

# Monetary Policy and Wealth Effects: The Role of Risk and Heterogeneity\*

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## Abstract

We study the role of the revaluation of real and financial assets in the monetary policy transmission mechanism. We build an analytical heterogeneous-agents model with two main ingredients: i) rare disasters; and ii) heterogeneous beliefs. The model captures time-varying risk premia and precautionary savings in a linearized setting that nests the textbook New Keynesian model. Quantitatively, the model matches the empirical response of asset prices. When households' consumption equal dividends on real assets, changes in risk premia affect asset prices, but have no effect on output and inflation. With long-term and risky government debt, changes in risk premia caused by monetary policy have large real effects, and they account for the majority of the economy's response to changes in nominal interest rates.

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# 1 Introduction

A long tradition in monetary economics emphasizes the role of the revaluation of real and financial assets in shaping the economy's response to changes in monetary policy. Its importance can be traced back to both classical and Keynesian economists.<sup>1</sup> Keynes himself described the effects of interest rate changes as follows:

There are not many people who will alter their way of living because the rate of interest has fallen from 5 to 4 per cent, if their aggregate income is the same as before. [...] Perhaps the most important influence, operating through changes in the rate of interest, on the readiness to spend out of a given income, *depends on the effect of these changes on the appreciation or depreciation in the price of securities and other assets.*

- John Maynard Keynes, *The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money* (emphasis added).

These revaluation effects caused by monetary policy have been documented by an extensive empirical literature. [Bernanke and Kuttner \(2005\)](#) study the effects of monetary shocks on stock prices. [Gertler and Karadi \(2015\)](#) and [Hanson and Stein \(2015\)](#) consider the effects on bonds. A robust finding of this literature is that changes in asset prices are explained mainly by fluctuations in future excess returns, related to changes in the risk premia, rather than changes in the risk-free rate.<sup>2</sup>

The extent to which changes in asset prices play a relevant role in the transmission of monetary policy to the real economy, however, has been controversial. One view highlights the importance of *wealth effects*. For instance, [Cieslak and Vissing-Jorgensen \(2020\)](#) show that policymakers track the behavior of stock markets because of their impact on households' consumption, while [Chodorow-Reich, Nenov and Simsek \(2021\)](#) study the importance of this channel empirically. An alternative view defends that changes in asset valuations have no real implications. [Cochrane \(2020\)](#) and [Krugman \(2021\)](#) argue that movements in discount rates lead to changes in "paper wealth," without an impact on consumption.

In this paper, we study how monetary policy affects the real economy through changes in asset prices. We provide a new framework that generates rich asset-pricing dynamics and heterogeneous portfolios while preserving the simplicity of the textbook New Keynesian model. In particular, we propose a new solution technique that enable us to obtain time-varying risk premium and precautionary savings motive without having to resort to higher-order approximations.<sup>3</sup> We

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<sup>1</sup>The revaluation of government liabilities was central to [Pigou \(1943\)](#) and [Patinkin \(1965\)](#), while [Metzler \(1951\)](#) considered stocks and money. [Tobin \(1969\)](#) focused on the revaluation of real assets.

<sup>2</sup>For a recent review of this work, see [Bauer and Swanson \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup>As shown in e.g. [?](#) , a standard perturbation around the non-stochastic steady state can only generate time-varying risk premia with at least a third-order approximation.

derive necessary conditions for changes in risk premia to affect the real economy. Under very special conditions, we obtain a *risk-neutrality result*, where changes in risk premia caused by monetary shocks affect asset prices, but it has no effect on output and inflation. These conditions are, however, very stringent. We then assess quantitatively the importance of this channel and find that changes in risk premia account for a large fraction of the response of output and inflation to changes in monetary policy.

We consider an economy populated by workers and savers with two main ingredients: i) rare disasters, and ii) heterogeneous beliefs. Rare disasters enable us to capture both a precautionary savings motive and realistic risk premia. Barro (2009) and Gabaix (2012) argue that the risk of a rare disaster can successfully explain major asset-pricing facts.<sup>4</sup> Savers invest in stocks, government bonds, and household debt, and have heterogeneous beliefs, as in Caballero and Simsek (2020). As a consequence, they hold heterogeneous portfolios in equilibrium. This allows us to capture *time-variation* in risk premia in response to monetary shocks. Workers are constrained in equilibrium, so borrowers and savers have heterogeneous MPCs. Despite being stylized, the model captures quantitatively central aspects of the monetary transmission mechanism, including the term premium, the equity premium, and corporate spreads, as well as the differential responses of borrowers and savers to monetary shocks observed in the data.

Our first contribution is methodological and consists of an aggregation result. Given investor heterogeneity, we must characterize not only the dynamics of aggregate output and inflation, but also the behavior of portfolios, asset prices, net worth, and individual consumption. This increases the dimensionality of the problem and typically makes deriving analytical results infeasible. We show that our economy satisfies an *as if* result: the economy with heterogeneous savers behaves as an economy with a representative saver, but the probability of disaster, as implied by market prices, is time-varying and responds to monetary policy. This *market-implied disaster probability* is a key determinant of asset prices, and it is the main channel through which investor heterogeneity affects the real economy.

Our second contribution identifies conditions under which time-varying risk premia plays a role in the transmission of monetary policy to the real economy. Consistent with the empirical evidence, a contractionary monetary shock leads to an increase in risk premia and a reduction in the price of risky assets. One could then conclude that this reduction in households' wealth leads

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<sup>4</sup>Rare disasters have been widely used to explain a range of asset-pricing "puzzles"; see Tsai and Wachter (2015) for a review.

to a reduction in consumption. However, as the discount rate increases, the present discounted value of consumption decreases as well. The net effect of changes in risk premium is ambiguous and depends on whether households are net buyers or net sellers of risky assets. As recently articulated by [Cochrane \(2020\)](#) and [Krugman \(2021\)](#), a household who just consumes the dividends from their financial assets can still afford the same level of consumption after a change in discount rates. The wealth effect should then be zero in this case.

Formally, we show that the aggregate wealth corresponds to the sum of all households' wealth *net* of the change in the cost of the original consumption bundle. Naturally, the aggregate wealth effect does not depend on private debt. While private debt matters for individual households' consumption, the gross positions cancel out when we aggregate at the household sector level. More interestingly, the aggregate wealth effect does not depend on the equity premium either. It turns out that the difference between the revaluation of the households' assets and liabilities (including consumption) is given by the government's liabilities. The intuition is simple: in a closed economy, only the government is a counterpart to the household sector taken as a whole.<sup>5</sup> Thus, whether risk affects the *aggregate* wealth effect depends on the characteristics of government debt. We show that, in the absence of a precautionary motive, there are three cases in which risk has no impact on aggregate wealth: *i*) when government debt is zero, *ii*) when government debt is short term, and *iii*) when government debt is a consol. In these cases, either the households' net revaluation effect is zero or it is independent of risk premia.

The presence of risk also affects the households' precautionary motives. This effect arises from the redistribution among savers after a monetary shock. Because optimists hold a larger fraction of their wealth in risky assets (long-term bonds and equity), an increase in the interest rate disproportionately reduces their wealth. Holding the *aggregate* wealth effect constant, this redistribution of wealth is then reflected in the market-implied probability of disaster, which increases after the monetary shock as pessimist savers increase their holdings of risky assets. This is the "as-if" result in action: redistribution between optimists and pessimists is akin to an increase in the "objective" probability of disaster risk in a model with a representative agent. Note that the precautionary savings channel changes the *timing* of consumption but not the households' aggregate wealth.

Putting together all these results, we obtain a complete characterization of the consumption channel of monetary policy in this model. We show that the transmission of monetary policy to aggregate consumption has two components, one that affects its *present value* and one that affects

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<sup>5</sup>In an open economy, the foreign sector would be an additional counterpart.

its *timing*. The present value of consumption is given by the aggregate wealth effect. The timing of consumption depends in a prominent way on private debt and aggregate risk. For private debt, the intuition is that monetary policy redistributes between borrowers and savers. Because borrowers and savers have different MPCs with respect to transitory income shocks, a contractionary monetary policy reduces aggregate consumption on impact. However, because all households in the economy have an MPC of one for *permanent* changes in their income, savers eventually increase their consumption so that the present value of the changes cancel out. For aggregate risk, while precautionary savings increase on impact, they gradually decrease as the market-implied risk in the economy transitions back to its steady-state level. The present value of this effect is also zero.

In the absence of an aggregate wealth effect, monetary policy has then only a limited effect on the economy. A reduction in interest rates stimulates the economy in the present at the expense of a more depressed economy in the future. We also show that the central bank is unable to affect inflation when the wealth effect is zero. Moreover, future inflation rates respond *positively* to changes in nominal interest rates in this case. Therefore, the central bank's ability to stimulate the economy and control inflation is tightly connected to its ability to generate aggregate wealth effects.

Finally, our solution method allows us to obtain time-varying risk premia in a linearized setting and provide a complete analytical characterization of the channels involved. The method consists on perturbing the economy around a stationary equilibrium with *positive aggregate risk* instead of adopting the more common approach of approximating around a non-stochastic steady state. By perturbing around the stochastic stationary equilibrium, we are able to obtain time variation in precautionary motives and risk premia using a first-order approximation, while the standard approach would require a third-order approximation (see e.g. [Andreasen 2012](#)).<sup>6</sup> This hybrid approach can prove useful in other settings where capturing risk premia is important. It is well known that business cycle fluctuations in TFP cannot generate large risk premia without assuming implausible large risk aversion (see [Mehra and Prescott, 1985](#)). Disaster risk has been successful on this front, and our method shows how to incorporate it into rich macroeconomic models without sacrificing tractability.

Our calibration departs from the standard practice in three important ways. First, we set the

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<sup>6</sup>Moreover, by linearizing around an economy with zero monetary risk, we are able to solve for the stochastic stationary equilibrium in closed form, avoiding the need to compute the risky steady state numerically, as in [Coeurdacier, Rey and Winant \(2011\)](#).

households' intertemporal elasticity of substitution to 0.25 (which implies a risk aversion coefficient of 4 given our CRRA specification). This choice is lower than the usual value of 1 or 0.5. However, our choice is closer to recent studies using microdata, such as [Best, Cloyne, Ilzetzi and Kleven \(2020\)](#) who find a value of 0.1. Second, we need to calibrate the parameters associated with the disaster risk. For the parameters governing the steady-state levels, we follow [Barro \(2009\)](#). This implies an annual probability of a disaster of 1.7%. For the time-varying component of the risk premium, we calibrate the elasticity of the disaster shock to monetary policy to match the initial response of the term premium in [Gertler and Karadi \(2015\)](#). We show that this calibration generates a conditional equity premium and corporate spread that is consistent with the literature. Finally, for the fiscal response to a monetary shock, we augment the procedure in [Christiano, Eichenbaum and Evans \(1999\)](#) to incorporate fiscal variables. We use the yield on the 5-year government bond to compute the government's intertemporal budget constraint.

To quantify the importance of the channels present in the model, we start with the standard RANK model and add risk and household debt one at a time. We find that the forces in RANK explain less than 20% of the consumption response on impact to a monetary shock, risk explain around 50%, household slightly more than 20%, and the interaction of the two slightly less than 10%. Thus, risk and household debt are crucial components of the monetary transmission mechanism.

**Literature review.** Wealth effects have a long tradition in monetary economics. [Pigou \(1943\)](#) relied on a wealth effect to argue that full employment could be reached even in a liquidity trap. [Kalecki \(1944\)](#) argued that these effects apply only to government liabilities, as inside assets cancel out in the aggregate, while Tobin highlighted the role of private assets and high-MPC borrowers.<sup>7</sup> Recently, wealth effects have regained relevance. In an influential paper, [Kaplan, Moll and Violante \(2018\)](#) build a quantitative HANK model and find only a minor role for the standard intertemporal-substitution channel, leading the way to a more important role for wealth effects. Much of the literature has focused on the role of heterogeneous marginal propensities to consume (MPCs) in settings with idiosyncratic income risk. Instead, our focus is on aggregate risk and private debt.

Our work is closely related to two strands of literature. First, it relates to the analytical HANK

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<sup>7</sup>[Tobin \(1982\)](#) describes the role of inside assets: "The gross amount of these 'inside' assets was and is orders of magnitude larger than the net amount of the base. Aggregation would not matter if we could be sure that the marginal propensities to spend from wealth were the same for creditors and debtors. But if the spending propensity were systematically greater for debtors, even by a small amount, the Pigou effect would be swamped by this Fisher effect."

literature, such as [Werning \(2015\)](#), [Debortoli and Galí \(2017\)](#), and [Billiie \(2018\)](#). While this literature focuses primarily on how the cyclical nature of income interacts with differences in MPCs, we focus instead on how heterogeneous asset positions interact with differences in MPCs. We see these two channels as mostly complementary: even though [Cloyne, Ferreira and Surico \(2020\)](#) does not find significant differences in income sensitivity across borrowers and savers, [Patterson \(2019\)](#) finds a positive covariance between MPCs and the sensitivity of earnings to GDP across different demographic groups, suggesting that the income-sensitivity channel is operative for a different cut of the data. We share with [Eggertsson and Krugman \(2012\)](#) and [Benigno, Eggertsson and Romei \(2020\)](#) the emphasis on private debt, but they abstract from a precautionary motive and focus instead on the implications of deleveraging. [Iacoviello \(2005\)](#) also considers a monetary economy with private debt but focuses instead on the role of housing as collateral. Our work is also related to [Auclert \(2019\)](#), which studies the redistribution channel of monetary policy arising from portfolio heterogeneity. Our paper emphasizes the redistribution channel in the context of a general equilibrium setting with aggregate risk.

The paper is also closely related to work on how monetary policy affects the economy through changes in asset prices, including models with sticky prices, such as [Caballero and Simsek \(2020\)](#), and models with financial frictions, such as [Brunnermeier and Sannikov \(2016\)](#) and [Drechsler, Savov and Schnabl \(2018\)](#). In recent contributions, [Kekre and Lenel \(2020\)](#) consider the role of the marginal propensity to take risk in determining the risk premium and shaping the response of the economy to monetary policy, and [Campbell, Pflueger and Viceira \(2020\)](#) use a habit model to study the role of monetary policy in determining bond and equity premia. Our model highlights instead the role of heterogeneous MPCs, positive private liquidity, and disaster risk in an analytical framework that preserves the tractability of standard New Keynesian models.

Finally, a recent literature studies rare disasters and business cycles. [Gabaix \(2011\)](#) and [Gourio \(2012\)](#) consider a real business cycle model with rare disasters, while [Andreasen \(2012\)](#) and [Isoré and Szczerbowicz \(2017\)](#) allow for sticky prices. They focus on the effect of changes in disaster probability while we study monetary shocks in an analytical HANK model with rare disasters.

## **2 D-HANK: A Rare Disasters Analytical HANK Model**

In this section, we consider an analytical HANK model with two main ingredients: i) the possibility of rare disasters, and ii) heterogeneous beliefs.

## 2.1 The Model

**Environment.** Time is continuous and denoted by  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . The economy is populated by households, firms, and a government. There is a continuum of households that can be of three types: *workers*, *optimistic savers*, and *pessimistic savers* (denoted by  $w$ ,  $o$  and  $p$ , respectively), who differ in their discount rates and beliefs about the probability of the economy being hit by an aggregate shock. We let  $\mu_j \geq 0$  denote the mass of households of type  $j \in \{w, o, p\}$ , where  $\mu_w + \mu_o + \mu_p = 1$ . Households can borrow or lend at a riskless rate subject to a borrowing constraint, and they can save on long-term nominal government bonds and corporate equity. In this section, we assume that the borrowing limit is zero. We study the case of a positive borrowing limit and defaultable long-term household debt in Section 5. Workers are the only ones who supply labor, and they are relatively impatient, so their borrowing constraint is binding in equilibrium.

Firms can produce final or intermediate goods. Final-goods producers operate competitively and combine intermediate goods using a CES aggregator with elasticity  $\epsilon > 1$ . Intermediate-goods producers use labor as their only input and face quadratic (Rotemberg, 1982) pricing adjustment costs. Intermediate-goods producers are subject to an aggregate productivity shock: with Poisson intensity  $\bar{\lambda} \geq 0$ , their productivity is permanently reduced. This shock captures the possibility of rare disasters: low-probability, large drops in productivity and output, as in the work of Barro (2006, 2009). We say that periods that predate the realization of the shock are in the *no-disaster state*, and periods that follow the shock are in the *disaster state*. The disaster state is absorbing, and there are no further shocks after the disaster is realized.<sup>8</sup>

The government sets fiscal policy, comprising of transfers to workers and savers, and monetary policy, specified by an interest rate rule subject to monetary shocks.

**Savers' problem.** Savers face a portfolio problem where they choose how much to invest in short-term bonds, long-term bonds, and corporate equity.

A long-term bond issued in period  $t$  trades at a nominal market price  $Q_{L,t}$  in the no-disaster state and promises to pay coupons  $e^{-\psi_L(s-t)}$  at all dates  $s \geq t$ . Because of the structure of the coupon payments, the prices of the bonds issued at previous dates are proportional to new issues, i.e. a bond issued in  $t - z$  trades at  $Q_{L,t}e^{-\psi_L z}$  in period  $t$ . The rate of decay  $\psi_L$  is inversely related to the bond's duration, where a perpetuity corresponds to  $\psi_L = 0$  and the limit  $\psi_L \rightarrow \infty$  corresponds

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<sup>8</sup>Assuming an absorbing disaster state simplifies the presentation, but it is not essential for our results. Allowing for partial recovery, as in e.g. Barro, Nakamura, Steinsson and Ursúa (2013), introduces dynamics in the disaster state, but it does not change the implications for the no-disaster state, which is our focus.



to the case of short-term bonds. We denote by  $Q_{L,t}^*$  the price of the bond in the disaster state, where the star superscript is used throughout the paper to denote variables in the disaster state. Then, the nominal return on the long-term bond is given by

$$dR_{L,t} = \left[ \frac{1}{Q_{L,t}} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{L,t}}{Q_{L,t}} - \psi_L \right] dt + \frac{Q_{L,t}^* - Q_{L,t}}{Q_{L,t}} d\mathcal{N}_t,$$

where  $\mathcal{N}_t$  is a Poisson process with arrival rate  $\bar{\lambda}$  (under the objective measure).

The price of a claim on real aggregate corporate profits is denoted by  $Q_{E,t}$  and the real return on equities evolves according to

$$dR_{E,t} = \left[ \frac{\Pi_t}{Q_{E,t}} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{E,t}}{Q_{E,t}} \right] dt + \frac{Q_{E,t}^* - Q_{E,t}}{Q_{E,t}} d\mathcal{N}_t,$$

where  $\Pi_t$  denotes real profits and  $Q_{E,t}^*$  is the equity price in the disaster state.

Savers have heterogeneous beliefs regarding the probability of a disaster. Subjective beliefs about the arrival rate of the aggregate productivity shock are given by  $\lambda_j$ , for  $j \in \{o, p\}$ , where  $\lambda_o \leq \lambda_p$ . We follow [Chen, Joslin and Tran \(2012\)](#) and assume that savers are dogmatic in their beliefs about disaster risk, so we abstract from any learning process.

Savers' subjective discount rate is a function of their consumption share,  $\rho_{j,t} = \rho_j \left( \frac{C_{j,t}}{C_{s,t}} \right)$ , where  $C_{s,t} = \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} C_{o,t} + \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} C_{p,t}$  denotes savers' aggregate consumption. Following [Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe \(2003\)](#), we assume that  $\rho_j(\cdot)$  depends on the average consumption of type- $j$  savers, so it is taken as given by any individual saver. This formulation, a form of [Uzawa \(1968\)](#) preferences, implies that there is a unique stationary wealth distribution, but it is otherwise not central to our results.

Let  $B_{j,t} = B_{j,t}^S + B_{j,t}^L + B_{j,t}^E$  denote the net worth of a type- $j$  saver, the sum of short-term bonds  $B_{j,t}^S$ , long-term bonds  $B_{j,t}^L$ , and equity holdings  $B_{j,t}^E$ . A type- $j$  saver chooses consumption  $C_{j,t}$ , long-term bonds  $B_{j,t}^L$ , and equity holdings  $B_{j,t}^E$ , given an initial net worth  $B_{j,t} > 0$ , to solve the following problem:

$$V_{j,t}(B_{j,t}) = \max_{\{C_{j,z}, B_{j,z}^L, B_{j,z}^E\}_{z \geq t}} \mathbb{E}_{j,t} \left[ \int_t^{t^*} e^{-\int_t^z \rho_{j,u} du} \frac{C_{j,z}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} dz + e^{-\int_t^{t^*} \rho_{j,u} du} V_{j,t^*}^*(B_{j,t^*}^*) \right],$$

subject to the flow budget constraint

$$dB_{j,t} = \left[ (i_t - \pi_t) B_{j,t} + r_{L,t} B_{j,t}^L + r_{E,t} B_{j,t}^E + T_{j,t} - C_{j,t} \right] dt + \left[ B_{j,t}^* - B_{j,t} \right] d\mathcal{N}_t,$$

and borrowing constraint  $B_{j,t} \geq 0$ , given  $B_{j,0} > 0$ , where  $B_{j,t}^* = B_{j,t} + B_{j,t}^L \frac{Q_{L,t}^* - Q_{L,t}}{Q_{L,t}} + B_{j,t}^E \frac{Q_{E,t}^* - Q_{E,t}}{Q_{E,t}}$  is the net worth after the disaster is realized,  $i_t$  is the nominal interest rate,  $\pi_t$  is the inflation rate,  $r_{L,t} \equiv \frac{1}{Q_{L,t}} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{L,t}}{Q_{L,t}} - \psi_L - i_t$  is the excess return on long-term bonds conditional on no disasters,  $r_{E,t} \equiv \frac{\Pi_t}{Q_{E,t}} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{E,t}}{Q_{E,t}} - (i_t - \pi_t)$  is the excess return on equities conditional on no disasters, and  $T_{j,t}$  denotes government transfers. The random arrival time  $t^*$  represents the period in which the aggregate shock hits the economy.  $V_{j,t^*}^*$  denotes the value function in the disaster state. The savers' problem in the disaster state corresponds to a deterministic version of the problem above. The non-negativity constraint on  $B_{j,t}$  captures the assumption that households cannot borrow.

The savers' Euler equation for short-term bonds is given by

$$\frac{\dot{C}_{j,t}}{C_{j,t}} = \sigma^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - \rho_{j,t}) + \frac{\lambda_j}{\sigma} \left[ \left( \frac{C_{j,t}}{C_{j,t}^*} \right)^\sigma - 1 \right], \quad (1)$$

where  $C_{j,t}^*$  is the consumption of a type- $j$  saver in the disaster state. The first term captures the usual intertemporal-substitution force present in RANK models. The second term captures the *precautionary savings motive* generated by the disaster risk, and it is analogous to the precautionary motive that emerges in HANK models with idiosyncratic risk.

The Euler equation for long-term bonds is given by

$$r_{L,t} = \underbrace{\lambda_j \left( \frac{C_{j,t}}{C_{j,t}^*} \right)^\sigma}_{\text{price of disaster risk}} \underbrace{\frac{Q_{L,t} - Q_{L,t}^*}{Q_{L,t}}}_{\text{quantity of risk}}. \quad (2)$$

This expression captures a risk premium on long-term bonds, which pins down long-term interest rates in equilibrium. The premium on long-term bonds is given by the product of the *price of disaster risk*, the compensation for a unit exposure to the risk factor, and the *quantity of risk*, the loss the asset suffers conditional on switching to the disaster state.

Similarly, the Euler equation for equities is given by

$$r_{E,t} = \lambda_j \left( \frac{C_{j,t}}{C_{j,t}^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_{E,t} - Q_{E,t}^*}{Q_{E,t}}. \quad (3)$$

The expression above pins down the (conditional) equity premium. Note that differences in the quantity of risk drive the differences in expected returns between stocks and bonds.

**Workers' problem.** Workers supply labor and have GHH preferences (Greenwood, Hercowitz and Huffman, 1988) over consumption and labor. Their problem is given by

$$V_{w,t}(B_{w,t}) = \max_{\{C_{w,z}, N_{w,z}\}_{z \geq t}} \mathbb{E}_{w,t} \left[ \int_t^{t^*} \frac{e^{-\rho_w(z-t)}}{1-\sigma} \left( C_{w,z} - \frac{N_{w,z}^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi} \right)^{1-\sigma} dz + e^{-\rho_w(t^*-t)} V_{w,t^*}^*(B_{w,t^*}) \right],$$

subject to the flow budget constraint

$$dB_{w,t} = \left[ (i_t - \pi_t) B_{w,t} + \frac{W_t}{P_t} N_{w,t} + T_{w,t} - C_{w,t} \right] dt,$$

and the borrowing constraint  $B_{w,t} \geq 0$ , where  $W_t$  is the nominal wage,  $P_t$  is the price level, and  $T_{w,t}$  denotes fiscal transfers to workers.

We focus on the case where the initial condition is  $B_{w,0} = 0$  and  $\rho_b$  is sufficiently large, so workers are constrained at all periods. As workers are constrained, their beliefs about the disaster probability play no role in the determination of equilibrium. The labor supply is determined by the condition  $\frac{W_t}{P_t} = N_{w,t}^\phi$ . GHH preferences imply that there is no income effect on labor supply, roughly in line with the evidence (see e.g. Auclert, Bardóczy and Rognlie, 2021), and simplifies the model aggregation.<sup>9</sup>

**Market-implied probabilities and the SDF.** From equations (2) and (3), we can see that, even though savers disagree on the probability of a disaster, they agree on the *value* of a unit of consumption in that state.<sup>10</sup> We can then price any cash flow using the beliefs and marginal utility of either optimistic or pessimistic savers. Instead of using the beliefs of a specific saver, it is convenient to define the economy's stochastic discount factor (SDF) using the aggregate consumption of savers, and the corresponding disaster probability implied by asset prices, as shown in Proposition 1.

**Proposition 1** (Market-implied disaster probability). *Define the market-implied disaster probability  $\lambda_t$  as follows:*

$$\lambda_t \equiv \left[ \frac{\mu_o C_{o,t}}{\mu_o C_{o,t} + \mu_p C_{p,t}} \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + \frac{\mu_p C_{p,t}}{\mu_o C_{o,t} + \mu_p C_{p,t}} \lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \right]^\sigma, \quad (4)$$

and let  $\mathbb{E}_t[\cdot]$  denote the expectation operator associated with the arrival rate  $\lambda_t$  for the disaster shock. Then,

<sup>9</sup>GHH preferences avoid the counterfactual implications caused by income effects on labor supply in sticky-price heterogeneous-agent models emphasized by Broer, Harbo Hansen, Krusell and Öberg (2020).

<sup>10</sup>The value of a consumption unit in the disaster state for saver  $j$  is  $\lambda_j (C_{j,t}^*/C_{j,t})^{-\sigma}$ , the continuous-time version of the standard expression for state prices, which is equalized for all savers from Equations (2)-(3).

$\eta_t = e^{-\int_0^t \rho_{s,t} dz} C_{s,t}^{-\sigma}$  is a valid stochastic discount factor, i.e.,  $\eta_t$  correctly prices all tradeable assets given the disaster probability  $\lambda_t$  and the process  $\rho_{s,t}$ .

*Proof.* To ensure that  $\eta_t$  correctly prices long-term bonds and equities, consistent with equations (2) and (3), the market-implied disaster probability must satisfy the condition  $\lambda_t \left(\frac{C_{s,t}}{C_{s,t}^*}\right)^\sigma = \lambda_j \left(\frac{C_{j,t}}{C_{j,t}^*}\right)^\sigma \Rightarrow C_{j,t}^* = \left(\frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_t}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \frac{C_{s,t}^*}{C_{s,t}} C_{j,t}$ . Plugging  $C_{j,t}^*$  into the definition of savers' average consumption in the disaster state,  $C_{s,t}^* \equiv \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} C_{o,t}^* + \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} C_{p,t}^*$ , and rearranging gives equation (4). By setting  $\rho_{s,t} \equiv \sum_{j \in \{o,p\}} \frac{\mu_j C_{j,t}}{\mu_o C_{o,t} + \mu_p C_{p,t}} (\rho_{j,t} + \lambda_j) - \lambda_t$ , we ensure that  $\eta_t$  correctly prices risk-free bonds, i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}_t[d\eta_t]/\eta_t = -(i_t - \pi_t)dt$ .  $\square$

The market-implied probability  $\lambda_t$  is a CES aggregator of individual probabilities, weighted by the corresponding consumption share. Expression (4) is reminiscent of the complete-markets formula with heterogeneous beliefs in [Varian \(1985\)](#). In our setting, consumption shares can potentially move over time, which leads to endogenous time-variation in the perceived probability of a disaster. We can then price assets as-if the economy has a representative saver with (endogenous) time-varying beliefs.

**Firms' problem.** Intermediate-goods producers are indexed by  $i \in [0, 1]$  and operate in monopolistically competitive markets. Final good producers are price takers and combine intermediate goods to produce the final good. Their demand for variety  $i$  is given by  $Y_{i,t} = \left(\frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t}\right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t$ , and the equilibrium price level is given by  $P_t = \left(\int_0^1 P_{i,t}^{1-\epsilon} di\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\epsilon}}$ .

Intermediate-goods producers operate the linear technology  $Y_{i,t} = A_t N_{i,t}$ . Productivity in the no-disaster state is given by  $A_t = A$ , and productivity in the disaster state is given by  $A_t = A^*$ , where  $0 < A^* < A$ . Intermediate-goods producers choose the rate-of-change of prices  $\pi_{i,t} = \dot{P}_{i,t}/P_{i,t}$ , given the initial price  $P_{i,0}$ , to maximize the expected discounted value of real profits subject to Rotemberg quadratic adjustment costs:

$$Q_{i,t}(P_{i,t}) = \max_{\{\pi_{i,z}\}_{z \geq t}} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^{t^*} \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} \left( \frac{P_{i,z}}{P_z} Y_{i,z} - \frac{W_z}{P_z} \frac{Y_{i,z}}{A} - \frac{\varphi}{2} \pi_{i,t}^2 \right) dz + \frac{\eta_{t^*}}{\eta_t} Q_{i,t^*}^*(P_{i,t^*}) \right], \quad (5)$$

the demand  $Y_{i,t} = \left(\frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t}\right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t$ , and  $\dot{P}_{i,t} = \pi_{i,t} P_{i,t}$ , where  $Q_{i,t}^*(P_i)$  denotes the firms' value function in the disaster state. The price  $P_{i,t}$  is a state variable and  $\pi_{i,t}$  is a control variable. The parameter  $\varphi$  controls the magnitude of the pricing adjustment costs. These costs are rebated back to shareholders, so they do not represent real resource costs. Profits are discounted using the economy's SDF,

and expectations are computed using the market-implied probability  $\lambda_t$ , consistent with savers' valuation of the firm.

Combining the first-order condition and the envelope condition for problem (5), we obtain the non-linear New Keynesian Phillips curve (NKPC):

$$\dot{\pi}_t = \left( i_t - \pi_t + \lambda_t \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} \right) \pi_t - \frac{\epsilon}{\phi A} \left( \frac{W_t}{P_t} - (1 - \epsilon^{-1})A \right) Y_t, \quad (6)$$

assuming a symmetric initial condition  $P_{i,0} = P_0$ , for all  $i \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\pi_{i,t}^* = 0$ .

**Government.** The government is subject to a flow budget constraint

$$\dot{D}_{G,t} = (i_t - \pi_t + r_{L,t})D_{G,t} + \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j T_{j,t},$$

and a No-Ponzi condition  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_0[\eta_t D_{G,t}] \leq 0$ , where  $D_{G,t}$  denotes the real value of government debt,  $D_{G,0} = D_G$  is given, and analogous conditions hold in the disaster state. Transfers to workers are given by the policy rule  $T_{w,t} = T_w(Y_t)$ . We assume  $T_{o,t} = T_{p,t}$ , and the government adjusts transfers to savers such that the No-Ponzi condition is satisfied.

In the no-disaster state, monetary policy is determined by the policy rule

$$i_t = r_n + \phi_\pi \pi_t + u_t, \quad (7)$$

where  $\phi_\pi > 1$ ,  $u_t$  is a monetary shock, and  $r_n$  denotes the real rate when  $\pi_t = u_t = 0$  at all periods. We assume that in the disaster state there are no monetary shocks, that is,  $i_t^* = r_n^* + \phi_\pi \pi_t^*$ . By abstracting from the policy response after a disaster, we isolate the impact of changes in monetary policy during "normal times."

**Market clearing.** The market-clearing conditions are given by

$$\sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j C_{j,t} = Y_t, \quad \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j B_{j,t}^S = 0, \quad \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j B_{j,t}^L = D_{G,t}, \quad \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j B_{j,t}^E = Q_{E,t},$$

and  $\mu_w N_{w,t} = N_t$ , where  $Y_t = \left( \int_0^1 Y_{i,t}^{\frac{\epsilon-1}{\epsilon}} di \right)^{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon-1}}$  and  $N_t = \int_0^1 N_{i,t} di$ .

## 2.2 Equilibrium dynamics

**Stationary equilibrium.** We define a stationary equilibrium as an equilibrium in which all variables are constant in each aggregate state. The economy will be in a stationary equilibrium in the absence of monetary shocks, that is,  $u_t = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Since variables are constant in each state, we drop time subscripts and write, for instance,  $C_{j,t} = C_j$  and  $C_{j,t}^* = C_j^*$ . For ease of exposition, we follow [Bilbiie \(2018\)](#) and assume that  $T_w$  implements  $C_w = Y$  and  $C_w^* = Y^*$ , and a symmetric allocation in the disaster state:  $C_o^* = C_p^*$ . We discuss a more general case in [Appendix A](#).

The natural interest rate, the real rate in the stationary equilibrium, is given by

$$r_n = \rho_s - \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma - 1 \right],$$

where  $\rho_s$  and  $\lambda$  are the values of  $\rho_{s,t}$  and  $\lambda_t$  in the stationary equilibrium, and  $0 < C_s^* < C_s$ . We assume that the natural rate is positive,  $r_n > 0$ . The precautionary motive depresses the natural interest rate relative to the one that would prevail in a non-stochastic economy.

For both types of savers to be unconstrained in the stationary equilibrium, we must have  $\rho_o + \lambda_o = \rho_p + \lambda_p$ . As  $\rho_j$  depends on the consumption share, this condition pins down the stationary-equilibrium consumption and wealth distributions. For simplicity, we assume that this equality holds when both types have the same net worth, i.e,  $B_o = B_p$ .

From equation (2), we can pin down the term spread, the difference between the yield on the long-term bond and the short-term rate, in this economy:

$$r_L = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_L - Q_L^*}{Q_L},$$

and  $Q_L^* < Q_L$ . It can be shown that  $r_L = i_L - r_n$ , where  $i_L$  is the yield on the long-term bond in the stationary equilibrium. Thus, our model generates an upward-sloping yield curve, where long-term yields exceed the short rate, consistent with the data.<sup>11</sup>

Similarly, the equity premium (conditional on no-disaster) is given by

$$r_E = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_E - Q_E^*}{Q_E},$$

and  $Q_E^* < Q_E$ .<sup>12</sup> Therefore, the equity premium is positive in the stationary equilibrium.

<sup>11</sup>The upward-sloping yield curve is caused by the lack of precautionary savings in the disaster state. We would obtain similar results by introducing expropriation and inflation in a disaster, as in [Barro \(2006\)](#).

<sup>12</sup>The unconditional equity premium equals  $r_E$  minus the expected loss on a disaster. Using  $\lambda$  to compute the

Households have heterogeneous portfolios in equilibrium. Workers are against the borrowing constraint and hold no equities or long-term bonds. Optimistic savers are more exposed to disaster risk than pessimist investors. The exact composition of their portfolio is indeterminate, as we have one redundant asset. For concreteness, we focus on the case  $B_o^E = B_p^E$ , so optimists hold more long-term bonds, i.e.  $B_o^L > B_p^L$ . This leads to a simpler presentation in the analysis that follows.

**Log-linear dynamics.** We focus on a log-linear approximation of the equilibrium conditions. However, instead of linearizing around the non-stochastic steady state, we linearize the equilibrium conditions around the (stochastic) stationary equilibrium described above. Formally, we perturb the allocation around the economy where  $u_t = 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , while the standard approach would perturb around the economy where  $u_t = \lambda_t = 0$ . This enables us to capture the effects of (time-varying) precautionary savings and risk premia in a linear setting, as shown below.<sup>13</sup>

Let lower-case variables denote log-deviations from the stationary equilibrium, e.g.,  $y_t \equiv \log Y_t/Y$  and  $c_{w,t} \equiv \log C_{w,t}/C_w$ . Workers' consumption is given by

$$c_{w,t} = \frac{WN_w}{PY}(w_t - p_t + n_{w,t}) + T'_w(Y)y_t \Rightarrow c_{w,t} = \chi_y y_t, \quad (8)$$

using  $w_t - p_t = \phi y_t$  and  $n_{w,t} = y_t$ , where  $\chi_y \equiv \frac{WN_w}{PY}(1 + \phi) + T'_w(Y)$ . The coefficient  $\chi_y$  controls the cyclicity of income inequality among workers and savers. We focus on the case  $0 < \chi_y < \mu_w^{-1}$ , such that the consumption of savers, which is given by  $c_{s,t} = \frac{1 - \mu_w \chi_y}{1 - \mu_w} y_t$  from the market clearing condition for goods, is also increasing in  $y_t$ .

Linearizing equation (1) and aggregating across savers, we obtain

$$\dot{c}_{s,t} = \sigma^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma p_{d,t}, \quad (9)$$

where

$$p_{d,t} \equiv \sigma(c_{s,t} - c_{s,t}^*) + \hat{\lambda}_t \quad (10)$$

denotes the price of (disaster) risk,  $\hat{\lambda}_t \equiv \log \frac{\lambda_t}{\lambda}$ , and we used the linearized discount-rate function:  $\rho_{j,t} = \rho_j + \sigma \tilde{\zeta}(c_{j,t} - c_{s,t})$ .<sup>14</sup> The expression for the price of risk has two terms. The first term

expected loss, the (unconditional) equity premium would be given by  $\lambda [(C_s/C_s^*)^\sigma - 1] (Q_E - Q_E^*)/Q_E$ .

<sup>13</sup>This method differs from the procedure considered by [Coourdacier et al. \(2011\)](#) or [Fernández-Villaverde and Levintal \(2018\)](#), as we linearize around a stochastic steady state of an economy with no monetary shocks, instead of the stochastic steady state of the economy with both shocks.

<sup>14</sup> Uzawa preferences correspond to the case  $\zeta > 0$  and constant discount rates correspond to  $\tilde{\zeta} = 0$ . To simplify the model's aggregation, we assume that the slope coefficient  $\sigma \tilde{\zeta}$  is the same for both types.

captures the change in the savers' marginal utility of consumption if the disaster shock is realized. The second term represents the change in the market-implied disaster probability after a monetary shock.

Combining condition (8) for borrowers' consumption, equation (9) for savers' Euler equation, and the market-clearing condition for goods, we obtain the evolution of aggregate output. Proposition 2 characterizes the dynamics of aggregate output and inflation, given the paths of  $i_t$  and  $p_{d,t}$ . Proofs omitted in the text are provided in the appendix.

**Proposition 2** (Aggregate dynamics). *Given  $[i_t, p_{d,t}]_{t \geq 0}$ , the dynamics of output and inflation is described by the conditions:*

*i. Aggregate Euler equation:*

$$\dot{y}_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \chi_{p_d} p_{d,t}, \quad (11)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \equiv \frac{1-\mu_w}{1-\mu_w\chi_y} \sigma^{-1} \text{ and } \chi_{p_d} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{\tilde{\sigma}} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma.$$

*ii. New Keynesian Phillips curve:*

$$\dot{\pi}_t = \rho\pi_t - \kappa y_t, \quad (12)$$

$$\text{where } \rho \equiv \rho_s + \lambda \text{ and } \kappa \equiv \varphi^{-1}(\epsilon - 1)\phi Y.$$

Condition (11) represents the *aggregate Euler equation*. This equation has two terms, capturing the effects of heterogeneous MPCs, aggregate risk, and heterogeneous beliefs. The first term is the product of the aggregate elasticity of intertemporal substitution (EIS),  $\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}$ , and the real interest rate. The aggregate EIS depends on the cyclicality of inequality among workers and savers, as captured by  $\chi_y$ . As in the work of [Werning \(2015\)](#) and [Bilbiie \(2019\)](#), heterogeneous MPCs amplify the effect of changes in interest rates if workers' consumption share is procyclical (i.e.,  $\chi_y > 1$ ), as it implies that  $\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} > \sigma^{-1}$ .

The second term,  $\chi_{p_d} p_{d,t}$ , captures the effect of aggregate risk. To understand the economic forces behind this expression, it is useful to rewrite equation (10) as

$$p_{d,t} = \tilde{\sigma} y_t + \hat{\lambda}_t, \quad (13)$$



where we used that  $y_t^* = 0$ . Then, the aggregate Euler equation can be written as

$$\dot{y}_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \delta y_t + \chi_{p_d} \hat{\lambda}_t,$$

where  $\delta \equiv \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma$ . In the absence of belief heterogeneity, so  $\hat{\lambda}_t = 0$ , we can write output as  $y_t = -\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \int_t^\infty e^{-\delta(s-t)} (i_s - \pi_s - r_n) ds$ . Hence, a positive  $\delta$  dampens the effect of future real interest rates, as in the discounted Euler equation of [McKay, Nakamura and Steinsson \(2017\)](#). In our setting, this is the result of a precautionary motive in response to aggregate disaster risk instead of idiosyncratic income risk. The last term,  $\chi_{p_d} \hat{\lambda}_t$ , captures the effect of heterogeneous beliefs. An increase in the market-implied disaster probability implies that pessimistic investors have a higher consumption share, as shown in [Proposition 1](#). This increase in pessimism triggers a stronger precautionary motive in the aggregate.

Finally, [Proposition 2](#) derives the NKPC. As in a textbook New Keynesian model, inflation is given by the present discounted value of future output gaps,  $\pi_t = \kappa \int_t^\infty e^{-\rho(s-t)} y_s ds$ .

**Fiscal backing.** The log-linearized government's flow budget constraint is given by

$$\dot{d}_{G,t} = i_L d_{G,t} + (i_t - \pi_t + r_{L,t} - i_L) - \frac{1}{\bar{d}_G} (\chi_\tau y_t + \tau_t),$$

where  $\bar{d}_G \equiv \frac{D_G}{Y}$ , and  $\chi_\tau y_t + \tau_t$  denotes the primary surplus. The coefficient  $\chi_\tau \equiv -\mu_w T'_w(Y)$  captures the elasticity of tax revenues to output and  $\tau_t \equiv -\sum_{j \in \{o,p\}} \mu_j \frac{T_{j,t} - T_j}{Y}$  represents taxes on savers. As the government adjusts  $\tau_t$  to ensure the No-Ponzi condition is satisfied, we refer to  $\tau_t$  as the *fiscal backing* to the monetary shock.

### 2.3 Monetary policy and risk premia

**Asset prices.** The response of asset prices to monetary policy depends crucially on the behavior of the price of disaster risk, as shown in [equations \(2\) and \(3\)](#). Given the (linearized) price of risk in [equation \(13\)](#), we can price any financial asset in this economy. For example, the price of the long-term bond in period zero is given by

$$q_{L,0} = - \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho+\psi_L)t} (i_t - r_n) dt}_{\text{path of nominal interest rates}} - \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho+\psi_L)t} r_{L,p_d,t} dt}_{\text{term premium}}. \quad (14)$$

The yield on the long-term bond, expressed as deviations from the stationary equilibrium, is given by  $-Q_L^{-1}q_{L,0}$ , which can be decomposed into two terms: the path of nominal interest rates, as in the expectations hypothesis, and a *term premium*, capturing variations in the compensation for holding long-term bonds. The term premium depends on the price of risk,  $p_{d,t}$ , and the asset-specific loading  $r_L$ . Because the term premium responds to monetary shocks, the expectation hypothesis does not hold in this economy.

The pricing condition for equities is analogous to the one for long-term bonds:

$$q_{E,0} = \underbrace{\frac{Y}{Q_E} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \hat{\Pi}_t dt}_{\text{dividends}} - \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_E p_{d,t}] dt}_{\text{discount rate}}, \quad (15)$$

where  $\hat{\Pi}_t = y_t - \frac{WN}{PY}(w_t - p_t + n_t)$ . Equity prices respond to changes in monetary policy through two channels: a *dividend channel*, capturing changes in firms' profits, and a *discount rate channel*, capturing changes in real interest rates and risk premia. Risk premia depends on the price of risk,  $p_{d,t}$ , and the asset-specific loading  $r_E$ .

**Market-implied disaster probability.** Recall that the price of risk depends on  $y_t$  and  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ . We now characterize  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ . Log-linearizing equation (4), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \hat{\lambda}_t = \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \right) [c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}],$$

where  $\mu_{c,j} \equiv \frac{\mu_j C_j}{\mu_o C_o + \mu_p C_p}$ , for  $j \in \{o, p\}$ . The market-implied disaster probability increases when the monetary shock redistributes wealth towards pessimistic savers. As shown in Appendix A.3, the relative consumption of the two types of savers evolves according to

$$\dot{c}_{p,t} - \dot{c}_{o,t} = -\tilde{\zeta}(c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}),$$

and the law of motion of relative net worth  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$  is given by

$$\dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = \rho(b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}) - \chi_{b,c}(c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}) + \chi_{b,c_s} c_{s,t},$$

where the coefficients  $\chi_{b,c}$  and  $\chi_{b,c_s}$  are a function of portfolios and returns in the stationary equilibrium. Given that the evolution of relative net worth depends on  $c_{s,t}$ , and  $c_{s,t}$  depends on  $y_t$ , we must simultaneously solve for  $[c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}, b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}]_0^\infty$  and  $[i_t, y_t, \pi_t]_0^\infty$ . In this case, obtaining

analytical results would likely be infeasible. We show next that this system satisfies an *approximate block recursivity* property, where we can solve for  $c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}$  and  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$  independently of  $(y_t, \pi_t)$ , provided the effect of  $c_{s,t}$  on risk premia is small.

**Proposition 3** (Approximate block recursivity). *Suppose  $r_k \sigma c_{s,t}$  is small for  $k \in \{L, E\}$ , i.e.  $r_k \sigma c_{s,t} = \mathcal{O}(\|i_t - r_n\|^2)$ . Then, the market-implied probability of disaster  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  and relative net worth  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$  can be solved independently of  $(y_t, \pi_t)$ , and they are given by*

$$\hat{\lambda}_t = e^{-\psi_\lambda t} \hat{\lambda}_0, \quad (16)$$

$b_{p,t} - b_{o,t} = e^{-\psi_\lambda t} (b_{p,0} - b_{o,0})$ , and  $\psi_\lambda = \zeta$ . If  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t} (i_0 - r_n)$ , then  $\hat{\lambda}_0$  is given by

$$\hat{\lambda}_0 = \epsilon_\lambda (i_0 - r_n), \quad (17)$$

where  $\epsilon_\lambda \geq 0$  and the inequality is strict if and only if  $\lambda_p > \lambda_o$ .

Proposition 3 shows that we can solve for  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  and  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$  independently of output and inflation if  $r_k \sigma c_{s,t}$  is small. If  $r_k \sigma c_{s,t}$  is second-order on the size of the monetary shock, its first-order impact on risk premia is negligible. In this case, we can solve for  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  and  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$  independently of  $(y_t, \pi_t)$ . As the dynamics of  $(y_t, \pi_t)$  depends on  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ , but  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  does not depend on  $(y_t, \pi_t)$ , we say the system is (approximately) block recursive. We show in the appendix that the solution ignoring the terms  $r_k \sigma c_{s,t}$  tracks very closely the numerical solution where these terms are taken into account.

Uzawa preferences ensure that the effects of the monetary shock on the price of risk are transitory. If  $\zeta = 0$ , so subjective discount rates are constant, then  $\psi_\lambda = 0$  and a temporary monetary shock has a permanent effect on  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ . The reason is that a monetary policy surprise leads to permanent changes in relative net worth and relative consumption in this case. With Uzawa preferences, savers' net worth eventually converge to their stationary-equilibrium level, so the effect on  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  is transitory.

An important implication of equation (17) is that the price of risk increases after a contractionary monetary shock. A monetary tightening redistributes wealth away from optimistic investors, as they are more exposed to risky assets. The economy becomes on average more pessimistic, which raises the required compensation for holding risky assets. The increase in risk premia in response to contractionary monetary shocks is consistent with the evidence in, e.g., [Gertler and Karadi \(2015\)](#) and [Hanson and Stein \(2015\)](#). Notice that investor heterogeneity is necessary

for this result, as  $\hat{\lambda}_t = 0$  when  $\lambda_o = \lambda_p$ .

**The four-equation system.** Proposition 3 allows us to write the price of risk as follows:

$$p_{d,t} = \tilde{\sigma}y_t + e^{-\psi\lambda t}\hat{\lambda}_0,$$

where  $\hat{\lambda}_0$  is a function of the path of nominal interest rates. Combining the expression above for the price of risk with the interest rate rule (7), the aggregate Euler equation (11), and the NKPC (12), we obtain a four-equation system describing the economy's aggregate dynamics. The system is similar to the textbook three-equation model (see, e.g., Galí, 2015). The interest rate rule and the NKPC are isomorphic to the ones in the simple model. Equation (11) is analogous to the standard Euler equation but features an additional term that depends on the price of risk,  $p_{d,t}$ . It is this term that connects aggregate risk, asset prices, and macroeconomic variables. Finally, equation (18) characterizes how the price of risk depends on aggregate output and changes in monetary policy.

The approximate block-recursivity is crucial to allow us to write the system in terms of aggregate variables, without having to simultaneously solve for the dynamics of individual balance sheets. The portfolio dynamics is summarized by two coefficients:  $\epsilon_\lambda$ , which captures the pass-through of nominal rates to the initial price of risk, and  $\epsilon_{\lambda_t}$ , which controls the persistence of the price of risk. Both coefficients depend on investors' beliefs and their portfolio holdings in the stationary equilibrium.

### 3 Monetary Policy and Wealth Effects

We considered so far how monetary policy affects risk premia and asset prices through their impact on the price of risk,  $p_{d,t}$ , and the market-implied disaster probability,  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ . We study next how the revaluation of real and financial assets affects the real economy.

#### 3.1 Wealth effects and asset revaluations

Asset revaluations caused by monetary policy have received significant attention recently. For instance, Cieslak and Vissing-Jorgensen (2020) show that policymakers pay attention to the stock market due to its potential (consumption) wealth effect. In contrast, Cochrane (2020) and Krugman (2021) argue that wealth gains on "paper" are not relevant for households who simply consume their dividends. To understand how changes in wealth ultimately affect the real economy,

we proceed by first providing a formal definition of wealth effects and then showing how wealth effects shape households' consumption behavior.

**Wealth effects.** Define the *wealth effect* of household  $j \in \{w, o, p\}$  as (minus) the total compensation required for the household's initial consumption bundle to be just affordable. Thus, a monetary policy shock generates a negative wealth effect if a positive compensation is required for a household to afford her pre-shock consumption level. Formally, we define the wealth effect, normalized by the initial consumption level, as follows:

$$\Omega_{j,0} \equiv -\frac{1}{C_j} \left( \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} \bar{C}_{j,t} dt \right] - \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t} dt \right] \right). \quad (18)$$

where  $\bar{C}_{j,t}$  denotes consumption in the stationary equilibrium, i.e.  $\bar{C}_{j,t} = C_j$  in the no-disaster state and  $\bar{C}_{j,t} = C_j^*$  in the disaster state. The first term inside parenthesis corresponds to the present value of the consumption bundle in the stationary equilibrium discounted by the after-shock SDF, and the second term corresponds to the present discounted value of the consumption bundle in the economy with a monetary shock. The difference between the two equals the additional amount of wealth required for the household to afford the stationary-equilibrium consumption bundle under the new prices. This definition corresponds to (minus) the Slutsky wealth compensation, as defined in [Mas-Colell, Whinston and Green \(1995\)](#), which justifies referring to  $\Omega_{j,0}$  as a wealth effect.<sup>15</sup>

Linearizing equation (18), we obtain

$$\Omega_{j,0} = \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left( c_{j,t} + \chi_{c_j^*} c_{j,t}^* \right) dt,$$

where  $\chi_{c_j^*} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{\rho_s} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{C_j^*}{C_j}$ . The wealth effect determines the present discounted value of consumption across the two states. Therefore, a monetary shock must generate a positive wealth effect to stimulate consumption in all dates and states. In the absence of a wealth effect, monetary policy can only shift demand over time or across states.

**Asset revaluation.** In equilibrium, the wealth effect depends on the revaluation of real and financial assets. To show this connection, consider the intertemporal budget constraint (IBC) for

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<sup>15</sup>[Mas-Colell et al. \(1995\)](#) also proposed an alternative wealth compensation, the so-called Hicksian wealth compensation. We show in Appendix B.5 that the two definitions are equivalent up to first order. Moreover, the wealth effect corresponds to the compensating variation (CV) and equivalent variation (EV) of the policy change.

saver  $j \in \{0, p\}$ . From the flow budget constraint and transversality condition, we obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t} dt \right] = B_{j,0} + \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} T_{j,t} dt \right].$$

The left-hand side corresponds to the value of a claim on consumption, which we denote by  $Q_{C_j,t} \equiv \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} C_{j,z} dz \right]$ . The right-hand side corresponds to saver's net worth  $B_{j,0}$ , the value of stocks and bonds, and a claim on fiscal transfers, denoted by  $Q_{T_j,t} \equiv \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} T_{j,t} dz \right]$ . The linearized intertemporal budget constraint can be written as follows:

$$Q_{C_j} q_{C_j,0} = B_j^L q_{L,0} + B_j^E q_{E,0} + Q_{T_j} q_{T_j,0},$$

where  $q_{C_j,0} \equiv \log Q_{C_j,0} / Q_{C_j}$  and  $q_{T_j} = \log Q_{T_j,0} / Q_{T_j}$ .

We can price the consumption and transfer claims in the same way as we priced stocks and bonds (see equations 14 and 15). For instance, the price of the consumption claim is

$$q_{C_j,0} = \frac{C_j}{Q_{C_j}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (c_{j,t} + \chi_{c_j^*} c_{j,t}^*) dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_{C_j} p_{d,t}) dt, \quad (19)$$

where  $r_{C_j} \equiv \lambda \left( \frac{C_j}{C_j^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_{C_j} - Q_{C_j}^*}{Q_{C_j}}$ .

Combining the pricing condition for consumption and the linearized IBC, we obtain

$$\underbrace{\Omega_{j,0}}_{\text{wealth effect}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{C_j} \left[ B_j^L q_{L,0} + B_j^E q_{E,0} + Q_{T_j} q_{T_j,0} \right]}_{\text{asset-revaluation effect}} + \underbrace{\frac{Q_{C_j}}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_{C_j} p_{d,t}) dt}_{\text{consumption's discount-rate effect}}.$$

The wealth effect caused by changes in monetary policy has two components. The first component corresponds to the *asset-revaluation effect*, i.e., the change in the value of stocks, bonds, and fiscal transfers. Intuitively, an increase in interest rates would reduce the value of long-term assets, such as stocks and bonds, making the household poorer. The second component corresponds to the *consumption's discount-rate effect*, i.e., the change in the value of the consumption claim due to changes in discount rates. An increase in interest rates reduces the value of the consumption claim, everything else constant, so less wealth is required to finance the same consumption bundle. Therefore, the consumption's discount-rate effect goes in the opposite direction of the asset-revaluation effect. The net effect depends on the sensitivity of households' assets to changes in discount rates relative to the sensitivity of the consumption claim.

**Cash flows vs. discount rates.** Using the pricing condition for bonds, equities, and the transfers claim, we can write the wealth effect as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{j,0} = & -\frac{B_j^L}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho+\psi_L)t} \pi_t dt + \frac{Y}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left( B_j^E \hat{\Pi}_t + Q_{T_j} \hat{T}_{j,t} \right) dt \\ & + \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \frac{\Delta B_j^S}{C_j} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \frac{\Delta B_{j,t}^L}{C_j} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_L p_{d,t}) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

using  $Q_{C_j} = B_j^S + B_j^E + B_j^L + Q_{T_j}$  and  $Q_{C_j} r_{C_j} = B_j^E r_E + B_j^L r_L + Q_{T_j} r_{T_j}$ , where  $\hat{T}_{j,t} \equiv \frac{T_{j,t} - T_j}{Y}$ ,  $\Delta B_{j,t}^L = (1 - e^{-\psi_L t}) B_j^L$  denotes the net purchases of long-term bonds in period  $t$  of the no-disaster state, and  $\Delta B_j^S = B_j^S$  denotes the net purchases of short-term bonds.

The first line in the expression above captures the (real) cash-flow effect for long-term bonds, stocks, and fiscal transfers. Naturally, everything else constant, a household is better off if inflation is lower or if profits and transfers are higher. The second-line captures the net discount-rate effect, that is, the difference in the discount-rate effect for bonds, stocks, and transfers and the discount-rate effect for the consumption claim.

An important implication of equation (20) is that the net discount-rate effect depends on the net purchases of financial assets. In the stationary equilibrium, savers buy-and-hold stocks. Expression (20) then shows that, in the absence changes in dividends, movements in stock prices do not generate a wealth effect.

The case where the investor holds no bonds, so  $B_j^L = B_j^S = 0$ , and there is no change in cash flows,  $\hat{\Pi}_t = \hat{T}_{j,t} = 0$ , is particularly illustrative. In this case, the wealth effect is equal to zero, despite a potentially large revaluation effect caused by the drop in equity prices. How is it possible that households' financial wealth suffers a large drop, while the wealth effect is zero? As savers buy-and-hold stocks in the stationary equilibrium, they can still afford their initial consumption bundle as long as they do not sell the stocks, given our assumption of no changes in dividends. Therefore, the wealth effect is zero in this case.

A similar point emerges in the discussion of capital-gains taxation. Discussing the impact of a drop in interest rates for an investor (Bob) whose consumption equals dividends every period, [Cochrane \(2020\)](#) says

"When the interest rate goes down, it takes more wealth to finance the same consumption stream. The present value of liabilities – consumption – rises just as much as the present value of assets, so on a net basis Bob is not at all better."

In our terms, the increase in financial wealth does not translate into a positive wealth effect, as the increase in the price of stocks exactly cancels out the increase in the value of the consumption claim after a drop in interest rates when consumption equals dividends.

### 3.2 Aggregate wealth effect and risk-premium neutrality

We consider next the aggregate implications of wealth effects. From workers' flow budget constraints, the IBC for savers, and the market clearing conditions, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_t dt \right] = D_{G,0} + Q_{E,0} + \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} \left( \frac{W_t}{P_t} N_t + T_t \right) dt \right],$$

where  $C_t \equiv \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j C_{j,t}$  and  $T_t \equiv \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j T_{j,t}$ , so the value of the aggregate consumption claim equals the value of stocks and bonds as well as human wealth, the present discounted value of labor income after transfers.

Define the aggregate wealth effect as  $\Omega_0 \equiv \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \frac{\mu_j C_j}{Y} \Omega_{j,0}$ . The aggregate wealth effect determines the average level of aggregate consumption in the no-disaster state,  $\Omega_0 = \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} c_t dt$ , as  $c_t^* = 0$ . Hence,  $\Omega_0$  plays an important role in how monetary shocks affect the real economy. The next lemma provides a characterization of  $\Omega_0$ .

**Lemma 1.** *The aggregate wealth effect  $\Omega_0$  is given by*

$$\Omega_0 = \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left[ \hat{\Gamma}_t + \frac{WN}{PY} (w_t - p_t + n_t) + \hat{T}_t - e^{-\psi_L t} \bar{d}_G \pi_t \right] dt}_{\text{cash-flow effect}} + \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \Delta B_t^L (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_L p_{d,t}) dt}_{\text{net discount-rate effect}}, \quad (21)$$

where  $\hat{T}_t \equiv \frac{T_t - T}{Y}$  and  $\Delta B_t^L = (1 - e^{-\psi_L t}) \bar{d}_G$ .

The aggregate wealth effect has two components. First, the cash-flow effect, capturing changes in dividends, after-transfers labor income, and real coupons on government bonds. Second, the net discount-rate effect, capturing the difference between the discount-rate effect for households' assets and for the aggregate consumption claim. An increase in interest rates reduce the value of long-term assets (i.e., stocks, bonds, and human wealth), but also reduces the value of the consumption claim. The net effect again depends on the relative sensitivity of assets and consumption to changes in discount rates. In contrast to the individual wealth effect (see equation 20), the net discount-rate effect depends only on the amount of long-term bonds. As short-term bonds are in zero net supply, any gains for a given saver are offset by a corresponding loss to another saver.



Moreover, as the household sector as whole behaves as a buy-and-hold investor on equities, then changes in discount rates on equities generate no wealth effects.

**Risk-premium neutrality.** We are ready to state the main result of this section. Proposition 4 shows that, under certain conditions, two economies can have different asset prices, driven by differences in risk premia, but exactly the same path of output and inflation.

**Proposition 4** (Risk-premium neutrality). *Suppose the government uses a consumption tax to neutralize the precautionary motive induced by  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ , that is, consider  $\tau_t^c$  satisfying  $\hat{\tau}_t^c = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right) \hat{\lambda}_t$ , where  $\hat{\tau}_t^c \equiv \log(1 + \tau_t^c)$ ,  $\tau_t^c = \tau_t^{c,*}$ , and the revenue is rebated back to households. Then,  $[y_t, \pi_t]_0^\infty$  is independent of  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ . Moreover, the fiscal backing  $\tau_t$  is independent of  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  if one of the following conditions are satisfied: i)  $\bar{d}_G = 0$ ; ii)  $\bar{d}_G > 0$  and  $\psi_L = \infty$ ; iii)  $\bar{d}_G > 0$  and  $\psi_L = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Savers' Euler equation for the riskless bond is now given by  $\dot{c}_{s,t} = \sigma^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n - \hat{\tau}_t^c) + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma [\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}]$ , which is independent of  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  if  $\hat{\tau}_t^c = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \hat{\lambda}_t$ . As  $\tau_t^c = \tau_t^{c,*}$ , Euler equations for risky assets are not affected. The aggregate Euler equation then takes the same form as in equation (11), but with  $\chi_{p_d} = 0$ . As the revenue is rebated back to households, workers are not affected. If  $\bar{d}_G = 0$ , the last two terms in  $\Omega_0$  are equal to zero. If  $\bar{d}_G > 0$  and  $\psi_L = 0$ ,  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  in the last two terms in  $\Omega_0$  exactly cancel out. If  $\psi_L = \infty$ , government bonds are safe and  $r_L = 0$ .  $\Omega_0$  is independent of  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  in all three cases.  $\square$

Proposition 4 provides conditions under which the price of risk does not impact the monetary transmission mechanism. Under such conditions, heterogeneity in portfolios among savers may help improve the model's asset-pricing implications, but they have no bearing on how monetary shocks ultimately affect the real economy. In particular, the solution is independent of  $\lambda_p - \lambda_o$ . Due to the increase in the risk premium, an economy with heterogeneous beliefs would have a larger drop in asset prices after a monetary contraction than an economy where  $\lambda_p = \lambda_o$ . Despite the larger decline in the value of stocks and bonds, the response of output and inflation would be the same as in the economy without belief heterogeneity.

But why do households in the economy that suffered a larger drop in asset prices consume the same as households in the economy where asset prices did not drop as much? Take for instance the case  $\bar{d}_G = 0$ , so savers only hold stocks in equilibrium. One could expect that, as stock prices fall more sharply in the economy with  $\hat{\lambda}_t > 0$ , households would feel poorer and cut consumption relative to the economy with  $\hat{\lambda}_t = 0$ . However, this intuition does not take into account the fact

that households can afford the same level of consumption with less wealth now. As households do not need more resources to afford their initial consumption bundle since the return on their savings has increased, this decline in asset prices does not create a negative wealth effect. The fact that changes in financial wealth may translate into no wealth effect provides a precise sense in which these changes may reflect “paper wealth.”<sup>16</sup>

We have focused so far on the impact of the price of risk on  $\Omega_0$ . However,  $p_{d,t}$  also enters the aggregate Euler equation (11), as the redistribution between optimistic and pessimistic investors affects the average precautionary motive in the economy. For changes in  $p_{d,t}$  to be neutral, in the sense of not affecting output and inflation, the government would have to offset the movements in the precautionary motive. Proposition 4 states the required change in taxes to exactly offset this precautionary motive.

What would happen in the absence of such tax changes? The next result shows that a weaker version of Proposition 4 still holds even in the absence of any tax changes.

**Corollary 1** (Neutrality without consumption taxes). *Consider two economies with potentially different degrees of belief disagreement,  $\lambda_o - \lambda_p$ , but the same path of nominal interest rates  $i_t$  and fiscal backing  $\tau_t$ . If one of the three conditions in Proposition 4 holds, then the present discounted value of aggregate consumption is the same in the two economies.*

Corollary 1 shows that, as long as monetary and fiscal policy are kept the same across the two economies, the *average* response of output to a monetary shock is also the same under one of the three neutrality conditions lined up in Proposition 4. In the absence of the consumption tax, the exact timing of consumption will differ across the two economies though. Therefore, the role of the consumption tax is to ensure that not only output is the same on average across the two economies, but they also coincide period-by-period. Of course, if monetary and fiscal policy are not the same across the two economies, in the sense of having the same path of nominal rates and same fiscal backing, then the average level of output can be different even under the conditions of Proposition 4.

One implication of Proposition 4 is that, even though the logic of Cochrane (2020) and Krugman (2021) is present in our setting, it requires very stringent conditions to hold. While changes in asset prices may not have aggregate effects, they can still generate substantial redistribution

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<sup>16</sup>For instance, Fagereng, Gomez, Gouin-Bonenfant, Holm, Moll and Natvik (2022) says “For such an individual [who only consumes dividends], rising asset prices are merely “paper gains,” with no corresponding welfare implications.”

among agents, as emphasized by [Fagereng et al. \(2022\)](#). Moreover, changes in  $p_{d,t}$  may lead to movements in the precautionary motive. Therefore, in general, changes in the price of risk will affect the real economy.

### 3.3 Intertemporal substitution, risk, and wealth effect

**Dynamic system.** Consider the system of differential equations in [Proposition 2](#):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_t \\ \dot{\pi}_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta & -\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \\ -\kappa & \rho \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ \pi_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where we have substituted  $p_{d,t}$  with the expression in [equation \(13\)](#), and  $v_t \equiv \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(i_t - r_n) + \chi_{p_d} \hat{\lambda}_t$  depends only on the path of nominal interest rates. The eigenvalues of the system are given by

$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{\rho + \delta + \sqrt{(\rho + \delta)^2 + 4(\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa - \rho\delta)}}{2}, \quad \underline{\omega} = \frac{\rho + \delta - \sqrt{(\rho + \delta)^2 + 4(\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa - \rho\delta)}}{2}.$$

The following assumption, which we assume holds for all subsequent analysis, guarantees that the eigenvalues are real-valued and have opposite signs, i.e.,  $\bar{\omega} > 0$  and  $\underline{\omega} < 0$ .

**Assumption 1.** *The following condition holds:  $\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa > \rho\delta$ .*

Assumption 1 implies that the equilibrium is indeterminate under an interest rate peg. As shown in [Section 3.4](#), local determinacy requires  $\phi_\pi \geq 1 - \frac{\rho\delta}{\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa} \equiv \bar{\phi}_\pi$ , and  $\bar{\phi}_\pi > 0$  under [Assumption 1](#).

**Output response to monetary shock.** We are ready to characterize the output response to a monetary shock. In the spirit of [Kaplan et al. \(2018\)](#), we decompose the effects of the shock into two distinctive forces. First, there is the effect of a monetary shock on aggregate demand keeping the wealth effect at zero. Second, there is the wealth effect, which captures the general equilibrium effect of the change in aggregate demand on incomes and asset valuations. The next proposition characterizes this decomposition analytically. For ease of exposition, we focus on the case in which the monetary shock induces an exponentially decaying path for the nominal interest rates; that is, we assume  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t}(i_0 - r_n)$ , where  $\psi_m$  determines the persistence of the path of interest rates. We discuss the properties of the monetary shock in [Section 3.4](#).

**Proposition 5** (Aggregate output in D-HANK). *Suppose that  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t}(i_0 - r_n)$  and  $\psi_k \neq -\underline{\omega}$ , for  $k \in \{m, \lambda\}$ . The path of aggregate output is then given by*

$$y_t = \underbrace{\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \hat{y}_{m,t}}_{\text{ISE}} + \underbrace{\chi_\lambda \hat{y}_{\lambda,t}}_{\substack{\text{time-varying} \\ \text{precautionary motive}}} + \underbrace{(\rho - \underline{\omega}) e^{\underline{\omega} t} \Omega_0}_{\substack{\text{GE factor} \times \\ \text{aggregate wealth effect}}}, \quad (22)$$

where  $\chi_\lambda \equiv \chi_{p_d} \epsilon_\lambda$ ,  $\hat{y}_{k,t}$  is given by

$$\hat{y}_{k,t} = \frac{(\rho - \underline{\omega}) e^{\underline{\omega} t} - (\rho + \psi_k) e^{-\psi_k t}}{(\bar{\omega} + \psi_k)(\underline{\omega} + \psi_k)} (i_0 - r_n), \quad (23)$$

and satisfies  $\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \hat{y}_{k,t} dt = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \hat{y}_{k,0}}{\partial i_0} < 0$ , for  $k \in \{m, \lambda\}$ .

Proposition 5 shows that output can be decomposed into three terms: an intertemporal-substitution effect (ISE), a time-varying precautionary motive, and the aggregate wealth effect. The first two terms correspond to the effects of monetary policy that are not mediated by a change in the aggregate wealth effect. The third term reflects the general equilibrium effects of the wealth effect.

The first term captures the standard intertemporal substitution channel present in RANK models. It depends on the aggregate EIS,  $\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} = \frac{1 - \mu_w}{1 - \mu_w \chi_y} \sigma^{-1}$ , and  $\hat{y}_{m,t}$  given in (23). Notice that, even though only a fraction  $1 - \mu_w$  of agents substitute consumption intertemporally, the ISE does not necessarily get weaker as we reduce the mass of savers in the economy. As we reduce  $1 - \mu_w$ , less agents are capable of intertemporal substitution, but the amplification from hand-to-mouth agents gets stronger. The two effects exactly cancel out when  $\chi_y = 1$ . Another important property of the ISE is that it is equal to zero on average, i.e.  $\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \hat{y}_{m,t} dt = 0$ . An increase in interest rates shifts demand from the present to the future, but by itself it does not change the overall level of aggregate demand.

The second term captures the effect of the time-varying precautionary motive. It is equal to zero in the absence of belief heterogeneity, i.e.  $\lambda_o = \lambda_p$ , and the model behaves as a TANK model with zero liquidity, as in Bilbiie (2019) and Broer et al. (2020). Positive disaster probability  $\lambda_p = \lambda_o > 0$  introduces a precautionary motive, analogous to HANK models (Kaplan et al. 2018), but no time-varying component. Heterogeneous beliefs,  $\lambda_p > \lambda_o > 0$ , enable us to capture the effect of time-varying risk premia, as in Caballero and Simsek (2020) and Kekre and Lenel (2020). As with the EIS, the precautionary motive shifts demand from the present to the future without changing its overall level, that is,  $\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \hat{y}_{\lambda,t} dt = 0$ . In contrast to the EIS, the persistence of the

precautionary effects is controlled by  $\psi_\lambda$  instead of  $\psi_m$ , as it depends on the rate at which the balance sheet of optimistic investors recover after a contractionary shock.

The third term in expression (22) plays an important role, as the aggregate wealth effect determines the average response of output to the monetary shock. The GE factor shifts the impact of the wealth effect over time, as we have that  $(\rho - \underline{\omega}) \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho - \underline{\omega})t} dt$ . Everything else constant, an increase in  $\Omega_0$  would tend to raise output in all periods by  $\rho\Omega_0$ , creating a parallel shift in output over time. In general equilibrium, a positive aggregate wealth effect leads to inflation on impact, which reduces the real rate and shifts consumption to the present. The GE factor shows that the effect of  $\Omega_0$  on  $y_0$  exceeds the effect on average consumption,  $\rho\Omega_0$ , by the factor  $\frac{\rho - \underline{\omega}}{\rho} > 1$ .

**Inflation.** The next proposition characterizes the behavior of inflation.

**Proposition 6** (Inflation in D-HANK). *Suppose  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t}(i_0 - r_n)$  and  $\psi_k \neq -\underline{\omega}$  for  $k \in \{m, \lambda\}$ . The path of inflation is given by*

$$\pi_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \hat{\pi}_{m,t} + \chi_\lambda \hat{\pi}_{\lambda,t} + \kappa e^{\underline{\omega}t} \Omega_0, \quad (24)$$

where  $\hat{\pi}_{k,t} = \frac{\kappa(e^{\underline{\omega}t} - e^{-\psi_k t})}{(\underline{\omega} + \psi_k)(\bar{\omega} + \psi_k)}(i_0 - r_n)$ ,  $\hat{\pi}_{k,0} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \hat{\pi}_{k,t}}{\partial i_0} \geq 0$ , for  $k \in \{m, \lambda\}$ .

Inflation can be analogously decomposed into three terms. The first two terms capture the impact of the ISE and time-varying precautionary motive, while the last term captures the impact of the aggregate wealth effect. Because  $\hat{\pi}_{k,0} = 0$ , the first two terms are initially zero. This implies that initial inflation is determined entirely by the aggregate wealth effect, as emphasized by [Caramp and Silva \(forthcoming\)](#).

### 3.4 Local determinacy and the monetary shock

In the description of the model in Section 2, we assumed that the coefficient associated with the inflation rate in the monetary rule (7),  $\phi_\pi$ , was strictly greater than one. This condition is typically sufficient for local determinacy in this class of models. The next proposition shows that  $\phi_\pi > 1$  is a sufficient condition of local determinacy in our D-HANK model.

**Proposition 7** (Determinacy). *Consider a given monetary shock  $[u_t]_{t \geq 0}$ . If  $\phi_\pi \geq \bar{\phi}_\pi \equiv 1 - \frac{\rho \delta}{\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \kappa}$ , then there exists a unique bounded solution to the system comprised of the Taylor rule (7), the aggregate Euler equation (11), the New Keynesian Phillips curve (12), the market-implied disaster probability (16), and the law of motion of relative consumption (16) and relative net worth (16).*

Finally, we assume that the monetary shock follows a standard AR(1) process:

$$\dot{u}_t = -\psi_u e^{-\psi_u} u_t + \epsilon_t.$$

Note, however, that in our model this process will not generate an AR(1) process for the path of the nominal interest rate, as assumed in some of our previous analytical results. In Appendix ??, we show that a simple extension of the shock process can generate a path of the nominal interest rate that is exponentially decaying. Our quantitative results are not very sensitive to this choice.

## 4 The Quantitative Importance of Wealth Effects

In this section, we study the quantitative importance of wealth effects in the transmission of monetary shocks. We calibrate the model to match key unconditional and conditional moments, including asset-pricing dynamics and the fiscal response to a monetary shock. We find that household heterogeneity and time-varying risk are the predominant channels of transmission of monetary policy.

### 4.1 Calibration

The parameter values are chosen as follows. The discount rate of savers is chosen to match a natural interest rate of  $r_n = 1\%$ . We assume a Frisch elasticity of one,  $\phi = 1$ , and set the elasticity of substitution between intermediate goods to  $\epsilon = 6$ , common values adopted in the literature. The fraction of workers is set to  $\mu_w = 30\%$ . The parameter  $\bar{d}_G$  is chosen to match a public debt-to-GDP ratio of 66%, and we assume a duration of five years, consistent with the historical average for the United States. The tax rate is set to  $\tau = 0.27$  and the parameter  $T'_b(Y)$  is chosen such that  $\chi_y = 1$ , which requires countercyclical transfers to balance the procyclical wage income. A value of  $\chi_y = 1$  is consistent with the evidence in [Cloyne et al. \(2020\)](#) that the net income of mortgagors and non-mortgagors reacts similarly to monetary shocks. The pricing cost parameter  $\varphi$  is chosen such that  $\kappa$  coincides with its corresponding value under Calvo pricing and an average period between price adjustments of three quarters. The half-life of the monetary shock is set to three and a half months to roughly match what we estimate in the data, and we set  $\phi_\pi = 1.5$ .

We calibrate the disaster risk parameters in two steps. For the stationary equilibrium, we choose a calibration mostly based on the parameters adopted by [Barro \(2009\)](#). We set  $\lambda$  (the steady-

state disaster intensity) to match an annual disaster probability of 1.7%, and  $A^*$  to match a drop in output of  $1 - \frac{Y}{Y^*} = 0.39$ .<sup>17</sup> The risk-aversion coefficient is set to  $\sigma = 4$ , a value within the range of reasonable values according to Mehra and Prescott (1985), but substantially larger than  $\sigma = 1$ , a value often adopted in macroeconomic models. Our calibration implies an equity premium in the stationary equilibrium of 6.1%, in line with the observed equity premium of 6.5%. Moreover, by setting  $\sigma = 4$  we obtain a micro EIS of  $\sigma^{-1} = 0.25$ , in the ballpark of an EIS of 0.1 as recently estimated by Best et al. (2020). We discuss the calibration of  $\hat{\lambda}_0$ , which determines the elasticity of asset prices to monetary shocks, in the next subsection.

## 4.2 Asset-pricing implications of time-varying risk

Recall that the price of the long-term government bond is given by

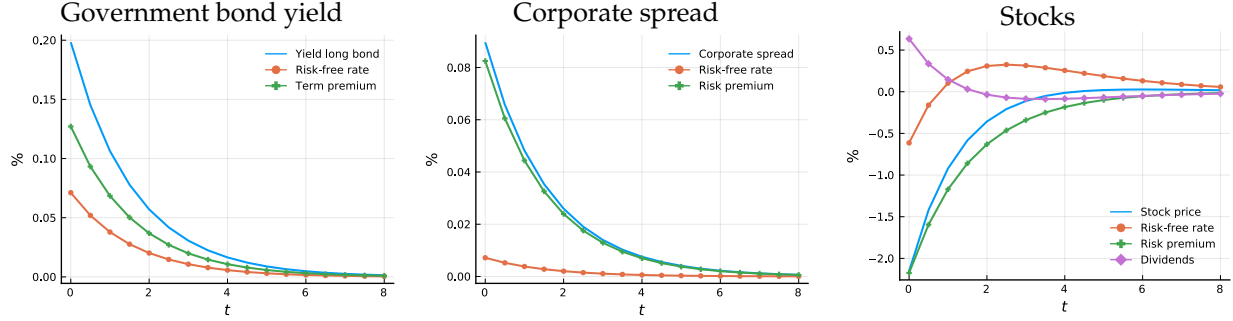
$$q_{L,0} = - \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho+\psi_L)t} (i_t - r_n + r_L p_{d,t}) dt,$$

where  $p_{d,t} = \tilde{\sigma} y_t + \hat{\lambda}_0$  is the price of the disaster risk. We use this expression and calibrate  $\hat{\lambda}_0$  to match the initial response of the 5-year yield on government bonds. Consistent with Gertler and Karadi (2015) and our own estimates reported in Appendix C, we find that a 100 bps increase in the nominal interest rate leads to an increase in the 5-year yield of roughly 20 bps. This procedure leads to a calibration of  $\epsilon_\lambda$  of 2.25, which implies an annual increase in the probability of disaster of roughly 95 bps after a 100 bps increase in the nominal interest rate. Figure 1 shows the response of the yield on the long bond and the contributions of the path of future interest rates and the term premium. We find that the bulk of the reaction of the 5-year yield reflects movements in the term premium, a finding that is consistent with the evidence.

The model is also able to capture the responses of asset prices that were not directly targeted in the calibration. Consider first the response of the *corporate spread*, the difference between the yield on a corporate bond and the yield on a government bond (without risk of default) with the same promised cash flow. This corresponds to how the GZ spread is computed in the data by Gilchrist and Zakrajšek (2012). Let  $e^{-\psi_F t}$  denote the coupon paid by the corporate bond. We assume that the monetary shock is too small to trigger a corporate default, but the corporate bond defaults if a disaster occurs, where lenders recover the amount  $1 - \zeta_F$  in case of default. We calibrated  $\psi_F$  and

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<sup>17</sup>As discussed in Barro (2006), it is not appropriate to calibrate  $A^*/A$  to the average magnitude of a disaster, given that empirically the size of a disaster is stochastic. We instead calibrate  $A^*/A$  to match  $\mathbb{E}[(C_s/C_s^*)^\sigma]$  using the empirical distribution of disasters reported in Barro (2009).



**Figure 1:** Asset-pricing response to monetary shocks with time-varying risk.

$\zeta_F$  to match a duration of 6.5 years and a credit spread of 200 bps in the stationary equilibrium, which is consistent with the estimates reported by [Gilchrist and Zakrajšek \(2012\)](#). Note that the calibration targets the *unconditional* level of the credit spread. We evaluate the model on its ability to generate an empirically plausible *conditional* response to monetary shocks.

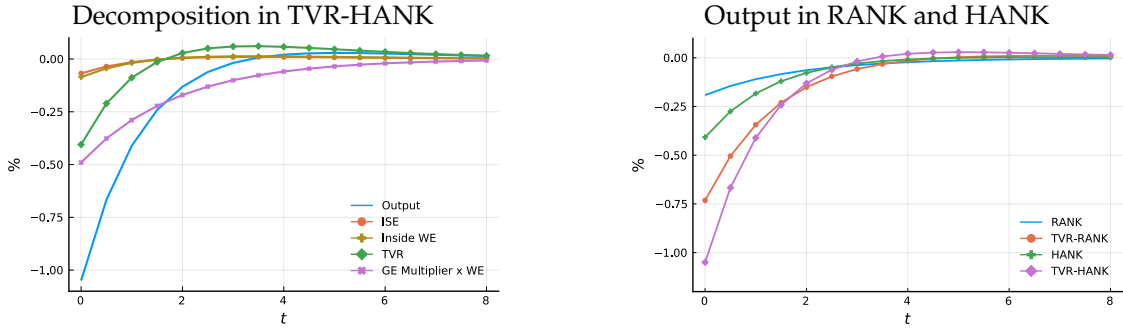
The price of the corporate bond can be computed analogously to the computation of the long-term government bond:

$$q_{F,0} = - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\rho+\psi_F)t} (i_t - r_n) dt - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\rho+\psi_F)t} \left[ \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_F - Q_F^*}{Q_F} p_{d,t} \right] dt,$$

where  $Q_F$  and  $Q_F^*$  denote the price of the corporate bond in the stationary equilibrium in the no-disaster and disaster states, respectively. Given the price of the corporate bond, we can compute the corporate spread. Figure 1 shows that the corporate spread responds to monetary shocks by 8.9 bps. We introduce the excess bond premium (EBP) in our VAR and find an increase in the EBP of 6.5 bps and an upper bound of the confidence interval of 10.9 bps, consistent with the model's prediction. Thus, even though this was not a targeted moment, time-varying risk is able to produce quantitatively plausible movements in the corporate spread.

Another moment that is not targeted by the calibration is the response of stocks to monetary shocks. We find a substantial response of stocks to changes in interest rates, which is explained mostly by movements in the risk premium. In contrast to the empirical evidence, we find a *positive* response of dividends to a contractionary monetary shock. This is the result of the well-known feature of sticky-prices models that profits are strongly countercyclical. This counterfactual prediction could be easily solved by introducing some form of wage stickiness. Despite the positive response of dividends, the model generates a decline in stocks of 2.15% in response to a 100 bps increase in interest rates, which is smaller than the point estimate of [Bernanke and Kuttner \(2005\)](#)





**Figure 2: Output in RANK and HANK.**

Note: In both plots, the path of the nominal interest rate is given by  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t}(i_0 - r_n)$ , where  $i_0 - r_n$  equals 100 bps, and the fiscal backing corresponds to the value estimated in Section 4.1.

but is still within their confidence interval.<sup>18</sup> Fixing the degree of countercyclicality of profits would likely bring the response of stocks closer to their point estimate.

### 4.3 Wealth effects in the monetary transmission mechanism

Figure 2 (left) presents the response of output and its components to a monetary shock in the New Keynesian model with heterogeneous agents and time-varying risk. We find that output reacts by  $-1.05\%$  to a 100 bp increase in the nominal interest rate, which is consistent with the empirical estimates of e.g. [Miranda-Agrippino and Ricco \(2021\)](#). In terms of its components, time-varying risk (TVR) and the outside wealth effect are the two main components determining the output dynamics, representing 39% and 47% of the output response, respectively. In contrast, the ISE accounts for only 6.5% of the output response, indicating that intertemporal substitution plays only a minor role in the monetary transmission mechanism.

These findings stand in sharp contrast to the dynamics in the absence of heterogeneity and time-varying risk. Figure 2 (right) plots the response of output for different combinations of heterogeneity ( $\mu_b > 0$  and  $\mu_b = 0$ ) and time-varying risk ( $\epsilon_\lambda > 0$  and  $\epsilon_\lambda = 0$ ). By shutting down the two channels, denoted by “RANK” in the figure, the initial response of output would be  $-0.14\%$ , a more than a sevenfold reduction in the impact of monetary policy. There are two reasons for this result. First, our calibration of  $\sigma = 4$  implies an EIS that is one fourth of the standard calibration. This significantly reduces the quantitative importance of the ISE, even if the intertemporal substitution channel represents a large fraction of the output response in the RANK model. Second, our

<sup>18</sup>We follow standard practice in the asset-pricing literature and report the response of a levered claim on firms’ profits, using a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.5, as in [Barro \(2006\)](#).

estimate of the fiscal response is substantially lower than the one implied by a standard Taylor equilibrium that imposes an AR(1) process for the monetary shock. We discuss the role of fiscal backing and the implications for the New Keynesian model in Section 4.5 below.

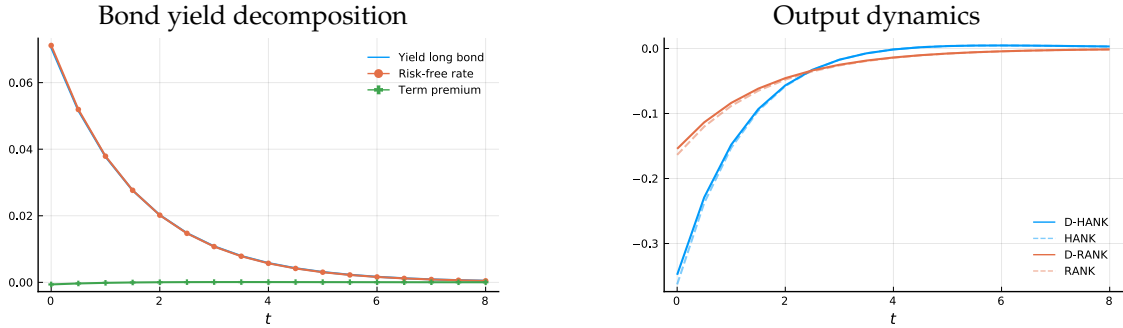
Figure 2 (right) also plots the response of output when there is household heterogeneity but not time-varying risk (“HANK” in the figure), and the response of output when there is time-varying risk but not household heterogeneity (“TVR-RANK” in the figure). We find that heterogeneity increases the response of output by 22 bps while time-varying risk increases it by 54 bps. Notably, by combining both features, we get an increase in the response of output of 86 bps, which is 10 bps larger than the sum of the individual effects. Thus, heterogeneity and time-varying risk reinforce each other. In terms of the fraction of the response of output that can be attributed to each channel, we find that 20.5% can be attributed to household heterogeneity, 51.5% corresponds to time-varying risk, and 9.7% is the amplification effect of heterogeneity together with time-varying risk (which is around 50% larger than the contribution of the ISE), while the remainder represents the channels in the RANK model.

Figure ?? shows graphically the neutrality result in Proposition 4.

#### 4.4 The limitations of the constant disaster risk model

Consider the response of asset prices to a monetary shock in an economy that features constant disaster risk (i.e.  $\lambda > 0$  but  $\epsilon_\lambda = 0$ ). Figure 3 (left) shows that the yield on the long bond increases by 6.5 bps, which implies a decline of the value of the bond of 32 bps (given a 5-year duration), less than half of the response estimated by the VAR in Section 4.1. Moreover, movements in the long bond yield are almost entirely explained by the path of nominal interest rates, while the term premium is indistinguishable from zero. This stands in sharp contrast to the evidence reported in Gertler and Karadi (2015) and Hanson and Stein (2015). Similarly, it can be shown that most of the response of stocks in the model is explained by movements in interest rates instead of changes in risk premia, a finding that is inconsistent with the evidence documented in e.g. Bernanke and Kuttner (2005).

Figure 3 (right) shows how the presence of constant disaster risk affects the response of output to monetary shocks for the HANK and RANK economies. We find that risk has only a minor impact on the response of output. Aggregate risk increases the value of the discounting parameter  $\delta$ , which reduces the GE multiplier and dampens the initial impact of the monetary shock. Given that the term premium barely moves, disaster risk plays only a small role in determining the



**Figure 3:** Long-term bond yields and output for economies with and without risk.

Note: In both plots, the path of the nominal interest rate is given by  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi m t}(i_0 - r_n)$ , where  $i_0 - r_n$  equals 100 bps, and the fiscal backing corresponds to the value estimated in Section 4.1. D-HANK and D-RANK correspond to heterogeneous-agent and representative agent economies with constant disaster risk (i.e.  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\epsilon_\lambda = 0$ ). HANK and RANK correspond to economies with no disaster risk (i.e.  $\lambda = 0$ ).

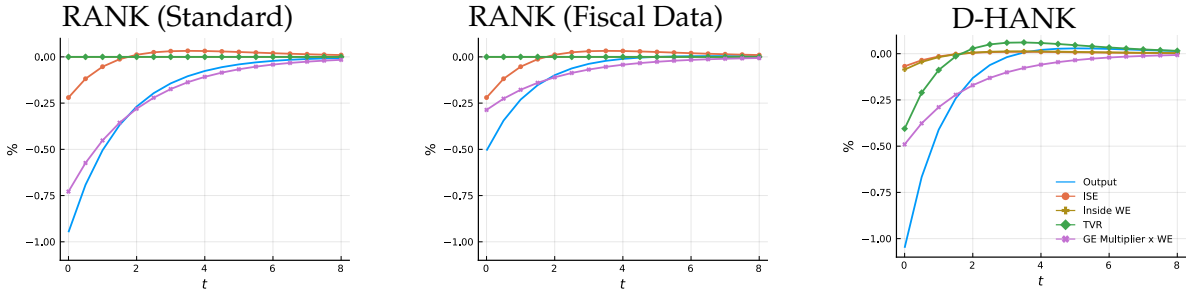
outside wealth effect. In contrast, the important role of heterogeneity can be seen by comparing the response of the D-HANK and D-RANK economies.

Therefore, while introducing a constant disaster probability allows the model to capture important *unconditional* asset-pricing moments, such as the (average) risk premium or the upward-sloping yield curve, the model is unable to match key *conditional* moments, in particular, the response of asset prices to monetary policy. The limitations of the model with constant disaster probability in matching conditional asset-pricing moments were recognized early on in the literature, leading to an assessment of the implications of *time-varying disaster risk*, as in [Gabaix \(2012\)](#) and [Gourio \(2012\)](#). This justifies our focus on time-varying disaster risk and how it affects the asset-pricing response to monetary shocks and, ultimately, its impact on real economic variables.

#### 4.5 The role of the EIS

We have found that time-varying risk and heterogeneity substantially amplify the impact of monetary policy on the economy. However, the response of the textbook economy is only slightly smaller than that of our D-HANK economy despite the lack of time-varying risk or heterogeneous agents. An important reason for this is the difference in the value of the calibrated EIS. In the RANK economy, the ISE accounts for roughly 40% of the output response, while in our D-RANK the ISE accounts for less than 7% of that response.

Figure 4 illustrates this point. In the three panels, we show the impact of a monetary shock that leads to an increase in nominal interest rates on impact of 100 bps. In the left panel, we consider a RANK economy ( $\mu_b = \lambda = 0$ ) with the standard value for the EIS ( $\sigma^{-1} = 1$ ), corresponding to the



**Figure 4:** Output in RANK vs D-HANK with time-varying risk.

Note: The first two panels show output in RANK ( $\mu_b = \lambda = 0$ ) with unit EIS ( $\sigma^{-1} = 1$ ). In the left panel, fiscal backing is determined by a Taylor rule, while in the middle panel fiscal backing corresponds to the value estimated in the data. The right panel corresponds to the D-HANK economy with time-varying risk and the estimated fiscal backing.

textbook New Keynesian model. The right panel shows our D-HANK model with time-varying risk and the calibrated value of the EIS,  $\sigma^{-1} = 0.25$ .

These results suggest that the quantitative success of the RANK model is likely the result of a counterfactually strong intertemporal-substitution channel, which compensate for missing heterogeneous agents and risk channels. Once we discipline the fiscal backing with data and calibrate the EIS to the estimates obtained from microdata, our model suggests that heterogeneous agents and, in particular, time-varying risk are crucial for generating quantitatively plausible output dynamics. However, it is important to note that our model made several simplifications to incorporate time-varying aggregate risk without sacrificing the tractability of standard macro models. A natural extension would be to incorporate these channels into a medium-sized DSGE model to better assess the quantitative properties of the New Keynesian model.

## 5 The Effect of Risk and Maturity of Household Debt

We have focused so far on how monetary policy affects the value of households' assets, such as stocks and bonds. However, movements in risk premia induced by monetary policy can also affect the real economy through its impact on household debt. In this section, we extend the baseline model to allow workers to borrow a positive amount using long-term risky debt.

### 5.1 The model with long-term risky household debt

We describe next the model with long-term risky household debt. We highlight only the main differences with respect to the model described in Section 2. Households issue long-term debt that

promises to pay exponentially decaying coupons given by  $e^{-\psi_P t}$  at period  $t \geq 0$ , where  $\psi_P \geq 0$ . Households cannot commit to always repay their debts. In response to a large shock, i.e., the occurrence of a disaster, households default and lenders receive a fraction  $1 - \zeta_P$  of the promised coupons, where  $0 \leq \zeta_P \leq 1$ . Fluctuations in the no-disaster state are small enough such that they do not trigger a default. Thus, households default only in the disaster state.

Households can borrow up to  $\bar{D}_{P,t} = Q_{P,t} \bar{F}$ , which effectively puts a limit on the face value of private debt  $\bar{F}$ .<sup>19</sup> The (log-linearized) consumption of workers is given by

$$c_{w,t} = \chi_y y_t - \left( \frac{\psi_P}{i_P + \psi_P} (i_{P,t} - i_P) - \pi_t \right) \bar{d}_P, \quad (25)$$

where  $\bar{d}_P \equiv \frac{\bar{D}_P}{Y}$  denotes the debt-to-income ratio in the stationary equilibrium, and  $i_{P,t} = \frac{1}{Q_{P,t}} - \psi_P$  is the yield on household debt. Equation (25) generalizes the expression for workers' consumption given in Section 2. When debt is short-term,  $\psi_P \rightarrow \infty$ , and riskless,  $\zeta_P = 0$ , we obtain  $i_{P,t} = i_t$ . At the other extreme, we have the case of a perpetuity,  $\psi_P = 0$ , when households simply pay the coupon every period and there is no need to issue new debt. Therefore, they are completely insulated from movements in nominal interest rates. For intermediate values of maturity and risk, monetary policy affects borrowers through changes in the nominal interest rate  $i_t$  and the spread  $r_{P,t}$ .

The next proposition extends the decomposition in Proposition 5 to the case of long-term risky household debt.

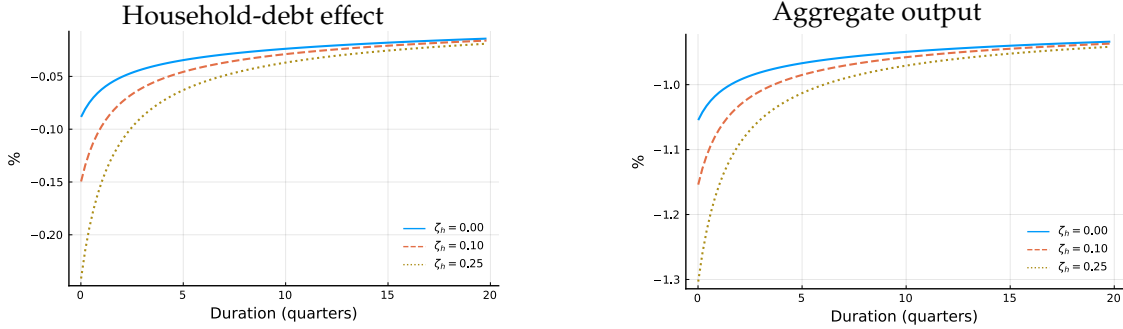
**Proposition 8** (Aggregate output with long-term risky household debt). *Suppose that  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t} (i_0 - r_n)$  and  $r_P \sigma_{c_s,t} = \mathcal{O}(\|i_t - r_n\|^2)$ . Aggregate output is then given by*

$$y_t = \underbrace{\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \hat{y}_{m,t}}_{\text{ISE}} + \underbrace{\chi_\lambda \hat{y}_{\lambda,t}}_{\substack{\text{time-varying} \\ \text{precautionary motive}}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mu_w \bar{d}_P \psi_P}{1 - \mu_w \chi_y} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\psi}_m \hat{y}_{m,t}}{\rho + \psi_P + \psi_m} + \frac{r_P \epsilon_\lambda \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \hat{y}_{\lambda,t}}{\rho + \psi_P + \psi_\lambda} \right]}_{\text{household-debt effect}} + \underbrace{(\rho - \omega) e^{\omega t} \Omega_0}_{\substack{\text{GE factor} \times \\ \text{aggregate wealth effect}}}$$

where  $\tilde{\psi}_k = \psi_k + \rho - r_n$  for  $k \in \{m, \lambda\}$ .

Proposition 8 shows that household debt effectively amplifies the ISE and the time-varying precautionary motive effect. If household debt is safe and short term (i.e,  $\zeta_P = 0$  and  $\psi_P \rightarrow \infty$ ), then the household-debt effect loads on  $\hat{y}_{m,t}$ , amplifying the ISE. When debt is long-term or when

<sup>19</sup>This formulation guarantees that, after an increase in nominal rates, the value of household debt and the borrowing limit decline by the same amount. This specification of the borrowing constraint, combined with the assumption of impatient borrowers, guarantees that borrowers are constrained at all periods.



**Figure 5:** Household-debt effect and output at  $t = 0$  as a function of duration.

households can default, then  $r_p > 0$  and the household-debt effect also loads on  $\hat{y}_{\lambda,t}$ , amplifying the precautionary motive effect.

An important implication of Proposition 8 is that default risk amplifies the household-debt effect, while an increase in the duration of household debt weakens the effect. The spread  $r_p$  is increasing in  $\zeta_p$ , so the interest rate on private debt responds more strongly to an increase in  $\hat{\lambda}_t$  when debt is riskier. In contrast, an increase in the duration of household debt (i.e., a reduction in  $\psi_p$ ) means that households issue less debt at the new rates, so the impact of the change in the cost of serving the debt gets attenuated. In the limit case of a perpetuity,  $\psi_p = 0$ , the household-debt effect goes to zero. Given that households do not issue new debt, they are not affected by changes in interest rates.

## 5.2 Quantitative implications

As shown in Proposition 8, default risk and maturity of household debt have opposing effects on the response of output to monetary policy. To assess the quantitative impact of risk and maturity, Figure 5 shows the initial response of the household-debt effect (left panel) and aggregate output (right panel) as a function of the duration of private debt for different values of the haircut parameter  $\zeta_p$ . Greenwald, Leombroni, Lustig and Van Nieuwerburgh (2021) estimate the duration of mortgage debt as 5.2 years, the duration of student debt as 4.50, and the duration of consumer debt as 1.0 year. Therefore, we focus on values of duration up to five years. We consider three different values for the haircut parameter: riskless debt ( $\zeta_p = 0$ ); risky debt with a spread in the stationary equilibrium of roughly 4.0% with a 5-year duration ( $\zeta_p = 0.10$ ); risky debt with a spread of 5.0% with a 5-year duration ( $\zeta_p = 0.25$ ).

Default risk substantially amplifies the effect of monetary policy on output when debt is short

term. The household-debt effect is almost three times larger in the case of  $\zeta_p = 0.25$  compared to  $\zeta_p = 0.0$ , which corresponds to an increase in the initial response of output of almost 25%. However, this effect is strongly attenuated when household debt is long term. For even relatively small values of duration, the household-debt effect with long-term risky debt is smaller than in the case of short-term riskless debt. For instance, in the case of a five-year duration, the response of output is roughly 10% smaller than the response in the case of short-term riskless debt. The response of output when household debt is zero is roughly 35% smaller than in the economy with (positive) riskless debt, a much larger drop relative to the one caused by introducing long-term bonds.

## 6 Conclusion

In this paper, we provide a novel unified framework to analyze the role of heterogeneity and risk in a tractable linearized New Keynesian model. The methods introduced can be applied beyond the current model. For instance, they can be applied to a full quantitative HANK model with idiosyncratic risk, extending the results of [Ahn, Kaplan, Moll, Winberry and Wolf \(2018\)](#) to allow for time-varying risk premia. Alternatively, one could introduce a richer capital structure for firms and study the pass-through of monetary policy to households and firms. These methods may enable us to bridge the gap between the extensive existing work on heterogeneous agents and monetary policy and the emerging literature on the role of asset prices in the transmission of monetary shocks.

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## Appendix

### Proofs

*Proof of Proposition 2.* Consider the New Keynesian Phillips curve  $\dot{\pi}_t = \left(i_t - \pi_t + \lambda_t \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t}\right) \pi_t - \frac{\epsilon}{\varphi A} \left(\frac{W}{P} e^{w_t - p_t} - (1 - \epsilon)\right)$ . Linearizing the above expression, and using  $\frac{W}{P} = (1 - \epsilon^{-1})A$ , we obtain  $\dot{\pi}_t = \left(r_n + \lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma\right) \pi_t - \varphi^{-1}(\epsilon - 1)Y(w_t - p_t)$ . Using the fact that  $w_t - p_t = \phi y_t$ , we obtain  $\dot{\pi}_t = (\rho_s + \lambda) \pi_t - \kappa y_t$ , where  $\kappa \equiv \varphi^{-1}(\epsilon - 1)\phi Y$  and we used that  $r_n + \lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma = \rho_s + \lambda$ .

Consider next the generalized Euler equation. From the market-clearing condition for goods and workers' consumption, we obtain  $c_{s,t} = \frac{1 - \mu_w \chi_y}{1 - \mu_w} y_t$ . Combining this condition with the Phillips Curve and savers' Euler equation, and using the fact that  $r_n = \rho - \lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma$ , we obtain  $\dot{y}_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(i_t - \pi - r_n) + \delta y_t + \chi_\lambda \hat{\lambda}_t$ , where the constants  $\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\chi_\lambda$  are defined in the proposition.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 3.* The linearized Euler equation for saver  $j$  is given by  $\dot{c}_{j,t} = \sigma^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma (\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}) - \zeta(c_{j,t} - c_{s,t})$ . Taking the difference of the Euler equation for the two types, we obtain  $\dot{c}_{p,t} - \dot{c}_{o,t} = -\zeta(c_{p,t} - c_{o,t})$ . Linearizing the savers' flow budget constraint, we obtain

$$\dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left[ \hat{r}_{k,t} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) + \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} b_{p,t}^k - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} b_{o,t}^k \right] - \left( \frac{C_p}{B_p} c_{p,t} - \frac{C_o}{B_o} c_{o,t} \right) + r_n (b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}),$$

where  $\hat{r}_{k,t} = \hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t} + \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_k - Q_k^*} q_{k,t}$ . The relative net worth in the disaster state at  $t = t^*$  is given by  $\frac{B_p^*}{B_p} b_{p,t^*}^* - \frac{B_o^*}{B_o} b_{o,t^*}^* = b_{p,t^*} - b_{o,t^*} - \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} \left[ \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_k} q_{k,t^*} + \frac{Q_k - Q_k^*}{Q_k} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} b_{p,t^*}^k - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} b_{o,t^*}^k \right) \right]$ .

From the revaluation of net worth in the disaster state, shown above, we can solve for the difference in portfolios  $\frac{B_p^k}{B_p} b_{p,t^*}^k - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} b_{o,t^*}^k$ . From the optimality condition for risky assets, we obtain  $c_{p,t} - c_{o,t} = c_{p,t}^* - c_{o,t}^*$ . Savers' consumption in the disaster state is given by  $c_{j,t}^* = \frac{r_n^* B_j^*}{C_s^*} b_{j,t}^*$ . Combining these expressions, we can solve for the relative net worth in the disaster state. We can then solve for the dynamics of relative net worth in the no-disaster state:

$$\dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = \rho (b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}) - \chi_{b,c} (c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}) + \chi_{b,c_s} c_{s,t}$$

where  $\chi_{b,c_s} \equiv (\sigma - 1) \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right)$ , and

$$\chi_{b,c} \equiv \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} \right) + \mu_{c,p} \frac{C_o}{B_o} + \mu_{c,o} \frac{C_p}{B_p} + \frac{C_s^* (\rho - r_n)}{r_n^* B_s},$$

where  $\chi_{b,c} > 0$ . Assuming  $\sigma r_k c_s = \mathcal{O}(\|i_t - r_n\|^2)$ , the term involving  $c_{s,t}$  can be ignored up to first order. We then obtain a dynamic system in  $c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}$  and  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$ , which has a positive and a negative eigenvalue, so there is a unique bounded solution given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{p,t} - c_{o,t} \\ b_{p,t} - b_{o,t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-\psi_\lambda t} (b_{p,0} - b_{o,0}),$$

where  $\psi_\lambda = \xi$ . We can then write the market-implied disaster probability as follows:

$$\hat{\lambda}_t = e^{-\psi_\lambda t} \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} (b_{p,0} - b_{o,0}).$$

The revaluation of the relative net worth is given by  $b_{p,0} - b_{o,0} = \left( \frac{B_p^L}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^L}{B_o} \right) q_{L,0}$ , using the assumption that  $B_o^E = B_p^E$ . The price of the long-term bond is given by  $q_{L,0} = -\frac{i_0 - r_n}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_m} - \frac{r_L \hat{\lambda}_0}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_\lambda}$ . Combining the expressions for  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ , relative net worth, and bond prices, we obtain  $\hat{\lambda}_t = e^{-\psi_\lambda t} \epsilon_\lambda (i_0 - r)$ , where  $\epsilon_\lambda$  is given by

$$\epsilon_\lambda \equiv \frac{\sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} \left( \frac{B_o^L}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^L}{B_p} \right) \frac{1}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_m}}{1 - \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} \left( \frac{B_o^L}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^L}{B_p} \right) \frac{r_L}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_\lambda}}.$$

□

*Proof of Lemma 1.* Linearizing the aggregate intertemporal budget constraint, we obtain  $Q_C q_{C,0} = D_G q_{L,0} + Q_E q_{E,0} + Q_H q_{H,0}$ , where  $Q_{H,t}$  is the present discounted value of wages plus transfers. Using the pricing condition for  $q_{k,0}$ ,  $k \in \{C, H, E\}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} c_t dt - \frac{Q_C}{Y} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_C p_{d,t}] dt &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left[ \hat{\Pi}_t + \frac{WN}{PY} (w_t - p_t + n_t) + \hat{T}_t \right] dt \\ - \frac{Q_H + Q_E}{Y} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [i_t - \pi_t - r_n] dt - \left[ \frac{Q_H}{Y} r_H + \frac{Q_E}{Y} r_E \right] \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} p_{d,t} dt + \frac{D_G}{Y} q_{L,0}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that  $Q_C = D_G + Q_E + Q_H$  and  $Q_C^* = D_G \frac{Q_L^*}{Q_L} + Q_E^* + Q_H^*$ , we obtain  $\frac{Q_C}{Y} - \frac{Q_H + Q_E}{Y} = \frac{D_G}{Y} \equiv \bar{d}_G$  and  $\frac{Q_C}{Y} r_C - \frac{Q_H r_H + Q_E r_E}{Y} = \bar{d}_G r_L$ , given  $r_k = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_k - Q_k^*}{Q_k}$ . Combining these expressions with the equation above, we obtain (21) after some rearrangement.  $\square$

*Proof of Propositions 5 and 6.* We can write dynamic system in matrix form as  $\dot{Z}_t = AZ_t + Bv_t$ , where  $B = [1, 0]'$ . Applying the eigendecomposition to matrix  $A$ , we obtain  $A = V\Omega V^{-1}$  where  $V = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\rho - \bar{\omega}}{\kappa} & \frac{\rho - \omega}{\kappa} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $V^{-1} = \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{\rho - \omega}{\kappa} \\ 1 & -\frac{\rho - \bar{\omega}}{\kappa} \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\omega} & 0 \\ 0 & \omega \end{bmatrix}$ . Decoupling the system, we obtain  $\dot{z}_t = \Omega z_t + b v_t$ , where  $z_t = V^{-1} Z_t$  and  $b = V^{-1} B$ .

Solving the equation with a positive eigenvalue forward and the one with a negative eigenvalue backward, and rotating the system back to the original coordinates, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= V_{12} \left( V^{21} y_0 + V^{22} \pi_0 \right) e^{\omega t} - V_{11} V^{11} \int_t^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}(z-t)} v_z dz + V_{12} V^{21} \int_0^t e^{\omega(t-z)} v_z dz \\ \pi_t &= V_{22} \left( V^{21} y_0 + V^{22} \pi_0 \right) e^{\omega t} - V_{21} V^{11} \int_t^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}(z-t)} v_z dz + V_{22} V^{21} \int_0^t e^{\omega(t-z)} v_z dz, \end{aligned}$$

where  $V^{i,j}$  is the  $(i, j)$  entry of matrix  $V^{-1}$ . Integrating  $e^{-\rho t} y_t$ , we obtain

$$\Omega_0 = V_{12} \left( V^{21} y_0 + V^{22} \pi_0 \right) \frac{1}{\rho - \omega} - \frac{1}{\rho - \bar{\omega}} V_{11} V^{11} \int_0^\infty \left( e^{-\bar{\omega}t} - e^{-\rho t} \right) v_t dt + \frac{1}{\rho - \omega} V_{12} V^{21} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} v_t dt.$$

Rearranging the above expression, we obtain

$$V_{12} \left( V^{21} y_0 + V^{22} \pi_0 \right) = (\rho - \omega) \Omega_0 + \frac{\rho - \omega}{\rho - \bar{\omega}} V_{11} V^{11} \int_0^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}t} v_t dt,$$

where we used the fact  $\frac{V_{11} V^{11}}{\rho - \bar{\omega}} + \frac{V_{12} V^{21}}{\rho - \omega} = 0$ . Output is then given by  $y_t = \tilde{y}_t + (\rho - \omega) e^{\omega t} \Omega_0$ , where  $\tilde{y}_t = -\frac{\bar{\omega} - \rho}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} \int_t^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}(z-t)} v_z dz + \frac{\bar{\omega} - \delta}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} \int_0^t e^{\omega(t-z)} v_z dz - \frac{\rho - \omega}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} e^{\omega t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}z} v_z dz$ . Inflation is given by  $\pi_t = \tilde{\pi}_t + \kappa e^{\omega t} \Omega_0$ , where  $\tilde{\pi}_t = \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} \int_t^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}(z-t)} v_z dz + \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} \int_0^t e^{\omega(t-z)} v_z dz - \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\omega} - \omega} e^{\omega t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\bar{\omega}z} v_z dz$ .

If  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t} (i_0 - r_n)$ , then  $v_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} e^{-\psi_m t} (i_0 - r_n) + \chi_{p_d} \epsilon_\lambda e^{-\psi_\lambda t} (i_0 - r_n)$ . Then,  $\tilde{y}_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \hat{y}_{m,t} + \chi_\lambda \hat{y}_{\lambda,t}$  and  $\tilde{\pi}_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \hat{\pi}_{m,t} + \chi_\lambda \hat{\pi}_{\lambda,t}$ , where  $\chi_\lambda \equiv \chi_{p_d} \epsilon_\lambda$ ,  $\hat{y}_{k,t} = \frac{(\rho - \omega) e^{\omega t} - (\rho + \psi_k) e^{-\psi_k t}}{(\psi_k + \bar{\omega})(\psi_k + \omega)} (i_0 - r_n)$ , and  $\hat{\pi}_{k,t} = \frac{\kappa (e^{\omega t} - e^{-\psi_k t})}{(\omega + \psi_k)(\bar{\omega} + \psi_k)} (i_0 - r_n)$ . Note that  $\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \hat{y}_{k,t} dt = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \hat{y}_{k,0}}{\partial i_0} = -\frac{1}{\psi_k + \omega} < 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \hat{y}_{k,t} = 0$ . Moreover,  $\hat{\pi}_0 = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \hat{\pi}_{k,t}}{\partial i_0} \geq 0$  with strict inequality if  $t > 0$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 8.* The workers' financial wealth in the no-disaster state evolves according to  $\dot{B}_{w,t} = (i_t - \pi_t + r_{p,t}) B_{w,t} + W_t N_{w,t} + T_{w,t} - C_{w,t}$ . Using the fact that  $B_{w,t} = -Q_{p,t} \bar{F}$  and  $q_{p,t} = -\frac{i_{p,t} - i_p}{i_p + \psi_p}$ , we obtain equation (25). From the market clearing condition for goods, we obtain savers'

consumption:  $c_{s,t} = \frac{1-\mu_w\chi_y}{1-\mu_w}y_t + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w}\left(\frac{\psi_P}{i_P+\psi_P}(i_{P,t}-i_P) - \pi_t\right)$ . Assuming exponentially decaying interest rates, and using the yield on the private bond  $i_{P,t}-i_P = \frac{i_P+\psi_P}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_m}(i_t-r_n) + \frac{i_P+\psi_P}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_\lambda}r_P\hat{\lambda}_t$ , we can write savers' consumption as follows

$$c_{s,t} = \frac{1-\mu_w\chi_y}{1-\mu_w}y_t + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w}\left[\frac{\psi_P}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_m}(i_t-r_n) + \frac{\psi_P r_P}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_\lambda}\hat{\lambda}_t - \pi_t\right]. \quad (26)$$

The Euler equation for savers can be written as

$$\dot{c}_{s,t} = \sigma^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \lambda\left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma [c_{s,t} + \sigma^{-1}\hat{\lambda}_t]. \quad (27)$$

Combining equations (26) and (27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_t = & \left[\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} - \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}r_n\right](i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \left[\lambda\left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma - \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}\kappa\right]y_t \\ & + \left[\chi_{p_d} + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}\frac{\psi_P r_P(\rho-r_n+\psi_\lambda)}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_\lambda}\right]\hat{\lambda}_t + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}\left[r_n + \frac{\psi_P(\rho-r_n+\psi_m)}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_m}\right](i_t - r_n). \end{aligned}$$

We can then write the aggregate Euler equation as  $\dot{y}_t = \hat{\sigma}^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \hat{\delta}y_t + \hat{v}_t$ , where  $\hat{\sigma}^{-1} \equiv \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} - \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P r_n}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}$ ,  $\hat{\delta} \equiv \lambda\left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma - \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P \kappa}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}$ , and  $\hat{v}_t \equiv \left[\chi_{p_d} + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}\frac{\psi_P r_P \tilde{\psi}_\lambda}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_\lambda}\right]\hat{\lambda}_t + \left[\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}\frac{\psi_P \hat{\psi}_m}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_m}\right](i_t - r_n)$ , where  $\tilde{\psi}_k \equiv \psi_k + \rho - r_n$  for  $k \in \{m, \lambda\}$ . Therefore, following a derivation analogous to the one in Proposition 5, output is given by  $y_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\hat{y}_{m,t} + \chi_\lambda\hat{y}_{\lambda,t} + \frac{\mu_w\bar{d}_P}{1-\mu_w\chi_y}\left[\frac{\psi_P\tilde{\psi}_m\hat{y}_{m,t}}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_m} + \frac{r_P\epsilon_\lambda\tilde{\psi}_\lambda\hat{y}_{\lambda,t}}{\rho+\psi_P+\psi_\lambda}\right] + (\rho - \underline{\omega})e^{\underline{\omega}t}\Omega_0$ , where the eigenvalues are given by  $\bar{\omega} = \frac{\rho+\hat{\delta}+\sqrt{(\rho+\hat{\delta})^2+4(\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa-\rho\hat{\delta})}}{2}$  and  $\underline{\omega} = \frac{\rho+\hat{\delta}-\sqrt{(\rho+\hat{\delta})^2+4(\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa-\rho\hat{\delta})}}{2}$ .

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# Online Appendix

## A Derivations for Section 2

### A.1 The non-linear model

**Savers' problem.** The HJB for the savers' problem is given by

$$\rho_{j,t} V_{j,t} = \max_{C_{j,t}, B_{j,t}^L, B_{j,t}^E} \frac{C_{j,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial t} + \lambda_j [V_{j,t}^* - V_{j,t}] + \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial B_{j,t}} \left[ (i_t - \pi_t) B_{j,t} + r_{L,t} B_{j,t}^L + r_{E,t} B_{j,t}^E + T_{j,t} - C_{j,t} \right]. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $V_{j,t}^*$  is evaluated at  $B_{j,t}^* = B_{j,t} + B_{j,t}^L \frac{Q_{L,t}^* - Q_{L,t}}{Q_{L,t}} + B_{j,t}^E \frac{Q_{E,t}^* - Q_{E,t}}{Q_{E,t}}$  and  $B_{j,t} > 0$ .

The corresponding HJB in the disaster state is given by

$$\rho_{j,t}^* V_{j,t}^* = \max_{C_{j,t}^*, B_{j,t}^{L,*}, B_{j,t}^{E,*}} \frac{(C_{j,t}^*)^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \frac{\partial V_{j,t}^*}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V_{j,t}^*}{\partial B_{j,t}^*} \left[ (i_t^* - \pi_t^*) B_{j,t} + T_{j,t}^* - C_{j,t}^* \right],$$

where we imposed that  $r_{L,t}^* = r_{E,t}^* = 0$ , as there is no risk in the disaster state.

The first-order conditions are given by<sup>1</sup>

$$C_{j,t}^{-\sigma} = \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial B_{j,t}}, \quad \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial B_{j,t}} r_{k,t} = \frac{\partial V_{j,t}^*}{\partial B_{j,t}^*} \frac{Q_{k,t} - Q_{k,t}^*}{Q_{k,t}}, \quad (C_{j,t}^*)^{-\sigma} = \frac{\partial V_{j,t}^*}{\partial B_{j,t}^*}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

for  $k \in \{L, E\}$ . Savers are indifferent about their portfolio composition in the disaster state. From the expressions above, we obtain eqn. (2) and (3). Differentiating the HJB equation in the no-disaster state with respect to  $B_{j,t}$ , we obtain the envelope condition:<sup>2</sup>

$$\rho_{j,t} \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial B_{j,t}} = \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial B_{j,t}} (i_t - \pi_t) + \frac{\mathbb{E}_{j,t} [d \left( \frac{\partial V_{j,t}}{\partial B_{j,t}} \right)]}{dt}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Using the optimality condition for consumption and the condition above, we obtain:

$$i_t - \pi_t - \rho_{j,t} = - \frac{\mathbb{E}_{j,t} [d C_{j,t}^{-\sigma}]}{C_{j,t}^{-\sigma} dt} = \frac{\sigma C_{j,t}^{-\sigma-1} \dot{C}_{j,t} - \lambda_j \left[ (C_{j,t}^*)^{-\sigma} - C_{j,t}^{-\sigma} \right]}{C_{j,t}^{-\sigma}}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

<sup>1</sup>Formally, the solution is also subject to a state-constraint boundary condition. See ? for a discussion of such constraints in continuous-time savings problems.

<sup>2</sup>Here we used the fact that  $\mathbb{E}_{j,t} [dF(B_{j,t}, t)] = \left[ F_t + \lambda_j [F^* - F] + F_B \left( (i - \pi) B_j + r_L B_j^L + r_E B_j^E - C_j \right) \right] dt$  for any function  $F(B_{j,t}, t)$ , according to Ito's lemma.



using the fact that  $dC_{j,t} = \dot{C}_{j,t}dt + [C_{j,t}^* - C_{j,t}]d\mathcal{N}_t$  and Ito's lemma. Rearranging the expression above, we obtain eqn. (1). A similar envelope condition holds in the disaster state, which gives the Euler equation for the disaster state

$$\frac{\dot{C}_{j,t}^*}{C_{j,t}^*} = \sigma^{-1}(i_t - \pi_t - \rho_{j,t}^*). \quad (\text{A.5})$$

The relative net worth of optimistic and pessimistic savers evolves according to

$$\frac{\dot{B}_{o,t}}{B_{o,t}} - \frac{\dot{B}_{p,t}}{B_{p,t}} = \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_{k,t} \left( \frac{B_{o,t}^L}{B_{o,t}} - \frac{B_{p,t}^k}{B_{p,t}} \right) - \left( \frac{C_{o,t} - T_{s,t}}{B_{o,t}} - \frac{C_{p,t} - T_{s,t}}{B_{p,t}} \right). \quad (\text{A.6})$$

**Workers' problem.** The HJB for the workers' problem is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_w V_{w,t} = & \max_{\tilde{C}_{w,t}, N_{w,t}, B_{w,t}^L} \frac{\tilde{C}_{w,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \frac{\partial V_{w,t}}{\partial B_{w,t}} \left[ (i_t - \pi_t)B_{w,t} + r_{L,t}B_{w,t}^L + \frac{W_t}{P_t}N_{w,t} + T_{w,t} - \tilde{C}_{w,t} - \frac{N_{w,t}^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi} \right] \\ & + \frac{\partial V_{w,t}}{\partial t} + \lambda_w [V_{w,t}^* - V_{w,t}] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

subject to the state-constraint boundary condition

$$\frac{\partial V_{w,t}(0)}{\partial B_{w,t}} \geq \left( \frac{W_t}{P_t}N_{w,t} - \frac{N_{w,t}^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi} + T_{w,t} \right)^{-\sigma}, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where we adopted the change of variables  $\tilde{C}_{w,t} \equiv C_{w,t} - \frac{N_{w,t}^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi}$ .

For simplicity, we have already imposed that  $B_{w,t}^E = 0$ . We show below that  $B_{w,t}^L = 0$  and a similar argument shows that workers would be against the short-selling constraint for equities when  $B_{w,t}^E$  is a choice variable.

The optimality condition for labor supply is given by

$$N_{w,t}^\phi = \frac{W_t}{P_t}. \quad (\text{A.9})$$

We focus on an equilibrium where workers are always constrained. To derive the conditions that ensure this is indeed the case, we start by considering a stationary equilibrium where all variables are constant conditional on the state. If workers are constrained in the stationary equilibrium, then they will also be constrained if fluctuations are small enough.

In a stationary equilibrium, net consumption  $\tilde{C}_w$  in the no-disaster state is given by

$$\tilde{C}_w = \frac{W}{P} N_w - \frac{N_w^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi} + T_w, \quad (\text{A.10})$$

and an analogous expression holds in the disaster state. Notice that the expression above does not depend on  $\rho_w$  or  $\lambda_w$ .

For workers to be unconstrained, the following condition would have to hold:

$$\frac{\dot{\tilde{C}}_{w,t}}{\tilde{C}_{w,t}} = \sigma^{-1}(r_n - \rho_w) + \frac{\lambda_w}{\sigma} \left[ \left( \frac{\tilde{C}_{w,t}}{\tilde{C}_{w,t}^*} \right)^\sigma - 1 \right]. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

For  $\rho_w$  sufficiently large, workers would want a declining path of consumption, so current consumption would be above  $\frac{W}{P} N_w - \frac{N_w^{1+\phi}}{1+\phi} + T_w$ , which would violate the state-constraint. Hence, the constraint must be binding for  $\rho_w$  sufficiently large.

If the workers hold a positive amount of the long-term bonds, then the following condition must hold

$$r_L = \lambda_w \left( \frac{\tilde{C}_w}{\tilde{C}_w^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_L - Q_L^*}{Q_L}. \quad (\text{A.12})$$

As  $C_w$  and  $C_w^*$  are independent of  $\lambda_w$ , the equation above would hold only if  $\lambda_w$  equals the value  $\bar{\lambda}_w \equiv \frac{r_L}{\left( \frac{C_w}{C_w^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_L - Q_L^*}{Q_L}}$ . For  $\lambda_w > \bar{\lambda}_w$ , borrowers would want a smaller dispersion between  $C_w$  and  $C_w^*$ , which requires holding less risky bonds, violating the non-negativity constraint on long-term bonds. Therefore, borrowers will hold zero long-term bonds for  $\lambda_w$  sufficiently large.

**Firms' problem.** The intermediate-goods producers' problem is given by

$$Q_{i,t}(P_i) = \max_{\{\pi_{i,s}\}_{s \geq t}} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^{t^*} \frac{\eta_s}{\eta_t} \left( \frac{P_{i,s}}{P_s} Y_{i,s} - \frac{W_s}{P_s} \frac{Y_{i,s}}{A_s} - \frac{\varphi}{2} \pi_s^2(j) \right) ds + \frac{\eta_{t^*}}{\eta_t} Q_{i,t^*}(P_{i,t^*}) \right],$$

subject to  $Y_{i,t} = \left( \frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t$  and  $\dot{P}_{i,t} = \pi_{i,t} P_{i,t}$ , given  $P_{i,t} = P_i$ .

The HJB equation for this problem is

$$0 = \max_{\pi_{i,t}} \eta_t \left( \frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t} Y_{i,t} - \frac{W_t}{P_t} \frac{Y_{i,t}}{A} - \frac{\varphi}{2} \pi_{i,t}^2 \right) dt + \mathbb{E}_t[d(\eta_t Q_{i,t})], \quad (\text{A.13})$$

where  $\frac{\mathbb{E}_t[d(\eta_t Q_{i,t})]}{\eta_t dt} = -(i_t - \pi_t) Q_{i,t} + \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_{i,t}} \pi_{i,t} P_{i,t} + \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial t} + \lambda_t \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} [Q_{i,t}^* - Q_{i,t}]$ .

The first-order condition is given by

$$\frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i} P_{i,t} = \varphi \pi_{i,t}.$$

The change in  $\pi_t$  conditional on no disaster is then given by

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 Q_{i,t}}{\partial t \partial P_i} + \frac{\partial^2 Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i^2} \pi_{i,t} P_{i,t} \right) P_{i,t} + \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i} \pi_{i,t} P_{i,t} = \varphi \dot{\pi}_{i,t}. \quad (\text{A.14})$$

The envelope condition with respect to  $P_{i,t}$  is given by

$$0 = \left( (1 - \epsilon) \frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t} + \epsilon \frac{W_t}{P_t A} \right) \left( \frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t} \right)^{-\epsilon} \frac{Y_t}{P_{i,t}} + \frac{\partial^2 Q_{i,t}}{\partial t \partial P_i} + \frac{\partial^2 Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i^2} \pi_{i,t} P_{i,t} + \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i} \pi_{i,t} - (i_t - \pi_t) \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i} + \lambda_t \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} \left( \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}^*}{\partial P_i} - \frac{\partial Q_{i,t}}{\partial P_i} \right). \quad (\text{A.15})$$

Multiplying the expression above by  $P_{i,t}$  and using eqn. (A.14), we obtain

$$0 = \left( (1 - \epsilon) \frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t} + \epsilon \frac{W_t}{P_t A} \right) \left( \frac{P_{i,t}}{P_t} \right)^{-\epsilon} Y_t + \varphi \dot{\pi}_t - (i_t - \pi_t) \varphi \pi_{i,t} + \lambda_t \varphi \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} (\pi_{i,t}^* - \pi_{i,t}).$$

Rearranging the expression above, we obtain the non-linear New Keynesian Phillips curve

$$\dot{\pi}_t = \left( i_t - \pi_t + \lambda_t \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} \right) \pi_t - \frac{\epsilon \varphi^{-1}}{A} \left( \frac{W_t}{P_t} - (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) A \right) Y_t,$$

where we have assumed that  $P_{i,t} = P_t$  for all  $i \in [0, 1]$  and that  $\pi_t^* = 0$ .

## A.2 The stationary equilibrium

**Aggregate output.** Consider a stationary equilibrium with zero inflation. From the New Keynesian Phillips curve, we obtain

$$\frac{W}{P} = (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) A, \quad \frac{W^*}{P} = (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) A^*. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

Combining the expressions above with the labor supply condition, we obtain

$$Y = \mu_w (1 - \epsilon^{-1})^{\frac{1}{\phi}} A^{\frac{1+\phi}{\phi}}, \quad Y^* = \mu_w (1 - \epsilon^{-1})^{\frac{1}{\phi}} (A^*)^{\frac{1+\phi}{\phi}}. \quad (\text{A.17})$$

**Disaster state.** From the Euler equation for short-term bonds, an allocation with constant consumption must satisfy  $r_n^* = \rho_j^*$ . Uzawa preferences implies that this condition is eventually satisfied. For simplicity, we assume that  $\rho_j^*(\cdot)$  is constant and  $\rho_o^* = \rho_p^*$ . This assumption is not necessary for our results, but it simplifies presentation, as it ensures that allocations are constant as the economy switches to the disaster state. We set  $\rho_j^* = \rho_s$ , so there is no jump in the discount rate of the representative saver. In this case, the real interest rate in the disaster state is given by  $i_t^* - \pi_t^* = r_n^* = \rho_s$ .

The excess return on long-term bonds and equity are equal to zero,  $r_L^* = r_E^* = 0$ , so the price of the long-term bond is given by

$$Q_L^* = \frac{1}{r_n^* + \psi_L}, \quad (\text{A.18})$$

and the equity price is given by  $Q_E^* = \frac{\Pi^*}{r_n^*}$ .

The consumption of borrowers is given by

$$C_w^* = (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) \frac{Y^*}{\mu_w} + T_w^*. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

We assume that the government chooses fiscal transfers so workers have a given share  $0 < \mu_{Y,w} < 1$  of output, so  $C_w^* = \mu_{Y,w} \frac{Y^*}{\mu_w}$ . The parameter  $\mu_{Y,w}$  captures the government's preference for redistribution. This requires that the government sets  $T_w^* = \left[ \frac{\mu_{Y,w}}{\mu_w} - \frac{1-\epsilon^{-1}}{\mu_w} \right] Y^*$ . In the main text, we focus on the case  $\mu_{Y,w} = \mu_w$ .

Savers' consumption is given by

$$C_j^* = r_n^* B_j^* + T_j^*, \quad (\text{A.20})$$

where  $B_j^* = B_j + B_j^L \frac{Q_L^* - Q_L}{Q_L} + B_j^E \frac{Q_E^* - Q_E}{Q_E}$ .

Aggregate consumption of savers is given by

$$C_s^* = r_n^* \frac{\bar{D}_G^*}{\mu_s} + \frac{\Pi^*}{\mu_s} + T_s. \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Transfers to savers must satisfy  $T_s = (1 - \mu_{Y,w} - \epsilon^{-1}) \frac{Y^*}{\mu_s} - r_n^* \frac{\bar{D}_G^*}{\mu_s}$  such that the government's budget constraint is satisfied. This implies that the aggregate consumption of savers is given by  $C_s^* = (1 - \mu_{Y,w}) \frac{Y^*}{\mu_s}$ .

We focus on a symmetric allocation in the disaster state, so we assume that  $T_{o,t}^* - T_{p,t}^* = -r_n^*(B_o^* - B_p^*)$ , for  $t \geq t^*$ . This implies that  $C_j^* = C_s^*$ .

**No-disaster state.** The consumption of workers is given by

$$C_w = \left[ (1 - \epsilon^{-1})A \right]^{\frac{1+\phi}{\phi}} + T_w. \quad (\text{A.22})$$

As in the disaster state, the government chooses fiscal transfers so workers have a given share  $0 < \mu_{Y,w} < 1$  of output, so  $C_w = \mu_{Y,w} \frac{Y}{\mu_w}$  and  $C_s = (1 - \mu_{Y,w}) \frac{Y}{\mu_s}$ . This requires that the government sets  $T_w = \left[ \frac{\mu_{Y,w}}{\mu_w} - \frac{1-\epsilon^{-1}}{\mu_w} \right] Y$ .

From the market clearing condition for assets, we obtain

$$B_s = \frac{\bar{D}_G + Q_E}{1 - \mu_w}, \quad B_s^L = \frac{\bar{D}_G}{1 - \mu_w}, \quad B_s^E = \frac{Q_E}{1 - \mu_w}. \quad (\text{A.23})$$

The consumption of individual savers is given by

$$C_j = r_n B_j + r_L B_j^L + r_E B_j^E - T_j \quad (\text{A.24})$$

From the Euler equation for short-term bonds to be satisfied for both types of savers, the following condition must be satisfied:  $\rho_o - \rho_p = \lambda_p - \lambda_o$ , where  $\rho_j$  is an increasing function of  $\frac{C_j}{C_s}$ . As the consumption of type- $j$  savers is increasing in  $B_j$ ,  $\rho_o - \rho_p$  is increasing in  $B_o$ . Hence, there is a unique value of  $B_o$  such that  $\rho_o - \rho_p = \lambda_p - \lambda_o$ . We assume the function  $\rho_j(\cdot)$  is such that this equality is achieved when  $B_o = B_p$ .

Using the fact that  $B_o = B_p$  and  $T_o = T_p$  in a stationary equilibrium, we can write the consumption of optimistic and pessimistic savers as follows:

$$C_o = C_s + r_L \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} (B_o^L - B_p^L) + r_E \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} (B_o^E - B_p^E) \quad (\text{A.25})$$

$$C_p = C_s - r_L \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} (B_o^L - B_p^L) - r_E \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} (B_o^E - B_p^E). \quad (\text{A.26})$$

We can use the Euler equations for risky assets to eliminate  $r_L$  and  $r_E$  from the expressions above, which gives us

$$C_o = C_s \left[ 1 + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \mathcal{R}_o \right], \quad C_o^* = C_s^*, \quad (\text{A.27})$$

$$C_p = C_s \left[ 1 - \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \mathcal{R}_o \right], \quad C_p^* = C_s^*, \quad (\text{A.28})$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_o \equiv \frac{Q_L - Q_L^*}{Q_L} \frac{B_o^L - B_p^L}{C_s} + \frac{Q_L - Q_L^*}{Q_E} \frac{B_o^E - B_p^E}{C_s}$  represents optimistic relative risk exposure.

From the optimality condition for risky assets, we obtain

$$\left(1 + \lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \mathcal{R}_o\right)^\sigma = \frac{\lambda_p}{\lambda_o} \left(1 - \lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \mathcal{R}_o\right)^\sigma. \quad (\text{A.29})$$

Rearranging the expression above, we obtain

$$\lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma \mathcal{R}_o = \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}, \quad (\text{A.30})$$

which is positive if  $\lambda_p > \lambda_o$ . The value of  $\mathcal{R}_o$  pins down only a linear combination of  $B_o^L - B_p^L$  and  $B_o^E - B_p^E$ . For concreteness, we assume that  $B_o^E = B_p^E$ , so savers have different exposure to bonds in equilibrium.

Given  $\mathcal{R}_o$ , we can solve for the share of consumption of optimistic savers:

$$\frac{\mu_o C_o}{\mu_o C_o + \mu_p C_p} = \frac{\mu_o}{\mu_o + \mu_p} \left[1 + \frac{\mu_p (\lambda_o^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_p^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}})}{\mu_o \lambda_o^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} + \mu_p \lambda_p^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}}}\right]. \quad (\text{A.31})$$

Given the expression above, we obtain the market-implied disaster probability:

$$\lambda = \left[ \frac{\mu_o C_o}{\mu_p C_p + \mu_p C_p} \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + \frac{\mu_p C_p}{\mu_p C_p + \mu_p C_p} \lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \right]^\sigma. \quad (\text{A.32})$$

From the Euler equations for short-term and long-term bonds, we obtain

$$r_n = \rho_j - \lambda_j \left[ \left(\frac{C_j}{C_j^*}\right)^\sigma - 1 \right], \quad r_k = \lambda_j \left(\frac{C_j}{C_j^*}\right)^\sigma \frac{Q_k - Q_k^*}{Q_k}, \quad (\text{A.33})$$

for  $k \in \{L, E\}$ , where  $r_L = \frac{1}{Q_L} - \psi_L - r_n$ ,  $r_E = \frac{\Pi}{Q_E} - r_n$ , and  $\Pi = \epsilon^{-1} Y$ .

Using the fact that  $\lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma = \lambda_j \left(\frac{C_j}{C_j^*}\right)^\sigma$ , we can write the Euler equations in terms of aggregate savers' consumption:

$$r_n = \rho_s - \lambda \left[ \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma - 1 \right], \quad r_k = \lambda \left(\frac{C_s}{C_s^*}\right)^\sigma \frac{Q_k - Q_k^*}{Q_k}, \quad (\text{A.34})$$

for  $k \in \{L, E\}$ , where  $\rho_s$  satisfy the condition  $\rho_s + \lambda = \rho_j + \lambda_j$  for  $j \in \{o, p\}$ .

We solve next for the price of risky assets. Given  $r_L$ , we can solve for  $Q_L$ :

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} - \psi_L - r_n = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \left( 1 - \frac{Q_L^*}{Q_L} \right) \Rightarrow Q_L = Q_L^* \frac{r_n^* + \psi_L + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma}{r_n + \psi_L + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma}, \quad (\text{A.35})$$

where  $Q_L > Q_L^*$ , as  $r_n < r_n^*$  due to the precautionary motive in the no-disaster state.

The loss in long-term bonds in the disaster state is given by

$$\frac{Q_L - Q_L^*}{Q_L} = \frac{r_n^* - r_n}{r_n^* + \psi_L + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma}, \quad (\text{A.36})$$

which is positive as  $r_n^* > r_n$ . Long-term interest rates are higher than short-term interest rates in the stationary equilibrium, i.e., the yield curve is upward sloping in this economy.

The equity price is given by

$$\frac{\Pi}{Q_E} - r_n = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \left( 1 - \frac{Q_E^*}{Q_E} \right) \Rightarrow Q_E = \frac{\Pi + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma Q_E^*}{r_n + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma}, \quad (\text{A.37})$$

so the loss on equity in the disaster state is given by

$$\frac{Q_E - Q_E^*}{Q_E} = \frac{\Pi - r_n Q_E^*}{\Pi + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma Q_E^*} = \frac{\rho_s \zeta_\Pi + \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma - 1 \right] (1 - \zeta_\Pi)}{\rho_s + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma (1 - \zeta_\Pi)}, \quad (\text{A.38})$$

where  $\zeta_\Pi \equiv 1 - \frac{\Pi^*}{\Pi}$  is the size of the drop in profits. As the expression above is positive, the equity premium is positive in the stationary equilibrium.

### A.3 Log-linear approximation

We consider next the effects of an unexpected monetary shock for an economy starting at the stationary equilibrium described above.

**Disaster state.** As there is no monetary shock in the disaster state, inflation is equal to zero,  $\pi_t^* = 0$ , and output is kept at the stationary-equilibrium level,  $y_t^* = 0$ . Wages and hours are unchanged, so  $c_{w,t}^* = 0$ . Savers' aggregate consumption is also the same as in the stationary equilibrium,  $c_{s,t}^* = 0$ . Savers' flow budget constraint is given by  $\mu_s C_{s,t}^* = r_{n,t}^* (D_{G,t} \frac{Q_{L,t}^*}{Q_{L,t}} + Q_{E,t}^*) + T_{s,t}^*$ . Notice that  $r_{n,t}^* = r_n^*$ ,  $Q_{L,t}^* = Q_L^*$ , and  $Q_{E,t}^* = Q_E^*$ . For simplicity, we further assume that the

government chooses transfers in the no-disaster state such that  $D_{G,t} = D_G q_{L,t}$ , so transfers must satisfy  $T_{s,t}^* = T_s^*$ . Consumption of type- $j$  saver is then given by  $\frac{C_j^*}{B_j^*} c_{j,t}^* = r_n^* b_{j,t}^*$ .

**Market-based disaster probability.** Linearizing eqn. (4) around the stationary equilibrium, we obtain

$$\frac{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\sigma} \hat{\lambda}_t = \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \right) [c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}], \quad (\text{A.39})$$

where  $\mu_{c,j} \equiv \frac{\mu_j C_j}{\mu_o C_o + \mu_p C_p}$  and  $c_{j,t} \equiv \log C_{j,t} / C_j$ , for  $j \in \{o, p\}$ .

**Euler equation for short-term bonds.** Using the fact that  $\lambda_j \left( \frac{C_{j,t}}{C_{j,t}^*} \right)^\sigma = \lambda_t \left( \frac{C_{s,t}}{C_{s,t}^*} \right)^\sigma$ , we can write the Euler equation for short-term bonds as follows

$$\dot{c}_{j,t} = \sigma^{-1} (i_t - \pi_t - (\rho_{j,t} + \lambda_j)) + \frac{\lambda_t}{\sigma} \left( \frac{C_{s,t}}{C_{s,t}^*} \right)^\sigma. \quad (\text{A.40})$$

Linearizing the discount-rate function, we obtain  $\rho_{j,t} = \rho_j + \sigma \bar{\zeta} (c_{j,t} - c_{s,t})$ , where we assumed a common slope for both types  $\sigma \bar{\zeta}$ , so we obtain the linearized Euler equation

$$\dot{c}_{j,t} = \sigma^{-1} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma (\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}) - \bar{\zeta} (c_{j,t} - c_{s,t}). \quad (\text{A.41})$$

Aggregating the expression above, and using  $c_{s,t} = \sum_{j \in \{o,p\}} \mu_{c,j} c_{j,t}$ , we obtain

$$\dot{c}_{s,t} = \sigma^{-1} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma (\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}). \quad (\text{A.42})$$

**Relative consumption.** From the optimality condition for risky assets, we obtain

$$\lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \frac{C_{o,t}}{C_{o,t}^*} = \lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \frac{C_{p,t}}{C_{p,t}^*} \Rightarrow c_{p,t} - c_{o,t} = c_{p,t}^* - c_{o,t}^* \quad (\text{A.43})$$

Relative consumption in the no-disaster evolves according to

$$\dot{c}_{p,t} - \dot{c}_{o,t} = -\bar{\zeta} (c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}). \quad (\text{A.44})$$



**Relative net worth.** Linearizing eqn. (A.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = & \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left[ \hat{r}_{k,t} \left( \frac{b_p^k}{b_p} - \frac{b_o^k}{b_o} \right) + \frac{b_p^k}{b_p} (b_{p,t}^k - b_{p,t}) - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} (b_{o,t}^k - b_{o,t}) \right] \\ & - \left( \frac{C_p}{B_p} c_{p,t} - \frac{C_o}{B_o} c_{o,t} \right) + \frac{C_p - T_p}{B_p} b_{p,t} - \frac{C_o - T_o}{B_o} b_{o,t}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.45})$$

where  $\hat{r}_{k,t} = \hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t} + \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_k - Q_k^*} q_{k,t}$ . Using the fact that  $\frac{C_j - T_j}{B_j} = r_n + \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \frac{B_j^k}{B_j}$ , we can write the expression above as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = & \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left[ \hat{r}_{k,t} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) + \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} b_{p,t}^k - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} b_{o,t}^k \right] - \left( \frac{C_p}{B_p} c_{p,t} - \frac{C_o}{B_o} c_{o,t} \right) \\ & + r_n (b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.46})$$

The relative net worth in the disaster state at  $t = t^*$  is given by

$$\frac{B_p^*}{B_p} b_{p,t^*}^* - \frac{B_o^*}{B_o} b_{o,t^*}^* = b_{p,t^*} - b_{o,t^*} - \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} \left[ \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_k} q_{k,t^*} + \frac{Q_k - Q_k^*}{Q_k} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} b_{p,t^*}^k - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} b_{o,t^*}^k \right) \right]. \quad (\text{A.47})$$

**Relative risk exposure.** Consumption of savers in the disaster state is given by  $c_{j,t^*}^* = \frac{r_n^* B_j^*}{C_s^*} b_{j,t^*}^*$ , so we obtain that  $c_{p,t^*}^* - c_{o,t^*}^* = \frac{r_n^*}{C_s^*} (B_p^* b_{p,t^*}^* - B_o^* b_{o,t^*}^*)$ . Using this expression and the fact that  $c_{p,t^*}^* - c_{o,t^*}^* = c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}$ , we can solve for the relative risk exposure:

$$\sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} \frac{Q_k - Q_k^*}{Q_k} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} b_{p,t}^k - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} b_{o,t}^k \right) = b_{p,t} - b_{o,t} - \frac{C_s^*}{r_n^* B_s} (c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}) - \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_k} q_{k,t}. \quad (\text{A.48})$$

**The dynamic system.** Using the expression above to eliminate the relative risk exposure, the relative net worth at the no-disaster state is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = & (\hat{\lambda}_t + (\sigma - 1)c_{s,t}) \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) + \rho (b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}) \\ & - \left( r_n + \frac{T_s}{B_s} + \frac{C_s^* (\rho - r_n)}{r_n^* B_s} \right) (c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}) - \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} (c_{p,t} - c_{s,t}) - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} (c_{o,t} - c_{s,t}) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.49})$$

using  $\hat{r}_{k,t} = \hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t} + \frac{Q_k^*}{Q_k - Q_k^*} q_{k,t}$ ,  $\frac{C_j}{B_j} = r_n + \frac{T_j}{B_j} + \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \frac{B_j^k}{B_j}$ , and  $\lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma = \rho - r_n$ .

The deviation of consumption from average can be written as

$$c_{p,t} - c_{s,t} = \mu_{c,o} (c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}), \quad c_{o,t} - c_{s,t} = -\mu_{c,p} (c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}). \quad (\text{A.50})$$

Combining the expressions above, we can write  $\dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t}$  as follows

$$\dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} = \rho(b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}) - \chi_{b,c}(c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}) + \chi_{b,c_s} c_{s,t}, \quad (\text{A.51})$$

where  $\chi_{b,c_s} \equiv (\sigma - 1) \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{b,c} \equiv & \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} \right) + \left( r_n + \frac{T_s}{B_s} + \frac{C_s^*(\rho - r_n)}{r_n^* B_s} \right) \\ & + \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \mu_{c,o} \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} + \mu_{c,p} \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.52})$$

Note that  $r_n + \frac{T_s}{B_s} = \frac{C_j}{B_j} - \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \frac{B_j^k}{B_j}$ , so  $r_n + \frac{T_s}{B_s} = \mu_{c,p} \frac{C_o}{B_o} + \mu_{c,o} \frac{C_p}{B_p} - \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \mu_{c,p} \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} + \mu_{c,o} \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} \right)$ .

We can then write  $\chi_{b,c}$  as follows:

$$\chi_{b,c} = \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} r_k \left( \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} \right) + \mu_{c,p} \frac{C_o}{B_o} + \mu_{c,o} \frac{C_p}{B_p} + \frac{C_s^*(\rho - r_n)}{r_n^* B_s}, \quad (\text{A.53})$$

so  $\chi_{b,c} > 0$ , as  $r_n < \rho$ .

In general, we would have to simultaneously solve for the aggregate variables and the relative net worth and relative consumption of pessimistic savers, which would increase the dimensionality of the problem relative to the standard New Keynesian. We assume that  $r_k c_{s,t} = \mathcal{O}(\|i_t - r_n\|^2)$ , so this term is small and can be ignored in our approximate solution. This implies that the system is now *block recursive*, where we can solve for the dynamics of relative consumption and relative net worth before fully characterizing the behavior of other aggregate variables. Under this assumption, we can write the joint dynamics of  $b_{p,t} - b_{o,t}$  and  $c_{p,t} - c_{o,t}$  as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{c}_{p,t} - \dot{c}_{o,t} \\ \dot{b}_{p,t} - \dot{b}_{o,t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\xi & 0 \\ -\chi_{b,c} & \rho \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{p,t} - c_{o,t} \\ b_{p,t} - b_{o,t} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.54})$$

**Persistence of  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ .** The system above has a positive and a negative eigenvalue, so there is a unique bounded solution given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{p,t} - c_{o,t} \\ b_{p,t} - b_{o,t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-\psi \lambda t} (b_{p,0} - b_{o,0}) \quad (\text{A.55})$$

where  $\psi_\lambda = \zeta$ .

We can then write the market-implied disaster probability as follows:

$$\hat{\lambda}_t = e^{-\psi_\lambda t} \hat{\lambda}_0, \quad (\text{A.56})$$

where

$$\hat{\lambda}_0 \equiv \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \frac{\rho + \zeta}{\chi_{b,c}} (b_{p,0} - b_{o,0}). \quad (\text{A.57})$$

Hence,  $\psi_\lambda$  captures the persistence of  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ . If  $\zeta = 0$ , then  $\psi_\lambda = 0$  and changes in  $\lambda_t$  are permanent. For high values of  $\psi_\lambda$ , the effects on  $\lambda_t$  are transitory and  $\psi_\lambda$  controls the speed of the convergence.

**Wealth revaluation and  $\hat{\lambda}_0$ .** The revaluation of the relative net worth is given by

$$b_{p,0} - b_{o,0} = \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} \left( \frac{B_p^k}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^k}{B_o} \right) q_{k,0}. \quad (\text{A.58})$$

The price of the long-term bond satisfies the condition

$$-\frac{1}{Q_L} q_{L,t} + \dot{q}_{L,t} - (i_t - r_n) = r_L \left[ \hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t} + \frac{Q_L^*}{Q_L - Q_L^*} q_{L,t} \right] \quad (\text{A.59})$$

Rearranging the expression above, we obtain

$$\dot{q}_{L,t} - (\rho + \psi_L) q_{L,t} = (i_t - r_n) + r_L (\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}). \quad (\text{A.60})$$

Solving the differential equation above, we obtain

$$q_{L,0} = - \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho + \psi_L)t} (i_t - r_n) dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho + \psi_L)t} r_L (\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}) dt. \quad (\text{A.61})$$

Suppose  $i_t - r_n = e^{-\psi_m t} (i_0 - r_n)$  and  $r_L \sigma c_{s,t} = \mathcal{O}(\|i_t - r_n\|^2)$ , then

$$q_{L,0} = - \frac{i_0 - r_n}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_m} - \frac{r_L \hat{\lambda}_0}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_\lambda}. \quad (\text{A.62})$$

We focus on the case  $\frac{B_p^E}{B_p} = \frac{B_o^E}{B_o}$ , so the initial relative wealth revaluation is given by

$$b_{p,0} - b_{o,0} = - \left( \frac{B_p^L}{B_p} - \frac{B_o^L}{B_o} \right) \left[ \frac{i_0 - r_n}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_m} + \frac{r_L \hat{\lambda}_0}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_\lambda} \right]. \quad (\text{A.63})$$

Plugging the expression above into the expression for  $\hat{\lambda}_0$

$$\hat{\lambda}_0 \equiv \frac{\sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} \left( \frac{B_o^L}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^L}{B_p} \right)}{1 - \sigma \mu_{c,o} \mu_{c,p} \left( \frac{\lambda_p^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} - \lambda_o^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \right) \frac{\rho + \xi}{\chi_{b,c}} \left( \frac{B_o^L}{B_o} - \frac{B_p^L}{B_p} \right) \frac{r_L}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_\lambda}} \frac{i_0 - r_n}{\rho + \psi_L + \psi_m}. \quad (\text{A.64})$$

Notice that there is an amplification mechanism between the price of the long-term bond and the change in disaster probability. A wealth redistribution towards pessimistic investors tends to increase  $\hat{\lambda}_0$ . An increase in  $\hat{\lambda}_0$  depresses the value of long-term bonds, redistributing towards pessimistic investors, further increasing  $\hat{\lambda}_t$ .

**Workers' consumption.** Log-linearizing workers' budget constraint, we obtain

$$c_{w,t} = \frac{WN_w}{PC_w} (w_t - p_t + n_{w,t}) + \frac{Y}{C_w} T'_w(Y) y_t. \quad (\text{A.65})$$

Using the fact that  $w_t - p_t + n_{w,t} = (1 + \phi) y_t$ , we can write the expression above as follows

$$c_{w,t} = \chi_y y_t. \quad (\text{A.66})$$

where  $\chi_y \equiv \frac{WN_w}{PC_w} (1 + \phi) + \frac{Y}{C_w} T'_w(Y)$ .

**Phillips curve.** Linearizing the Phillips curve, we obtain

$$\dot{\pi}_t = \rho \pi_t - \kappa y_t, \quad (\text{A.67})$$

where  $\kappa \equiv \frac{\phi \epsilon}{\varphi} \frac{WN}{P}$ .

**Stock prices.** Linearizing the expression for  $r_{E,t}$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\Pi}{Q_E} (\hat{\Pi}_t - q_{E,t}) + \dot{q}_{E,t} - (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) = r_E \left[ \hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t} + \frac{Q_E^*}{Q_E - Q_E^*} q_{E,t} \right]. \quad (\text{A.68})$$

Rearranging the expression above, we obtain

$$\dot{q}_{E,t} - \rho q_{E,t} = -\frac{1}{Q_E} \hat{\Pi}_t + (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) + r_E [\hat{\lambda}_t + \sigma c_{s,t}], \quad (\text{A.69})$$

Solving the differential equation above, we obtain

$$q_{E,t} = \frac{1}{Q_E} \int_t^\infty e^{-\rho(s-t)} \hat{\Pi}_s ds - \int_t^\infty e^{-\rho(s-t)} [(i_s + \pi_s - r_n) + r_E (\hat{\lambda}_s + \sigma c_{s,t})] ds. \quad (\text{A.70})$$

## B Derivations for Section 3

### B.1 Equilibrium determinacy and the Taylor principle

Combining the dynamics of the output and inflation from Proposition 2 and the Taylor rule  $i_t = r_n + \phi_\pi + \epsilon_t$ , we obtain the dynamic system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_t \\ \dot{\pi}_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta & -\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(1 - \phi_\pi) \\ -\kappa & \rho \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{v}_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where

$$\tilde{v}_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} u_t + \frac{1 - \mu_w}{1 - \mu_w \chi_y} \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma e^{-\psi \lambda t} \hat{\lambda}_0. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

The eigenvalues of the system incorporating the Taylor rule are given by

$$\bar{\omega}_T = \frac{\rho + \delta + \sqrt{(\rho + \delta)^2 + 4(\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(1 - \phi_\pi)\kappa - \rho\delta)}}{2}, \quad \underline{\omega}_T = \frac{\rho + \delta - \sqrt{(\rho + \delta)^2 + 4(\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(1 - \phi_\pi)\kappa - \rho\delta)}}{2}. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

The two eigenvalues above will be positive, and there will be a unique locally bounded solution, if the following condition is satisfied

$$\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}(1 - \phi_\pi)\kappa - \rho\delta < 0 \Rightarrow \phi_\pi \geq 1 - \frac{\rho\delta}{\tilde{\sigma}^{-1}\kappa} \equiv \bar{\phi}_\pi < 1 \quad (\text{B.4})$$

and  $\bar{\phi}_\pi > 0$  if Assumption 1 holds. As  $c_{s,t}$  increases with  $y_t$ , given ( $\mu_b \chi_y < 1$ ), risk is procyclical for savers in our economy. Bilbiie (2018) and Acharya and Dogra (2020) show that procyclical uninsurable idiosyncratic risk reduces the threshold on the response of monetary policy to inflation required to achieve local determinacy. A similar phenomenon happens in our case with aggregate disaster risk. Notice that the jump in marginal utility in the disaster state is given by  $\left( \frac{C_{s,t}}{C_{s,t}^*} \right)^\sigma$ , which in log-linear form is given by  $\sigma c_{s,t}$ . As  $c_{s,t}$  is increasing in  $y_t$  if  $\mu_b \chi_y < 1$ , so the jump

in marginal utility is procyclical in our economy.

## B.2 Trading in stocks

We consider next an extension where investors trade in stocks in the stationary equilibrium. In this case, the wealth effect of individual investors depends on the amount they trade on short-term bonds, long-term bonds, and stocks. However, as in the baseline model, the aggregate wealth effect depends only on the amount of government bonds traded, as the household sector as a whole act as buy-and-hold investors on stocks.

**The replicating portfolio.** Let  $i \in \mathcal{I}_j$  denote saver  $i$  of type  $j$  and assume that saver  $i$  receives real income  $I_{j,t}(i) = a_j(i)e^{-\psi_E t} \Pi_t$ . We assume that  $\int_{i \in \mathcal{I}_j} a_j(i) di = 0$  and that the following condition is satisfied in a stationary equilibrium:

$$B_{j,0}(i) + \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} I_{j,t}(i) dt \right] = B_{j,0}, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

where  $B_{j,0}(i)$  is the initial wealth of saver  $i$  and  $B_{j,0}$  is the average wealth of type- $j$  savers. This implies that the consumption of all savers is the same in the stationary equilibrium. Let  $B_{j,t}^S(i) = B_j^S + \tilde{B}_{j,t}^S(i)$  and  $B_{j,t}^E(i) = B_j^E + \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i)$ , then

$$\tilde{B}_{j,t}^S + \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E + Q_{I_j(i),t} = 0, \quad \tilde{B}_{j,t}^S + \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E \frac{Q_E^*}{Q_E} + Q_{I_j(i),t}^* = 0. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

We can then solve for the portfolio of individual  $i$ :

$$\tilde{B}_{j,t}^S(i) = Q_{I_j(i),t} \frac{Q_E^*}{Q_E - Q_E^*} - Q_{I_j(i),t}^* \frac{Q_E}{Q_E - Q_E^*}, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i) = Q_{I_j(i),t}^* \frac{Q_E}{Q_E - Q_E^*} - Q_{I_j(i),t} \frac{Q_E}{Q_E - Q_E^*}. \quad (\text{B.8})$$

**Pricing.** Notice that we can write the expression for  $\tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i)$  as follows:

$$\frac{Q_E - Q_E^*}{Q_E} \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i) = - \frac{Q_{I_j(i),t} - Q_{I_j(i),t}^*}{Q_{I_j(i),t}} Q_{I_j(i),t} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

so  $r_E \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i) = -r_{I_j(i)} Q_{I_j(i),t}$ . Assuming the economy is in the stationary equilibrium, the value of the income claim in the disaster state is given by

$$Q_{I_j(i),t}^* = a_j(i) \frac{e^{-\psi_E t} \Pi^*}{r_n^* + \psi_E}, \quad (\text{B.10})$$

and the value of the income claim in the no-disaster state is given by

$$Q_{I_j(i),t} = \frac{a_j(i) \Pi e^{-\psi_E t} + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma Q_{I_j(i),t}^*}{r_n + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma + \psi_E}. \quad (\text{B.11})$$

We can then write the portfolio holdings of investor  $i$  as follows:

$$\tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i) = -a_j(i) e^{-\psi_E t} \frac{Q_E}{Q_E - Q_E^*} \frac{\Pi - \frac{r_n + \psi_E}{r_n^* + \psi_E} \Pi^*}{r_n + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma + \psi_E} \quad (\text{B.12})$$

$$\tilde{B}_{j,t}^S(i) = a_j(i) e^{-\psi_E t} \frac{Q_E}{Q_E - Q_E^*} \left[ \frac{\Pi + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{\Pi^*}{r_n^* + \psi_E} \frac{Q_E^*}{Q_E} - \frac{\Pi^*}{r_n^* + \psi_E} \right]. \quad (\text{B.13})$$

Notice that  $r_{I_j(i)}$  is given by

$$r_{I_j(i)} = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{\Pi - \frac{r_n + \psi_E}{r_n^* + \psi_E} \Pi^*}{\Pi + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{\Pi^*}{r_n^* + \psi_E}}. \quad (\text{B.14})$$

Linearizing the pricing condition for the income claim, we obtain

$$q_{I_j,0} = \frac{a_j(i) Y}{Q_{I_j,0}} \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho + \psi_E)t} \hat{\Pi}_t dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho + \psi_E)t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_{I_j(i)} p_{d,t}) dt. \quad (\text{B.15})$$

**Wealth effects.** The intertemporal budget constraint for household  $i$  is given by

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}(i) dt \right] = B_{j,0}(i) + \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} (I_{j,t}(i) + T_{j,t}) dt \right]. \quad (\text{B.16})$$

Linearizing the equation above, we obtain

$$\Omega_{j,0}(i) = \frac{1}{C_j} \left[ B_j^L q_{L,0} + B_{j,0}^E(i) q_{E,0} + Q_{T_j} q_{T_j,0} + Q_{I_j(i),0} q_{I_j(i),0} \right] + \frac{Q_{C_j}}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_{C_j} p_{d,t}) dt, \quad (\text{B.17})$$

where  $Q_{I_j(i),0}$  is the value at 0 of a claim on  $I_{j,t}(i)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Using the fact that  $Q_{C_j} = B_{j,0}^S(i) + B_j^L + B_{j,0}^E(i) + Q_{I_j(i),0} + Q_{T_j}$  and  $Q_{Cr_{C_j}} = B_j^L r_L + B_{j,0}^E(i) r_E + Q_{I_j(i),0} r_{I_j(i)} + Q_{T_j} r_{T_j}$ , we can write the wealth effect as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{j,0}(i) &= \Omega_{j,0} + \frac{\Upsilon}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left( \frac{B_{j,0}^E(i)}{Q_E} + e^{-\psi_E t} a_j(i) \right) \hat{\Pi}_t dt \\ &\quad + \frac{\tilde{B}_{j,0}^S(i)}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{Q_{I_j(i),0}}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (1 - e^{-\psi_E t}) (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_{I_j(i)} p_{d,t}) dt\end{aligned}\quad (\text{B.18})$$

Notice that  $(1 - e^{-\psi_E t}) Q_{I_j(i),0} = Q_{I_j(i),0} - Q_{I_j(i),t}$ ,  $Q_{I_j(i),t} = -\tilde{B}_{j,t}^S(i) - \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i)$ , and  $r_{I_j} Q_{I_j(i),t} = r_E \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i)$ . We can then write the expression above as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{j,0}(i) &= \Omega_{j,0} + \frac{\Upsilon}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left( \frac{\tilde{B}_{j,0}^E(i)}{Q_E} + e^{-\psi_E t} a_j(i) \right) \hat{\Pi}_t dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \Delta B_{j,t}^S(i_t - \pi_t - r_n) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{C_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \Delta B_{j,t}^E(i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_E p_{d,t}) dt,\end{aligned}\quad (\text{B.19})$$

where  $\Delta B_{j,t}^E = \tilde{B}_{j,t}^E(i) - \tilde{B}_{j,0}^E(i)$  and  $\Delta B_{j,t}^S = \tilde{B}_{j,t}^S(i)$ . Notice that as  $\int_{i \in I_j} a_j(i) di = 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{\mu_j} \int_{i \in \mathcal{I}_j} \Omega_{j,0}(i) di = \Omega_{j,0}$ .

### B.3 Intertemporal budget constraint

The following lemma characterizes the intertemporal budget constraint faced by savers.

**Lemma 2** (Savers' intertemporal budget constraint). *The intertemporal budget constraint (IBC) for individual savers and the aggregate of all savers are given by*

i. *Individual IBC:*

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}(s) \right] = B_{j,t}(s). \quad (\text{B.20})$$

ii. *Savers' aggregate IBC:*

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{s,t} dt \right] = B_{s,t}, \quad (\text{B.21})$$

where  $B_{s,t} = \frac{D_{G,t} + Q_{E,t}}{1 - \mu_w}$ .

*Proof.* We consider first the derivation of the individual intertemporal budget constraint. The net



worth of a type- $j$  saver born at date  $s$  evolves according to

$$dB_{j,t}(s) = \left[ (i_t - \pi_t)B_{j,t}(s) + r_{L,t}B_{j,t}^L(s) + r_{E,t}B_{j,t}^E(s) + T_{j,t} - C_{j,t}(s) \right] dt + \sum_{k \in \{L,E\}} B_{s,t}^k \frac{Q_{k,t}^* - Q_{k,t}}{Q_{k,t}} dN_t, \quad (\text{B.22})$$

so the expected change in the net worth scaled by SDF is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbb{E}_t[d(\eta_t B_{j,t}(s))]}{\eta_t dt} &= \left[ -(i_t - \pi_t) - \lambda_t \left( \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} - 1 \right) \right] B_{j,t}(s) + (i_t - \pi_t)B_{j,t}(s) + r_{L,t}B_{j,t}^L(s) + r_{E,t}B_{j,t}^E(s) \\ &\quad T_{j,t} - C_{j,t}(s) + \lambda_t \left[ \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} B_{j,t}^*(s) - B_{j,t}(s) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.23})$$

using Ito's lemma and  $\mathbb{E}_t d\eta_t / \eta_t = -(i_t - \pi_t)dt$ .

Integrating the expression above and using the fact that  $r_{k,t} = \lambda_t \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_t} \frac{Q_{k,t} - Q_{k,t}^*}{Q_{k,t}}$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_t[\eta_T B_{j,T}(s)]}{\eta_t} - B_{j,t}(s) = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^T \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} (T_{j,z} - C_{j,z}(s)) dz \right] \quad (\text{B.24})$$

Given that the household problem with constant mortality rate  $\zeta$  is identical to the problem of an infinite-horizon household with an additional discount  $\zeta$ , the standard transversality condition holds<sup>3</sup>

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{j,t} \left[ e^{-\rho_j T} C_{j,T}^{-\sigma}(s) B_{j,T}(s) \right] = 0, \quad (\text{B.25})$$

where  $\rho_j \equiv \bar{\rho}_j + \zeta$ .

We can change measure and price  $B_{j,t}(s)$  using the market-implied probabilities:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \eta_T B_{j,T}(s) \right] = 0, \quad (\text{B.26})$$

Combining the expressions above, we obtain the intertemporal budget constraint:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} C_{j,z}(s) dz \right] = B_{j,t}(s) + \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} T_{j,z} dz \right]. \quad (\text{B.27})$$

Notice that  $C_{j,z}(s)$  denotes planned consumption for time  $z$  for a type- $j$  saver born at date  $s$ , conditional on being alive. In particular, this equation implies that, for any date for the house-

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<sup>3</sup>Merton (1992) provides a general proof of this equivalence for stochastic economies (see Chapter 5) and Blanchard (1985) provides a discussion in the context of an otherwise deterministic model.

hold's death  $t' \geq t$ , we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^{t'} \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} (C_{j,z}(s) - T_{j,z}) dz + \frac{\eta_{t'}}{\eta_t} B_{j,t'}(s) \right] = B_{j,t}(s), \quad (\text{B.28})$$

where  $B_{j,t'}(s)$  denotes the (involuntary) bequest.

To simplify the aggregation process, it is helpful to index savers in a different way. Let  $i \in [\mu_w, 1]$  index the *family* (or dynasty) of a given saver. At each point in time, a family has a single member that derives no utility from bequests and faces mortality risk with intensity  $\zeta \geq 0$ . As the member of the family dies, she is replaced by a new member who inherits the wealth, but may have a different type. Let  $C_{i,t}$  denote the consumption of family  $i$ 's member at time  $t$ ,  $T_{i,t}$  the transfer to family  $i$ ,  $B_{i,t}$  the net worth of family  $i$ ,  $j(i,t) \in \{o, p\}$  the type of the member of the family, and  $s(i,t)$  the birth date of the current member.

Under this alternative notation, we can write the IBC of family  $i$  as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^{t'} \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} (C_{i,z} - T_{i,z}) dz + \frac{\eta_{t'}}{\eta_t} B_{i,t'} \right] = B_{i,t}, \quad (\text{B.29})$$

where  $t'$  is the time of death and  $B_{i,t'}$  is the involuntary bequest. Integrating this forward, the IBC is then given by

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} C_{i,z} dz \right] = B_{i,t} + \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} T_{i,z} dz \right], \quad (\text{B.30})$$

The aggregate consumption and net worth of savers is given by  $C_{s,t} = \frac{1}{1-\mu_w} \int_{\mu_w}^1 C_{i,t} di$  and  $B_{s,t} = \frac{1}{1-\mu_w} \int_{\mu_w}^1 B_{i,t} di$ . Aggregating the equation above across families, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} C_{s,z} dz \right] = B_{s,t} + \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} T_{s,z} dz \right], \quad (\text{B.31})$$

where  $B_{s,t} = \frac{D_{G,t} + Q_{E,t}}{1-\mu_w}$ , using the market clearing condition for bonds and equities.  $\square$

**Aggregate IBC.** Applying a similar argument to workers, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\eta_T}{\eta_t} B_{w,T} \right] - B_{w,t} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^T \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} \left( \frac{W_z}{P_z} N_{w,z} + \tilde{T}_{w,z} - C_{w,z} \right) dz \right]. \quad (\text{B.32})$$

Using the fact that  $B_{w,t} = 0$ , so  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\eta_T}{\eta_t} B_{w,T} \right] = 0$ , we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} C_{w,z} dz \right] = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} \left( \frac{W_z}{P_z} N_{w,z} + T_{w,z} \right) dz \right]. \quad (\text{B.33})$$

Combining the expression above with the IBC for savers, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} C_z dz \right] = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{\eta_z}{\eta_t} \left( \frac{W_z}{P_z} N_z + T_z \right) dz \right] + D_{G,t} + Q_{E,t}, \quad (\text{B.34})$$

where  $C_t \equiv \mu_w C_{w,t} + (1 - \mu_w) C_{s,t}$  and  $T_t = \sum_{j \in \{w,o,p\}} \mu_j T_{j,t}$ .

Let  $Q_{C,0} \equiv \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_t dt \right]$  denote the value of the aggregate consumption claim and  $Q_{H,0} \equiv \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} \left( \frac{W_t}{P_t} N_t + T_t \right) dt \right]$  denote the value of human wealth (after transfers). These claims satisfy the following pricing conditions:

$$r_{C,t} = \lambda_t \left( \frac{C_{s,t}}{C_{s,t}^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_{C,t} - Q_{C,t}^*}{Q_{C,t}}, \quad r_{H,t} = \lambda_t \left( \frac{C_{s,t}}{C_{s,t}^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_{H,t} - Q_{H,t}^*}{Q_{H,t}}, \quad (\text{B.35})$$

where  $r_{C,t} \equiv \frac{C_t}{Q_{C,t}} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{C,t}}{Q_{C,t}} - (i_t - \pi_t)$  and  $r_{H,t} \equiv \frac{W_t N_t + T_t}{Q_{H,t}} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{H,t}}{Q_{H,t}} - (i_t - \pi_t)$ .

The price of the consumption claim in the stationary equilibrium satisfies the condition

$$\frac{C}{Q_C} - r_n = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \left[ 1 - \frac{Q_C^*}{Q_C} \right] \Rightarrow Q_C = \frac{C + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{C^*}{r_n^*}}{\rho} \quad (\text{B.36})$$

Linearizing the pricing condition, we obtain

$$\dot{q}_{C,t} - \rho q_{C,t} = -\frac{C}{Q_C} c_t + i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_C p_{d,t}, \quad (\text{B.37})$$

where we used the fact that  $\frac{C}{Q_C} = r_n + \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_C - Q_C^*}{Q_C} = \rho - \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma \frac{Q_C^*}{Q_C}$ .

Integrating the expression above forward, we obtain

$$q_{C,0} = \frac{C}{Q_C} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} c_t dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t + r_C p_{d,t}) dt. \quad (\text{B.38})$$

Similarly, the initial price of the claim on human wealth is given by

$$q_{H,0} = \frac{Y}{Q_H} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [(1 - \alpha)(w_t - p_t + n_t) + \hat{T}_t] dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t + r_H p_{d,t}) dt, \quad (\text{B.39})$$

where  $1 - \alpha \equiv \frac{WN}{PY}$  and  $\hat{T}_t = \frac{T_t - T}{Y}$

The linearized intertemporal budget constraint is given by

$$Q_C q_{c,0} = Q_H q_{H,0} + D_G q_{L,0} + Q_E q_{E,0}. \quad (\text{B.40})$$

We can write the expression above as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} c_t dt - \frac{Q_C}{Y} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_C p_{d,t}) dt &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [(1 - \alpha)(w_t - p_t + n_t) + \hat{T}_t] dt \\ &- \frac{Q_H}{Y} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_H p_{d,t}) dt + \frac{D_G}{Y} q_{L,0} + \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \hat{\Pi}_t dt \\ &- \frac{Q_E}{Y} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_E p_{d,t}] dt \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.41})$$

Rearranging the expression above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} c_t dt &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [\hat{\Pi}_t + (1 - \alpha)(w_t - p_t + n_t) + \hat{T}_t] dt + \frac{D_G}{Y} q_{L,0} \\ &+ \frac{Q_C - Q_H - Q_E}{Y} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n) dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left[ \frac{Q_C}{Y} r_C - \frac{Q_H}{Y} r_H - \frac{Q_E}{Y} r_E \right] p_{d,t} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.42})$$

From the aggregate IBC in the no-disaster and disaster state, we obtain  $Q_C = Q_H + D_G + Q_E$  and  $Q_C^* = Q_H^* + D_G^* + Q_E^*$ , where  $D_G^* \equiv D_G \frac{Q_L^*}{Q_L}$ . We then obtain the following condition

$$\frac{Q_C}{Y} r_C - \frac{Q_H}{Y} r_H - \frac{Q_E}{Y} r_E = \lambda \left( \frac{C_s}{C_s^*} \right)^\sigma [Q_C - Q_C^* - (Q_H - Q_H^*) - (Q_E - Q_E^*)] \frac{1}{Y} = \frac{D_G}{Y} r_L. \quad (\text{B.43})$$

We can then write the discount value of consumption as follows:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} c_t dt = \Omega_0, \quad (\text{B.44})$$

where

$$\Omega_0 \equiv \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} [\hat{\Pi}_t + (1 - \alpha)(w_t - p_t + n_t) + \hat{T}_t] dt + \bar{d}_G q_{L,0} + \bar{d}_G \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_L p_{d,t}) dt. \quad (\text{B.45})$$

#### B.4 Wealth effect determination

We consider next the determination of  $\Omega_0$  as a function of nominal interest rates  $i_t$  and the fiscal backing  $\tau_t$ . The aggregate wealth effect is given by

$$\Omega_0 = \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left[ (1 - \chi_\tau) y_t - \tau_t - e^{-\psi_L t} \bar{d}_G \pi_t \right] dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \Delta B_t^L (i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_L \hat{\lambda}_t) dt, \quad (\text{B.46})$$

using the fact that  $\hat{\Pi}_t + \frac{WN}{PY} (w_t - p_t + n_t) = y_t$  and  $\hat{T}_t = -(\chi_\tau y_t + \tau_t)$ .

Given  $y_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} y_{m,t} + \chi_\lambda \hat{y}_{\lambda,t} + (\rho - \underline{\omega}) e^{\omega t} \Omega_0$  and  $\pi_t = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \hat{\pi}_{m,t} + \chi_\lambda \hat{\pi}_{\lambda,t} + \kappa e^{\omega t} \Omega_0$ , we can write the expression above as follows

$$\Omega_0 = \left[ 1 - \chi_\tau - \bar{d}_G \frac{\kappa}{\rho - \underline{\omega}} \right] \Omega_0 + \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left[ -\tau_t - \bar{d}_G \hat{\pi}_t + \Delta B_t^L (i_t - r_n + r_L \hat{\lambda}_t) \right] dt, \quad (\text{B.47})$$

As long as  $\chi_\tau + \bar{d}_G \frac{\kappa}{\rho - \underline{\omega}} \neq 0$ , we can then solve for  $\Omega_0$  as follows:

$$\Omega_0 = \frac{1}{\chi_\tau + \bar{d}_G \frac{\kappa}{\rho - \underline{\omega}}} \left[ - \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \tau_t dt + \bar{d}_G \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \left( (1 - e^{-\psi_L t}) (i_t - r_n + r_L \hat{\lambda}_t) - \hat{\pi}_t \right) \right]. \quad (\text{B.48})$$

Assuming exponentially decaying nominal interest rates, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_0 = & - \frac{1}{\chi_\tau + \bar{d}_G \frac{\kappa}{\rho - \underline{\omega}}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho t} \tau_t dt + \frac{\bar{d}_G}{\rho - \underline{\omega}} \left[ \frac{\psi_L (\rho - \underline{\omega}) (i_0 - r_n)}{(\rho + \psi_m)(\rho + \psi_m + \psi_L)} - \frac{\tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \kappa (i_0 - r_n)}{(\rho + \psi_m)(\bar{\omega} + \psi_m)} \right] \\ & + \frac{\bar{d}_G}{\rho - \underline{\omega}} \left[ \frac{\psi_L r_L \epsilon_\lambda (\rho - \underline{\omega}) (i_0 - r_n)}{(\rho + \psi_\lambda)(\rho + \psi_\lambda + \psi_L)} - \frac{\chi_\lambda \kappa (i_0 - r_n)}{(\rho + \psi_\lambda)(\bar{\omega} + \psi_\lambda)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.49})$$

Notice that the term multiplying  $i_0 - r_n$  is going to be positive for  $\psi_L$  sufficiently small, that is, if government bonds have sufficiently long duration.

#### B.5 Wealth effects and Hicksian compensation

In this subsection, we show that  $\Omega_0$  corresponds to (minus) the sum of the *Hicksian wealth compensation* for each household. Let  $e_j(\eta, U)$  define the expenditure function

$$e_j(\eta, U) = \min_{\{C_j\}} \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t} dt + \int_{t^*}^\infty \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}^* dt \right], \quad (\text{B.50})$$

subject to  $\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} e^{-\rho_j t} \frac{C_{j,t}^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} \frac{(C_{j,t}^*)^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} dt \right] = U$ . The solution to this problem is the Hicksian demand  $C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U)$  and  $C_{j,t}^{h,*}(\eta, U)$  in the no-disaster and disaster states.

Let  $\eta'$  denote an alternative price process and  $U'$  the corresponding utility under the new equilibrium. [Mas-Colell et al. \(1995\)](#) (see page 62) defines the Hicksian wealth compensation as  $e_j(\eta', U) - e_j(\eta', U')$ . We focus on a first-order approximation, that is,  $\eta'_t/\eta'_0 = \eta_t/\eta_0 + \tilde{\eta}_t$ , where  $\tilde{\eta}_t$  is small. Let  $\tilde{c}_{j,t} \equiv \log C_{j,t}^h(\eta', U)/C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U)$ . Plugging the expression for  $C_{j,t}^h(\eta', U)$  into the constraint and linearizing, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} e^{-\rho_j t} C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U)^{1-\sigma} \tilde{c}_{j,t} dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} e^{-\rho_j t} C_{j,t}^{h,*}(\eta, U)^{1-\sigma} \tilde{c}_{j,t}^* dt \right] = 0. \quad (\text{B.51})$$

Notice this implies that  $\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U) \tilde{c}_{j,t} dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}^{h,*}(\eta, U) \tilde{c}_{j,t}^* dt \right] = 0$ . As workers do not engage in intertemporal substitution, we set  $\tilde{c}_{w,t} = \tilde{c}_{w,t}^* = 0$ , so this equation would hold for them as well. We can then write  $e_j(\eta', U)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} e_j(\eta', U) &= \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U) dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_{j,t}^{*,h}(\eta, U) dt + \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta_t}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U) \tilde{c}_{j,t} dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_t^*}{\eta_0} C_{j,t}^{h,*}(\eta, U) \tilde{c}_{j,t}^* dt \right], \\ &= \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U) dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_{j,t}^{*,h}(\eta, U) dt \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.52})$$

We assume that the initial equilibrium corresponds to the stationary equilibrium, so  $C_{j,t}^h(\eta, U) = C_j$  and  $C_{j,t}^{h,*}(\eta, U) = C_j^*$ . Therefore, the Hicksian wealth compensation is given by

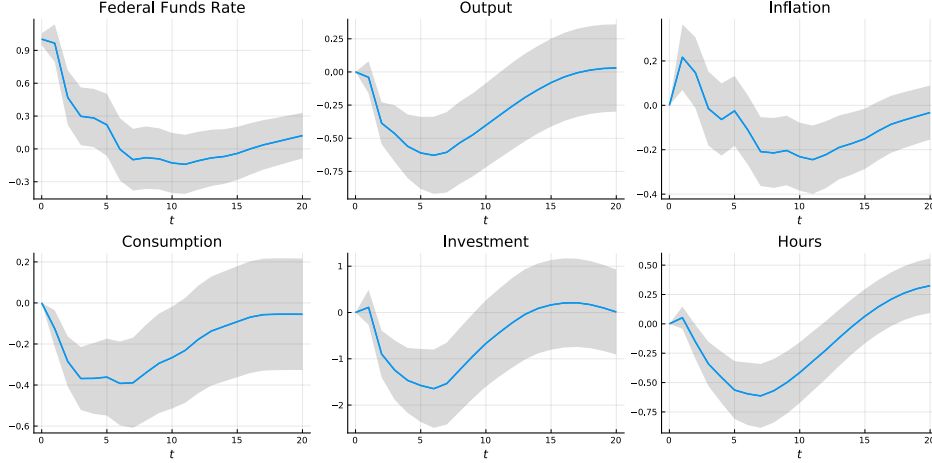
$$e_j(\eta', U) - e_j(\eta', U') = \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_j dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_j^* dt \right] - \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_{j,t} dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_{j,t}^* dt \right], \quad (\text{B.53})$$

which corresponds to the definition given in the text after aggregation.

Let  $\tilde{Q}_{C,0} \equiv \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C^* dt \right]$  and  $Q_{C,0} \equiv \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \int_0^{t^*} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_t dt + \int_{t^*}^{\infty} \frac{\eta'_t}{\eta'_0} C_t^* dt \right]$ . In a stationary equilibrium, we have that  $\tilde{Q}_C = Q_C$ . Linearizing these two expressions, we obtain

$$Q_C \tilde{q}_{C,0} = -Q_C \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} [i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_C p_{d,t}] dt \quad (\text{B.54})$$

$$Q_C \tilde{q}_{C,0} = Y \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} c_t dt - Q_C \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} [i_t - \pi_t - r_n + r_C p_{d,t}] dt. \quad (\text{B.55})$$



**Figure C.1:** Estimated IRFs.

This implies that, up to first order, the Hicksian wealth compensation is given by

$$\sum_{j \in \{w, o, p\}} \mu_j [e_j(\eta', U) - e_j(\eta', U')] = -Y \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} c_t dt = -Y \Omega_0. \quad (\text{B.56})$$

Therefore,  $\Omega_0$  corresponds to (minus) the sum of the Hicksian wealth compensation for all households.

## C Estimation of Fiscal Response to a Monetary Shock

We estimate the empirical IRFs using a VAR identified by a recursiveness assumption, as in [Christiano et al. \(1999\)](#), extended to include fiscal variables. The variables included are: real GDP per capita, CPI inflation, real consumption per capita, real investment per capita, capacity utilization, hours worked per capita, real wages, tax revenues over GDP, government expenditures per capita, the federal funds rate, the 5-year constant maturity rate, and the real value of government debt per capita. We estimate a four-lag VAR using quarterly data for the period 1962:1-2007:3. The identification assumption of the monetary shock is as follows: the only variables that react contemporaneously to the monetary shock are the federal funds rate, the 5-year rate and the value of government debt. All other variables, including tax revenues and expenditures, react with a lag of one quarter.

	(1) Revenues	(2) Interest Payments	(3) Transfers & Expenditures	(4) Debt in $T$	(5) Initial Debt	(1) - (2) - (3) + (4) - (5) Residual
Data	-26 [-72.89,20.89]	68.88 [30.01,107.75]	-12.09 [-48.74,24.56]	2.91 [-12.79,18.62]	-49.74 [-68.03,-31.46]	30.13 [-4.74,65]

**Table C.1:** The impact on fiscal variables of a monetary policy shock

Note: Calculations correspond to a a 100 bps unanticipated interest rate increase. Confidence interval at 95% level.

**Data sources.** The data sources are: **Nominal GDP:** BEA Table 1.1.5 Line 1; **Real GDP:** BEA Table 1.1.3 Line 1, **Consumption Durable:** BEA Table 1.1.3 Line 4; **Consumption Non Durable:** BEA Table 1.1.3 Line 5; **Consumption Services:** BEA Table 1.1.3 Line 6; **Private Investment:** BEA Table 1.1.3 Line 7; **GDP Deflator:** BEA Table 1.1.9 Line 1; **Capacity Utilization:** FRED CUMFNS; **Hours Worked:** FRED HOANBS; **Nominal Hourly Compensation:** FRED COMPNFB; **Civilian Labor Force:** FRED CNP16OV; **Nominal Revenues:** BEA Table 3.1 Line 1; **Nominal Expenditures:** BEA Table 3.1 Line 21; **Nominal Transfers:** BEA Table 3.1 Line 22; **Nominal Gov't Investment:** BEA Table 3.1 Line 39; **Nominal Consumption of Net Capital:** BEA Table 3.1 Line 42; **Effective Federal Funds Rate (FF):** FRED FEDFUNDS; **5-Year Treasury Constant Maturity Rate:** FRED DGS5; **Market Value of Government Debt:** Hall, Payne and Sargent (2018).

All the variables are obtained from standard sources, except for the real value of debt, which we construct from the series provided by Hall et al. (2018). We transform the series into quarterly frequency by keeping the market value of debt in the first month of the quarter. This choice is meant to avoid capturing changes in the market value of debt arising from changes in the *quantity* of debt after a monetary shock instead of changes in *prices*.

**VAR estimation.** Figure C.1 shows the results. As is standard in the literature, we find that a contractionary monetary shock increases the federal funds rate and reduces output and inflation on impact. Moreover, the contractionary monetary shock reduces consumption, investment, and hours worked.

**The Government's Intertemporal Budget Constraint.** The fiscal response in the model corresponds to the present discounted value of transfers over an infinite horizon, that is,  $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \tilde{\beta}^t T_t$ , where  $\tilde{\beta} = \frac{1-\lambda}{1+\rho_s}$ . We next consider its empirical counterpart. First, we calculate a truncated in-



tertemporal budget constraint from period zero to  $\mathcal{T}$ :

$$\underbrace{b_y b_0}_{\text{debt revaluation}} = \sum_{t=0}^{\mathcal{T}} \tilde{\beta}^t \left[ \underbrace{\tau y_t + \tau_t}_{\text{tax revenue}} - \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}^{-1} b_y (i_{t-1}^m - \pi_t - r^n)}_{\text{interest payments}} \right] - \underbrace{T_{0,\mathcal{T}} + \tilde{\beta}^{\mathcal{T}} b_y b_{\mathcal{T}}}_{\text{other transfers/expenditures \& final debt}} \quad (\text{C.1})$$

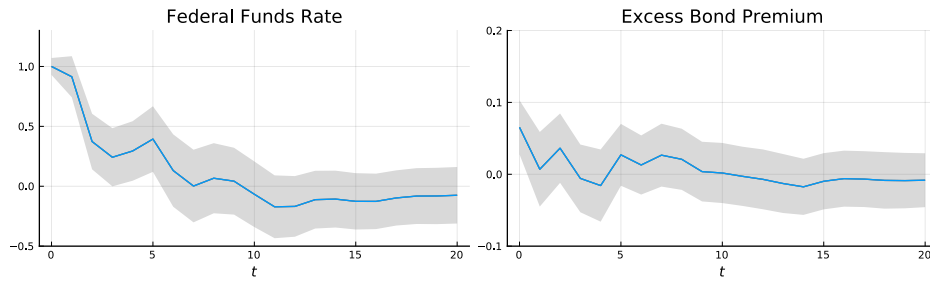
The right-hand side of (C.1) is the present value of the impact of a monetary shock on fiscal accounts. The first term represents the change in revenues that results from the real effects of monetary shocks. The second term represents the change in interest payments on government debt that results from change in nominal rates. The last two terms are adjustments in transfers and other government expenditures, and the final debt position at period  $\mathcal{T}$ , respectively. In particular,  $T_{0,\mathcal{T}}$  represents the present discounted value of transfers from period 0 through  $\mathcal{T}$ . Provided that  $\mathcal{T}$  is large enough, such that  $(y_t, \tau_t, i_t)$  have essentially converged to the steady state, then the value of debt at the terminal date,  $b_{\mathcal{T}}$ , equals (minus) the present discounted value of transfers and other expenditures from period  $\mathcal{T}$  onward. Hence, the last two terms combined can be interpreted as the present discounted value of fiscal transfers from zero to infinity. Finally, the left-hand side represents the revaluation effect of the *initial* stock of government debt.

Table C.1 shows the impact on the fiscal accounts of a monetary policy shock, both in the data and in the estimated model. We first apply equation (C.1) to the data and check whether the difference between the left-hand side and the right-hand side is different from zero. The residual is calculated as

$$\text{Residual} = \text{Revenues} - \text{Interest Payments} - \text{Transfers} + \text{Debt in } \mathcal{T} - \text{Initial Debt}$$

We truncate the calculations to quarter 60, that is,  $\mathcal{T} = 60$  (15 years) in equation (C.1). The results reported in Table C.1 imply that we cannot reject the possibility that the residual is zero and, therefore, we cannot reject the possibility that the intertemporal budget constraint of the government is satisfied in our estimation.

The adjustment of the fiscal accounts in the data corresponds to the patterns we observed in Figure ???. The response of initial debt is quantitatively important, and it accounts for the bulk of the adjustment in the fiscal accounts.



**Figure C.2:** IRFs for the federal funds rate and excess bond premium.

**EBP.** To estimate the response of the corporate spread in the data, we add the EBP measure of [Gilchrist and Zakrajšek \(2012\)](#) into our VAR (ordered after the fed funds rate). Since the EBP is only available starting in 1973, we reduce our sample period to 1973:1-2007:7. The estimated IRFs are in line with those obtained for the longer sample. We find a significant increase of the EBP on impact, of 6.5 bps, in line with the estimates in the literature.