



Observatory on Exchange Rate

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Talking points

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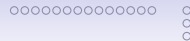
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Purchasing Power Parity

- Recent advances in the literature suggest that PPP may hold after all for some currencies;
 - Some studies using not temporally aggregated data suggests that PPP may hold in the long run. (Taylor, 2010);
 - Strong evidence that PPP holds for dollar-pound sterling parity using consumer price deflators and long time series; (Ahmad & Craighead)
- Misalignment is calculated in relation to a base country;
- This approach can not be linked to competitiveness;
- Balassa-Samuelson effect or any source of time trends must be addressed;
- What to do if PPP does not hold?
 - Decompose exchange rate in permanent and transitory components using time series techniques (Beveridge-Nelson decomposition and others)



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First Step: Effective RER based on fundamentals.

- Fundamental Real exchange rate is calculated using a econometric model:
 - Cointegration techniques based on selected series associated with fundamentals (Faruquee, 1994, IMF Working Paper, 90);
 - Some possible choices of the fundamentals variables
 - an indicator of relative tradeable and non-tradeable prices;
 - net international investment position as GDP share;
- Econometric Questions:
 - Detect long run relationship - cointegration analysis;
 - Perform permanent and transitory decomposition to better understand the adjustment towards equilibrium;
 - Gonzalo and Granger (1995) decomposition is the most common choice;

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Second Step: Bilateral RER based on fundamentals.

- Converting real effective exchange rate misalignment in bilateral misalignment:
 - From real effective exchange rates estimates calculated under step 1 for a group of countries it is possible to calculate bilateral misalignment for each country using Alberola, Cervero et al. (1999);



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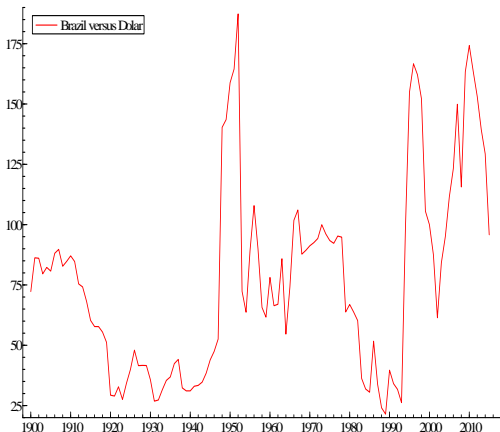
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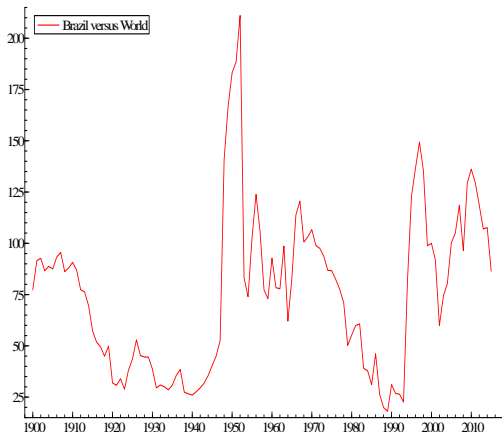


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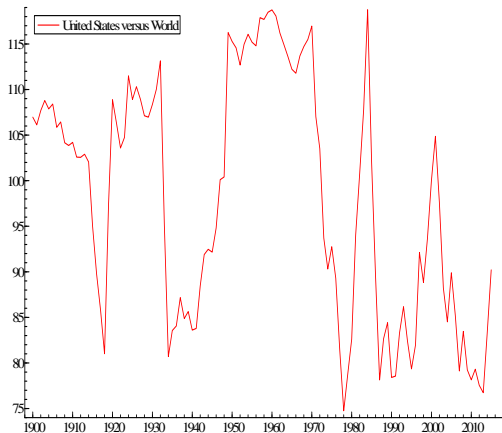


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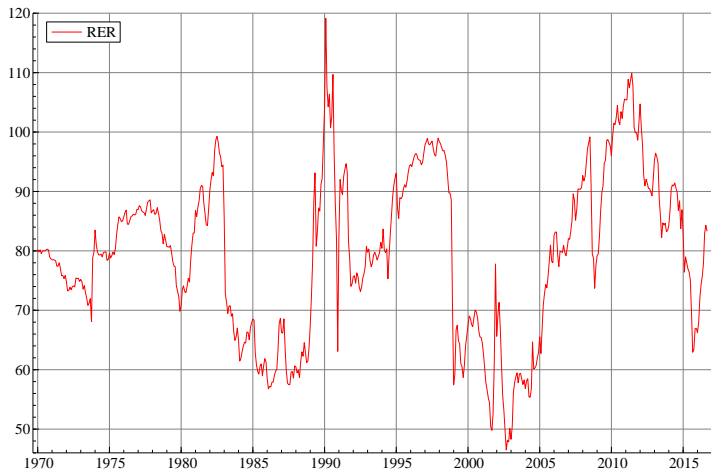


Database Description:

- Real Effective Exchange Rate - IFS-IMF - CPI index;
- NFA/GDP - Milesi & Ferreti database until 2000 and Brazilian Central Bank afterward;
- Balassa Samuelson effect - ratio of wholesales price and consumer price index compared to same ratio of trading partners - FGV, IBGE and IFS-IMF;
- Balassa Samuelson effect - ratio of GDP per capita of country and its trading partners - FGV, IBGE and IFS-IMF;
- Relative Terms of trade - Brazilian terms of trade (Funcex) compared to trading partners' terms of trade (IFS-IMF);

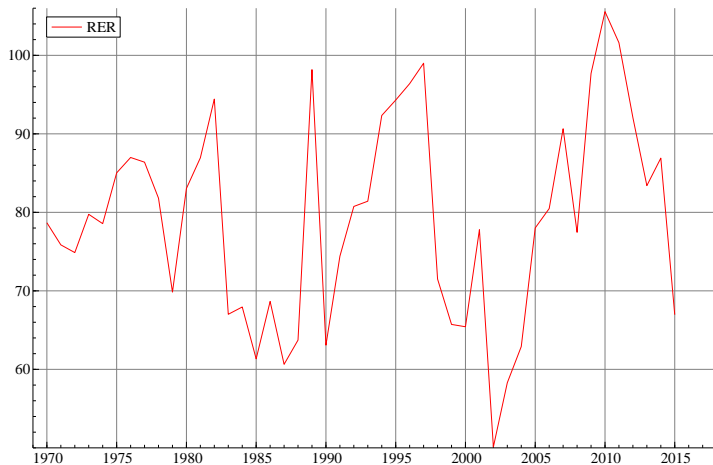


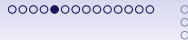
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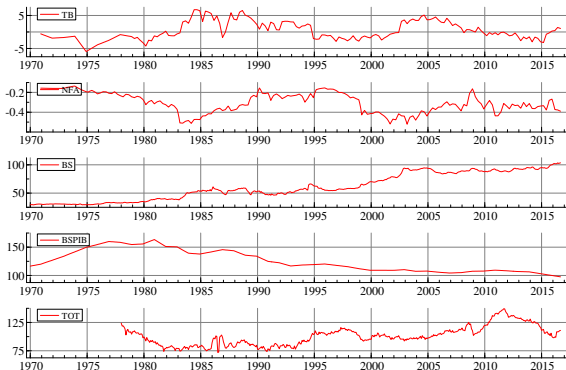


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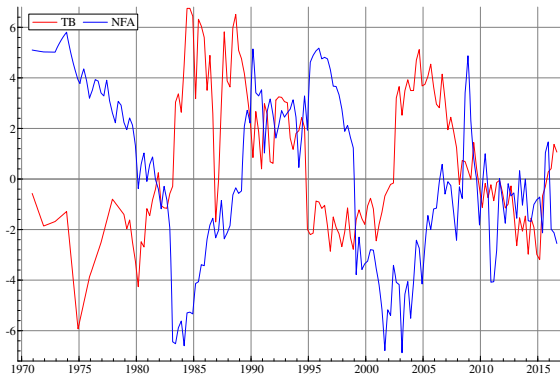


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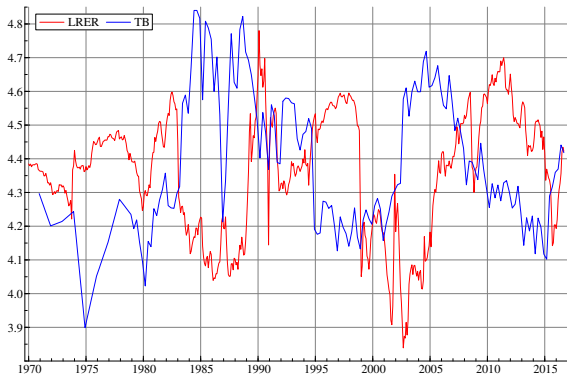
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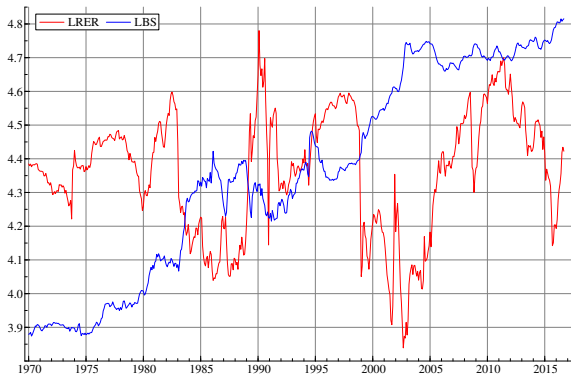
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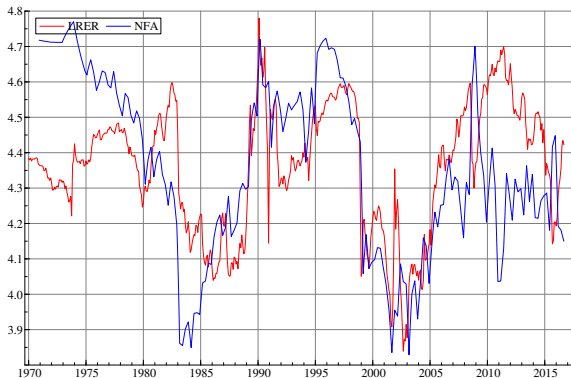
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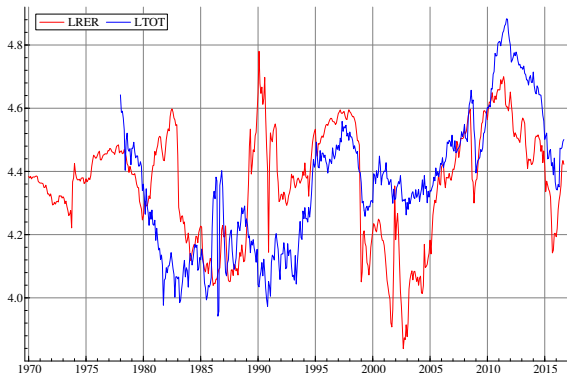
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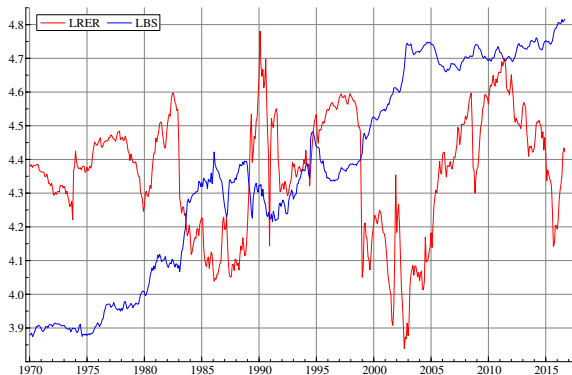
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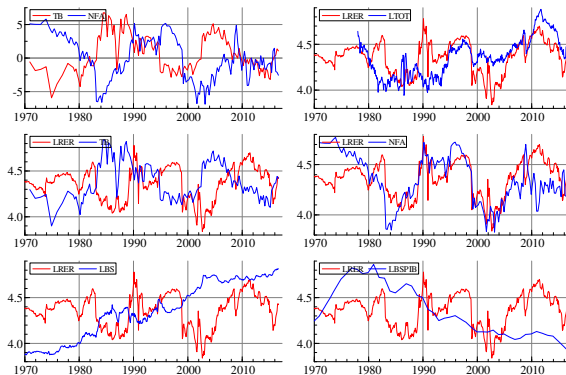
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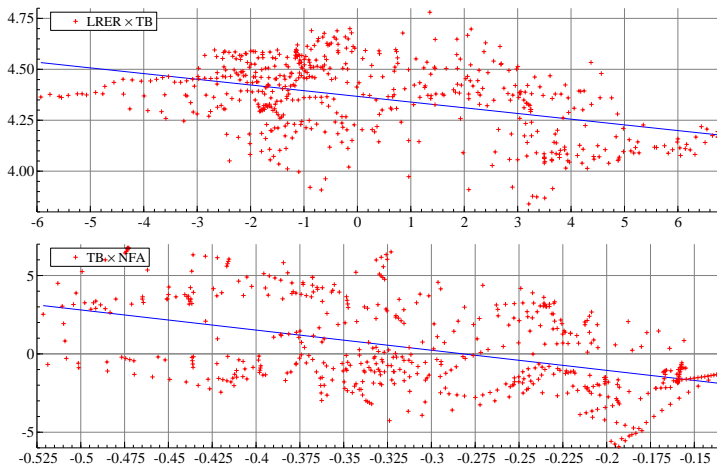
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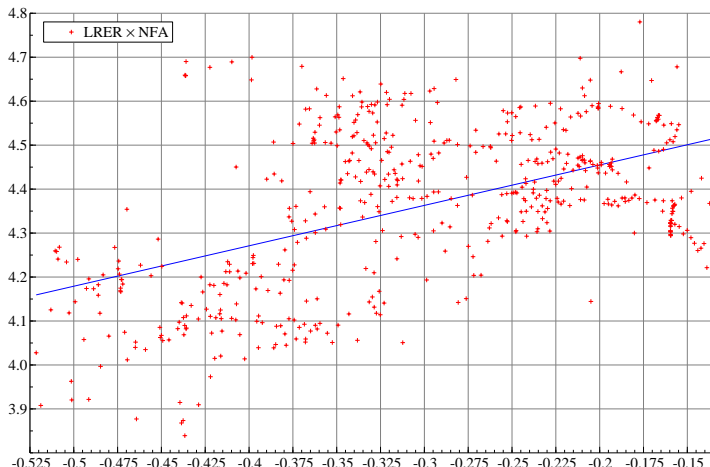


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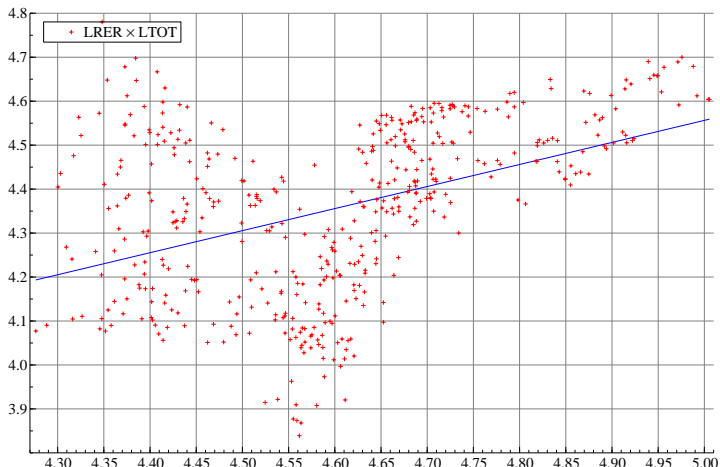


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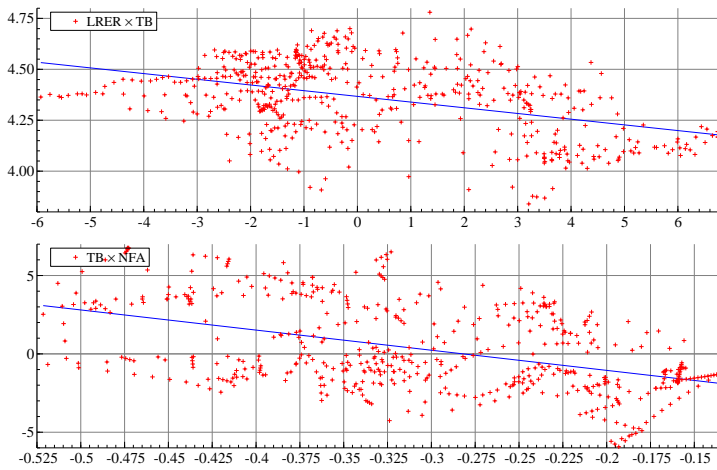


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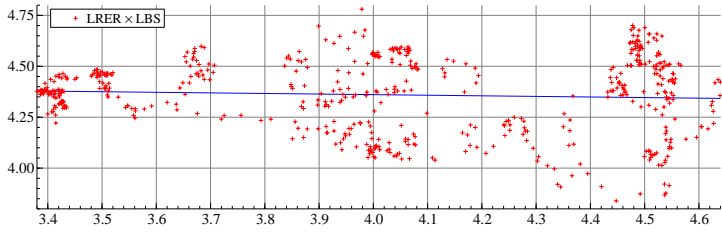




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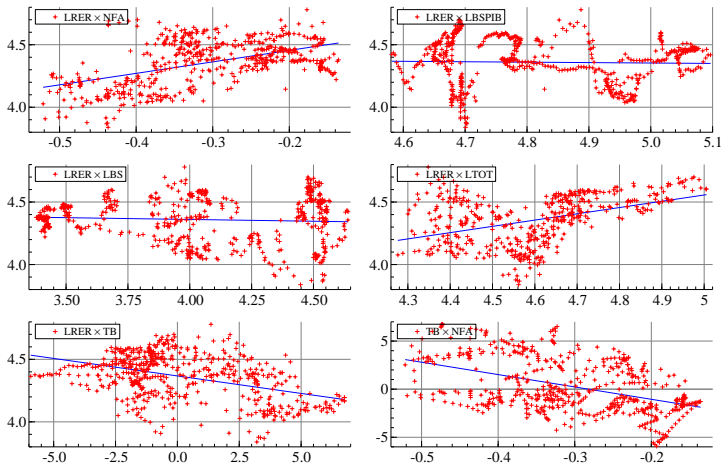


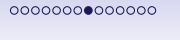
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M9	REER	TB	TOT	TOT	BS	Statistic	88.813	54.336	26.097	13.851
					p-value	0.0041 **	0.0461 *	0.3411	0.3071	0.3321
M10	REER	TB	NFA	TOT	BS-PIB	Statistic	98.017	52.223	26.976	12.774
					p-value	0.0001 **	0.0711	0.2941	0.3901	0.2151
					Trace Statistic - No constante					
					r=0	r=1	r=2	r=3	r=4	
M11	TB	NFA			Statistic	10.548	0.32055			
					p-value	0.0971	0.6431			



Cointegration Test:

Johansen Cointegration Test											
Endogenous Variables						Trace Statistic - Unrestricted constant					
						r=0	r=1	r=2	r=3	r=4	
M1	TB	NFA				Statistic	21.433	7.2471			
						p-value	[0.005] **	[0.007] **			
M2	REER	NFA	TOT	BS		Statistic	49.739	19.179	8.5688	2.2557	
						p-value	[0.031] *	[0.491]	[0.414]	[0.133]	
M3	REER	NFA	TOT	BS-PIB		Statistic	50.91	17.84	7.69	1.54	
						p-value	[0.023] *	[0.587]	[0.507]	[0.215]	
M4	REER	TB	TOT	TOT	BS	Statistic	81.8	47.342	19.864	9.718	1.2628
						p-value	[0.003] **	[0.054]	[0.443]	[0.309]	[0.261]
M5	REER	TB	NFA	TOT	BS-PIB	Statistic	90.12	44.679	19.45	7.9422	0.95682
						p-value	[0.000] **	[0.095]	[0.472]	[0.479]	[0.328]
Trace Statistic - Restricted constant											
						r=0	r=1	r=2	r=3	r=4	
M6	TB	NFA				Statistic	21.48	7.2928			
						p-value	[0.032] *	[0.114]			
M7	REER	NFA	TOT	BS		Statistic	58.26	27.47	13.24	3.04	
						p-value	[0.019] *	[0.269]	[0.353]	[0.581]	
M8	REER	NFA	TOT	BS-PIB		Statistic	58.24	25.08	11.79	4.12	
						p-value	[0.019] *	[0.400]	[0.476]	[0.407]	
M9	REER	TB	TOT	TOT	BS	Statistic	88.813	54.336	26.097	13.851	4.6786
						p-value	[0.004] **	[0.046] *	[0.341]	[0.307]	[0.332]
M10	REER	TB	NFA	TOT	BS-PIB	Statistic	98.017	52.223	26.976	12.774	5.7855
						p-value	[0.000] **	[0.071]	[0.294]	[0.390]	[0.215]
Trace Statistic - No constante											
						r=0	r=1	r=2	r=3	r=4	
M11	TB	NFA				Statistic	10.548	0.32055			
						p-value	[0.097]	[0.643]			

SD - Standard Deviation

A 6x2 grid of circles. The bottom-right circle is missing, leaving 11 circles in total.

SD - Standard Deviation

VECM: Long Run coefficients.

VECM																		
Endogenous Variables	Model 7			Model 8			Model 9						Model 10					
	Loading Matrix																	
	Coef.	SD*	t	Coef.	SD*	t	Coef.	SD*	t	Coef.	SD	t	Coef.	SD	t	Coef.	SD	t
REER	- 0.7	0.2	-3.24	- 0.8	0.2	-4.30	- 0.8	0.2	- 5.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	-0.70	0.01	-64.9	0.01	0.01	0.8
TB							3.3	2.4	1.4	- 0.5	0.1	- 3.8	-4.14	-0.52	7.9	-0.52	0.19	- 2.8
NFA	0.1	0.1	1.24	0.1	0.1	1.62	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	-0.05	0.01	- 3.6	0.01	0.01	2.1
BS	- 0.1	0.1	-0.49				0.1	0.1	0.9	- 0.0	0.0	- 2.6						
BS-PIB				- 0.0	0.0	-0.72							-0.03	0.00	- 9.4	0.00	0.00	1.2
TOT	0.2	0.1	1.74	0.1	0.1	1.16	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.30	0.02	12.6	0.02	0.01	3.6
Cointegrated Relationships																		
REER	1.0			1.0			1.0			0.0	0.0		1.00			0.00		
TB							0.0			1.0	0.0		0.00			1.00		
NFA	-0.5	0.3	-1.81	-1.1	0.2	-4.93	-0.9	0.2	-3.59	2.9	1.5	1.95	-0.48	0.19	-2.55	2.09	1.467	1.43
BS	0.5	0.1	4.651				0.5	0.1	4.87	0.0	0.0							
BS-PIB				-0.8	0.2	-3.85							-0.85	0.15	-5.70	0.00		
TOT	-1.2	0.2	-6.64	-1.0	0.2	-6.39	-1.4	0.2	-7.98	0.0	0.0		-0.96	0.13	-7.44	0.00		
Constant	-1.0	0.6	-1.62	3.7	1.6	2.368	-0.3	0.6	-0.52	0.0	0.0		4.01	1.21	3.31	0.00		

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Endogenous Variables	Model7			Model8			Model9						Model10					
	Loading Matrix																	
	Coef.	SD*	t	Coef.	SD*	t	Coef.	SD*	t	Coef.	SD	t	Coef.	SD	t	Coef.	SD	t
REER	- 0.7	0.2	-3.24	- 0.8	0.2	-4.30	- 0.8	0.2	- 5.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	-0.70	0.01	-64.9	0.01	0.01	0.8
TB							3.3	2.4	1.4	- 0.5	0.1	- 3.8	-4.14	-0.52	7.9	-0.52	0.19	- 2.8
NFA	0.1	0.1	1.24	0.1	0.1	1.62	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	-0.05	0.01	- 3.6	0.01	0.01	2.1
BS	- 0.1	0.1	-0.49				0.1	0.1	0.9	- 0.0	0.0	- 2.6						
BS-PIB				- 0.0	0.0	-0.72							-0.03	0.00	- 9.4	0.00	0.00	1.2
TOT	0.2	0.1	1.74	0.1	0.1	1.16	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.30	0.02	12.6	0.02	0.01	3.6
Cointegrated Relationships																		
REER	1.0			1.0			1.0			0.0	0.0		1.00			0.00		
TB							0.0			1.0	0.0		0.00			1.00		
NFA	-0.5	0.3	-1.81	-1.1	0.2	-4.93	-0.9	0.2	-3.59	2.9	1.5	1.95	-0.48	0.19	-2.55	2.09	1.467	1.43
BS	0.5	0.1	4.651				0.5	0.1	4.87	0.0	0.0							
BS-PIB				-0.8	0.2	-3.85							-0.85	0.15	-5.70	0.00		
TOT	-1.2	0.2	-6.64	-1.0	0.2	-6.39	-1.4	0.2	-7.98	0.0	0.0		-0.96	0.13	-7.44	0.00		
Constant	-1.0	0.6	-1.62	3.7	1.6	2.368	-0.3	0.6	-0.52	0.0	0.0		4.01	1.21	3.31	0.00		

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Decomposing exchange rate misalignment:

Imposing these restrictions , it is possible to decompose misalignment into two pieces:

$$mis_{i,t}^{VECM_2} = T_{i,t}^{ECM_2,1} + T_{i,t}^{EMC_2,2} \quad (3)$$

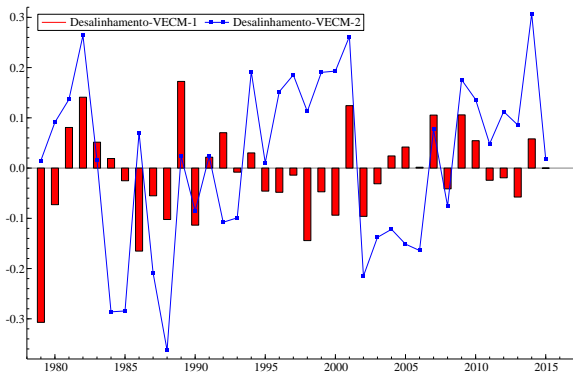
By calculating $mis_{i,t}^{VECM_2} - mis_{i,t}^{VECM_1}$ it is possible to obtain:

$$mis_{i,t}^{VECM_2} - mis_{i,t}^{VECM_1} = \left(\frac{h_{2,1}}{h_{1,1}} - 1 \right) h_{1,1} f_{1,1,t} + \left(\frac{h_{2,1}}{h_{1,1}} \right) (h_{1,1} f_{2,1,t} - h_{1,1} f_{1,1,t}) + h_{2,2} f_{2,1,t} \quad (4)$$

where $h_{2,i}$ and $h_{1,i}$ are the weights, in $VECM_2$ and $VECM_1$ respectively, of the domestic vectors on misalignment, and $f_{2,i}$ and $f_{1,i}$ are the estimated cointegrated vectors.

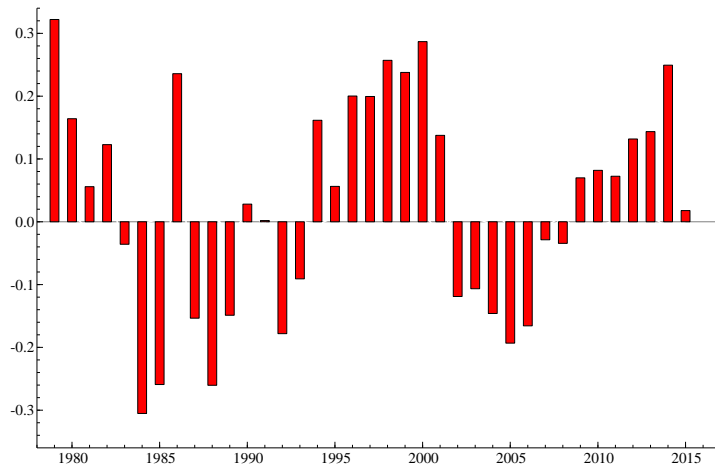
What factors can explain the difference?

- VECM-1: NFA, TOT, BS
- VECM-2: TB, NFA, TOT, BS;

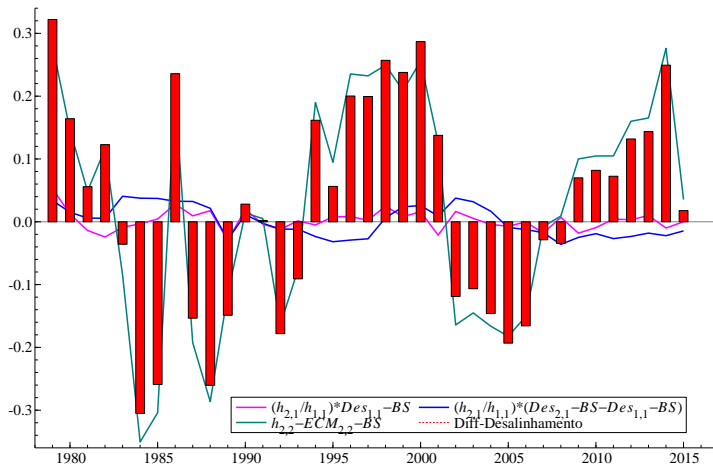


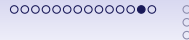


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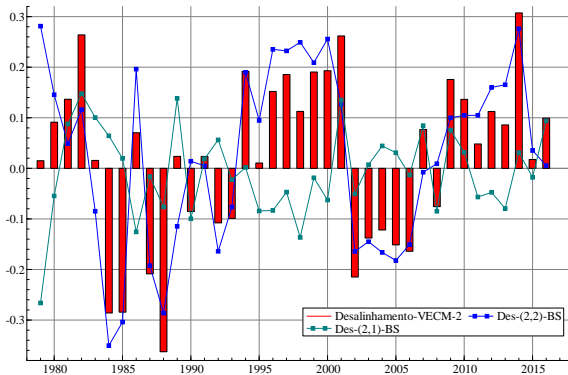


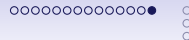
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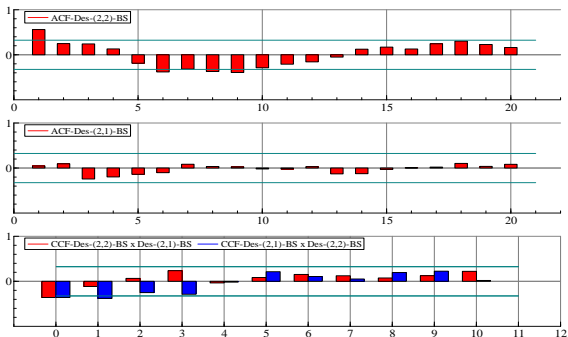
Exchange rate misalignment and its components:





Time Series Properties of Exchange Rate Misalignment:

- No time correlation in the first ECM;
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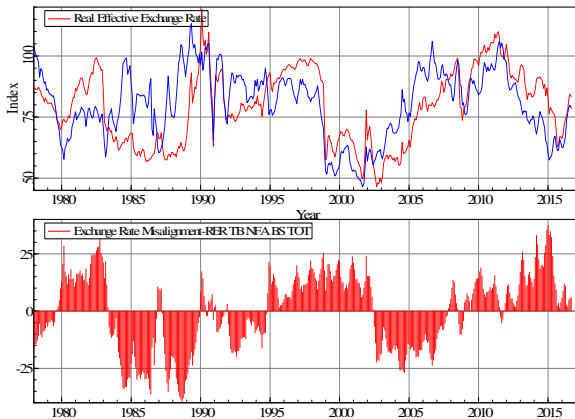
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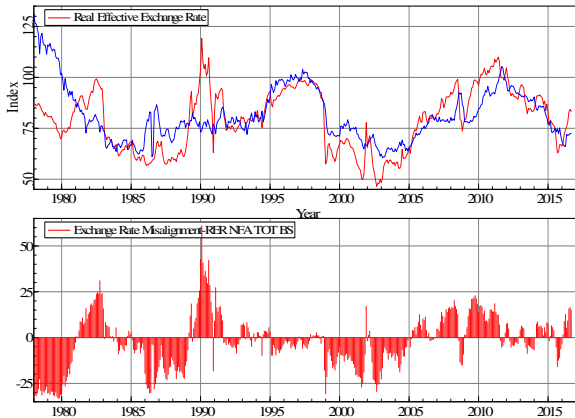


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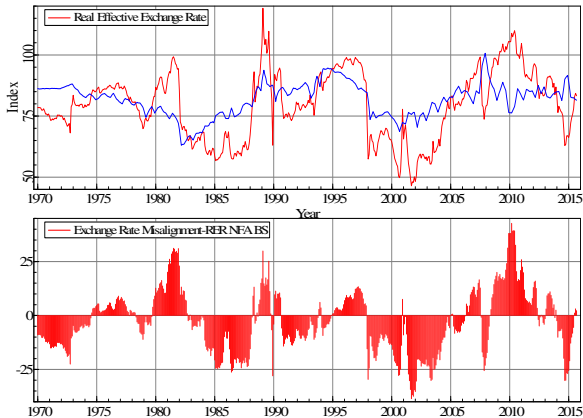


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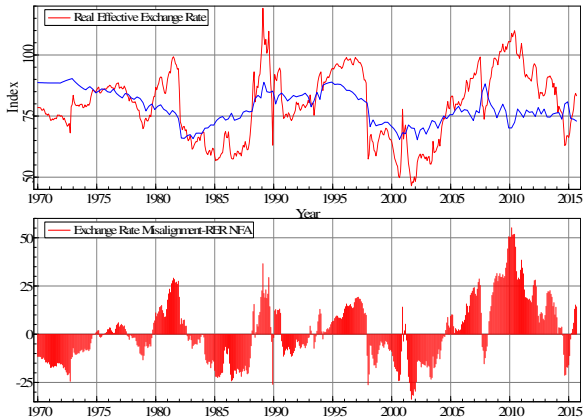




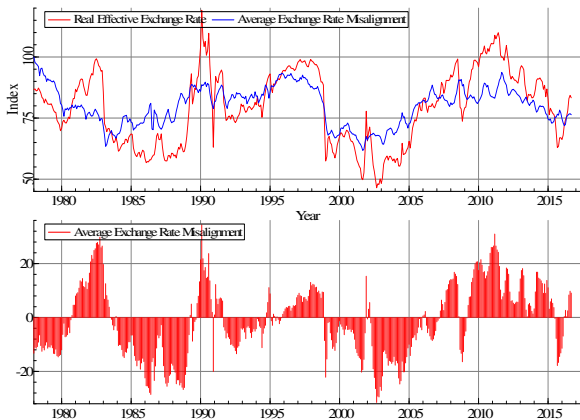
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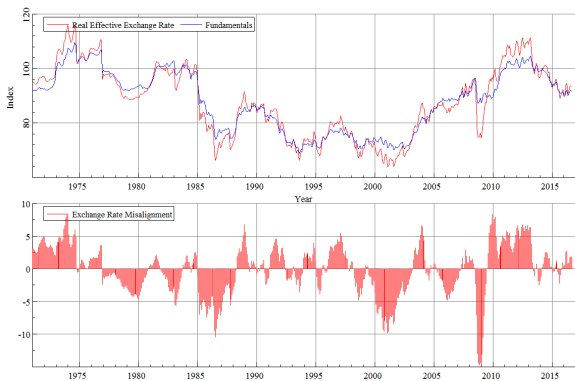
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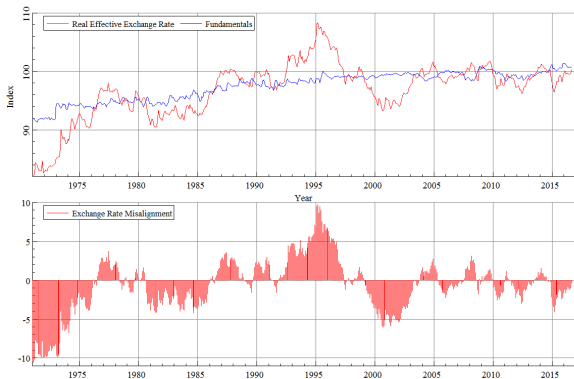
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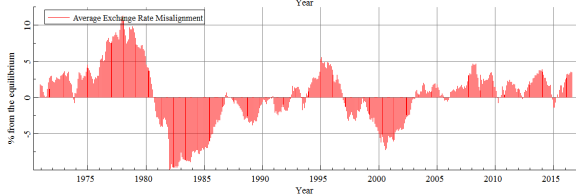
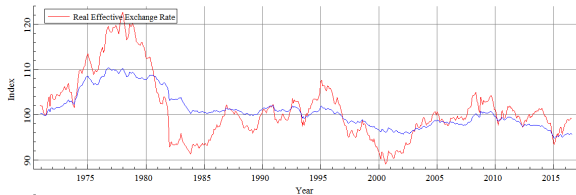
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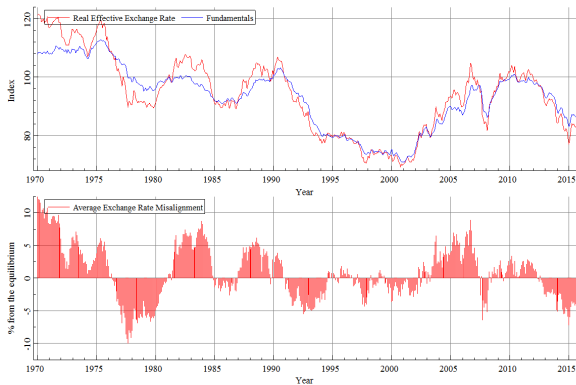
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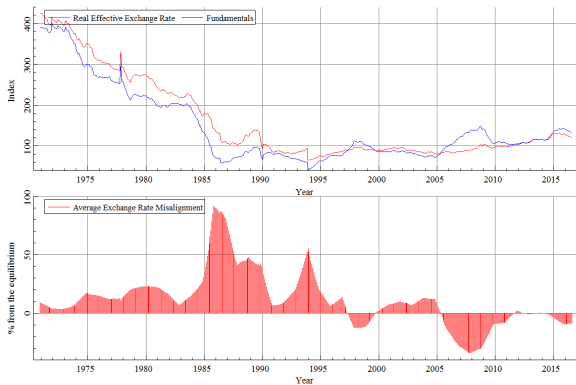
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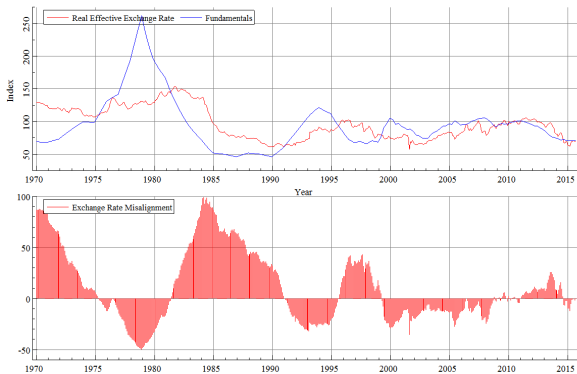
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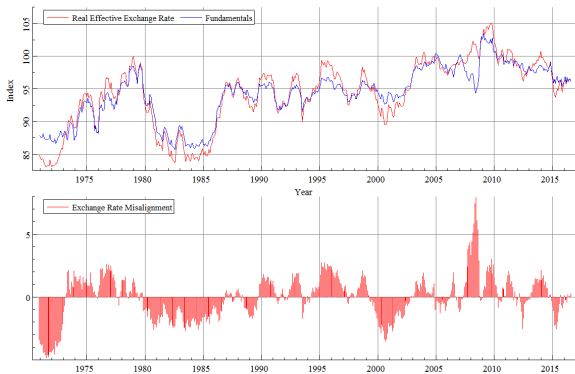
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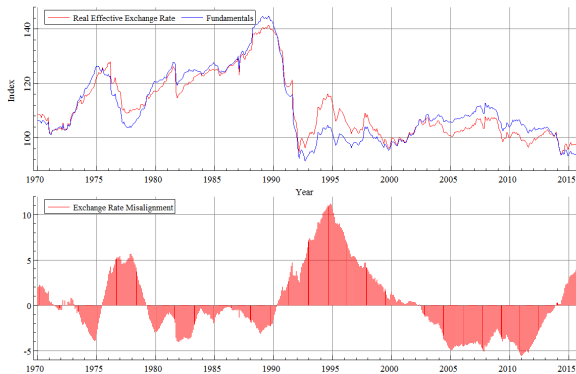
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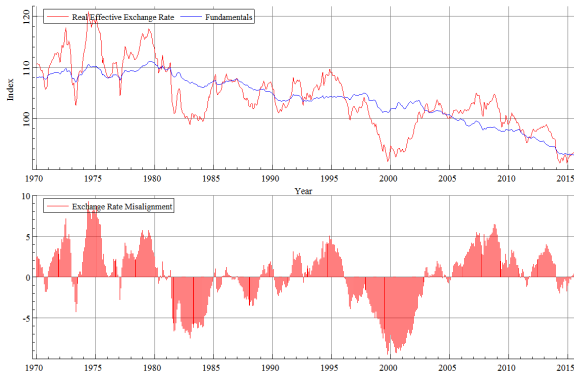
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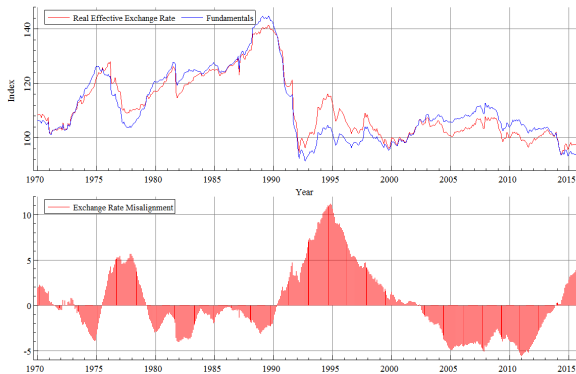
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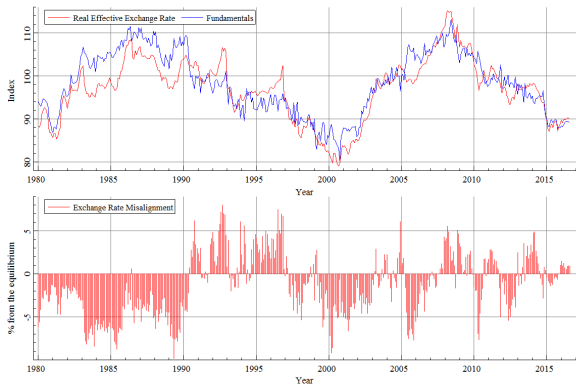
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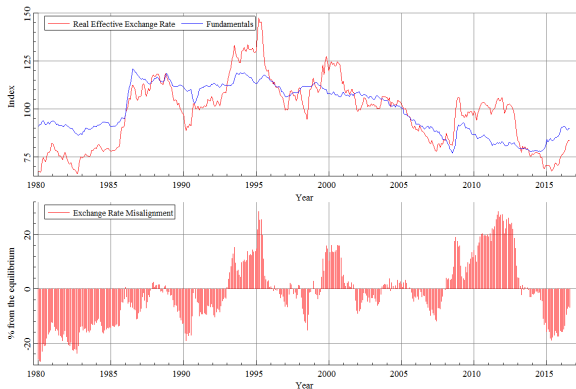
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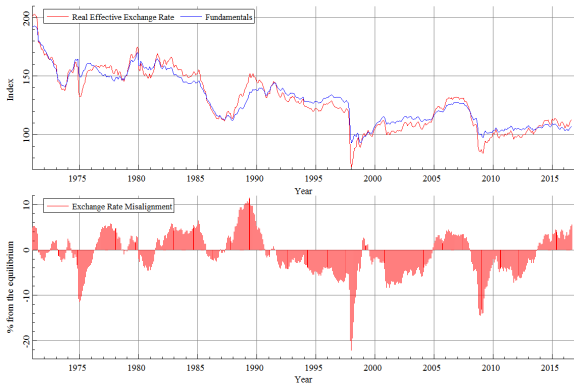
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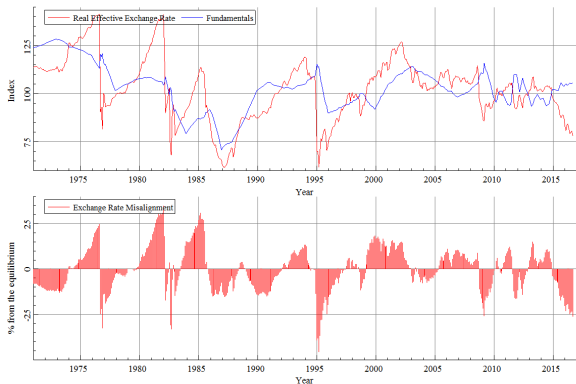
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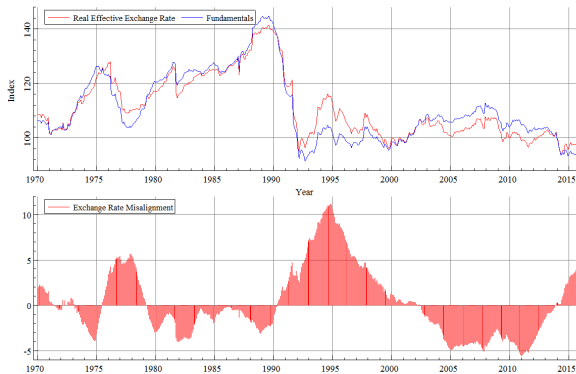
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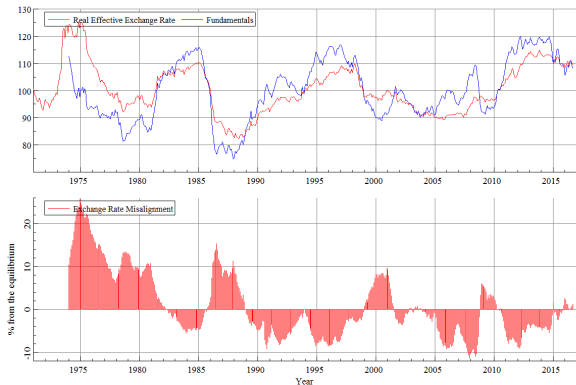
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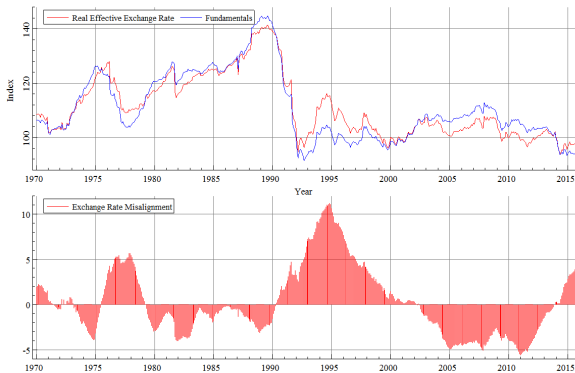
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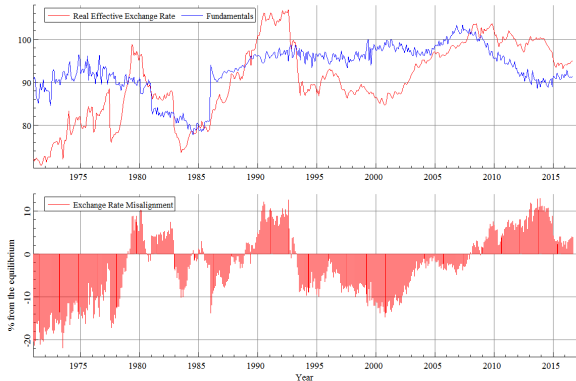
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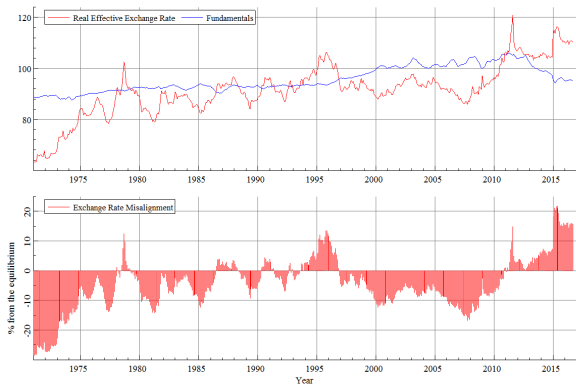
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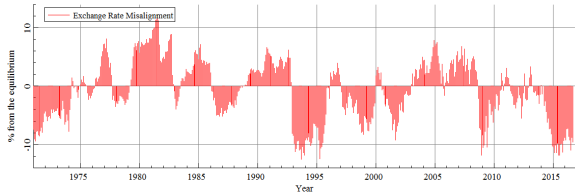
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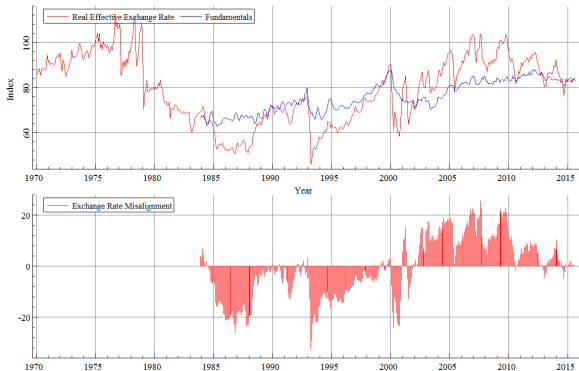


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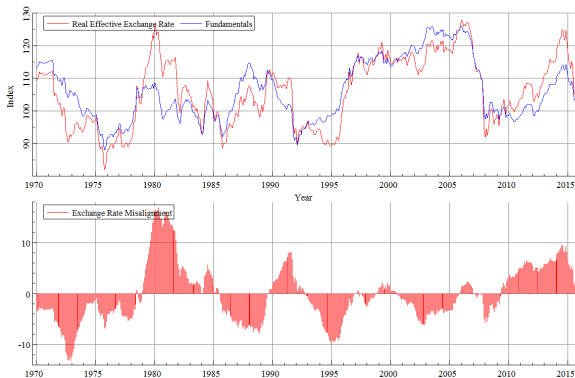
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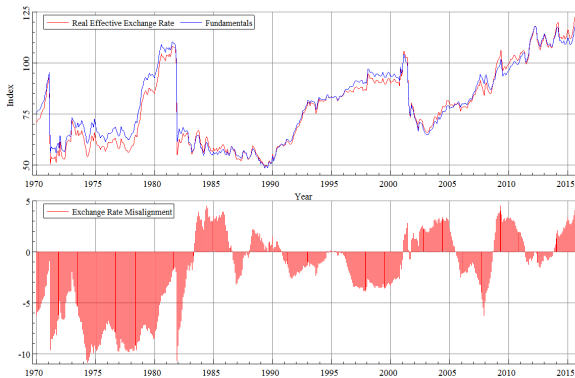
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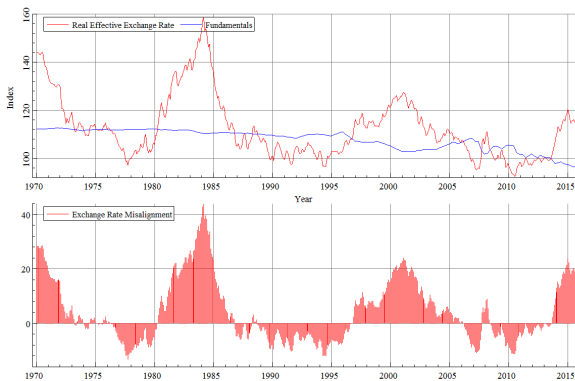
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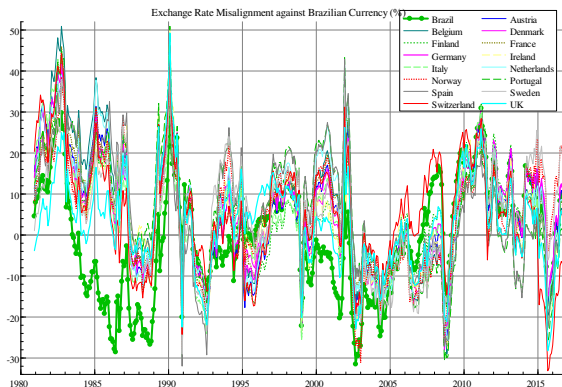
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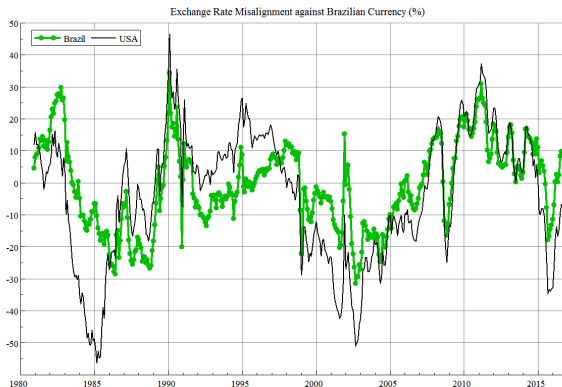
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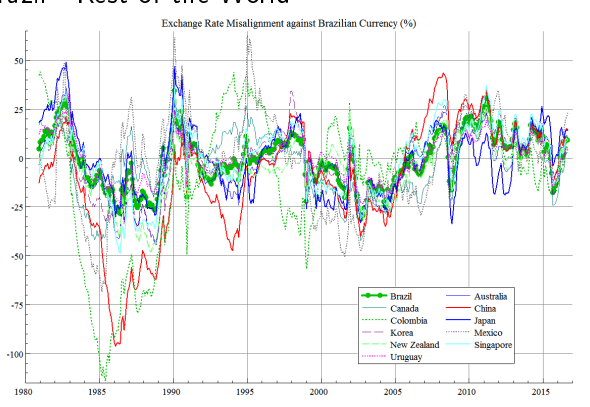
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Multilateral versus Bilateral Misalignment:

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Multilateral versus Bilateral Misalignment:

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