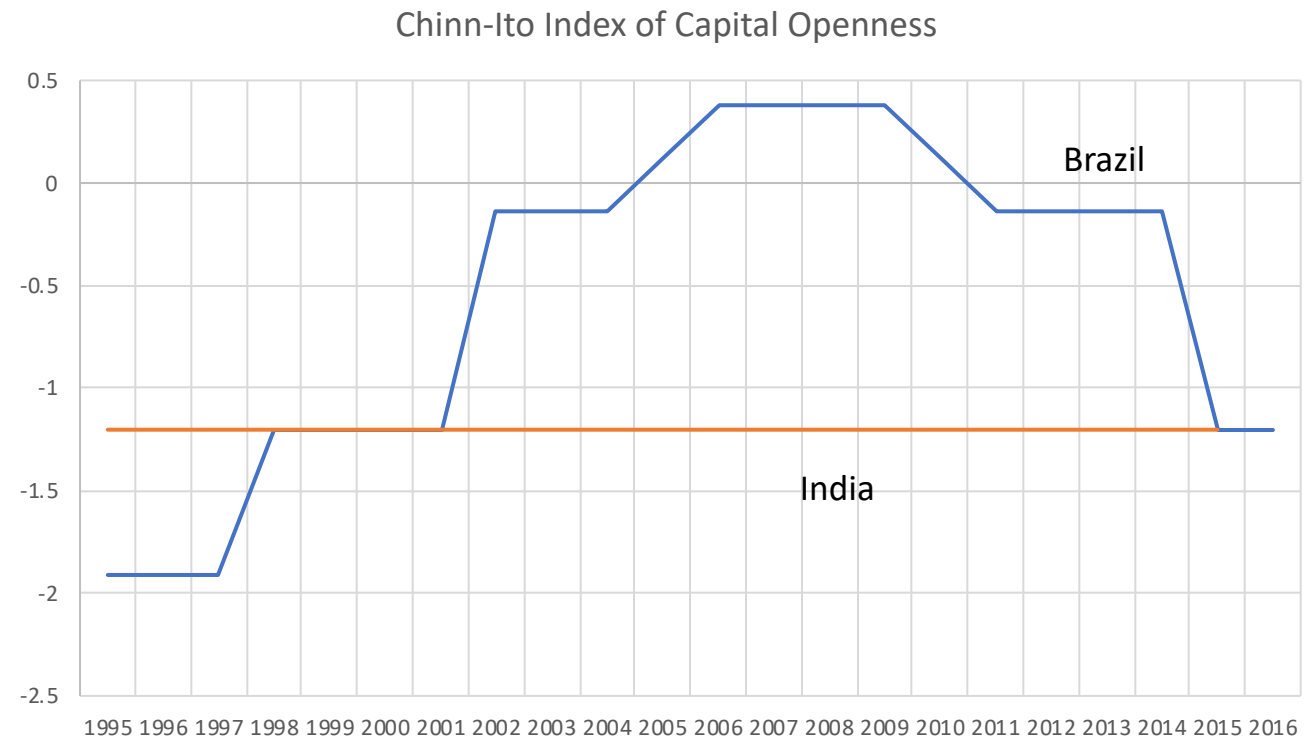
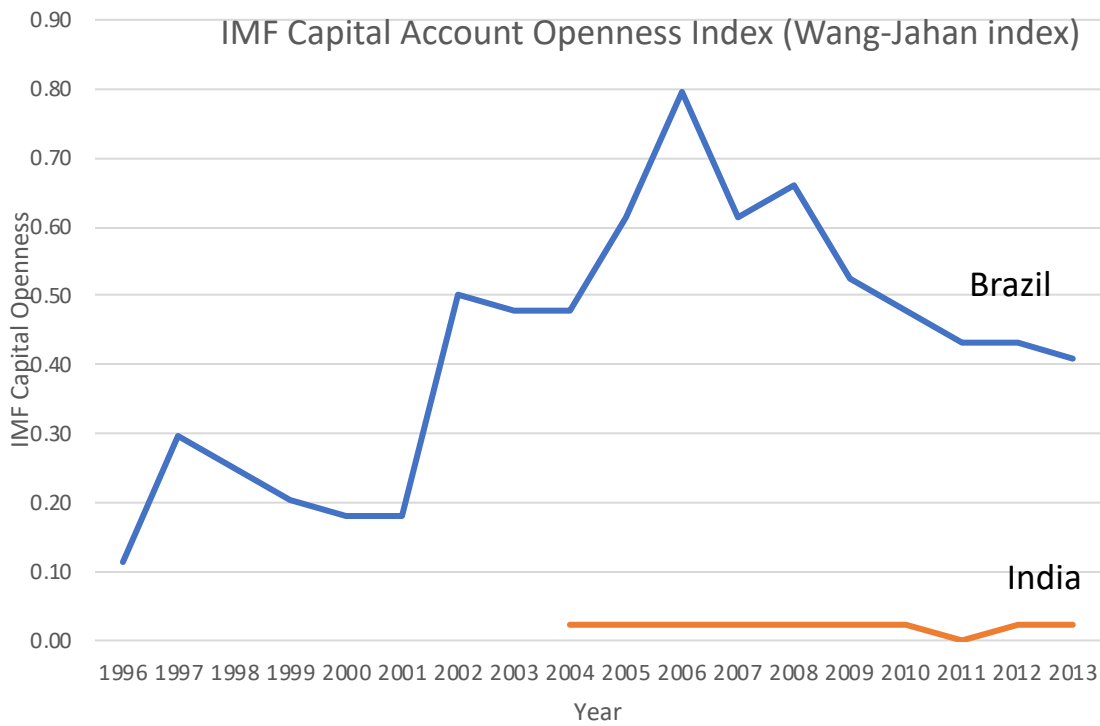
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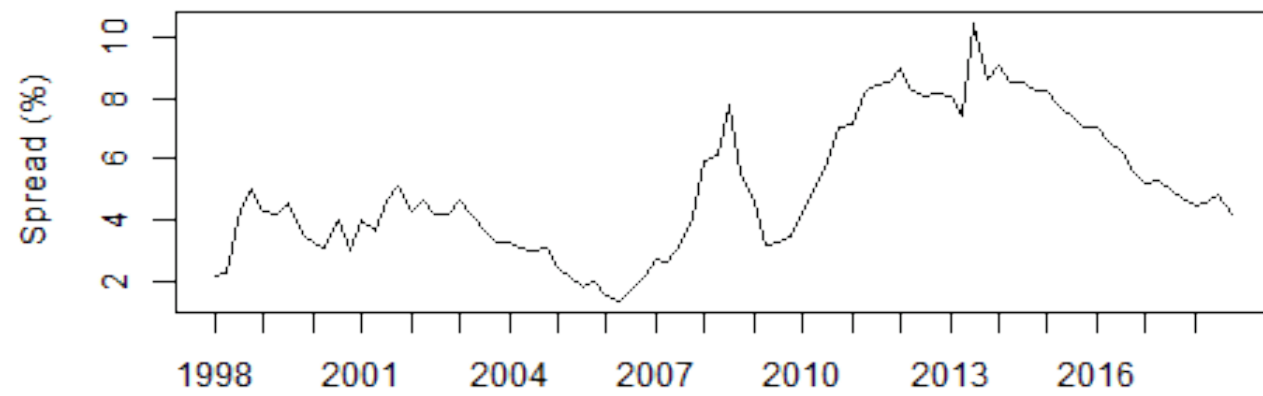


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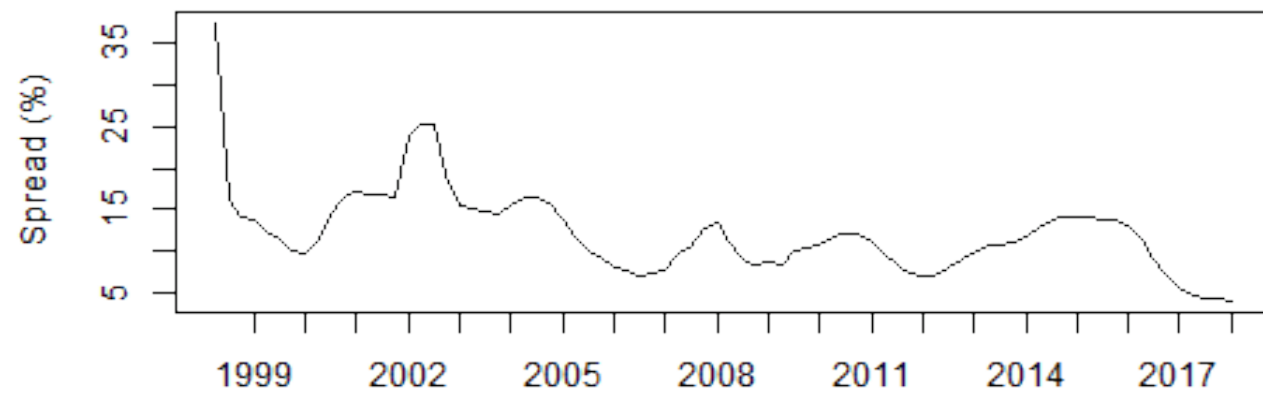
Capital Account Openness Index (April 2016)

The Wang-Jahan capital account openness index is a de jure index that provides information on the state of openness of the capital account based on 12 types of asset categories for 168 countries, of which 60 are low-income developing countries, over the period 1996 -2013. This index is constructed based on the information contained in the IMF's Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions (AREAER). It not only captures the overall openness of the capital account but also provides a breakdown of openness across various types of subcategories: direction of flows (inflow verses outflow), residency (resident verses non-resident), and asset types (for example, equity, bonds, direct investment etc.). The granularity of this index provides researchers and policy-makers new avenues to pinpoint changes in de jure policies with associated changes in de facto capital flows. The large country coverage, particularly of low-income developing countries, allows for an in-depth analysis of each individual country or cross-country comparisons.





Panel A: India



Panel B: Brazil

	Panel A: Interest Rate Policy - Pre GFC		Dependent Variable: i_t	
			India	Brazil
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
c	1.987*** (0.3249)	3.2289*** (0.8176)	6.4176* (3.4913)	8.8692** (4.1772)
\hat{Y}	0.1277** (0.0691)	0.2475*** (0.0578)	-0.0176 (0.0390)	0.0041 (0.0416)
$(\pi - \pi^*)$	-0.0276 (0.0489)	.0909 (.0849)	0.5248 (0.3105)	0.5183 (0.3798)
Δe	0.0323 (0.0336)	0.0590 (0.0373)	0.0089 (0.0294)	0.0006 (0.0279)
i_{t-1}	0.5994*** (0.0455)	0.4054*** (0.1175)	0.5103* (0.2598)	0.4080 (0.3249)
i_{US}	0.2474*** (0.0511)	0.236*** (0.0473)	0.1872 (0.2306)	0.2717 (0.3268)
openness		-0.0809*** (0.0284)		-0.6089* (0.3550)
R ²	0.8908	0.8766	0.8198	0.8369
Num. obs.	40	32	32	32

	Panel B: Spot Intervention		Dependent Variable: I_t	
			India	Brazil
	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis	Pre-Crisis	Post-Crisis
c	4.78*** (1.35)	-2.09 (4.51)	-9.39*** (2.14)	8.06*** (1.77)
Δe	-0.26** (0.11)	-0.27* (0.16)	-0.27 (0.20)	-0.00 (0.02)
$R - R^*$	0.12 (0.10)	-0.02 (0.05)	-0.14*** (0.03)	-0.08*** (0.02)
openness	-0.97** (0.42)	0.11 (0.09)	6.17*** (0.81)	-1.50*** (0.51)
R ²	0.66	0.30	0.49	0.41
Num. obs.	32	28	32	28

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$

These tables refer to Brazil

	Panel A: Interest Rate Policy		Dependent Variable: i_t			
	Full Sample		Pre-Crisis		Post-Crisis	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
c	0.9760 (1.0712)	0.6320 (1.9516)	2.9856** (1.3659)	-1.2779 (5.3497)	-3.4245 (3.7338)	-3.0400 (2.3490)
\hat{Y}	-0.0142 (0.0322)	-0.0148 (0.0346)	-0.0739 (0.1374)	-0.1179 (0.1439)	0.1863*** (0.0544)	0.1907*** (0.0357)
$(\pi - \pi^*)$	0.9332** (0.4139)	0.9336** (0.4122)	0.7912 (0.4855)	0.7491 (0.4430)	-0.4857 (0.3123)	-0.5218 (0.3600)
Δe	0.0302** (0.0144)	0.0298* (0.0174)	0.0054 (0.0296)	-0.0018 (0.0410)	0.0046 (0.0204)	-0.0042 (0.0087)
i_{t-1}	0.9393*** (0.0802)	0.9379*** (0.0816)	0.8431*** (0.1088)	0.8094*** (0.1274)	0.4129*** (0.0995)	0.3784*** (0.0877)
i_{US}	0.0597 (0.1536)	0.1371 (0.4569)	0.1208 (0.5868)	1.1248 (1.3762)	-1.5339 (1.2734)	-14.1732* (6.9147)
IMF openness	-0.4900 (0.7449)	0.2694 (4.0581)	-1.5933 (1.6149)	7.6095 (12.1351)	18.5596* (8.9950)	19.0827*** (5.0659)
$i_{US} \times \text{IMF openness}$		-0.1697 (0.8623)		-1.9265 (2.4213)		19.1731 (11.2279)
R^2	0.9092	0.9093	0.7933	0.8001	0.9204	0.9276
Num. obs.	56	56	32	32	24	24

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$