Digitally-enhanced macroeconomic statistics manuals: the quest for methodological serviceability and compilation synergies

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On the surface (and partially wrong): ways to express traditional methodological manuals through digital resources, and, in doing so, increase serviceability by facilitating navigation

In reality: how to distribute methodological content across and within manuals seeking for maximizing serviceability. This is…

- Independent of (navigation) technologies, but

- Technologies make innovative answers to this question feasible

What are we after?

No overlaps within and across manuals	To avoid contradictions, conflicting recommendations, uncertainty on the methodological requirements

Structured multi-level organisation, from the general to the specific, from core principles to domain extensions	To facilitate "navigation" by compilers and users; to add certainty on where to seek for methodological advice

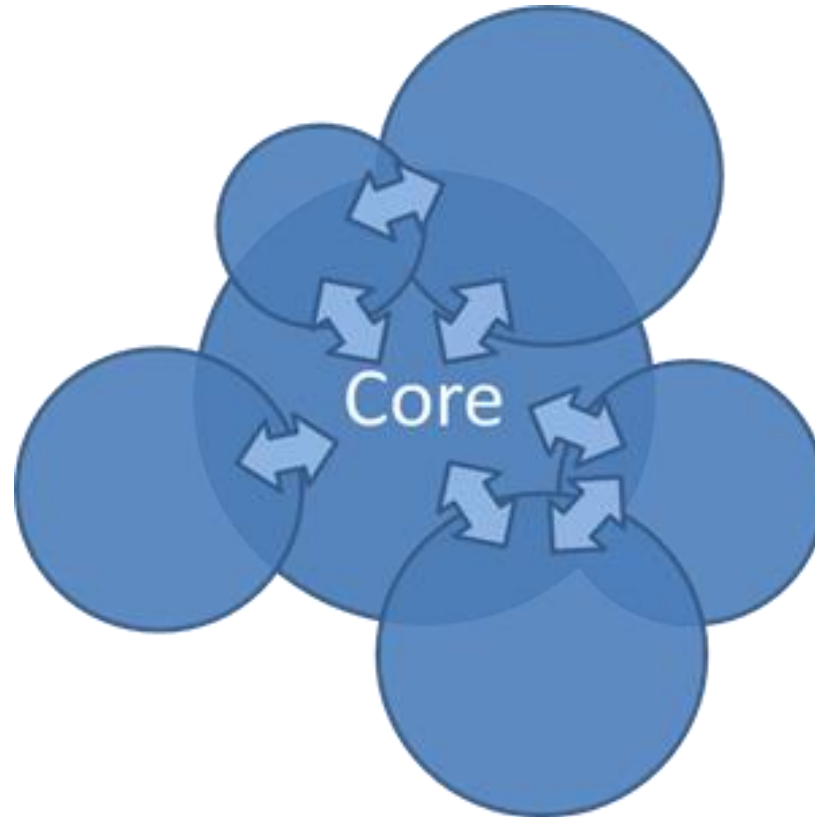|	
Unidirectional referencing within and across manuals, direct and indirect	To avoid convoluted "search paths", potentially leading to inconclusive outcomes

Concentric overlap-free, unidirectional topology, entailing a hierarchical structure with:

1. Core principles

    2. Specific domains

        3. Extensions

            4. Interpretations, clarifications

            5. Thematic manuals
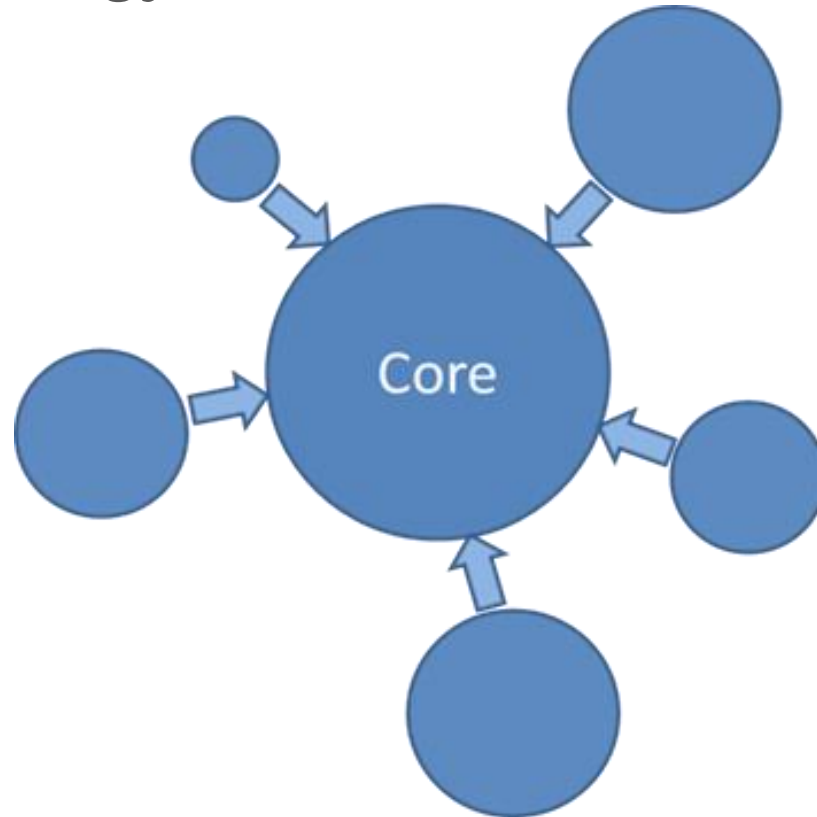
… other material …

What we have now

Concentric topology

- ✓ *Separate more general content from more specific content when designing the content of the manuals*

- ✓ *Develop common text for common methodological questions*

- ✓ *Develop single, shared digital repositories for common content*

- ✓ *Avoid thematic chapters in the more central manuals*

Thank you for your attention !