

# **Online Appendix to “Transmission chains of economic uncertainty on macroeconomic activity: New empirical evidence”**

## **A1. Data sources**

- Economic policy uncertainty (EPU) index. Monthly data, 1985M01-2014M12. Source: Baker, Bloom, & Davis (2013), [www.policyuncertainty.com](http://www.policyuncertainty.com)
- Macroeconomic uncertainty measures of Jurado, Ludvigson, & Ng (2015). Monthly data, 1985M01-2014M12, <http://www.econ.nyu.edu/user/ludvigsons/>
- Macroeconomic uncertainty indices (downside, upside and overall uncertainty) of Rossi and Sekhposyan (2015). Quarterly data, 1985Q1-2014Q4, <http://www.tateviksekhposyan.org/>
- Industrial Production. Monthly data, 1985M01-2014M12. Downloaded from FRED Economic Database (Series ID: INDPRO), Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/INDPRO/>
- Employment (Civilian). Monthly data, 1985M01-2014M12. Downloaded from FRED Economic Database (Series ID: CE16OV), Source: US Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/CE16OV>
- Real Personal Consumption Expenditures. Monthly data, 1985M01-2014M12. Downloaded from Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Real Gross Private Domestic Investment. Quarterly data, 1985Q1-2014Q4. Downloaded from FRED Economic Database (Series ID: GPDIC96), Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Converted to monthly frequency based on Quadratic-Match Average conversion method (with EViews 8.1)
- Effective Federal Funds Rate. Monthly data, 1985M01-2014M12. Downloaded from FRED Economic Database (Series ID: FEDFUNDS), Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/FEDFUNDS/>  
All macro series and the interest rate have also been downloaded (from FRED) in quarterly frequency (GDP instead of ind.production for the quarterly VAR).
- S&P500 stock price index. Monthly data (average), 1985M01-2014M12. Downloaded from FRED Economic Database (Series ID: SP500), Source: SP Dow Jones Indices LLC, <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/SP500/downloaddata>

## A2. Robustness checks

Table A2.1. Dufour et al. (2006) dynamic causality for different VAR lag length.

Uncertainty measures: Macro uncertainty  $U_t(3)$ , Downside  $U_{t+h}^-(4)$  and Upside  $U_{t+h}^+(4)$ .

Predicted					
p=12 lags	PCE	INV	EMP	IP	
Predictor					
$U_t(3)$	1-5, 10-12	3-12	6-12	1-5, 7-9	
Predicted					
p=4 lags	PCE	INV	EMP	GDP	
Predictor					
$U_{t+h}^-(4)$	1-6	2-6	1-8	1-5	
Predicted					
p=4 lags	PCE	INV	EMP	GDP	
Predictor					
$U_{t+h}^+(4)$	1-6	2-5	4-5	1-6	

Notes. The null hypothesis is that the “predictor” does not cause the “predicted” variable at horizon  $h = 1, \dots, h_{\max}$ . In the robustness checks,  $h_{\max}$  is set to 12 for  $U_t(3)$ , and 10 for  $U_{t+h}^-(4)$  and  $U_{t+h}^+(4)$ . Reported horizons signify cases in which the null hypothesis of non-causality is rejected at least at the 10% significance level. Variables’ abbreviations:  $U_t(3)$ : Jurado, Judvigson, Ng (2015) macroeconomic uncertainty,  $U_{t+h}^-(4)$ : Rossi and Sekhposyan (2015) downside uncertainty,  $U_{t+h}^+(4)$ : Rossi and Sekhposyan upside uncertainty, S&P500: Standard & Poor’s 500 stock price index, EFFR: effective federal funds rate, PCE: real personal consumption expenditure, INV: real gross private domestic investment, EMP: employment, IP: industrial production, GDP: real gross domestic product.

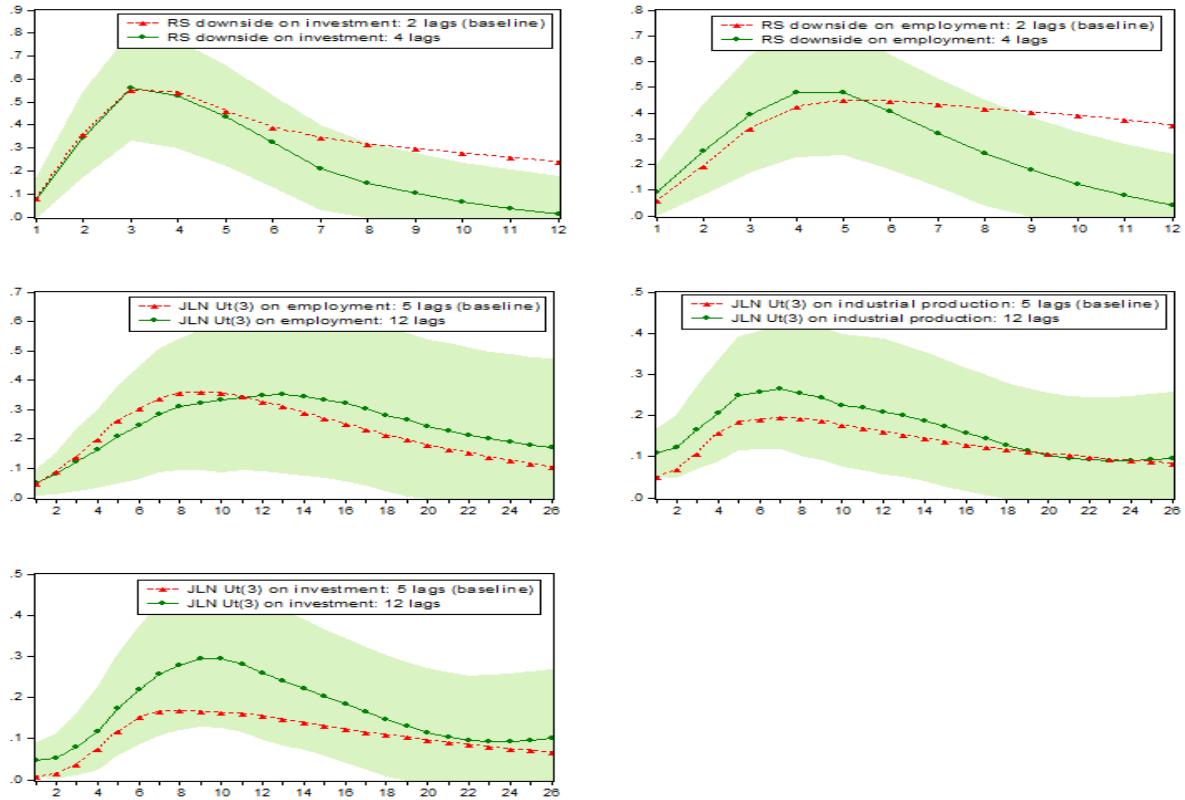


Figure A2.1 Conditional causality measures for different VAR lag length. 90% bootstrap percentile confidence intervals correspond to the robustness cases.

## B. Additional Tables





