

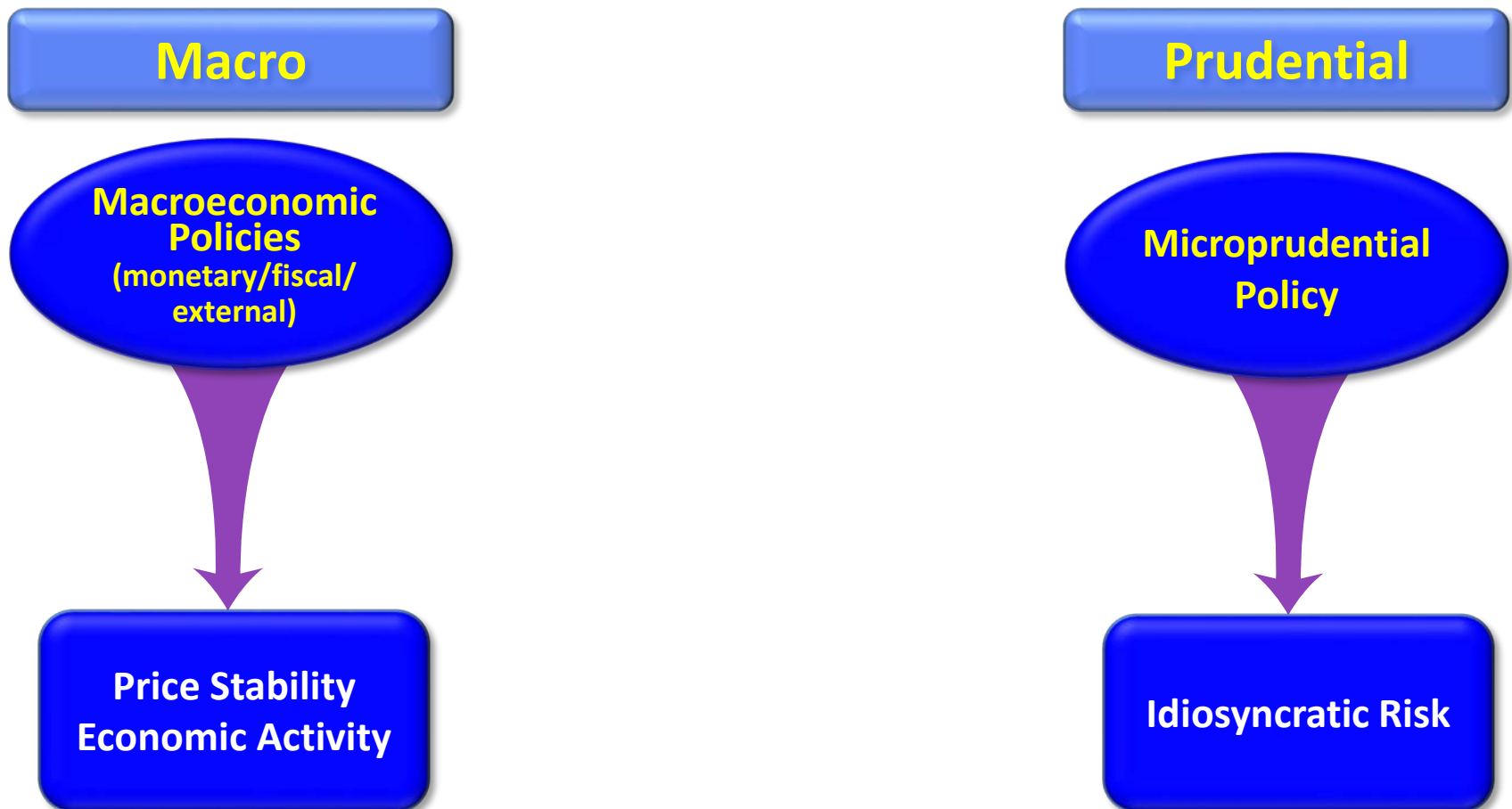
# **Macroprudential Policy Goals, Conflicts and Outcomes**

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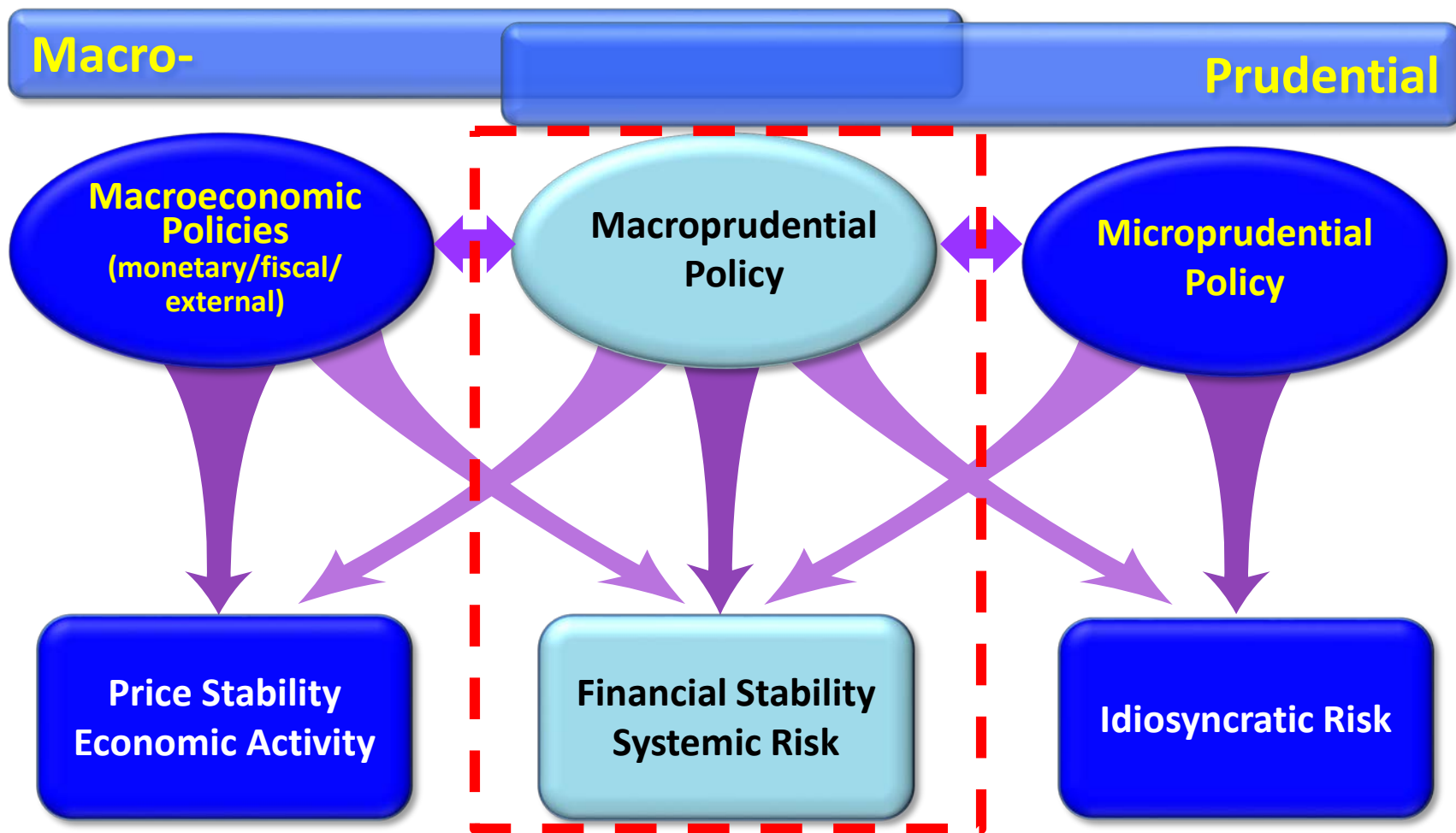
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# “Old” Framework of Macroeconomic and Prudential Policies



# “New” Framework of Macroeconomic and Micro- and Macroprudential Policies



# Why Exactly are MAPs Needed?

Finance is **Procyclical**, subject to booms/busts

- Runs often through asset values and leverage

Finance displays much **Interconnectedness**

- Contagion within financial system (e.g., TBTF)

**Procyclicality** interacts with **interconnectedness**

Microprudential, monetary, other policies do not suffice →

Macroprudential Policies (MAPs)

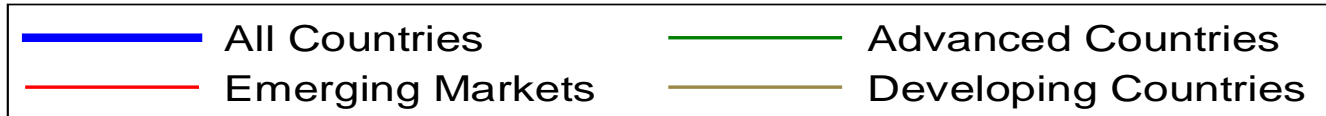
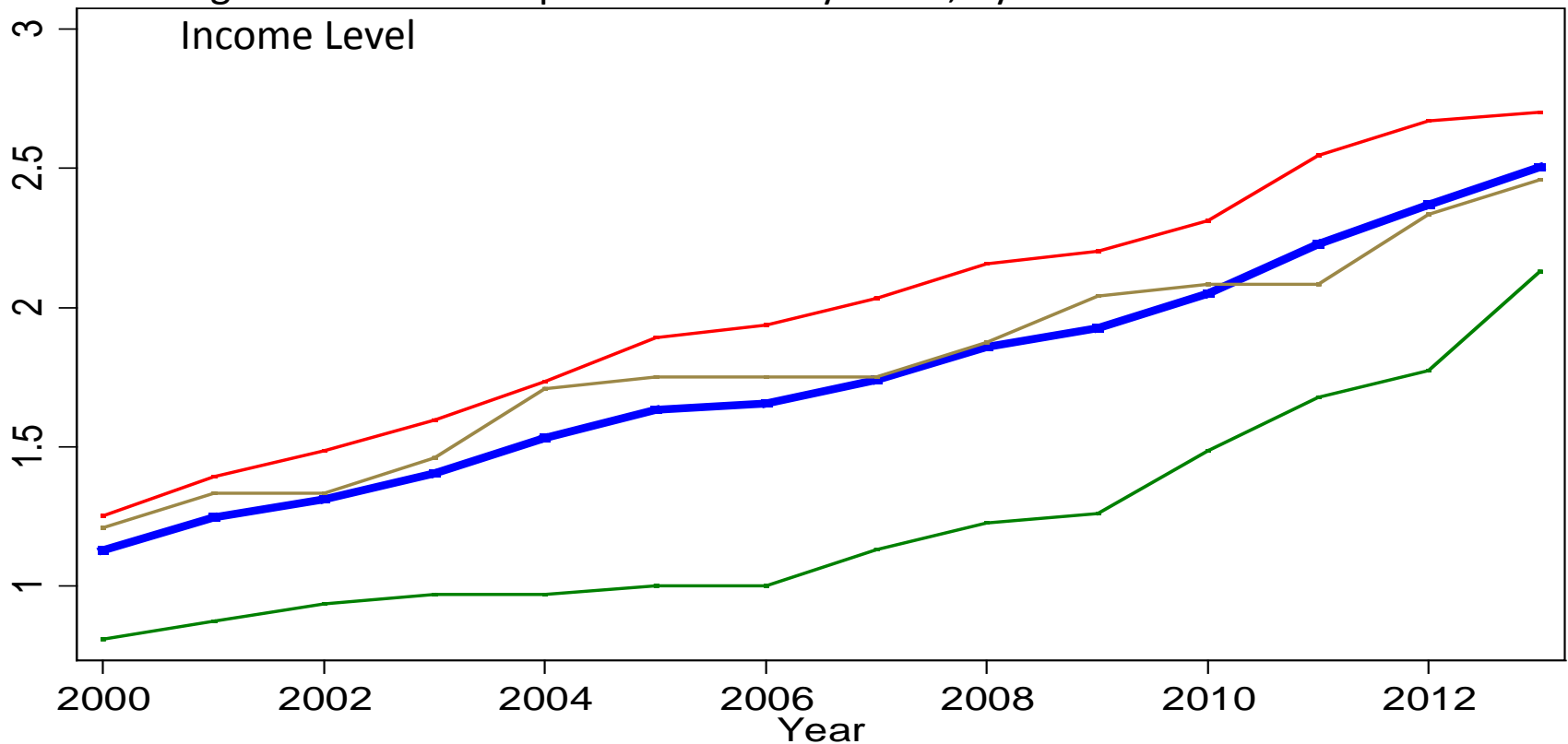
*But need to justify MAPs. Externalities or to compensate for other policy causes, e.g., tax deduct interest*

# More MAPs in Place Over Time

## ACs Less Than EMs & DCs

(% of country-year observations using any instrument)

Figure 1. The Macroprudential Policy Index, by  
Income Level



# What MAPs Exist, Are Being Used?

## 1. Borrower- or activity-based

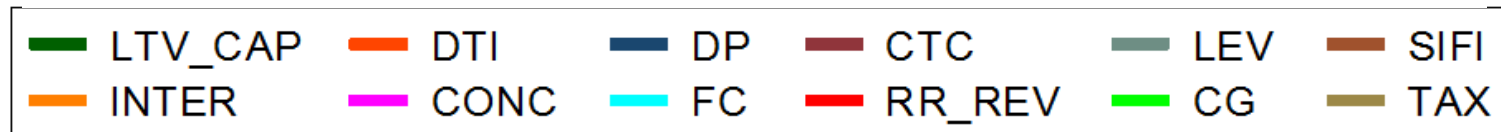
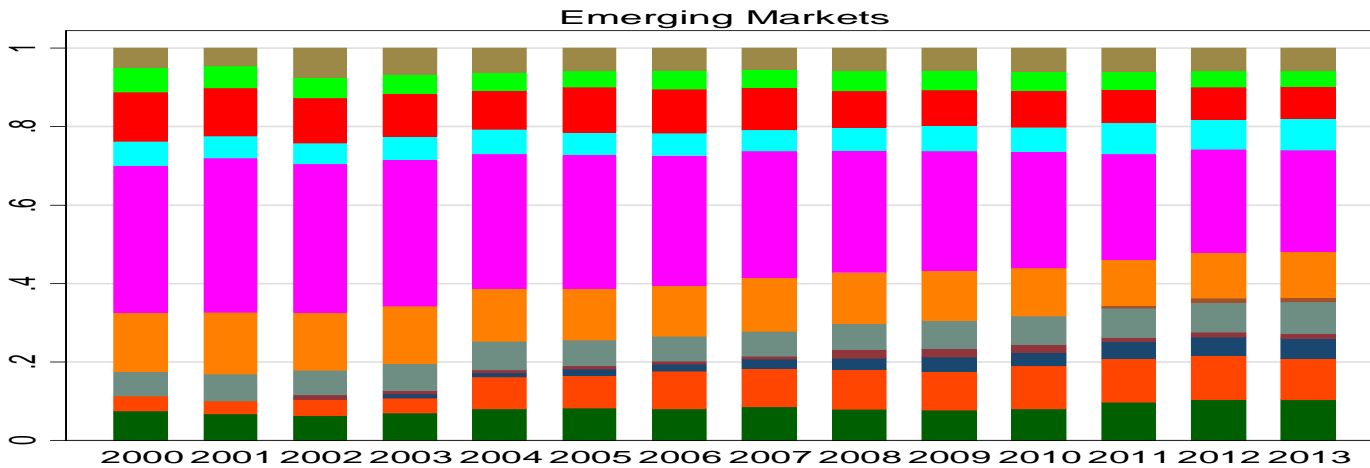
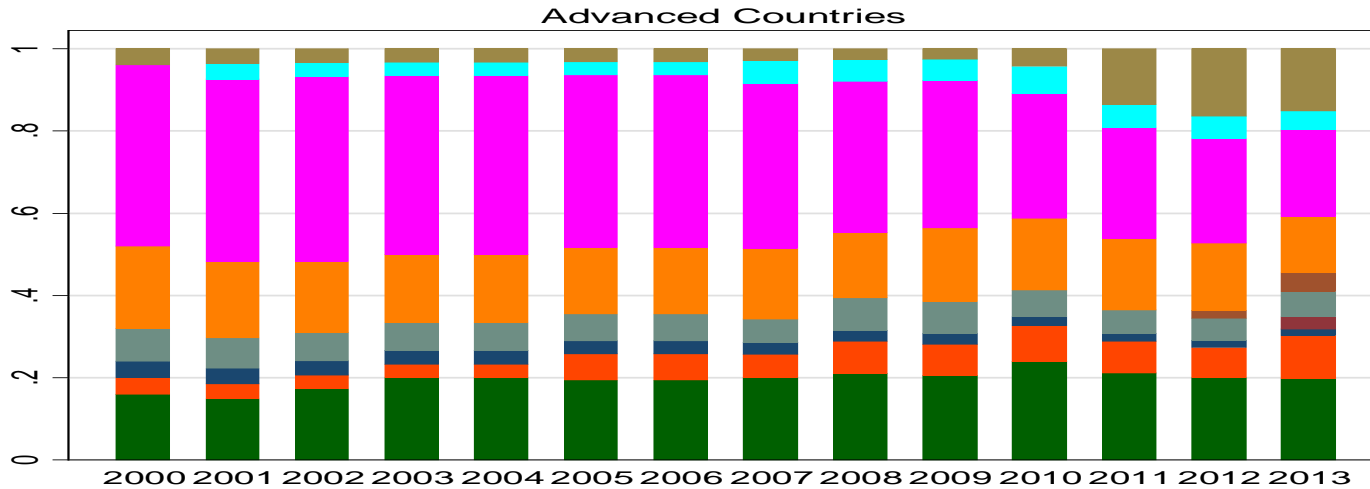
- i. Loan-to-Value Cap (LTV)
- ii. Debt-to-Income Ratio (DTI)
- iii. Margin/Haircuts (minimum, cyclical)
- iv. Taxes/fees on turnover (“Tobin” taxes)

## 2. Financial institutions-based

- i. Time-Varying/Dynamic Loan-Loss Provisioning
- ii. Counter-Cyclical Capital Requirements, Leverage Ratio
- iii. Capital Surcharges on SIFIs
- iv. Limits on Exposures, Concentration
- v. Limits on Foreign Lending
- vi. Reserve Requirements
- vii. Credit Growth Caps
- viii. Levy/Tax on Financial institutions

# ACs Use More Borrower-based

## EMs Use A Broad Set of MAPs



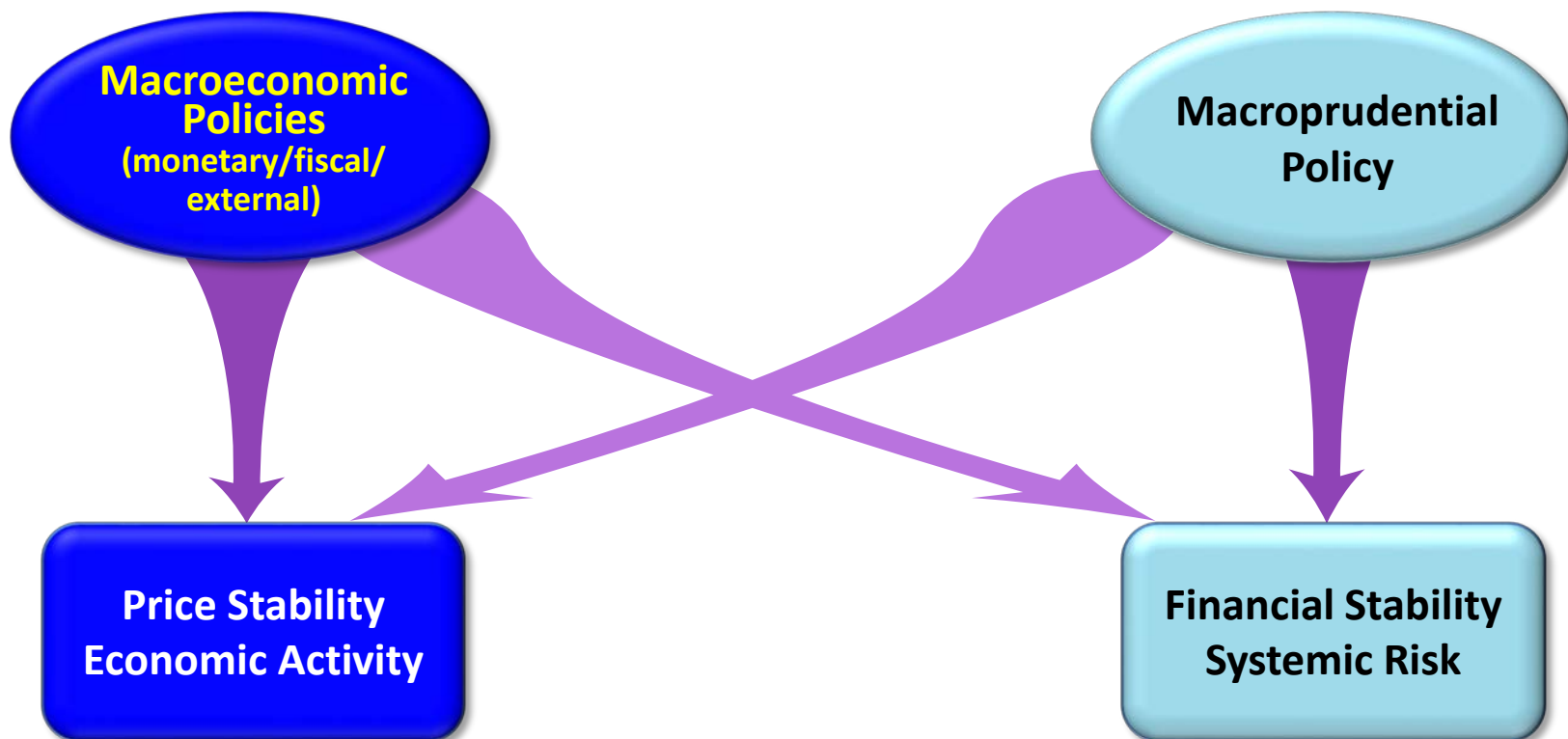
# Empirical Evidence: Early Days

- Borrower-based (“LTVs”): Work for real estate, harder to circumvent. But politically “costly”
- Financial-institutions: Better known. But easier to evade, costly for intermediation
- All: Temporary cooling effect, but not always sustained, buffers seldom sufficient for bust
- Know too little on cost, side effects of MAPs
  - Rarely explicitly at externalities/market failures
  - Financial, economic, political costs and risks
- Partly due to limited data (and research



# Macroprudential and Monetary Policy

## Clear Need to Consider Side Effects



# Macroprudential and Monetary Policy (MAP and MOP)

- When policies operate perfect, no major challenges
  - Can complement each other, e.g., when business-financial cycles overlap
- But: constraints on one imply the other has to do more
  - With imperfect MAP, MOP has to do some (“getting into the cracks”)
  - With constraints on MOP (fixed exch.rate, ZLB), MAP has to do more
- Both: clear mandate, decision-making, accountability
- MAP in central bank can improve coordination, but then safeguards against risks of dual objectives needed
- More work needed for clear-cut policy advice
  - Effectiveness, interactions among MAP tools, intermediate targets
  - Costs, side-effects of MAP and potential new distortions
  - Coordination issues, also with other policies (i.e., MIP, fiscal, crisis)