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Summary of facts, in case this comes up again. Virgiliu Midrigan is a terrific economist in FAS econ.

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From Virgiliu:

Most of the action is in sales, not inventories. If sales S go down 1%, inventories I fall 0.2%, so the ratio I/S rises 0.8%.

Inventory investment lags: DI vs DS.

Mean of I is roughly 1.4 monthly S.