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## **Foreword**

The purpose of this technical paper is to illustrate a fast and frugal in terms of model iterations approach of conducting the deterministic multivariate sensitivity analysis with a very large and complex non-linear model. This technique can be applied to any model that is written in GAMS. With a pedagogical purpose we provide the detailed explanations of the algorithms and the full listings of computer codes that were developed to implement the multivariate sensitivity analysis exercise.

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## **Abstract**

The purpose of this technical paper is to illustrate a computationally cheap approach of conducting the multivariate sensitivity analysis with a very large and complex non-linear model RHOMOLO.

We evaluated model responses to the different combinations of the following input data a) elasticity parameters that define behavioural responses of RHOMOLO b) labour- and total factor productivity parameters that characterize technology and c) scenario perturbations that represent policy decisions with regard to fiscal transfers. Such selection of scenario perturbations is of particular importance in the context of the EU Cohesion policies that are evaluated with RHOMOLO: in accordance with a number of objectives, fiscal contributions enter the model being translated into the factor productivity shocks.

In order to bypass the dimensionality curse we resorted to the deterministic approach, assigning three levels to each input parameter and implemented the exercise in two steps:

One-at-a-time variation of fifteen elasticity parameters for the different combinations of three scenario shocks permitted to attribute the highest influence ranking to the elasticities that define possibilities of substitution between labour and capital, among the domestic and imported goods and to the wage curve elasticity. For the influence ranking we employed the standard elasticity index and the Hoffman&Gardner sensitivity index.

All-at-a-time variation of the most influential elasticity parameters and scenario shocks demonstrated that the total factor productivity and labour productivity shocks are the main drivers of model results, showing strong individual and weak interaction effects. Quantification of the individual and interaction effects of multivariate scenario perturbations was based on a three-level factorial design approach.

We developed the algorithms for the parallel execution of the multiple instances of RHOMOLO that permit all computations to be finished in five hours.

Our approach can be applied to virtually any static or dynamic model that is programmed in GAMS requiring minor modifications in the model code.

With a pedagogical purpose we provide the detailed explanations of algorithms and the full listings of computer codes that were developed to implement this multivariate sensitivity analysis exercise.

The comprehensive sensitivity analysis of the individual and interactions effects allows prioritize the econometric estimations of the most influential parameters, thus increasing precision of policy impact assessment.

*Keywords:* multivariate sensitivity analysis, parallel processing, factorial design, CGE model.

# 1 Introduction

While computable general equilibrium (CGE) models are the established tool to analyse the welfare impacts of policies whose effects are transmitted through multiple markets, they are also known to suffer from parameter uncertainty. This problem is particularly severe for regional models because of the lack of regional data, and hence, reliable econometric estimates (Partridge and Rickman, 1998). In particular, uncertainty relates to the behavioural parameters, such as the elasticities of substitution and transformation which are the key parameters to capture responses of a CGE model to scenario perturbations.

Whereas modellers often lack data to run reliable econometric estimates, a common practice is to adopt the values of parameters in question from other models or econometric studies. Although borrowing parameters is a sensible starting point in any modelling exercise, the parameters obtained in studies that are not related to the region, topic and time horizon of investigation, may have reduced applicability in a specific policy context.

For example, econometric methods used to estimate the values of elasticity parameters may not be compatible with the nesting structure of cost functions that are employed in a CGE model. Indeed, the elasticities on lower nests of cost functions can depend on the elasticities of higher nests; however, it is difficult to pin down their joint probability distribution. As a result, the covariation between elasticity parameters that are collected from different sources is often not accounted for.

Therefore, comprehensive sensitivity analysis is necessary for prioritizing the econometric estimations of crucial input parameters and improving the precision of impact evaluation.

Considering a very high computational cost of conducting a global sensitivity analysis with a large model, a common approach is to investigate the sensitivity of model output to a small subset of input parameters for one or several scenario perturbations (Hermeling 2013, Hertel et al 2007, Webster et al 2008). However, for understanding the distributional effects of model responses, it is important to examine the interaction effects between and among the input parameters and scenario perturbations, thus conducting a multivariate sensitivity analysis (Saltelli A. et al, 2010, Abler et al. 1999).

In order to address this important issue, we investigate the responsiveness of the multi-regional dynamic computable general equilibrium model RHOMOLO<sup>1</sup> (Mercenier, 2016) to the different combinations of structural parameters that characterize: a) behavioural preferences (elasticities of transformation/substitution), b) technology (factor productivity parameters), and c) policy decisions (allocation of fiscal transfers) thus performing the multivariate sensitivity analysis (MSA).

This sensitivity analysis exercise resorts to a deterministic approach that does not require prior knowledge about the probability density functions of input parameters under investigation. This is the only feasible option considering RHOMOLO's dimensions and a big number of exogenous input parameters<sup>2</sup> (Mercenier et al 2016, Álvarez-Martínez M.T. and López-Cobo M., 2016).

We employed the factorial experiment technique to investigate the individual effect of each factor on the response indicator, as well as the effects of interactions between factors on the response indicator (Anderson et al, 2015).

The importance ranking of input parameters, and estimates of individual and interaction effects and that are obtained by this exercise allow us to prioritize econometric estimations of the most influential parameters, what is particularly important for large and complex non-linear models like RHOMOLO.

The structure of paper is as follows. Section 2 presents the set-up of MSA exercise. Section 3 contains a detailed explanation of the algorithms and computer codes that were developed to implement the MSA. Section 4 presents the results, and Section 5 offers conclusions. The listings of computer codes and illustrations are provided in the Annexes.

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<sup>1</sup> RHOMOLO-v2 covers 267 NUTS2 regions of the EU27 and each regional economy is disaggregated into five NACE Rev. 1.1 sectors and one national R&D sector

<sup>2</sup> The current version of RHOMOLO has 269 regions, 6 sectors, 2 types of capital and 3 types of labour

## 2 The setup of the multivariate sensitivity analysis exercise with the RHOMOLO model

The main area of RHOMOLO application is evaluation of EU Cohesion policies and EU investment support policies (Mercenier, 2016). In accordance with a number of objectives, fiscal contributions enter the model being translated into the factor productivity shocks. Values of elasticity parameters regulate the behavioural responses of RHOMOLO. With this in mind, we focus the current MSA exercise on testing the model sensitivity to the key input factors that are the fiscal transfers, factor productivity, and elasticity parameters.

The list of elasticity parameters that were selected for the MSA is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1** Selection of elasticity parameters for multivariate sensitivity analysis

Elasticity parameters	Notation	Baseline value
Transformation of R&D/non-R&D high-skill labour supply	Sig_FacSupLab_H	1
Substitution between different household consumption goods	Sig_ConHou	1.2
Substitution between different public goods	Sig_ConGov	0.3
Substitution between primary factors and intermediate inputs	Sig_ZS	0.2
Substitution between intermediate goods	Sig_XS	0.25
Substitution between aggregate labour and capital	Sig_QS	1
Substitution between private and public capital	Sig_KapS	2
Substitution between different labour skill groups	Sig_LabS	2
Knowledge externality parameter	KnowK_Ext	0.0053
Substitution at the upper level of investment technology	Sig_EuroInv	3
Substitution at the lower level of investment technology	Sig_Inv	1.3
Substitution between goods from different regions	Sig_ArmS	2
Wage curve elasticity	WgeCurveElast	0.01
Transformation of EU capital between regional markets	Sig_EuroKap	3
Substitution between goods in R&D consumption	Sig_Arm_RnD	3

*Source:* Values of elasticity parameters that are employed in the RHOMOLO model

Given that public policy funding is earmarked for different objectives, in order to clear the experiment out the complex interaction effects, we tested two alternative scenarios for achieving factor productivity gains without prior investments (ShockTotFacProd and ShockLabProd). Under the third scenario we tested the case when investments were not aimed at productivity gains (ShockIncTransf).

The scenario perturbations for the MSA are listed in Table 2.



**Table 2** Selection of scenario shocks for the multivariate sensitivity analysis

Model Shocks	Baseline value
ShockTotFacProd	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A 1% increase of total factor productivity in all sectors of all regions relative to the baseline value;</li> <li>- 1% decrease of total factor productivity in all sectors of all regions relative to the baseline value.</li> </ul>	1 (no total factor productivity improvements)
ShockLabProd	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A 1% increase of labour productivity in all sectors of all regions relative to the baseline value;</li> <li>- 1% decrease of labour productivity in all sectors of all regions relative to the baseline value.</li> </ul>	1 (no labour productivity improvements)
ShockIncTransf	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All NUTS2 regions contribute part of their household income to raise the cumulative household income of the Least Developed Regions (LDRs) by 1%;</li> <li>- LDRs transfer 1% of their cumulative household income to all NUTS2 regions.</li> </ul> <p>In both cases each NUTS2 region contributes/receives funding in proportion to its GDP. Each LDR contributes/receives funding proportionally to the share of its population in the cumulative population of LDRs.</p>	0 (no donations no contributions)

Source: author’s selection of scenario-set up for the current MSA exercise with the RHOMOLO model

In accordance with the deterministic approach of MSA, we established three levels for each elasticity parameter (baseline value, +10%, - 10%) and for each scenario shock (baseline value, +1%, -1%)<sup>3</sup>.

Since the combination of baseline values of scenario shocks (see Table 2) describes the unperturbed situation of the economy on which elasticity parameters have no impact, it was excluded from the analysis.

In order to investigate how all possible combinations of three scenario perturbations (see Table 2) excluding the baseline combination would impact model results we need to run RHOMOLO 26 (3 in the power of 3 less one) times. To investigate the interactions across fifteen elasticity parameters (see Table 1) for a single scenario shock we would have to run the model 14348907 (3 in the power of 15) times. Accounting for all possible combinations of elasticity and scenario shocks parameters requires running RHOMOLO 373071582 times (14348907 times 26). Clearly, this number of computations is unmanageable with the model of the dimensions of RHOMOLO that has long simulations time.

With the goal to bypass the dimensionality curse we implemented the MSA exercise in two steps:

At the **first step** we ran RHOMOLO for all possible combinations of the three scenario shocks (excluding the baseline) changing one elasticity parameter per model run. To vary each of the 15 elasticities 2 times<sup>4</sup> while keeping the values of the rest of the elasticities fixed at their baseline values, required 30 model runs. To repeat this procedure for 26 combinations of

<sup>3</sup> A more powerful sensitivity test could be conducted if the input parameters were varied by a factor of their standard deviations, but these measurements are unknown. Other sources of model uncertainty (the choice of nesting structure of cost functions, temporal and spatial variability, etc.) are not considered in this study. Sensitivity analysis with respect to all parameters of complex models is virtually impossible because of the enormous number of model solutions and a very long computation time.

<sup>4</sup> To avoid the repetition of the baseline values of elasticity parameters

scenario shocks required 780 model runs. This step permitted to sort the elasticity parameters by their influence on model output.

At the **second step** we performed computer simulations with RHOMOLO for all possible combinations of the most influential elasticity parameters repeating it for the 26 combinations of scenario shocks. Having selected three elasticity parameters with the highest influence on the results, we ran the model 702 times (27 combinations of elasticities and 26 combinations of scenario shocks). This step permitted to rank the combinations of scenario shocks capturing their individual and conjoint influence on model results.

Since the MSA with a very large and complex multiregional CGE model RHOMOLO is highly time- and CPU- consuming, the multiple model runs were executed as 40 parallel processes on a virtual machine with 40 processor cores and 192 GB of physical memory. Within each parallel process a given number of model runs is executed sequentially. When all model runs are completed, the results are automatically merged into the Excel Pivot tables, as in Di Comite et al (2016).

### 3 Programming the multivariate sensitivity analysis exercise: step by step guide

Since our approach and the model codes can be easily applied to any model that is written in GAMS, in this section we provide step-by-step explanations of how the MSA exercise was programmed.

This paper also serves a pedagogical purpose of facilitating the entry into the Windows batch scripting<sup>5</sup> and batch execution of GAMS programs. In order to understand certain parts of the computer codes the reader would need to have an advanced knowledge of GAMS programming language (McCarl 2017) and a basic knowledge of Windows batch scripting. This work can be seen as an extension to the approaches of Rutherford (2007) and Kalvelagen (2012). The full listings of the batch script and GAMS program code created to perform the MSA are provided in the Annex 1 and Annex 2.

We start with the detailed explanation of the key elements of the parent batch script that executes the multiple instances of RHOMOLO.

#### 3.1 Parallel execution of multiple model instances in a batch script

Each step of the MSA exercise is executed with a double mouse click on the parent batch script RunSSA4CGE.cmd (its program code is provided in Annex 1). Since the MSA procedure is fully automated, after launching the RunSSA4CGE.cmd no more user intervention is required. When all model runs for a given step of MSA are finished, the RunSSA4CGE.cmd automatically merges the results into Excel pivot tables.

The RunSSA4CGE.cmd begins with providing the paths to the model folder and to the GAMS executable gams.exe (lines 2 and 4, Annex 1)<sup>6</sup>. Lines 6–9 set the directories for storing the results of multiple model runs (SSA\Temporary\_SSA) and the Excel pivot tables (SSA\PivotTables\_SSA). Lines 11–13 delete the results of previous model runs. Line 15 sets the number of available processor cores on the virtual machine.

Lines 17–24 define the model settings, where a user can select between running RHOMOLO in static or in dynamic environment, provide the last year of dynamic horizon, set the type of competition and functioning of labour markets.

We heavily used environment variables, as they permit to pass the selected settings from the batch script into the model code. All values that were defined in the GAMS code with GAMS control variables can be reset in a batch script.

The script continues (lines 26–34) with introducing the coefficients to vary the baseline values of elasticities (+/-10%) and scenario perturbations (+/- 1%).

In the line 37 the user selects between performing the first or the second step of MSA. Specifically, "set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime=YES" launches implementation of the first step of MSA. Analysis of the results of the first step of MSA permits to determine the most influential elasticity parameters that are used at the second step.

The second step of MSA is activated with the command "set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime=NO". In the line 40 the most influential elasticity parameters are selected and the lines 42-46 export them to the newly created file Combinations2Run.gms. This is done in order to separate the most influential elasticities, different combinations of which are tested on the second step of MSA from the elasticities that are hold fixed at their baseline values.

Lines 49–52 pass the selected model settings, the step of the MSA and the coefficients that are used to vary the baseline values of elasticities and scenario shocks parameters to the GAMS file SSA4CGE.gms and launch the GAMS execution of SSA4CGE.gms.

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<sup>5</sup> Batch scripting is a convenient instrument to automate the execution of repeatable tasks. A batch script is a series of command contained in a text file with extension .BAT or .CMD. They are executed by the command interpreter with a double click and can be edited in any text editor including the GAMS-IDE. Good web-sites for grasping the basics of Windows batch scripting are [www.ss64.com](http://www.ss64.com), [www.dostips.com](http://www.dostips.com), [www.robvanderwoude.com](http://www.robvanderwoude.com), <https://steve-jansen.github.io/guides/windows-batch-scripting>.

<sup>6</sup> A path to gams.exe has to be provided only when PATH environment variable for GAMS is not set.

The main functions of SSA4CGE.gms (Annex 2) are to create 40 parallel processes (RunPara1.cmd, RunPara2.cmd,...,RunPara40.cmd), distribute RHOMOLO runs among them, and write the code for merging the results into the file Pivot\_SSA.gms. The syntax of SSA4CGE.gms is analysed in detail in the following sub-section.

After the completion of the SSA4CGE.gms, the line 61 of the parent script RunSSA4CGE.cmd (Annex 1) launches the 40 parallel processes (RunPara1.cmd, RunPara2.cmd,...,RunPara40.cmd). Each parallel process executes consecutively allocated to it model runs.

A known shortcoming of Windows batch scripting is that a parent script may not wait for all parallel child processes to complete. We developed a special delay procedure to prevent that RunSSA4CGE.cmd starts merging the results before all model runs are finished. According to the procedure when each of 40 parallel processes terminates allocated to it model runs, it writes its number to the file X.txt and closes down. The parent batch script RunSSA4CGE.cmd checks every 59 seconds the number of lines in X.txt (lines 63-69), when it finds 40 lines, it launches the Pivot\_SSA.gms to merge the results of model runs into Excel pivot tables (lines 70–73).

The screenshots that illustrate the parallel batch execution of multiple RHOMOLO runs and the delayed execution procedure are provided in Annex 3 and Annex 4.

### **3.2 Distribution of multiple model runs among the parallel batch processes**

Below we explain in detail the key elements of the GAMS code SSA4CGE.gms. Its full listing is presented in Annex 2.

Lines 3-5 set the directories to place the results of individual model runs and Excel pivot tables. Lines 7–14 establish the default model settings, step of the MSA and a counter of model runs. The default values are overwritten with the values that are set in the parent batch script.

If the second step of MSA is activated (`$ifi %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%==NO`), the GAMS file Combinations2Run.gms that contains the names of elasticity parameter to be varied all-at-a-time at the second step of MSA is imported into SSA4CGE.gms (lines 16-17). Lines 19-33 set the default values of elasticity parameters that are not subject to variation at the second step of MSA.

Lines 35-46 establish the default coefficients to vary the elasticity parameters and scenario shocks.

Next, using the `$Evalglobal` command the alternative values of scenario shocks are computed (lines 48–53), and the sets of their values are constructed, as show the lines 55–60. In the same manner the alternative values of elasticity parameters are calculated (lines 62–109).

When the first step of MSA is activated with the statement `$ifthen %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="YES"`, line 111) a single set of alternative values of all elasticity parameters has to be constructed. However, a problem arises if some elasticity parameters have the same values, because GAMS sets cannot have repetitive entries (McCarl 2017). Taking into account the fact that GAMS set elements are strings, we overcame the problem of repetitive set entries by adding different number of zeroes to the fractional part of set elements, as shown by lines 114–127. Then it was straightforward to construct the subsets of alternative values for each elasticity parameter (lines 130–145).

When the second step of MSA is activated (`$ifi %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%==NO`, line 147), the alternative values of the most influential elasticity parameters are computed (lines 148–162) and the sets of their alternative values are constructed (lines 164–178). These sets consist of three elements for the elasticities to be varied, and of one element for the elasticities that are held fixed at a baseline value.

Further on, subject to the activated step of MSA, the SSA4CGE.gms loops over the sets of alternative values of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks, constructing different combinations of their values (lines 185–189). Employing the "put" commands, the SSA4CGE.gms writes each combination to a corresponding batch file j.bat (lines 181–184 and 190–228). The number of BAT files is equal to the number of combinations (i.e. 780 on the first step and 702 on the second step of MSA).

When launched, the batch file `j.bat` executes RHOMOLO for a given combination of elasticity parameters and model shocks saving the results in the corresponding file `j.gdx`, placing the GDX file in the folder `SSA\Temporary_SSA`. An example of the batch file that is created on the second step of MSA is provided in Annex 5.

Lines 231–236 compute the number of model runs (`%NuRuns%`) as number of combinations of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks.

Sequentially, since the MSA computations are run in parallel on the virtual machine with 40–processor cores (Annex 3, Annex 4), we developed an algorithm that allocates model runs (`%NuRuns%`) among the 40 (`%CPUS%`) parallel processes, producing the set `assign(cjob,jj)`, as illustrated by the lines 238–246.

Lines 249–259 create the files `RunPara1.cmd`, `RunPara2.cmd`, ..., `RunPara40.cmd` that, when launched by the parent batch script `RunSSA4CGE.cmd`, run in parallel. Lines 252–253 in accordance with the set `assign(cjob,jj)` attribute to each CMD process a certain number of BAT files. When each parallel CMD process finishes the consecutive execution of allocated to it batch files, it writes its name into the file `X.txt` (line 257) and closes down (line 258). Functioning of the delayed execution procedure is illustrated with screenshot in Annex 4.

### 3.3 Merging the results of individual model runs and report generation

At the last step, the `SSA4CGE.gms` creates the file `Pivot_SSA.gms`, writing in it the GAMS code for merging the results of model runs into Excel pivot tables (lines 263–343, Annex 2). The `Pivot_SSA.gms` is placed to the directory `SSA\PivotTables_SSA`. As it was explained above, the parent batch script `RunSSA4CGE.cmd` launches the `Pivot_SSA.gms` when all model runs that are associated with the first or second step of MSA are finished. This procedure is illustrated with the screenshot in Annex 4.

The lines 275–279 load from the file `1.gdx` the sets which define model horizon (T) and list of NUTS2 regions (Reg). This is needed to restore after merging the domains of model response indicators.

Next, the sets of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks are defined with the control variables (281–283).

After that the command in the line 286 merges all GDX files that contain the results of individual model runs into a single composite file `merged.gdx`.

By GAMS default (McCarl 2013), after merging the GDX files, in the composite file `merged.gdx` the domains of all symbols become redefined over the additional set `Merged_set_1` that contains the names of all merged GDX files.

Consecutively, from the composite file `merged.gdx` we import the sets `Merged_set_1`, `Elasticities(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%)`, `Shocks(Merged_set_1,%Shocks%)`, and load the GDP projections (lines 288–302).

The set `Merged_set_1` contains the numbers of all model runs. The set `Elasticities(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%)` puts in correspondence the number of a model run with the corresponding combination of elasticity parameters. The set `Shocks(Merged_set_1,%Shocks%)` combines the number of a model run with corresponding combination of scenario shocks. We employed GDP projections at regional and EU level as model response indicators.

To analyse the results, the domains of the loaded GDP estimates have to be redefined over the sets of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks instead of the `Merged_set_1`. For this purpose, we constructed the set `ElasticitiesShocks(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%,%Shocks%)` which associates the number of each model run with the corresponding combination of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks, lines 306–307. Summation over this tuple set (lines 311–316) permitted to redefine the domains of GDP estimates, swapping the `Merged_set_1` with the corresponding sets of elasticity parameters `%Elasticities%` and scenario shocks `%Shocks%`.

Lines 322–343 which follow illustrate the standard GAMS procedure of creating Excel pivot tables. An example of the pivot table that contains the results of the second step of MSA is provided in Annex 6.

### 3.4 Modifications in the model code to pass through the current combination of the tested parameters

The only modifications of the model code that are needed to run the MSA were the following:

a) All parameters subject to the sensitivity analysis have to be defined as control variables so that their values can be modified from the batch file, as shown in the example below:

Sig_FacSupLab_H(Reg)	=	%Sig_FacSupLab_H%	;
TFP0.FX(Reg,Sec)	=	%ShockTotFacProd%	;

b) The combinations of the current values of elasticity and shock parameters, the model response indicators, and the sets, over which they are defined, have to be uploaded to the corresponding GDX file, as shown below:

```

$if not set ActiveRun          $set ActiveRun          0
set Elasticities /
"%Sig_FacSupLab_H%". "%Sig_ConHou%". "%Sig_ZS%". "%Sig_QS%". "%Sig_XS%".
"%Sig_KapS%". "%Sig_LabS%". "%Sig_Inv%". "%Sig_ConGov%". "%Sig_ArmS%".
"%Sig_EuroInv%". "%Sig_EuroKap%". "%Sig_Arm_RnD%". "%KnowK_Ext%". "%WgeCurveElast%" /;
set Shocks / "%ShockTotFacProd%". "%ShockLabProd%". "%ShockIncTransf%" /;
Execute_Unload '%TempDir%\%ActiveRun%' Elasticities, Shocks, T, Reg, RealGDP, RealGDPe, RealGDPeuE;

```

In the code sample above the control variable %ActiveRun% defines the number of a current model run. It is assigned in SSA4CGE.gms (line 197, Annex 2) and is passed to the RHOMOLO model code RunCGE.gms through the every batch file j.bat which executes RHOMOLO for a given combination of elasticity parameters and model shocks, as illustrated in Annex 5.

## 4 Discussion of the results

To proceed with analysis of the results obtained on the first step of MSA we had to select among a dozen importance measures and sensitivity indexes (Hamby, 1995, Pannell, D.J. (1997).

Given that different indices may attribute distinct influence rankings to the same input parameters, the Hoffman&Gardner sensitivity index (Hoffman and Gardner, 1983) that calculates the difference in model output varying the input parameter from its minimum value to its maximum value was found to be the simplest and the most reliable sensitivity measure (Hamby 1994, 1995).

For the thorough analysis we combined the Hoffman&Gardner sensitivity indices with the standard elasticity indices (Pannell, 1997)<sup>7</sup>, and computed the average, pick, and the standard deviation values. For the current exercise we limited our analysis to the projections of EU GDP, calculating the average values over the different combinations of scenario shocks. The results are presented in Table 3:

**Table 3** Influence ranking of elasticity parameters for the different combinations of scenario shocks

	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>	<b>Standard Elasticity index</b>	<b>Hoffman&amp; Gardner Sensitivity Index</b>
WgeCurveElast	2.6766	-2.6394	-0.0211612	1.616843	0.0023188	0.046376
Sig_ArmS	2.7410	-2.7041	0.0023552	1.643364	0.0000290	0.000579
Sig_QS	2.7298	-2.6921	0.0023989	1.646648	0.0000277	0.000553
Sig_EuroInv	2.6644	-2.6289	0.0024139	1.647282	0.0000031	0.000062
Sig_ConHou	2.6665	-2.6309	0.0024141	1.647282	0.0000022	0.000045
Sig_KapS	2.6646	-2.6291	0.0024133	1.647263	0.0000006	0.000012
Sig_LabS	2.6644	-2.6289	0.0024138	1.647282	0.0000003	0.000006
Sig_Inv	2.6643	-2.6289	0.0024139	1.647282	0.0000001	0.000002
Sig_EuroKap	2.6643	-2.6289	0.0024139	1.647282	0.0000000	0.000000
Sig_Arm_RnD	2.6643	-2.6289	0.0024139	1.647282	0.0000000	0.000000
KnowK_Ext	2.6643	-2.6289	0.0024139	1.647282	0.0000000	0.000000
Sig_FacSupLab_H	2.6644	-2.6289	0.0024139	1.647286	-0.0000001	-0.000001
Sig_XS	2.6646	-2.6292	0.0024139	1.647283	-0.0000001	-0.000003
Sig_ConGov	2.6645	-2.6290	0.0024139	1.647282	-0.0000002	-0.000004
Sig_ZS	2.6654	-2.6300	0.0024138	1.647282	-0.0000007	-0.000015

*Source:* computer simulations with the RHOMOLO model. Evaluation in terms EU GDP in 2020 relative to the baseline projections Elasticity indices were calculated in absolute terms, the rest of indices- in terms of average per cent deviation from the baseline projections.

In our case, both the standard elasticity index and the Hoffman&Gardner sensitivity index attribute the highest influence ranking to the following three elasticities, see Table 3 above:

- Sig\_QS- substitution between aggregate labour and capital;

<sup>7</sup> The standard elasticity index measures the percentage change in output divided by a percentage change in an input

- Sig\_ArmS- substitution between goods from different regions;
- WgeCurveElast- wage curve elasticity.

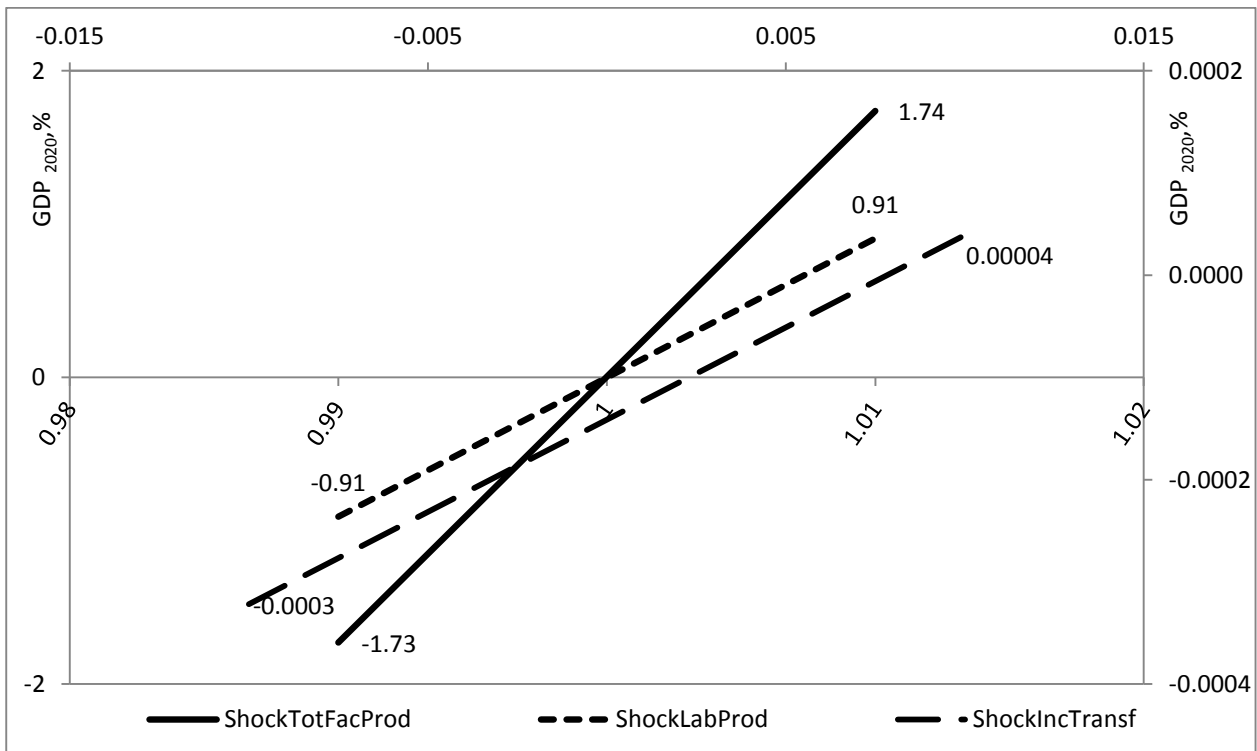
Having obtained the influence ranking of elasticity parameters, on the second step of the MSA exercise we performed all-at-a-time variation of Sig\_QS, Sig\_ArmS, WgeCurveElast and the scenario shocks.

In order to quantify the individual and interaction effects of multivariate scenario perturbations we employed a three-level factorial design approach (Anderson, 2003, Anderson and Whitcomb, 2015, Saltelli and Annoni, 2010, Box, 1978):

- the first-order individual effects of each model shock were computed as average change in model response when moving a shock parameter from its low level to its high level holding the values of two other shocks fixed at their baseline values;
- the second-order interaction effects were estimated as average change in model response when contrasting high and low levels of one shock at the different levels of another shock holding the values of the third shock fixed at its baseline value;
- the third-order interaction effects were calculated as two-way interaction of two shocks at each level of the third shocks.

Decomposition of scenario perturbations into the individual effects is presented below:

**Figure 1.** The first-order individual effects of scenario shocks



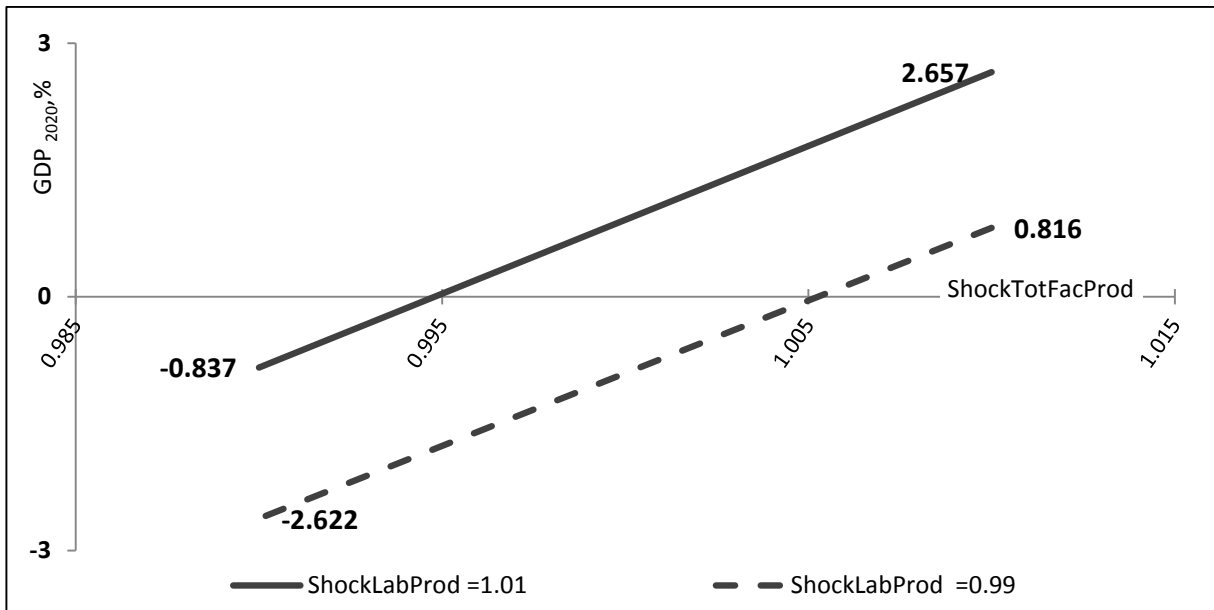
Source: computer simulations with the RHOMOLO model. Evaluation in terms of average per cent deviation of real EU GDP in 2020 relative to the baseline projections. On the primary axes were plotted the results for the ShockTotFacProd and ShockLabProd. On the secondary axes were plotted the results for the ShockIncTransf.

As illustrated in Figure 1, a symmetric 1% variation of the tfp coefficient has the strongest impact on GDP among all scenario perturbations. The first-order individual effect of ShockLabProd is almost twice weaker than that of ShockTotFacProd. The income transfer shock has rather insignificant individual effect. Overall, contrasting the high and low values of the scenario perturbations has quite symmetric response on model output.

The interaction plots in Figure 2 and Figure 3 illustrate the second-order interaction effects between the different pairs of scenario perturbations.



**Figure 2.** The second-order interaction effects of ShockTotFacProd with ShockLabProd

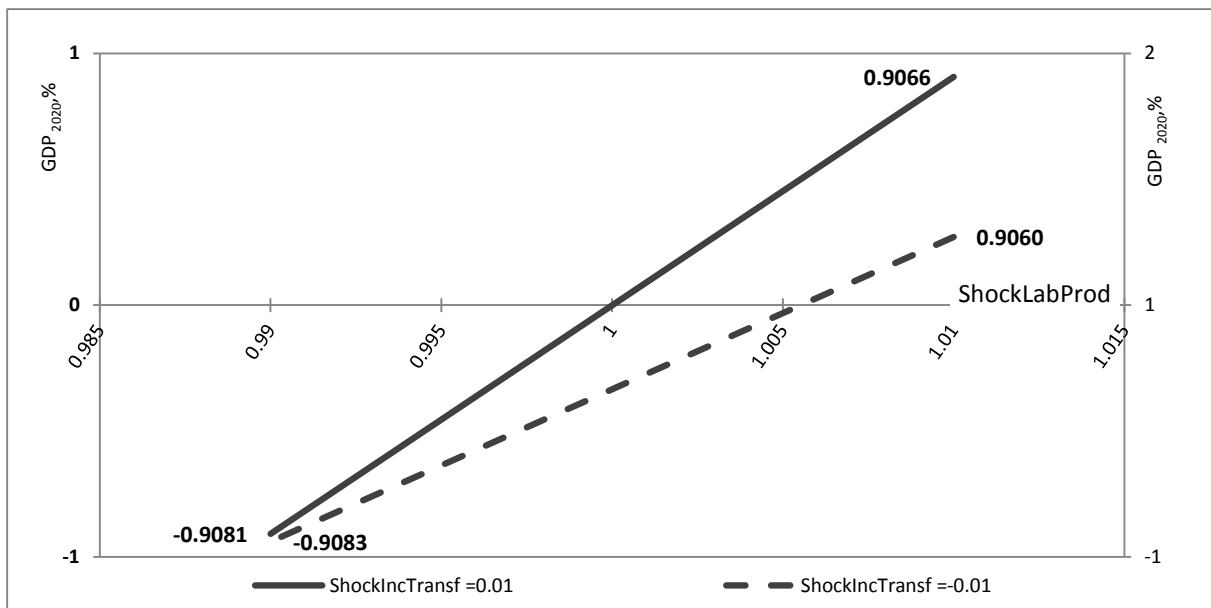


Source: computer simulations with the RHOMOLO model. Evaluation in terms of average per cent deviation of real EU GDP in 2020 relative to the baseline projections.

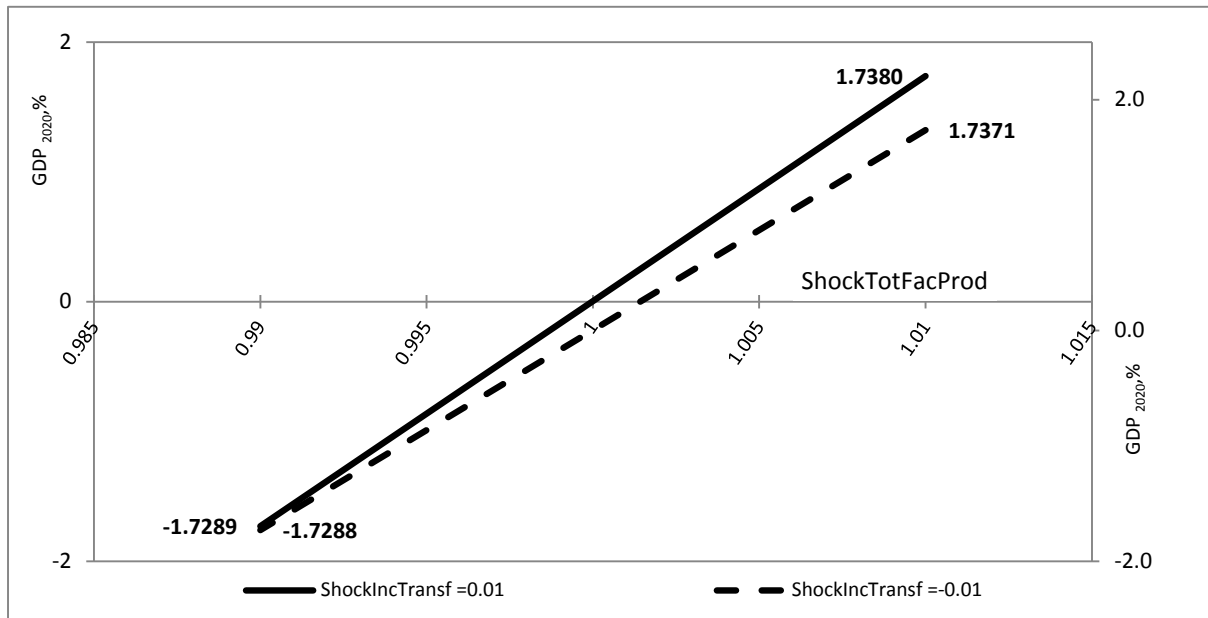
The almost parallel lines in Figure 2 indicate large effects of tfp and labour productivity shocks with insignificant interaction as ShockLabProd shows similar responses at the different levels of ShockTotFacProd. The maximum response is achieved at the highest levels of both shocks (2.657) and the minimum- at the lowest levels (-2.622). At the different (high-low) levels of these shocks, the response is stronger when ShockTotFacProd is at its high (0.816) and weaker when ShockTotFacProd is at its low level (-0.837), which manifests its dominance over the ShockLabProd.

The second-order interaction effects between the ShockIncTransf and ShockLabProd (Figure 3, a) and between the ShockIncTransf and ShockTotFacProd (Figure 3, b) are illustrated below:

**Figure 3.** The second-order interaction effects of ShockLabProd with ShockIncTransf and ShockTotFacProd with ShockIncTransf shocks



a)



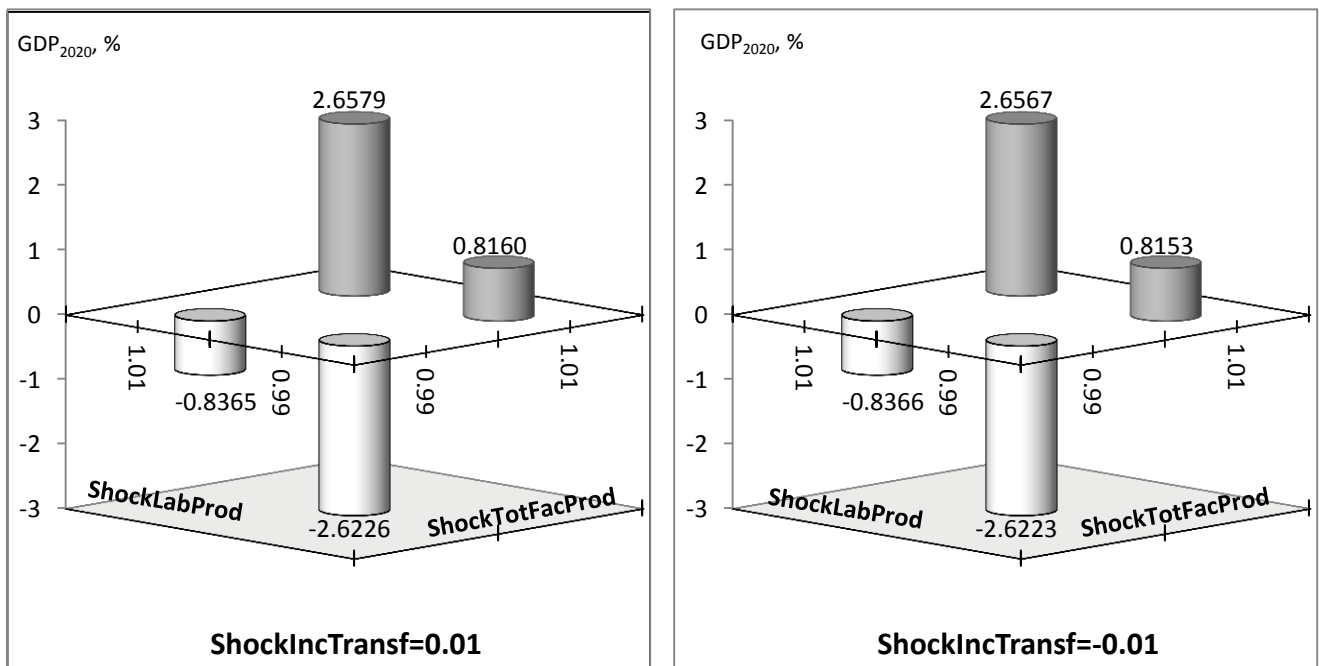
b)

Source: computer simulations with the RHOMOLO model. Evaluation in terms of average per cent deviation of real EU GDP in 2020 relative to the baseline projections. On the primary axes were plotted the results for ShockIncTransf=0.01. On the secondary vertical axis were plotted the results for ShockIncTransf=-0.01.

The almost coinciding, if plotted on the same axes, non-parallel lines in the interaction plots show that the ShockLabProd, and especially the ShockTotFacProd have large effects, although with little dependence on the level of ShockIncTransf, see Figure 3, a, b).

The third-order interaction of scenario shocks is very small, as the interaction effects of ShockLabProd and ShockTotFacProd nearly replicate each other at the different levels of ShockIncTransf, Figure 4:

**Figure 4.** The third-order interaction effects between ShockTotFacProd and ShockLabProd at the different levels of ShockIncTransf shock



Source: computer simulations with the RHOMOLO model. Evaluation in terms of average per cent deviation of real EU GDP in 2020 relative to the baseline projections.

Table 4 presents the combinations of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks that cause the most extreme fluctuations of GDP:

**Table 4** The most extreme output responses

<b>Sig_QS</b>	<b>Sig_ArmS</b>	<b>WgeCurveElast</b>	<b>ShockTotFacProd</b>	<b>ShockLabProd</b>	<b>ShockIncTransf</b>	<b>GDP, %</b>
1.1	2.2	0.009	1.01	1.01	0.01	2.8279
1.1	2.2	0.009	1.01	1.01	0	2.8276
1.1	2.2	0.009	1.01	1.01	-0.01	2.8273
1.1	2.2	0.01	1.01	1.01	0.01	2.8121
1.1	2.2	0.01	1.01	1.01	0	2.8117
1.1	2.2	0.01	0.99	0.99	0	-2.7727
1.1	2.2	0.01	0.99	0.99	0.01	-2.7731
1.1	2.2	0.009	0.99	0.99	-0.01	-2.7852
1.1	2.2	0.009	0.99	0.99	0	-2.7856
1.1	2.2	0.009	0.99	0.99	0.01	-2.7860

*Source:* computer simulations with the RHOMOLO model. Evaluation in terms of average percent deviation of real EU GDP in 2020 relative to the baseline projections.

Based on the data in Table 4 we can draw a conclusion that the model is much more sensitive to the variation of the tfp and labour productivity parameters than to the changes in elasticities. The EU GDP reaches its minimum at the low levels of ShockTotFacProd, ShockLabProd and WgeCurveElast and at the high levels of ShockIncTransf, Sig\_QS and Sig\_ArmS. The EU GDP is at maximum at the high levels of all scenario shocks, Sig\_QS and Sig\_ArmS, and at the low level of WgeCurveElast. Interestingly, the five highest and five lowest GDP values are achieved at the maximum levels of Sig\_QS and Sig\_ArmS.

The analysis undertaken permits us to conclude that among the factors investigated within the framework of deterministic MSA the factor productivity parameters are the main drivers of model results.

Our approach proved to be computationally efficient, as each step of the MSA with 780 or 702 model runs takes around 2–2.5 hours to finish. To change the number of levels or to assign a different type of point estimates to the input parameters (e.g. zeros of Hermit or Legendre polynomials for a Gaussian Quadrature method, Hermeling et al 2008, 2013) requires marginal changes in the model code. Being robust and flexible, our technique and the codes can be used for virtually any static or dynamic model that is programmed in GAMS.

Considering that sensitivity of different response indicators can vary, an important direction of future research would be to test model responses in terms of different macroeconomic indicators (e.g. GDP, output, employment, real wages, net trade, household consumption and investments), so that correlation effects between different outputs are captured. Another important direction would be to decompose the response variability, constructing the variance based sensitivity indices (Saltelli A. et al, 2010, Sobol, 1990).

## 5 Conclusions

In this paper we presented a fast and frugal in terms of model iterations approach of conducting the multivariate sensitivity analysis of a very large and complex non-linear model.

One-at-a-time variation of each elasticity parameter for the different combinations of scenario shocks permitted to attribute the highest influence ranking to the elasticities that define possibilities of substitution between labour and capital, among the domestic and imported goods and to the wage curve elasticity.

All-at-a-time variation of the most influential elasticity parameters and scenario shocks demonstrated that the total factor productivity and labour productivity shocks are the main drivers of model results, showing strong individual and weak interaction effects.

The proposed approach permitted to rank the individual input parameters and their combinations by the order of influence on the results.

Being robust and flexible, our technique and the codes can be used for virtually any static or dynamic model that is programmed in GAMS requiring marginal changes in the model code.

Evaluation of the individual and interactions effects allows prioritize the econometric estimations of the most influential parameters, thus increasing the preciseness of policy impact assessment.

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## **List of abbreviations and definitions**

CPU	Central processing unit
GAMS	General Algebraic Modelling Language
<i>GDP</i>	Gross domestic product
GDX	GAMS data exchange
LDR	Least Developed Regions
MSA	Multivariate sensitivity analysis
NUTS	Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics
NUTS2	The second level in the nomenclature of territorial units for statistics
TFP	Total factor productivity

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## Annexes

### Annex 1 The parent batch script for parallel execution of multiple model runs

```
1  ::-----set path to the model location
2  cd "C:\Users\diukaol\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel"
3  ::-----set path to the gams.exe (if PATH environment variable is not set for GAMS)
4  set GAMS="C:\PGM\GAMS\win64\24.8\gams.exe"
5  ::-----set the directories to store the results of SA runs
6  set SSA=YES
7  set SSADir=SSA
8  set TempDir=%SSADir%\Temporary_SSA
9  set PivotDir=%SSADir%\PivotTables_SSA
10 ::-----delete the results of previous runs
11 if exist %TempDir%\*          ECHO Y | DEL %TempDir%
12 if exist %PivotDir%\*        ECHO Y | DEL %PivotDir%
13 if exist %SSADir%\Combinations2Run.gms ECHO Y | DEL %SSADir%\Combinations2Run.gms
14 ::-----set the number of processor cores on which to run the SA
15 set CPUS=%NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS%
16 ::-----set model settings: YES-dynamic; NO-static
17 set DynamicPolicyShocks=YES
18 ::-----set the last year of model horizon
19 if %DynamicPolicyShocks%==NO set LastYear=2010
20 if %DynamicPolicyShocks%==YES set LastYear=2020
21 ::-----set model settings: YES-flexible wages; NO-activate the wage curve
22 set FlexibleWages=NO
23 ::-----set model settings: YES-imperfect competition; NO-perfect competition
24 set NEG=NO
25 ::-----set multipliers for elasticities
26 set k1_elas="9/10"
27 set k2_elas="11/10"
28 ::-----set multipliers for model shocks
29 set k1_IncTransf="1/100"
30 set k2_IncTransf="-1/100"
31 set k1_TotFacProd="9/100"
32 set k2_TotFacProd="11/100"
33 set k1_LabProd="9/100"
34 set k2_LabProd="11/100"
35 ::-----YES-run SA for all combinations of model shocks changing 1 elasticity at a run
36 ::-----NO-run SA for the selected combinations of elasticities and model shocks
37 set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime=YES
38 if %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%==YES goto LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime
39 ::-----select the combinations of elasticities to run SA
40 if %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%==NO set Run4Combinations=Sig_QS,Sig_ArmS,WgeCurveElast & goto Run4Combinations
41 ::-----pass the selected combination of the most influential elasticities to Combinations2Run.gms
42 :Run4Combinations
```

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43 setlocal ENABLEDELAYEDEXPANSION
44 FOR %%F IN (%Run4Combinations%) DO ( SET Vary_%%F=YES
45 echo $setglobal Vary_%%F !Vary_%%F! >> %SSADir%\Combinations2Run.gms
46 )
47 :LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime
48 ::-----pass the selected settings to SSA4CGE.gms
49 %GAMS% "%~dp0SSA4CGE.gms" --DynamicPolicyShocks=%DynamicPolicyShocks% --LastYear=%LastYear% --FlexibleWages=%FlexibleWages% --NEG=%NEG% ^
50 --SSA=%SSA% --CPUS=%CPUS% --LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime=%LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime% --Run4Combinations="%Run4Combinations%" ^
51 --k1_elas=%k1_elas% --k2_elas=%k2_elas% --k1_IncTransf=%k1_IncTransf% --k2_IncTransf=%k2_IncTransf% ^
52 --k1_TotFacProd=%k1_TotFacProd% --k2_TotFacProd=%k2_TotFacProd% --k1_LabProd=%k1_LabProd% --k2_LabProd=%k2_LabProd% lo=2
53 ::-----
54 if exist SSA4CGE.log move SSA4CGE.log %TempDir%\SSA4CGE.log
55 if exist SSA4CGE.lst move SSA4CGE.lst %TempDir%\SSA4CGE.lst
56 ::-----
57 IF %ERRORLEVEL% EQU 0 goto RunInParalel
58 IF %ERRORLEVEL% NEQ 0 goto Error
59 ::-----run in parallel
60 :RunInParalel
61 FOR /L %%G IN (1,1,%CPUS%) DO ( start %TempDir%\RunPara%%G.cmd )
62 ::-----delayed execution procedure
63 set file=%TempDir%\X.txt
64 set /a counter=0
65 :WaitAll2Finish
66 PING -n 60 127.0.0.1>nul
67 @echo Wait for all model runs to finish
68 for /f %%F in ( ' type %file% ^|find /c /v " " ' ) do set /a counter=%%F
69 if %counter% NEQ %CPUS% goto WaitAll2Finish
70 if %counter% EQU %CPUS% goto ProducePivotTables
71 :ProducePivotTables
72 @echo Now all model runs are finished! Start merging the results and producing the pivot tables!
73 %GAMS% %PivotDir%\Pivot_SSA.gms lo=2
74 if exist Pivot_SSA.log move Pivot_SSA.log %PivotDir%\Pivot_SSA.log
75 if exist Pivot_SSA.lst move Pivot_SSA.lst %PivotDir%\Pivot_SSA.lst
76 if exist merged.gdx move merged.gdx %PivotDir%\merged.gdx
77
78 IF %ERRORLEVEL% EQU 0 pause
79 IF %ERRORLEVEL% NEQ 0 goto Error
80 :Error
81 @echo Look for a mistake!
82 ::-----delete the GAMS scratch directories
83 FOR /D /R %%X IN (225*) DO RD /S /Q "%X"
84 pause
85 exit

```

## Annex 2. The GAMS program code for solution management and report generation

```

1 $Onmulti $offOrder $ONGLOBAL $Oneolcom $Online
2 *-----set directories to read/write the files
3 $if not set SSADir $set SSADir SSA
4 $if not set TempDir $set TempDir %SSADir%\Temporary_SSA
5 $if not set PivotDir $set PivotDir %SSADir%\PivotTables_SSA
6 *-----set the default model settings if they were not set in .cmd
7 $if not set DynamicPolicyShocks $set DynamicPolicyShocks NO
8 $if not set LastYear $set LastYear 2010
9 $if not set FlexibleWages $set FlexibleWages NO
10 $if not set NEG $set NEG NO
11 *-----set the default counter for each combination of elasticities & shocks
12 $if not set ActiveRun $set ActiveRun 0
13 *-----set the default step of MSA
14 $if not set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime $set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime NO
15 *-----set the default combinations of elasticities for the second step of MSA
16 $if %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%==NO $if not set Run4Combinations $set Run4Combinations Sig_ZS,Sig_XS,Sig_QS
17 $if %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%==NO $include %SSADir%\Combinations2Run.gms
18 *-----
19 $if not set Vary_Sig_FacSupLab_H $set Vary_Sig_FacSupLab_H NO
20 $if not set Vary_Sig_ConHou $set Vary_Sig_ConHou NO
21 $if not set Vary_Sig_ZS $set Vary_Sig_ZS NO
22 $if not set Vary_Sig_XS $set Vary_Sig_XS NO
23 $if not set Vary_Sig_QS $set Vary_Sig_QS NO
24 $if not set Vary_Sig_KapS $set Vary_Sig_KapS NO
25 $if not set Vary_Sig_LabS $set Vary_Sig_LabS NO
26 $if not set Vary_Sig_Inv $set Vary_Sig_Inv NO
27 $if not set Vary_Sig_ConGov $set Vary_Sig_ConGov NO
28 $if not set Vary_Sig_ArmS $set Vary_Sig_ArmS NO
29 $if not set Vary_Sig_EuroInv $set Vary_Sig_EuroInv NO
30 $if not set Vary_Sig_EuroKap $set Vary_Sig_EuroKap NO
31 $if not set Vary_Sig_Arm_RnD $set Vary_Sig_Arm_RnD NO
32 $if not set Vary_KnowK_Ext $set Vary_KnowK_Ext NO
33 $if not set Vary_WgeCurveElast $set Vary_WgeCurveElast NO
34 *-----coefficients to multiply the base values of elasticities
35 $if not set k1_elas $set k1_elas 0.9
36 $if not set k2_elas $set k2_elas 1.1
37 $if not set k1_TotFacProd $set k1_TotFacProd 0.99
38 $if not set k2_TotFacProd $set k2_TotFacProd 1.01
39 $if not set k1_LabProd $set k1_LabProd 0.99
40 $if not set k2_LabProd $set k2_LabProd 1.01
41 $if not set k1_IncTransf $set k1_IncTransf 0.01
42 $if not set k2_IncTransf $set k2_IncTransf "-0.01"
43 *NB: 1 means absence of any shock - for the multiplicative shock ; 0 - absence of any shock for the additive shock
44 $if not set ShockTotFacProd $set ShockTotFacProd "1"

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45 $if not set ShockLabProd      $set ShockLabProd      "1"
46 $if not set ShockIncTransf   $set ShockIncTransf   "0"
47 *-----
48 $EvalGlobal ShockTotFacProdk1 %ShockTotFacProd%*%k1_TotFacProd%
49 $EvalGlobal ShockTotFacProdk2 %ShockTotFacProd%*%k2_TotFacProd%
50 $EvalGlobal ShockLabProdk1    %ShockLabProd%*%k1_LabProd%
51 $EvalGlobal ShockLabProdk2    %ShockLabProd%*%k2_LabProd%
52 $EvalGlobal ShockIncTransfk1  %ShockIncTransf%+*%k1_IncTransf%
53 $EvalGlobal ShockIncTransfk2  %ShockIncTransf%*%k2_IncTransf%
54 *-----
55 SETS
56 ShockTotFacProd  alternative values of factor productivity shock / "%ShockTotFacProd%", "%ShockTotFacProdk1%", "%ShockTotFacProdk2%" /,
57 ShockLabProd     alternative values of labour productivity shock / "%ShockLabProd%", "%ShockLabProdk1%", "%ShockLabProdk2%" /,
58 ShockIncTransf   alternative values of income transfer shock / "%ShockIncTransf%", "%ShockIncTransfk1%", "%ShockIncTransfk2%" /,
59 BAUshocks(ShockTotFacProd,ShockLabProd,ShockIncTransf) baseline values of model shocks
60 / "%ShockTotFacProd%". "%ShockLabProd%". "%ShockIncTransf%" /;
61 *-----
62 $EvalGlobal Sig_FacSupLab_H 1
63 $EvalGlobal Sig_ConHou      1.2
64 $EvalGlobal Sig_ZS          0.2
65 $EvalGlobal Sig_XS          0.25
66 $EvalGlobal Sig_QS          1
67 $EvalGlobal Sig_KapS        2
68 $EvalGlobal Sig_LabS        2
69 $EvalGlobal Sig_Inv         1.3
70 $EvalGlobal Sig_ConGov      0.3
71 $if %NEG%==NO               $EvalGlobal Sig_ArmS      2
72 $if %NEG%==YES              $EvalGlobal Sig_ArmS      6
73 $EvalGlobal Sig_EuroInv     3
74 $EvalGlobal Sig_EuroKap     3
75 $EvalGlobal Sig_Arm_RnD     3
76 $EvalGlobal KnowK_Ext       0.0053
77 $EvalGlobal WgeCurveElast   0.1
78 *-----
79 $EvalGlobal Sig_FacSupLab_Hk1 %Sig_FacSupLab_H%*%k1_elas%
80 $EvalGlobal Sig_ConHouk1      %Sig_ConHou%      *%k1_elas%
81 $EvalGlobal Sig_ZSk1          %Sig_ZS%         *%k1_elas%
82 $EvalGlobal Sig_XSk1          %Sig_XS%         *%k1_elas%
83 $EvalGlobal Sig_QSk1          %Sig_QS%         *%k1_elas%
84 $EvalGlobal Sig_KapSk1        %Sig_KapS%       *%k1_elas%
85 $EvalGlobal Sig_LabSk1        %Sig_LabS%       *%k1_elas%
86 $EvalGlobal Sig_Invk1         %Sig_Inv%        *%k1_elas%
87 $EvalGlobal Sig_ConGovk1      %Sig_ConGov%     *%k1_elas%
88 $EvalGlobal Sig_ArmSk1        %Sig_ArmS%       *%k1_elas%
89 $EvalGlobal Sig_EuroInvk1     %Sig_EuroInv%    *%k1_elas%
90 $EvalGlobal Sig_EuroKapk1     %Sig_EuroKap%    *%k1_elas%

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91 $EvalGlobal Sig_Arm_RnDk1 %Sig_Arm_RnD% *%k1_elas%
92 $EvalGlobal KnowK_Extk1 %KnowK_Ext% *%k1_elas%
93 $EvalGlobal WgeCurveElastk1 %WgeCurveElast% *%k1_elas%
94 *-----
95 $EvalGlobal Sig_FacSupLab_Hk2 %Sig_FacSupLab_H% *%k2_elas%
96 $EvalGlobal Sig_ConHouk2 %Sig_ConHou% *%k2_elas%
97 $EvalGlobal Sig_ZSk2 %Sig_ZS% *%k2_elas%
98 $EvalGlobal Sig_XSk2 %Sig_XS% *%k2_elas%
99 $EvalGlobal Sig_QSk2 %Sig_QS% *%k2_elas%
100 $EvalGlobal Sig_KapSk2 %Sig_KapS% *%k2_elas%
101 $EvalGlobal Sig_LabSk2 %Sig_LabS% *%k2_elas%
102 $EvalGlobal Sig_Invk2 %Sig_Inv% *%k2_elas%
103 $EvalGlobal Sig_ConGovk2 %Sig_ConGov% *%k2_elas%
104 $EvalGlobal Sig_ArmSk2 %Sig_ArmS% *%k2_elas%
105 $EvalGlobal Sig_EuroInvk2 %Sig_EuroInv% *%k2_elas%
106 $EvalGlobal Sig_EuroKapk2 %Sig_EuroKap% *%k2_elas%
107 $EvalGlobal Sig_Arm_RnDk2 %Sig_Arm_RnD% *%k2_elas%
108 $EvalGlobal KnowK_Extk2 %KnowK_Ext% *%k2_elas%
109 $EvalGlobal WgeCurveElastk2 %WgeCurveElast% *%k2_elas%
110 **-----add 0 to fractions and .0 to integers to avoid repetitive entries in a set
111 $ifthen %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="YES"
112 SETS AllElasticities /
113 "%Sig_FacSupLab_Hk1%" , "%Sig_FacSupLab_Hk2%" ,
114 "%Sig_ConHouk1%0" , "%Sig_ConHouk2%0" ,
115 "%Sig_ZSk1%00" , "%Sig_ZSk2%00" ,
116 "%Sig_XSk1%000" , "%Sig_XSk2%000" ,
117 "%Sig_QSk1%0000" , "%Sig_QSk2%0000" ,
118 "%Sig_KapSk1%00000" , "%Sig_KapSk2%00000" ,
119 "%Sig_LabSk1%000000" , "%Sig_LabSk2%000000" ,
120 "%Sig_Invk1%0000000" , "%Sig_Invk2%0000000" ,
121 "%Sig_ConGovk1%00000000" , "%Sig_ConGovk2%00000000" ,
122 "%Sig_ArmSk1%000000000" , "%Sig_ArmSk2%000000000" ,
123 "%Sig_EuroInvk1%0000000000" , "%Sig_EuroInvk2%0000000000" ,
124 "%Sig_EuroKapk1%00000000000" , "%Sig_EuroKapk2%00000000000" ,
125 "%Sig_Arm_RnDk1%0000000000000" , "%Sig_Arm_RnDk2%0000000000000" ,
126 "%KnowK_Extk1%00000000000000" , "%KnowK_Extk2%00000000000000" ,
127 "%WgeCurveElastk1%0000000000000000" , "%WgeCurveElastk2%0000000000000000"
128 / ; display AllElasticities;
129 *-----
130 SETS
131 S_FacSupLab_H(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_FacSupLab_Hk1%" , "%Sig_FacSupLab_Hk2%" /,
132 S_ConHou(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_ConHouk1%0" , "%Sig_ConHouk2%0" /,
133 S_ZS(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_ZSk1%00" , "%Sig_ZSk2%00" /,
134 S_XS(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_XSk1%000" , "%Sig_XSk2%000" /,
135 S_QS(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_QSk1%0000" , "%Sig_QSk2%0000" /,
136 S_KapS(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_KapSk1%00000" , "%Sig_KapSk2%00000" /,

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137 S_LabS(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_LabSk1%000000" , "%Sig_LabSk2%000000" /,
138 S_Inv(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_Invk1%0000000" , "%Sig_Invk2%0000000" /,
139 S_ConGov(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_ConGovk1%000000000" , "%Sig_ConGovk2%000000000" /,
140 S_ArmS(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_ArmSk1%000000000" , "%Sig_ArmSk2%000000000" /,
141 S_EuroInv(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_EuroInvk1%00000000000" , "%Sig_EuroInvk2%00000000000" /,
142 S_EuroKap(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_EuroKapk1%00000000000" , "%Sig_EuroKapk2%00000000000" /,
143 S_Arm_RnD(AllElasticities) / "%Sig_Arm_RnDk1%000000000000000" , "%Sig_Arm_RnDk2%000000000000000" /,
144 S_KnowK_Ext(AllElasticities) / "%KnowK_Extk1%000000000000000" , "%KnowK_Extk2%000000000000000" /,
145 S_WgeCurveElast(AllElasticities) / "%WgeCurveElastk1%000000000000000" , "%WgeCurveElastk2%000000000000000" /;
146 *-----define which elasticities we vary when we run for their combinations
147 $elseif %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="NO"
148 $ifi %Vary_Sig_FacSupLab_H%==YES $set valuesSig_FacSupLab_H , "%Sig_FacSupLab_Hk1%", "%Sig_FacSupLab_Hk2%"
149 $ifi %Vary_Sig_ConHou%==YES $set valuesSig_ConHou , "%Sig_ConHouk1%", "%Sig_ConHouk2%"
150 $ifi %Vary_Sig_ZS%==YES $set valuesSig_ZS , "%Sig_ZSk1%", "%Sig_ZSk2%"
151 $ifi %Vary_Sig_XS%==YES $set valuesSig_XS , "%Sig_XSk1%", "%Sig_XSk2%"
152 $ifi %Vary_Sig_QS%==YES $set valuesSig_QS , "%Sig_QSk1%", "%Sig_QSk2%"
153 $ifi %Vary_Sig_KapS%==YES $set valuesSig_KapS , "%Sig_KapSk1%", "%Sig_KapSk2%"
154 $ifi %Vary_Sig_LabS%==YES $set valuesSig_LabS , "%Sig_LabSk1%", "%Sig_LabSk2%"
155 $ifi %Vary_Sig_Inv%==YES $set valuesSig_Inv , "%Sig_Invk1%", "%Sig_Invk2%"
156 $ifi %Vary_Sig_ConGov%==YES $set valuesSig_ConGov , "%Sig_ConGovk1%", "%Sig_ConGovk2%"
157 $ifi %Vary_Sig_ArmS%==YES $set valuesSig_ArmS , "%Sig_ArmSk1%", "%Sig_ArmSk2%"
158 $ifi %Vary_Sig_EuroInv%==YES $set valuesSig_EuroInv , "%Sig_EuroInvk1%", "%Sig_EuroInvk2%"
159 $ifi %Vary_Sig_EuroKap%==YES $set valuesSig_EuroKap , "%Sig_EuroKapk1%", "%Sig_EuroKapk2%"
160 $ifi %Vary_Sig_Arm_RnD%==YES $set valuesSig_Arm_RnD , "%Sig_Arm_RnDk1%", "%Sig_Arm_RnDk2%"
161 $ifi %Vary_KnowK_Ext%==YES $set valuesKnowK_Ext , "%KnowK_Extk1%", "%KnowK_Extk2%"
162 $ifi %Vary_WgeCurveElast%==YES $set valuesWgeCurveElast , "%WgeCurveElastk1%", "%WgeCurveElastk2%"
163 SETS
164 S_FacSupLab_H / "%Sig_FacSupLab_H%" %valuesSig_FacSupLab_H% /,
165 S_ConHou / "%Sig_ConHou%" %valuesSig_ConHou% /,
166 S_ZS / "%Sig_ZS%" %valuesSig_ZS% /,
167 S_XS / "%Sig_XS%" %valuesSig_XS% /,
168 S_QS / "%Sig_QS%" %valuesSig_QS% /,
169 S_KapS / "%Sig_KapS%" %valuesSig_KapS% /,
170 S_LabS / "%Sig_LabS%" %valuesSig_LabS% /,
171 S_Inv / "%Sig_Inv%" %valuesSig_Inv% /,
172 S_ConGov / "%Sig_ConGov%" %valuesSig_ConGov% /,
173 S_ArmS / "%Sig_ArmS%" %valuesSig_ArmS% /,
174 S_EuroInv / "%Sig_EuroInv%" %valuesSig_EuroInv% /,
175 S_EuroKap / "%Sig_EuroKap%" %valuesSig_EuroKap% /,
176 S_Arm_RnD / "%Sig_Arm_RnD%" %valuesSig_Arm_RnD% /,
177 S_KnowK_Ext / "%KnowK_Ext%" %valuesKnowK_Ext% /,
178 S_WgeCurveElast / "%WgeCurveElast%" %valuesWgeCurveElast% /;
179 $endif
180 *-----
181 parameter j counter of combinations; j =0 ;
182 *-----

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183 file ibat ; ibat.nd=0; ibat.lw=0; ibat.nw=0;
184 put ibat;
185 $ifi %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="YES"
186 loop( (AllElasticities,ShockTotFacProd, ShockLabProd, ShockIncTransf)${ not BAUshocks(ShockTotFacProd,ShockLabProd,ShockIncTransf) },
187 $ifi %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="NO"
188 loop( (S_FacSupLab_H,S_ConHou,S_ZS,S_XS,S_QS,S_KapS,S_LabS,S_ConGov,S_Inv,S_EuroInv,S_EuroKap,S_ArmS,S_Arm_RnD,S_KnowK_Ext,
189 S_WgeCurveElast,ShockTotFacProd,ShockLabProd,ShockIncTransf)${ not BAUshocks(ShockTotFacProd,ShockLabProd,ShockIncTransf) },
190 j=j+1;
191 put_utility 'ren' / '%TempDir%':0 '/' :0 j:0 '.bat':0 ;
192 put 'title Now processing the case 'j, "/;
193 put 'set DynamicPolicyShocks="%DynamicPolicyShocks%"/;
194 put 'set LastYear="%LastYear%"/;
195 put 'set NEG="%NEG%"/;
196 put 'set FlexibleWages="%FlexibleWages%"/;
197 put '%GAMS% %SSADir%\RunCGE.gms '
198 put '--SSA=YES --ActiveRun=',j, '--DynamicPolicyShocks=%DynamicPolicyShocks% --LastYear=%LastYear% ^/'
199 put '--FlexibleWages=%FlexibleWages% --NEG=%NEG% ^/'
200 $ifthen %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="YES"
201 **-----changing one elasticity keeping the rest fixed for all shocks combinations
202 if(S_ZS(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_ZS='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
203 if(S_QS(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_QS='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
204 if(S_XS(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_XS='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
205 if(S_FacSupLab_H(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_FacSupLab_H='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
206 if(S_ConHou(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_ConHou='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
207 if(S_KapS(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_KapS='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
208 if(S_LabS(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_LabS='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
209 if(S_Inv(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_Inv='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
210 if(S_ConGov(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_ConGov='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
211 if(S_EuroInv(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_EuroInv='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
212 if(S_EuroKap(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_EuroKap='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
213 if(S_KnowK_Ext(AllElasticities) , put '--KnowK_Ext='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
214 if(S_WgeCurveElast(AllElasticities) , put '--WgeCurveElast='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
215 if(S_ArmS(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_ArmS='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
216 if(S_Arm_RnD(AllElasticities) , put '--Sig_Arm_RnD='AllElasticities.tl, '^/')
217 $elseif %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="NO"
218 * elasticity combinations
219 put '--Sig_ZS=',S_ZS.tl,' --Sig_XS=',S_XS.tl,' --Sig_QS=',S_QS.tl,' --Sig_LabS=',S_LabS.tl,' --Sig_KapS=',S_KapS.tl, '^' /;
220 put '--Sig_FacSupLab_H=',S_FacSupLab_H.tl,' --Sig_ConHou=',S_ConHou.tl,' --Sig_ConGov=',S_ConGov.tl, '^' /;
221 put '--Sig_Inv=',S_Inv.tl,' --Sig_EuroInv=',S_EuroInv.tl,' --Sig_EuroKap=',S_EuroKap.tl,' --Sig_ArmS=',S_ArmS.tl, '^' /;
222 put '--Sig_Arm_RnD=',S_Arm_RnD.tl,' --KnowK_Ext=',S_KnowK_Ext.tl,' --WgeCurveElast=',S_WgeCurveElast.tl, '^' /;
223 $endif
224 *-----model shocks combinations
225 put '--ShockTotFacProd=',ShockTotFacProd.tl,' --ShockLabProd=',ShockLabProd.tl,' --ShockIncTransf=',ShockIncTransf.tl, '^' /;
226 );
227 putclose ibat
228 *-----

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229 * Distribute model runs among the parallel processes
230 *-----
231 $Eval NuRuns4Shocks card(ShockTotFacProd)*card(ShockLabProd)*card(ShockIncTransf)-1
232 $Eval NuRuns4Elasticities card(S_ZS)*card(S_XS)*card(S_QS)*card(S_LabS)*card(S_KapS)*card(S_FacSupLab_H)*card(S_ConHou)*card(S_ConGov)*card(S_Inv)*
233 card(S_EuroInv)*card(S_EuroKap)*card(S_ArmS)*card(S_Arm_RnD)*card(S_KnowK_Ext)*card(S_WgeCurveElast)
234
235 $ifi %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="YES" $Eval NuRuns card(AllElasticities)*%NuRuns4Shocks%
236 $ifi %LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime%=="NO" $Eval NuRuns %NuRuns4Elasticities*%NuRuns4Shocks%
237
238 set cjob parallel processes = the number of CPUs / cjob1*cjob%CPUS% /,
239 jj number of model runs / 1*%NuRuns% /,
240 assign(cjob,jj) model runs assigned to the parallel processes ;
241
242 loop( (cjob,jj),
243 assign(cjob,jj)$[ ( ord(jj) le {card(jj)/card(cjob)}* ord(cjob) ) and
244 ( ord(jj) gt {card(jj)/card(cjob)}*{ord(cjob) -1} )
245 ]= YES ;
246 ); display assign ;
247 abort$sum(jj, abs(sum(assign(cjob,jj),1)-1) ) "model runs are not correctly assigned";
248 *-----make the parent batch file wait for the parallel child processes to finish
249 file f ; f.nd=0; f.lw=0; f.nw=0;
250 loop{ cjob,
251 put f, put_utility 'ren/' '%TempDir%':0 '/' :0 'RunPara',ord(cjob):0:0,'.cmd';
252 loop( assign(cjob,jj),
253 put f, "call %TempDir%\", ord(jj):0:0,'.bat' ;
254 );
255 put f, '@echo Have completed allocated to me model runs!' ;
256 put f, '@echo Now I will write my number to the file X.txt and close down !' ;
257 put f, '>%TempDir%\X.txt echo ',ord(cjob), " ;
258 putclose f, "EXIT" ;
259 };
260 *-----
261 *Merge the results of all model runs and produce pivot tables
262 *-----
263 file Pivoting /%PivotDir%\Pivot_SSA.gms/;
264 put Pivoting ;
265 $onputS
266 *-----
267 $if not set SSADir $set SSADir SSA
268 $if not set TempDir $set TempDir %SSADir%\Temporary_SSA
269 $if not set PivotDir $set PivotDir %SSADir%\PivotTables_SSA
270 *-----
271 $if not set DynamicPolicyShocks $set DynamicPolicyShocks NO
272 $if not set LastYear $set LastYear 2010
273 $if not set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime $set LoopChanging1ElasticityAtAtime NO
274 *-----extract the sets from any .gdx file

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275 set T, Reg;
276 $gdxin %TempDir%\1.gdx
277 $load T
278 $load Reg
279 $gdxin
280 *-----
281 $set Elasticities Sig_FacSupLab_H, Sig_ConHou, Sig_ZS, Sig_QS, Sig_XS, Sig_KapS, Sig_LabS, Sig_Inv, Sig_ConGov, Sig_ArmS, Sig_EuroInv, Sig_EuroKap,
282 Sig_Arm_RnD, KnowK_Ext, WgeCurveElast
283 $set Shocks ShockTotFacProd, ShockLabProd, ShockIncTransf
284 alias (%Elasticities%,*); alias (*,%Shocks%);
285 *-----merge .gdx files containing the results of individual model runs:
286 $call 'gdxmerge %TempDir%\*.gdx '
287 *-----extract the results of MSSA runs:
288 $gdxin merged.gdx
289 *-----
290 set Merged_set_1 numbers of SA model runs;
291 $load Merged_set_1 = Merged_set_1
292 set Elasticities(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%) combinations of elasticity parameters;
293 $load Elasticities=Elasticities
294 set Shocks(Merged_set_1,%Shocks%) combinations of model shocks;
295 $load Shocks=Shocks
296 parameter RealGDP(Merged_set_1,T,Reg) real GDP: % deviation from the base year values ;
297 $load RealGDP
298 parameter RealGDPe(Merged_set_1,T,Reg) real GDP: mln euro;
299 $load RealGDPe
300 parameter RealGDPeuE(Merged_set_1,T) real GDP in the EU:mln euro;
301 $load RealGDPeuE
302 $gdxin
303 *-----
304 $call 'if exist merged.gdx move merged.gdx %PivotDir%\
305 *-----
306 set ElasticitiesShocks(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%,%Shocks%) combinations of elasticity parameters and model shocks ;
307 ElasticitiesShocks(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%,%Shocks%) =Elasticities(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%)*Shocks(Merged_set_1,%Shocks%);
308 *-----redefine parameters over the set of elasticity and shocks combinations
309 Parameters RealGDP1(%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,T,Reg), GDPPrE(%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,T,Reg), GDPeuE(%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,T) ;
310 *-----Attn: not to exceed 20 dimensions
311 RealGDP1 (%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,T,Reg)=
312 sum(ElasticitiesShocks(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%,%Shocks%)$ {RealGDP(Merged_set_1,T,Reg) ne 0}, RealGDP(Merged_set_1,T,Reg) );
313 GDPPrE (%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,T,Reg)=
314 sum(ElasticitiesShocks(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%,%Shocks%), RealGDPe(Merged_set_1,T,Reg) );
315 GDPeuE (%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,T) =
316 sum(ElasticitiesShocks(Merged_set_1,%Elasticities%,%Shocks%), RealGDPeuE(Merged_set_1,T) );
317 *-----
318 $set title gdxrw i=%PivotDir%\PivotTables.gdx o=%PivotDir%\PivotTables.xlsx text=
319 *-----
320 set Header /%Elasticities%,%Shocks%,"YEAR"/;

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321 *-----
322 execute_unload '%PivotDir%\PivotTables.gdx',Header, RealGDP1,GDPrE,GDPeUE
323 $onecho >gdxxrw.rsp
324 set=Header      rng="GDP!a2"      values=nodata  rdim=0  cdim=1
325 par=RealGDP1   rng="GDP!a3"      rdim=19  cdim=1
326 set=Header      rng="GDPr!a2"     values=nodata  rdim=0  cdim=1
327 par=GDPrE      rng="GDPr!a3"     rdim=19  cdim=1
328 set=Header      rng="GDPeu!a2"   values=nodata  rdim=0  cdim=1
329 par=GDPeuE     rng="GDPeu!a3"     rdim=18  cdim=1
330 $offecho
331 execute 'gdxxrw i=%PivotDir%\PivotTables.gdx o=%PivotDir%\PivotTables.xlsx @gdxxrw.rsp';
332 execute '%title%"Elasticity Parameters:"          rng=GDP!a1'
333 execute '%title%"Model Shocks:"                  rng=GDP!p1'
334 execute '%title%"real GDP: % deviation from the base year values"  rng=GDP!t1'
335 execute '%title%"Elasticity Parameters:"          rng=GDPr!a1'
336 execute '%title%"Model Shocks:"                  rng=GDPr!p1'
337 execute '%title%"real GDP: NUTS2,mIn euro"        rng=GDPr!t1'
338 execute '%title%"Elasticity Parameters:"          rng=GDPeu!a1'
339 execute '%title%"Model Shocks:"                  rng=GDPeu!p1'
340 execute '%title%"real GDP, EU: mIn euro"          rng=GDPeu!t1'
341 execute '=shellexecute %PivotDir%\PivotTables.xlsx';
342 $offput
343 putclose Pivoting

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### Annex 3. Illustration of the parallel execution of multiple model instances

The screenshot displays a Windows command prompt window on the left, showing a series of commands used to execute multiple model instances in parallel. The commands include starting various parameter files (e.g., RunPara13.cmd to RunPara40.cmd) and using a loop to execute a set of commands for each instance. The right side of the image shows the Windows Task Manager Performance tab, which displays system performance metrics such as CPU Usage (100%), Memory (55.0 GB), and Physical Memory Usage History.

**Command Prompt Output:**

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C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara13.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara14.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara15.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara16.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara17.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara18.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara19.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara20.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara21.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara22.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara23.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara24.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara25.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara26.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara27.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara28.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara29.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara30.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara31.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara32.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara33.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara34.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara35.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara36.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara37.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara38.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara39.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>start SSA\Temporary_SSA\RunPara40.cmd >
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set file=SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=0
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 1>nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /P %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt ifind /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
The system cannot find the file specified.
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=0
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 0 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 1>nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /P %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt ifind /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
The system cannot find the file specified.
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=0
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 0 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 1>nul
  
```

**Windows Task Manager Performance Tab:**

- CPU Usage:** 100%
- Memory:** 55.0 GB
- Physical Memory (MB):**
  - Total: 196607
  - Cached: 65294
  - Available: 140185
  - Free: 75685
- System:**
  - Handles: 66853
  - Threads: 2186
  - Processes: 266
  - Up Time: 7:10:37:23
  - Commit (GB): 61 / 192
- Kernel Memory (MB):**
  - Paged: 889
  - Nonpaged: 327
- Resource Monitor...**

**Task Manager Summary:** Processes: 266 | CPU Usage: 100% | Physical Memory: 28%

## Annex 4. Illustration of the delayed execution procedure

The system cannot find the file specified.

```

C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=0
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 0 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 >nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /F %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt & find /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=3
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 3 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 >nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /F %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt & find /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=9
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 9 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 >nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /F %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt & find /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=14
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 14 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 >nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /F %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt & find /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=26
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 26 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 >nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /F %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt & find /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=37
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 37 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>PING -n 60 127.0.0.1 >nul
Wait for all model runs to finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>for /F %F in (' type SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.txt & find /c /v " " ') do set /a counter=%F
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>set /a counter=40
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 40 NEQ 40 goto :WaitAll2Finish
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>if 40 EQU 40 goto :ProducePivotTables
Now all model runs are finished
C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel>"C:\PGM\GAMS\win64\24.8\gams.exe" SSA\PivotTables_SSA\Pivot_SSA.gms lo=2
Output file: merged.gdx
Reading file: SSA\Temporary_SSA\*.gdx
Merge complete
1 file(s) moved.

GDXXRW 24.8.5 r61358 Released May 10, 2017 US8 x86 32bit/MS Windows
Input file: C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel\SSA\PivotTables_SSA\PivotTables.gdx
Output file: C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel\SSA\PivotTables_SSA\PivotTables.xlsx
Adding new sheet: GDPp
Adding new sheet: GDPu
Total time = 15062 Ms

GDXXRW 24.8.5 r61358 Released May 10, 2017 US8 x86 32bit/MS Windows
Input file: C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel\SSA\PivotTables_SSA\PivotTables.gdx
Output file: C:\Users\diukao1\Downloads\SSAJuly2017\CGEModel\SSA\PivotTables_SSA\PivotTables.xlsx
Total time = 14531 Ms

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```

Windows Task Manager Performance tab:

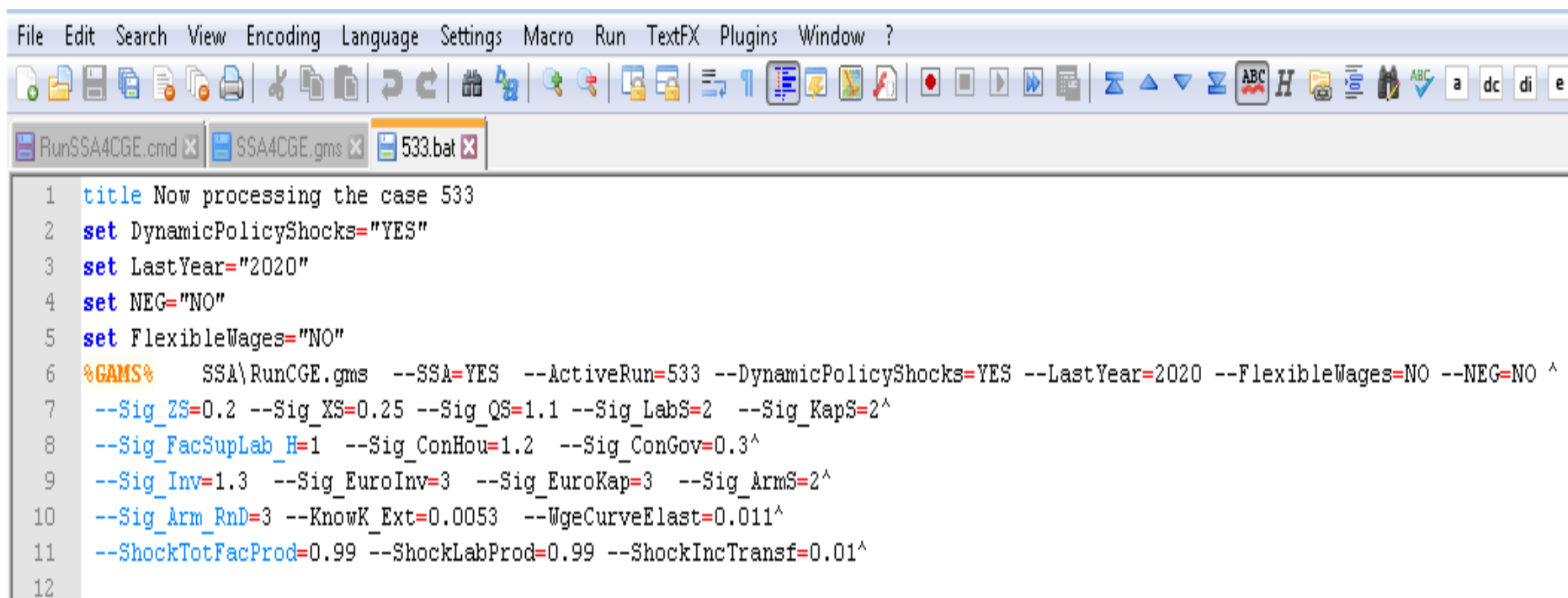
- CPU Usage: 0%
- Memory: 8.66 GB
- Physical Memory (MB):
 

Total	196607	Handles	48734
Cached	140329	Threads	2003
Available	187738	Processes	87
Free	47718	Up Time	7:11:37:12
		Commit (GB)	8 / 192
- Kernel Memory (MB):
 

Paged	1052
Nonpaged	327

System Summary: Processes: 87, CPU Usage: 0%, Physical Memory: 4%

**Annex 5. An example of a batch file which runs a single instance of RHOMOLO for a given combinations of elasticity parameters and scenario shocks**



```
1 title Now processing the case 533
2 set DynamicPolicyShocks="YES"
3 set LastYear="2020"
4 set NEG="NO"
5 set FlexibleWages="NO"
6 %GAMS% SSA\RunCGE.gms --SSA=YES --ActiveRun=533 --DynamicPolicyShocks=YES --LastYear=2020 --FlexibleWages=NO --NEG=NO ^
7 --Sig_ZS=0.2 --Sig_XS=0.25 --Sig_QS=1.1 --Sig_LabS=2 --Sig_KapS=2^
8 --Sig_FacSupLab_H=1 --Sig_ConHou=1.2 --Sig_ConGov=0.3^
9 --Sig_Inv=1.3 --Sig_EuroInv=3 --Sig_EuroKap=3 --Sig_ArmS=2^
10 --Sig_Arm_RnD=3 --KnowK_Ext=0.0053 --WgeCurveElast=0.011^
11 --ShockTotFacProd=0.99 --ShockLabProd=0.99 --ShockIncTransf=0.01^
12
```

## Annex 6. Excel pivot table that combines the results of all model runs for the second step of MSA

PivotTablesRun4ElasticityCombinations\_2017\_07\_31.xlsx - Microsoft Excel

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE
1	ElasticityParameters																			AT11	AT12	AT13	AT21	AT22	AT31	AT32	AT33	AT34	BE10	BE21	
2	Sig_FacSupLab_H	Sig_ConHou	Sig_ZS	Sig_QS	Sig_XS	Sig_KaS	Sig_LabS	Sig_Inv	Sig_ConGov	Sig_ArmS	Sig_EuroInv	Sig_EuroKap	Sig_Arm_RnD	KnowK_Ext	VgeCurveElast	ShockTotFacProd	ShockLabProd	ShockIncTransf	YEAR												
8284	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	1	0.01	2020	-0.0085	-0.016	-0.015	-0.011	-0.011	-0.012	-0.009	-0.009	-0.005	-0.027	-0.019	
8295	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	1	-0.01	2020	0.0158	0.0158	0.0155	0.011	0.011	0.012	0.009	0.0096	0.0048	0.0269	0.0194	
8306	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	0.99	-0.01	2020	-0.317	-0.375	-1.107	-1.011	-1.034	-1.072	-0.957	-0.941	-0.983	-1.047	-1.007	
8317	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	0.99	-0.01	2020	-0.886	-0.944	-1.077	-0.99	-1.012	-1.048	-0.933	-0.922	-0.973	-0.994	-0.969	
8328	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	0.99	0	2020	-0.901	-0.96	-1.092	-1.001	-1.023	-1.06	-0.948	-0.932	-0.978	-1.021	-0.988	
8339	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	1.01	-0.01	2020	0.9143	0.9717	1.076	1.009	1.031	1.0671	0.9526	0.9368	0.9785	1.0504	1.0048	
8350	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1	1.01	0	2020	0.8985	0.9559	1.0921	0.9981	1.02	1.0552	0.9437	0.9273	0.9738	1.0231	0.9854	
8361	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1	0.01	2020	-1.767	-1.849	-1.962	-1.86	-1.872	-1.946	-1.851	-1.851	-1.927	-1.837	-1.833	
8372	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1	-0.01	2020	-1.736	-1.818	-1.931	-1.836	-1.85	-1.922	-1.856	-1.832	-1.917	-1.784	-1.795	
8383	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1	0	2020	-1.751	-1.834	-1.946	-1.849	-1.861	-1.934	-1.865	-1.842	-1.922	-1.81	-1.814	
8394	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1	-0.01	2020	-2.656	-2.798	-3.033	-2.946	-2.881	-2.994	-2.811	-2.772	-2.893	-2.835	-2.807	
8405	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	0.99	-0.01	2020	-2.625	-2.766	-3.003	-2.824	-2.859	-2.97	-2.793	-2.753	-2.883	-2.763	-2.769	
8416	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	0.99	0	2020	-2.64	-2.782	-3.018	-2.835	-2.87	-2.982	-2.802	-2.762	-2.888	-2.809	-2.788	
8427	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1.01	-0.01	2020	-0.88	-0.904	-0.889	-0.875	-0.865	-0.901	-0.941	-0.933	-0.963	-0.835	-0.861	
8438	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1.01	-0.01	2020	-0.849	-0.873	-0.858	-0.853	-0.843	-0.877	-0.923	-0.914	-0.954	-0.782	-0.822	
8449	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1.01	0	2020	-0.865	-0.889	-0.874	-0.864	-0.854	-0.889	-0.932	-0.924	-0.959	-0.809	-0.842	
8460	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	1	0.01	2020	1.738	1.8195	1.9452	1.843	1.8539	1.9196	1.8556	1.8308	1.9172	1.8034	1.7999	
8471	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	1	-0.01	2020	1.772	1.8508	1.9761	1.8646	1.8755	1.9429	1.8731	1.8494	1.9262	1.858	1.8387	
8482	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	1	0	2020	1.7554	1.8351	1.9605	1.8537	1.8646	1.9312	1.8643	1.891	1.9216	1.8306	1.8192	
8493	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	0.99	1	0.01	2020	0.8276	0.8498	0.8347	0.83	0.8191	0.851	0.8933	0.8911	0.9301	0.762	0.7996	
8504	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	0.99	-0.01	2020	0.859	0.8812	0.8654	0.8517	0.8408	0.8746	0.9169	0.9098	0.9332	0.852	0.8382	
8515	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	0.99	0	2020	0.8432	0.8655	0.8499	0.8407	0.8298	0.8627	0.908	0.9003	0.9345	0.7881	0.8188	
8526	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	1.01	-0.01	2020	2.6482	2.7839	3.0549	2.852	2.8844	2.9806	2.8053	2.764	2.875	2.8477	2.7969	
8537	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.01	1.01	1.01	-0.01	2020	2.6736	2.8151	3.0858	2.8734	2.9058	3.0036	2.8225	2.7823	2.9063	2.9023	2.8357	
8548	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	1	1	0.01	2020	-0.016	-0.016	-0.015	-0.011	-0.011	-0.012	-0.009	-0.01	-0.005	-0.027	-0.019	
8559	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	1	1	-0.01	2020	0.016	0.016	0.0156	0.0111	0.012	0.0122	0.0093	0.0097	0.0049	0.027	0.0196	
8570	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	1	0.01	2020	-0.922	-0.981	-1.113	-1.017	-1.04	-1.08	-0.963	-0.948	-0.99	-1.05	-1.012	
8581	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	1	-0.01	2020	-0.89	-0.949	-1.082	-0.995	-1.018	-1.055	-0.945	-0.928	-0.98	-0.997	-0.973	
8592	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	1	0	2020	-0.906	-0.965	-1.098	-1.006	-1.029	-1.068	-0.954	-0.938	-0.985	-1.024	-0.993	
8603	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	1	1.01	-0.01	2020	0.8877	0.946	1.0827	0.9934	1.0155	1.0513	0.9417	0.9245	0.9764	0.999	0.9713	
8614	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	1	1.01	0.01	2020	0.9196	0.9778	1.1139	1.054	1.0376	1.0753	0.9596	0.9436	0.9857	1.0535	1.0105	
8625	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	1	1.01	-0.01	2020	0.9035	0.9618	1.0982	1.0043	1.0265	1.0632	0.9505	0.934	0.981	1.0261	0.9908	
8636	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	1	0.01	2020	-1.777	-1.86	-1.972	-1.871	-1.884	-1.96	-1.887	-1.863	-1.939	-1.842	-1.843	
8647	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	1	-0.01	2020	-1.745	-1.828	-1.941	-1.849	-1.862	-1.936	-1.869	-1.844	-1.93	-1.789	-1.804	
8658	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	1	0	2020	-1.761	-1.844	-1.957	-1.86	-1.873	-1.948	-1.876	-1.854	-1.935	-1.815	-1.823	
8669	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	0.99	-0.01	2020	-2.67	-2.813	-3.048	-2.862	-2.898	-3.014	-2.829	-2.789	-2.911	-2.843	-2.821	
8680	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	0.99	-0.01	2020	-2.638	-2.782	-3.018	-2.84	-2.876	-2.99	-2.81	-2.77	-2.901	-2.791	-2.783	
8691	1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.25	2	2	1.3	0.3	2.2	3	3	3	0.0053	0.009	0.99	0.99	0	2020	-2.654	-2.797	-3.033	-2.851	-2.887	-3.002						

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