

MONETARY EQUILIBRIUM AND NOMINAL INCOME TARGETING

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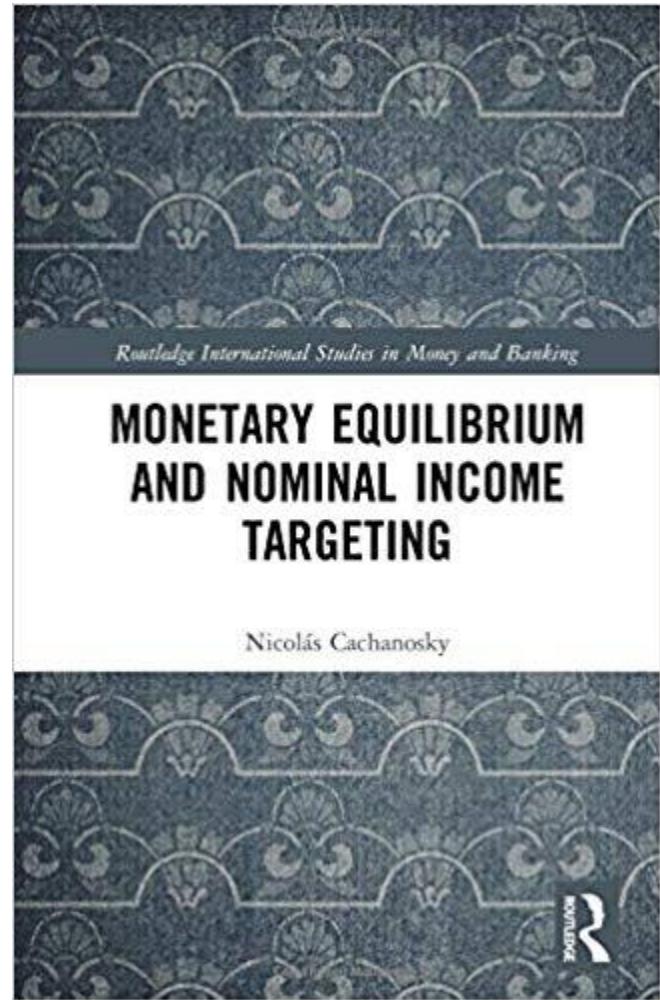
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OUTLINE

- Why the book?
- Book structure
- Lessons from free banking cases
- NGDP Targeting rule
- The 2008 Crisis
- Monetary reforms



WHY THE BOOK?



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- 2008 Crisis
 - Price level stability suffered a major empirical disconfirmation (again)
 - Renewed interest in nominal income targeting
 - First book on the subject
 - Put together a more comprehensive presentation on nominal income targeting
 - How does it fit with the rest of the literature



WHY THE BOOK?

- Table of contents
 1. Free banking and monetary equilibrium
 2. Nominal income targeting and the productivity norm
 3. Nominal income targeting and monetary rules
 4. Nominal income targeting and monetary disequilibrium
 5. Nominal income targeting as market outcome versus policy outcome
 6. The 2008 financial crisis
 7. Monetary reforms towards nominal income targeting



LESSONS FROM FREE BANKING CASES



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- A free market in money and banking is endogenously stable
 - Equilibrium: Nominal income stable per capita
- Some arguments against free banking
 - U.S. “free banking” period
 - Great Depression in the U.S. vs Canada
 - Diamond-Dybvig Model



NGDP TARGETING RULE



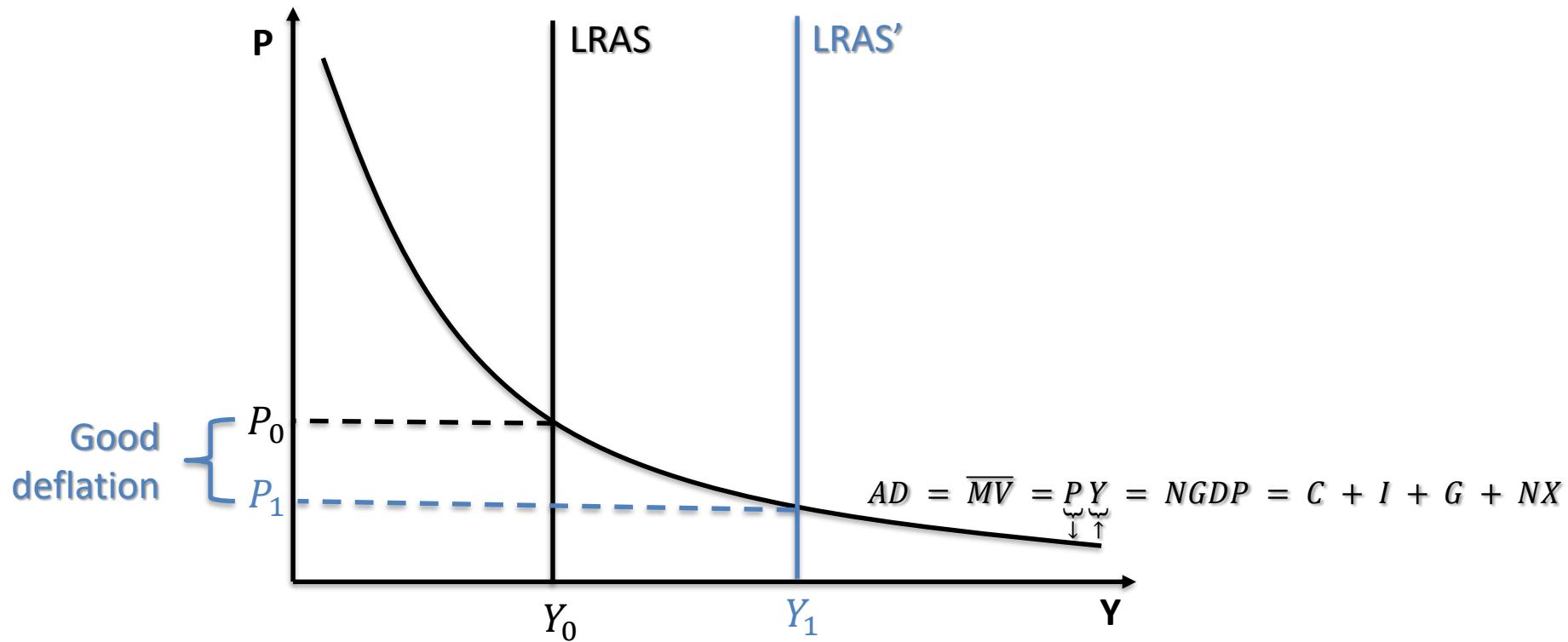
NGDP TARGETING RULE

- $\overline{MV} = \underbrace{P}_{\downarrow} \underbrace{Y}_{\uparrow}$: Productivity Norm
 - $Y = A \cdot F(K; eL)$
- $\underbrace{M}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{V}_{\downarrow} = \overline{PY}$: Monetary rule



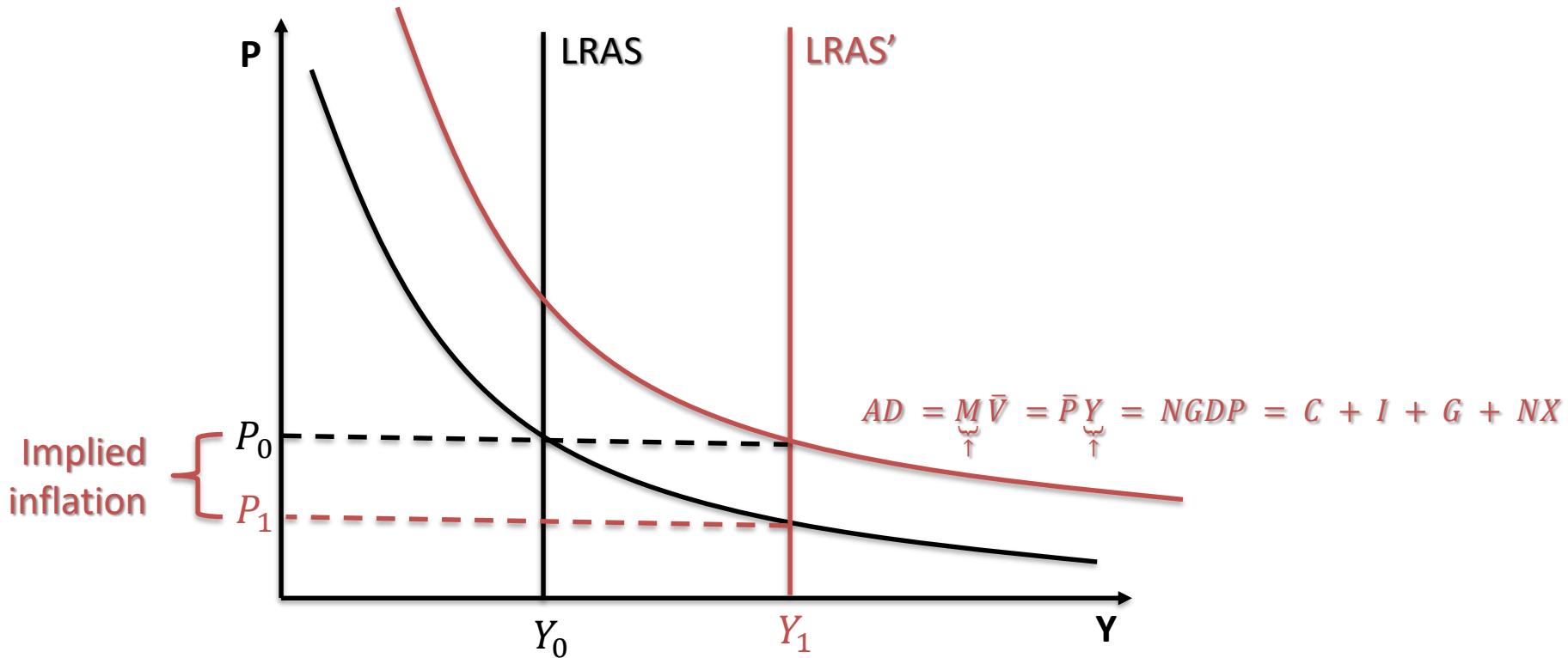
NGDP TARGETING RULE

- Productivity shock with NGDP Targeting



NGDP TARGETING RULE

- Productivity shock with price level stability



NGDP TARGETING RULE

- Where is the excess of money supply going?
 - To offset a fall in the price level
 - Increase of prices not captured in price level indices (CPI, GDP deflator, etc.)
 - Stock prices (Great Depression)
 - Housing prices (Great Recession)
 - Imports (trade deficit)
- The main difference of a nominal income targeting rule is not what to do if AD falls, but what to do if there is a AS shock



THE 2008 CRISIS



THE 2008 CRISIS

- What happened? Short story
 - Before the crash
 - During and after the crash



THE 2008 CRISIS

- 2001: Dot-com bubble and 9/11
 - Federal Reserve lowers interest rates
 - Regulatory framework channels credit expansion towards the housing market
 - 1993: DHUD starts legal actions against banks
 - 1996: Regulators are allowed to penalize banks with low CRA ratings
 - 2000: DHUD requires larger allocation of mortgages to high-risk clients

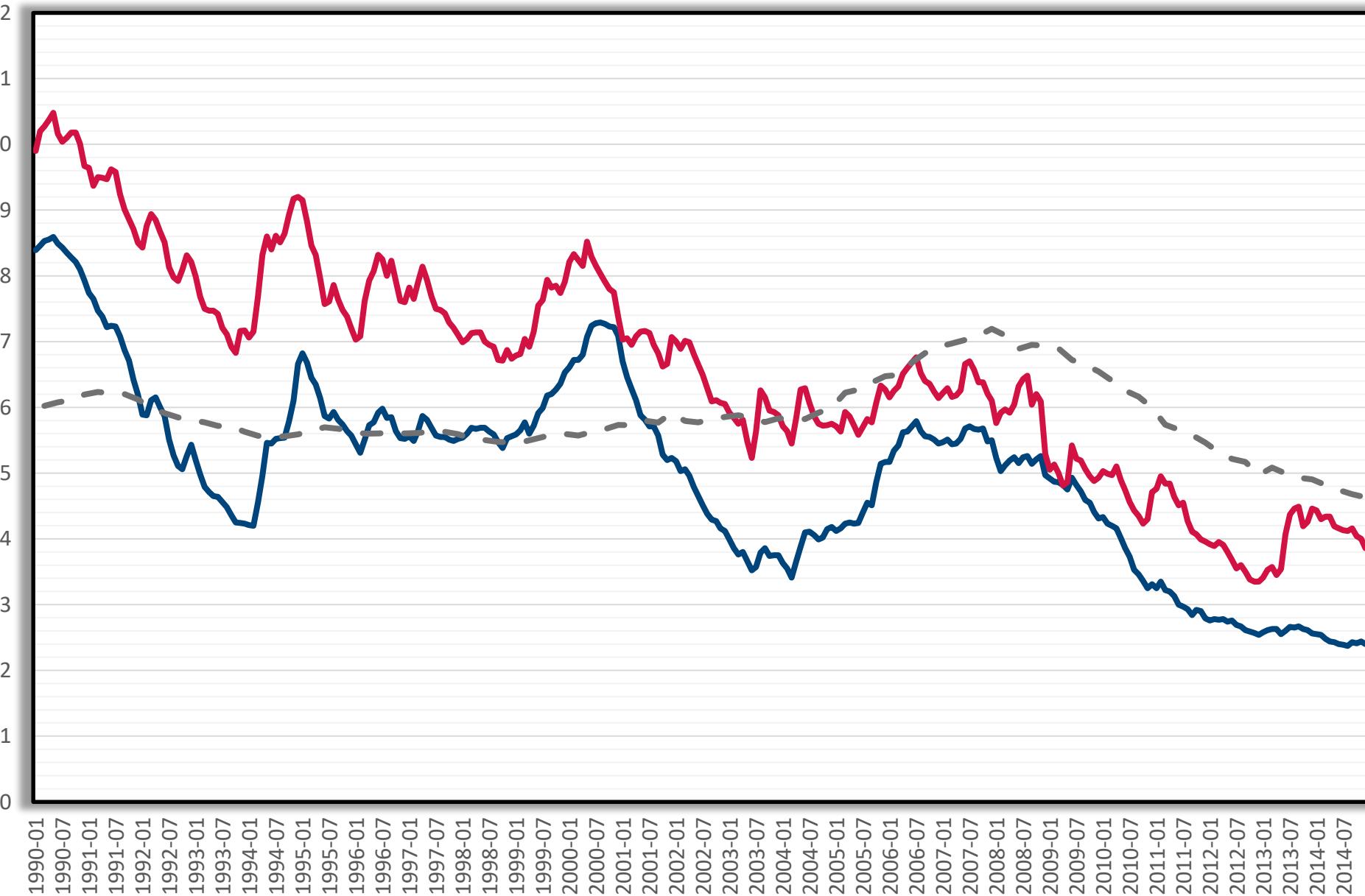


THE 2008 CRISIS

- Mortgage rates
 - Fixed rate
 - ARM
 - Affected by the Federal funds rate
 - New mortgages were issued with ARM rates
 - Existing fixed rate mortgages were transformed into ARM mortgages
- Implicit bailout through Fannie Mac and Freddie Mae

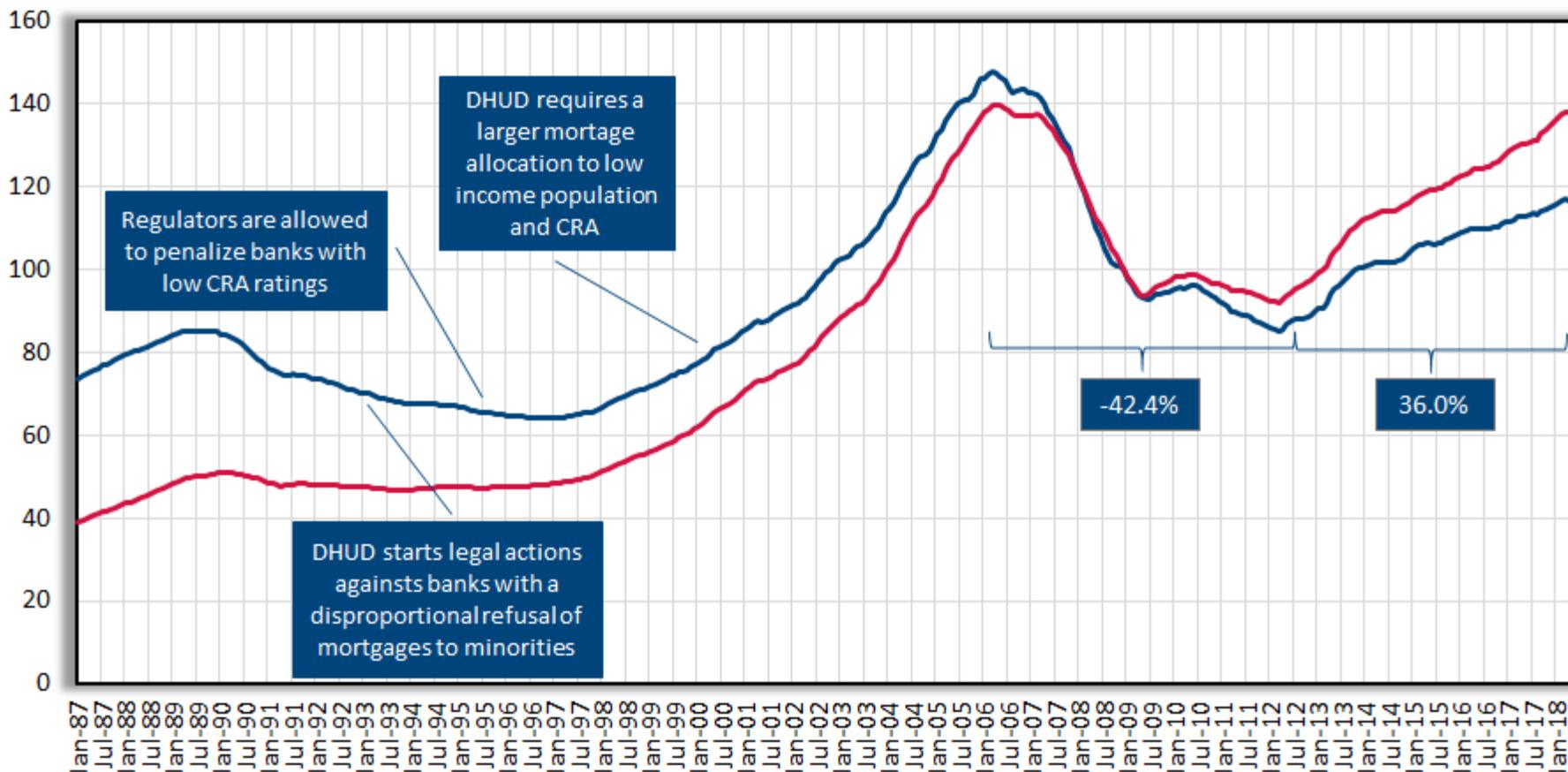


— 1-year ARM — 30-years fixed rate — mortgage (% of disposable income)



CASE-SHILLER 10-CITY COMPOSITE HOUSE PRICE INDEX

Case-Shiller [Inf. Adjusted] Case-Shiller



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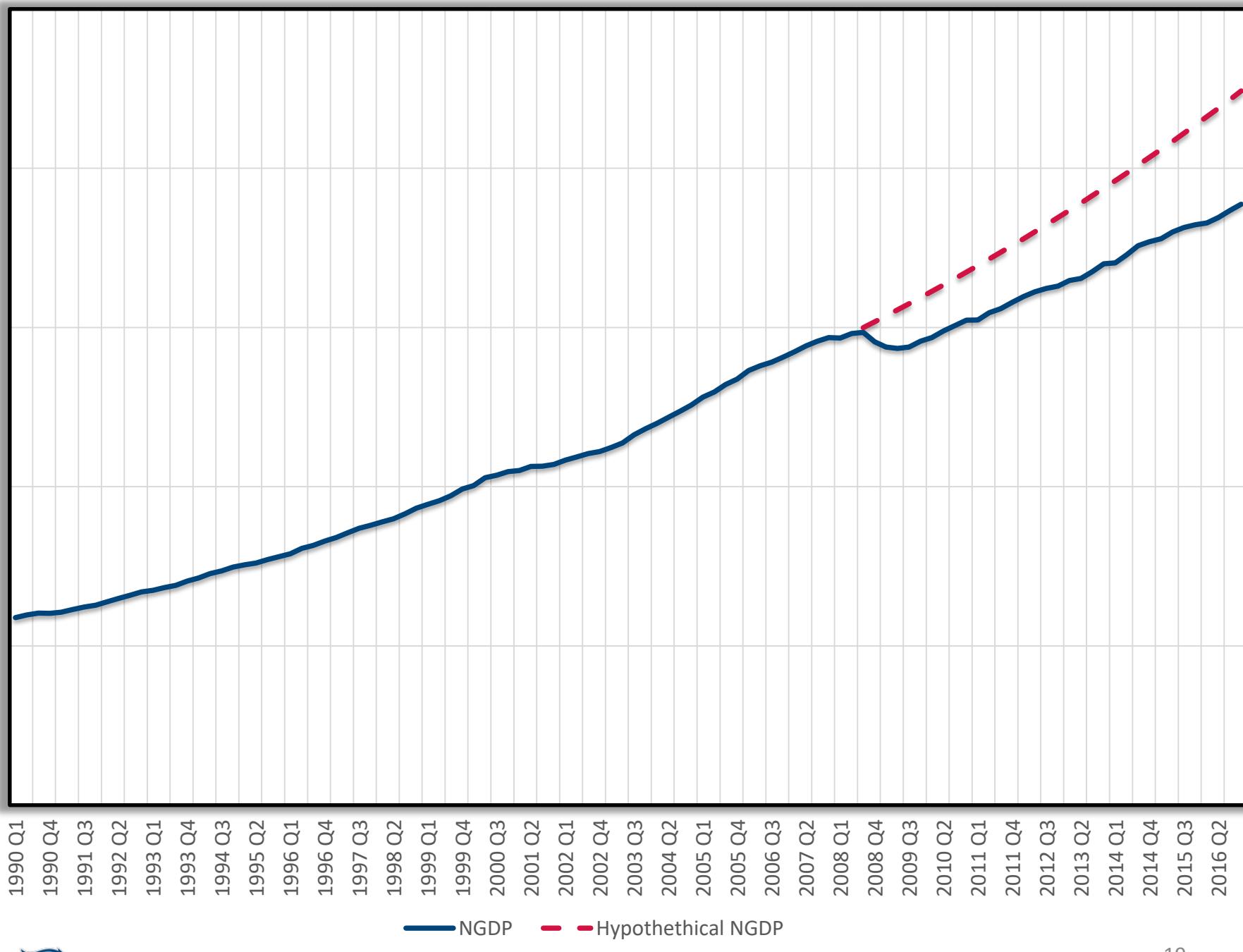
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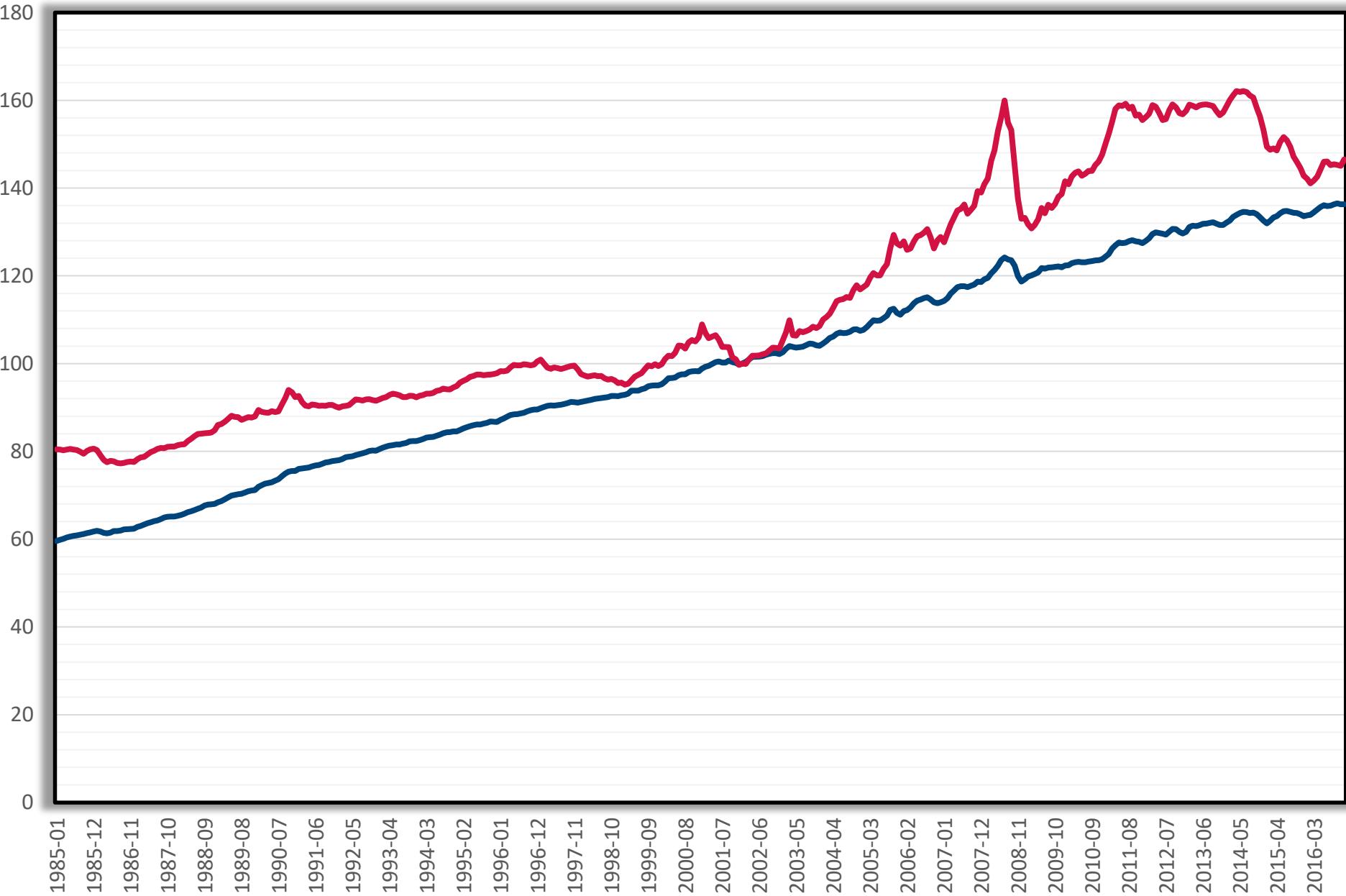
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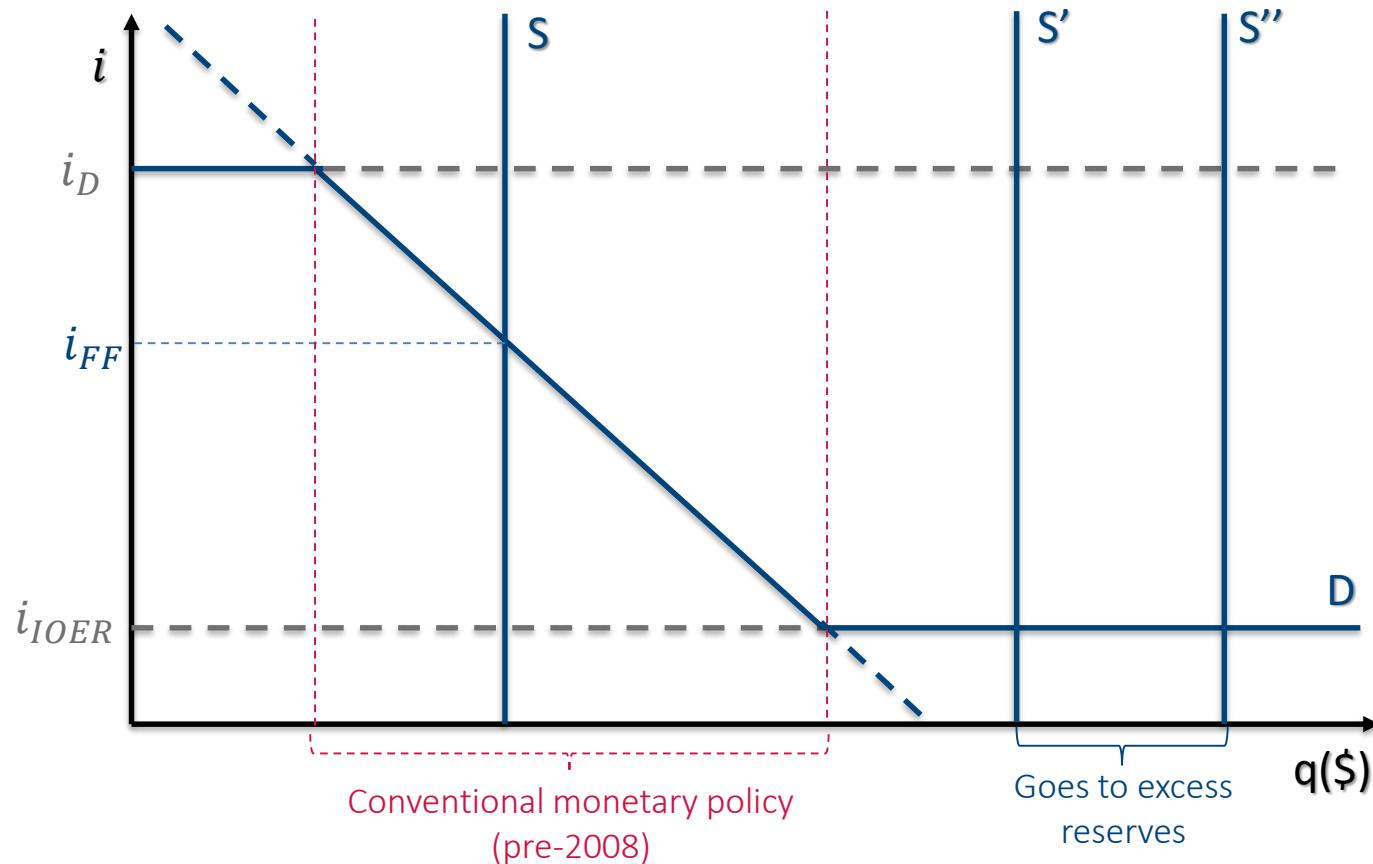
THE 2008 CRISIS

- Bailouts
 - Too big too fail doctrine (TBTF)
 - Keep chain of payments from collapsing
- Change in monetary policy framework
 - Bailout (QEs) where so large that monetary policy “fall out” of the downward slope zone of the federal funds market
 - Start paying interest on excess reserves (IOER)



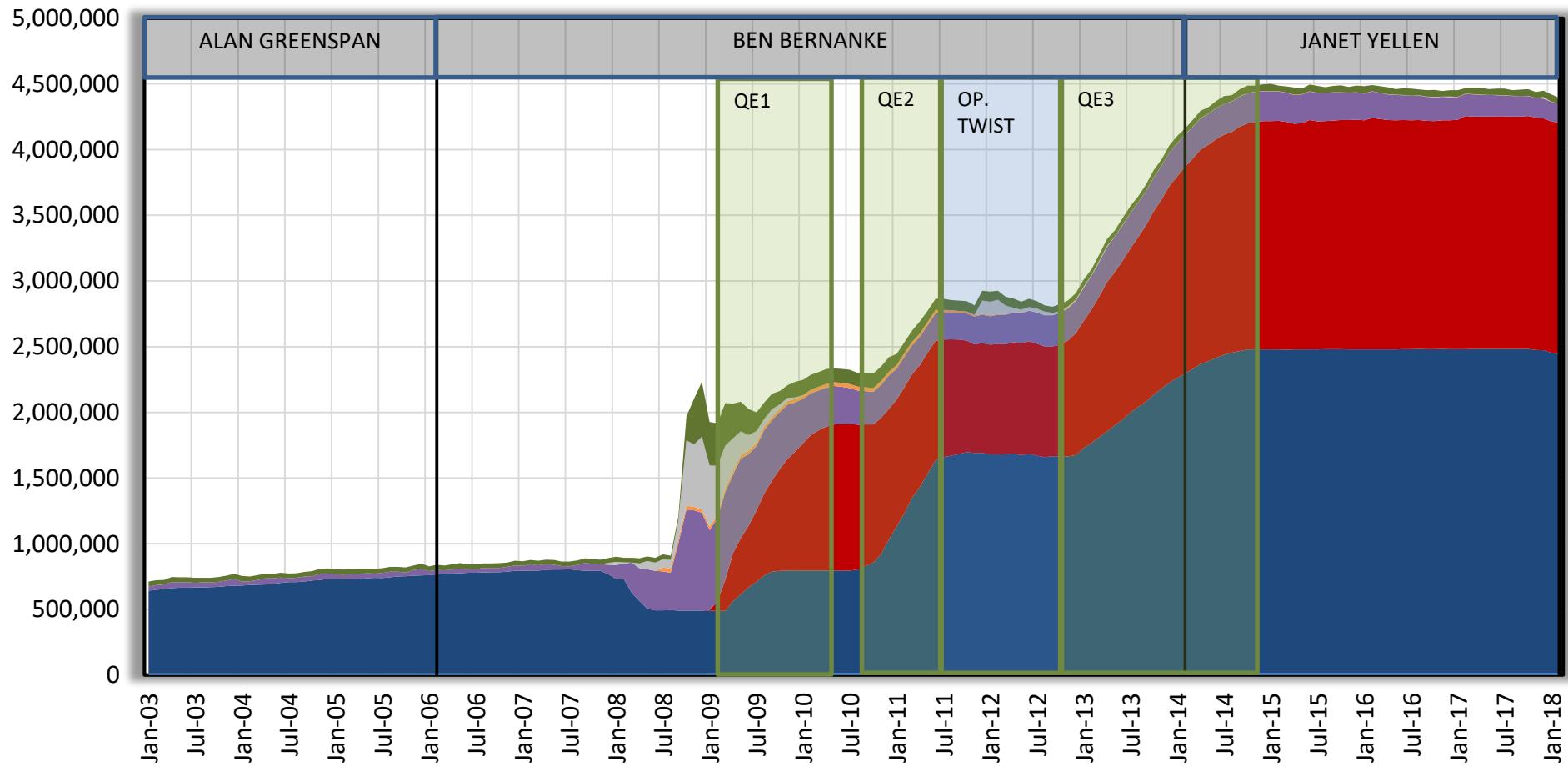
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- The corridor system



FEDERAL RESERVE, ASSETS (MILLIONS)

Gold + SDR + Coins US Treasury Securities MBS Other securities Maiden Lane LLC Central Banks Swaps Others



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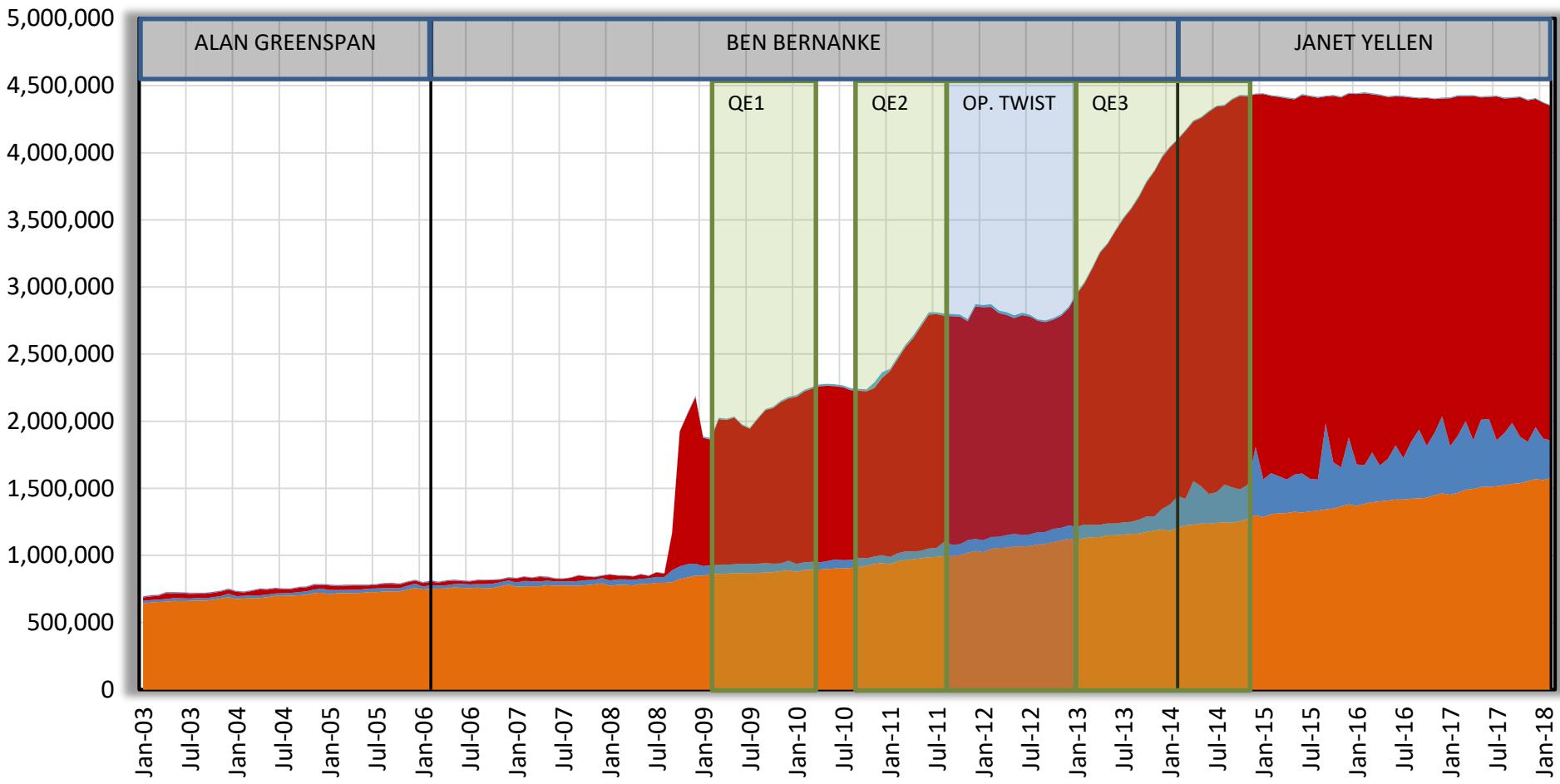
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FEDERAL RESERVE, LIABILITIES (MILLIONS)

■ Federal Reserve Notes ■ REPOS ■ Deposits ■ Deferred availability ■ Other and accrued dividends



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MONETARY REFORMS



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- Free banking with U.S. dollar as base money
- Hayek's currency competition
- NGDP Futures market



- Thank you

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