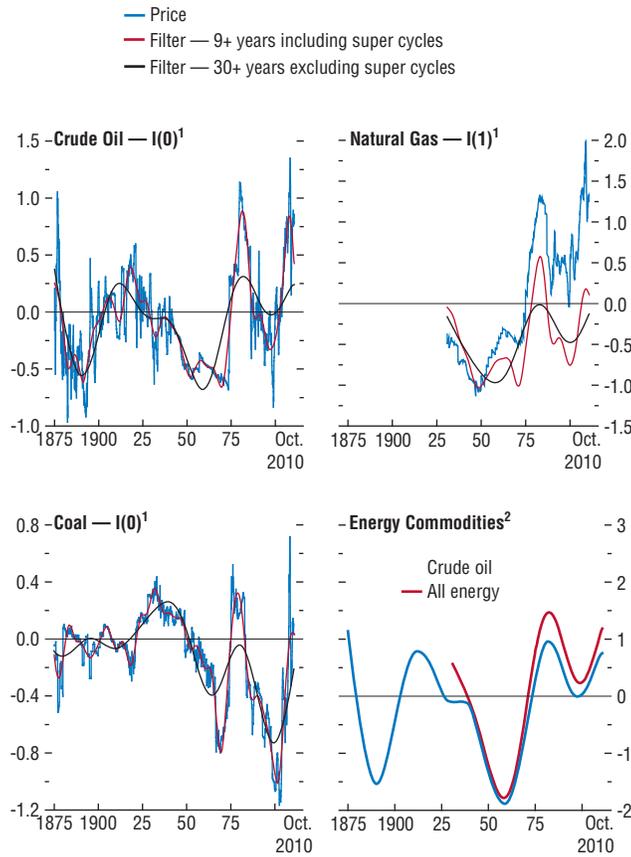


Figure 3.1. Energy Prices and Long-Term Price Trends

Following a period of increasing abundance during the 15 years through 2000, an upturn in long-term prices is evident across energy commodities.



Sources: Global Financial Data; IMF Primary Commodity Price System; and IMF staff calculations.

¹U.S.-dollar-denominated commodity prices are deflated by the U.S. consumer price index in log deviations from the sample mean. Deviation between filtered components and price is accounted for by noise, business cycle frequencies, and random walk drift where I(1).

²First-principal component (standard deviation from mean) normalized to have unit variance.