



# Energy consumption–GDP nexus: Heterogeneous panel causality analysis

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## ABSTRACT

Existing studies examining the Granger causality relationship between energy consumption and GDP use a panel of countries but implicitly assume that the panels are homogeneous. This paper extends the Granger causality relationship between energy consumption and GDP by taking into account panel heterogeneity. For this purpose, we use a large panel of 79 countries for the period 1980–2007. Specifically, we examine four different causal relationships: homogeneous non-causality, homogeneous causality, heterogeneous non-causality, and heterogeneous causality. The results show that roughly seven-tenths of the countries exhibit bi-directional Granger causality, two-tenths exhibit no Granger causality, and one-tenths exhibit uni-directional Granger causality.

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## 1. Introduction

Energy consumption is assumed to increase with higher level of development due to increased living standards. According to the World Bank's World Development Indicators database, measured in constant 2000 US dollars, world GDP grew on average by 4.7% per annum from 1980 to 2007. During the same period, world total energy consumption, measured in tons of oil equivalent, grew on average by 2.4% per annum. Average annual growth rate of energy consumption varied largely across different regions for the stated period. For instance, it was 8.0% for the developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, 11.0% for the Middle East and North Africa, 1.3% for OECD, and 1.0% for the Euro area. The former two are rapidly growing regions with average annual GDP growth rates exceeding both over 6% for 1980–2007 while the latter two have mature economies with relatively slower growth rates averaging 3–4% for the same period.

The causal relationship between energy consumption and GDP has been subject to a number of studies since the seminal work by Kraft and Kraft (1978). A review of literature on the causal relationship between energy consumption and income is not aimed here since compact reviews are available elsewhere (e.g., Chontanawat et al., 2006; Huang et al., 2008). A list of selected studies with respective country and period coverage along with main findings is presented in Table 1.

Most of these studies employed homogeneous panel Granger causality, error correction model, cointegration, vector autoregression, and panel data analysis. In the 47 studies listed in Table 1, there are 11 cases of no causality, 16 cases of bi-directional causality, and differing causality and cointegration relationships between energy consumption and GDP in others. The conclusions about causality do not lead to a general conclusion. This is due to differences in the methods applied and coverage of times and economies that differ from one study to the other.

Studies finding causality that runs from energy consumption to GDP generally argue against policies aiming reductions in energy consumption due to the negative effect on GDP. The causal relationship running from GDP to energy consumption, on the other hand, implies that higher economic growth leads to an increase in energy use. In those studies where no causal relationship between energy consumption and income exists, economic growth and energy policies are deemed independent of each other. Finally, if there is a causal relationship running in both ways, energy use and GDP are interdependent.

In search for more generalized results for causality between energy consumption and income, researchers use panel data by combining cross-sections (countries) for limited time periods. In such studies, typically dynamic panel Granger causality is employed. However, these studies fail to check whether the panels are homogenous. An important shortcoming of the stated studies is that the Granger causality methodology is based on the implicit assumption that the panel data is of a homogenous nature. Even so, the results for causality, even for the same economies and similar periods, are conflicting and contradictory. Therefore, it is difficult to reach a conclusion about the causal relationship

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**Table 1**  
Review of selected literature on the causality between energy (E) and income (Y).

| Study                         | Country                                       | Period    | Results                          |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Kraft and Kraft (1978)        | US  | 1947–1974 | Causality exists.                |
| Akarca and Long (1980)        | US  | 1947–1972 | No causality                     |
| Yu and Hwang (1984)           | US  | 1947–1979 | No causality                     |
| Yu and Choi (1985)            | Poland, UK, US                                | 1950–1976 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | Korea   |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
|                               | Philippines                                   |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Erol and Yu (1987)            | Canada, France, UK                            | 1950–1982 | No causality                     |
|                               | Italy, Japan                                  |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
|                               | Germany                                       |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Nachane et al. (1988)         | 16 countries                                  | 1950–1985 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Hwang and Gum (1992)          | Taiwan  |           | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Yu and Jin (1992)             | US  | 1974–1990 | No causality                     |
| Stern (1993)                  | US  | 1947–1990 | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Ebohon (1996)                 | Nigeria, Tanzania                             | 1960–1984 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Masih and Masih (1996)        | Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore              | 1955–1991 | No cointegration                 |
|                               | India   |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
|                               | Indonesia                                     |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
|                               | Pakistan                                      |           | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Cheng and Lai (1997)          | Taiwan  | 1955–1993 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Glasure and Lee (1997)        | Korea   | 1961–1990 | No causality                     |
|                               | Singapore                                     |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Masih and Masih (1998)        | Sri Lanka, Thailand                           |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Cheng (1999)                  | India   | 1952–1995 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Asafu-Adjaye (2000)           | Philippines, Thailand                         | 1971–1995 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | India, Indonesia, Turkey                      |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Stern (2000)                  | US  |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Yang (2000)                   | Taiwan  | 1954–1997 | No causality                     |
| Aqeel and Butt (2001)         | Pakistan                                      | 1955–1996 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Ghosh (2002)                  | India   | 1950–1997 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Soytas and Sari (2003)        | Argentina                                     | 1950–1994 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | Italy, Korea                                  |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
|                               | France, Germany, Japan, Turkey                |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Altinay and Karagol (2004)    | Turkey  | 1950–2000 | No causality                     |
| Ghali and El-Sakka (2004)     | Canada  | 1961–1997 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Jumbe (2004)                  | Malawi  | 1970–1999 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Morimoto and Hope (2004)      | Sri Lanka                                     | 1960–1998 | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Oh and Lee (2004)             | Korea   | 1981–2000 | No short-run causality           |
| Paul and Bhattacharya (2004)  | India   | 1950–1996 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Shiu and Lam (2004)           | China   | 1971–2000 | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Lee (2005)                    | 18 developing countries                       | 1975–2001 | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Lee and Chang (2005)          | Taiwan  | 1954–2003 | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
| Wolde-Rufael (2005)           | 19 countries in Africa                        | 1971–2000 | Cointegration in 10 countries    |
| Lee (2006)                    | Germany, UK                                   |           | No causality                     |
|                               | Sweden, US                                    |           | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | Belgium, Canada, Netherlands, Switzerland     |           | $E \rightarrow Y$                |
|                               | France, Italy, Japan                          |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Al-Iriani (2006)              | Gulf countries                                |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Yoo (2006)                    | Malaysia, Singapore                           | 1971–2002 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | Indonesia, Thailand                           |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Halicioglu (2007)             | Turkey  | 1968–2005 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| He et al. (2007)              | China (Beijing)                               | 1978–2006 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Lee and Chang (2007)          | 12 developed countries                        |           | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | 28 developing countries                       |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Lise and van Montfort (2007)  | Turkey  | 1970–2003 | Cointegration                    |
| Mehrara (2007)                | 11 oil-exporting countries                    | 1971–2002 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Mozumder and Marathe (2007)   | Bangladesh                                    |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Akinlo (2008)                 | Sudan, Zimbabwe                               |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
|                               | Gambia, Ghana, Senegal                        |           | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
|                               | Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, Togo |           | No causality                     |
| Ashgar (2008)                 | Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan                   | 1971–2003 | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
| Dhunge (2008)                 | Nepal   | 1980–2004 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |
| Huang et al. (2008)           | Low-income countries                          | 1972–2002 | No causality                     |
|                               | Middle-income countries                       |           | $Y \rightarrow E$                |
|                               | High-income countries                         |           | $Y$ affects $E$ negatively       |
| Lee and Chang (2008)          | 16 Asian countries                            | 1971–2002 | Long-run: $E \rightarrow Y$      |
| Apergis and Payne (2010a)     | 9 Latin American countries                    | 1980–2005 | Cointegration, $E \rightarrow Y$ |
| Costantini and Martini (2010) | 71 countries                                  | 1978–2005 | Different causality relations    |
| Kahsai et al. (2010)          | 19 African countries                          | 1980–2005 | $Y \leftrightarrow E$            |

Note:  $E \rightarrow Y$  denotes Granger causality running from energy consumption to GDP.  $Y \rightarrow E$  denotes Granger causality running from GDP to energy consumption.  $E \leftrightarrow Y$  denotes bi-directional Granger causality between GDP and energy consumption.

between energy consumption and income. If the panel is heterogenous when Granger causality assumes a homogeneous panel, then there is a heterogeneity bias (Pesaran and Smith, 1995). Hurlin and Venet (2001)

offer a method to test homogeneous causality against heterogenous causality. This method has been employed in other panel causality studies to examine the causal relationships between exports and economic

growth (He and Zhang, 2010) and between carbon emissions and economic growth (Maddison and Rehdanz, 2008) among others. Only one paper, Al-Iriani (2006) has dealt with the issue of panel heterogeneity in examining the causal relationship between energy consumption and income for 11 Gulf countries. Al Iriani uses heterogenous panel cointegration developed by Pedroni (2004) and finds evidence for the existence of a long-run relationship. He then proceeds to Granger causality techniques developed by Holtz-Eakin et al. (1988). He finds evidence for unidirectional causality from GDP to energy consumption.

In this paper, we examine Granger causality between energy consumption and GDP for a panel made up of 79 countries for the period 1980–2007. For 17 former transition economies, due to lack of reliable data for the pre-1990 period, the period of analysis restricted to 1990–2007. This paper contributes to the literature about the causal relationship between energy consumption and income by extending the panel Granger causality techniques beyond those currently available. In our panel Granger causality exercise, we take into account the potential heterogeneity of the countries in the sample. To this end, we use the method for panel data Granger causality with fixed coefficients proposed by Hurlin and Venet (2001). We first test for homogeneous (non)causality and then if the test fails we test for heterogenous (non)causality in our heterogenous panel.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Data construction and data sources are explained in Section 2. Section 3 sets out the method of analysis and the testing procedure. The results are presented in Section 4. Finally, the fifth section concludes.

## 2. Data

For the analysis, we gathered data on real GDP, energy use, capital input, and labor input for the period 1980–2007. Real GDP and labor data are obtained from World Development Indicators (WDI) database published by the World Bank. Real GDP data measured in constant 2000 US dollars. WDI data are based on the national accounts database of the World Bank and OECD National Accounts data. Labor refers to the working age population, defined as the number of people between age 15 and 60. Final energy use is measured in tons of oil equivalent and are obtained from International Energy Agency statistics database.

Capital data are not readily available in official statistics. Nehru and Dhareshwar (1995) estimated capital stock data using the perpetual inventory method for a large number of countries for the period 1950–1990. It is possible to extend their capital stock data by using the perpetual inventory method.<sup>2</sup> However, Sari and Soytaş (2007) warned that the use of capital stock series estimated with the perpetual inventory method is problematic since the variance in capital stock computed using this method is correlated with the change in investment.<sup>3</sup> Following their suggestion, we use gross fixed capital formation data obtained from WDI database. All data are expressed in natural logarithms.

Our database includes 79 countries. We categorized countries into groups to examine whether there are any structural differences. The country groups of significance are listed as Asia (11 countries), Developed Countries (25 countries), European Union (15 countries, i.e., EU-15), Developing Countries (37 countries), and Transition Economies (17 countries). In total, data are available for the period 1980–2007 for 62 countries but data for 17 transition economies (i.e., former Soviet republics including Russia and former command economies in Central and Eastern Europe) are available only for the period 1990–2007. A list

<sup>2</sup> In the perpetual inventory method, capital stock is calculated using the formula  $K_{t+1} = K_t(1 - \delta) + I_t$ , where  $K$  refers capital stock,  $\delta$  refers to depreciation rate (which is assumed to be constant in most studies), and  $I$  refers to gross fixed capital formation (investment).

<sup>3</sup> Gross fixed capital formation is preferred to gross capital stock estimates in recent supply-side energy-income causality studies, e.g., Apergis and Payne (2010b).

**Table 2**

List of countries.

| Area                 | Countries   |
|----------------------|---|
| Developing countries | Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay |
| Developed countries  | Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA   |
| Asia                 | Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand   |
| EU                   | Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, UK   |
| Transition economies | Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan   |

of these countries is presented in Table 2. Descriptive statistics of the data are presented in Table 3.

## 3. Methodology

In panel data causality analysis, choosing the appropriate technique is an important theoretical and empirical issue. The conventional Granger causality is not reliable for panel data due to variations across the cross-sections, i.e. heterogeneity. Erdil and Yetkiner (2005) categorized recently developed panel causality techniques taking into account the heterogeneity issue into two broad categories. On the one

**Table 3**

Descriptive statistics.

|                      | Mean   | Median | Minimum | Maximum | Standard deviation |
|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| All countries        |        |        |         |         |                    |
| <i>lnK</i>           | 23.480 | 23.629 | 19.466  | 28.462  | 1.877              |
| <i>lnE</i>           | 17.046 | 16.990 | 14.133  | 21.573  | 1.678              |
| <i>lnY</i>           | 25.040 | 25.118 | 21.350  | 30.072  | 1.811              |
| <i>lnL</i>           | 15.871 | 15.684 | 11.759  | 20.466  | 1.552              |
| Asia                 |        |        |         |         |                    |
| <i>lnK</i>           | 24.453 | 24.077 | 21.581  | 27.896  | 1.531              |
| <i>lnE</i>           | 18.187 | 17.944 | 15.451  | 21.394  | 1.415              |
| <i>lnY</i>           | 25.777 | 25.382 | 23.741  | 29.280  | 1.437              |
| <i>lnL</i>           | 17.508 | 17.406 | 13.926  | 20.466  | 1.570              |
| EU                   |        |        |         |         |                    |
| <i>lnK</i>           | 24.565 | 24.417 | 21.075  | 26.749  | 1.261              |
| <i>lnE</i>           | 17.645 | 17.660 | 14.834  | 19.706  | 1.244              |
| <i>lnY</i>           | 26.156 | 25.981 | 22.752  | 28.358  | 1.285              |
| <i>lnL</i>           | 15.565 | 15.355 | 11.924  | 17.559  | 1.353              |
| Developed countries  |        |        |         |         |                    |
| <i>lnK</i>           | 24.654 | 24.534 | 20.683  | 28.462  | 1.590              |
| <i>lnE</i>           | 17.740 | 17.646 | 14.219  | 21.573  | 1.546              |
| <i>lnY</i>           | 26.198 | 26.042 | 22.364  | 30.072  | 1.605              |
| <i>lnL</i>           | 15.600 | 15.355 | 11.759  | 18.873  | 1.585              |
| Developing countries |        |        |         |         |                    |
| <i>lnK</i>           | 22.681 | 22.590 | 19.466  | 27.654  | 1.622              |
| <i>lnE</i>           | 16.576 | 16.259 | 14.133  | 21.394  | 1.599              |
| <i>lnY</i>           | 24.258 | 24.216 | 21.350  | 28.530  | 1.497              |
| <i>lnL</i>           | 16.054 | 15.875 | 13.376  | 20.466  | 1.502              |
| Transition economies |        |        |         |         |                    |
| <i>lnK</i>           | 21.949 | 21.998 | 18.210  | 26.228  | 1.665              |
| <i>lnE</i>           | 11.128 | 10.625 | 7.709   | 17.947  | 3.193              |
| <i>lnY</i>           | 23.434 | 23.459 | 20.389  | 26.733  | 1.548              |
| <i>lnL</i>           | 15.257 | 15.254 | 13.375  | 18.156  | 1.258              |

hand, Holtz-Eakin et al. (1988) and their followers (e.g., Nair-Reichert and Weinhold, 2001; Weinhold, 1996) take the autoregressive coefficients and slope coefficients in panel VAR model as variable. On the other hand, Hurlin and Venet (2001) propose a method by taking the autoregressive coefficients and slope coefficients as constant. The main criterion of selection between the two approaches is the time span. If the time span is short, the second method is advised. Our data cover the period 1980–2007 and therefore the second approach is more appropriate.

We attempt to study the causal relationship between logged values of energy consumption ( $E$ ) and real GDP ( $Y$ ) using multivariate dynamic panel Granger causality method with fixed coefficients proposed by Hurlin and Venet (2001). It is now widely accepted that bivariate causality analysis examining the energy–income nexus lead to spurious causal relationship. Therefore it is necessary, at the outset, to address how we deal with a possible flaw observed in bivariate panel causality studies, the omitted variable bias. Omitted variable bias arises when some other explanatory variables which are actually correlated with the dependent variable is omitted from the regression. In this case, the covariance between the explanatory variables and the error term from the true regression will not be equal to zero. In most papers, instrumental variables are added to the regression to tackle this issue. However, empirically it is difficult find appropriate instruments. We choose to derive from a theoretical model rather than discretionary selection of control variables. Therefore, we adopt the widely-used production function approach which states that real GDP is a function of capital ( $\ln K$ ), labor ( $\ln L$ ), and energy ( $\ln E$ ), all in natural logarithms. In the causality regressions we employ the variables  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$  as the control variables. By adding these two variables we account for the causality relations between the dependent variables of interest ( $\ln E$  or  $\ln Y$ ) and  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$  that are hidden in the bivariate causality analysis. For instance, as shown by Stern (1993), changing energy consumption may result in more use of capital and labor which substitute energy. We believe that the multivariate causality analysis better reflects the causality from energy to GDP or the other way around by taking into account the causality relationships involving capital and labor as well. In addition, in this paper we employ the heterogeneous fixed effects dynamic panel data estimation technique as presented in Hurlin and Venet (2001). In this technique, fixed effects that do not vary in time are controlled for, and the lags of dependent variables are included in the regression.

To test for causality in heterogeneous panels, we use the following model for the causality from GDP to energy consumption<sup>4</sup>:

$$\ln E_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma^j \ln E_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i^j \ln Y_{i,t-j} + u_{i,t}, \quad u_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

Likewise, to test for the causal relationship running from energy consumption to GDP, we use the following model:

$$\ln Y_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma^j \ln Y_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i^j \ln E_{i,t-j} + u_{i,t}, \quad u_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

Here  $i$  refers to individual countries,  $t$  denotes time, and  $j$  is the number of lags.  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are parameters to be estimated.  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$  also enter the regression as exogenous variables.

In this section we abstain from technical details of the analysis and leave it to Appendix A. We provide a brief overview of the methodology here. Hurlin and Venet (2001) present four types of causality relationships that may emerge from panel data: (i) homogenous causality (HC), (ii) homogenous non-causality (HNC), (iii) heterogeneous causality (HEC), and (iv) heterogeneous non-causality (HENC). In the conventional Granger causality studies regarding energy and income,

heterogeneity of the countries or regions included in the panel are overlooked and any causal relationship found is viewed as homogeneous causality. We are especially concerned with heterogeneous non-causality case where there is at least one country in the panel for which no causality relationship exists.

To test for the above four types of causality, we follow the procedure in Hurlin and Venet (2001) which is explained in detail in Appendix A. The computation of the test statistics used in testing the four causality hypotheses are also explained in Appendix A.<sup>5</sup> These statistics are compared with the critical F statistics. The analytical procedure can be summarized as follows. We first test HNC against the alternative hypothesis. In this test, the null hypothesis states that there is no causal relationship for any of the countries in the panel. If the HNC hypothesis is not rejected, we conclude that there is no causal relationship at all for any country in the panel. If the HNC hypothesis is rejected, this is an evidence of the existence of a causal relationship. However, this relationship can be of either homogenous or heterogeneous type. We then test the HC hypothesis. If the HC hypothesis is accepted, we conclude that the panel homogeneously exhibits a causal relationship between energy and income. Most causality studies assume the existence of this type of a causal relationship. However, if the HC hypothesis is rejected, a heterogeneous group of countries may exhibit causality. As a consequence, the HENC hypothesis is tested for all countries in the panel to find the countries which account for the causality in the panel. If the HENC hypothesis is not rejected for a specific country or a subset of countries in the panel, we conclude that this country or subset of countries do not yield any causal relationship. If the HENC hypothesis is rejected, then HEC applies, i.e., there is a causal relationship for all countries despite cross-country heterogeneity in the panel.<sup>6</sup>

#### 4. Empirical results

Prior to the Granger causality tests, we search for the existence of unit roots for two series, logged energy consumption,  $\ln E$ , and logged real GDP,  $\ln Y$ . The conventional augmented Dickey–Fuller (ADF) tests for detecting unit root are known to be weak hypothesis testing of stationarity for panel data. Therefore, we use two other more powerful unit root tests that are used widely for panel data, based on Levin et al. (2002) and Im et al. (2003). We abbreviate the former as LLC and the latter as IPS. While the LLC test assumes common unit root for all panel members, the IPS test allows for individual unit roots for panel members. Panel unit root test results are shown in Table 4. The results of the LLC test lead us to accept the existence of unit root at levels while the IPS test results rejects the null hypothesis of non-stationarity of both series at levels. The results also demonstrate evidence for the stationarity of the first differences of both series. It is shown in Baltagi (2005: 245) that the IPS test is more powerful than the LLC test. In addition, the IPS test uses unit root tests separately for individual cross-sections. We adhere to the stronger IPS test results and conclude that both series are stationary.

In choosing the optimal lag order, we employ widely-used vector autoregressive (VAR) lag length selection criteria, namely Akaike, Schwarz, and Hannan–Quinn information criteria. For this purpose, we run a vector autoregressive model with  $\ln E$  and  $\ln Y$  as endogenous variables and  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$  as exogenous variables. In most VAR regressions, Schwarz and Hannan–Quinn information criteria indicate two lags while Akaike information criterion indicates larger but various lag lengths. In all cases except Asia, we choose two lags (and four for Asia) as the appropriate lag length based on Schwarz and Hannan–Quinn criteria. All causality equations are estimated using fixed

<sup>5</sup> In each hypothesis, we run the specified regressions and save the sum of squared residuals to be used in computing the test statistics. These statistics are then compared with the relevant F statistics to observe the significance at the 1, 5, and 10 levels.

<sup>6</sup> The analyses were conducted using Eviews v. 6.

<sup>4</sup> This section is heavily based on Hurlin and Venet (2001).

**Table 4**  
Unit root tests.

|                            | Level     |           | First difference |            |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------|
|                            | lnY       | lnE       | lnY              | lnE        |
| LLC (common unit root)     | −0.497    | 1.671     | −14.971***       | −20.220    |
| IPS (individual unit root) | −3.569*** | −4.977*** | −19.849***       | −26.699*** |

Note: \*\*\* significant at 1% level, \*\* significant at 5% level, \* significant at 10% level.

effects since Hurlin and Venet (2001) report that for  $T$  sufficiently large (larger than 30) dynamic panel bias is negligibly small. The standard errors of the regressions are corrected for heteroscedasticity using period seemingly unrelated regression method. Critical values for F tests are based on F distribution with  $(Nn, NT - N(1+n) - n)$  degrees of freedom (Hurlin and Venet, 2001).

#### 4.1. Results for causality running from GDP to energy consumption

The results for the tests of homogeneous non-causality (HNC) and homogeneous causality (HC) from GDP to energy consumption are presented in Table 5. The HNC hypothesis is rejected for all country groups at 1% level except for the EU, where it is rejected only at 10%. The fourth column of Table 5 shows that there is no homogeneous causality (HC) from GDP to energy for all country sub-samples other than the EU. Subsequently, we conclude that panel heterogeneity holds for all sub-samples but not for the EU, for which we find homogenous causality from GDP to energy.

In the next step, we test the HENC hypothesis. 66 out of 79 countries exhibit heterogeneous causality (HEC) from GDP to energy. Eight developing countries, three transition countries, and two developed countries exhibit heterogeneous non-causality (HENC). For Asia, the HENC hypothesis is rejected at 5% level while it is rejected only at 10% for Developed Countries. Therefore, we can conclude that there is Granger causality for Asian and developed country sub-samples though weakly for the latter. On the other hand, the HENC hypothesis is not rejected for Developing Countries and Transition Economies. For these two sub-samples, GDP does not Granger cause energy consumption.

Overall, our results suggest there is some evidence for the causal relationship from GDP to energy consumption and it is heterogeneous across countries. Among the country subsamples, homogeneous causality relationship holds only for the EU. On the other hand, homogeneous causality does not hold for Developed Countries, of which the EU is a subset. An important finding of this paper is that the causality relationship between GDP and energy consumption (in this case from the former to the latter) is highly heterogeneous. A good case in point is the EU and developed country subsamples. Homogeneity of the panel including 15 EU countries becomes irrelevant when the panel is extended to include 10 more developed countries such as Australia, Japan, the US, etc. This finding provides evidence for the importance of panel heterogeneity since individual predictors for the causality relationships are different across panel members. This finding points to divergent results in causality studies listed in Table 1. In other words,

**Table 5**  
Tests of homogeneous non-causality (HNC) and homogeneous causality (HC) (causality running from GDP to energy consumption).

|                      | Lags | $F_{HNC}$ | $F_{HC}$ |
|----------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| All countries        | 2    | 1.672***  | 1.623*** |
| Asia                 | 4    | 1.934***  | 1.841*** |
| Developed countries  | 2    | 1.666***  | 1.625*** |
| Developing countries | 2    | 1.697***  | 1.601*** |
| EU                   | 2    | 1.427*    | 1.329    |
| Transition economies | 2    | 2.635***  | 2.540*** |

Note: \*\*\* significant at 1% level, \*\* significant at 5% level, \* significant at 10% level.

the cross-sectional heterogeneity of the panel is an important determinant of the causality relationship because the causality relationship may hold only for a sub-group of countries in the panel (Table 6).

#### 4.2. Results for causality running from energy consumption to GDP

The results of HNC and HC tests for the causal relationship running from energy consumption to GDP are presented in the second column of Table 7. The results are qualitatively the same as those for the reverse causality relationship explained in the previous subsection. The HNC hypothesis is rejected for all sub-samples at 1% level except for the EU where it is rejected at 5%. We show in the third column of Table 7 that the HC hypothesis is rejected as well. Consequently, we look at causality relationships at the individual country level by using the HENC hypothesis. For the EU, we conclude that there is homogenous causality between GDP and energy consumption.

The results of HENC tests by countries are presented in Table 8. 63 countries exhibit Granger causality running from energy consumption to GDP. 16 countries, including nine developing countries (Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Panama, and Senegal), one transition economy (Hungary), and six developed countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland) exhibit HENC. The results in Table 9 confirm that the HENC hypothesis is rejected for the HENC sub-samples.

After examining the causality from energy consumption to GDP, again we find that the causality relationship between GDP and energy consumption is highly heterogeneous as in the case of the causality relationship in the opposite direction. Causality relationship is not homogeneous across subsamples except the EU as in the previous case. This finding provides another evidence for the heterogeneity of the causal relationship within the panels.

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we build on previous research about the causality relationship between energy consumption and GDP in panel data and extend Granger causality by taking into consideration panel heterogeneity. Our panel consists of 79 countries for the period 1980–2007. In previous studies, an implicit assumption behind the Granger causality relationship was the homogeneity of the panel. The contribution of this paper to the literature is the application of a more advanced Granger causality technique for fixed coefficient panels developed by Hurlin and Venet (2001).

Most of the previous panel causality studies implicitly assumed panel homogeneity. We show that panel heterogeneity is common and an important issue. We demonstrate that the causality relationships between energy consumption and GDP, in both directions, are of a highly heterogeneous nature. Therefore, an important conclusion of this paper is that panel heterogeneity needs to be tested when searching for causality between energy consumption and income. This applies not only to cross-country studies, but also to causality studies conducted across different regions within a country. In this study, homogenous causality relationship is found only for the panel made up of EU-15 countries. Once the heterogeneity of the causal relationship is confirmed for the panel, it may then be necessary to derive different policy recommendations for the panel members rather than formulating a policy that applies to all panel members.

Despite the diversity in the causality relationships across country subsamples, the key results of this paper carry important policy implications. Due to the heterogeneity in the causal relationships, we take individual country perspective rather than the aggregated country groups while devising policy recommendations. Panel causality tests show that bidirectional causality is observed in seven-tenths of the countries (57 out of 79) in the sample. Unidirectional causality is observed in about one-tenths (7 out of 79) and no causality in two-tenths (15 out of 79). We conclude for the 57 countries exhibiting bidirectional causality that there is an interaction between energy

**Table 6**

Results of heterogeneous non-causality tests (causality running from GDP to energy consumption).

| Result: HENC                |       | Result: HEC    |            |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|------------|
| <i>Developing countries</i> |       |                |            |
| Argentina                   | 0.231 | Algeria        | 4.760**    |
| Colombia                    | 0.557 | Bangladesh     | 27.977***  |
| Costa Rica                  | 1.935 | Bolivia        | 12.075***  |
| Cote d'Ivoire               | 3.173 | Brazil         | 4.679**    |
| Dominican Republic          | 1.965 | Cameroon       | 4.742**    |
| Ecuador                     | 0.278 | Chile          | 3.719**    |
| Malaysia                    | 1.470 | China          | 17.195***  |
| Paraguay                    | 2.803 | Egypt          | 15.270***  |
|                             |       | El Salvador    | 4.355**    |
|                             |       | Guatemala      | 21.354***  |
|                             |       | Honduras       | 39.760***  |
|                             |       | India          | 20.111***  |
|                             |       | Indonesia      | 11.459***  |
|                             |       | Iran           | 7.579***   |
|                             |       | Kenya          | 25.842***  |
|                             |       | Mexico         | 12.895***  |
|                             |       | Morocco        | 9.988**    |
|                             |       | Mozambique     | 4.823**    |
|                             |       | Nicaragua      | 7.048**    |
|                             |       | Pakistan       | 19.487***  |
|                             |       | Panama         | 13.026***  |
|                             |       | Peru           | 41.182***  |
|                             |       | Philippines    | 34.415***  |
|                             |       | Senegal        | 10.195***  |
|                             |       | South Africa   | 5.711***   |
|                             |       | Thailand       | 15.968***  |
|                             |       | Tunisia        | 14.269***  |
|                             |       | Turkey         | 11.983***  |
|                             |       | Uruguay        | 7.048**    |
| <i>Developed countries</i>  |       |                |            |
| Denmark                     | 2.250 | Australia      | 3.751**    |
| Switzerland                 | 0.212 | Austria        | 14.829***  |
|                             |       | Belgium        | 4.627**    |
|                             |       | Canada         | 7.718**    |
|                             |       | Finland        | 5.081**    |
|                             |       | France         | 11.563***  |
|                             |       | Germany        | 7.072**    |
|                             |       | Greece         | 7.037**    |
|                             |       | Iceland        | 22.770***  |
|                             |       | Ireland        | 13.026***  |
|                             |       | Italy          | 17.835***  |
|                             |       | Japan          | 6.189**    |
|                             |       | Korea          | 7.159**    |
|                             |       | Luxembourg     | 10.453***  |
|                             |       | Netherlands    | 3.695**    |
|                             |       | New Zealand    | 17.632***  |
|                             |       | Norway         | 8.259**    |
|                             |       | Portugal       | 8.989**    |
|                             |       | Singapore      | 5.783**    |
|                             |       | Spain          | 10.711***  |
|                             |       | Sweden         | 4.025**    |
|                             |       | UK             | 11.240***  |
|                             |       | USA            | 12.486***  |
| <i>Asia</i>                 |       |                |            |
| Malaysia                    | 1.470 | Bangladesh     | 27.977***  |
|                             |       | China          | 17.195***  |
|                             |       | India          | 20.111***  |
|                             |       | Indonesia      | 11.458***  |
|                             |       | Japan          | 6.189**    |
|                             |       | Korea          | 7.159**    |
|                             |       | Pakistan       | 19.487***  |
|                             |       | Philippines    | 34.415***  |
|                             |       | Singapore      | 5.783**    |
|                             |       | Thailand       | 15.968***  |
| <i>Transition economies</i> |       |                |            |
| Kyrgyzstan                  | 1.926 | Belarus        | 21.003***  |
| Poland                      | 0.871 | Bulgaria       | 130.670*** |
| Slovenia                    | 1.085 | Czech Republic | 7.068**    |
|                             |       | Estonia        | 18.409***  |
|                             |       | Hungary        | 19.766***  |
|                             |       | Kazakhstan     | 9.325***   |
|                             |       | Latvia         | 15.553***  |
|                             |       | Macedonia      | 6.191***   |

**Table 6 (continued)**

| Result: HENC | Result: HEC |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
|              | Moldova     | 77.717***  |
|              | Romania     | 42.959***  |
|              | Russia      | 18.516***  |
|              | Tajikistan  | 90.570***  |
|              | Ukraine     | 127.500*** |
|              | Uzbekistan  | 32.978***  |

Note: \*\*\* significant at 1% level, \*\* significant at 5% level.

consumption and economic growth, i.e. the so-called “feed-back hypothesis,” which implies that energy serves as an engine of growth and energy consumption is also determined by the scale of economic activities. These countries are composed of 19 developed countries and 38 developing and transition countries. The share of countries with bidirectional causality is around seven-tenths in both developed and developing/transition countries subsamples. This result is contrary to the unidirectional causality found in most bi-variate cross-country causality studies (e.g., Lee and Chang, 2008; Mehrara, 2007). We believe that omission of factors that may impact on the causality relationship between energy consumption and energy may explain part of this difference in results. The interaction between energy and capital and labor is important in this respect.<sup>7</sup> Among the countries in this category, the rapid growth of China drives attention to the availability of energy resources and energy demand in the world. On the other hand, the world's leading energy producing and resource-rich countries (e.g. Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, and the US) as well as the world's leading energy-consuming countries (e.g., China, Germany, Japan, Russia, the UK, and the US) exhibit bidirectional causality. This paper finds evidence for the importance of energy for economic growth in these countries and the energy sectors play an important role in sustaining economic growth, even when the contribution of capital and labor are also taken into consideration.

There is unidirectional causality from GDP to energy in nine countries (Belgium, Egypt, France, Hungary, India, Italy, Panama, Senegal, and Sweden) and from energy to GDP for six countries (Argentina, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Paraguay, Poland, and Slovenia). In the case of causality from GDP to energy consumption, countries in this group include four developed economies including France and Italy and a large developing country, India. Given that these countries are resource-constrained, energy efficiency and energy-saving policies should be of importance for policymakers in these countries. To give a case in point, the rapid growth of India especially poses important challenges for energy demand in the world. In the case of causality from energy consumption to GDP, the six economies in this category are developing Latin American or transition economies. In these economies, energy-saving policies or large increases in world energy prices are expected to hamper economic growth because the reduction in energy consumption via energy conservation leads to lower economic growth. Subsequently, environmental consequences of dependence on energy to grow need to be addressed since fossil fuels such as coal and oil are the major sources of energy. A possible solution is to put in place relevant policies to enhance energy efficiency in these countries. Although this comes with a cost, as Belke et al. (2010) argued for 25 OECD countries, energy policies designed to reduce greenhouse emissions should shift their focus on alternative energy sources and this may rather promote economic development.

There is no Granger causality in either direction in seven countries (Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Malaysia, and Switzerland). In these countries, energy policies and economic growth are independent from each other and energy-

<sup>7</sup> Apergis and Payne (2010a) argued for Latin American countries that energy consumption impacted positively on capital and therefore on economic growth.

**Table 7**

Tests of homogeneous non-causality (HNC) and homogeneous causality (HNC) (causality running from energy consumption to GDP).

|                      | Lags | $F_{HNC}$ | $F_{HC}$ |
|----------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| All countries        | 2    | 2.008***  | 1.671*** |
| Asia                 | 4    | 2.656***  | 1.896*** |
| Developed countries  | 2    | 1.830***  | 1.725*** |
| Developing countries | 2    | 2.159***  | 1.626*** |
| EU                   | 2    | 1.584**   | 1.402    |
| Transition economies | 2    | 26.162*** | 3.733*** |

Note: \*\*\* significant at 1% level, \*\* significant at 5% level, \* significant at 10% level.

**Table 8**

Results of heterogeneous non-causality tests (causality running from energy consumption to GDP).

| Result: HENC                |       | Result: HEC  |           |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| <i>Developing countries</i> |       |              |           |
| Costa Rica                  | 2.407 | Algeria      | 7.370***  |
| Cote d'Ivoire               | 2.432 | Argentina    | 6.769***  |
| Dominican Republic          | 2.973 | Bangladesh   | 6.896***  |
| Ecuador                     | 0.427 | Bolivia      | 11.684*** |
| Egypt                       | 1.745 | Brazil       | 3.823***  |
| India                       | 3.279 | Cameroon     | 13.016*** |
| Malaysia                    | 1.451 | Chile        | 40.268*** |
| Panama                      | 2.794 | China        | 5.958***  |
| Senegal                     | 3.129 | Colombia     | 5.838***  |
|                             |       | El Salvador  | 13.752*** |
|                             |       | Guatemala    | 33.117*** |
|                             |       | Honduras     | 15.583*** |
|                             |       | Indonesia    | 6.691***  |
|                             |       | Iran         | 4.926**   |
|                             |       | Kenya        | 30.500*** |
|                             |       | Mexico       | 17.276*** |
|                             |       | Morocco      | 5.195**   |
|                             |       | Mozambique   | 4.652**   |
|                             |       | Nicaragua    | 18.717*** |
|                             |       | Pakistan     | 26.835*** |
|                             |       | Paraguay     | 12.432*** |
|                             |       | Peru         | 58.028*** |
|                             |       | Philippines  | 16.380*** |
|                             |       | South Africa | 23.239*** |
|                             |       | Thailand     | 17.125*** |
|                             |       | Tunisia      | 9.724***  |
|                             |       | Turkey       | 7.798***  |
|                             |       | Uruguay      | 11.137*** |
| <i>Developed countries</i>  |       |              |           |
| Belgium                     | 0.853 | Australia    | 6.426***  |
| Denmark                     | 2.207 | Austria      | 8.614***  |
| France                      | 1.533 | Canada       | 3.550***  |
| Italy                       | 1.190 | Finland      | 5.554***  |
| Sweden                      | 2.018 | Germany      | 9.030***  |
| Switzerland                 | 0.334 | Greece       | 7.784***  |
|                             |       | Iceland      | 21.597*** |
|                             |       | Ireland      | 31.902*** |
|                             |       | Japan        | 4.777**   |
|                             |       | Korea        | 8.790***  |
|                             |       | Luxembourg   | 12.484*** |
|                             |       | Netherlands  | 4.694**   |
|                             |       | New Zealand  | 18.717*** |
|                             |       | Norway       | 7.358***  |
|                             |       | Portugal     | 9.849***  |
|                             |       | Singapore    | 12.335*** |
|                             |       | Spain        | 6.980***  |
|                             |       | UK           | 18.319*** |
|                             |       | USA          | 73.690*** |
| Asia                        |       |              |           |
| India                       | 3.279 | Bangladesh   | 6.896***  |
| Malaysia                    | 1.451 | China        | 5.958***  |
|                             |       | Indonesia    | 6.691***  |
|                             |       | Japan        | 4.777**   |
|                             |       | Korea        | 8.790***  |
|                             |       | Pakistan     | 26.835*** |
|                             |       | Philippines  | 16.380*** |
|                             |       | Singapore    | 12.335*** |

**Table 8 (continued)**

| Result: HENC                |       | Result: HEC    |            |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|------------|
| <i>Transition economies</i> |       | Thailand       | 17.125***  |
| Hungary                     | 3.088 | Belarus        | 9.055***   |
|                             |       | Bulgaria       | 89.666***  |
|                             |       | Czech Republic | 6.358***   |
|                             |       | Estonia        | 11.010***  |
|                             |       | Kazakhstan     | 9.688***   |
|                             |       | Kyrgyzstan     | 9.525***   |
|                             |       | Latvia         | 9.477***   |
|                             |       | Macedonia      | 13.714***  |
|                             |       | Moldova        | 20.126***  |
|                             |       | Poland         | 22.215***  |
|                             |       | Romania        | 219.104*** |
|                             |       | Russia         | 76.849***  |
|                             |       | Slovenia       | 10.008***  |
|                             |       | Tajikistan     | 245.764*** |
|                             |       | Ukraine        | 76.652***  |
|                             |       | Uzbekistan     | 27.563***  |

Note: \*\*\* significant at 1% level, \*\* significant at 5% level.

saving policies should have a neutral effect on economic growth. These countries do not seem to share a common characteristic in terms of energy policies and environmental protection.

The findings of the paper can be enriched in the future by focusing on different sources of energy. The current study has a macro perspective. A more disaggregated sectoral analysis may have significant policy implications as well. Future line of research should emphasize these two points.

**Appendix A. Heterogenous panel causality analysis**

The regression equation for causality from GDP to energy consumption is as follows:

$$\ln E_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma^j \ln E_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i^j \ln Y_{i,t-j} + u_{i,t}, \quad u_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \epsilon_{i,t} \quad (1)$$

The regression equation for causality from energy consumption to GDP is then as follows:

$$\ln Y_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma^j \ln Y_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i^j \ln E_{i,t-j} + u_{i,t}, \quad u_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \epsilon_{i,t} \quad (2)$$

In these equations the subscripts  $i, t$ , and  $j$  refer to individual countries, time, and the number of lags, respectively.  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are regression parameters. The variables  $E$  and  $Y$  are both expressed in natural logarithm, which is denoted by  $\ln$ .  $\ln E$  and  $\ln Y$  are stationary variables and the autoregressive coefficients  $\gamma^j$  and the slope coefficients  $\beta_i^j$  are assumed to be constant over the period of analysis. In addition,  $\gamma^j$  are identical across cross-sections and  $\beta_i^j$  are allowed to vary across cross-sections.  $\ln K$  and  $\ln L$  are added in the regressions as exogenous variables.

Hurlin and Venet (2001) makes the following assumptions about the error term  $\epsilon_{i,t}$ :

- (i) For each cross-section unit  $i$ , individual residuals  $\epsilon_{i,t}$  are independently and normally distributed with  $E(\epsilon_{i,t}) = 0$  and finite heterogeneous variances  $E(\epsilon_{i,t}^2) = \sigma_{i,t}^2$ .
- (ii) Individual residuals are independently distributed across groups, i.e., for all  $i \neq j$  and for all time periods  $t$  and  $s$ ,  $E(\epsilon_{i,t} \epsilon_{j,s}) = 0$ .
- (iii)  $\ln E$  and  $\ln Y$  are covariance stationary.

Next, we define the best linear predictor of  $\ln E_{i,t}$ , i.e.,  $E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t})$ , given the past values of  $\ln E_{i,t}$ , i.e.,  $\widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t} = (\ln E_{i,t-p}, \dots, \ln E_{i,0}, \dots$

**Table 9**  
Tests of heterogeneous non-causality (HENC).

|                      | $\ln Y \rightarrow \ln E$ | $\ln E \rightarrow \ln Y$ |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                      | $F_{HENC}$                | $F_{HENC}$                |
| Asia                 | 4.345**                   | 4.818**                   |
| Developed countries  | 3.200*                    | 15.786***                 |
| Developing countries | 2.235                     | 7.347***                  |
| Transition economies | 2.241                     | 39.119***                 |

Note: 1. \*\*\* significant at 1% level, \*\* significant at 5% level, \* significant at 10% level. 2.  $E \rightarrow Y$  denotes Granger causality running from energy consumption to GDP.  $Y_{k,t+1} = K_t(1 - \delta) + I_t$ .  $E$  denotes Granger causality running from GDP to energy consumption.

$\ln E_{i,t-1}$ ), and the past values of  $\ln Y_{i,t}$ , i.e.,  $\widetilde{\ln Y}_{i,t} = (\ln Y_{i,-p}, \dots, \ln Y_{i,0}, \dots, \ln Y_{i,t-1})$ .

Testing for homogenous non-causality (HNC) means testing the hypothesis that there are no individual causality relationships:

$$\text{For all } i, E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) = E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \widetilde{\ln Y}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) \quad (3)$$

The null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) and the alternative hypothesis ( $H_a$ ) for HNC are:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \beta_i^j &= 0 \text{ for all } i \in [1, N] \text{ and for all } j \in [1, n] \\ H_a : \exists(i, j) \beta_i^j &\neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The F statistic for the HNC test is calculated as follows:

$$F_{HNC} = \frac{(RSS_2 - RSS_1)/Nn}{RSS_1/[NT - N(1 + n) - n]} \quad (5)$$

where  $RSS_2$  is the sum of squared residuals obtained under  $H_0$  and  $RSS_1$  is that obtained under the unrestricted model shown by Eq. (1).  $T$  is the number of periods,  $N$  is the number of cross-sections (countries), and  $n$  is the number of lags. If we fail to reject the HNC hypothesis, we conclude that there is no Granger causality from  $\ln Y$  to  $\ln E$  (or the other way around if we consider Eq. (2)). Then, the causality examination procedure stops at this point. If we reject the HNC hypothesis, we then proceed to test the homogenous causality hypothesis.

Testing for homogenous causality (HC) means testing the hypothesis that there are individual causality relationships:

$$\text{For all } i, E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) \neq E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \widetilde{\ln Y}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) \quad (6)$$

The null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) and the alternative hypothesis ( $H_a$ ) for HC are:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \beta_i^j &= \beta^j \text{ for all } i \in [1, N] \text{ and for all } j \in [1, n] \\ H_a : \exists j \in [1, n] \text{ and } \exists(i, k) \in [1, N] \beta_i^j &= \beta_k^j \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The F statistic for the HC test is calculated as follows:

$$F_{HC} = \frac{(RSS_3 - RSS_1)/(N-1)n}{RSS_1/[NT - N(1 + 2n) + n]} \quad (8)$$

where  $RSS_3$  is the sum of squared residuals obtained when the homogeneity restriction is imposed for each lag  $j$  of the coefficients associated to the variable  $\ln Y_{i,t-j}$ . If we do not reject the HC hypothesis, there is a Granger causality from  $\ln E$  to  $\ln Y$  and it is valid for all countries in the panel. Then, the causality examination procedure stops. If we reject the HC hypothesis, it means that the causality relationship does not hold for at least one country in the panel and we then proceed to test the heterogeneous non-causality hypothesis.

Testing for heterogeneous non-causality (HENC) means testing the hypothesis that there is at least one and at most  $N - 1$  equalities as follows:

$$\text{For all } i, \exists i \in [1, N], E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) \neq E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \widetilde{\ln Y}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) \quad (9)$$

The null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) and the alternative hypothesis ( $H_a$ ) for HENC are:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \exists i \in [1, N] \text{ and for all } j \in [1, n], \beta_i^j &= 0 \\ H_a : \text{For all } i \in [1, N], \exists j \in [1, n] \beta_i^j &\neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The F statistic for the HENC test is calculated in two steps as follows: First, we test the hypothesis  $\beta_i^j = 0$  for all  $j \in [1, n]$  and compute the following set of F statistics:

$$F_{HENC}^i = \frac{(RSS_{2,i} - RSS_1)/n}{RSS_1/[NT - N(1 + 2n) + n]} \quad (11)$$

where  $RSS_{2,i}$  is the sum of squared residuals obtained from Eq. (1) when the homogeneity restriction  $\beta_i^j = 0$  is imposed for all  $i$  and for all  $j \in [1, n]$ . In this test the  $n$  coefficients attached to the variable  $\ln Y_{i,t-j}$  are all equal to 0, i.e., they are excluded from Eq. (1). The  $n$  tests allow for testing individuals that exhibit no causality relationships. The second step of the F test is a test of the joint hypothesis that there is no causality relationship for a subgroup of cross-sections. Denoting the subgroup that exhibits causal relationships as  $I_c$  and that does not as  $I_{nc}$ , the following model is run for all time periods  $t \in [1, T]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ln E_{i,t} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_i^j \ln E_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i^j \ln Y_{i,t-j} + u_{i,t} \\ u_{i,t} &= \alpha_i + \epsilon_{i,t} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \beta_i^j \neq 0, & i \in I_c \\ \beta_i^j = 0, & i \in I_{nc} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Denoting the dimensions of  $I_c$  and  $I_{nc}$  respectively as  $N_c$  and  $N_{nc}$ , the F statistic is then calculated as follows:

$$F_{HENC} = \frac{(RSS_4 - RSS_1)/N_{nc}n}{RSS_1/[NT - N(1 + n) - N_{nc}n]} \quad (13)$$

where  $RSS_4$  is the sum of squared residuals obtained when the restriction  $\beta_i^j = 0$  is imposed for all  $i \in I_{nc}$ .

If we fail to reject the HENC hypothesis, there is Granger causality from  $\ln E$  to  $\ln Y$  only for a sub-sample of countries. Testing for heterogeneous causality (HEC) means testing that there is at least one individual causality relationship and at most the number of cross-section units,  $N$ , and also that individual predictors shown below are heterogeneous:

$$\begin{aligned} \exists i \in [1, N], E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) &\neq E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \widetilde{\ln Y}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) \\ \exists(i, k) \in [1, N], E(\ln E_{i,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{i,t}, \widetilde{\ln Y}_{i,t}, \alpha_i) &\neq E(\ln E_{k,t} | \widetilde{\ln E}_{k,t}, \widetilde{\ln Y}_{k,t}, \alpha_k) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Hurlin and Venet (2001) also extend these tests to instantaneous homogeneous/heterogeneous causality/non-causality tests as well. Since we are interested in a long-run relationship based on the past values of the variables at hand, we do not run such tests. The test statistics for all these null hypotheses are available in Hurlin and Venet (2001).

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