

# Overbuilding and Underinvestment over Housing Boom-Bust Cycles

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## Abstract

In this paper, I unveil a novel mechanism through which a housing market boom can lead to a deep recession by decreasing the physical investment and rendering capital to be scarce. This inefficiency arises from a crowding-out effect: the available liquidity, that could otherwise be channeled into firms' capital investments (e.g., factories, equipment, R&D), is redirected toward the residential sector. The crowded-out physical investment subsequently amplifies the losses of the bust and prolongs the duration of the recession. Employing a new identification method of a shock that generates housing boom-bust cycles via a structural vector regression model, this paper empirically verifies the crowding-out effect, and find that a 2% jump in housing prices can crowd out 1% physical investment at the peak. Then, I develop a heterogeneous household model to quantify this welfare effects of this novel mechanism, It documents that the crowding-out effect can account for up to 13% of the welfare losses during the recession period. Finally, I show that a macroprudential policy upon the overheated housing market can alleviate the crowding-out effect and welfare losses significantly.

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# 1 Introduction

The economic downturn that followed the Great Recession in 2007 precipitated a significant upswing in unemployment rates and a downturn in output, consumption, and investment.<sup>1</sup> Numerous researchers have endeavored to comprehend the source of this recession and explore the mechanisms through which the source spread. The consensus among many scholars posits that the boom and subsequent bust in the housing market exacerbated the collapse of the financial markets, leading to a recession, yet people have not reached an agreement about how this boom-bust cycle led to the recession. The Great Recession lingered for an extended period, a phenomenon some attribute to behavior inefficiency such as self-fulfilling equilibrium and "animal spirits"<sup>2</sup>, liquid trap<sup>3</sup>, and zero lower boundary(ZLB).<sup>4</sup> These channels typically suggest that the fallout from the housing market bust had tangible economic impacts, mainly through financial friction in supply side by influencing the production. Moreover, in demand side, real estate served as collateral enabling households to borrow money and smooth consumption patterns<sup>5</sup>, but after the recession, the fall in price of real estate significantly eroded household wealth, adversely affecting the real economy. In this paper I propose a new mechanism, predicated on the intricate interplay between the supply and demand sides, that can precipitate a severe economic downturn and contribute to the economic malaise after the Great Recession.

The focus of this study is on the mechanism through which an increase in investment in residential asset, that lacks support from underlying economic fundamentals, arises the capital scarcity. For simplicity, herein I define this investment without fundamental support as the overbuilding. Limited theoretical frameworks<sup>6</sup> have been employed to elucidate how a housing market boom might absorb substantial liquidity. When this boom is inefficient and becomes a bubble<sup>7</sup> which is caused by imperfect information<sup>8</sup> rather than some shifts in economic fundamen-

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<sup>1</sup>as examined by [Mian and Sufi \(2010\)](#) and [Grusky et al. \(2011\)](#).

<sup>2</sup>[Islam and Verick \(2011\)](#) and [Cochrane \(2011\)](#) discuss this problem.

<sup>3</sup>[Brunnermeier \(2009\)](#), [Ivashina and Scharfstein \(2010\)](#) and [Jermann and Quadrini \(2012\)](#) argue that the lack of liquidity of financial institution, mostly referring to the commercial bank, helps the crisis diffuse around and induce large recession.

<sup>4</sup>[Christiano et al. \(2015\)](#) and [Fisher \(2015\)](#) conduct an extension to the liquidity trap happened in great recession and argued that the prolonged trap caused the ZLB later. Recent works such as [Guerrieri and Lorenzoni \(2017\)](#) and [Bayer et al. \(2019\)](#) focused on the heterogeneous agent model and drew the conclusion that idiosyncratic shock and distribution channel are also important to explain the lack of liquidity.

<sup>5</sup>[Eggertsson and Krugman \(2012\)](#), [Mian and Sufi \(2010\)](#), [Mian and Sufi \(2014\)](#) and [Qian \(2023\)](#) discuss this problem. Household extracted their equity via collateral during the boom period which increased the consumption a lot. This constructed a mirage through general equilibrium. When the bust came, people struggled against the rapid constraint tightening and led to the Great Recession.

<sup>6</sup>except [Beaudry et al. \(2018\)](#), [Rognlie et al. \(2018\)](#) and [J Caballero and Farhi \(2018\)](#) and [Chakraborty et al. \(2018\)](#) recently.

<sup>7</sup>Throughout this paper I define the bubble as the inefficient boom, i.e. a boom that is not supported by the fundamental.

<sup>8</sup>In this paper I introduce imperfect information (misguided household beliefs) to blow the bubble up because it is the most convenient and suitable way to generate crowding-out effect. Yet the crowding-out effect is not unique to the imperfect information and other factors, such as real friction (financial accelerator, shadow bank, search and matching, moral hazard, etc.) and behavioural friction (sentiment shock, irrational expectation) can also produce the

tals, the available liquidity, which could otherwise be channeled into firms' capital investments (e.g., factories, equipment, R&D), is redirected toward the residential sector. This suboptimal reallocation of liquidity within financial institutions results in inefficiencies when compared to a first-best allocation scenario. During a housing market boom, financial institutions exhibit a proclivity for directing loans toward the household sector, at the expense of other sector. Owing to the increased influx of liquidity into the residential real estate market, there is a concomitant reduction in the allocation of liquidity to the supply side of the economy. This effect is especially pronounced when the liquidity supply is inelastic and resistant to expansion. Furthermore, due to general equilibrium effects, the increase in nondurable consumption during housing boom amplifies the reduction in physical investment. This phenomenon can be comprehended through the goods market-clearing condition, which allocates output into three categories: durable consumption, nondurable consumption, and physical investment. Assuming fixed labor supply and predetermined capital, a jump in investment in residential assets and a rise in nondurable consumption yield a drop in investment in physical investment—a situation I call *crowding-out effect*.

This paper first empirically shows the existence of the crowd-out effect and its significance in explaining the shortfall in physical investment subsequent to a housing market boom. To probe the intricacies of the housing market's boom-and-bust cycle, I introduce a novel identification strategy aimed at exploring the effect of housing price news shock in the context of imperfect information. Within this context, household cannot verify whether a news about future is true or fake, before the news realizes, because of the imperfect information. I call the fake news shock as a news shock but will not realize when it should be. Because the fake news shock ultimately does not change the fundamental, people's reactions to it are suboptimal and inefficient. The subsequent market bust ensues when households eventually discern the fallacious nature of the original news, thereby prompting a adjustment of market dynamics. The empirical result reveals that a 2% increase in housing price can bring a 1% drop in physical investment at the peak. After the market busts, a 1% drop in housing price correlates with a 0.1% drop in nondurable consumption, which implies moderate welfare loss.

This paper then employs an Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model to offer rigorous analytical results explicating the formation of physical capital scarcity. The analysis further identifies three pivotal factors that modulate the crowding-out effect, each corresponding to a distinct functional role that residential assets play in the economy: utilitarian function (provides utility to household), store of value function (works as a type of asset in budget constraint) and wealth inequality (is related to wealth distribution in economy). The first characteristic of the residential asset, utilitarian feature, .

This utilitarian aspect, corresponds to relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution (IAS) to intertemporal elasticity of substitution (IES) between durable and nondurable goods, has

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inefficiency.

been extensively scrutinized within the housing literature. However, most of the frameworks in analysis are partial equilibrium confined to the housing sector, for a considerable period of time.<sup>9</sup> On the contrary, the interplay between intratemporal and intertemporal elasticity of substitution should not be overlooked within the framework of general equilibrium and the importance of the pass-through mechanism between durable and nondurable consumption in determining the crowding-out effect. In such a standard Ramsey equilibrium setting, variations in housing prices are solely driven by the substitution effect. Yet there are two substitution effects, intratemporal substitution and intertemporal substitution, that determine the total substitution effect and the relative elasticity between them together governs the immediate response of nondurable consumption to changes in housing prices. When the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution exceeds one<sup>10</sup> and continues to grow, the demand for intratemporal consumption smoothing supersedes that for intertemporal consumption smoothing. Consequently, there is either a modest increase or even a decline in nondurable consumption, as the complementarity between nondurable goods and housing services weakens—put differently, the substitution effect becomes increasingly pronounced. Therefore, the crowding-out effect is attenuated, as, in accordance with the market-clearing condition, an increase in residential investment is associated with a more modest rise in nondurable consumption.

In addition to the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution, the financial friction also exerts a crowding-out effect, a concept well-embedded within the literature.<sup>11</sup> A housing market bubble driven by demand shocks elevates housing prices and triggers overbuilding, on top of a shift in demand. As a result, the boom in the residential property market alleviates credit constraints of the households. Households previously constrained by liquidity expend—a phenomenon termed “equity extraction” that is first proposed by [Bhutta and Keys \(2016\)](#). Therefore, the rise of financial friction enhances the distributional marginal propensity to consume (MPC) effect, thereby magnifying the crowding-out effect as the increase in consumption indicates the decrease in physical investment.

Moreover, household heterogeneity further amplifies the crowding-out effect through idiosyncratic income shocks and wealth distribution. Unlike representative agent models, households with uninsured income—subject to idiosyncratic shocks—exhibit a precautionary saving motive and consequently maintain a higher saving rate. During periods when income risk is countercyclical,

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<sup>9</sup>For instance, when the utility function is separable in durable and nondurable goods, the relative intratemporal elasticity is always one, i.e.  $\frac{IAS}{IES} = 1$ . [Iacoviello \(2005\)](#), [Liu et al. \(2019\)](#) and [Greenwald \(2018\)](#) used the separable utility function to analyze their problems. However because their models lack of intratemporal channel they can only put weight on other elements such as bubbles, self-fulfilling and multiple credit constraints to generate enough consumption response to house price. On the contrary [Berger et al. \(2018\)](#) and [Kaplan et al. \(2020\)](#) used the nonseparable utility function to discuss the housing problem and they focus on the consumption response more, which requires the intratemporal effect.

<sup>10</sup>[Khorunzhina \(2021\)](#) provides empirical evidence to  $\frac{IAS}{IES} > 1$  in housing market.

<sup>11</sup>[Garriga and Hedlund \(2020\)](#), [Hurst et al. \(2016\)](#), [Bailey et al. \(2019\)](#), [Garriga et al. \(2017\)](#), [Gorea and Midrigin \(2017\)](#) and [Chen et al. \(2020\)](#) contribute to this literature and investigate how financial frictions influence the cross effect between the house and nondurable consumption.

cal<sup>12</sup>, overbuilding tends to coincide with economic upswings. Lower risk encourages households to reduce capital accumulation, thereby intensifying the crowding out of investment. Beyond the uncertainty channel. Household with greater disposable income, who is also the primary driver of overbuilding. Conversely, household facing tighter budget constraints tends to have a higher MPC and therefore exhibits greater increases in nondurable consumption, facilitated by equity extraction. Consequently, the more the wealth distribution skews to the left and the MPC distribution to the right<sup>13</sup>, the more pronounced the crowding-out effect becomes.

Meanwhile, overbuilding can exert a significant influence on the depth of a recession through its ramifications on the labor market and general equilibrium. An initial shortfall in physical investment can set the stage for a severe recession, as the available total capital stock may prove inadequate for sustaining optimal production levels. Moreover, the presence of hand-to-mouth households, characterized by a high MPC and low labor income, can exacerbate the recession via a smaller demand, particularly given the complementarity between labor and capital. It is also crucial to consider the inherent durability and irreversibility of residential properties, which are underscored by high transaction costs. These features can give rise to a transitions from underinvestment to overinvestment during the bust phase, leading to economic losses due to an overshooting response in investment.<sup>14</sup> As a result, the duration of the recession may be prolonged, and its overall impact further intensified.

Finally, using a full-fledged heterogeneous agent model with financial frictions, I integrate the theory with the real world via the full-information Bayesian estimation and show that the crowding-out effect can explain up to 13% of the welfare losses during the recession period. Furthermore, after implementing a countercyclical macroprudential policy on controlling the credit expansion capacity and overheated housing market, the policy maker could calm the boom-bust cycles and decrease the welfare loss rendered by crowding-out effect approximately half.

This paper offers several noteworthy contributions to the existing literature. Firstly, it establishes a novel link between the housing market boom (overbuilding) preceding the recession and the recession itself. A substantial body of research has suggested that the surge in both the housing market and the market for nondurable goods before the Great Recession was largely an illusion, driven by expectation and speculation as opposed to sustainable growth. This is evidenced by the work of [Landvoigt \(2017\)](#), [McQuinn et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Kaplan et al. \(2020\)](#), among others. Other studies have posited that the credit supply also played a significant role, a

<sup>12</sup>[Debortoli and Galí \(2017\)](#), [Acharya and Dogra \(2020\)](#) and [Bilbiie and Ragot \(2021\)](#) analyzed this problem linked with monetary policy theoretically. [Storesletten et al. \(2004\)](#), [Schulhofer-Wohl \(2011\)](#) and [Guvenen et al. \(2014\)](#) analyzed the countercyclical idiosyncratic shock empirically.

<sup>13</sup>In 2019, the top 10% of U.S. households controlled more than 70 percent of total household wealth” argued by [Batty et al. \(2020\)](#) and related data can be found in [Distributional Financial Accounts](#) in federal reserve web. [Orchard et al. \(2022\)](#) demonstrates that the MPC distribution is heavily right-skewed.

<sup>14</sup>[McKay and Wieland \(2019\)](#) refined this channel penetratingly and argued that this channel is important to explain the persistent ZLB and negative real interest rate after the Great Recession. This channel can also explain the low interest rate after the implementing of unconventional monetary policy, as [Sterk and Tenreyro \(2018\)](#) did.

perspective supported by [Campbell and Cocco \(2007\)](#), [Favara and Imbs \(2015\)](#), [Favilukis et al. \(2017\)](#), [Justiniano et al. \(2019\)](#), [Mian and Sufi \(2022\)](#) and [Martínez \(2023\)](#). However real estate only functioned as an asset in the context of collateral constraints among these studies and the inherent recession comes from the demand side that is initiated by the collapse in housing market. They omit the supply-side effect of the recession as a lot of researches contend that the capital misallocation contributed significantly to the Great Recession, such as [Justiniano et al. \(2010\)](#) and [Justiniano et al. \(2011\)](#), with supply-side effects accounting for nearly 40% of the economic downturn. When the major companies could undertake extensive margin investments through self-finance, as outlined in [Bachmann et al. \(2013\)](#) and [Winberry \(2016\)](#), the housing market boom not only impacted investment in the construction sector ([Boldrin et al. \(2013\)](#)) but also diverted physical investment from other sectors, through which I investigate in this paper, the crowd-out effect, to which [Chakraborty et al. \(2018\)](#) provides the evidence via micro data.

Some literature also employs the term "crowding-out" to describe the investment trade-off and capital misallocation between housing and non-housing sectors (labor, physical assets, and intangible assets), such as [Dong et al. \(2022\)](#) and [Dong et al. \(2023\)](#). However, their conceptualization of "crowding-out" aligns more closely with firms' balance sheet portfolio adjustments in partial equilibrium. This view does not map to the scenario in reality<sup>15</sup>, given that enterprises do not hold the majority of residential assets, nor do these assets play a pivotal role in production activity. These studies merely substituted an asset type in the asset misallocation literature of firms' problem with residential assets perfunctorily. The paper that bears the closest resemblance to this paper is that of [Rognlie et al. \(2018\)](#). They proposed that an exogenous investment hangover at the outset precipitated a demand-driven recession due to high real interest rates, nominal rigidity, and the ZLB on monetary policy. Oppositely, my paper argues that even in the absence of nominal rigidity, overbuilding can also catalyze a supply-driven recession with significant welfare loss.

Secondly, this paper not only provides a new explanation for the severity of the Great Recession but also sheds light on elements of policy failure as discussed by [Mitman \(2016\)](#) and [Antunes et al. \(2020\)](#). Accordingly, it also makes a valuable contribution to the literature on macroprudential policy. Since the recession is propelled by both supply and demand dynamics, singular stimulus efforts in the demand sector fail to effectively counteract the economic decline. Both of the aforementioned studies do not take into account the supply of housing services, even though [Khan and Thomas \(2008\)](#) demonstrated that a general equilibrium framework could yield entirely distinct results. My research extends the findings of [Chodorow-Reich et al. \(2021\)](#), [Chahrour and Gaballo \(2021\)](#) and [Beaudry et al. \(2018\)](#) and emphasizes the investment in the nondurable sector, arguing that overbuilding exacerbated the crowding-out effect and incited a more profound recession, which can be attenuated by macroprudential policy on supply side dramatically.

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<sup>15</sup>[Kaplan et al. \(2014\)](#) shows that "Housing equity forms the majority of illiquid wealth for households in every country with the exception of Germany".



Furthermore, this research contributes to the literature with a methodological advancement: a new implementation of the SVAR identification strategy for distinctly identifying news and fake news shocks with endogenous contemporaneous effect, predicated on the approach of [Wolf and McKay \(2022\)](#). Almost all the previous identification methods to news shock, such as [Barsky and Sims \(2012\)](#), [Blanchard et al. \(2013\)](#), [Barsky et al. \(2015\)](#) and [Sims \(2016\)](#), identified a TFP shock which is observable and exogenous and its news does not have any contemporaneous effect on itself. However, there are a lot of shocks that cannot be directly observed, such as news to inflation or monetary policy news shock.<sup>16</sup> All the literature aforementioned fail to identify this type of news shock, let alone the fake news shock.

Numerous studies emphasize the importance of household heterogeneity in explaining the housing boom-and-bust cycle, either empirically, such as [Etheridge \(2019\)](#), [Mian et al. \(2013\)](#), [Li et al. \(2016\)](#) and [Díaz and Luengo-Prado \(2010\)](#), or theoretically, such as [Kaplan et al. \(2020\)](#), [Favilukis et al. \(2017\)](#) and [Garriga and Hedlund \(2020\)](#). This paper builds a model that demonstrates the distribution of wealth and income is pivotal in determining the strength of overbuilding and supplements the literature on how expectations and animal spirits can fuel a boom. To solve the model with imperfect information, earlier research either employed a guess-and-verify approach, as in [Lorenzoni \(2009\)](#) and [Barsky and Sims \(2012\)](#), or a reconstruction methodology, as demonstrated by [Baxter et al. \(2011\)](#), [Blanchard et al. \(2013\)](#) and [Hürtgen \(2014\)](#), to solve imperfect information DSGE models. However, these methods necessitates specific analytical equations to regulate the unobserved state variable with other state variables, which is unfeasible to derive from a heterogeneous agent model due to its extensive number of state variables. To achieve this, I propose an enhancement in the numerical solution approach for handling intricate heterogeneous agent model with imperfect information on both first and second order. Following the idea used by [Uhlig \(2001\)](#), I reconstruct the linearized model and solve the policy function via new system of equations.

In section 2 I use identification strategy that I proposed to analyze the crowding-out effect generated by a news and fake news shocks to housing price. Later in section 3 I investigate how the crowding-out effect is influenced by four elements in economy. In section 4 I quantitatively investigate the drawback of crowding-out effect through the lens of a full fledged heterogeneous agent model. In the last section I conclude the result.

## 2 Empirical evidence

In this section, I first provide a statistic evidence which illustrates the mechanism of crowding-out effect as well as its macro-implication. Motivated by this statistic evidence, I then character crowding-out effect empirically through a standard SVAR model with contemporaneous housing

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<sup>16</sup>For instance, a news that indicating a drop of federal fund rate in the future will persuade household to increase their consumption this period, yet this contemporaneous economic boom will increase the federal fund rate right now.

price shock. After introducing the new identification algorithm, I demonstrate that the crowding-out effect is significant in explaining the recession after the housing market bust.

## 2.1 Statistic Evidence

Firstly, we turn our attention to the statistical characteristics of the data, which provide insights into the mechanisms this paper seeks to discuss. Figure 1 displays the quantity of nonresidential investment (expressed as a percentage of GDP) spanning the period from 1960 to 2016. The data indicate that total investment typically grew during economic expansions and decreased during downturns. However, the upward trend that commenced in 2003 was interrupted by the Great Recession that struck towards the end of 2007 and the third spike does not reach as high as preceding two peaks. The trajectory following this event, although ostensibly similar to those observed during the 1970s and 1990s, is distinct due to the influence of crowding-out effect.

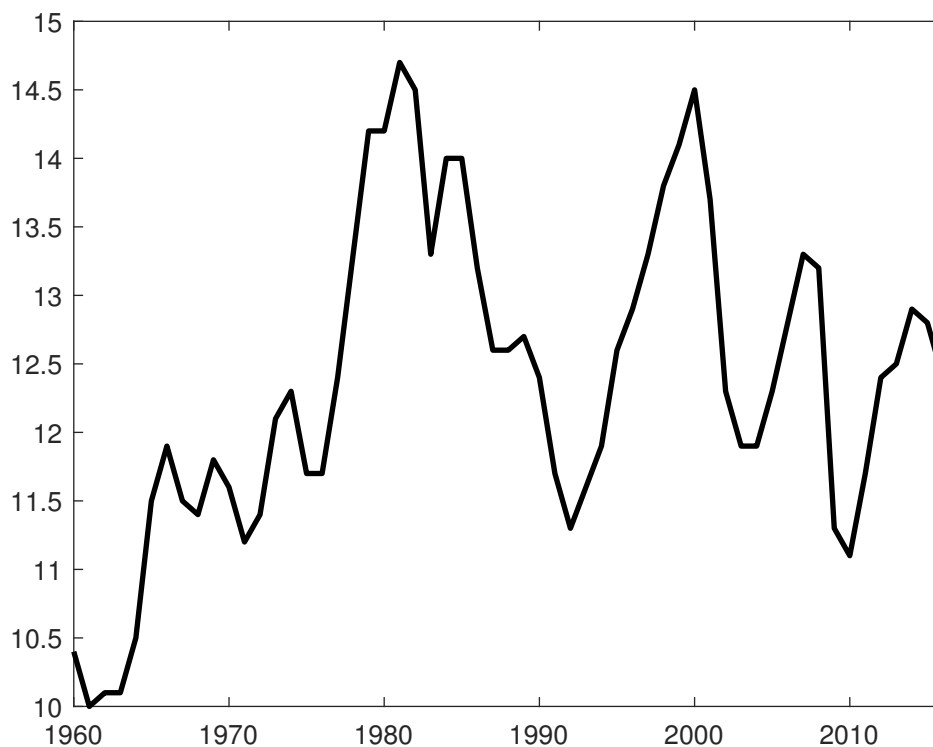


Figure 1: Nonresidential Investment (share of GDP)

The upward trend of the 1970s, spanning from 1975 to 1981, elevated from 11.7% of GDP in 1975 to 14.7% of GDP in 1981. This translates to an average annual growth of 4.27%. The trend experienced during the 1990s, from 1992 to 2000, resulted in an average annual increase of 3.53% in investment. and the most recent trend, from 2010 to 2014, spurred an average yearly increase of 4.05%. Contrarily, the trend observed prior to the Great Recession, from 2003 to 2007, only produced an average annual increase of 2.94%, the lowest one in history, as outlined in Table 1.



Table 1: Extent of increased investment

Trend range	1975-1981	1992-2000	2003-2007	2010-2014
Increased investment	4.27%	3.53%	2.94%	4.05%

Enlightened by these statistical disparities, one must consider the reasons that prompted the distinctive drop in investment prior to the Great Recession, thereby contributing to a portion of the output loss during the recession. My investigation implicates the housing market boom as a significant factor responsible for the reduction in investment. Specifically, the housing market boom led to the crowding out of investment in the demand sector. Financial institutions, in this scenario, might have prioritized households, favoring lending to households for real estate acquisitions over funding businesses for investment purposes. Simultaneously, households might have chosen to expend more resources on durable goods rather than depositing their savings in banks, which in conjunction with businesses, could eventually channel these funds into investments and physical capital. Due to the enduring nature of durable goods and the impetus for precaution, households would tend to secure these goods when prices are escalating or show a propensity to rise, a scenario evident from 2005 to 2007. This dynamic contributes to the crowding out of a portion of investment on the supply side. In summary, both demand and supply sides collaborate to squeeze out investment, with general equilibrium serving to magnify this effect. The importance of general equilibrium in explaining investment activities is widely recognized, as substantiated by [Khan and Thomas \(2008\)](#), who demonstrated that previous partial analyses such as that of [Caballero et al. \(1995\)](#) could be misleading. Given the equation  $Y = C_{nd} + I + C_d$ , an increase in  $C_{nd}$  and  $C_d$  will impact  $I$  since  $Y$  is concave at predetermined capital and labor, which cannot increase excessively as they are complementary to capital and constrained by technology.<sup>17</sup> In this context, this paper can also be viewed as a complement to the work of [Berger and Vavra \(2015\)](#).

## 2.2 Contemporaneous real price shock

Figure 17 in appendix sheds light on the crowding-out effect engendered by a housing market boom. However, given the speed at which the Impulse Response Function (IRF) reverts to the steady-state, it may not generate a significant scarcity in physical capital, thereby rendering the crowding-out effect less consequential in this rudimentary identification test. Moreover, the identification method I employed, namely [Sims et al. \(1986\)](#), has been critiqued for its potential overemphasis on identifying the underlying shocks, occasionally leading to artificial unreliability. To surmount these limitations, I utilize an alternative canonical workhorse identification method,

<sup>17</sup>Upon detrending the growth elements in per capita real GDP, real nonresidential investment, and new constructed housing units, the data reveals a significant negative correlation between relative physical investment and residential estate investment. The relative correlation between relative physical investment and residential estate investment,  $\text{corr}(\frac{I_{t,c}}{y_{t,c}}, \frac{I_{t,c}^H}{y_{t,c}^H})$  is  $-0.873$  and  $\text{corr}(\frac{I_t}{y_t}, \frac{I_t^H}{y_t^H}) = -0.17764$ . (The subscript  $c$  denotes the cyclical data detrended from HP filter)

the Cholesky decomposition, to identify the effect of contemporaneous housing price shocks. Following the method of [Bernanke and Mihov \(1998\)](#), Cholesky decomposition ensures that the shock can only impact the last variable at first, while the variables that precede it will not be contemporaneously influenced by the shock. Throughout this section, I am planning to argue the implications of the crowding-out effect incited by a housing market boom devoid of fundamental support. Therefore, I place the housing price at the end to simulate a non-fundamental housing price boom, where only the housing price is stimulated initially. As a result, a single unit housing price shock triggers the movement of other variables, following the inherent relationship and mechanism ( $\Phi$  in equation 2). Inspired by existing literature, I order the economic variables in the data vector  $Y_t$  as

$$Y_t = [\Upsilon_t, y_t, c_t, i_t, r_t, r_t^d, q_t, h_t^s, p_t^h]' \quad (1)$$

where  $\Upsilon_t$  is the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index;  $y_t$  is real GDP;  $c_t$  is real non-durable consumption plus services;  $i_t$  is real investment in non-residential sector;  $r_t$  is the real interest rate;  $r_t^d$  is the real mortgage debt rate;  $q_t$  is the real stock price index;  $h_t^s$  is the real housing supply;  $p_t^h$  is the real housing price. I pick the time interval between 1985Q1 and 2007Q2 when the housing market boom reached its peak before the Great Recession.<sup>18</sup> I add housing market index  $\Upsilon_t$  in estimation for comparative purpose as it is further used in section 2.3 and 2.4. All the variable are in logarithm form and are detrended by hybrid specification, a method through which I use all non-stationary variables as growth rate and all the variables in  $Y_t$  pass the unit-root test.

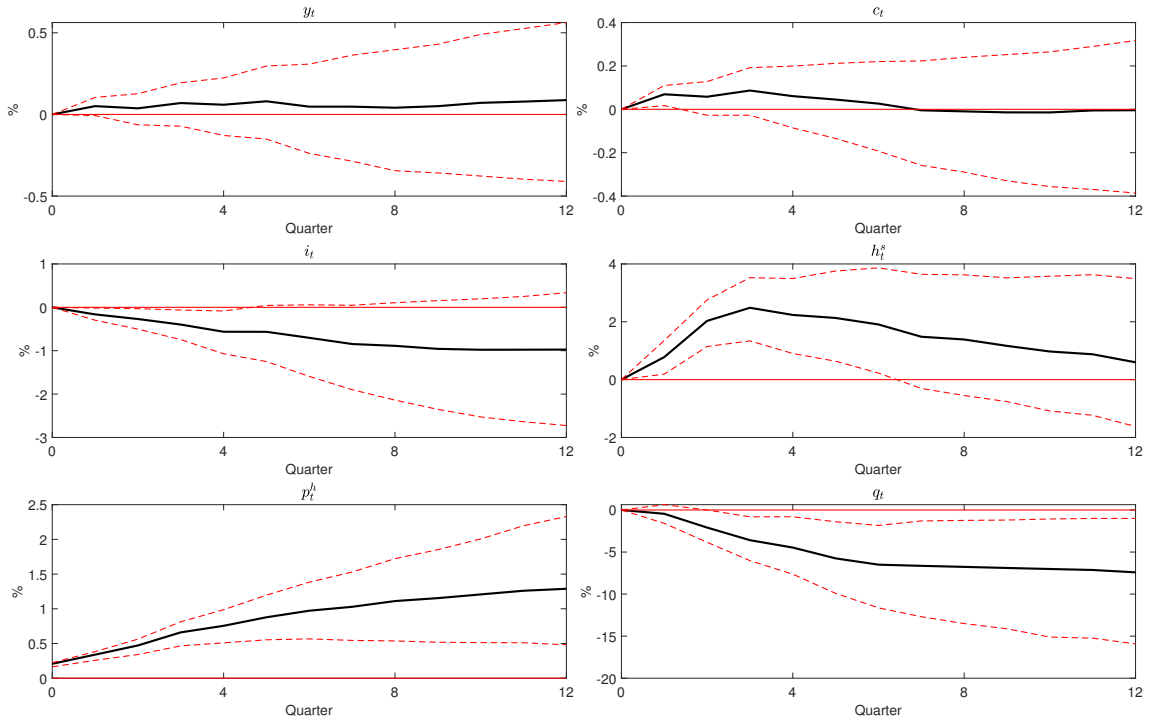


Figure 2: IRF to one unit house price jump

<sup>18</sup>In appendix I do some robustness tests to this span selection by extending the data to 2019Q4 with shadow rate or 1-year treasury bonds rate that is proposed by [Gertler and Karadi \(2015\)](#). The crowding-out effect exists in all these robustness test.

Figure 2 presents the impulse responses to a one-unit housing price shock, encased within a 90% confidence band. It reveals that a 10 basis points (bp) initial increase in housing price  $p_t^h$  instigates a housing market boom, escalating the housing price to a peak of 60bps four quarters later. This is approximately six times larger than the original increase. Individuals without enough residential asset holdings display optimism and a strong desire to acquire more houses. This, in turn, shifts the demand curve of residential assets upward as both price and quantity increase simultaneously. However, these individuals make only a partial down payment for the asset value, borrowing the remainder from commercial banks as mortgage debt. In parallel, those who already possess housing leverage the increased housing price to extract equity and liberate their liquidity, particularly if they are financially constrained and require more liquidity to meet their consumption needs. Nevertheless, the initial impacts on the consumption of non-durable goods and output are insignificant or negligible, potentially due to identification problems or data issues as argued by Sims (1998), Christiano et al. (1999) and Romer and Romer (2004). Investment in the non-durable sector declines throughout the entire period, stabilizing after two years at approximately 1% annualized. This clearly uncovers the crowding-out effect. It demonstrates that the crowding-out effect is potent and sensitive to housing price - a 10bps increase in housing price engenders a 100bps decrease in investment. This over reaction suggests an underlying conduit that transmits and amplifies the flow from housing price to physical investment and the drop in capital demand decreases the capital price up to 7%. Observations reveal that an increase in housing price corresponds with an increased housing supply in the same direction, affirming the two key arguments discussed previously: overbuilding and crowding-out effect spurred by a non-fundamental housing price demand shock. Furthermore, the non-exponential expansion in housing supply sheds light on the shape of the supply function in the housing market, which is not fully inelastic, contradicting the assumption made in literature.

### 2.3 Real price news shock

Although the previous section achieved successful identification of the housing market boom, overbuilding, and the crowding-out effect, a consequential query remains: what is the source of this "contemporaneous real price shock"? Through empirical testing, I have found that an exogenous surge in housing price could instigate a housing market boom, consequently predicting the overbuilding and crowding-out effects. However, the authenticity of this shock naturally invites skepticism. While the mechanisms I have proposed in this paper may be theoretically valid, they might not accurately portray the realities leading up to the Great Recession. The source for the pre-recession housing market boom extends beyond merely an exogenous contemporaneous real housing price shock. Other variables such as optimistic expectations, excess credit supply, and a secular decline in interest rates also contributed to this boom. To delve deeper into this issue, this section employs a SVAR model to identify the effect of a news shock on housing demand. My objective is to answer the following question: given future expectations of housing

price inflation, how would other economic components respond to this anticipatory shock? I adopt, with minor modifications, the method put forward by Barsky and Sims (2011) (henceforth referred to as 'BS'). Through this approach, the news shock is identified as the component that can account for the largest forecast-error variance of housing price while remaining some orthogonal restrictions to rule out the effect of other contemporaneous shocks. This orthogonal restriction procedure is designed to mitigate any risk that an unexpected contemporaneous shock realized in the future could influence the forecast error. Furthermore, rather than adopting the level specification used by BS, I process the data using a hybrid specification or detrending method as mentioned in the previous section. This alternative approach was necessitated due to the data I utilized failing the unit-root test within the level specification.

Firstly I propose the reduce-form VAR system as

$$y_t = \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \Phi_2 y_{t-2} + \Phi_3 y_{t-3} + \dots + u_t \quad (2)$$

where the residual follows  $u_t = Q\varepsilon_t$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, I)$  and  $\Omega = \text{var}(u_t) = QQ'$ . Moreover I assume  $P$  is the Cholesky decomposition to the covariance matrix of residual  $u_t$  so  $P = \text{chol}(\Omega)$  will hold. I further define the “news” vector  $R = [r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{N-1}, r_N]'$  where  $r_i$  is the unknown parameters of the vector  $R$  which need to be estimated. It measures the effect of housing-price-change news. The response to the news will be  $PR$  and by introducing this “vector shock”  $R$  I can directly solve the response to news shock and avoid drawing difference alternative orthogonal matrix.

It is worth to notice that solving the response vector  $R$ , instead of solving the response matrix  $Q$ , is more convenient and can provide analytical solution argued by Uhlig et al. (2004). As long as the orthogonal assumption 4 holds, we can find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  which satisfies  $Q'R = e_i$  where  $i \in [1, N] \cap \mathbb{N}$ . Multiple  $Q$  on LHS to yield  $R = Qe_i$  and hence  $R$  is just the  $i$ th column of  $Q$ . Throughout this paper I will mix these two definitions 1). Response vector  $R$ ; 2) A shock  $R$ , because they represent the same thing in identification problem.

After proposing the VAR formula, I define the forecast error decomposition along the horizontal up to time  $h$  as

$$\text{fevd}_{n,h}^i = \frac{e_n' \text{var}(y_{t+h}^i - E_{t-1} y_{t+h}^i) e_n}{e_n' \text{var}(y_{t+h} - E_{t-1} y_{t+h}) e_n}$$

whose economic meaning is that the proportion of variance of variable  $n$ 's expectation error that can be explained by shock  $i$  across time 0 to time  $h$ . Respectively the total forecast error from 0 to period  $H$  with unit weight should be  $\text{fevd}_n = \sum_{h=0}^H \text{fevd}_{n,h}$  where  $H = 12$ .<sup>19</sup> The superscript  $i$  in vector  $y_t$  denotes the impulse response spurred by shock  $i$  and the subscript  $n$  in vector  $y_t$

<sup>19</sup>Uhlig et al. (2004) and Barsky and Sims (2011) argued the weight-selection problem and arbitrary maximized horizontal problem. Based on their argument I choose the unit weight and 3 years forecasting as the baseline cases which is reasonable and robust in the range from 5 quarters to 40 quarters.

(equivalent to  $e'_n y_t$ ) denotes the  $n$ th variable in vector  $y_t$ . Therefore  $y_{n,t}^i$  denotes the response of variable  $n$  at time  $t$  to shock  $i$  and I will use this notation throughout the discussion in this section.

To identify the news shock, I solve the problem 8 below which finds a shock  $R^*$  that can explain the variance of expectation error of housing price most.

$$R^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{R^*} \operatorname{fevd}_n = \operatorname{argmax}_{R^*} \sum_{h=0}^H \frac{e'_n \left( \sum_{s=0}^h \Phi^s P R R' P' \Phi'^s \right) e_n}{e'_n \left( \sum_{s=0}^h \Phi^s P P' \Phi'^s \right) e_n} \quad (3)$$

s.t

$$R' R = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$e'_j P R = 0 \quad (5)$$

The first constraint 4 guarantees the orthogonality of response  $R^*$  and insures the unit realization of news shock which pertains to corresponding column of orthogonal matrix  $Q$ , otherwise there always exists an infinitely large shock  $e'_n R = \infty$  which makes the identification meaningless. Additionally it renders the existence of maximization problem 3 as the Hessian of the objective function is semi-positive definite where the maximized point is not on the saddle point. The second constraint 5 rules out any contemporaneous shock in the future that influences the expectation error. Basically there are two type of shocks that can affect the expectation error  $y_{t+h} - E_{t-1} y_{t+h}$ : one is the news shock that arrives at time  $t$  yet realizes at a future time throughout  $t + 1$  to  $t + h$  (based on the type of news and how informative it is); another one is the contemporaneous shock that arrives at any time from  $t$  to  $t + h$   $\varepsilon_{t+i}, \forall i \in [0, h]$ . It would be inappropriate to posit that the news shock accounts for more variation in the expectation error than what the contemporaneous shock does. Sims (2016) asserts that, more often than not, this proposition does not hold correct in reality. As such, I necessitate this secondary constraint 5 to segregate the effects of the contemporaneous shock from the identified  $R^*$ . The objective of the above problem 3 is to pinpoint a shock, apart from any contemporaneous shock that influences variable  $j$ , which can explain the expectation error to the greatest extent. Appendix C.1 discusses the requirement of orthogonal restriction in detail.

While the method of identification employed here is not exclusive to news about housing price—news about endogenous variables such as commodity prices, marginal costs or inflation could also fit—I limit the focus to the housing market in this paper. Here,  $i$  denotes the housing price news shock and  $y_{n,t}$  represents the housing price. Given that the identified news shock  $R^*$  is subject to sign, I further impose a sign restriction on the impulse response  $y_{n,t}$  to generate a positive demand shock on the housing price. The final issue in identification 3 involves finding a variable  $j$  in constraint 5 that aids in eliminating the possibility of contemporaneous shock during identification.

Before elaborating on the construction method for variable  $j$  which has zero contemporaneous effect of the news shock  $i$ , it is worth discussing proposition 1. This proposition highlights that canonical identification techniques, such as zero restriction, sign restriction, and long-run restriction, are ineffective for identifying the news shock in this context without constructing or finding variable  $j$ .

**Proposition 1.** *The identification to a news shock  $R^*$  through equation 3 is unique to covariance of the residual  $\Omega = PP'$  from VAR's DGP 2.*

*Proof.* Give the covariance matrix of the residual from the DGP 2, the Cholesky  $P$  is unique to the covariance matrix  $\Omega$ . Following Rubio-Ramirez et al. (2010), we know that any identification to the DGP is unique to  $PQ$  where  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix. To identify the news shock I solve the maximization problem 3 to get the news shock  $R^*$  that maximizes  $\text{fevd}_n$  subjecting to two constraints 4 and 5 and the rotation  $Q$  is identity  $Q = I$ . However when the rotation  $Q$  is not identity, i.e. for any different response matrix  $P\tilde{Q}$ , the optimization problem that helps to find  $\tilde{R}^*$  from  $g(\tilde{R}) = 0$  is equivalent to that helps to find  $R^*$  from  $g(f(R)) = 0$  as long as  $f(R) = \tilde{R}$  holds. If the mapping  $f(\cdot)$  and its inverse  $f^{-1}(\cdot)$  are all bijections, for any  $\tilde{R} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  there will exist a unique  $R \in \mathbb{R}^N$  which satisfies  $f(R) = \tilde{R}$ . It is easy to set  $f^{-1}(\tilde{R}) = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$  and  $f(R) = \tilde{Q}'R$ . Therefore corresponding identified news shock  $\tilde{R}$  must satisfy  $\tilde{R}^* = \tilde{Q}'R^*$  because of equation 3 and the impulse response of news shock is same to the Cholesky identification  $P\tilde{Q}\tilde{Q}'R^* = PR^*$ .  $\square$

Proposition 1 intuitively suggests that news or information is neutral to the fundamentals, and individuals respond to it based on their perception or belief about the news's reliability. Whether the news is genuine or false can only be discerned after the fundamental shock is realized and observed by economic agents several periods later. Therefore, the initial response to the news at time zero is unique to the covariance matrix, and the authenticity of the news, along with the corresponding response, cannot be determined by any rotation method on Cholesky  $P$ .

Above proposition 1 raises the question: Why should we construct variable  $j$  rather than seek one which is observable in reality? This deviation from standard news literature, where scholars typically focus on TFP shock and the underlying exogenous TFP is observable or calculable from data, arises due to the unobservable nature of the demand shock and the exogenous fundamental variation path. As such, our task is to unearth a variable  $j$  that is correlated with the contemporaneous variation of housing demand within the demand function, which I denote as the direct fundamental impact. The term “fundamental impact” refers to an index of the core elements that drive the demand function of housing, i.e., the preference  $\phi_t$  in the Cobb-Douglas utility function  $U(c_t, h_t, l_t) = \frac{(c_t^{\phi_t} h_t^{1-\phi_t})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \kappa \frac{l_t^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi}$ , following  $\phi_t = (1 - \rho_\phi)\bar{\phi} + \rho_\phi\phi_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau$  where  $w_{t-\tau}$  as the news shock to housing demand. The modifier “direct” indicates that variable  $y_t^j$  reflects the contemporaneous impact  $\phi_t$ , rather than  $\phi_{t+i}$ . Moreover, when imperfect information exists and households cannot precisely observe the fundamentals, as discussed in section 2.4, the



fundamental impact  $y_t^j$  should serve as an indicator of the perceived fundamentals  $\phi_{t|t}$ , rather than the true fundamentals. Consequently, survey data appears to be the most suitable variable for ruling out contemporaneous shocks via constraint 5. However, neither the true fundamentals nor the perceived fundamentals are observable, and all observations in the survey relating to fundamental impact are endogenous, tainted by macro variables and the endogenous response of news shocks. Therefore, this paper proposes a method to cleanse the endogenous perception data and eliminate the contemporaneous endogenous news effect.

Before discussing the purification process, I first broach the ammunition, the data that I can use to purify the endogenous perception of the status of housing market. In this paper I use the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI) which is a monthly survey on NAHB members about their perception about the status of housing market right now  $\Upsilon_t$  (in equation 6), as well as their expectation over the next six month  $E_t \Upsilon_{t+6}$  (in equation 7).

To elucidate the purification process intuitively, let's consider a model with perfect information. Assume that  $\Upsilon_t$  represents survey data about people's perception of the housing market, and follows the relationship

$$\Upsilon_t = \rho \Upsilon_{t-1} + \alpha_1 x_t + w_{t-\tau} + u_t + \alpha_2 w_t \quad (6)$$

where  $x_t$  stands for any macroeconomic variable such as interest rate, GDP, unemployment rate, etc. The coefficient  $\alpha_1$  quantifies the cross-linkages between macroeconomics and perceptions about fundamentals. For instance, a monetary policy shock may initially affect the interest rate and output, leading to a commensurate change in  $\Upsilon_t$ . In this context,  $w_{t-\tau}$  represents a news shock announced  $\tau$  periods ahead. Meanwhile,  $u_t$  denotes a contemporaneous shock, and  $\alpha_2$  captures the endogenous contemporaneous effect induced by the news shock  $w_t$ . If households anticipate the realization of the shock three periods ahead, they would react in the present time. Because of this contemporaneous response  $\alpha_2$ , the news shock  $w_t$  will exert an endogenous effect at the time of its arrival, in addition to the direct effect occurring three periods later when the shock materializes. Under the rational expectation, the expectation about housing-market status  $\tau$  period ahead will follow

$$E_t \Upsilon_{t+6} = \begin{cases} \rho^6 \Upsilon_t + \alpha_3 x_t + \sum_{n=1}^{n=\tau} \rho^{6-n} w_{t-\tau+n} & \tau \leq 6 \\ \rho^6 \Upsilon_t + \alpha_3 x_t + \sum_{n=1}^{n=6} \rho^{6-n} w_{t-\tau+n} & \tau > 6 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

To ensure simplicity in our discussion, I have deliberately omitted terms with additional lags, such as  $\Upsilon_{t-2}$ ,  $x_{t-1}$ , in equations 6 and 7. These terms may indeed manifest in these models, and as such, I have performed a range of robustness tests to investigate these independent variables in Appendix C.6 and better understand the underlying models. However, it's worth noting that these equations make an implicit assumption: any other macroeconomic shocks, such as monetary policy shock, TFP shock, or marginal cost shock, will influence the status of the housing market



solely through macro variables  $x_t$ , without any direct effects. This assumption parallels the notion that  $\Upsilon_t$  occupies the first row of  $y_t$  in equation 2, corresponding to the first column of the Cholesky  $P$ .

The basic idea of this purification process is to identify the parameter  $\rho$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  and  $w_{-1}$ ,  $w_{-2}$ ... which yield the purified housing market status, denoted as  $\hat{\Upsilon}_t = \Upsilon_t - \alpha_2 w_t$ . However the canonical regression based method cannot be used here because of endogeneity and imperfect identification problem. For instance, even for the simplest model of 6 (or 7) without aggregate effect, the regression of  $\Upsilon_t$  on  $\Upsilon_{t-1}$  ( $E_t \Upsilon_{t+6}$  on  $\Upsilon_t$ ) will yield biased result as  $w_{t-\tau}$  already embeds into  $\Upsilon_{t-1}(\Upsilon_t)$ . Further, the residual of this regression represents a "near" moving average process that contains several components instead of  $w_{t-\tau}$  itself. Thus, the second regression, a regression of  $\Upsilon_t$  on the residual or its lagged and lead term will not be exactly  $\alpha_2$  and the  $\hat{\Upsilon}_t$  will still encompass some amount of contemporaneous effect,  $w_t$ . In addition to addressing the standard issues of endogeneity and heteroscedasticity that are common in OLS regression, another crucial challenge must be overcome: understanding the informative power of the news  $w_t$ , specifically how far in advance households become aware of it. This challenge will directly impact the structure of the expectation 7, and subsequently, the structure of the residual, which I use to extract the  $w_t$  term from  $\Upsilon_t$ . Given that the only observable expectation linked to a six-period lead, the form of the expectation would alter to different form when the news arrives at different periods prior to realization. On that account, I use the maximum likelihood estimation method to estimate and purify the contemporaneous endogenous effect  $\alpha_2$  and the likelihood for different informative power of the news can be used to determine how many periods ahead that the news is announced to household. In the appendix C.3 and C.3, I provide a range of numerical and empirical tests demonstrating that this purification method can effectively eliminate the endogenous news effect  $w_t$  from the perception of housing market status  $\Upsilon_t$ , albeit to a certain scale. Additionally, I also conduct a series of robustness check by using the instrument variable to purify  $\Upsilon_t$  through 2SLS regression analysis.

Figure 3 presents the IRFs of a one-unit news shock that delivers information about future housing price to agents, with the red dashed lines indicating the 90% confidence band which visibly confirms the significant crowding-out effect. The pattern of housing price response closely mirrors that observed in the contemporaneous shock, although the boom in the housing market is nearly twice as significant. Housing price progressively rise from 30bps to a peak of 200bps, approximately five times larger than that under the contemporaneous shock. This marked expansion in the housing market, driven by expectations and news shocks, triggers a drop in capital price five times larger than the surge in housing price. Households considerably decrease their capital holdings, even entering into negative positions (in debt), thereby depressing capital price due to reduced demand. This reveals the crowding-out effect as a manifestation of capital misallocation at the micro level. These observations underscore the effective identification of news shocks and demonstrate the reliability and transparency of the results. The study aligns with existing literature that attributes housing market booms primarily to expectations and slackness

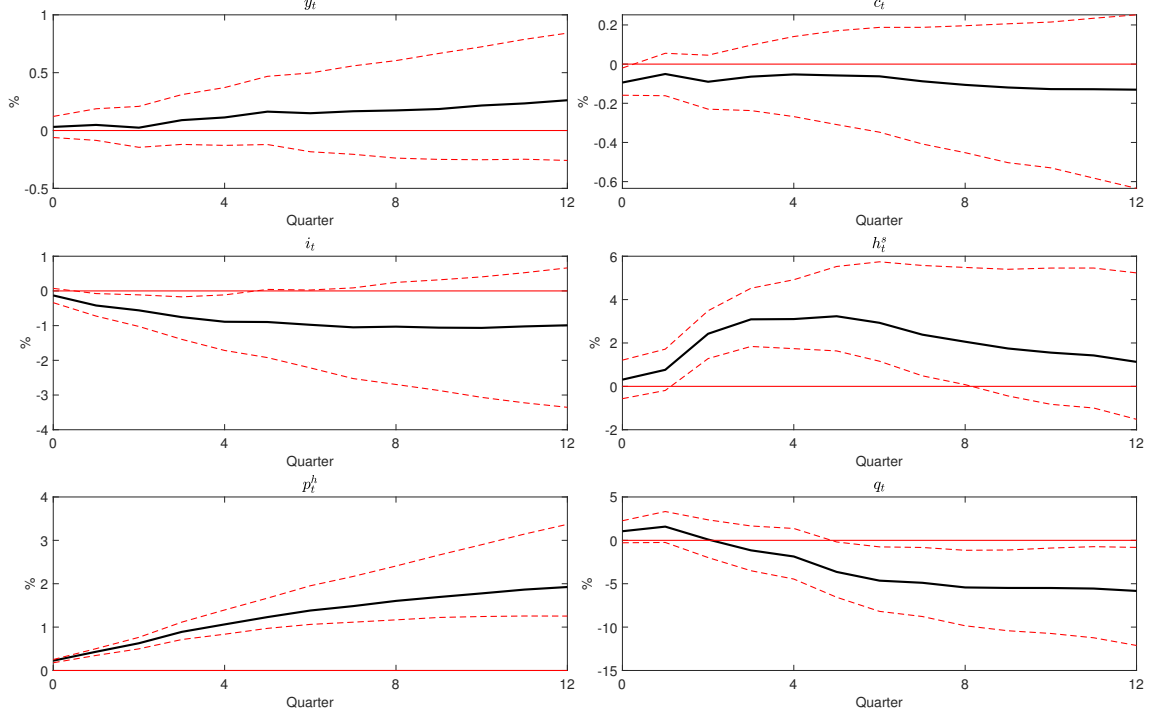


Figure 3: IRF to one unit housing price news shock at 90% confidence band

in the credit market. Additionally, it highlights the sensitivity and fragility of the housing market during the pre-recession period, as the market could be triggered into a boom merely by initial expectations, culminating in a considerable peak without any observed hesitations or declines. This housing market boom also coincides with significant overbuilding, which is five times greater than that observed under contemporaneous shocks, culminating at 300bps. Concurrently, the output experiences a slight yet insignificant increase due to general equilibrium effects, with the economy overheating. The contemporaneous response of non-durable consumption exhibits a small but insignificant decrease (10bps), potentially resulting from a stronger substitution effect than the wealth effect, which is revealed in new evidence from survey data (Kuang et al. (2023)). As previously observed, substantial physical investment is crowded out during periods of housing market boom and overbuilding. In comparison to the response of physical investment to a contemporaneous housing price shock, investment is crowded out to a greater but milder extent (compared to the difference in housing price and stock price), reaching up to 100bps. This is reasonable, as the crowding-out effect arises from the general equilibrium among investment, output, and consumption, which remains mild change.

## 2.4 Real price fake news shock

Due to Proposition 1, canonical identification methodologies such as sign restriction (Uhlig (2005)) and short-run restriction ((Sims (1980) and Basu et al. (2006))) are insufficient to differentiate true news from fake news within the previously identified news shock. As an alternative, I introduce a novel identification strategy through which the effect of true news about future

housing price is refined by a contemporaneous shock during the realization of news shock, so isolating the effect of fake news.

In section 2.3, I previously presented the concept of the news shock  $R^*$ , representing the shock that most adequately accounts for the expectation error over the next  $H$  periods from period 0. However, this shock is agnostic to its own status and does not yield any insights regarding whether it is a true or fake news. This is because it is identified based on expectation error, devoid of any proxy for the underlying "fundamental situation", and both fake and true news can elicit identical responses before the news' type is realized. Despite the neutrality of the news shock  $R^*$  and our inability to directly identify fake news prior to its realization, I design the strategy to differentiate between fake news and true news by adjusting the combined news with contemporaneous shock and refining the preceding impulse response. Before introducing this identification strategy, which allows me to distinguish between fake news and true news, I first present two assumptions with micro foundations as the cornerstones of identification.

**Definition 1.** Denote the response to fake news realized at time  $\tau$  as  $U^F = \{y_0 = \bar{R}_1, y_i\}_{i=1}^{i=\infty}$  and the response to true news realized prior to time  $\tau$  as  $U^T = \{y_0 = \bar{R}_2, y_i\}_{i=1}^{i=\infty}$ . The response to a news shock we empirically identified through 3 is  $U = \{y_0 = R^*, y_i\}_{i=1}^{i=\infty}$ .

**Assumption 1.** *The response to a news shock, either a fake news or a true news, under imperfect information, will be the same before the shock realized. In other words  $\bar{R}_1 = \bar{R}_2 = R^*$  and  $y_i^F = y_i^T = y_i, \forall y^F \in U^F, y^T \in U^T, y \in U, i \in [0, \tau]$  will hold.*

This assumption is justified given that under imperfect information, agents cannot discern the veracity of news; they simply respond identically to observations triggered by either true or fake news. Thus, it is only under conditions of complete information where the news is fully informative that agents exhibit differing responses before the news' realization at time  $\tau$ . It is widely recognized that the principle of certainty equivalence applies in the context of first-order linearized state space models, within which Assumption 1 is unequivocally upheld. Further support for this assumption is provided in the appendix D.2.2, where I offer several numerical examples to demonstrate that the aforementioned assumption holds in a state space model under rational expectation.

**Assumption 2.** *The empirically identified news shock  $U$  lies in the medial of response to fake news  $U^F$  and response to true news  $U^T$ . In other words,  $y_i \in [y_i^F, y_i^T], \forall y^F \in U^F, y^T \in U^T, y \in U, i \in [\tau + 1, \infty]$  will hold. Furthermore, the news shock  $U$  is a linear combination of  $U^F$  and  $U^T$ , and  $y_i = \alpha y_i^F + \beta y_i^T$  holds.*

Assumption 2 is also reasonable as the identification process 3 is based on expectation error and it cannot differentiate between  $U^F$  and  $U^T$ , given that both of them impact the expectation error of housing price. Nonetheless, as long as the Data Generating Process (DGP) 2 is a linear equation, the path subsequent to realization of a shock is entirely described by the coefficient

$\Phi$ , which represents a projection from  $y_{t-1}$  to  $y_t$ . Therefore, the identified path  $U$  is essentially a linear combination of the fake news path  $U^F$  and the true news path  $U^T$ , which are both intertwined within the posterior observation. In the appendix D.5, I apply the news shock identification strategy 3 to mock data generated by a state space model to demonstrate that assumption 2 is valid.

I now define the identification of fake news as

$$\hat{y}_i^F = \begin{cases} y_i & i \leq \tau \\ y_i - \frac{e'_j y_{\tau+1}}{e'_j y_0^\tau} y_{i-\tau-1}^\tau & i > \tau \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where  $y_i \in U$ , and  $y_i^\tau$  represents the response path to a contemporaneous shock directly impacting the fundamental variable  $j$ , as depicted in equation 5. The fundamental concept here is that the influence of true news realized at time  $\tau$  can be counteracted by a contemporaneous negative shock, leaving behind only the response to fake news, which has no bearing on variable  $j$  or the real economy (subject to a scalar  $\alpha$ , which remains unidentified here). This is a logical supposition, given that the true news shock has been influencing the economy since its realization at time  $\tau$ , and, as long as the shock is independent and identically distributed (iid) and the entire system is linear, it operates (producing real effects) as a contemporaneous shock after  $\tau$  when it impacts the fundamental. In the appendix D.3 and D.4, I provide two examples that lend micro foundation to this offset effect.

The identification method I am using here aligns with the logical premise first advanced by [Wolf and McKay \(2022\)](#), who propose that we can "replace" the underlying state determinant equation (i.e., policy function) with a counterfactual one by solving a system of linear equations. A set of rescaled fundamental shocks can emulate the old, identified policy function and transform it into a new one by censoring the old impulse response with an additional series of  $\{\Theta_{i,\tau}\}_{\tau=0}^{\tau=\infty}$ , generated by a fundamental shock. The paths of other endogenous variables, such as GDP, investment, and labor supply, are then determined by the censored path  $y_i^\tau$  and [Wolf and McKay \(2022\)](#) provide a rigorous proof supporting this argument. Similarly, [Hebden and Winkler \(2021\)](#) and [Groot et al. \(2021\)](#) have also used comparable counterfactual experiments in their research in which the goal was to identify an optimal policy, and they achieved this by solving certain nonlinear problems.

Figure 4 exhibits the empirical response to a deceptive housing demand (housing price fake news) shock. A shock to housing demand arrives (or is announced to household) six quarters ahead, at time 0, but realizes (has fundamental effect) in quarter 5, with a possibility that the news lacks any fundamental effect and is merely noise. Before discerning the true nature of the shock—as either true or fake—agents respond identically to these two shocks, as they are unable to determine the truth. Hence, Figure 4 and 3 share the same responses before period 6, at which point agents commence their attempts to discern whether the news is true or fake<sup>20</sup>.

<sup>20</sup>They may be informed directly at time 6 or gradually learn that whether the news is true or fake, which depends

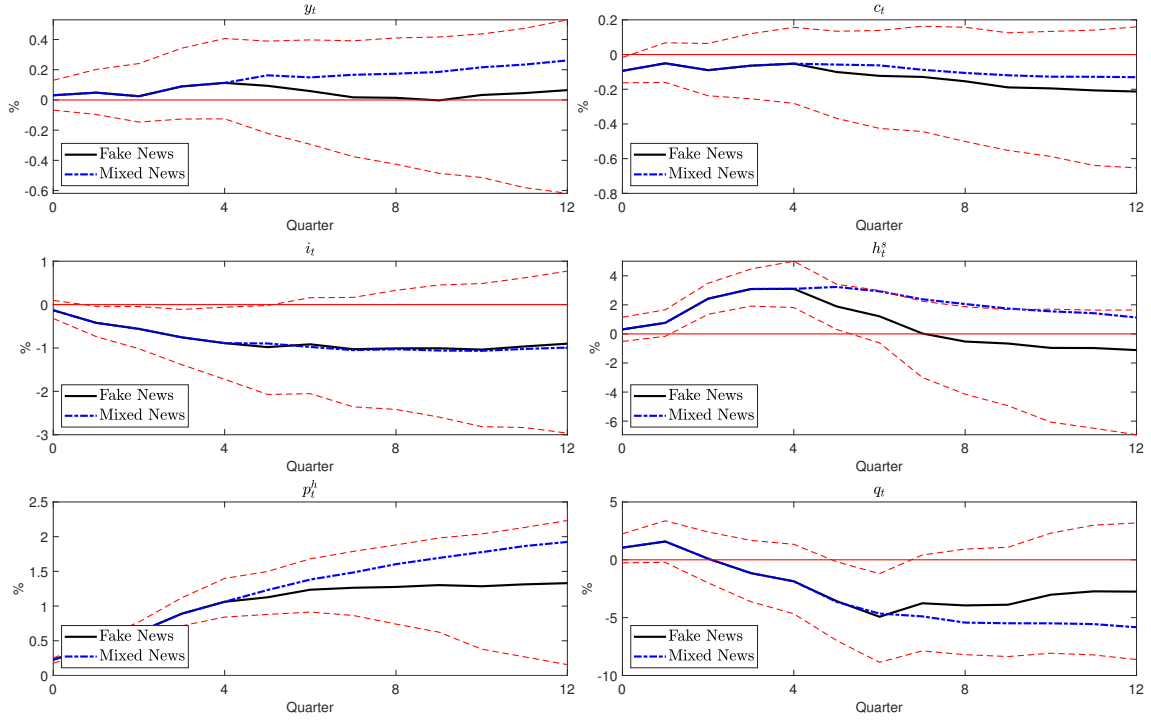


Figure 4: IRF to one unit housing price fake news shock at 90% confidence band

Upon realizing that the news is fake at quarter 5, the housing market boom busts as it lacks further support. Housing price and new construction of residential asset significantly decline, with a 150bps drop in housing price and a 300bps drop in housing supply. Subsequently, the new residential asset construction enters a negative range, indicating a severe and sustained recession triggered by the housing market bubble's bust. Physical investment, initially crowded out due to the housing market boom, only has a mild increase as the subsequent recession yields a lower demand in physical capital. In addition to the stagnation in the housing market, a recession unfolds in the goods market, with output and nondurable consumption dropping immediately after the revelation of the fake news. Due to the scarcity of physical capital during the bust period, the recovery post-recession is muted. This sluggish recovery unveils the drawbacks of housing market boom-bust cycles, where physical capital is crowded out during the boom period, and the resulting scarcity of physical capital leads to a more severe recession during the bust period.

Aside from examining the direction and magnitude of the news shock's effect on housing price, it is vital to consider the news shock's significance. If it does not hold substantial importance in reality, the preceding discussion around the crowding-out effect may lose relevance. Figure 5 presents the historical decomposition of the news shock and fake news shock's influence on various macroeconomic variables. News shock on housing price accounts for a moderate portion of the variance in housing price and new construction, and exerts a modest but not insignificant effect on physical investment and nondurable consumption. To illustrate this on the information structure and I provide two examples in appendix to illustrate two different information structures.

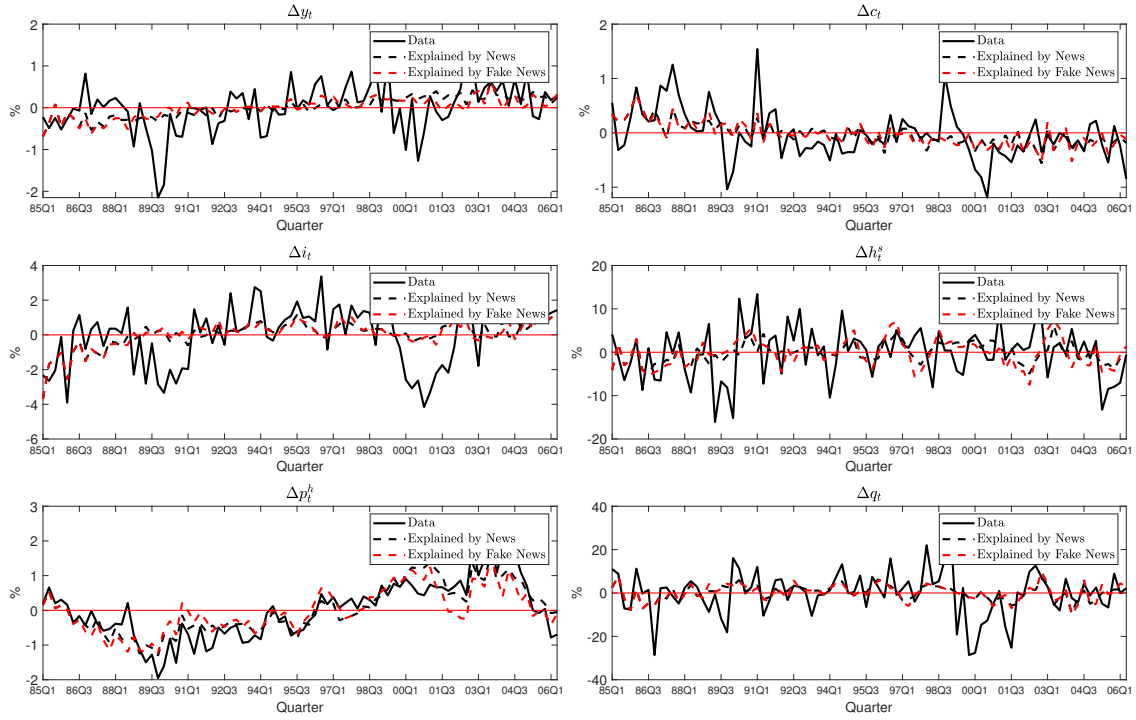
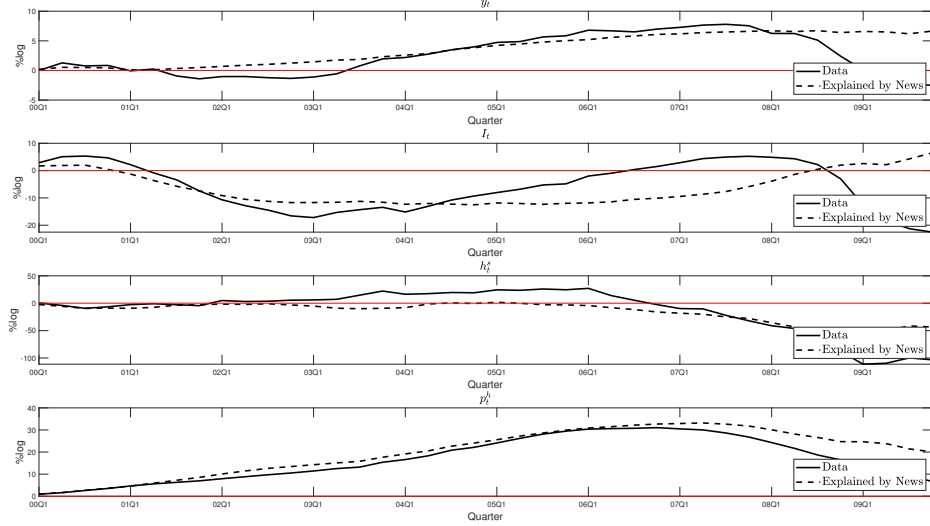
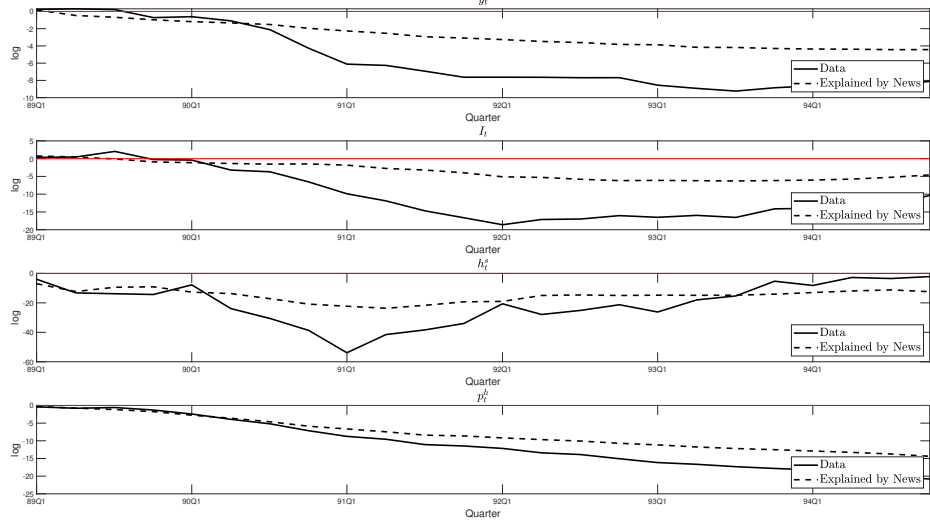


Figure 5: Historical Decomposition of News shock

significance, I opted for historical variance decomposition that the variables can be explained by the news shock as the measure of the news shock's influence. Roughly 50% of the variance of housing price in data is explained by the fake news and the fake news can also explain 30% of the variation of housing supply. However, only 20% of the variation of physical investment originates from the fake news shock, though the number is not negligible. Conversely, the expiation power attenuates to 14% for stock price, signaling a milder influence than in the housing and capital markets. These suggest that the fake news about housing price explains a significant portion of the boom-bust cycles in the housing market and the capital market due to the crowding-out effect. Nevertheless, based on Sims (2016), the share of variance does not offer a reliable indicator of the relative importance of news shock. Thus, I also use figure 6 to probe the significance of news shock in reality. The figure 6 display how the macro economy grew during the boom-bust period of housing market and what extent can the news shock explain it, by calculating the detrended accumulated growth. The news shock in both figure 6a and 6b draws the housing price at the beginning, yet the housing price drops further than that is explained by news shock in bust period. These divergences implies that the deception of the news may render the bust when household realized the truth and the fake news indeed explains an important and significant share of the housing market bubble preceding the Great Recession. Furthermore, in both 6a and 6b we can observe that the crowding-out effect is significant as the physical investment drops a lot among the housing market boom.



(a) Historical Decomposition before Great Recession



(b) Historical Decomposition during housing market bust in early 90s

Figure 6: Historical Decomposition of News shock spanning the subprime-debt housing market boom

### 3 crowding-out effect of overbuilding: insight from a simple model

Optimistic expectation regarding future housing price engenders a surge in household demand for real estate, inducing a boom in the housing market characterized by inflated housing price and overbuilding. In a context where supply is semi-inelastic, changes on the demand side will not necessarily lead to substantial overbuilding. Conversely, if the supply function possesses sufficient elasticity, a minor demand boom could spur significant overbuilding. The shapes of the supply and demand functions determine the magnitude of overbuilding, and by extension, the degree of crowding in physical capital. This is due to the underlying mechanism through which the crowding-out effect operates: the general equilibrium. Hence, it necessitates the synergy



of both supply and demand functions to analyze the crowding-out effect. In this section, I first introduce a simplified Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model operating within an incomplete market framework. Subsequently, I utilize this model to demonstrate that overbuilding, influenced by intratemporal substitution, liquidity, precautionary saving, and wealth inequality, leads to the crowding-out effect.

### 3.1 A simple Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model

This framework is grounded in a standard Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model wherein households employ wage income and asset returns to meet their consumption and real estate demands. The durable good, in this case housing, is produced by real estate companies in a competitive market utilizing land, capital, and labor. Similarly, non-durable goods are produced in a competitive market with capital and labor as inputs.

It is a standard Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model where households use wage income and asset return to fulfill their demand for consumption and real estate. The durable good, house, is produced by real estate companies in complete market with land, capital and labor. Similarly the non-durable good is produced in complete market with capital and labor.

For simplicity I assume that household  $i$  provides inelastic labor supply of 1 unit exogenously to solve the problem

$$\max_{c_t^i, h_t^i, a_t^i} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U^i(c_t^i, h_t^i) \quad (9)$$

s.t.

$$c_t^i + a_t^i + p_t^H h_t^i = R_t a_{t-1}^i + w_t \varepsilon_t^i + (1 - \delta^H) p_t^H h_{t-1}^i + T_t \quad (10)$$

$$-a_t^i \leq \gamma p_t^H h_t^i \quad (11)$$

where equation 10 is the budget constraint and equation 11 is the collateral constraint.  $a_t^i$  could either be positive or negative but in aggregate level is positive as it is the supply of capital which is used to produce durable and non-durable goods.  $w_t$  is the real wage and household earns productivity-weighted wage income from which  $\varepsilon_t^i$  is corresponded idiosyncratic income shock.  $p_t^H$  is the real housing price.  $h_t^i$  is the unit of houses hold by household  $i$ .  $T_t$  is the lump-sum transfer to household. For simplicity I further assume the real interest rate is fixed at  $\bar{R}$ .<sup>21</sup>

The production sector is in a complete market where firms produce non-durable good via  $Y_{N,t} = A_{N,t} K_{N,t-1}^\alpha L_{N,t}^{1-\alpha}$  and durable good via  $Y_{H,t} = A_{H,t} \bar{L}_H^\theta K_{H,t-1}^\nu L_{H,t}^{1-\nu-\theta}$ . The labor market is closed by one unit inelastic labor supply  $L_{N,t} + L_{H,t} = 1$  and household provide the capital by  $K_{N,t-1} + K_{H,t-1} = K_{t-1} = \int a_{t-1}^i dG_{t-1}$  where  $G_{t-1}$  is the cumulative distribution function of household. The non-durable good is used either to consume or to invest in physical capital

<sup>21</sup>It is not a too strong assumption since this could happen in many scenarios. For instance the nominal interest rate reaches the ZLB and the price is fixed. Or an open economy where the real interest rate is bounded by the international financial market. In appendix G.1.1 I shows that under a range of parameters the real interest rate will not change at  $t$  as long as capital and labor do not change.

so the goods market clearing condition  $Y_{N,t} = K_t - (1 - \delta)K_{t-1} + C_t$  holds. Meanwhile real estate companies produce all the increment in residential asset by  $Y_{H,t} = H_t - (1 - \delta^H)H_{t-1}$  where  $H_{t-1} = \int h_{t-1}^i dG_{t-1}$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Household will adjust their consumption of non-durable goods based on overbuilding and precautionary saving. The extent of adjustment is determined by*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_t = & \underbrace{\Phi_H \tilde{h}_t}_{\text{substitution effect}} - \underbrace{\Phi_\mu \tilde{\mu}_t}_{\text{credit effect}} + \underbrace{\Phi_{p^H} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \delta^H)^{\frac{1}{R}}} F^H(\tilde{H}_t) - \frac{(1 - \delta^H)^{\frac{1}{R}}}{1 - (1 - \delta^H)^{\frac{1}{R}}} F^H(\tilde{H}_{t+1}) \right]}_{\text{wealth effect}} \\ & - \underbrace{\Phi_{cov} \tilde{cov}_t}_{\text{precautionary saving effect}} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where  $F^H(\cdot)$  is the inverse supply function,

$$\Phi_H = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{c,p^H} - \eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \quad (13)$$

$$\Phi_\mu = \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \quad (14)$$

$$\Phi_{p^H} = \frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \quad (15)$$

$$\Phi_{cov} = \frac{\eta_c}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \frac{\beta (1 - \delta^H) \overline{cov}}{h}$$

and  $\eta_{c,p^H} = \frac{u_{ch} u_h}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{c}$ ,  $\eta_{c,p^c} = \frac{u_{hh} u_c}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{c}$ ,  $\eta_{h,p^c} = \frac{u_{ch} u_c}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{h}$ ,  $\eta_{h,p^h} = \frac{u_{cc} u_h}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{h}$ ,  $\eta_{ch} = \frac{u_c u_h}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{ch}$ ,  $\eta_c = \frac{u_e}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{c}$ .

Proposition 2 elucidates that any disturbance in the real estate market can propagate to the non-durable goods consumption via four distinct channels: substitution effect, wealth effect, credit effect, and the precautionary savings effect.<sup>22</sup> The directions these four channels take, in terms of how the housing market boom influences the consumption of non-durable goods, is determined by the relative strength of both intertemporal and intratemporal elasticities of substitutions between non-durable and durable goods, and the specific role that housing wealth assumes within budget constraint and credit constraint. When overbuilding transpires in the housing market bubble, positive variations in  $\tilde{h}_t$  and  $\tilde{H}_t$  prompt changes in non-durable consumption via substitution and wealth effects. Meanwhile, it could also endogenously affect consumption through credit and

<sup>22</sup> Berger et al. (2018) only discussed two of them meticulously but not focused on credit effect and precautionary saving effect. Additionally their goals about decomposition is related to analyze the inequality problem caused by house price inflation.

precautionary saving effects. This variation in consumption, set off by a housing market boom, ultimately impacts physical investment, thereby exacerbating the recession in the future, as long as the overall effect is positive.

It merits attention that  $\eta_{x,py}$  represents the standard Frisch elasticity of variable  $x$  with respect to the relative price of  $y$ , serving a crucial role in moderating the impacts of these four effects. If non-durable consumption is more responsive to housing price than to non-durable goods price, a shift in the holdings of housing service will induce a more pronounced effect on non-durable goods consumption, as manifested in  $\Phi_H$ . Conversely, if households' holdings of housing services respond more substantially to non-durable goods price (compared to housing price), the elasticity of substitution would dampen all four channels. This occurs because the consumption of durable housing becomes more stable, and households do not alter their consumption significantly, suggesting a minor pass-through from housing service consumption to non-durable goods consumption.

### 3.2 crowding-out effect of overbuilding

The amplification of the crowding-out effect sparked by overbuilding due to intratemporal elasticity of substitution, credit constraints, precautionary saving, and wealth inequality will be discussed herein. Overbuilding intuitively affects the consumption of nondurable goods and crowded-out physical investment, considering the relationship between nondurable consumption and housing as complements at the aggregate level. Similarly, overbuilding tends to ease collateral constraints, facilitating households to borrow more to smooth their consumption demand. Additionally, overbuilding exerts influence on nondurable consumption response via housing price due to the monotonic increasing inverse supply function of residential assets,  $F^H(\cdot)$ , in a complete market - more new construction leading to higher housing price in equilibrium. As the housing price factors into the budget constraint of household and influences their income, a rise in housing price makes households perceive an increase in wealth, given the dual function of a house as both a utilitarian good and an asset in the budget constraint. This surge in price, arising from a shift in the supply function (a demand shock), implies that overbuilding aligns with house price inflation via the supply side, otherwise an inelastic supply function will not bring any overbuilding from a demand shock.

By aggregating the consumption decision of households from equation 12 and integrating the First Order Conditions (FOC) in supply sectors, a relationship between overbuilding and physical investment can be obtained, as outlined in Proposition 3.

**Proposition 3.** *The aggregate investment is driven by overbuilding and precautionary saving*

following

$$\begin{aligned}
I\tilde{I}_t = & - \left\{ \left( \Phi_H + \frac{\nu}{\alpha} p^H H \right) \int \tilde{h}_t^i dG_i - \Phi_\mu \int \tilde{\mu}_t^i dG_i \right. \\
& + \Phi_{p^H} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \delta^H)^{\frac{1}{R}}} F^H(\tilde{H}_t) - \frac{(1 - \delta^H)^{\frac{1}{R}}}{1 - (1 - \delta^H)^{\frac{1}{R}}} \mathbb{E}_t F^H(\tilde{H}_{t+1}) \right] \\
& \left. - \Phi_{cov}^i \int \widetilde{cov}_t^i dG_i + \frac{\nu}{\alpha} Y_H p^H F^H(\tilde{H}_t) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

The overbuilding,  $\tilde{H}_t = \int \tilde{h}_t^i dG_i > 0$ , will crowd out physical investment as long as the substitution effect  $\Phi_H$  and wealth effect  $\Phi_{p^H}$  are not negative enough and  $\Phi_\mu$  is not positive enough.

Equation 16 reveals that overbuilding results in diminished physical investment and subsequently lower physical capital through distinct mechanisms in the demand and supply sides, at least within a specific parameters range. The term  $\Phi_x$  pertains to the influence of the pass-through from housing services to the consumption of non-durable goods, whereas the term  $\frac{\nu}{\alpha}$  in 16 is connected to the supply-side effect. The following discussion will explore in detail how relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution, credit constraint, precautionary savings, and wealth inequality impact the crowding-out effect instigated by overbuilding.

### 3.2.1 Intratemporal elasticity of substitution

Intertemporal substitution, extensively explored in relation to the Euler equation and monetary policy, stands in contrast to intratemporal substitution between consumption of durable and non-durable goods, which remains underexplored both theoretically and empirically. In this section, I argue that intratemporal substitution significantly influences household decision-making processes, especially in the context of the crowding-out effect created by overbuilding. Empirical studies in the housing market suggest that intratemporal substitution holds more significance and potency than intertemporal substitution<sup>23</sup>, as households, being primarily myopic or financially constrained, often neglect or simply cannot afford to consider future consumption in their present-day decisions. By analyzing the coefficients of the crowding-out effect as delineated in Proposition 12, Corollary 1 concludes that the relative intratemporal substitution can theoretically amplify the crowding-out effect across the demand side of the housing market.

Firstly I define the intertemporal and intratemporal elasticity of substitution below:

**Definition 2.** The intratemporal elasticity of substitution is

$$IAS = - \frac{\partial \ln \frac{h}{c}}{\partial \ln \frac{U_h}{U_c}} \tag{17}$$

<sup>23</sup> Khorunzhina (2021) did this vital work empirically.

and the intertemporal elasticity of substitution to consumption bundle is

$$\text{IES} = -\frac{U_{BB}}{U_B}$$

Then based on the definition I obtain following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *Ceteris paribus, household with larger intratemporal elasticity of substitution relative to intertemporal elasticity of substitution, as well as their utility function follows the CRRA form, will crowd out less investment through substitution and wealth effect.*

It is easy to understand corollary 1 that non-durable goods and housing services are both normal goods, and if they are substituted more with each other, the crowding-out effect will be further muted, since an increase in consumption of housing service would lead to a corresponding decrease or less increase in non-durable goods consumption. The intratemporal elasticity of substitution gauges the extent to which an increase in housing can be substituted by an increase in consumption at the utility level within a specific period.<sup>24</sup> On the other hand, the intertemporal elasticity of substitution quantifies the inclination to substitute the overall consumption bundle over different periods. If  $\text{IAS} > \text{IES}$  holds, households are more likely to adjust their consumption between durable and non-durable goods within a given period, rather than across different periods. A relatively larger intratemporal elasticity of substitution implies a lower increase in consumption in response to overbuilding within a given period, as these goods become more substitutable than complementary. The potency of intratemporal substitution is such that it directly influences marginal utility, bypassing the budget constraint, hence any other elements in economy that affects the utilitarian benefit of residential asset will alter the crowding-out effect doubtless.

**Proposition 4.** *When the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left(\frac{1-\beta}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha A}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} > \frac{K}{L} > \left(\frac{\delta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$  holds, substitution effect  $\Phi_H$  and wealth effect  $\Phi_{pH}$  will decrease as relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution higher. Further, when the aggregate Khun-Tucker multiplier is not too large, credit effect  $\Phi_\mu$  will increase as relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution higher.*

Proposition 4 shows that under certain conditions<sup>25</sup> the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution will manifest a clear impact on substitution, credit and wealth effect. In the subsequent analysis I dispense with these conditions and solve the GE problem quantitatively to provide a profounder analysis on the effect of relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution.

<sup>24</sup>It is intuitive to focus on  $U_{ch}$  which is closely related to the complementarity between house and non-durable good.

<sup>25</sup>The two-state variables Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett is hard to implement any theory based on Von-Neumann algebra in [Stokey \(1989\)](#) as the topology is too complicated. Thus these conditions help to direct the dimension of distribution.

I solve the model 9 with unit intratemporal elasticity such that  $IAS = 1$ , and change the intertemporal elasticity from 0.67 to 0.5, effectively increasing the relative intratemporal elasticity. As depicted in Figure 7a, an enlargement in relative intratemporal elasticity results in a contraction of the substitution effect. Theoretically, a preference shock increasing the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution compared to the intertemporal elasticity will reduce the response of nondurable consumption to a given level of overbuilding, subsequently leading to a smaller extent of crowded-out investment. This outcome can be attributed to the abated complementarity between nondurable goods and housing service due to the enhanced substitution. Additionally, a higher propensity to substitution can alleviate the collateral constraint, given the reduced demand for non-durable goods, thereby causing less households to remain financially constrained in the steady state. For a mathematical elucidation of the above argument, let us consider two economies,  $a$  and  $b$ . In these two economies, the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution satisfies  $\frac{IAS_a}{IES_{c,a}} < \frac{IAS_b}{IES_{c,b}}$ . Suppose two unexpected tax rebates are given to households in these economies respectively, triggering the same increase in non-durable consumption,  $\Delta C_a = \Delta C_b = 0.5$ . Given that the intratemporal elasticity in economy  $a$  is smaller than that in  $b$ , households in  $a$  will increase their holdings of durable consumption more, say,  $\Delta H_a = 0.5 > \Delta H_b = 0.3$ . This increased residential asset holding eases the collateral constraint, with the extent of relief proportionate to the change in residential assets. Therefore, the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker multiplier of equation 11 yields  $\Delta \mu_a < \Delta \mu_b < 0$ , implying  $\Phi_\mu^a > \Phi_\mu^b > 0$  in equation 12 as  $\Phi_\mu^i = -\frac{\Delta C_i}{\Delta \mu_i}$ . This trend is represented in Figure 7b, where the credit constraint progressively expands.

In addition to substitution effect and credit effect, overbuilding also influences the pass-through consumption responses through the inverse supply function  $F^H(\cdot)$ . One must recognize that residential assets not only act as consumable goods within a utility function but also act as a type of asset within the budget constraint. A surge in housing prices, often stimulated by overbuilding, augments household liquidity as long as they previously hold some amount of houses. The resulting wealth effect is amplified when a unit of housing service, in terms of value, translates to a higher utility under a diminished intratemporal elasticity of substitution. Intratemporal consumption decisions between durable and nondurable goods, driven by this wealth effect, adhere to the equation  $\frac{U_{h,t}}{U_{c,t}} = f(p_t^+, p_{t+1}^-)$ , which is rather intuitive. Consider a scenario where households buy one extra unit of housing service at time  $t$  and get  $U_{h,t}$  unit of utility. Alternatively, these households could expend equivalent money on nondurable consumption, obtaining  $U_{c,t} f(p_t^+, p_{t+1}^-)$  units of additional utility. Here, the unit of nondurable goods is scaled against the relative housing price. Introducing an equivalent same jump in housing price  $\Delta p_{a,t}^H = \Delta p_{b,t}^H > 0$  on both economy  $a$  and  $b$ , yet fixing the housing holdings, triggers a spike in nondurable goods consumption, leading to a positive  $\Phi_{p^H}$  in equation 12. Such a jump in nondurable goods consumption  $\Delta C_t > 0$  aligns with the reduced marginal utility of nondurable goods  $\Delta U_{c,t} < 0$  and a increased demand for durables goods (owing to their complementarity), resulting in an increased marginal utility of durables goods  $\Delta U_{h,t} > 0$ . A larger relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution permits greater disparities between the

marginal utilities of housing and nondurable goods consumption. Consequently, an uptick in nondurable consumption can be enough to sustain a given variation ( $\Delta f(p_t, p_{t+1}) > 0$ ) in relative marginal utility, which means a one-unit increase in housing price induces a smaller increase in nondurable consumption now. This amplifies the crowded-out effect further by wealth effects and the pass-through from durable to nondurable goods. Figure 7c exhibits the decreased influence of the wealth channel on the crowded-out effect as relative intratemporal elasticity ascends, marking the one unit housing service becomes less important (can be replaced by nondurable consumption easier). While this section eschews a quantitative introduction of aggregate shocks into our model, nor delves into the varying magnitude of the precautionary saving effect, it remains evident that a higher relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution encourages a diminished precautionary saving effect, because the household prefers the balanced consumption portfolios within a period more to the portfolios over periods. In conclusion, overbuilding impacts the crowded-out effect through four channels, with three being significantly influenced by the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution.

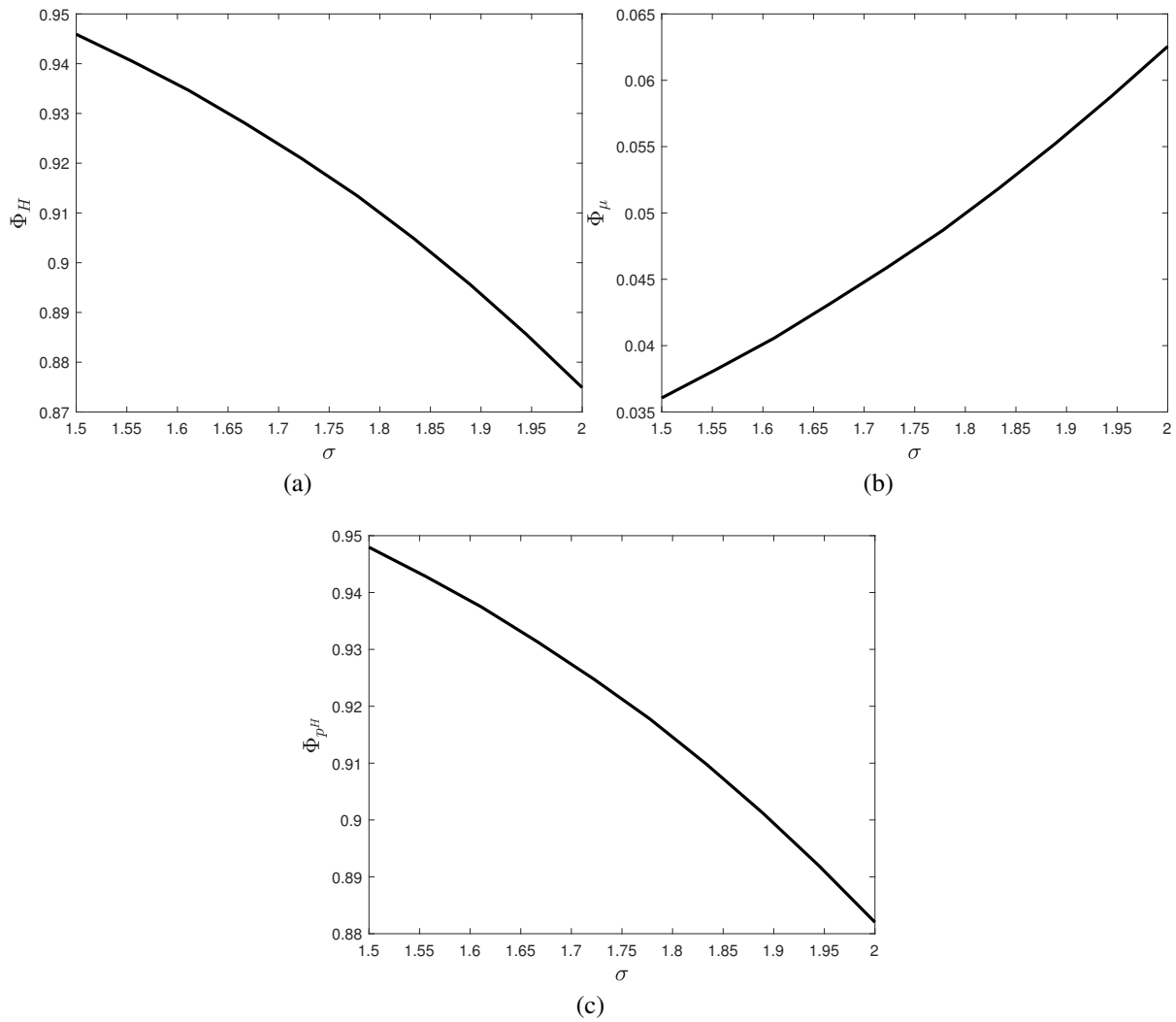


Figure 7: Elasticity of Substitution



### 3.2.2 Credit constraint and Liquidity

Overbuilding and housing market booms influence households' consumption on nondurable goods, a switching that is primarily attributable to the substitution effect. Additionally, in an incomplete market, where households cannot fully insure themselves from the idiosyncratic shocks via financial markets households' consumption patterns may be bound by market constraints, limiting their borrowing capabilities to address adverse shocks. These credit constraints give rise to liquidity challenges. Consequently, certain households occasionally face constraints, impeding them from satisfying their consumption demands, even if they possess the capability to reimburse their future borrowings. Overbuilding introduces a higher volume of assets that households can employ as collateral, ameliorating the loss introduced by the credit constraints. In Figure 8a, the extent of financial friction decreases, attributed to an increase in the proportion of housing services' value that can be leveraged for borrowing—from 0.5 to 0.8. This verifies the assertion that stricter collateral constraints augment the substitution effect, as marginal utility value of housing is higher in a steady-state scenario.

**Proposition 5.** *When the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left(\frac{1-\beta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} > \frac{K}{L} > \left(\frac{\delta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$  holds, substitution effect  $\Phi_H$  and wealth effect  $\Phi_{pH}$  will decrease as collateral constraint is slacker. Further, when the aggregate Kuhn-Tucker multiplier is not too large, credit effect  $\Phi_\mu$  will increase as collateral constraint is slacker.*

Moreover, a marginal relaxation of the binding collateral constraint is associated with a reduced K-T multiplier, as indicated by  $\Delta\mu < 0$  in equation 12. In contrast, a tighter constraint corresponds to a diminished nondurable consumption response,  $\Phi_\mu$ , which in turn leads to a smaller crowded-out effect. To clarify on the credit effect, consider an assumption where an unanticipated tax rebate leads to equivalent increases in nondurable goods consumption in economy  $a$  and  $b$ , denoted as  $\Delta C_{a,t} = \Delta C_{b,t}$ . If the collateral constraint,  $\gamma$ , in economy  $a$  is more stringent than in economy  $b$ , then  $\gamma_a < \gamma_b$  will hold both in equation 11 and in figure 8. A stricter financial constraint reveals a more pronounced K-T multiplier response. Ergo, the absolute change of the multiplier in economy  $a$  surpasses that in economy  $b$  ( $\Delta\mu_a < \Delta\mu_b < 0$ ). This suggests that within a tight financial constraint, a unit change in the marginal value of housing services is less effective. The reason being, under such circumstances, the unit change in marginal value is comparatively "cheaper" than its steady-state counterpart. Figure 7b explicitly demonstrates that the credit crunch (a positive  $\tilde{\mu}_t$ ), triggered by overbuilding, leads to a less pronounced reduction in consumption (or a greater crowding out of investment) when financial friction is more substantial.

In contrast to the credit effect, financial friction operates inversely concerning the wealth effect and substitution effect. Mathematically, a larger financial friction leads to an increased K-T multiplier and a larger  $\mu$ , resulting in a more pronounced wealth effect, as depicted in Figure 8c. The underlying mechanism mirrors that of substitution, given that both the housing services

and their pricing play the same role within the collateral constraint 11. Their influence on the pass-through is consistent. All these results hold theoretically and are derived under certain stringent conditions, as express in Proposition 5.

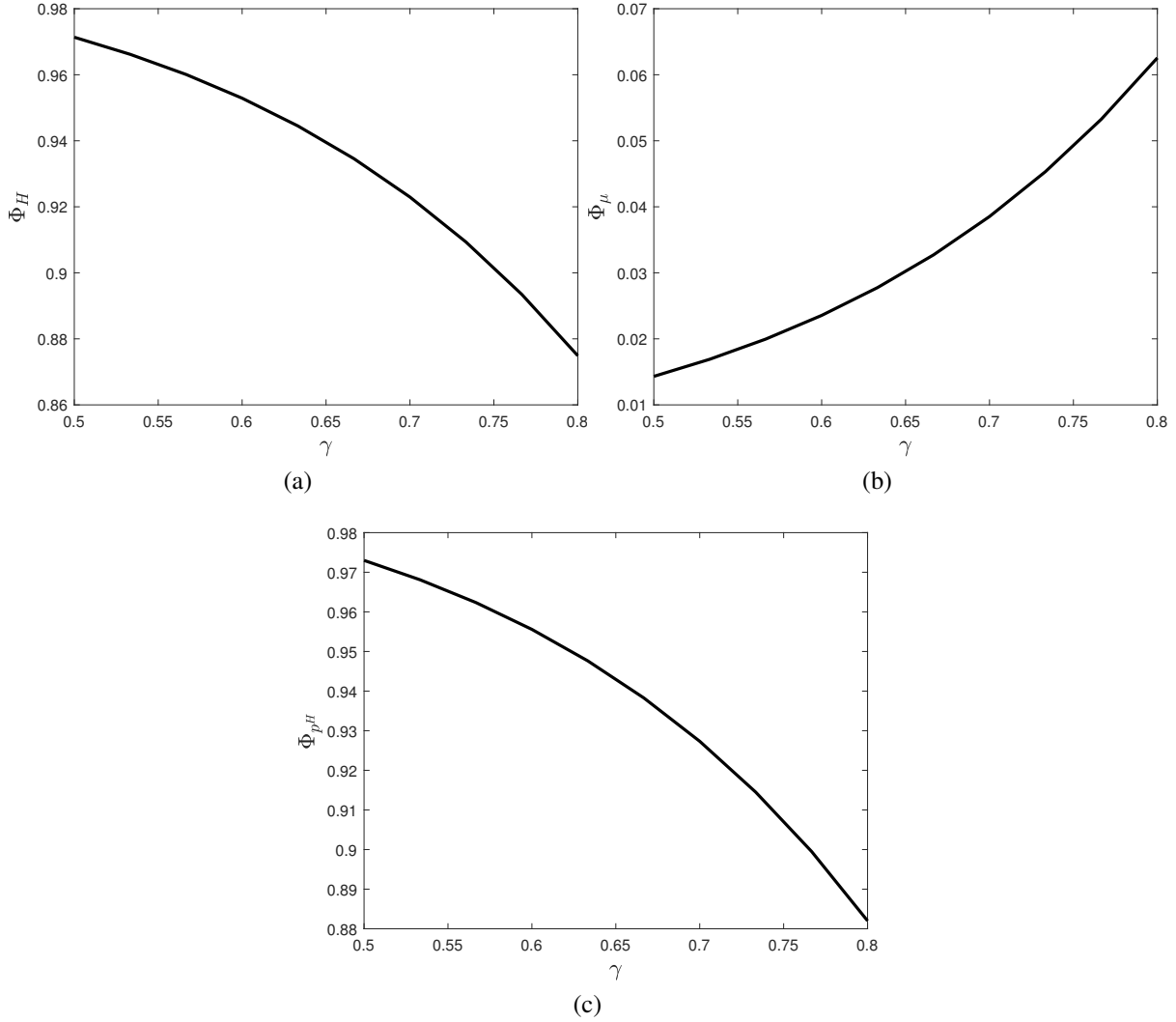


Figure 8: Financial friction

### 3.2.3 Precautionary saving and Wealth inequality

Households tend to exhibit less consumption than they might do in the absence of idiosyncratic shocks or if they possessed perfect insurance against such shocks. This propensity towards saving as a safeguard against unforeseen idiosyncratic shocks is referred to as the precautionary saving motive. The final term in equation 16 elucidates that precautionary saving decreases the consumption, as households allocate an extra  $\Phi_{cov}\widetilde{cov}_t$  amount towards savings rather than expenditure in the face of income uncertainties.

Beyond the four previously discussed effects – the substitution, credit, wealth, and precautionary saving effects – overbuilding can magnify the crowding-out effect through the lens of

business cycle. It is a recognized fact that idiosyncratic shocks are countercyclical, whereas overbuilding tends to be procyclical. Consequently, during periods of overbuilding, households exhibit reduced precautionary behavior due to improved aggregate economic conditions and diminished severe idiosyncratic shocks. A booming economy combined with lower idiosyncratic shock variability emboldens households with optimism, leading them to increase consumption and reduce savings. The term  $\widetilde{cov}_t$  in equation 16 will drop, indicating more consumption and less savings during overbuilding and economic upturns. Nevertheless, this amplification effect is outside the extent of my current numerical experimentation and remains a subject for future research.

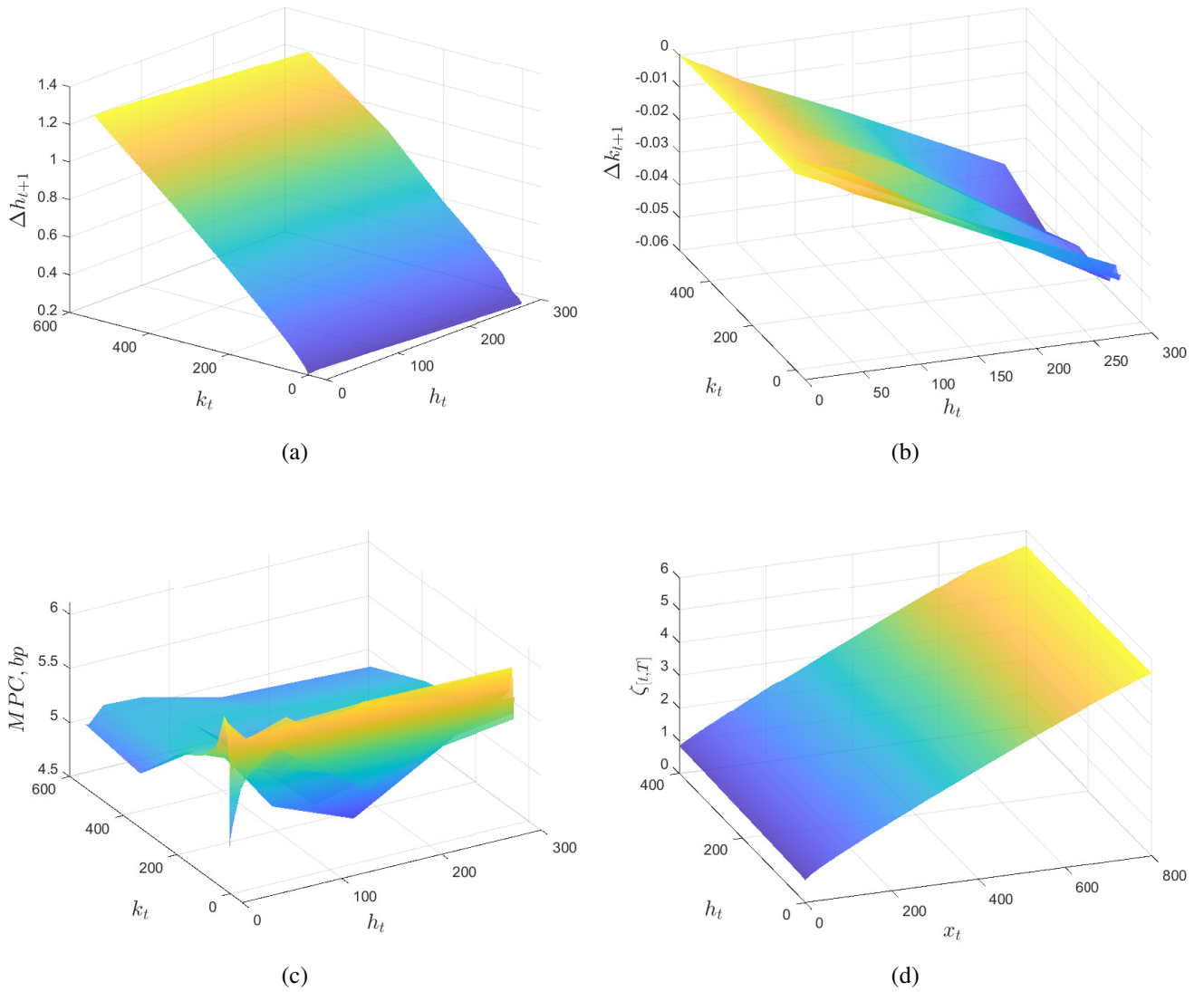


Figure 9: Wealth Distribution

Furthermore, the wealth distribution can potentially influence the crowding-out effect initiated by overbuilding via aggregation process. Given that increased holdings in housing services are financed through liquid assets and wage income, the most significant per capita jump in

housing-asset holdings typically come from households possessing abundant liquid assets and earning high incomes. Aggregating the consumption decisions across households, as presented in equation 16, reveals the significance of wealth distribution, particularly as it pertains to the distribution of coefficients, subsequently affecting the aggregate crowding-out effect. Figure 9a delineates the distribution changes in housing service holdings when housing price drops. The wealthy households with significant liquid assets are the primary purchasers of additional housing units, subsequently decreasing the physical investment, as illustrated in Figure 9b. Although the cohort mass is numerically small, the distribution of wealth is significant left-skewed, with the skewness evident in figures 10a (for residential assets) and 10b (for effective liquid assets). The most wealth is concentrated among a minority at the top tier, and this skewed wealth distribution accentuates the overbuilding-induced crowding-out effect, as represented by the term  $\int \tilde{h}_t^i dG_i$  in equation 16. Additionally, with the distribution of the MPC being right-skewed (as per figure 9c), the standard general equilibrium effect for hand-to-mouth households remains valid, especially in the monetary policy pass-through context. This right-skewed MPC also intensifies the crowding-out effect, albeit through the term  $\int \tilde{\mu}_t^i dG_i$  in equation 16. Figure 9d illustrates the wealth distribution effect of a demand-driven boom, which I have argued in corollary 2, arises from anticipated housing price inflation, in contrast to the supply-driven booms represented in figures 9a and 9b.

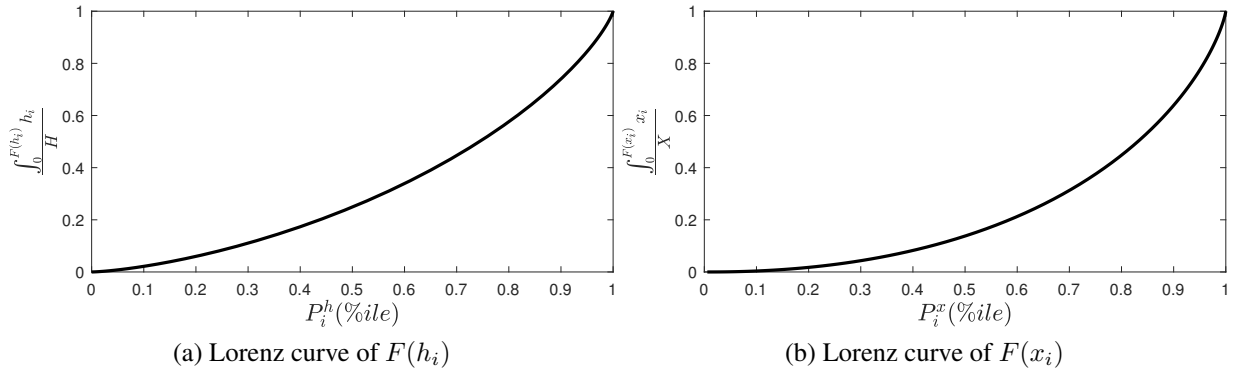


Figure 10: Lorenz curve

### 3.2.4 Optimistic expectation and overbuilding

Previous discussions have primarily centered on the crowding-out effect generated by overbuilding, examining the various mechanisms through which this effect manifests, contingent on the assumption of the occurrence of overbuilding. In this section, I contend that the presumption of overbuilding is not strong; indeed, an optimistic expectation regarding future housing market can create overbuilding. When households have positive anticipations regarding future housing price, they tend to augment their current real estate holdings. This behavior parallels the consumption adjustments driven by the intertemporal New Keynesian framework. Corollary 2 shows that an upswing in the anticipated housing price at time  $T + 1$  induces a marginal surge

by  $-\left[\beta(1-\delta^H)\right]^T \prod_{s=1}^T \frac{\lambda_{t+s}}{\lambda_{t+s}-\mu_{t+s}} \lambda_{t+T+1}/u''_{h^i}$  units in housing service demand. If such anticipations are fuelled by misplaced optimism or unfounded news, the ensuing rise in construction may well translate to overbuilding. This is because such expansion is not rooted in foundational shifts but is instead supported by an illusion. Once this illusion dissipates, the crowding-out effect could catalyze a recession, given the lack of physical capital that was misdirected during the housing market boom.

**Corollary 2.** *Ceteris paribus, an positive expectation about the housing price change in time  $T+1$  will induce a jump in demand of housing service in time  $t$ . The response extend follows*

$$\tilde{h}_t^i \Big|_{h_{t+i}, \mu_{t+i}, \lambda_{t+i}, i \in [1, T]} = \zeta_t^i dp_{t+T+1}^H \quad (18)$$

where  $\zeta_t^i = -\frac{1}{u''_{h^i}} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \beta(1-\delta^H) \right]^T \prod_{s=1}^T \frac{\lambda_{t+s}}{\lambda_{t+s}-\mu_{t+s}} \lambda_{t+T+1}$

## 4 crowding-out effect of overbuilding: Full fledged model

In the preceding section, I utilized a simple model to demonstrate that expectations of a future housing market boom can motivate households to augment their consumption of durable goods. This, in turn, can crowd physical investment out. This crowding-out effect is influenced by several factors, namely the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution, credit constraints, and the distribution of wealth. In this section, I shall employ a full fledged model to provide a quantitative analysis of the crowding-out effect. By aligning this model with empirical data, I intend to elucidate how news regarding the future can generate a boom-bust cycle in the housing market. Particularly, if such news proves to be inaccurate and households only realize after a certain period, the ensuing boom—supported by misinformation rather than economic fundamentals—will induce overbuilding. This misallocation can subsequently lead to significant declines in both output and consumption during the bust phase. To proceed, I will first describe the model adopted for this quantitative analysis. Subsequent to this, calibration and the full-information Bayesian method will be used to integrate the model with empirical data. Finally, I will highlight the severe recession resulting from overbuilding, as evidenced through certain impulse response functions.

### 4.1 Model Setting

#### 4.1.1 Household

Continue household<sup>26</sup> holds houses  $h_{t-1}$  and liquid asset  $b_{t-1}$  at time  $t$  which he takes from last period. He chooses the non-durable consumption  $c_t$ , labor supply  $l_t$ , houses  $h_t$  and liquid asset holding  $b_t$  at time  $t$  to solve the optimization problem

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<sup>26</sup>Here for simplicity I omit the index for specific household  $i$ .

$$V(h_{t-1}, b_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \max_{c, l, b', h'} U(c_t, h_t, l_t) + \beta EV(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } c_t + Q_t b_t + p_t^h [h_t - (1 - \delta^h) h_{t-1}] &= R_t Q_{t-1} b_{t-1} + (1 - \tau) w_t l_t \varepsilon_t + \Pi_t^h \\ &\quad - p_t^h C(h_t, h_{t-1}) + T_t \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$-Q_t b_t \leq \gamma p_t^h h_t \quad (20)$$

where  $p_t^h$  is the relative price of housing unit at time  $t$ .  $R_t$  is the gross real return of liquid asset which follows  $R_t = \frac{Q_t(1-\delta)+r_t}{Q_{t-1}}$ .  $C(h_t, h_{t-1})$  is the adjustment cost function when household want to adjust their holding of housing servicing.  $\gamma$  is the parameter governing the slackness of collateral constraint.  $\delta^h$  is the depreciation rate.  $\tau$  is the wage income.  $\Pi_t^h$  is the profit rebated from construction companies.  $T$  is the lump-sum tax transfer paid by government.  $\varepsilon_t$  is the idiosyncratic income shock which follows logarithmic AR1 process with coefficient  $\rho_\varepsilon$  and standard derivation  $\sigma_\varepsilon$ .

The adjustment function follows the canonical form

$$C(h_t, h_{t-1}) = \frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_2} (h_{t-1} + \kappa_0) \left| \frac{h_t - h_{t-1}}{h_{t-1} + \kappa_0} \right|^{\kappa_2}$$

The utility function follows the CRRA form<sup>27</sup>

$$U(c_t, h_t, l_t) = \frac{(c_t^\phi h_t^{1-\phi})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} + \kappa \frac{l_t^{1+\psi}}{1+\psi}$$

#### 4.1.2 Firm

There are two types of firms, construction firms who produce the housing servicing and the non-durable goods producers. All of these two types of producers are staying in complete market but because the construction firms also use exogenous land supply as an input to construct house, they earn non-zero profit which in the end refunded back to their holder, household.

Non-durable goods producers use

$$Y_{N,t} = A_{n,t} K_{n,t}^\alpha L_{n,t}^{1-\alpha} \quad (21)$$

to maximizes profit with the cost from real rental rate of capital  $K_n$  and related wage payment to labor  $L_n$ .

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<sup>27</sup>Piazzesi et al. (2007) use CEX data suggest that intratemporal elasticity of substitution is close to 1. In other words the utility function form of durable and nondurable goods is close to standard Cobb-Douglas case.

Similarly, durable goods (housing services) producers use

$$Y_{H,t} = A_{h,t} \mathcal{L}_t^\theta K_{h,t}^\nu L_{h,t}^\iota \quad (22)$$

to maximizes profit with the cost from real rental rate of capital  $K_{h,t}$  and related wage payment to labor  $L_{h,t}$ . The  $\mathcal{L}_t^\theta$  in production function is the exogenous land supply follows  $\mathcal{L}_t^\theta = \overline{\mathcal{L}} A_{L,t}$  and the new constructions are homogeneous to each production factor, hence the share of input satisfies  $\theta + \nu + \iota = 1$ .

#### 4.1.3 Capital Producer

The capital producer uses final nondurable goods  $Y_N$  to produce capital following the maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max E_t \sum_{\tau=t}^{\infty} \beta^{\tau-t} \Lambda_{t,t+\tau} \{ Q_\tau I_\tau \eta_{I,t} - f(I_\tau, I_{\tau-1}) I_\tau \eta_{I,t} - I_\tau \} \\ \text{s.t. } f(I_\tau, I_{\tau-1}) = \frac{\psi_I}{2} \left( \frac{I_\tau}{I_{\tau-1}} - 1 \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

By solving above optimization problem I could get the capital price as a convex function of investment which is shown below

$$\begin{aligned} Q_t \delta_{I,t} = 1 + \frac{\psi_I}{2} \left( \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} - 1 \right)^2 \eta_{I,t} + \psi_I \left( \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} - 1 \right) \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} \eta_{I,t} - \\ E_t \beta \Lambda_{t,t+1} \psi_I \left( \frac{I_{t+1}}{I_t} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where  $\eta_{I,t}$  is the marginal efficiency of investment shock which I follow [Justiniano et al. \(2011\)](#).

#### 4.1.4 Market cleaning

Capital is supplied by household with their gross net liquid asset and labor is supplied in effective form

$$\begin{aligned} K_t &= \int b_t dG_t = K_{n,t} + K_{h,t} \\ L_t &= L_{h,t} + L_{n,t} = \int \varepsilon_t l dG_t \\ H_t &= \int h_t dG_t \end{aligned}$$

The goods market cleaning condition is

$$C_t + I_t + f(I_t, I_{t-1}) I_t \eta_{I,t} + p_t^h \int C(h_t, h_{t-1}) dG_t = Y_{N,t}$$



where  $K_t = (1 - \delta)K_{t-1} + \eta_{I,t}I_t$  and  $G_t$  is the cumulative distribution function.

Similarly, the housing market cleaning condition is

$$[H_t - (1 - \delta^h)H_t] = Y_{H,t}$$

The return of gross liquid asset  $b_t$  comes from two components: capital return from firms  $r_t$  and capital gain  $\frac{Q_t(1-\delta)}{Q_{t-1}}$ .

In the end the government closes the economy by  $T = \tau wL$  and  $\Pi_t^h = p_t^h Y_{H,t} - w_t L_{h,t} - (r_t - 1 + \delta)K_{h,t}$ .

### 4.1.5 Shocks

The model contains three types of shock: *contemporaneous unexpected shock*, *news shock* and *noise shock*. There are two fundamental shocks on the TFP of the two production functions 21 and 22 respectively. These two shocks  $a_t^i$  follows the standard logarithm AR(1) process  $\log(a_t^i) = \rho_a^i \log(a_{t-1}^i) + \varepsilon_t^{a^i}$  where  $i \in \{h, n\}$ . Thus the TFP of these two production functions follow  $A_{n,t} = a_t^n \bar{A}_n$  and  $A_{h,t} = a_t^h \bar{A}_h$ . Meanwhile I introduce a preference shock  $\Phi_t^\phi$  to the preference  $\phi$  in utility function in the demand side, cooperating with a land supply shock  $\Phi_t^L$  and to determinate the housing market.

Moreover, to incorporate the noise and news into the model I assume that the household can get a news related to the shocks up to 8 periods before the shocks realize and I defined them in companion form in equation 93. However the agents cannot perfectly observe these shocks but mixed with noisy observation shock to  $\tilde{\Phi}_t^i$  in equation 95.<sup>28</sup> I relegate the detail about news and noise shock in appendix H.7.1, in which I introduce the news and noise shock following Chahrour and Jurado (2018) who introduced the news and noise representation to overcome the observational equivalence problem in previous literature such as Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2012), Barsky and Sims (2012) and Blanchard et al. (2013).

## 4.2 Calibration

### 4.2.1 Parameter

Most of the parameters I used in production side comes from literature which is standard and robust. These parameters have been relegated in Appendix H.1 and summarized in Table 10. I use the discount factor, disutility to labor supply, and three parameters in production side to match the gross quarterly real interest rate at 1.015, labor supply at 1, physical investment over GDP ratio at 0.13 and new construction over GDP ration at 0.05. The proportion of physical investment to GDP is estimated from the Private Non-Residential Fixed Investment relative to the Gross Domestic Product. Similarly, the ratio of new construction to GDP is computed based

<sup>28</sup>I define the news and noise shocks following the suggestion made by Chahrour and Jurado (2018) because this form does not suffer from the observational equivalence problem.

on the Private Residential Fixed Investment over the Gross Domestic Product. The parameters in adjustment cost function is in line with [Kaplan et al. \(2018\)](#) and [Auclert et al. \(2021\)](#). The intertemporal elasticity of substitution and preference between durable and nondurable goods are borrowed from [Kaplan et al. \(2020\)](#). The AR1 coefficient and standard derivation of idiosyncratic shock follow the estimation by [McKay et al. \(2016\)](#). All the value of corresponding parameters I used are summarized in table 2.

Table 2: Key Parameter Values

Parameter	Value	Description
$\beta$	0.9749	Discount factor
$\tau$	0.20	Labor income tax
$\kappa$	-1.28	Disutility to supply labor
$\gamma$	0.8	Slackness of collateral constraint
$\kappa_0$	0.25	Adjustment cost silent set
$\kappa_1$	1.3	Adjustment cost slope
$\kappa_2$	2	Adjustment cost curvature
$\sigma$	2	Inverse of intertemporal elasticity of substitution
$\phi$	0.88	Preference between durable and nondurable
$\rho_\varepsilon$	0.966	AR1 coefficient of income shock
$\sigma_\varepsilon$	0.25	SD of income shock

#### 4.2.2 Data to Model: Moment Matching

Even though I do not specifically match the moments in distribution, my model generates a lot of merits to replicate the moments extracted from data. Table 3 shows that my model has some nature ability to unveil the reality which I compare the data estimated by [Kaplan et al. \(2014\)](#) and [Kaplan et al. \(2018\)](#) and the moments calculated from model.

Table 3: Distribution Moments

Description	Data	Model
Poor Hand-to-Mouth Household	0.121	0.1102
Wealthy Hand-to-Mouth Household	0.192	0.2059
Top 10 percent share of Liquid asset	0.8	0.5
Top 10 percent share of Illiquid asset	0.7	0.3

To build the bridge between the model and data, I use full information Bayesian method to estimate the parameters that pertain to the dynamic and business cycle. Particularly I resolve parameters in 7 shock series from 7 variables. For similarity I assume the covariance matrix of shocks is a diagonal matrix hence all the shocks are independent and there is no parameters related to covariance terms in estimation. All the details about the estimation are relegated to the appendix [H.2.2.2](#).

Table 4: Real Business Cycle Moments

Moments	Description	Model	Data
$\sigma_Y$	Standard Deviation of output	0.04	0.02
$\frac{\sigma_{p^H}}{\sigma_Y}$	Relative Standard Deviation between housing price and output	1.57	1.46
$\frac{\sigma_I}{\sigma_Y}$	Relative Standard Deviation between physical investment and output	3.92	3.19
$\frac{\sigma_{I^H}}{\sigma_Y}$	Relative Standard Deviation between new construction and output	12.42	8.88
$\text{corr}(p^H, I^H)$	Correlation between real estate price and new construction	0.42	0.23
$\text{corr}(I, Y)$	Correlation between physical investment and output	0.06	0.19
$\text{corr}(I, Q)$	Correlation between physical investment and capital price	0.40	0.32

The moments in data in table 4 is calculated by detrending the trend from quarterly time series via hp-filter and for the purpose of compatible compare akin to the filtered data, I also follow the method proposed by Uhlig et al. (1995) and Ravn and Uhlig (2002) to calculate the moments of model in frequency space with some algebraic modifications that are discussed in Appendix [H.2.1](#). Table 4 summarizes the primary moments related to the housing market and physical capital investment on which I focus in this paper. The result shows that the model is in line with the reality.

## 4.3 Quantitative Analysis

### 4.3.1 Overbuilding and Boom-bust Cycle: News to the Future and Inefficiency of imperfect information

Upon the realization of a contemporaneous preference shock, households tend to reduce their nondurable consumption in favor of increased durable consumption, particularly housing services. Such a preference shift draws an increase in housing prices, owing to a rightward shift in the demand curve and a housing market boom, as depicted in Figure [11a](#). Interestingly, a one-unit preference shock translates to a 0.6 perception of the shock, because of the imperfect information. Consequently, they increase their consumption to houses, leading to a jump in construction and housing price.

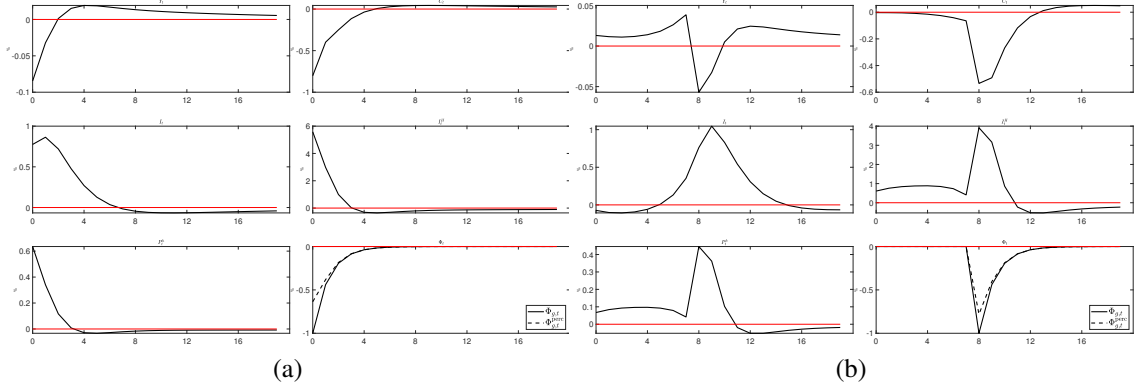


Figure 11: Contemporaneous and News shock

However, if households know this shock in advance, they will will response to this shock in advance too. They increase their holdings of houses instantaneously, leading to an jump in housing prices. This overbuilding in real estate can displace physical investments through general equilibrium. Moreover, households might also increase their overall consumption, either due to higher wage income or the ability to secure more loans from financial institutions, if the wealth effect is strong enough. This has the potential to exacerbate the crowding-out effect, especially as nondurable consumption becomes a part of the goods market equilibrium condition. Though in Figure 11b, the estimation result indicates that an impending preference shock in advance correspond to a small wealth effect. Concurrently, while their nondurable consumption does not increase significantly, the other demand shocks such as credit shock or depreciation shock, may lead to significant jump in nondurable consumption.

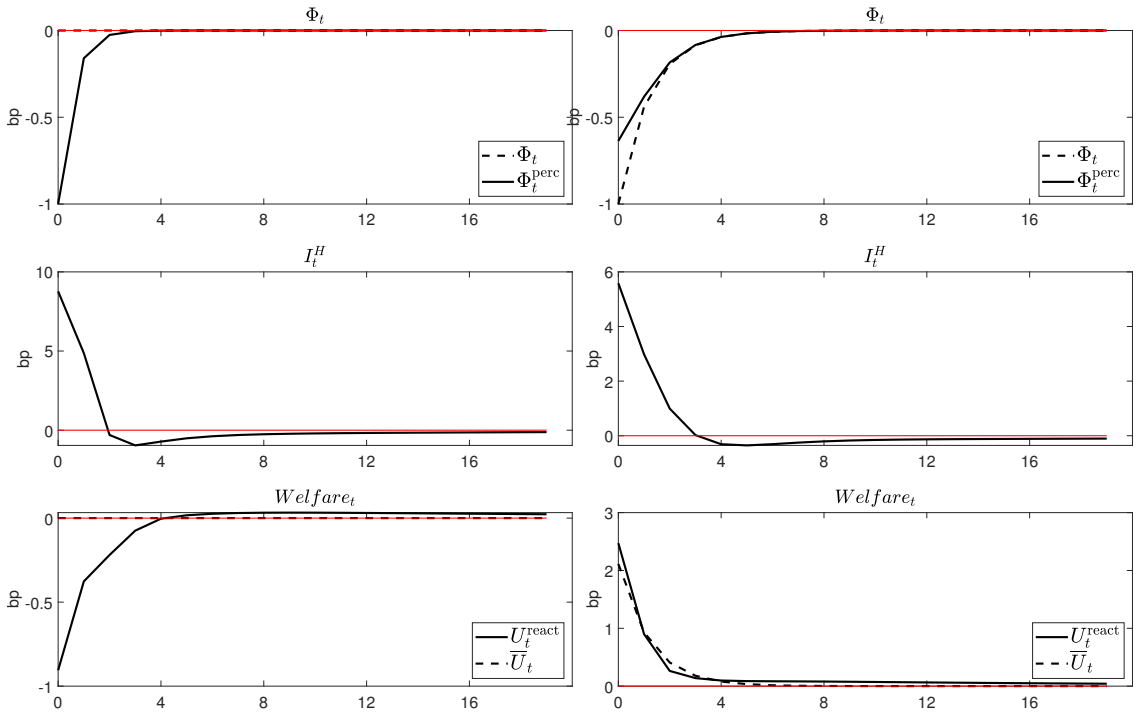


Figure 12: Welfare Loss in Imperfect Information

In scenarios where the housing market boom is merely a speculative bubble, fueled by illusions rather than fundamental adjustments, the inefficiencies stemming from imperfect information can incur welfare losses. Figure 12 illustrates the welfare loss of such imperfect information. The right column delineates the investment responses and welfare variation following a shock on preference. Observing the diminishing contributions of nondurable goods to overall utility, households perceive this shift as the dashed line in the top row. Given the higher utility derived from housing services, households increase their consumption in this sector, resulting in a rise in aggregate welfare. In the absence of any response to the shock, they will relatively loss some welfare, with respect to the situation that they react, as a reaction is derived from optimization problem. Although, an increase in welfare emerges due to distributional effects and the presence of hand-to-mouth households.

Opposite to the realized preference shock, the left column of Figure 12 illustrates the responses of a noise shock. Misinterpreting this as a preference shock, households increase their investment in residential asset. This misguided response inflicts a welfare loss on household, as represented by the solid line at the bottom. In the absence of reactions to this noise shock, welfare would remain unchanged, as nothing fundamentally happens. These experiments corroborate the inefficiencies associated with imperfect information, whereby individuals can be misled into proceeding housing market booms. The experiments elucidate how fake news can potentially trigger further losses in output and consumption due to the crowded-out physical capital.

#### 4.3.2 Overbuilding and Boom-bust Cycle: Fake News

Upon receiving noisy shock, households react based on the same dynamics they would attribute to a fundamental change. This behavior stems from the existence of information frictions. Households, in essence, do not possess the capability to discern the precise magnitude of the shock. Instead, they response based on a signal that might be contaminated by noise. Consequently, their actions are anchored to their perceptions or beliefs, rather than the underlying factual shock. In scenarios where households anticipate a future housing market boom, they increase their housing service holdings and decrease their savings. This can be detrimental in the long run, especially if their beliefs are misguided and the perceived housing boom is built on fantasy. As crossing the manifest, households realize that they must urgently invest more resources into physical capital, having previously shifted their focus to real estate. This increase in demand for physical capital results in a decline in nondurable consumption, culminating in a significant welfare loss. Additionally, the role of real estate, as a form of wealth (which households typically leverage to secure loans), contributes to the welfare loss during a housing market downturn. As house prices drop, nondurable consumption, especially of the lower-income households, drop significantly and the break of financial market exacerbates welfare losses.

Figure 13 compares the impulse responses to a fake-news preference shock, in scenarios with and without pre-existing crowded physical capital, and demonstrates the large output and welfare

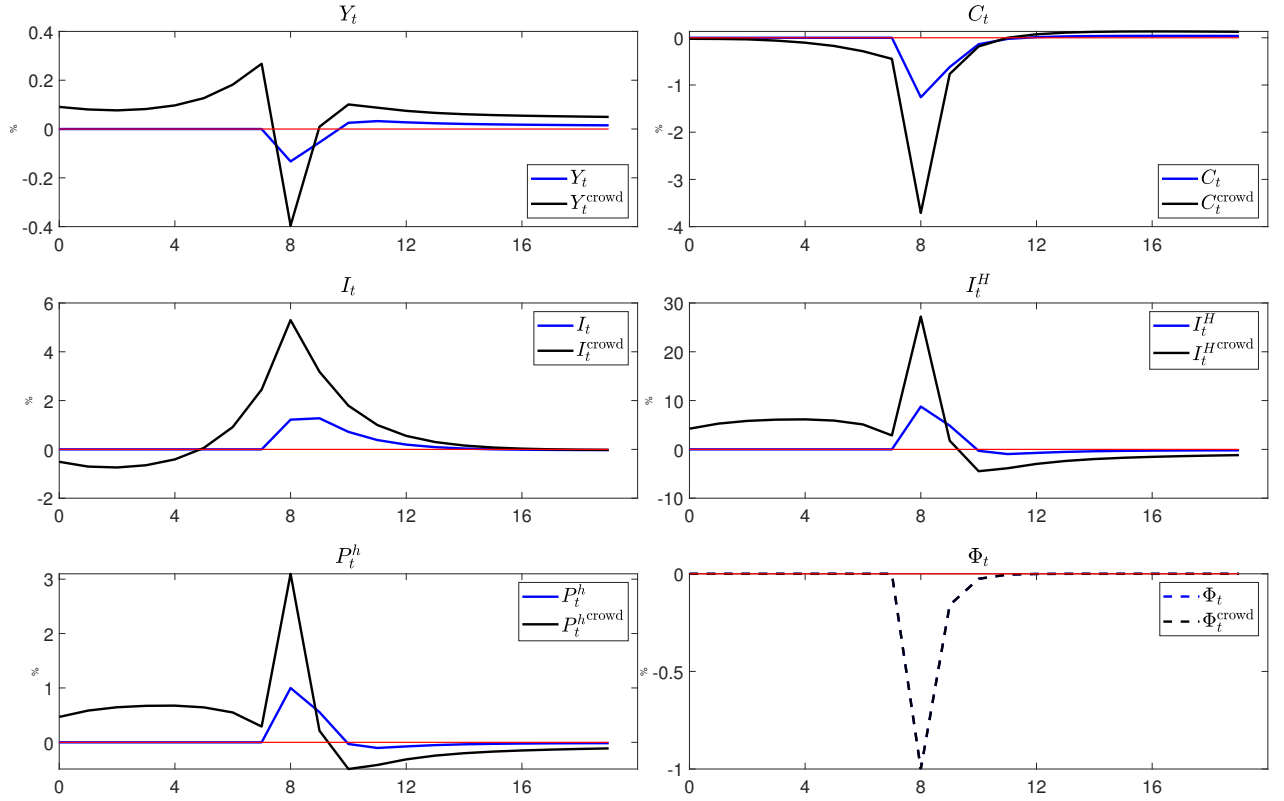


Figure 13: Fake news shock

loss because of crowding-out effect. The blue solid lines depict responses to a contemporaneous noise shock,  $\tilde{\Phi}_t^\phi$ , with respect to production, nondurable consumption, physical investment, new construction, and real housing prices. The black solid lines represent the responses to the noisy news shock,  $\tilde{\Phi}_{t+8}^\phi$ , that is disclosed to households eight periods ahead. Announcement of a potential economic boom in the future, households increase their real estate investments, inducing an immediate housing market boom. This housing market boom spurs a mild response in non-durable goods consumption, because of a smaller wealth effect of the preference shock, rather than credit shock that is argued in [Mian et al. \(2013\)](#). As the forecasted boom materializes two years later (in the ninth period), households are gradually aware the truth, thereby increasing their savings because of high real interest rate that origins from the deficit created by earlier crowding-out. This is accompanied by a housing market downturn, with a 3.5% drop in housing prices. Conversely, in scenarios without prior crowded physical capital, economic responses are considerably more tempered, characterized by lesser output losses and milder market fluctuations. The drop in housing price and nondurable consumption are approximately one-thirds of their crowded counterparts. This difference in impulse response demonstrates the crowding-out effect within housing market boom-bust cycles.

At period 8, the households' perceptions to the fundamental change as it is the time that the shock reaches, adjusting their perceptions of fundamental economic changes. Households decrease their consumption of non-durable goods at this time, driven by the dominant substitution effect over the wealth effect. Notably, this dominant substitution effect may not so significant

under the non-preference shock, for instance, credit crunch shock. Under a preference shock, households derive greater utility from substituting housing with non-durable consumption. However, given the illiquidity of real estate, they opt to invest more heavily in residential assets, consequently diminishing their marginal utility to nondurable consume. This decrease in marginal utility amplifies households' propensity to defer consumption to future future, leading to a rise in the stochastic discount factor. The elevated stochastic discount factor, in turn, inflates the price of capital, making saving in physical capital more appealing to households. This dynamic accounts for the observed surge in physical investment.

#### 4.3.3 Idiosyncratic Income shock, Financial Friction, Relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution

In this section, the focus is on elucidating how the crowding-out effect is influenced by factors in economy, such as idiosyncratic income shocks, financial frictions, and relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution. To undertake this investigation, I maintain a constant expected jump in housing prices while varying relevant parameters. A modification in the relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution is illustrated by the blue dashed line in Figure 14. Specifically, a reduction in this relative elasticity (from  $\frac{IAS}{IES} = 2$  to 1.5) results in a large drop in physical investment. This diminished elasticity implies that households exhibit lesser utility substitution between non-durable goods and housing services (suggesting greater complementarity), yielding a less drop in non-durable goods consumption. Consequently, through general equilibrium effects, investment in physical capital drops further.

The red dash line in figure 14 depicts the response under a tight credit constraint, which implies an important role of wealth inequality. As shown in section 3.2.2, if we do not consider the wealth distribution (i.e.  $\int \tilde{h}_t^i dG_i$  and  $\int \tilde{\mu}_t^i dG_i$  in equation 16) a tighter financial constraint will result in a severer crowded-out problem because the real estate is more valuable now. However, as shown in section 3.2.3, household cannot increase their non-durable consumption and housing service as much as they want because of financial constraint and wealth inequality. The larger  $\tilde{h}_t^i$  can only be realized in a smaller  $dG_i$  and figure 14 shows that this inequality channel dominates other channels. The physical capital is crowded out less than that in baseline model as there are more overwhelmed household who cannot increase their consumption as much as they want.

Additionally I increase the variance of idiosyncratic income shock from  $\sigma_w^2 = 0.06$  in baseline model to 0.16 which I characterize with orange dash line in figure 14. Facing a massive income shock, household will have more precautionary saving motive to hold the asset (to fulfill their consumption demand against potential low income and cash flow state) instead of borrowing money to buy housing services. Even though the household expect a housing market boom they only slightly decrease the physical capital at the first period and then increase until the shock realized. The reason why the physical capital further jumps is that household want to hold more



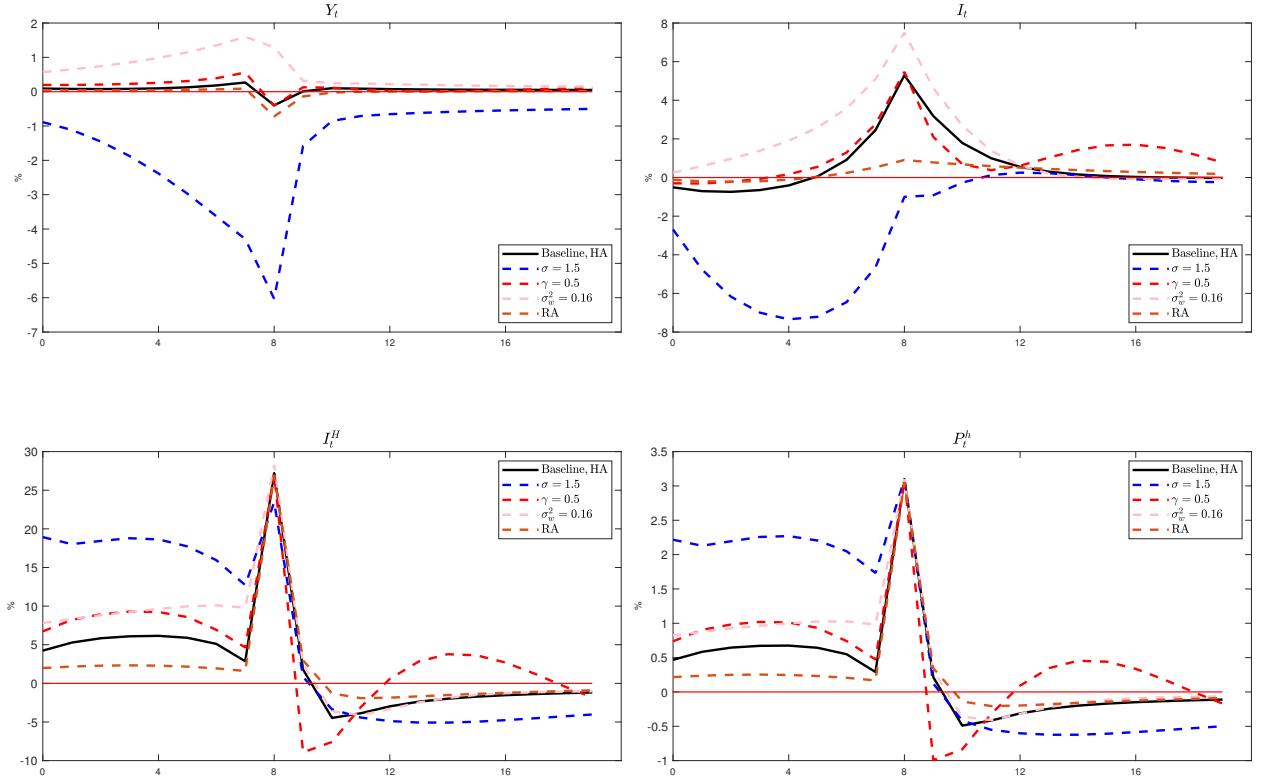


Figure 14: Crowded-out effect comparison

housing services under the effect of expected shock. However they do not want to borrow money and decrease their holding of asset to buy real estate. They can only increase their labor supply to earn more wage income to buy housing services. The complement between labor and physical capital tempts the household to increase their asset instead of decreasing them with a higher asset return, which triggers a positive feedback loop on the boom in physical capital.

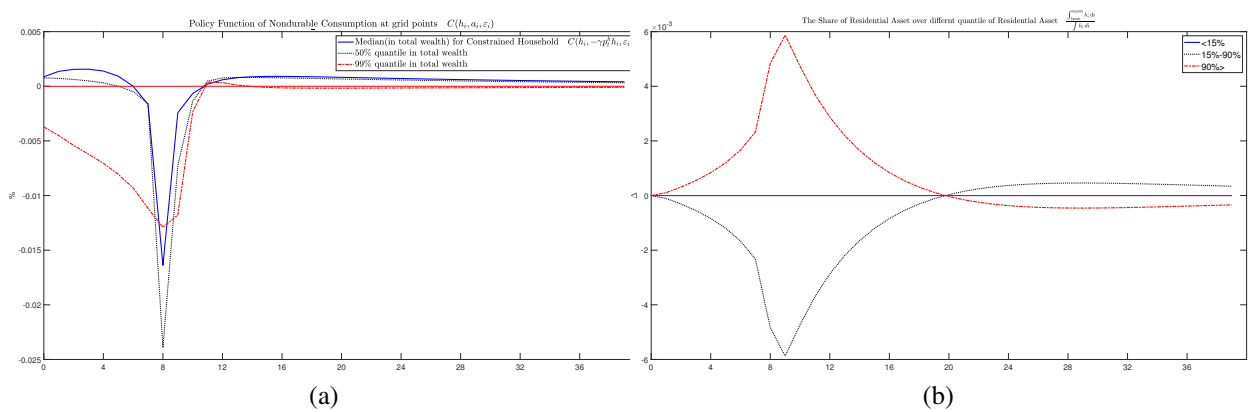


Figure 15: Distributional Effect

Figure 15 delves deeper into household heterogeneity and the distributional effects. Figure 15a illustrates the percentage deviation of the policy function related to non-durable consumption across various wealth distribution, on the fixed grid points. Among the poor and middle-income groups, their limited liquidity hinders substantial investment in residential assets. Consequently,

with the rise in housing prices, the wealth effect overwhelms the substitution effect, prompting an increase in their non-durable consumption. Conversely, affluent individuals, endowed with ample liquidity, can invest more substantially in residential assets. For them, the substitution between non-durable consumption and housing assets leads to reduced non-durable consumption. Thus, the presence of hand-to-mouth households, characterized by a high MPC, amplifies the crowding-out effect. This is evident from the jump of non-durable consumption represented by the blue solid line in Figure 15a. Simultaneously, Figure 15b presents shifts in the proportion of residential assets across various quantiles within the housing distribution. A pronounced increase is noticeable in the residential asset share held by the wealthy people. This trend verifies the earlier assertion that wealth inequality exacerbates the crowding-out effect (the people who want to the residential asset more are just the people who have the greater ability to invest).

#### 4.3.4 Policy Analysis

The quantitative results from the preceding section highlight the significant welfare losses stemming from the crowding-out effects of overbuilding in the housing market after the bust. It stands to reason, that if policymakers can effectively restrict the amplitude of housing market bubbles, they could likewise diminish the welfare losses arising from these crowding-out effects during bust period, primarily by minimizing capital misallocation. In this section, we introduce a macroprudential policy designed to dampen equity extraction during boom periods, consequently mitigating the crowding-out effect. Drawing inspiration from the works of Galati and Moessner (2013), Angelini et al. (2014) and Suh (2014), I incorporate a macroprudential policy rule as a countercyclical collateral constraint on the capital-output ratio.

$$\frac{\gamma_t}{\bar{\gamma}} = \left( \frac{\gamma_{t-1}}{\bar{\gamma}} \right)^{\rho_\gamma} \left( \frac{v_t}{\bar{v}} \right)^{\eta_\gamma(1-\rho_\gamma)} \quad (24)$$

where  $\gamma_t$  is the collateral constraint in equation 20 and  $v_t$  is the capital-output ratio.  $\bar{\gamma}$  and  $\bar{v}$  are their corresponding value in steady state and  $\eta_\gamma = 1.5$ .

Figure 16 exhibits that, in a model integrating this macroprudential policy, physical investment consistently stays above its counterpart in the baseline model. This manifests the potency of macroprudential policies in significantly moderating the crowding-out effect. Given the countercyclical limitations imposed during housing market surges, both equity extraction and asset reallocation are tempered, leading to a more moderate drop in nondurable consumption during downturns. However, due to the persistence of the policy effect denoted by  $\rho_\gamma$ , households, particularly those low-income household, face constraints in leveraging their residential assets to stabilize their consumption. Overall, the macroprudential policy reduces the welfare loss from an initial 13% in the baseline model to a revised 6%. Such a substantial reduction in welfare losses manifests the main merit of macroprudential policies: their capacity to limit the overheated economic and, hence limit the crowding-out effect.

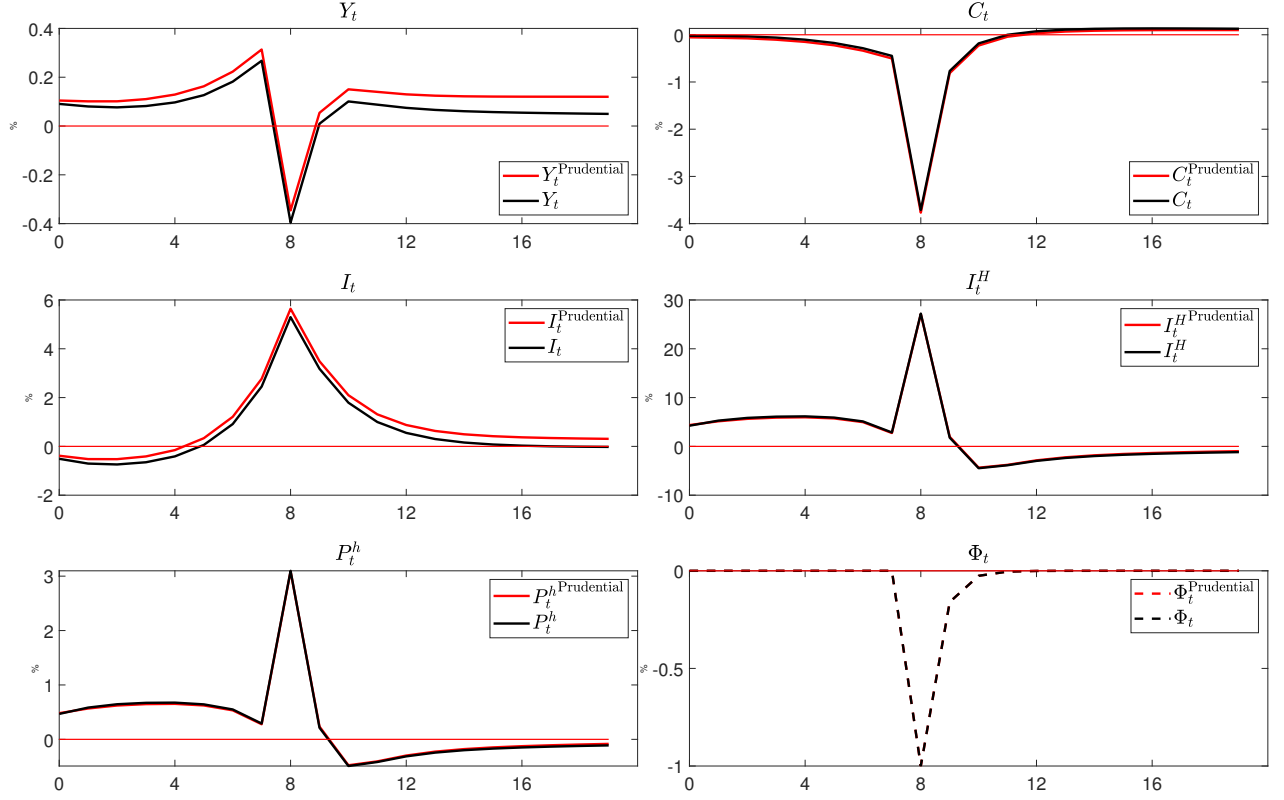


Figure 16: Fake news shock with macroprudential policy

## 5 Conclusion

This paper documents a new mechanism through which the housing market boom magnifies the recession. An unnecessary jump in residential construction aroused by fake news and imperfect information will blow up a bubble in housing market which is a boom without solid inner filler and not supported by economic foundation. This overbuilding in housing market crowds out physical capital which is used to produce both durable and nondurable goods. The crowding-out effect in physical capital market aggravates the decline in output when the housing market bubble busts because of the deficiency of physical capital. Firms do not have as much as capital they can use to support the optimal production under a specific level of TFP so they will decrease production and labor demand when facing a higher real interest rate and marginal production cost. I use a simple model to argue theoretically that the crowding-out effect of overbuilding is affected by relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution, financial friction, idiosyncratic income shock and wealth distribution. Later the quantitative result from a full-fledged model verifies the argument and demonstrates that the output loss caused by overbuilding is large.

However there are still some problems left for future studies. Even though the imperfect information does not exist the overbuilding and crowding-out effect may still be a significant drawback in the perspective of business cycle as it increases the economic volatility and household leave their first-best equilibrium further. Additionally how can the government introduce an optimal fiscal, monetary, or macroprudential policy to alleviate the crowding-out effect of

overbuilding? Is there any complementarity between overbuilding and nominal rigidity in New Keynesian model which will further exacerbate the defect of overbuilding and crowding-out effect?

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## A Data Description

Real GDP  $Y_t$  is directly downloaded listing “Real Gross Domestic Product” with seasonally adjusted. Real consumption  $C_t$  is directly downloaded listing “Real personal consumption expenditures: Nondurable goods” with seasonally adjusted. GDP deflator  $gdp_{def}$  is downloaded listing “GDP Implicit Price Deflator in United States” with seasonally adjusted. Nominal nondurable investment  $I_t^{nom}$  is downloaded listing “Private Nonresidential Fixed Investment” with seasonally adjusted. I get the real nondurable investment  $I_t$  by the formula  $I_t = I_t^{nom}/gdp_{def} * 100$ . The CPI which we take is “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items Less Shelter in U.S. City Average” since we should consider the correlation between house price and normal CPI. Thus we downloaded the CPI without shelter term. I take the nominal interest rate  $R_t^{nom}$  as “Effective Federal Funds Rate”. The inflation rate is calculated from the GDP deflator in the form that  $\pi_t = \frac{def_t - def_{t-1}}{def_{t-1}}$  (Since we solve the inflation from deflator in quarterly data, the inflation is measured within one quarter instead of annually). Combining the inflation  $\pi_t$  and nominal interest rate  $R_t^{nom}$  we can construct the real interest rate  $R_t = (\frac{R_t^{nom}}{100} + 1)/(1 + \pi_t) - 1$  (I divided 100 because the original data is in percentage unit). The house supply  $H_t$  is measured by “New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started: Total Units”. The nominal mortgage debt  $MD_t^{nom}$  comes from “Mortgage Debt Outstanding, All holders (DISCONTINUED)”. Since the nominal mortgage debt is in money unit, I can directly get the real mortgage debt value from  $MD_t = MD_t^{nom}/gdp_{def} * 100$  which is same as we did to get real investment. The real stock price  $P_t^a$  is calculated from “NASDAQ Composite Index” and normalized by GDP deflator as I did in constructing real investment and real mortgage debt. The real house price  $P_t^h$  is calculated from “All-Transactions Indexes” collected by Federal Housing Finance Agency.

## B Identification Step and Robustness Test to VAR Identification

### B.1 Identification with sign and zero restriction

Based on the observation and argument, I use a simple SVAR model to decompose the effect of raised house price to investment. Given the model which is similar to [Sims et al. \(1986\)](#)

$$y_t = c + \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \Phi_p y_{t-p} + e_t \quad (25)$$



where

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} r_t \\ m_t \\ y_t \\ p_t \\ i_t \\ p_t^h \\ c_t \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

$r_t$  is the nominal interest rate;  $m_t$  is the money supply;  $y_t$  is the real output;  $p_t$  is the price level;  $i_t$  is the nominal investment;  $p_t^h$  is the nominal price of house;  $c_t$  is the real consumption of non-durable goods. Most the data comes from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. I use treasury bill rate represents the nominal interest and GDP deflator for the price level. The price of house comes from FHFA house price index. The detail about it will be discussed at appendix. Meanwhile I use the short-run restriction as well as corresponding sign restriction to decompose the shock term  $\mathbf{e}_t$  from  $\mathbf{v}_t$  that

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{e}_t = \mathbf{v}_t \quad (27)$$

or detailedly

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{e}_t \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_{21} & 1 & b_{23} & b_{24} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_{31} & 0 & 1 & 0 & b_{35} & 0 & b_{37} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} & b_{43} & 1 & b_{45} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & b_{56} & 0 \\ b_{61} & 0 & b_{63} & b_{64} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ b_{71} & 0 & b_{73} & 0 & 0 & b_{76} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{rt} \\ e_{mt} \\ e_{yt} \\ e_{pt} \\ e_{it} \\ e_{p^h_t} \\ e_{ct} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{rt} \\ v_{mt} \\ v_{yt} \\ v_{pt} \\ v_{it} \\ v_{p^h_t} \\ v_{ct} \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 17 shows the IRF of one unite positive house price shock to output, investment, house price and non-durable goods consumption. The black line is the path of related variable up to 20 period. The read dash line is their related confidence band under 90% calculating by monte-carlo method. We can inspect from IRF that, house price inflation could stimulate the consumption of durable goods as it is long-lasting goods and household could derive out utility by just holding it. The household could feel satisfy and pleased either via living in this house or via owning the house which is valuable every period. Meanwhile the household can obtain utility not only from just holding and enjoying it each period, but also from financial market. The house is a goods that could be consumed. While at the same time it is also a asset that could be collateral and offers more liquidity to household. Household would use this liquidity to smooth their non-durable consumption leisurely, which provide extra benefit to household.

Therefore after observing one unit positive shock in house price, household snap up the house as house it not only a goods but also an asset which we discuss before. This increased demand

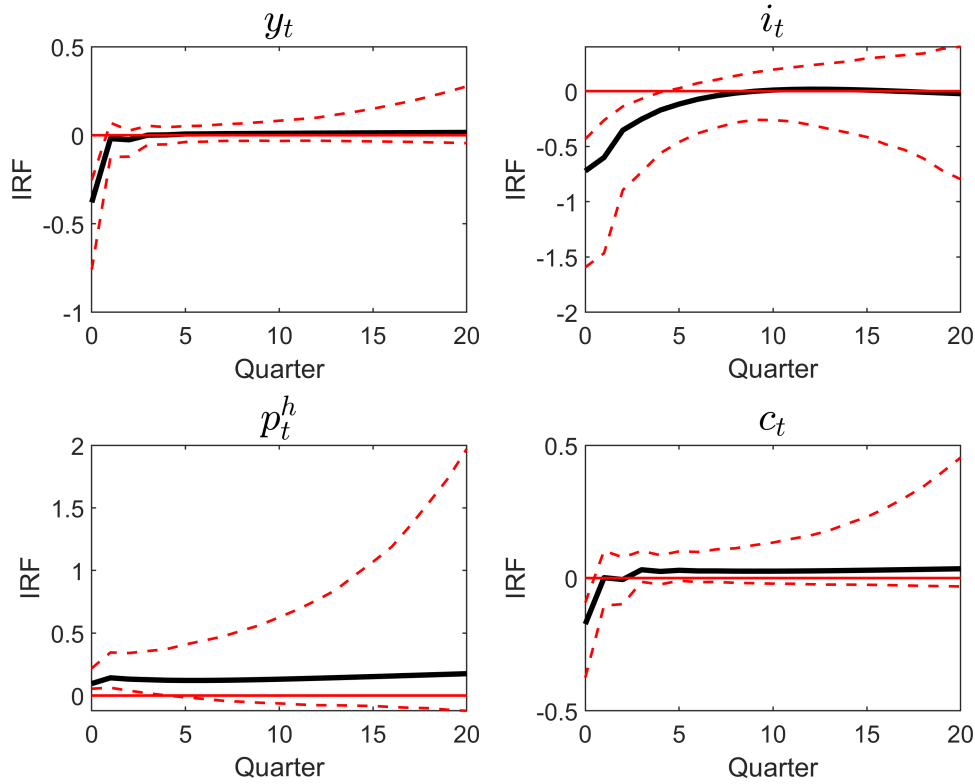


Figure 17: IRF of house price inflation

draw up the house price even more which we can see the house price is raising not only at the beginning but also later. The house price in the end permanently increased because of increased household demand. This increased house price stimulates household who would borrow more from bank to buy house (the house supply discontinuity will aggravate this channel) or borrow more to help them share the risk as collateral is more expensive. Firms will be more difficult to borrow money to invest and the decreased demand in non-durable goods will also weaken firms' propensity to invest or R&D. Investment is crowded out by these two effects and this is what we can observe from the IRF. Investment drops the most and also spends the longest time to recover. Output and non-durable consumption stands behind it. However both of them go back to steady state quickly which indicates that only the first jump in house price affects them. Later households use their more valuable collateral to smooth the consumption as well as output. Thus these two variables converge back quickly while because of the strong and amplified effect both in demand and supply side, investment converges much slower than the other two variables. This portends that there would be a much larger drop in output if a recession occurs because the accumulated decreased investment will pass its influence through the capital, a long-lasting thing, later.

## B.2 Contemporaneous real price shock

### B.2.1 Process of estimation and identification

I detrend the main variable by taking logarithm first and first-order difference later. Then I get the detrended real GDP, real consumption, real investment, cpi, house supply, real mortgage debt, stock price and house price in lower-case letter. Then I ordered them in the vector

$$Y_t = [y_t, c_t, i_t, cpi_t, r_t, p_t^a, hst_t, md_t, p_t^h]'$$

I use the data period between 1987Q2 and 2006Q4. Then I add lagged term into the model up to 4 quarter and estimate the model

$$Y = [Y_5, Y_6, \dots]$$

$$X_{t-1} = [y_{t-1}, c_{t-1}, i_{t-1}, cpi_{t-1}, r_{t-1}, p_{t-1}^a, hst_{t-1}, md_{t-1}, p_{t-1}^h, y_{t-2}, c_{t-2}, \dots, p_{t-4}^h]'$$

$$X = [\mathbf{1}, X_4, X_5, \dots]$$

Then use the projection matrix we can solve the factor that

$$\hat{\Phi} = YX'(XX')^{-1}$$

The residue is

$$\hat{e} = Y - \Phi X$$

and the variance of estimation error would be

$$\hat{\Omega} = cov(\hat{e})$$

To simulate the model we can rewrite the variables into companion form such that

$$\mathbf{Y}_t = [y_t, c_t, i_t, cpi_t, r_t, p_t^a, hst_t, md_t, p_t^h, y_{t-1}, c_{t-1}, \dots, p_{t-3}^h]'$$

Denote  $\hat{P} = \text{chol}(\hat{\Omega})$  and

$$\hat{\Phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1 & \Phi_2 & \Phi_3 & \dots & \Phi_p \\ I_n & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & I_n & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\Phi(:, 2:\text{end}) = [\Phi_1 \Phi_2 \Phi_3 \dots \Phi_p]$  since I have intercept coefficient term with 1 in  $X$ .

Meanwhile we define

$$\hat{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{P} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The shock term is

$$\nu_{n \times 1} = [0, 0, \dots, 1]'$$

which means there is only one unit shock happened at house price row.

Similarly I should write it in companion form such that

$$\nu = [\nu, \mathbf{0}]$$

Then we can get the IRF that

$$\text{IRF}_t = \hat{\Phi}^t \hat{P} \nu$$

where  $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 20$ .

Finally we only take first 1 to  $n$  items in  $\text{IRF}_t$ . Since I take first-order difference to most of the data, at this stage I also calculate the cumsum of IRF to return the accumulated response.

### **B.2.2 Contemporaneous shock under larger confidence band**

### **B.2.3 News shock under larger confidence band**

### **B.2.4 Alternative detrend Method**

Alternatively I also use another method to deal with the data which we call Vector Error Correction Method (VECM) in literature. I add the year number into the model to try to detrend the data. I marked the year with its “number” and add 0.1 to 0.4 on it as the label of quarter. Then I divided these “number” by 1000 to get a comfortable scalar. Specifically we take

$$Y_t = [t, t^2, t^3, y_t, c_t, i_t, cpi_t, r_t, p_t^a, hs_t, md_t, p_t^h]'$$

### **B.2.5 Confidence Band-MC Method**

Here I explain the detailed steps that I used to calculate the confidence band of the estimation using Monte Carlo method. Since there is no difference in steps between I estimate the confidence band in method I and method II, I only show the first part for simplicity.

I can calculate the estimated variance of the coefficient by

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\Phi}}^2 = \frac{\hat{\Omega} \otimes \left( \frac{XX'}{T} \right)^{-1}}{T}$$

Then I draw the coefficient simple  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(b)}$  from the distribution

$$\text{vec}(\hat{\Phi}) \sim N \left( \text{vec} \left( \hat{\Phi}' \right), \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\Phi}}^2 \right)$$

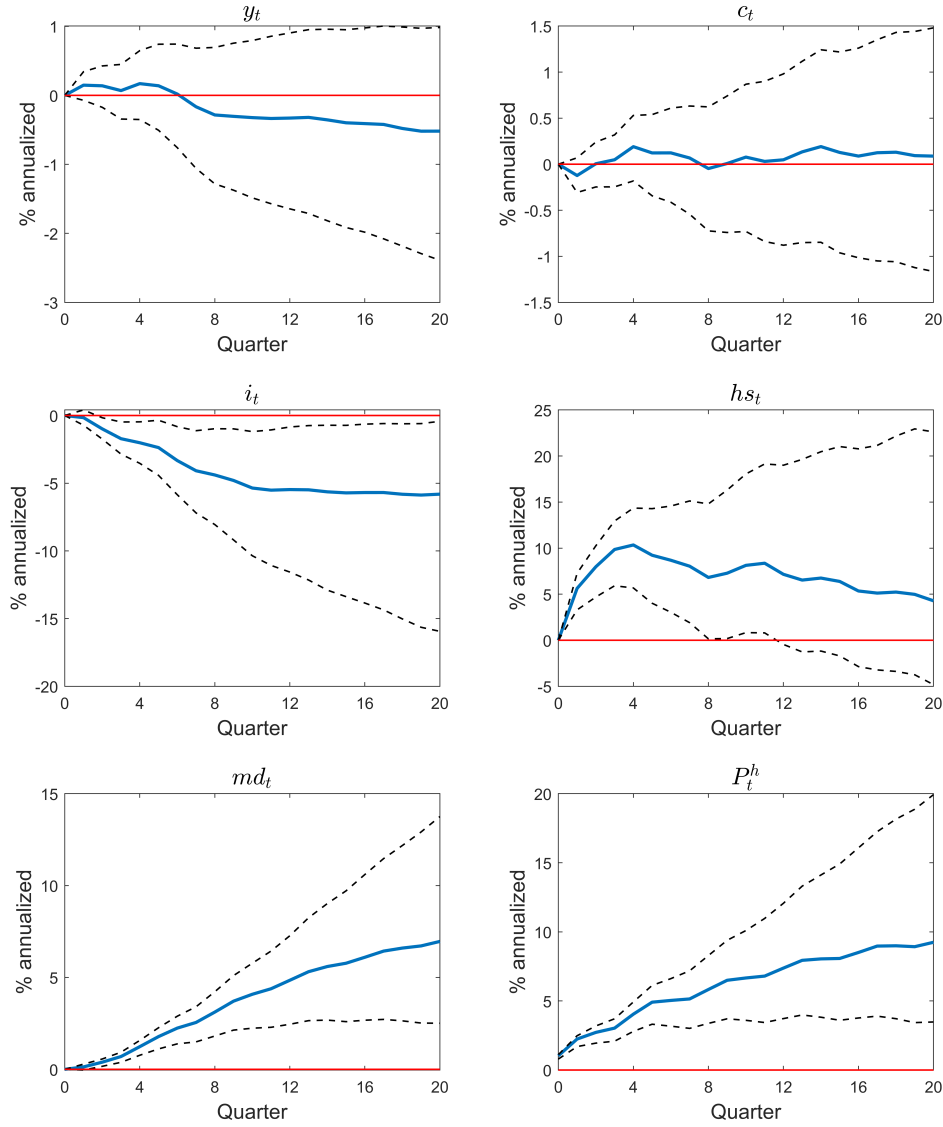


Figure 18: IRF with 90% confidence band

At the same time the estimated variance of the coefficient variance would be

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\Omega}}^2 = \frac{2D_n^+ \left( \hat{\Omega} \otimes \hat{\Omega} \right) D_n^{+'}}{T}$$

where  $D_n^+ = (D_n' D_n)^{-1} D_n$  is the Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of duplication matrix  $D_n$

I generate the variance simple  $\tilde{\Omega}^{(b)}$  from the distribution

$$\text{vech}(\hat{\Omega}) \sim N \left( \text{vech}(\hat{\Omega}), \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\Omega}}^2 \right)$$

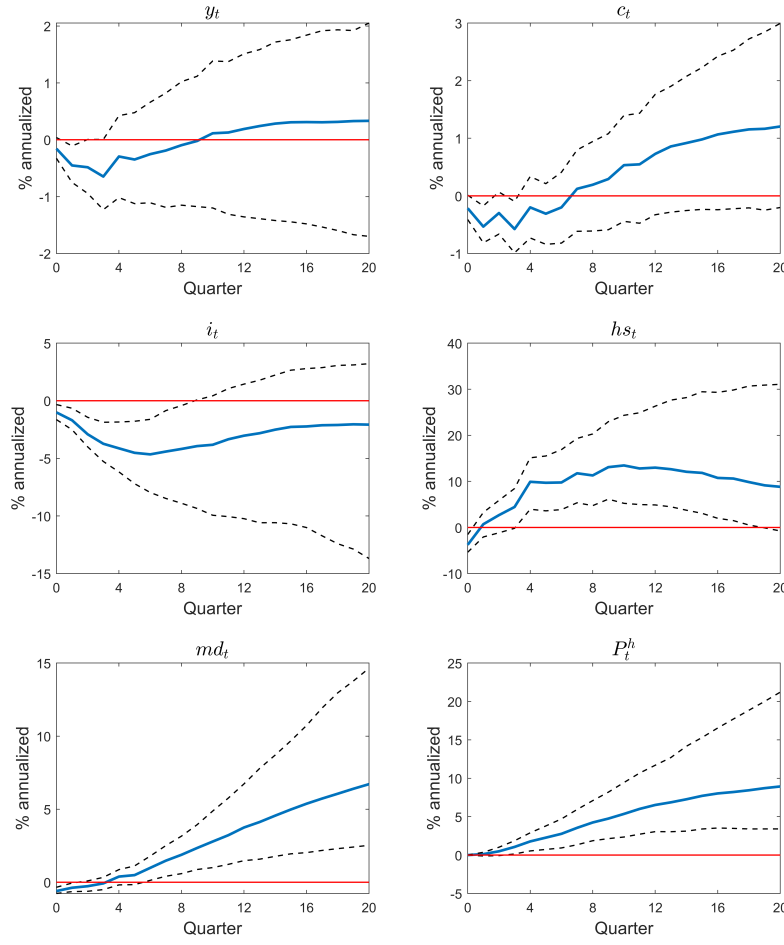


Figure 19: IRF with 90% confidence band

Then use the duplication matrix to transfer back to

$$\text{vec}(\tilde{\Omega}^{(b)}) = D_n \text{vech}(\tilde{\Omega}^{(b)})$$

## C Purification Process

In this section I first show that there is another implicit necessary condition of identification. After that I show that given different state space model we cannot arbitrarily add lag and lead term of  $g_t$  and  $E_t g_{t+6}$  because of the violation of necessary condition. In the end I discuss the detailed purification method I used and the how I pin down the informative span  $\tau$  through the purification.

## C.1 Orthogonal Demand

Now let me consider the news shock under perfect information cases. For simplicity I assume the news is announced one period ahead of the time when it realizes ( $\tau = 1$ ). Given the structure form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\alpha_3 & 0 \\ -\alpha_1 & 1 & -\alpha_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ g_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_g & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ g_{t-1} \\ w_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $\alpha_1$  denotes the effect of monetary policy shock can affect perception via macro-variable  $y_t$ .  $\alpha_2$  denotes the endogenous effect of news shock.

Setting  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.5$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 1$ ,  $\rho_y = 0.6$ ,  $\rho_g = 0.9$  we can get

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ g_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.9 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ g_{t-1} \\ w_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix}$$

We can see  $w_t$  has two effects on  $y_t$ : contemporaneous effect 0.5 and realization effect 1 one

period later. I further denote  $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.9 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $R_w = [0.5, 0.5, 1]'$ ,  $R_u = [1, 1, 0]'$ .

The identification method I used is based on the forecast error and since all the shock is normalized to 1, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} y_{t+3} - E_t y_{t+3} &= \underbrace{R_w}_{w_{t+3}} + \underbrace{\Phi R_w}_{w_{t+2}} + \underbrace{\Phi^2 R_w}_{w_{t+1}} \\ &+ \underbrace{R_u}_{u_{t+3}} + \underbrace{\Phi R_u}_{u_{t+2}} + \underbrace{\Phi^2 R_u}_{u_{t+1}} \end{aligned}$$

How can we say that the shock  $w$  plays the largest row in explaining  $y_{t+3} - E_t y_{t+3}$ ? No we cannot and the identified news shock might become  $R^* = \beta_1 R_w + \beta_2 R_u$ . Therefore we need the contemporaneous orthogonal constraint. In other words we use a purified  $\hat{g}_t, \hat{w}_t$  to rule out the possibility that  $R_u$  comes into  $R^*$ . Now let us consider the reduced-form VAR again

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ \hat{g}_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\Phi} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ \hat{g}_{t-1} \\ w_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0, \hat{R}_{\hat{u}}, \hat{R}_w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix}$$



As long as  $\text{cov}(w_t, \hat{u}_t) = 0$ , we will have  $\hat{R}'_{\hat{u}} \hat{R}_w = 0$ . Then even though we still have

$$\begin{aligned} y_{t+3} - E_t y_{t+3} &= \underbrace{\hat{R}_w}_{w_{t+3}} + \underbrace{\Phi \hat{R}_w}_{w_{t+2}} + \underbrace{\Phi^2 \hat{R}_w}_{w_{t+1}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\hat{R}_{\hat{u}}}_{\hat{u}_{t+3}} + \underbrace{\Phi \hat{R}_{\hat{u}}}_{\hat{u}_{t+2}} + \underbrace{\Phi^2 \hat{R}_{\hat{u}}}_{\hat{u}_{t+1}} \end{aligned}$$

we can get  $R^* = \hat{R}_w$  because any combination  $R = \beta_1 \hat{R}_w + \beta_2 \hat{R}_{\hat{u}}$  will be ruled out as  $\hat{R}'_{\hat{u}} R = \beta_2 \neq 0$

## C.2 Another necessary condition of news shock identification: $\text{cov}(\hat{g}_t, w_{t-1}) \neq 0$

Given the AR process of  $g_t$  follows

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-1} + u_t + \alpha_2 w_t$$

what I want is to extract the effect of  $w_t$  out of  $g_t$ . Given

$$E_t g_{t+6} = \rho_g^6 g_t + \rho_g^5 w_t$$

A regression of  $E_t g_{t+6}$  on  $g_t$  will get the residual  $u_t^w = \rho_g^5 w_t$ . Then let us run the regression of  $g_t$  on  $u_t^w$  and clean out the  $\alpha_2 w_t$  term in  $g_t$ . In the end what we get is the  $u^{\text{HIM}}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} u_t^{\text{HIM}} &= \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-1} + u_t = \hat{g}_t \\ &= g_t - \alpha_2 w_t \end{aligned}$$

Pay attention that now  $\text{cov}(\hat{g}_t, w_t) = 0$  but  $\text{cov}(\hat{g}_t, w_{t-1}) \neq 0$ . I will discuss this inequality later.

Furthermore, it is worth to notice that we cannot observe  $w_t$  or  $w_{t-1}$ , therefore the DGP would be

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ \hat{g}_t \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\Phi} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ \hat{g}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_w \\ \tilde{R}_{\hat{u}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ u_t + \gamma w_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\gamma = 1 + \rho\alpha$  and  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_w \\ \tilde{R}_{\hat{u}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_w \\ \tilde{R}_{\hat{u}} \end{bmatrix}'$ .

Therefore as long as  $\text{cov}(u_t + \gamma w_{t-1}, w_t) = 0$ , we can get  $R^* = \tilde{R}_w$ .

What if we also cleaned out  $w_{t-1}$  out of  $g_t$  and got  $\tilde{u}_t^{\text{HIM}} = \rho_g g_{t-1} + u_t = \tilde{g}_t = g_t - \alpha_2 w_t - w_{t-1}$ ? This time both  $\text{cov}(\tilde{g}_t, w_t) = 0$  and  $\text{cov}(\tilde{g}_t, w_{t-1}) = 0$  hold. The **can we separate these two models below**

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ \tilde{g}_t \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\Phi} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ \tilde{g}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_{w_t} \\ \tilde{R}_{\tilde{u}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ u_t + \rho_g \alpha w_{t-1} + \rho_g w_{t-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ \tilde{g}_t \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\Phi} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ \tilde{g}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_{w_{t-1}}, \tilde{R}_{\tilde{u}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_{t-1} \\ u_t + \rho_g \alpha w_{t-1} + \rho_g w_{t-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

when  $\rho_g \alpha \approx 0$ ? Basically we cannot. Therefore the condition  $\text{cov}(\hat{g}_t, w_{t-1}) \neq 0$  is necessary.

### C.3 Exogenous $g_t$ w.r.t $w_t$

#### C.3.1 Perfect Information

##### C.3.1.1 uniquely identification

Given the fundamental process follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_t &= \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau \\ &= (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Then

$$g_{t+\tau|t} = \rho_g^\tau g_t + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_t \quad (29)$$

Therefore lagged expectation up to  $\tau$  follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t|t-\tau} &= \rho_g^\tau g_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-2\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-2\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t-\tau} \\ &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}^\tau + \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-2\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-2\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-2\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t-\tau} \\ &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Then the projection of  $g_t$  on  $g_{t|t-\tau}$  yields

$$u_t = g_t - g_{t|t-\tau} (g'_{t|t-\tau} g_{t|t-\tau})^{-1} g'_{t|t-\tau} g_t$$

will be almost independent with news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$  and exactly independent with  $w_t$  as the news term  $(1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}$  can be perfectly purified out. Specifically, for unique  $\tau$ , the difference  $g_t - g_{t|t-\tau} = (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau - \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}^\tau$  in which  $w_{t-\tau}$  or  $w_t$  never emerge.

Figure 20a shows the related numerical exercise.

##### C.3.1.2 loose identification

Most of time we do not know the number of unique  $\tau$  or this uniqueness may not even exist. There are several different type of news shock with different information power, i.e.  $\tau_1 > \tau_2 > \tau_3 > \cdots > \tau_n$ . Therefore I relax the identification method discussed in previous subsection by

adding lag and lead terms (relative to  $g_{t|t-\tau}$ ) in to projection. Write the lag of equation 30

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t-1|t-\tau-1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-1} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t-n|t-\tau-n} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-n}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-n} \end{aligned}$$

and lead

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t+1|t-\tau+1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+1} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t+\tau-1|t-1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

It is easy to comprehend the harmless of this loose identification to  $\text{corr}(w_t, u_t)$  as  $w_t$  does not emerge either. Meanwhile it is also harmless to  $\text{corr}(w_{t-\tau}, u_t)$  as  $w_{t-\tau}$  enters into equation 31 with smaller impact coefficient than that in  $g_{t|t-\tau}$  and it can still purify the effect of  $w_{t-\tau}$  from  $g_t$ . However the lead term  $w_{t-\tau+1}, w_{t-\tau+2}, \dots, w_{t-1}$  cannot be cleaned out from  $g_t$ .

Figure 20b shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.3.1.3 arbitrary information power $\tau$

Now we further relax the assumption of information power  $\tau$  which is arbitrary to the expectation data that we observed, which I denote as  $k$ . Basically the previous augment about expectation 30 or 31 but now what we observe and can be used to identify is  $g_{t+k|t}$  where  $k < \tau$  or  $k > \tau$ .

When  $k > \tau$ , W.O.L.G, I assume  $k = \tau + 1$ , then the observation becomes

$$g_{t|t-k} = \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-1}$$

Furthermore, the lag terms of observation are

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t-1|t-k-1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-2}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-2} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t-n|t-k-n} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-(n+1)}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-(n+1)} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

The lead terms of observation are

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t+1|t-k+1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t+k-1|t-1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1} \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

These two equation 32 and 33 demonstrate that we can still fully purify  $w_t$  and almost purify  $w_{t-\tau}$ .

Figure 20c shows the related numerical exercise.

When  $k < \tau$ , W.O.L.G, I assume  $k = \tau - 1$ , then the observation becomes

$$g_{t|t-k} = \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+1}$$

Furthermore, the lag terms of observation are

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t-1|t-k-1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t-n|t-k-n} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-n+1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-n+1} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

The lead terms of observation are

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t+1|t-k+1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+2}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+2} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t+k-1|t-1} &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1}^\tau + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1} \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

These two equation 34 and 35 demonstrate that we can still fully purify  $w_t$  and almost purify  $w_{t-\tau}$ .

Figure 20d shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.3.2 Imperfect Information: fundamental impact $g_t$ is observable.

#### C.3.2.1 uniquely identification

Given the fundamental process follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_t &= \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau \\ &= (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Then

$$g_{t+\tau|t} = \rho_g^\tau g_t + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1|t} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2|t} + \cdots + w_{t|t} \quad (37)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w_{t-\tau+1|t} &= \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} (w_{t-\tau+1} + \nu_{t-\tau+1}) \end{aligned}$$

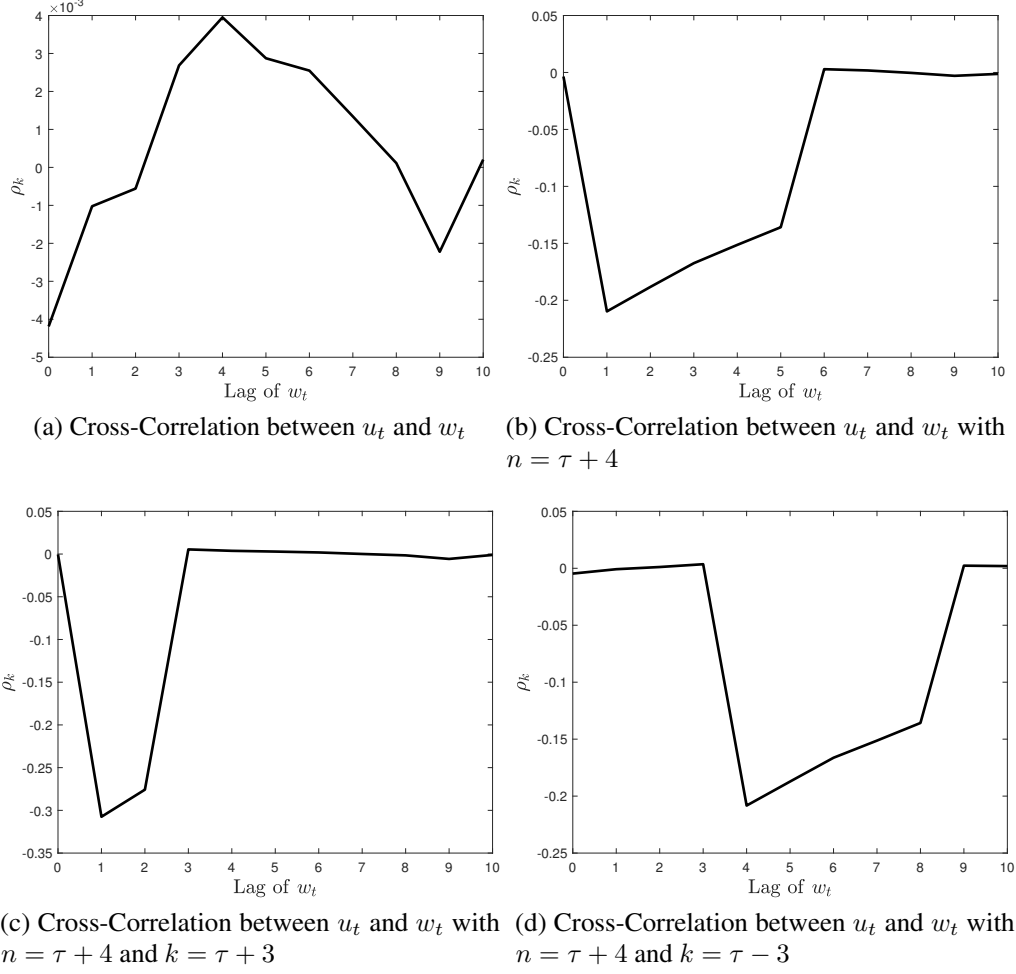


Figure 20: Cross-Correlation under Perfect Information (Exogenous  $g_t$ )

Therefore lagged expectation up to  $\tau$  follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{t|t-\tau} &= \rho_g^\tau g_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-2\tau+1|t-\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-2\tau+2|t-\tau} + \cdots + w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} \\
 &= \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^\tau (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-2\tau} + \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} \quad (38)
 \end{aligned}$$

It is worth to notice that the news shock realized at time  $t$ ,  $w_t$  or  $\tilde{w}_t$ , is exactly independent with the residual as it does not emerge neither on LHS or RHS.

In the simple regression case we can get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\alpha}_{g_{t|t-\tau}} &= \frac{\text{cov}(g_{t|t-\tau}, g_t)}{\text{var}(g_{t|t-\tau})} \\
 &\approx \frac{\frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2} \frac{1 - \rho_g^{2\tau}}{1 - \rho_g^2} \sigma_w^2}{\frac{1 - \rho_g^{2\tau}}{1 - \rho_g^2} \text{var}(w_{t-\tau|t-\tau})} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

which follows  $\text{cov}(w_t, \nu_t) = 0$ . Therefore the residual  $u_t$  contains the elements

$$u_t \approx \frac{\sigma_\nu^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t-\tau} - \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j \nu_{t-\tau}$$

Therefore the observation term  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  is cleaned out as  $\text{cov}(u_t, \tilde{w}_{t-\tau}) = \frac{\sigma_\nu^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_w^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_\nu^2 = 0$ .

Figure 21a shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.3.2.2 loose identification

Similar to the cases in perfect information.

Figure 21b shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.3.2.3 arbitrary information power $\tau$

Similar to the cases in perfect information.

Figure 21c and 21d shows the related numerical exercise.

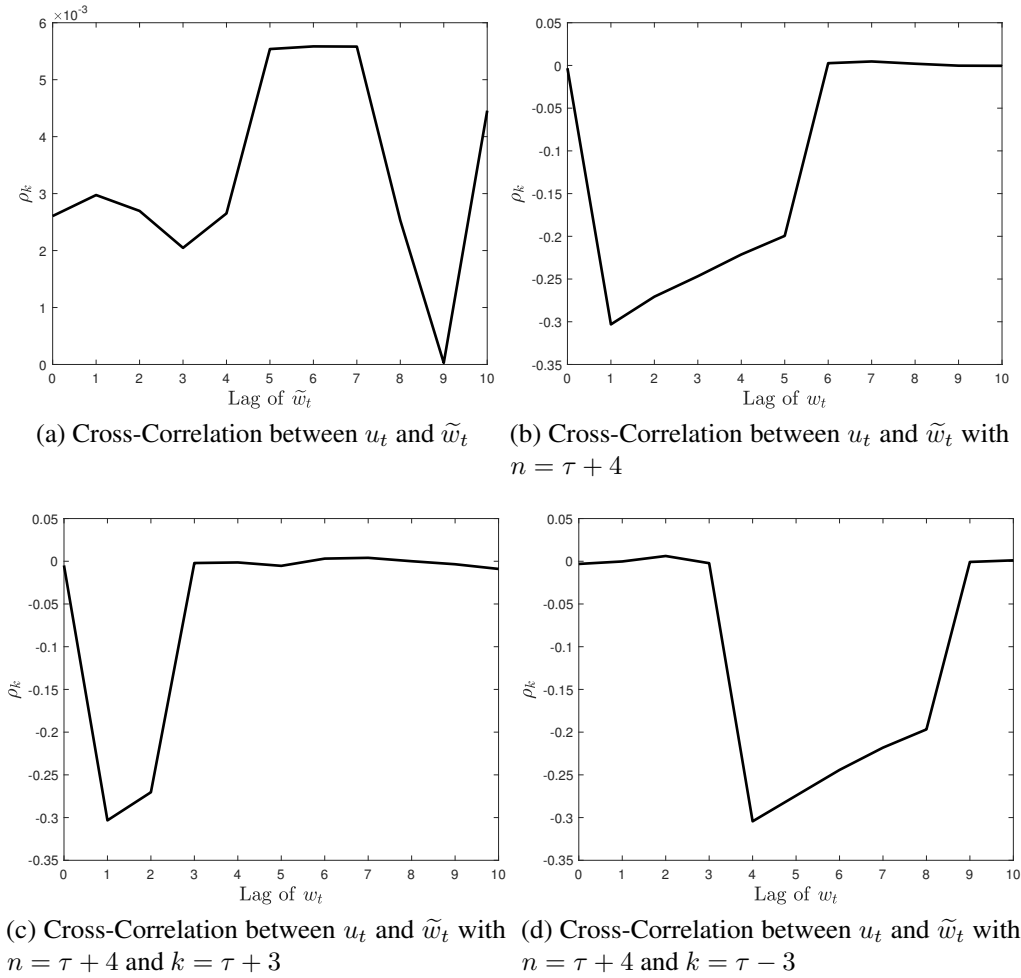


Figure 21: Cross-Correlation under Imperfect Information (Exogenous  $g_t$  but observable)

### C.3.3 Imperfect Information: fundamental impact $g_t$ is unobservable.

#### C.3.3.1 uniquely identification

Given the fundamental process follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_t &= \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau \\ &= (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

We can only observe the perception of  $g_t$  at  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t|t} &= \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 \tilde{g}_t \\ &= \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 g_t + \gamma_7 \nu_t^\tau \\ &= \rho_g \gamma_2 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} + \gamma_7 (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau + \gamma_7 \nu_t^\tau \\ &= \gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \\ &\quad + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} \nu_t^\tau \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Since now the household cannot observe  $g_t$  neither, they have no more other information source to verify the news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$ . Therefore their perception about it shock will not change as time goes forward, which implies  $w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau|t}$ .

Then the expectation term follows

$$g_{t+\tau|t} = \rho_g^\tau g_{t|t} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1|t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2|t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t|t} \quad (41)$$

Therefore lagged expectation up to  $\tau$  follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t|t-\tau} &= \rho_g^\tau g_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-2\tau+1|t-2\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-2\tau+2|t-2\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} \\ &= \rho_g^\tau [\gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-2\tau|t-2\tau} + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-2\tau}] \\ &\quad + \rho_g^\tau [\gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-2\tau}^\tau + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} \nu_{t-2\tau}^\tau] \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

To further simplify 40 as

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t|t} &= \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} \nu_t^\tau \\ &\quad + \gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_2 - 1} (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \\ &\quad + \gamma_7 \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_2} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \end{aligned}$$



Since  $\gamma_2 + \gamma_7 = 1$ , we can get

$$g_{t|t} = \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_t^\tau + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} \nu_t^\tau \\ + \gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} - \gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}$$

Similarly in the simple regression case we can get that

$$\hat{\alpha}_{g_{t|t-\tau}} = \frac{\text{cov}(g_{t|t-\tau}, g_{t|t})}{\text{var}(g_{t|t-\tau})} \\ \approx \frac{\Phi}{\frac{1-\rho_g^{2\tau}}{1-\rho_g^2} \text{var}(w_{t-\tau|t-\tau})} = 1$$

where  $\Phi = \gamma_2 \frac{1-(\gamma_2 \rho_g^2)^{2\tau}}{1-\gamma_2^2 \rho_g^4} \sigma_w^2 - \gamma_2 \frac{1-(\gamma_2 \rho_g^2)^{2\tau}}{1-\gamma_2^2 \rho_g^4} \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_w^2 + \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \frac{1-\rho_g^{2\tau}}{1-\rho_g^2} \sigma_w^2 = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \frac{1-\rho_g^{2\tau}}{1-\rho_g^2} \sigma_w^2$  as  $\sigma_{\tilde{w}}^2 = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_w^2$ .

Therefore the residual  $u_t$  contains the elements

$$u_t \approx \gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} - \gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} \\ + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau} - \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t-\tau|t-\tau}$$

However under this scenario the observation term  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  cannot be cleaned out because

$$\text{cov}(\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}, u_t) \approx \gamma_2 \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_{\tilde{w}}^2 - \gamma_2 \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_w^2 + \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_w^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \sigma_{\tilde{w}}^2 \\ = (1 - \gamma_2) \frac{\sigma_w^2 \sigma_\nu^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \neq 0$$

Figure 22a shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.3.3.2 loose identification

Write the lag of equation 42

$$g_{t-1|t-\tau-1} = \Theta_{t-\tau-1} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-1|t-\tau-1} \\ \vdots \\ g_{t-n|t-\tau-n} = \Theta_{t-\tau-n} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau-n|t-\tau-n}$$

and lead

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t+1|t-\tau+1} &= \Theta_{t-\tau+1} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau+1|t-\tau+1} \\ &\vdots \\ g_{t+\tau-1|t-1} &= \Theta_{t-1} + (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-1|t-1} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_t &= \rho_g^\tau [\gamma_2 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}] \\ &\quad + \rho_g^\tau [\gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} (1 - \rho_g L)^{-1} w_{t-\tau}^\tau + \gamma_7 (1 - \gamma_2 \rho_g L)^{-1} \nu_{t-\tau}^\tau] \end{aligned}$$

Similar to the cases in perfect information.

Figure 22b shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.3.3.3 arbitrary information power $\tau$

Similar to the cases in perfect information.

Figure 22c and 22d shows the related numerical exercise.

## C.4 Endogenous $g_t$ w.r.t $w_t$

### C.4.1 Perfect Information

#### C.4.1.1 uniquely identification

Now let us introduce the endogeneity of  $w_t$  on  $g_t$  as

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau + \alpha w_t$$

Then the expectation of  $g_{t+\tau}$  at time  $t$  follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t+\tau|t} &= \rho_g^\tau g_t + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_t \\ &= \rho_g^{\tau+1} g_{t-1} + \rho_g^\tau (w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau + \alpha w_t) \\ &\quad + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_t \end{aligned}$$

What we need is to clean out  $w_t$  from  $g_t$  and retain  $w_t^\tau$ . Therefore we first run the regression of  $g_t$  on  $g_{t-1}$  (or  $g_{t+\tau|t}$  on  $g_{t+\tau-1|t-1}$ ) to get the estimated  $\hat{\rho}_g$ . Because the expectation of  $g_{t+\tau}$  at  $t$  is based on the observation  $g_t$ , we can purify the contemporaneous expectation term out of  $g_t$  and remain the news part  $\sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_t$  through  $\hat{g}_{t+\tau|t} = g_{t+\tau|t} - \rho_g^\tau g_t$ . Then we can clean the news shock  $w_t$  out of  $g_t$  by simple regression. In the numerical exercise below  $\text{corr}(u_t, w_t) < 3e^{-3}$  holds.

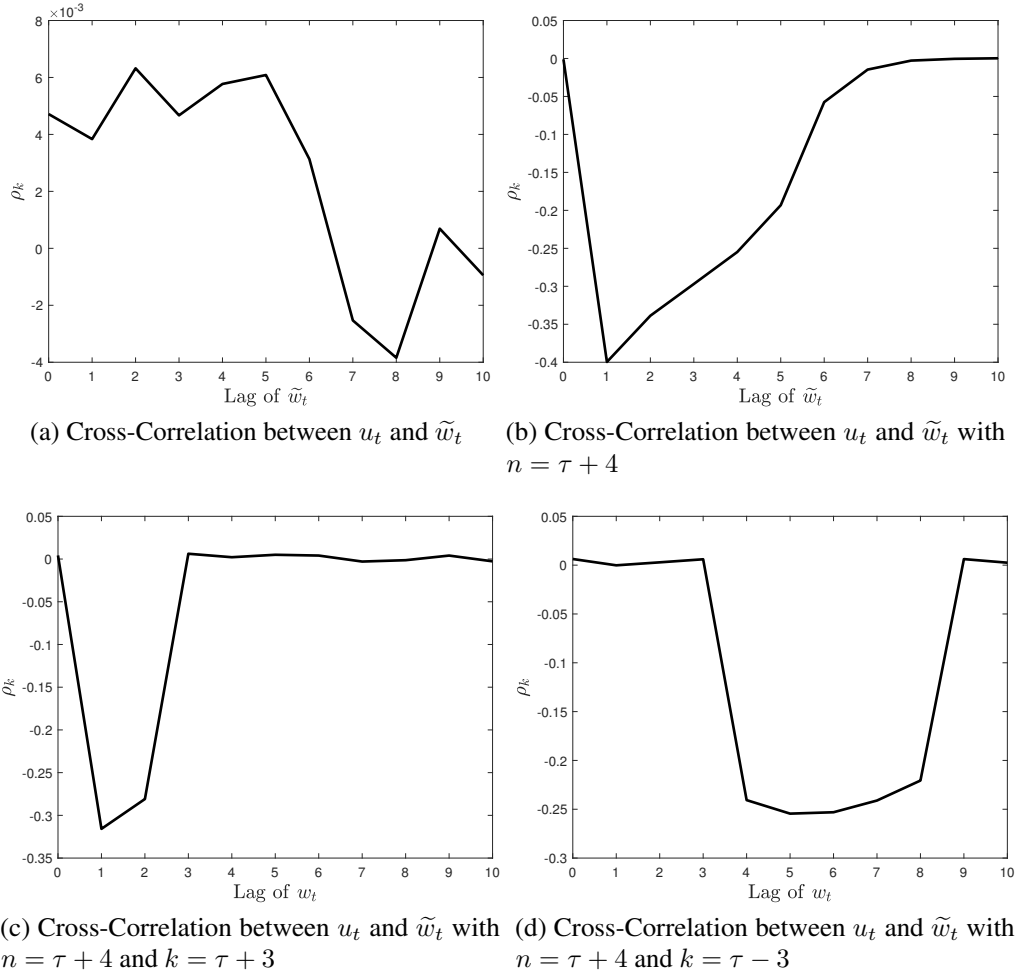


Figure 22: Cross-Correlation under Imperfect Information (Exogenous  $g_t$  but unobservable)

Figure 23a shows the related numerical exercise.

If you further want to clean out  $w_{t-\tau}$  (though we in fact do not want and to the contrary we should make sure that  $w_{t-\tau}$  exists in  $g_t$ ), you could use the method mentioned in section C.3.1.2 to yield

Figure 23b shows the related numerical exercise.

### C.4.1.2 loose identification

Similar to the arguments in section C.3.1.2, I relax the identification method discussed in previous subsection by adding lead terms (relative to  $\hat{g}_{t+\tau|t}$ ) in to projection. Write the lead of equation 30

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{g}_{t+\tau|t} &= \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_t = \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_t \\ &\vdots \\ \hat{g}_{t+\tau+n|t+n} &= \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1+n} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2+n} + \cdots + w_{t+n} = \sum_{j=0}^{j=\tau-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t+n}\end{aligned}$$

Figure 23c shows the related numerical exercise. It is worth to notice that the approximately zero of  $\text{cov}(u_t, w_t)$  results from the estimation error of  $\hat{\rho}_g$ . If we use the true  $\rho_g$  to conduct the purification process,  $\text{cov}(u_t, w_t)$  will be exactly zero as figure 23d shows.

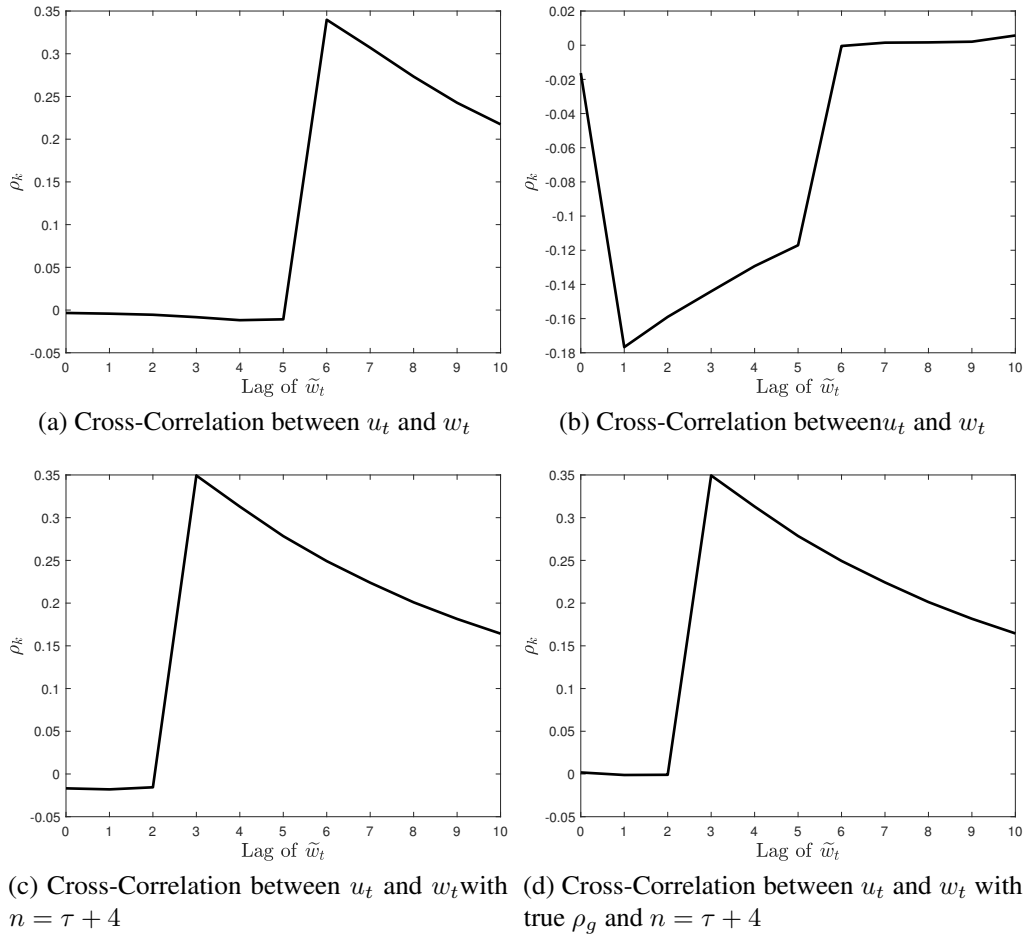


Figure 23: Cross-Correlation under Perfect Information-1 (Endogenous  $g_t$ )

Moreover, write the lag terms

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{t+\tau-1|t-1} &= \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+1} + \cdots + w_{t-1} \\
&\vdots \\
g_{t-m|t-\tau-m} &= \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-2\tau-m+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-2\tau-m+2} + \cdots + w_{t-\tau-m}
\end{aligned}$$

It seems harmless to add the lagged term into purification regression and figure 24a verifies this argument.

### C.4.1.3 arbitrary information power $\tau$

Similar to section C.3.1.3, now we observe and can be used to identify is  $g_{t+k|t}$  where  $k < \tau$  or  $k > \tau$  instead of  $g_{t+\tau|t}$ .

When  $k > \tau$ , W.O.L.G, I assume  $k = \tau + 1$ , then the observation becomes

$$\widehat{g}_{t+k|t} = \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+2} + \cdots + \rho_g w_t = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_t$$

Furthermore, the lead terms of observation are

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{g}_{t+k|t} &= \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+2} + \cdots + \rho_g w_t = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_t \\
&\vdots \\
\widehat{g}_{t+k+n|t+n} &= \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau+1+n} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+2+n} + \cdots + \rho_g w_{t+n} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t+n}
\end{aligned}$$

The lag terms of observation are

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{t+\tau-1|t-1} &= \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+1} + \cdots + \rho_g w_{t-1} \\
&\vdots \\
g_{t-m|t-\tau-m} &= \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-2\tau-m+1} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-2\tau-m+2} + \cdots + \rho_g w_{t-\tau-m}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can add both lead and lag terms into purification regression safely and figure 24b verifies this argument.

When  $k < \tau$ , W.O.L.G, I assume  $k = \tau - 1$ , then the observation becomes

$$\widehat{g}_{t+k|t} = \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+1} + \cdots + w_{t-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{j=k-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t-1}$$

Thus we cannot uniquely clean out  $w_t$  from  $g_t$  with  $\widehat{g}_{t+k|t}$  in which  $w_t$  does not emerge. When

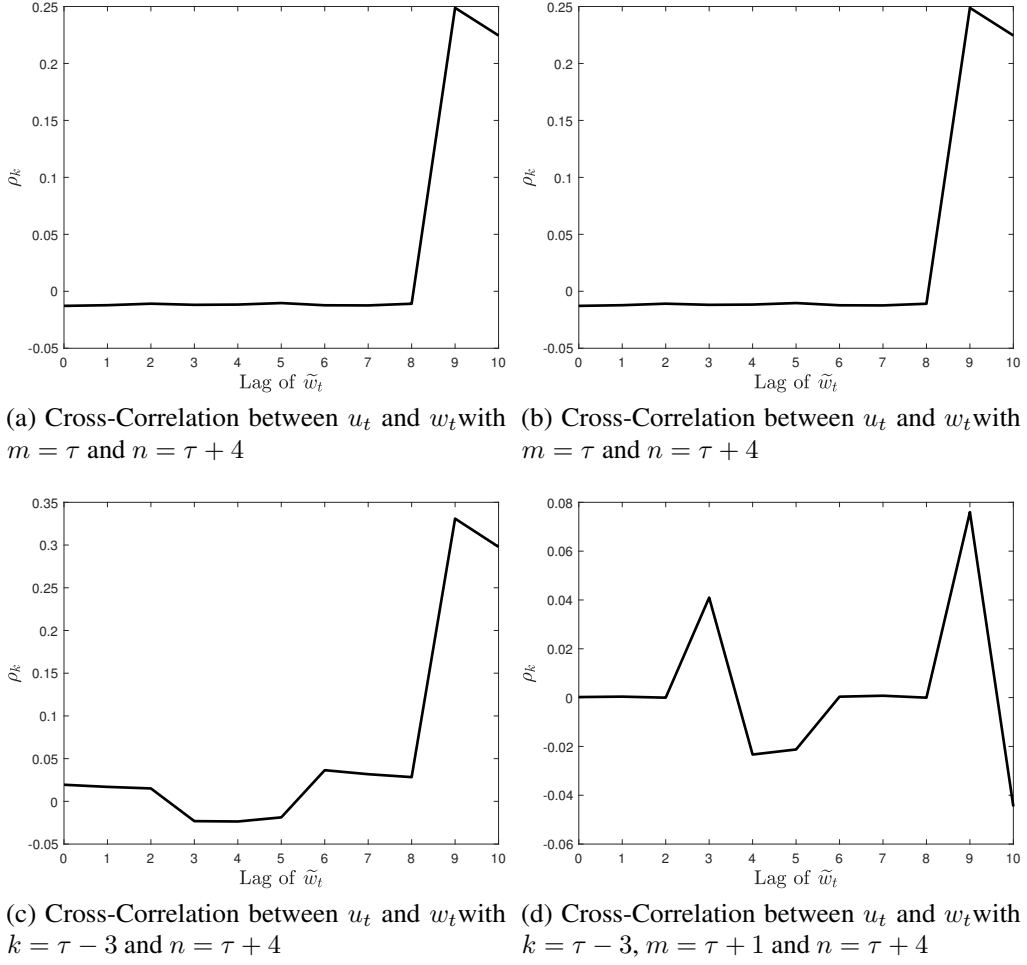


Figure 24: Cross-Correlation under Perfect Information-2 (Endogenous  $g_t$ )

we impose loose identification and add the lead term

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}_{t+k|t} &= \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+1} + \cdots + w_{t-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{j=k-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t-1} \\ &\vdots \\ \hat{g}_{t+k+n|t+n} &= \rho_g^{k-1} w_{t-\tau+n} + \rho_g^{k-2} w_{t-\tau+1+n} + \cdots + w_{t+n-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{j=k-1} \rho_g^j L^j w_{t+n-1} \end{aligned}$$

the news term  $w_t$  is embedded into  $\hat{g}_{t+k+1|t+1}$  and we can clean out  $w_t$  via the loose identification.

Figure 24c shows this identification result.

Similar to the argument in loose identification, since the lagged terms does not contains any information about contemporaneous news shock, it is harmless to add the lag part into identification and figure 24d shows the numerical result.

## C.4.2 Imperfect Information: fundamental impact $g_t$ is unobservable.

### C.4.2.1 uniquely identification

Given the fundamental process follows<sup>29</sup>

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau + \alpha w_t$$

$$g_{t|t} = \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_2 \alpha w_{t|t} + \gamma_7 \tilde{g}_t \quad (43)$$

Then the expectation follows

$$g_{t+\tau|t} = \rho_g^\tau g_{t|t} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1|t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2|t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t|t}$$

$$g_{t+\tau+1|t+1} = \rho_g^\tau g_{t+1|t+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1|t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2|t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t|t}$$

Therefore the estimation step of AR coefficient cannot be the autoregression on perception  $g_{t|t}$  but on the expectation  $g_{t+\tau|t}$ . Given the forward-looking news estimation

$$\hat{g}_{t+\tau|t} = \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau+1|t-\tau+1} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+2|t-\tau+2} + \cdots + w_{t|t}$$

$$\hat{g}_{t+\tau-1|t-1} = \rho_g^{\tau-1} w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \rho_g^{\tau-2} w_{t-\tau+1|t-\tau+1} + \cdots + w_{t-1|t-1}$$

Everything goes back to the perfect information cases and all the arguments in perfect information case will also be true under imperfect information case. Figure 25 shows the experiment result of this identification result.

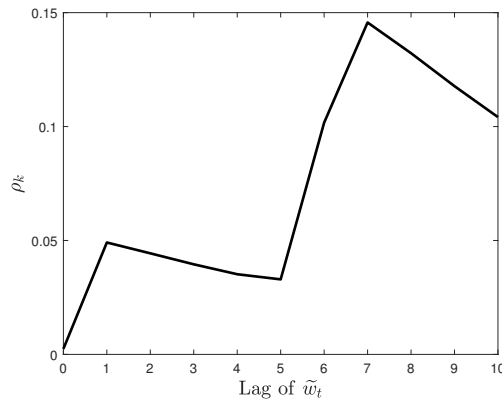


Figure 25: Cross-Correlation under Imperfect Information (Endogenous unobservable  $g_t$ )

<sup>29</sup>In section D.4 I provide rigorous proof of equation 43.

## C.5 Endogeneity, Heteroscedasticity and Biased-estimation Problem during Purification

### C.5.1 get $w_t$ out of 6

Because  $g_t$  contains  $w_t$ , if we run the regression of  $E_t g_{t+6}$  on  $g_t$  there will be an endogeneity problem (residual is correlated with independent variable) and the estimated  $\rho_g^6$  is biased. Therefore I use the model

$$E_t g_{t+6} = \rho_g^7 g_{t-1} + \rho_g^6 w_{t-3} + \rho_g^6 u_t + \rho_g^5 w_{t-2} + \rho_g^4 w_{t-1} + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3) w_t \quad (44)$$

If we run the regression of  $E_t g_{t+6}$  on  $g_{t-1}$ , we can get  $u_t^E = \rho_g^6 w_{t-3} + \rho_g^6 u_t + \rho_g^5 w_{t-2} + \rho_g^4 w_{t-1} + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3) w_t$

The problem is that  $g_{t-1}$  contains  $w_{t-1}$ ,  $w_{t-2}$ ,  $w_{t-3}$  too, as  $g_{t-1} = \rho_g g_{t-2} + w_{t-4} + u_{t-1} + \alpha_2 w_{t-1}$ , and the endogeneity problem still hold.

Adding the lag span may identify up to scale

$$E_t g_{t+6} = \rho_g^8 g_{t-2} + \rho_g^7 w_{t-4} + \rho_g^7 u_{t-1} + \rho_g^6 w_{t-3} + \rho_g^6 u_t + \rho_g^5 w_{t-2} + (\rho_g^4 + \rho_g^7 \alpha_2) w_{t-1} + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3) w_t$$

because  $\text{cov}(g_{t-2}, \rho_g^5 w_{t-2}) < \text{cov}(g_{t-1}, \rho_g^4 w_{t-1})$  holds and in the end the endogeneity in first step will be solved. However, we should also care about the trade-off problem here, because when we add the lag span we actually introduce more term into residual, especially  $u_t$  and  $u_{t-1}$ . This will introduce the endogeneity problem into our second regression step: run regression of  $g_t$  on  $u_t^E = \rho_g^7 w_{t-4} + \rho_g^7 u_{t-1} + \rho_g^6 w_{t-3} + \rho_g^6 u_t + \rho_g^5 w_{t-2} + (\rho_g^4 + \rho_g^7 \alpha_2) w_{t-1} + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3) w_t$ .

### C.5.2 run regression of 6 on $w_t$

Assume I use the regression of equation 44 and get

$$u_t^E = \rho_g^6 w_{t-3} + \rho_g^6 u_t + \rho_g^5 w_{t-2} + \rho_g^4 w_{t-1} + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3) w_t \quad (45)$$

we cannot directly run regression of  $g_t$  on  $u_t^E$  because there are three elements ( $w_t$ ,  $u_t$ , and  $w_{t-3}$ ) in  $g_t$  that are correlated with  $u_t^E$ . Given the regression  $g_t = \gamma_1 u_t^E + \varepsilon_t$  we cannot make sure that  $\text{cov}(\varepsilon_t, w_t) = 0$  (Through simulated data, it is indeed not zero or close to zero up to scale) because a lot of elements in  $u_t^E$  correlate with the non- $w_t$  elements in  $g_t$  such as  $u_t$  and  $w_{t-3}$  which will change the projection and cause  $\gamma_1 \neq (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3)$ , the coefficient in front of  $w_t$  in 45. To solve the problem I further add the lead term of  $u_t^E$  into the second step of purification. For instance, if I use the regression  $g_t = \gamma_1 u_{t+3}^E + \varepsilon_t$  instead of  $g_t = \gamma_1 u_t^E + \varepsilon_t$ , the problem can be solved, as in  $u_{t+3}^E = \rho_g^6 w_t + \rho_g^6 u_{t+3} + \rho_g^5 w_{t+1} + \rho_g^4 w_{t+2} + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^3) w_{t+3}$  the only element that correlates with  $g_t$  is  $w_t$ .

Therefore the only problem left is that how to determine the informative power of news



shock? If 6 becomes

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + \alpha_1 y_t + w_{t-1} + u_t + \alpha_2 w_t$$

the equation

$$u_t^E = \rho_g^6 w_{t-1} + \rho_g^6 u_t + (\rho_g^6 \alpha_2 + \rho_g^5) w_t \quad (46)$$

will hold and we may use  $u_{t+1}^E$  to clean the  $g_t$  yet not  $u_{t+3}^E$ . Meanwhile, when 6 becomes

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + \alpha_1 y_t + w_{t-9} + u_t + \alpha_2 w_t$$

the equation

$$u_t^E = \rho_g^6 w_{t-9} + \rho_g^6 u_t + \rho_g^5 w_{t-8} + \rho_g^4 w_{t-7} + \rho_g^3 w_{t-6} + \rho_g^2 w_{t-5} + \rho_g w_{t-4} + w_{t-3} + \rho_g^6 \alpha_2 w_t \quad (47)$$

will hold and we may use  $u_{t+9}^E$ .

By observing the equation 46 and 47, we find that it is possible to use ACF of  $u_t^E$  to pin down the informative power of news  $\tau$  because difference news with different informative power will imply different “MA” process with different shape of ACF. For instance, if  $\tau = 1$  holds, equation 46 will imply that the ACF will converge to zero quickly at second lag. To the contrary, if  $\tau = 9$  holds, equation 47 will imply that the ACF will converge to zero sluggishly at ninth lag. Hence the speed of convergence of ACF will help us to find the informative power of housing price news shock even we only have the expectation data up to six month later.

## C.6 Purified perception on the status of housing market

The first task to purify  $w_t$  out of  $g_t$  in equation 6 is to find appropriate macro variables  $x_t$  which affects the perception of the status of housing market. Taking an overall consideration on the data constraint and efficiency, I use real interest rate, inflation, M2 supply, unemployment rate and nondurable consumption as the independent macro variables that affect the perception  $g_t$ . Because of lack of monthly investment data, I use the real interest rate to reveal the effect of physical capital and investment. The inflation rate and M2 supply reveal the effect of normal friction in New-Keynesian and monetary theory. The unemployment rate and consumption reflect the effect in labor and goods market. By adding the contemporaneous and lagged term of these macro variables in table 5 I show that people’s perception are more based on previous macro variables as they may not have the data related to the contemporaneous macro status.

It is harder to determine the optimal lag interval of each macro variables as these macro variables are persistent in themselves. The last three columns in table 6 show that it is inappropriate to add lagged term in third order of M2 supply and unemployment and second order of nondurable consumption. Column 2 and column 3 imply that there is no marginal benefit in adding more lagged terms of real interest and inflation. Because of the inertia of real interest rate (inflation), third (fourth) order in lag  $r_{t-3}$  ( $\pi_{t-4}$ ) is significant yet this significance comes from

Table 5: Contemporaneous Macro Variables' effect

<i>Dependent variable:</i>								
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(7)	(8)	(9)
HIM								
EFF_rate_1		3.177 (23.554)						
CPI_1			47.354 (109.226)					
M2_1				-44.437 (64.726)				
GDP_1					-3.086 (56.138)			
Consumption_1						79.407 (71.478)		
Unemployment_1						0.005 (0.041)		
HIM_1	0.987** (0.502)	0.916* (0.483)	0.655 (0.410)	0.762** (0.352)	0.977* (0.504)	1.205** (0.596)	0.803 (1.311)	0.840 (0.810)
HIM_2							-0.218 (1.219)	-1.366 (1.204)
HIM_3								0.832 (0.879)
Observations	273	273	273	273	273	273	271	269
R <sup>2</sup>	-0.904	-0.775	-0.380	-0.523	-0.885	-1.010	-0.601	-2.774
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	-0.911	-0.788	-0.390	-0.534	-0.899	-1.025	-0.613	-2.817
Residual Std. Error	4.840 (df = 272)	4.682 (df = 271)	4.129 (df = 271)	4.337 (df = 271)	4.825 (df = 271)	4.983 (df = 271)	4.443 (df = 269)	6.835 (df = 266)

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

Note:

the smaller lagged term  $r_{t-2}$  ( $\pi_{t-3}$ ). Furthermore, because of monetary policy, the real interest rate moves endogenously with inflation and the lagged third order term of interest rate  $r_{t-3}$  also hurts the significance of inflation rate.

As I argued in main body, equation 6 is only for illustration purpose and the true formula of status perception may contains more lagged term or even the expectation term  $E_t g_{t+6}$ . By adding more lagged term of perception  $g_t$  in model 6 I show that the maximized lag number of  $g_t$  is 1 and further lagged terms are insignificant via the column 2 to column 6 in table 7. Column 8 and column 9 in table 7 shows that more lagged term of expectation will not provide extra explanation power on the dependent variable. While, it is more complicate to decide whether add previous expectation in equation 6 as column 7 shows that it is significant to add it. However, since the expectation  $E_t g_{t+6}$  itself is based on the perception  $g_t$ , its significant property is not surprising and the key point is the marginal benefit of adding the expectation term. Column 7 shows that the coefficient of  $g_{t-1}$  decreases from 0.84 to 0.16 and the coefficient of expectation term is close to that of  $g_{t-1}$ . This means the expectation term does not introduce new explanation power but shares with  $g_{t-1}$  as  $E_{t-1} g_{t+5}$  is a function of  $g_{t-1}$ . Additionally, the inflation rate, M2 supply, unemployment rate and nondurable consumption, those macro variables, become insignificant after adding the over-interpolation term  $E_{t-1} g_{t+5}$ . Therefore in baseline model 6 I do not add the expectation term because it is not an efficient and profitable explanatory variable.

In baseline model I only use 5 macro variables to indicate the effect of macroeconomics on household's perception on the status of housing market because other macro variables are not significant in explaining the perception. Table 8 provides the robustness check on adding more macro variables into purification. Moreover, since in the last step after purification I embed the purified  $g_t$  into VAR identification, any macroeconomic effect that is missed here will be covered later.

In addition to get the near "MA" process of news shock  $u_t^E$ , I also need to find out the informative power of news since until now I do not know whether the form of  $u_t^E$  follows equation 46 or 47 (or some other forms). As discussed in C.5.2, the ACF of residual in first step of purification,  $u_t^E$ , implies the informative power of news and the speed of its convergence to zero refers how many period ahead that the news is announced to household. Figure 26 shows that the news is informed to household 16-17 months before it realizes, roughly 5 quarters to 6 quarters. Table 9 provides more evidence to the informative power of news by using different lead term of  $u_t^E$  in second regression and the column 6 to column 9 demonstrate and verify the result in ACF of  $u_t^E$ .

## D Micro Foundation to Identification and Tests

In this section I provide some micro foundation related to fake-news identification in section 2.4 and some tests to my identification as proof to the reliability. I first provide several different

Table 6: Lagged Macro Variables' effect

Dependent variable:								
	HIME6							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
EFF_rate_1	529.794*** (141.326)							
CPI_1			1,732.599*** (206.905)					
M2_1				305.905* (169.201)				
GDP_1					-139.443 (149.262)			
Consumption_1						410.650*** (121.748)		
Unemployment_1							0.717*** (0.070)	
HIM	5.898*** (2.212)	5.330** (2.559)	1.825 (1.262)	3.526* (2.038)	4.964* (2.654)	1.409 (1.240)	1.722** (0.781)	7.096 (8.978)
HIM_1							-2.621 (11.052)	7.141 (19.888)
HIM_2							2.335 (7.265)	4.185 (18.814)
HIM_3								-12.493 (30.945)
Observations	381	381	381	381	381	381	381	377
R <sup>2</sup>	-10.048	-8.689	-0.567	-3.723	-7.507	-0.510	-0.363	-17.973
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	-10.107	-8.715	-0.576	-3.748	-7.552	-0.518	-0.371	-18.125
Residual Std. Error	19.987 (df = 379)	18.693 (df = 380)	7.528 (df = 379)	13.068 (df = 379)	17.539 (df = 379)	7.388 (df = 379)	7.021 (df = 379)	26.296 (df = 376)
Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01								

Table 7: Lagged Effect of  $HIM_t$  and  $E_tHIM_{t+6}$

	Dependent variable:								
	HIME6								
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
HIM_1	0.824*** (0.020)	0.919*** (0.074)	0.934*** (0.073)	0.933*** (0.074)	0.933*** (0.075)	0.930*** (0.076)	0.120** (0.051)	0.119** (0.054)	0.134** (0.056)
HIM_2		-0.101 (0.075)	-0.091 (0.081)	-0.087 (0.083)	-0.086 (0.083)	-0.077 (0.083)			
HIM_3			-0.026 (0.068)	0.026 (0.084)	0.024 (0.083)	0.024 (0.083)			
HIM_4				-0.058 (0.065)	-0.040 (0.068)	-0.056 (0.067)			
HIM_5					-0.018 (0.060)	-0.028 (0.080)			
HIM_6						0.022 (0.064)			
HIME6_1							0.850*** (0.058)	0.849*** (0.068)	0.843*** (0.069)
HIME6_2								0.002 (0.058)	0.035 (0.078)
HIME6_3									-0.048 (0.058)
Unemployment_1	0.212*** (0.074)	0.211*** (0.072)	0.209*** (0.074)	0.211*** (0.076)	0.212*** (0.078)	0.213*** (0.078)	0.109** (0.053)	0.109** (0.054)	0.108** (0.052)
Unemployment_2	-0.201*** (0.073)	-0.203*** (0.072)	-0.202*** (0.074)	-0.205*** (0.076)	-0.207*** (0.077)	-0.208*** (0.078)	-0.101* (0.052)	-0.101* (0.053)	-0.100** (0.051)
Consumption_1	6.957** (3.375)	7.069** (3.347)	7.355** (3.364)	6.955** (3.349)	7.009** (3.361)	6.657** (3.378)	4.285 (2.666)	4.290 (2.710)	4.821* (2.775)
Constant	0.154** (0.067)	0.174*** (0.067)	0.177** (0.071)	0.188** (0.074)	0.191*** (0.073)	0.190** (0.076)	-0.019 (0.046)	-0.020 (0.047)	-0.011 (0.047)
Observations	418	418	417	416	415	414	418	418	417
R <sup>2</sup>	0.930	0.930	0.931	0.931	0.931	0.931	0.955	0.955	0.955
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.929	0.929	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.954	0.954	0.955
Residual Std. Error	0.201 (df = 413)	0.200 (df = 412)	0.200 (df = 410)	0.200 (df = 408)	0.200 (df = 406)	0.200 (df = 404)	0.161 (df = 411)	0.161 (df = 411)	0.161 (df = 409)
F Statistic	1,367.493*** (df = 4; 413)	1,098.471*** (df = 5; 412)	919.660*** (df = 6; 410)	787.041*** (df = 7; 408)	685.423*** (df = 8; 406)	609.366*** (df = 9; 404)	1,742.976*** (df = 5; 412)	1,448.960*** (df = 6; 411)	1,250.463*** (df = 7; 409)

Note:

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

Table 8: More Macro Variables

	Dependent variable:								
	HIME6								
HIM_1	(1) 0.824*** (0.020)	(2) 0.825*** (0.020)	(3) 0.823*** (0.020)	(4) 0.824*** (0.020)	(5) 0.822*** (0.020)	(6) 0.828*** (0.019)	(7) 0.836*** (0.021)	(8) 0.834*** (0.021)	(9) 0.826*** (0.020)
Unemployment_1	0.212*** (0.074)	0.202*** (0.071)	0.212*** (0.074)	0.210*** (0.074)	0.218*** (0.074)	0.191*** (0.069)	0.126* (0.067)	0.207*** (0.073)	0.193*** (0.069)
Unemployment_2	-0.201*** (0.073)	-0.189*** (0.070)	-0.202*** (0.072)	-0.199*** (0.073)	-0.208*** (0.073)	-0.179*** (0.069)	-0.114* (0.066)	-0.062 (0.072)	-0.182*** (0.068)
Unemployment_3								-0.132* (0.074)	
Consumption_1	6.957** (3.375)	7.880** (3.552)	7.116** (3.337)	6.450* (3.645)	7.428** (3.377)	6.643* (3.596)	7.530** (3.558)	7.113** (3.535)	7.051* (3.959)
Consumption_2									1.508 (4.504)
GDP_1		-1.279 (1.809)				-1.474 (2.013)	-0.587 (1.704)	-0.840 (1.994)	-1.564 (2.013)
GDP_2						-2.641 (1.965)	-1.336 (1.880)	-1.796 (1.923)	-2.769 (1.964)
GDP_3							-3.791* (2.067)		
EFF_rate_1			-0.764 (1.925)			-2.232 (5.334)	-0.571 (5.328)	-1.842 (5.187)	-2.255 (5.344)
EFF_rate_2						2.529 (5.316)	-95.932*** (27.871)	2.094 (5.252)	2.415 (5.372)
EFF_rate_3							97.156*** (26.995)		
CPI_Inflation_1				-1.756 (4.598)		-6.036 (7.271)	-101.540*** (27.253)	-4.691 (7.268)	-6.419 (7.341)
CPI_Inflation_2						-14.951** (6.562)	84.560*** (28.514)	-13.799** (6.705)	-14.214** (6.822)
CPI_Inflation_3							-15.348** (6.036)		
M2_1					-2.433 (2.663)	-6.478* (3.395)	-8.174*** (3.169)	-6.116* (3.434)	-6.568* (3.371)
M2_2						-4.471 (3.229)	-6.534* (3.399)	-4.216 (3.166)	-4.384 (3.192)
M2_3							-3.477 (3.203)		
Constant	0.154** (0.067)	0.144** (0.069)	0.167** (0.066)	0.160** (0.069)	0.162** (0.068)	0.218*** (0.079)	0.248*** (0.081)	0.202** (0.081)	0.216*** (0.079)
Observations	418	418	418	418	418	418	417	417	418
R <sup>2</sup>	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.932	0.937	0.933	0.932
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.929	0.929	0.929	0.929	0.929	0.930	0.934	0.931	0.930
Residual Std. Error	0.201 (df = 413)	0.201 (df = 412)	0.201 (df = 412)	0.201 (df = 412)	0.201 (df = 412)	0.200 (df = 405)	0.193 (df = 400)	0.199 (df = 403)	0.200 (df = 404)
F Statistic	1,367.493*** (df = 4; 413)	1,092.883*** (df = 5; 412)	1,092.046*** (df = 5; 412)	1,091.858*** (df = 5; 412)	1,094.656*** (df = 5; 412)	461.162*** (df = 12; 405)	370.635*** (df = 16; 400)	429.907*** (df = 13; 403)	424.794*** (df = 13; 404)

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

Table 9: Lead of  $u_t^E$  and the Informative power of news shock

	Dependent variable:							
	HIM							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
HIM_1	0.982*** (0.011)	0.982*** (0.011)	0.982*** (0.011)	0.984*** (0.012)	0.982*** (0.011)	0.982*** (0.012)	0.982*** (0.012)	0.983*** (0.012)
Consumption_1	8.385*** (2.520)	8.524*** (2.483)	8.421*** (2.677)	7.573** (2.968)	8.322*** (2.533)	8.334*** (2.541)	8.265*** (2.521)	8.307*** (2.518)
EFF_rate_1	-2.278** (1.028)	-2.583* (1.353)	-2.271** (0.990)	-2.701** (1.221)	-2.262** (1.030)	-2.266** (1.028)	-2.236** (1.036)	-2.251** (1.036)
CPI_Inflation_1		1.595 (3.526)						
M2_1			-0.085 (2.416)					
Unemployment_1				0.001 (0.002)				
uHIME6L14					-0.004 (0.042)		-0.006 (0.043)	-0.003 (0.043)
uHIME6L15					-0.036 (0.045)	-0.037 (0.042)	-0.035 (0.045)	-0.036 (0.045)
uHIME6L16	-0.094** (0.038)	-0.096** (0.038)	-0.094** (0.038)	-0.094** (0.038)	-0.079* (0.041)	-0.079* (0.041)	-0.076* (0.040)	-0.076* (0.041)
uHIME6L17	0.093** (0.039)	0.093** (0.039)	0.093** (0.039)	0.095** (0.039)	0.097** (0.040)	0.097** (0.040)	0.108** (0.046)	0.104** (0.046)
uHIME6L18							-0.026 (0.047)	-0.037 (0.049)
uHIME6L19								0.029 (0.046)
Observations	401	401	401	401	401	401	400	399
R <sup>2</sup>	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971	0.971
Residual Std. Error	0.155 (df = 396)	0.155 (df = 395)	0.155 (df = 395)	0.155 (df = 395)	0.155 (df = 394)	0.155 (df = 395)	0.156 (df = 392)	0.156 (df = 390)
F Statistic	2,677.787*** (df = 5; 396)	2,227.826*** (df = 6; 395)	2,225.869*** (df = 6; 395)	2,228.874*** (df = 6; 395)	1,906.734*** (df = 7; 394)	2,230.111*** (df = 6; 395)	1,655.839*** (df = 8; 392)	1,462.320*** (df = 9; 390)

Note:

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

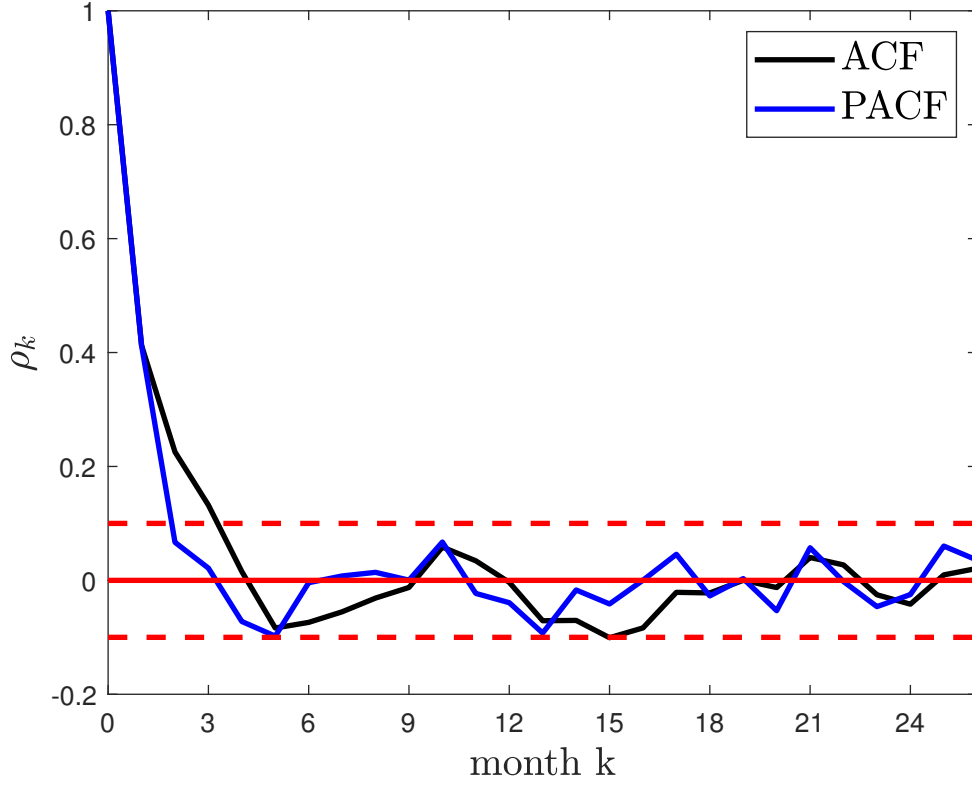


Figure 26: ACF and PACF of  $u_t^{\text{EHIM6}}$

setting about news and fake news in the literature. Then I describe the standard rbc model that I used to provide some numerical examples and micro foundation to the identification in main page.

## D.1 Literature in modeling the news and fake news

### D.1.1 Perfect News

This type of “fake news” is the setting following [Christiano et al. \(2008\)](#), [Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe \(2012\)](#), [Barsky et al. \(2015\)](#) and [Sims \(2016\)](#) in which household gets a news about a shock  $\nu_\tau$  realized at time  $\tau$  which is true for sure. However after the household reaches at time  $\tau$  there is an identical negative unexpected shock  $-\nu$  just offsetting the effect of positive shock  $\nu_\tau$ . Comparing to the setting in equation 49, in which household gets a news about  $\nu_\tau$  via  $\epsilon$  (and totally believe it) but is misled because the observation  $\epsilon$  is generated by noise  $w$ , [Anderson and Moore \(2012\)](#) and [Chahrour and Jurado \(2018\)](#) shows that this type of “fake news” shock is *observational equivalent*.<sup>30</sup> To theoretically formulate this type of fake news shock, we can consider the shock series

$$\phi_t = \nu_{0,t} + \nu_{1,t-\tau} \quad (48)$$

<sup>30</sup>They call this representation to fundamental and belief as *news representation* and the representation in equation 49 as a *noise representation*.



where  $\nu_{0,t}$  and  $\nu_{1,t-\tau}$  are iid over time and follow

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_{0,t} \\ \nu_{1,t} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N} \left( 0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\nu,0}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\nu,1}^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

### D.1.2 Noisy News

This type of news is used by [Lorenzoni \(2009\)](#), [Baxter et al. \(2011\)](#), [Barsky and Sims \(2012\)](#), [Blanchard et al. \(2013\)](#), et al. The most intuitive one.

$$\epsilon_t = \nu_{t+\tau} + w_t \tag{49}$$

where  $\nu$  is the true news shock observed by agents  $\tau$  periods ahead and  $w$  is the noise or fake news shock. These two shocks are independent with each other and follow

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_t \\ w_t \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N} \left( 0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\nu}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

### D.1.3 Fake News

It is worth to notice that when we consider the dynamic cases of equation 48 and 49, everything and every realization of  $\nu_{0,t}$ ,  $\nu_{1,t-\tau}$ ,  $\nu_{t+\tau}$  and  $w_t$  could happen. Given  $\phi_t = 1$ , different combination such as  $(\nu_{0,t} = 0.5, \nu_{1,t-\tau} = 0.5)$  or  $(\nu_{0,t} = 1.5, \nu_{1,t-\tau} = -0.5)$  may all hold. Similarly given  $\epsilon_t = 1$ ,  $(\nu_{t+\tau} = 0.5, w_t = 0.5)$  or  $(\nu_{t+\tau} = -0.5, w_t = 1.5)$  may all hold.

In this section what I am considering is the “pure shock” scenario or the impulse response to a single shock. In other words, for instance, one unit realization of noisy news  $\epsilon_t = 1$  can only come from  $\nu_{t+\tau} = 1$  or  $w_t = 1$ . It does not mean I have an implicit restriction on the shock  $\nu_{t+\tau}$  and  $w_t$  that  $\nu_{t+\tau}w_t = 0$ . They are iid shocks. Similarly, given one unit realization of perfect news  $\nu_{1,t-\tau} = 1$ , it can be true news  $\nu_{0,t} = 0$  or fake news  $\nu_{0,t} = -1$ . It does not mean I have an implicit restriction on the shock  $\nu_{0,t}$  and  $\nu_{1,t-\tau}$  that  $\text{corr}(\nu_{0,t}, \nu_{1,t-\tau}) = -1$ . They are iid shocks.

### D.1.4 Fake News in Perfect News

To model a fake news in perfect news model, there is a realization of perfect news  $\nu_{1,t-\tau} = 1$  at time  $t - \tau$  and known by household, though this shock would have fundamental effect later, at time  $t$ . Then at time  $t$  there is an unexpected contemporaneous shock  $\nu_{0,t} = -1$  to “neutralize” or “offset” the perfect news effect to make the fundamental stay at the beginning. The VAR identification to this type of fake news is easy. Because all the news in this model is true or perfectly foreseen by household, we just need to find a news shock first. Then at time  $\tau$  there is a same shock but an opposite direction. We only need to identify the response to shock once.

[Sims \(2016\)](#) did this identification.

### D.1.5 Fake News in Noisy News

To model a fake news in noisy news model, there is a realization of observation  $\epsilon_t = 1$  at time  $t$  which can either be a signal to a fundamental shock in the future, time  $t + \tau$ ,  $\nu_{t+\tau} = 1$ , or be a noisy  $w_t = 1$ , which does not have any fundamental effect to the economy. In noisy news model given an observation  $\epsilon_t = 1$  household will response to their perception to the true news  $\nu_{t+\tau|t}$  which is smaller than  $\epsilon_t$  under rational expectation and we can write it as  $\nu_{t+\tau|t} = \alpha\epsilon_t$  where  $\alpha < 1$ . There exist learning and belief updating in this type of modeling and theoretically their is no point when household “realizes” that the news is fake. For fake news their perception converge to zero faster than that in true news. In other words,  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \nu_{t+\tau|t+\tau+i} = 0$  will be faster for fake news than true news.

To model the “awareness” of fake news, we now consider a scenario in which no more information about shock  $\nu_{t+\tau}$  is delivered to household throughout time  $t + 1$  and time  $t + \tau - 1$ . Therefore the belief to  $\nu_{t+\tau}$  of household will not be updated and  $\nu_{t+\tau|t} = \nu_{t+\tau|t+1} = \dots = \nu_{t+\tau|t+\tau-1}$ . However when the news realize at time  $t + \tau$ , household gets a further signal, or information to it. In other words household can also observe  $\epsilon_{t+\tau}^\tau = \nu_{t+\tau} + w_{t+\tau}^\tau$  and this new observation  $\epsilon_{t+\tau}^\tau$  will update or twist the household’s belief to shock  $\nu_{t+\tau}$ . Therefore their exists a value of  $w_{t+\tau}^\tau$  which can “correct” the belief of household. Thus,  $\nu_{t+\tau|t+\tau} = 0$  and household at time  $t + \tau$  realize that the news  $\nu_{t+\tau}$  which they known at time  $t$  is a fake news.

## D.2 Numerical test to identification: A simple RBC model

### D.2.1 Equations used to solve the state space model

In this subsection I describe a simple 8 variables RBC model to test my identification strategy and show that it can successfully recover the impulse response to news and fake news shocks. I will first introduce the DSGE model briefly and then show that my identification process works well by comparing the identified empirical impulse response with the theoretical one.

The 8 variables RBC model is a standard one in which household provides labor and earns labor income. Given the labor income and capital return, which is paid by firms with real rental rate as they rent capital to produce goods, the household decides their investment and consumption level. In additional to these endogenous variation there is an exogenous government spending shock following equation 50 and other 4 standard shocks such as TFP shock and preference shock.

Household

$$c_t^{-\sigma} = \beta R_{t+1} c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}$$

$$h_t^\varphi = w c_t^{-\sigma}$$

Firm

$$R_t = \alpha \frac{y_t}{k_{t-1}} + \delta - 1$$

$$w_t = (1 - \alpha) \frac{y_t}{h_t}$$

$$y_t = A_t k_{t-t}^\alpha h_t^{1-\alpha}$$

Market Cleaning

$$y_t = c_t + I_t + \log(G_t)$$

$$I_t = k_t - (1 - \delta)k_{t-1}$$

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau \quad (50)$$

The household cannot know the value of  $G_t$  and  $w_t$  but a signal to then

$$\tilde{g}_t = g_t + \nu_t^\tau$$

$$\tilde{w}_{t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau} + \nu_{t-\tau}$$

Household at time  $t - \tau$  will have a perception of  $w_{t-\tau}$  given the observation  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  and I denote it as  $w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} = \theta \tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$

Denote  $\tilde{w}_t^i$  as an observation to shock  $w_{t-i}$ . For example, a news shock  $w_t$  will have effect on  $G$  at  $t + \tau$ . At time  $t + 1$  household gets a new observation related to  $w_t$ ,  $\tilde{w}_{t+1}^1$ , in addition to the old observation of  $w_t$  at time  $t$   $\tilde{w}_t$ . I further assume

$$\tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1}^1 = \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+2}^2 = \dots = \tilde{w}_{t-1}^{\tau-1} = 0$$

holds. Therefore

$$w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau|t-\tau+1} = w_{t-\tau|t-\tau+2} = \dots = w_{t-\tau|t-1}$$

## D.2.2 Quantitative Exercise

### D.2.2.1 Same perception: $g_{t|t}^\nu = g_{t|t}^w = g_{t|t}^{\nu+\nu^\tau}$

Notation: Throughout exercise 1 to 3, imperfect information holds.

- 1) Only noisy shock  $\nu_{t-\tau}$ ;
- 2) Fake news shock. A noisy shock on  $w_{t-\tau}$  at time  $t - \tau$ ,  $\nu_{t-\tau}$ , as well as a negative noisy shock on  $g_t$  at time  $t$ ,  $\nu_t^\tau$ ;
- 3) A news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$ .

### D.2.2.2 Same observation at time $t - \tau$ : $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$

Notation: Throughout exercise 1 to 2, imperfect information holds. In exercise 3, it is the type of perfect news.

- 1) Only noisy shock  $\nu_{t-\tau}$ ;

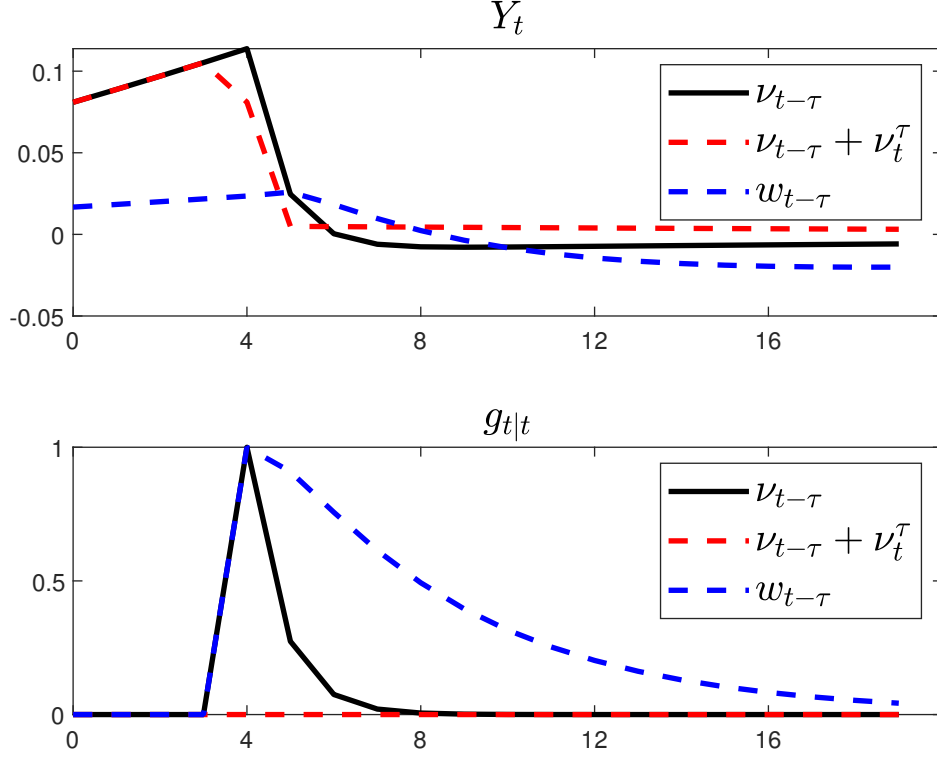


Figure 27: Same Perception  $g_{t|t}^w = g_{t|t}^{w^\tau} = g_{t|t}^{w+\nu^\tau}$

- 2) Fake news shock. A noisy shock on  $w_{t-\tau}$  at time  $t - \tau$ ,  $\nu_{t-\tau}$ , as well as a negative noisy shock on  $g_t$  at time  $t$ ,  $\nu_t^\tau$ ;
- 3) A perfect news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$ .

#### D.2.2.3 Same observation at time $t - \tau$ : $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$

Notation: Throughout exercise 1 to 3, imperfect information holds.

- 1) Only noisy shock  $\nu_{t-\tau}$ ;
- 2) Fake news shock. A noisy shock on  $w_{t-\tau}$  at time  $t - \tau$ ,  $\nu_{t-\tau}$ , as well as a negative noisy shock on  $g_t$  at time  $t$ ,  $\nu_t^\tau$ ;
- 3) A news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$ .

### D.3 Two examples of “offset” identification ( $g_t$ is exogenous w.r.t $w_t$ )

Denote the fundamental impact (i.e. housing demand variation, TFP)  $g_t$  follows an AR1 process

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau \quad (51)$$

where  $w_{t-\tau}$  is the news shock known by household at time  $t - \tau$  yet has real effect at time  $t$ ,  $w_t^\tau$  is the contemporaneous shock. Because of the imperfect information, household cannot know

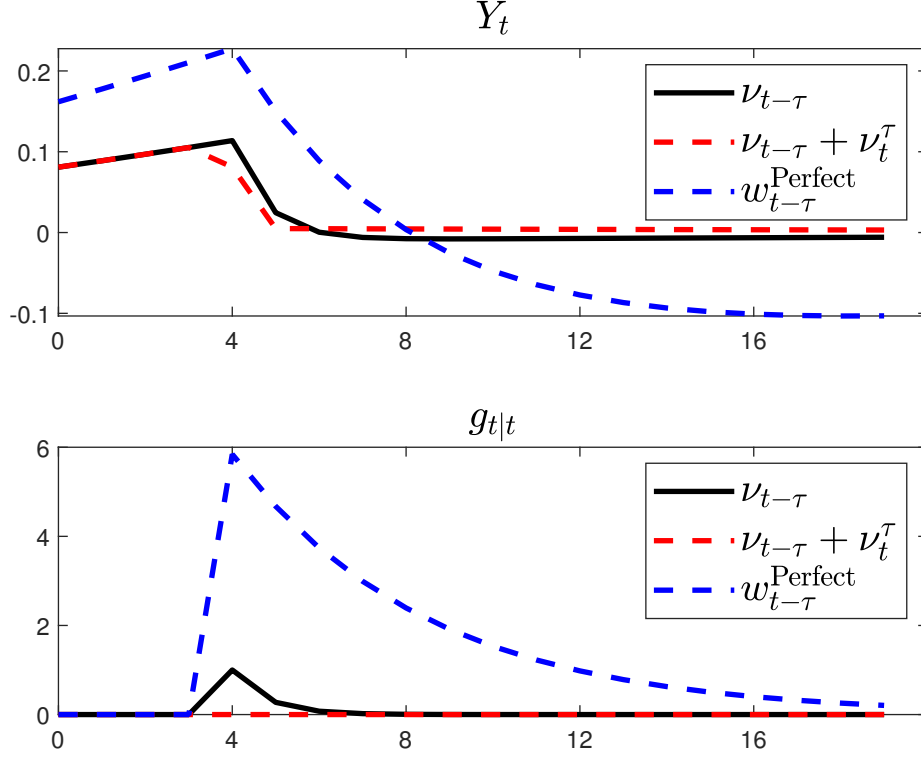


Figure 28: Same observation  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$

the exact value of news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$  but an observation to it with noisy shock

$$\tilde{w}_{t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau} + \nu_{t-\tau}$$

where  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  is the observation to  $w_{t-\tau}$  but may be contaminated by a noisy  $\nu_{t-\tau}$  which does not have any real effect to economy. There are two scenarios that household comprehend whether the jump in observation  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  comes from news  $w_{t-\tau}$  or noisy  $\nu_{t-\tau}$  which I call 1). suddenly realization and 2). realization by learning.

### D.3.1 The fundamental impact $g_t$ is observable.

When the fundamental impact  $g_t$  is observable, whether the news  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  is true or fake is informed to household via  $g_t$  at time  $t$  without any delay. Since it is the impact  $g_t$  that affects the economy through which the shock  $w_{t-\tau}$  and  $w_t^\tau$  affect the economy, the household only care about the impact value  $g_t$  is  $w_{t-\tau}$  (true news) or 0 (fake news). Therefore  $y_{t-\tau-1}^\tau$  in equation 8 works as a contemporaneous shock  $w_t^\tau$  offsets the true shock realized at  $t$ ,  $w_{t-\tau}$  and generates  $g_t = 0$  which is what the fake news  $\nu_{t-\tau}$  would do. This scenario is a standard one in literature and [Christiano et al. \(2008\)](#), [Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe \(2012\)](#), [Barsky et al. \(2015\)](#) and [Sims \(2016\)](#) did the similar process to generate fake news.

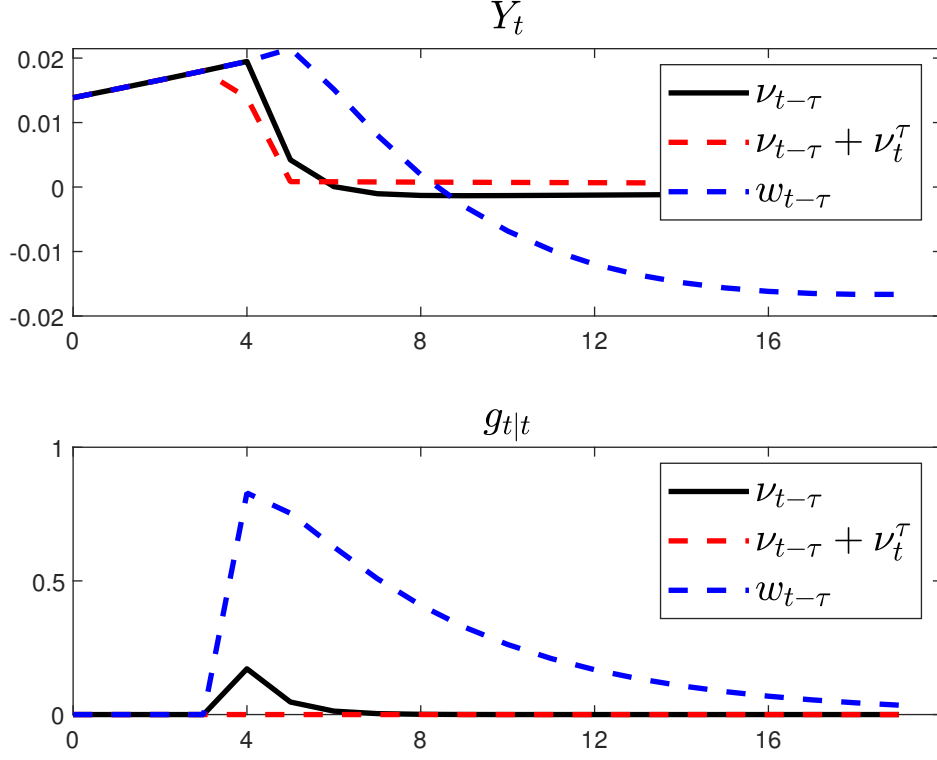


Figure 29: Same observation  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$

### D.3.2 The fundamental impact $g_t$ is unobservable.

When the fundamental impact  $g_t$  is unobservable, there is no other signal that household can use to infer whether  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  comes from  $w_{t-\tau}$  or  $\nu_{t-\tau}$  but learn through observation gradually. In this scenario household cannot know  $g_t$  but an observation to it  $\tilde{g}_t$  following

$$\tilde{g}_t = g_t + \nu_t^\tau$$

I can show that the perception to the fundamental impact at time  $t$ ,  $g_{t|t}$  follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t|t} &= \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_7 \tilde{g}_t \\ &= \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_3 g_{t-1} + \gamma_4 w_{t-\tau} + \gamma_5 \nu_t^\tau + \gamma_6 w_t^\tau \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

where  $\gamma_1 = \rho \left[ 1 - \frac{z_{11}}{z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2} \right]$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 1 - \frac{z_{11}}{z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2}$ ,  $\gamma_3 = \gamma_7 \rho$  and  $\gamma_4 = \gamma_5 = \gamma_6 = \gamma_7 = \frac{z_{11}}{z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2}$  which is the Kalman gain.  $z_{11}$  can be solved from the positive root of quadratic equation

$$z_{11}^2 + \left( \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \rho^2 \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \sigma_w^2 - \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 + \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right) z_{11} - \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 \left( \sigma_w^2 + \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right) = 0$$

Therefore the only difference between fake news and true news at time  $t$  is the term  $\gamma_4 w_{t-\tau}$  which comes from the observation  $\tilde{g}_t$  as it truly spur a jump in  $g_t$ , though the household cannot distinguish whether this jump is caused by realized news  $w_{t-\tau}$  or contemporaneous shock  $w_t^\tau$  and  $\nu_t^\tau$ . That is the reason why these three terms share the same coefficient  $\gamma_4 = \gamma_5 = \gamma_6$ , and

similarly  $y_{i-\tau-1}^\tau$  in equation 8 works as a contemporaneous shock  $w_t^\tau$  which offsets the effect of true shock  $w_{t-\tau}$  at time  $t$ .

### D.3.3 Proof of equation 52

Firstly I assume the law of motion of the shock  $g_t$  follows

$$g_t = \rho g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau$$

where  $w_{t-\tau}$  is a shock realized at  $t - \tau$  yet has effect on  $t$ .  $w_t^\tau$  is a contemporaneous unexpected shock realized at time  $t$ .

The household cannot know the value of the value of shock underneath  $g_t$  and  $w_t$  but a signal to then

$$\tilde{g}_t = g_t + \nu_t^\tau$$

$$\tilde{w}_{t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau} + \nu_{t-\tau}$$

Household at time  $t - \tau$  will have a perception of  $w_{t-\tau}$  given the observation  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  and I denote it as  $w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} = \theta \tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$

Denote  $\tilde{w}_t^i$  as an observation to shock  $w_{t-i}$ . For example, a news shock  $w_t$  will have effect on  $G$  at  $t + \tau$ . At time  $t + 1$  household gets a new observation related to  $w_t$ ,  $\tilde{w}_{t+1}^1$ , in addition to the old observation of  $w_t$  at time  $t$   $\tilde{w}_t$ . I further assume

$$\tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1}^1 = \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+2}^2 = \dots = \tilde{w}_{t-1}^{\tau-1} = 0$$

holds. Therefore

$$w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau|t-\tau+1} = w_{t-\tau|t-\tau+2} = \dots = w_{t-\tau|t-1}$$

Above system of equation can be written as a state equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_t \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_{t-1} \\ w_{t-\tau} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_t^\tau \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

and observation(moment) equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{g}_t \\ \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_t \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \nu_t^\tau \\ \nu_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

For simplicity I denote  $y_t = \begin{bmatrix} g_t \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\tilde{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{g}_t \\ \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$\omega_t = \begin{bmatrix} w_t^\tau \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_t = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_t^\tau \\ \nu_{t-\tau+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Following [Hamilton \(2020\)](#) we can solve the conditional expectation of the variance of  $Z = \Sigma_y(t|t)$  follows

$$B [Z - Z (Z + \Sigma_\nu)^{-1} Z] B' + \Sigma_\omega = Z \quad (53)$$

where I omit the observation matrix  $H$  as it is an identity matrix.

Since the second row of  $B$  is zero, the matrix  $D = BXB'$  must follow  $D = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Plugging the matrix  $D$  back to equation 53 yields  $D + \Sigma_\omega = Z$ . Therefore we must have

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} d + \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

By solving the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} - \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \right. \\ & - \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & (\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \left. \right\} \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

we can solve out  $z_{11}$  as the positive root of quadratic equation

$$z_{11}^2 + \left( \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \rho^2 \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \sigma_w^2 - \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 + \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right) z_{11} - \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 \left( \sigma_w^2 + \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right) = 0$$

Then we can solve the law of motion of perception(conditional expectation) of  $y_t$  as  $y_{t|t} = (I - PH) B y_{t-1|t-1} + P \tilde{y}_t$  where  $P$  is the Kalman gain following  $P = ZH' (HZH' + \Sigma_v)^{-1}$ .

#### D.4 Two examples of “offset” identification ( $g_t$ is endogenous w.r.t $w_t$ )

Denote the fundamental impact (i.e. housing demand variation, TFP)  $g_t$  follows an AR1 process

$$g_t = \rho_g g_{t-1} + w_{t-\tau} + w_t^\tau + \alpha w_t \quad (54)$$

where  $w_{t-\tau}$  is the news shock known by household at time  $t - \tau$  yet has real effect at time  $t$ ,  $w_t^\tau$  is the contemporaneous shock. Because of the imperfect information, household cannot know the exact value of news shock  $w_{t-\tau}$  but an observation to it with noisy shock

$$\tilde{w}_{t-\tau} = w_{t-\tau} + \nu_{t-\tau}$$

where  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  is the observation to  $w_{t-\tau}$  but may be contaminated by a noisy  $\nu_{t-\tau}$  which does not have any real effect to economy.



This is similar to the equation 51 and I will also discuss two scenarios that household comprehend whether the jump in observation  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  comes from news  $w_{t-\tau}$  or noisy  $\nu_{t-\tau}$  which I call 1). suddenly realization and 2). realization by learning.

#### D.4.1 The fundamental impact $g_t$ is observable.

When the fundamental impact  $g_t$  is observable, whether the news  $\tilde{w}_{t-\tau}$  is true or fake is informed to household via  $g_t$  at time  $t$  without any delay. Similar to the exogenous case, it is the  $g_t$  that affects the economy instead of  $w_t$  or  $\tilde{w}_t$  in the end. Therefore as long as  $g_t$  can be fully observed, the endogenous effect of  $w_t$  will not play any role based on imperfect information here as household at time  $t$  will not care about this endogeneity but only  $g_t$ . Therefore even we change the assumption of endogenous effect and assume that  $g_t$  response to the observation  $\tilde{w}_t$  or perception  $w_{t|t}$  the result will not change as long as household perfectly knows  $g_t$ .

#### D.4.2 The fundamental impact $g_t$ is unobservable.

I can show that the perception to the fundamental impact at time  $t$ ,  $g_{t|t}$  follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_{t|t} &= \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_2 \alpha w_{t|t} + \gamma_7 \tilde{g}_t \\ &= \gamma_1 g_{t-1|t-1} + \gamma_2 w_{t-\tau|t-\tau} + \gamma_2 \alpha w_{t|t} + \gamma_3 g_{t-1} + \gamma_4 w_{t-\tau} + \gamma_5 \nu_t^\tau + \gamma_6 w_t^\tau \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

where  $\gamma_1 = \rho \left[ 1 - \frac{z_{11}}{z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2} \right]$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 1 - \frac{z_{11}}{z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2}$ ,  $\gamma_3 = \gamma_7 \rho$  and  $\gamma_4 = \gamma_5 = \gamma_6 = \gamma_7 = \frac{z_{11}}{z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2}$  which is the Kalman gain.  $z_{11}$  can be solved from the positive root of quadratic equation

$$z_{11}^2 + \left( \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \rho^2 \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 - (1 + \alpha^2) \left[ \sigma_w^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right] \right) z_{11} - \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 \left( \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 + (1 + \alpha^2) \left[ \sigma_w^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right] \right) = 0$$

#### D.4.3 Proof of equation 55

Similar to the proof of equation 52, above system of equation can be written as a state equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_t \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_{t-1} \\ w_{t-\tau} \\ w_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_t^\tau \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

and observation(moment) equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{g}_t \\ \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1} \\ \tilde{w}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_t \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \nu_t^\tau \\ \nu_{t-\tau+1} \\ \nu_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

For simplicity I denote  $y_t = \begin{bmatrix} g_t \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\tilde{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{g}_t \\ \tilde{w}_{t-\tau+1} \\ \tilde{w}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\omega_t = \begin{bmatrix} w_t^\tau \\ w_{t-\tau+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v_t = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_t^\tau \\ \nu_{t-\tau+1} \\ \nu_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Following [Hamilton \(2020\)](#) we can solve the conditional expectation of the variance of  $Z = \Sigma_y(t|t)$  follows

$$B [Z - Z (Z + \Sigma_\nu)^{-1} Z] B' + \Sigma_\omega = Z \quad (56)$$

where I omit the observation matrix  $H$  as it is an identity matrix.

Since the second row of  $B$  is zero, the matrix  $D = B X B'$  must follow  $D = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Plugging the matrix  $D$  back to equation 56 yields  $D + \Sigma_\omega = Z$ . Therefore we must have

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} d + \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

By solving the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} - \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \right. \\ & - \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (z_{11} + \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2)^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_w^2 \end{bmatrix} \left. \right\} \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

we can solve out  $z_{11}$  as the positive root of quadratic equation

$$z_{11}^2 + \left( \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \rho^2 \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 - \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 - (1 + \alpha^2) \left[ \sigma_w^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right] \right) z_{11} - \sigma_{\nu^\tau}^2 \left( \sigma_{w^\tau}^2 + (1 + \alpha^2) \left[ \sigma_w^2 - \frac{\sigma_w^4}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_\nu^2} \right] \right) = 0$$

## D.5 Identification Test

**D.5.1 The fundamental impact  $g_t$  is observable.**

**D.5.2 The fundamental impact  $g_t$  is unobservable.**

Figure 31 shows the result of the identification test.

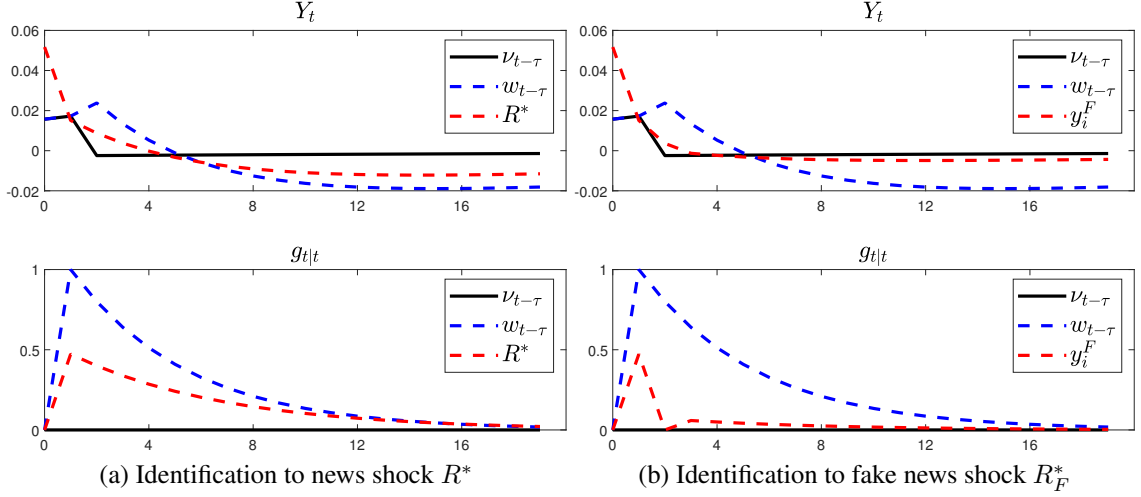


Figure 30: Identification Test to observable fundamental impact

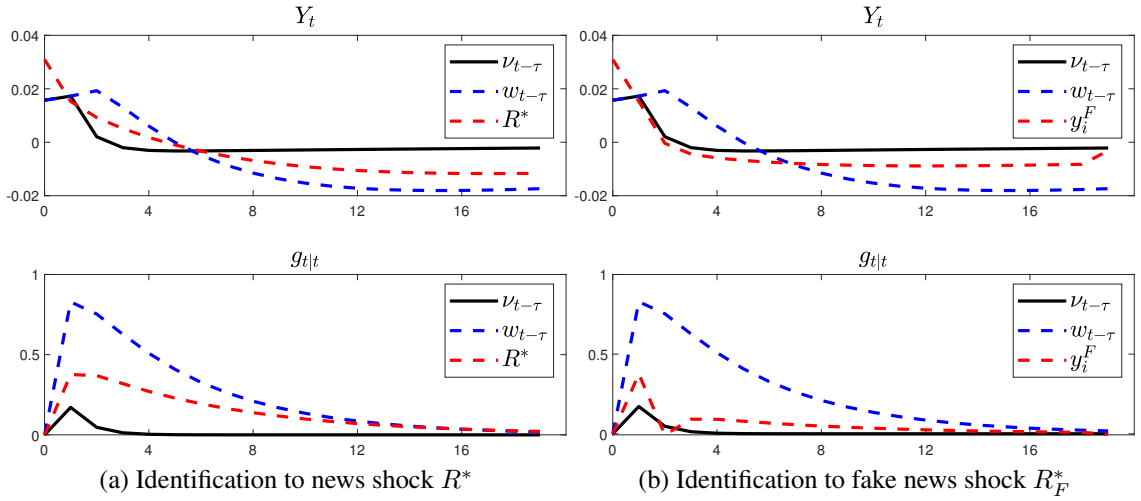


Figure 31: Identification Test to unobservable fundamental impact

## E Perturbation result around the Simple Model

### E.1 Proof of Proposition 2

The Lagrangian of the problem 9 could be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U^i(c_t^i, h_t^i) + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \lambda_t^i \left[ R_t a_{t-1}^i + w_t \varepsilon_t^i + (1 - \delta^H) p_t^H h_{t-1}^i + \pi_t^i + \pi_t^{H,i} - c_t^i - a_t^i - p_t^H h_t^i \right] \\ & + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \mu_t^i (p_t^H h_t^i + a_t^i) \end{aligned}$$

I omit the superscript  $i$  henceforth for convenience. Then the first order condition would be

$$U_{c_t} = \lambda_t \quad (57)$$

$$-\lambda_t + \mu_t + \beta E_t R_{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} = 0 \quad (58)$$

$$U_{h_t} - \lambda_t p_t^H + \mu_t p_t^H + \beta (1 - \delta^H) E_t \lambda_{t+1} p_{t+1}^H = 0 \quad (59)$$

To break the expectation I can rearrange the equation 59 as

$$\begin{aligned} U_{h_t} &= (\lambda_t - \mu_t) p_t^H - (1 - \delta^H) (\lambda_t - \mu_t) \frac{1}{E_t R_{t+1}} E_t p_{t+1}^H + \beta (1 - \delta^H) \frac{cov(\lambda_{t+1}, R_{t+1})}{E_t R_{t+1}} E_t p_{t+1}^H \\ &\quad - \beta (1 - \delta^H) cov(\lambda_{t+1}, p_{t+1}^H) \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

Since the interest rate here is not related to the issue we want to solve, I further assume the exogenous TFP of non-durable goods production function is constant. Together with some assumption on the production function of durable and non-durable goods<sup>31</sup>,  $R_{t+1} = R_t = \bar{R}$  and  $cov(\lambda_{t+1}, R_{t+1}) = 0$  will hold. Combining this assumption I log linearize equation 60 to get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{U}_{h_t} &= \frac{(\lambda - \mu) [p^H - (1 - \delta^H) p^H \frac{1}{\bar{R}}]}{U_h} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\lambda}_t - \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\mu}_t + \frac{p^H}{p^H - (1 - \delta^H) p^H \frac{1}{\bar{R}}} \tilde{p}_t^H - \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{(1 - \delta^H) p^H \frac{1}{\bar{R}} \tilde{p}_{t+1}^H}{p^H - (1 - \delta^H) p^H \frac{1}{\bar{R}}} \right\} - \frac{\beta (1 - \delta^H) \bar{cov}}{U_h} \tilde{cov}_t \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

where  $\tilde{cov}_t$  is the percentage derivation from steady state of  $cov(\lambda_t, p_t^H)$

Then following [Etheridge \(2019\)](#) I expand  $U_{c_t}$  around its steady-state value  $U_c$  to get

$$U_{c_t} \approx U_c + U_{cc} \tilde{c}_t + U_{ch} \tilde{h}_t$$

I rearrange above equation to get

$$\frac{U_{c_t} - U_c}{U_c} = d \ln u_{c_t} = \tilde{U}_{c_t} = \frac{U_{cc} c}{U_c} \tilde{c}_t + \frac{U_{ch} h}{U_c} \tilde{h}_t \quad (62)$$

Similarly expanding  $U_{h_t}$  around its steady-state value  $U_h$  gives

$$\frac{U_{h_t} - U_h}{U_h} = d \ln u_{h_t} = \tilde{U}_{h_t} = \frac{U_{hc} c}{U_h} \tilde{c}_t + \frac{U_{hh} h}{U_h} \tilde{h}_t \quad (63)$$

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<sup>31</sup>The related assumptions are described at appendix [G.1.1](#).

Perturbing around its steady state for equation 57 returns

$$\tilde{U}_{c_t} = \tilde{\lambda}_t \quad (64)$$

Combining equation 61, 62, 63 and 64 I can solve out

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_t = & \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{c,p^H} - \eta_{c,p^c} \right) \tilde{\lambda}_t - \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{c,p^H} \tilde{\mu}_t + \eta_{c,p^H} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \delta^H) \frac{1}{R}} \tilde{p}_t^H - \right. \\ & \left. \frac{(1 - \delta^H) \frac{1}{R}}{1 - (1 - \delta^H) \frac{1}{R}} \tilde{p}_{t+1}^H \right] - \frac{U_{ch}}{U_{ch}^2 - U_{cc} U_{hh}} \frac{\beta (1 - \delta^H) \overline{cov}}{c} \tilde{cov}_t \end{aligned}$$

Then plugging back equation 57 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_t = & \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{c,p^H} - \eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \tilde{h}_t - \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \tilde{\mu}_t + \frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \delta^H) \frac{1}{R}} \tilde{p}_t^H - \right. \\ & \left. \frac{(1 - \delta^H) \frac{1}{R}}{1 - (1 - \delta^H) \frac{1}{R}} \tilde{p}_{t+1}^H \right] - \frac{\eta_c}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \eta_{h,p^h}} \frac{\beta (1 - \delta^H) \overline{cov}}{h} \tilde{cov}_t \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta_{h,p^c}$ ,  $\eta_{h,p^h}$ ,  $\eta_{c,p^H}$ ,  $\eta_{c,p^c}$ ,  $\eta_{ch}$  and  $\eta_c$  are

$$\eta_{c,p^H} = \frac{u_{ch} u_h}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\eta_{c,p^c} = \frac{u_{hh} u_c}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\eta_{h,p^c} = \frac{u_{ch} u_c}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\eta_{h,p^h} = \frac{u_{cc} u_h}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\eta_{ch} = \frac{u_c u_h}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{ch}$$

$$\eta_c = \frac{u_c}{u_{ch}^2 - u_{cc} u_{hh}} \frac{1}{c}$$

## E.2 Derivation of the Definition of Intratemporal Elasticity of substitution

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Firstly, following the standard procedure I first define the optimization problem

$$\max_{c,h} u(c, h)$$

$$\text{s.t. } c + p^h h = y$$

where  $c$  is the consumption,  $p^h$  is the relative price of housing services and  $y$  is the exogenous income. The interior solution implies

$$p^h = \frac{u_h}{u_c}$$

which is used to define the intratemporal elasticity of substitution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES} &= -\frac{d\ln\left(\frac{c}{h}\right)}{d\ln(p^h)} \\ &= -\frac{d\ln\left(\frac{c}{h}\right)}{d\ln\left(\frac{U_c}{U_h}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

### E.3 Proof of Proposition 3

I first use the same production function 21 and 22 which I defined at section 4. Since the sample model in section 3 is frictionless in adjusting housing and physical capital, the goods market clearing condition should be

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= Y_H + Y_N \\ &= C + I_N + I_H \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y_H = I_H$  and  $Y_N = C + I_N$

Combining equation 74 and the market clearing condition of capital I can get

$$\alpha Y_{N,t} + \nu P_t^H Y_{H,t} = (r_t + \delta) K_{t-1}$$

Taking differential on both side of above equation around their steady state will yield

$$\alpha dY_{N,t} + \nu Y_H dP_t^H + \nu P^H dY_{H,t} = 0$$

because the total capital  $K_{t-1}$  is predetermined and  $r_t$  is fixed by assumption. Further because the amount of total housing service at time  $t - 1$ ,  $H_{t-1}$  is predetermined, above equation can be rewritten to

$$\alpha dY_{N,t} + \nu Y_H dP_t^H + \nu P^H dH_t = 0$$

Plugging this back to goods market clearing condition will return the general equilibrium condition of crowding-out effect

$$-I_N \tilde{I}_{N,t} = C \tilde{C}_t + \frac{\nu}{\alpha} Y_H P^H \tilde{P}_t^H + \frac{\nu}{\alpha} P^H H \tilde{H}_t$$

Finally the equation 16 can be obtained by plugging equation 12 into above equation.

## E.4 Proof of Corollary 1

If the household utility function follows the standard CRRA form

$$u_t = \frac{(\phi c_t^\gamma + (1 - \phi) s_t^{1-\gamma})^{\frac{1-\sigma}{1-\gamma}}}{1 - \sigma}$$

Therefore the intratemporal elasticity of substitution will be  $ES = \frac{1}{\gamma}$  and the intertemporal elasticity of substitution will be  $EIS = \frac{1}{\sigma}$  and  $u_{ch} = \phi(1-\phi)(\gamma-\sigma)c^{\gamma-\sigma-1}h^{-\gamma} [\phi + (1-\phi)(\frac{h}{c})^{1-\gamma}]^{\frac{\gamma-\sigma}{1-\gamma}}$ . Then based on the definition of relative force of substitution effect  $\Phi_H$  and wealth effect  $\Phi_{p^H}$  the prove process is straightforward.

## E.5 Proof of Corollary 2

Iterating equation 59 forward with expectation at  $t$  on both side, I can eliminate the intra-price term until time  $T + 1$  with the chain rule of expectation

$$\begin{aligned} U_{h_t} + (\mu_t - \lambda_t) p_t^H + \beta (1 - \delta^H) E_t \lambda_{t+1} p_{t+1}^H &= 0 \\ U_{h_{t+1}} + (\mu_{t+1} - \lambda_{t+1}) p_{t+1}^H + \beta (1 - \delta^H) E_{t+1} \lambda_{t+2} p_{t+2}^H &= 0 \\ U_{h_{t+2}} + (\mu_{t+2} - \lambda_{t+2}) p_{t+2}^H + \beta (1 - \delta^H) E_{t+2} \lambda_{t+3} p_{t+3}^H &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ U_{h_{t+T}} + (\mu_{t+T} - \lambda_{t+T}) p_{t+T}^H + \beta (1 - \delta^H) E_{t+T} \lambda_{t+T+1} p_{t+T+1}^H &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

Multiple  $\frac{\beta(1-\delta^H)\lambda_{t+i}}{\lambda_{t+i}-\mu_{t+i}}$  on both side of above equation will yield (here I only take equation 65 as an example)

$$\frac{\beta(1-\delta^H)\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_{t+1}-\mu_{t+1}} U_{h_{t+1}} - \beta(1-\delta^H)\lambda_{t+1} p_{t+1}^H + \beta(1-\delta^H) \frac{\beta(1-\delta^H)\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_{t+1}-\mu_{t+1}} E_{t+1} \lambda_{t+2} p_{t+2}^H = 0$$

The last term can be rearranged to  $[\beta(1-\delta^H)]^2 E_{t+1} \frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_{t+1}-\mu_{t+1}} \lambda_{t+2} p_{t+2}^H$  because the term  $\frac{\lambda_{t+1}}{\lambda_{t+1}-\mu_{t+1}}$  only contains the term at time  $t+1$  which is known at time  $t+1$ . Then take expectation with the information at time  $t$  on both side of this equation to aggregate as

$$U_{h_t} + \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=1}^T [\beta(1-\delta^H)]^i \left[ \prod_{s=1}^i \frac{\lambda_{t+s}}{\lambda_{t+s}-\mu_{t+s}} \right] U_{h_{t+i}} + \mathbb{E}_t [\beta(1-\delta^H)]^T \prod_{s=1}^T \frac{\lambda_{t+s}}{\lambda_{t+s}-\mu_{t+s}} \lambda_{t+T+1} p_{t+T+1}^H = 0$$

Equation 18 can be derived by take total differential on both side to above equation.

## E.6 Proof of Proposition 4 and 5

The proposition 4 is a straight result of Lemma 6, 9 and 10. Similarly proposition 5 is a straight result of Lemma 14, 16 and 17.

**Lemma 1.** *When the utility function follows Cobb-Douglas formula 91, the monotonicity of parameter  $\Phi_H$ ,  $\Phi_\mu$  and  $\Phi_{p^H}$  is equivalent to  $\tilde{\Phi}_H = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}}$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi}_\mu = \frac{\mu}{\lambda-\mu} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}}$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}_{p^H} = \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}}$  where  $\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} = \phi(1-\phi)^2(1-\sigma)$ ,  $\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c} = \phi(1-\phi)[(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)-1]$ ,  $\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} = \phi^2(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)$ ,  $\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} = \phi(1-\phi)[\phi(1-\sigma)-1]$  and  $\tilde{\eta}_{ch} = \phi(1-\phi)$ .*

*Proof.* Because the proposition 2 and equation 12 is derived around aggregate consumption and residential asset, by plugging the marginal utility function into equation 13, 14 and 15 and rearranging the algebraic structure, we can solve above equations.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h}}$  is monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ ,  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be also monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ , as long as  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  hold.*

*Proof.* Simplify the formula of  $\Phi_H$  to  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h}}$ . If  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h}}$  is monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ ,  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h}) < \frac{\partial(\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma}(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c})$  holds. Further it is easy to check that as long as  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\eta_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{h,p^h}) < \frac{\partial(\eta_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma}(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c})$  holds,  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be also monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ . Because of Lemma 1 we only need to check  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}) < \frac{\partial(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma}(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})$ . Meanwhile  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma} = \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}}{\partial \sigma} - \frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c}}{\partial \sigma} = \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \phi(1-\phi)^2 + \phi(1-\phi)^2$  holds. Therefore as long as  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$ ,  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} > 1$ ,  $\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} < 0$  and  $\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} < 0$ , we will have  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma} < 0$  and the inequality  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}) < \frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})$  will hold.

Additionally, it is easy to yield  $\frac{\partial(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}}{\partial \sigma} - \frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} - \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} = -\phi^2(1-\phi) + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \phi^2(1-\phi) - \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} > \frac{\partial(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} = -\phi^2(1-\phi) + \phi^2(1-\phi)$  as  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} > 1$ ,  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  and  $\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} < 0$ . Therefore by rescaling the inequality  $\frac{\partial(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma}(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c}) > \frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})$  will hold and  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be also monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *If  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  hold,  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ .*

*Proof.* Based on Lemma 1, it is equivalent to show that  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial \sigma}(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}) < \frac{\partial(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma}(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})$ . Because  $\frac{\partial(\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial(\phi(1-\phi))}{\partial \sigma} = 0$ , we only need to prove



$\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial\sigma} < 0$ . It is easy to verify that  $\frac{\partial(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c})}{\partial\sigma} = \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}\frac{\partial\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial\sigma} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\frac{\partial\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}}{\partial\sigma} - \frac{\partial\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c}}{\partial\sigma} = \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}\frac{\partial\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial\sigma} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\phi(1-\phi)^2 + \phi(1-\phi)^2 < 0$  when  $\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} < 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial\sigma} > 0$  and  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} > 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *The stationary capital over effective labor ratio will increase as  $\sigma$  increases in Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model 9 when the housing supply is fixed and initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous.*

*Proof.* The problem 9 can be write as the instantaneous payoff function

$$\max \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \nu(c_t, a_t) \quad (66)$$

where  $\nu = \frac{(c_t^\phi h_t^{*1-\phi})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$  and  $h^* = \max \left( \frac{1-\phi}{\phi} \left[ p^H - (1-\delta^H) \frac{p^H}{R} \right]^{-1} c_t, \frac{-a_t}{\gamma p^H} \right)$  and the constraint correspondence

$$\Gamma(a_{t-1}, c_t, i_{s,t}, \varepsilon_t) = \left\{ (a_t, c_{t+1}, i_{s,t}, \varepsilon_t) \in \left[ -\frac{(1-\phi)\gamma p^H}{\phi \left( p^H - (1-\delta^H) \frac{p^H}{R} \right)} c_t, \bar{a} \right] \times [0, \bar{c}] \times [-\bar{i}_s, \bar{i}_s] : \right. \\ \left. a_t \leq R(Q)a_{t-1} + w(Q)\varepsilon_t - p^H i_{s,t} + T - c_t \right\} \quad (67)$$

Because the aggregate housing supply is fixed, the problem is partial on remain sectors and take the housing price as an exogenous parameter (and the general equilibrium will in the end be pinned down through find the price that match the fixed housing supply with the housing demand  $\int h^* g(h^*) di$ ). Then the real rental rate  $R(Q)$  and real wage  $w(Q)$  will be a function of real effective capital over labor ratio  $Q = \frac{K}{AL}$ .

Then following the theorem 5 and proposition 1 in [Acemoglu and Jensen \(2015\)](#),  $\sigma$  is a positive shock and  $Q$  is monotonic increasing in  $\sigma$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.**  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$ ,  $\frac{\partial\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial\sigma} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial\sigma} > 0$  holds in Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model 9 when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left( \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left( \frac{\delta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds.

*Proof.*  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} > 1$  is obvious as  $\lambda$  is the marginal utility which is a positive number in 57 and  $\mu$  is the Khun-Tucker multiplier which is also positive. Following Lemma 4 we know that when  $\sigma$  increases,  $Q$  will also increase. Because of the market clearing condition  $AK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha} = C + \delta K$  we can solve  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial\sigma} = \frac{\partial(AK^\alpha L^{1-\alpha} - \delta K)}{\partial K} \frac{\partial K}{\partial\sigma} = (\alpha A (\frac{K}{L})^{\alpha-1} - \delta) \frac{\partial K}{\partial\sigma} > 0$ . Therefore the marginal utility  $\lambda$  is a monotonic decreasing function of  $\sigma$ .

Additionally, by integrating and combining equation 78 and 81 across household we can get the relationship between aggregate Khun-Tucker multiplier and marginal utility  $\mu = (\beta R - 1) \lambda$ . Therefore as long as  $\beta R < 1$  holds, the Khun-Tucker multiplier will have the opposite mono-

tonicity as  $\lambda$  and it is guaranteed by  $K < \left(\frac{1-\beta}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha A}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$ . Hence, we can yield  $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *The substitution effect  $\Phi_H$  will decrease as relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution higher, when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left(\frac{1-\beta}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha A}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left(\frac{\delta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds.*

*Proof.* Lemma 6 is a direct inference from Lemma 2, 3, 4 and 5.  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *If  $\frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \eta_{h,p^h}}$  is monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ ,  $\frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be also monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ , as long as  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  hold.*

*Proof.* Similar to Lemma 2, because of Lemma 1, given  $\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\partial \sigma} (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}) < \frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{ch}$ , we need to check  $\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\partial \sigma} \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right) < \frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{ch}$ . Since  $\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\partial \sigma} = 0$ , we only need to check  $\frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{ch} > \frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{ch}$  which is true because  $\frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} > \frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma}$  (shown in Lemma 2) and  $\tilde{\eta}_{ch} > 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 8.**  *$\frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be also monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ , as long as  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  hold.*

*Proof.* Following Lemma 1, we can get the monotonicity of  $\frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \eta_{h,p^h}}$  by checking

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\partial \sigma} \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right) = 0 < \frac{\partial \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right)}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{ch}$$

Because  $\tilde{\eta}_{ch} > 0$ , we need  $\frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  to let  $\frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \eta_{h,p^h}}$  monotonic decreasing in  $\sigma$ . It is straightforward as  $\frac{\partial (\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h})}{\partial \sigma} = -\phi^2(1-\phi) - \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \phi^2(1-\phi) > 0$  because of  $\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} < 0$ ,  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 9.** *The wealth effect  $\Phi_{p^H}$  will decrease as relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution higher, when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left(\frac{1-\beta}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha A}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left(\frac{\delta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds.*

*Proof.* Lemma 9 is a direct inference from Lemma 5 and 8.  $\square$

**Lemma 10.** *The credit effect  $\Phi_\mu$  will increase as relative intratemporal elasticity of substitution higher, when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous;  $\left(\frac{1-\beta}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha A}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left(\frac{\delta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds and the aggregate Khun-Tucker multiplier is not too large.*

*Proof.* Based on lemma 1 we can show that  $\frac{\partial \Phi_{p^H}}{\partial \sigma} \cong \frac{\partial \left( \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \right)}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\partial \left( \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \right)}{\partial \sigma} + \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \frac{\partial \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu}}{\partial \sigma}$ . Further because  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} > 1$ , which comes from Lemma 5 and 8, the inequality  $\frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} > \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} = 1$  holds. Meanwhile since  $\frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} = \frac{1}{\frac{\lambda}{\mu} - 1}$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  hold,  $\frac{\partial \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  is obvious.

As  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} > 1$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , we must have  $\frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} > 0$ . Combining Lemma 8, we can yield the conclusion that  $\frac{\partial \Phi_{p^H}}{\partial \sigma} > 0$  as long as  $\mu$  is not too large to induce  $\left| \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu} \frac{\partial \left( \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \right)}{\partial \sigma} \right| > \left| \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \frac{\partial \frac{\mu}{\lambda - \mu}}{\partial \sigma} \right|$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 11.** *The stationary capital over effective labor ratio will increase as collateral constraint  $\gamma$  increases in Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model 9 when the housing supply is fixed and initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous.*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof process of Lemma 4, we can reconstruct the how problem to payoff function 66 and constraint 67. Then because the collateral constraint is endogenous, we first

need to explore the direction of  $\frac{\partial \frac{(1-\phi)\gamma p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} c_t}{\partial \gamma}$  which I will show by induction below.

If  $\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \gamma} \geq -\frac{c_t}{\gamma}$ , then  $\frac{\partial \frac{(1-\phi)\gamma p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} c_t}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{(1-\phi)p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} c_t + \frac{(1-\phi)p^H \gamma}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \gamma} \geq 0$  will hold with a slacker constraint. Further we can show that  $\frac{\partial h^*}{\partial \gamma} \geq \frac{(1-\phi)}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \gamma}$ . By taking derivative with respect to  $\gamma$  on both side of the budge constraint in 67 we know that  $\frac{\partial a_t}{\partial \gamma} \leq -\left[1 + \frac{(1-\phi)p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})}\right] \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \gamma} \leq \left[1 + \frac{(1-\phi)p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})}\right] \frac{c_t}{\gamma} < \frac{(1-\phi)p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} c_t + \frac{(1-\phi)p^H \gamma}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \gamma}$ . However this means the decreasing speed of  $a_t$  is larger than the decreasing speed of collateral constraint, which violates the meaning of collateral constraint. Therefore  $\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \gamma} < -\frac{c_t}{\gamma}$  will hold

and we can yield  $\frac{\partial \frac{(1-\phi)\gamma p^H}{\phi(p^H - (1-\delta^H)\frac{p^H}{R})} c_t}{\partial \gamma} < 0$  for sure.

Then based on the Lemma 1, Theorem 5 and Proposition 1 in Acemoglu and Jensen (2015),  $\gamma$  is a positive shock and the stationary capital over effective labor ratio  $Q$  is monotonic increasing in  $\gamma$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 12.**  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu} \geq 1$ ,  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$  holds in Aiyagari-Bewley-Huggett model 9 when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left(\frac{1-\beta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left(\frac{\delta}{\alpha A}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds.

*Proof.* The demonstration process is similar to Lemma 5 as  $\gamma$  is also a positive price following Lemma 11 and it shares the same monotonicity as  $\sigma$  on  $\frac{\mu}{\lambda}$  and  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \mu}$  when the stationary consumption  $C$  increases.  $\square$

**Lemma 13.**  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{c,p^H}-\eta_{c,p^c}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\eta_{h,p^h}}$  is monotonic decreasing in  $\gamma$ , as long as  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$  hold.

*Proof.* Because of Lemma 1, we only need to check whether  $\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H}-\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}}$  is monotonic decreasing in  $\gamma$ . It is easy to calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} - \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c} \right)}{\partial \gamma} \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right) - \frac{\partial \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right)}{\partial \gamma} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} - \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \right) \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} + \phi(1-\phi) \right] + \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \left[ \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} - 1 \right) \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} + \phi(1-\phi) \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} \phi(1-\phi) (\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} + \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\frac{\partial \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} - \tilde{\eta}_{c,p^c} \right)}{\partial \gamma} < 0$  holds as  $\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} + \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} < 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 14.** The substitution effect  $\Phi_H$  will decrease as collateral constraint is slacker, when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left( \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left( \frac{\delta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds.

*Proof.* It is a straightforward conclusion from Lemma 12 and 13.  $\square$

**Lemma 15.**  $\frac{\eta_{ch}}{\eta_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\eta_{h,p^h}}$  will be monotonic decreasing in  $\gamma$ , as long as  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$  hold.

*Proof.* Because of Lemma 1, we only need to check whether  $\frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}}$  is monotonic decreasing in  $\gamma$ . It is easy to calculate

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\partial \gamma} \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right) - \frac{\partial \left( \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \right)}{\partial \gamma} \tilde{\eta}_{ch} = \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} \tilde{\eta}_{ch}$$

Hence  $\frac{\partial \left( \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c}-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \right)}{\partial \gamma} < 0$  holds as  $\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h} < 0$ ,  $\tilde{\eta}_{ch} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 16.** The wealth effect  $\Phi_{p^H}$  will decrease as collateral constraint is slacker, when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous and  $\left( \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left( \frac{\delta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds.

*Proof.* Lemma 16 is a direct inference from Lemma 12 and 15.  $\square$

**Lemma 17.** The credit effect  $\Phi_\mu$  will increase as collateral constraint is slacker, when the housing supply is fixed; initial housing distribution over dynamic path is exogenous ;  $\left( \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L > K > \left( \frac{\delta}{\alpha A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} L$  holds and the aggregate Khun-Tucker multiplier is not too large.

*Proof.* Similar to Lemma 10, we can yield  $\frac{\partial \frac{\mu}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$  because  $\frac{\mu}{\lambda-\mu} = \frac{1}{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}-1}$  and  $\frac{\partial \frac{\mu}{\lambda}}{\partial \gamma} > 0$  from Lemma 12. Therefore as long as the aggregate Khun-Tucker multiplier is not too large to violate  $\frac{\partial \frac{\mu}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} \left| \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} \right| > \frac{\partial \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}}{\partial \gamma} \frac{\mu}{\lambda-\mu} \phi(1-\phi) |\tilde{\eta}_{c,p^H} + \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}|$ , the credit effect is monotonic increasing in  $\gamma$  because  $\frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ch}}{\tilde{\eta}_{h,p^c} - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \tilde{\eta}_{h,p^h}} > 0$  which we can induce from  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu} \geq 1$  in Lemma 12 and 1.  $\square$

## F Toy model with global solution

Given the budget constraint of household

$$c_0 + a_1 + p_0 [s_1 - (1 - \delta^h)s_0] = (1 + R_0)a_0 + w_0 + \pi_0^h + \pi_0$$

$$c_1 + a_2 + p_1 [s_2 - (1 - \delta^h)s_1] = (1 + R_1)a_1 + w_1 + \pi_1^h + \pi_1$$

$$c_2 = (1 + R_2)a_2 + p_2(1 - \delta^h)s_2 + w_2 + \pi_2^h + \pi_2$$

From utility function and FOC of household we can get the key equation

$$u_{c_0} \left[ p_0 - \frac{1}{1 + R_1}(1 - \delta^h)p_1 \right] = u_{s_1} \quad (68)$$

Then if we assume the utility function is non-separable such that

$$u_t = \frac{(c_t^\nu s_t^{1-\nu})^{1-\sigma}}{1 - \sigma}$$

By using the Euler equation of consumption as well as housing we can simplify equation 68 to

$$\left[ p_0 - \frac{1}{1 + R_1}(1 - \delta^h)p_1 \right] = \frac{c_1}{s_1^\Phi s_0^\Psi}$$

### F.1 General equilibrium is important

A perturb happened at  $p_1$  will decrease  $c_1$  which in turn decrease  $c_2$ . If  $p_0$ ,  $s_1$  and  $R_1$  not change. (This is the total effect of substitution and income as we derive from max utility which means from Marshallian demand function. This is pseudo-effect as we assume  $s_1$  fixed)

However this analysis is based on the assumption that  $p_0$ ,  $s_1$  and  $R_1$  will not change. Now we assume  $s_1$  is not changed. Meanwhile the production is  $Y_t = Aa_t$  so that  $R_t = MPK = A$  which means  $R_1$  will also be fixed. Which direction of  $p_0$  changed?

The answer is that any small perturb increased happened in  $p_1$  which returns  $\tilde{p}_1 = p_1 + \varepsilon$ ,  $p_0$  will increase relative amount to make sure  $p_0 - (1 - \delta^h)p_1$  is fixed. This tells us that  $c_1$  will in

fact not change at all.<sup>32</sup>

Later we can also proof that given the decreasing return to scale production function such as  $Y_t = Aa_t^\alpha$  will not change the result.

Intuition: Given  $p_1$  increased, the household want to buy more  $s_1$  at period 0. The fixed  $s_1$  will caused  $p_0$  increases a lot to even offset the wealth effect. If we assume  $s_1$  increases and  $p_0$  not change ( $s_1$  supply increased to the level that just fulfill the demand and  $p_0$  does not change) the direction of  $c_1$  will depends on the extent of increased  $s_1$  and intratemporal substitution and intertemporal substitution). Another condition,  $p_0$  increases more than related to  $\frac{1}{1+R_1}(1 - \delta^h)p_1$  is somehow less likely as an expectation causes a much higher inflation this period.

## F.2 House supply is the key to determine non-durable consumption

Now we losse the assumption that  $s_1$  does not change. From last section we know that under general equilibrium as long as the house supply does not increase, then no matter how large changed in  $p_1$ ,  $c_1$  will not change anymore because  $p_0$  will adjusted one-to-one with it.

This give us the argument that the house supply or elasticity of house supply is much more important than scholar's focusing, as most of time we just take it as an IV in empirical research.

A right-hand shift in period 0 house demand(caused by a perturb in  $p_1$ ) happened, the elasticity of house supply then determine the equilibrium changed in  $s$ . We have prove at previous section that when  $e_1 = 0$ , the increased  $p_0$  will caused  $c_0$  not change. In other words, under the most increased  $p_0$ ,  $c_0$  not changed. Then assume  $e_1 > 0$ ,  $\Delta p_0$  will decrease. LHS of equation 68 decrease. But because the intratemporal effect is larger than intertemporal effect,  $c_1$  and  $c_0$  will increase. In other words, the degree of elasticity of house supply determinate the non-durable consumption.

## F.3 Unseparable utility function

### F.3.1 partial effect

If the utility function is

$$u_t = \frac{(c_t^\nu s_t^{1-\nu})^{1-\sigma}}{1 - \sigma}$$

then we will have

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} &= \beta R_1 s_1^{(1-\sigma)(1-\nu)} c_1^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \\ s_1^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_1^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} &= \beta R_2 s_2^{(1-\sigma)(1-\nu)} c_2^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>32</sup>The proof process is simple using induction. Given  $p_0$  increases little but not enough to offset total decreased  $c_1$ . Then  $c_1$  and  $c_0$  will decreases little. Then using budget constraint,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  will relatively changed. Then to the final period we can get a contradiction. Inversely given  $p_0$  increases a lot to result in  $c_1$  increassing, we can get similar contradiction.

$$\nu s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} p_0 = \beta \nu s_1^{(1-\sigma)(1-\nu)} c_1^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} p_1 (1 - \delta^h) + \beta (1 - \nu) c_1^{\nu(1-\sigma)} s_1^{\nu(\sigma-1)-\sigma}$$

$$\nu s_1^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_1^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} p_1 = \beta \nu s_2^{(1-\sigma)(1-\nu)} c_2^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} p_2 (1 - \delta^h) + \beta (1 - \nu) c_2^{\nu(1-\sigma)} s_2^{\nu(\sigma-1)-\sigma}$$

Then we will solve out  $c_1, c_2, s_1, s_2$  by these four equations

$$c_1 = \left[ \frac{1}{\beta R_1} \right]^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}{\sigma}} \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta} \left[ p_0 - \frac{1}{R_1} p_1 (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{-\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \left[ s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}{c_1^{\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left[ p_0 - \frac{1}{R_1} p_1 (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}} \\ &= \left[ s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta} \left[ p_0 - \frac{1}{R_1} p_1 (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1} \frac{\nu(1-\sigma)}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta R_1} \right]^{\frac{\nu(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_2 &= \left[ \frac{1}{\beta^2 R_1 R_2} \right]^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}{\sigma}} \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta^2 R_1} \left[ p_1 - \frac{1}{R_2} p_2 (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{-\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \left[ s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_2 &= \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta^2 R_1} \frac{s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}{c_2^{\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left[ p_1 - \frac{1}{R_2} p_2 (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}} \\ &= \left[ s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta^2 R_1} \left[ p_1 - \frac{1}{R_2} p_2 (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1} \frac{\nu(1-\sigma)}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta^2 R_1 R_2} \right]^{\frac{\nu(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \end{aligned}$$

Under infinite horizon we will have

$$\begin{aligned} c_t &= \left[ \frac{1}{\beta^t \prod_{i=1}^t R_i} \right]^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}{\sigma}} \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta^t \prod_{i=1}^{t-1} R_i} \left[ p_{t-1} - \frac{1}{R_t} p_t (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{-\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \left[ s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}} \end{aligned}$$

$$s_t = \left[ \frac{1}{\beta^t \prod_{i=1}^t R_i} \right]^{\frac{\nu(1-\sigma)}{\sigma}} \left\{ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \frac{1}{\beta^t \prod_{i=1}^{t-1} R_i} \left[ p_{t-1} - \frac{1}{R_t} p_t (1 - \delta^h) \right] \right\}^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1} \frac{\nu(1-\sigma)}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)-1}} \left[ s_0^{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)} c_0^{\nu(1-\sigma)-1} \right]^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

### F.3.2 Other utility function

If the utility function is

$$u_t = \log (c_t^\nu s_t^{1-\nu})$$

then no GE effect

If the utility function is

$$u_t = \log (c_t^\nu + s_t^{1-\nu})$$

still unsolvable.

## F.4 Standard utility function

### F.4.1 general effect

No we assume that the utility function is no longer logarithmic such that

$$u_t = \frac{(c_t^\nu s_t^{1-\nu})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

Then we have two key market clearing condition that

$$a_2 = A_1 a_1^\alpha - c_1 + (1-\delta)a_1 = A_1 a_1^\alpha - c_0 (\beta R_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + (1-\delta)a_1$$

$$(1-\delta)a_2 + A_2 a_2^\alpha = c_2 = c_0 (\beta^2 R_1 R_2)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_2} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}$$



Based on these two equations we can rewrite equation as

$$\begin{aligned}
(1-\delta) & \left[ A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^\alpha - c_0 (\beta \alpha A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + \right. \\
& \quad \left. (1-\delta) (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) \right] + \\
A_2 & \left[ A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^\alpha - c_0 (\beta \alpha A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + \right. \\
& \quad \left. (1-\delta) (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) \right] = \\
& \quad c_0 \left\{ \beta^2 \alpha^2 A_1 A_2 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^{\alpha-1} \right. \\
& \quad \left[ A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^\alpha - c_0 (\beta \alpha A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + (1-\delta) (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) \right]^{\alpha-1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_2} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}
\end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

Similarly we set  $\alpha = 1$ , equation 69 becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
(1-\delta) & \left[ A_1 (A_0 a_0 + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) - c_0 (\beta \alpha A_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + \right. \\
& \quad \left. (1-\delta) (A_0 a_0 + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) \right] + \\
A_2 & \left[ A_1 (A_0 a_0 + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) - c_0 (\beta \alpha A_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + \right. \\
& \quad \left. (1-\delta) (A_0 a_0 + (1-\delta)a_0 - c_0) \right] = \\
& \quad c_0 (\beta^2 \alpha^2 A_1 A_2)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_2} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can solve the  $c_0$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
c_0 &= \frac{(A_2 + 1 - \delta) (A_1 + 1 - \delta) (A_0 a_0 + (1-\delta)a_0)}{(A_2 + 1 - \delta) \left[ A_1 + 1 - \delta + (\beta \alpha A_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} \right] + (\beta^2 \alpha^2 A_1 A_2)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_2} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}} \\
&= \frac{(A_2 + 1 - \delta) (A_1 + 1 - \delta) (A_0 a_0 + (1-\delta)a_0)}{(A_2 + 1 - \delta) \left[ A_1 + 1 - \delta + (\beta \alpha A_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{(1-\delta^h)s_0 + \bar{s}_1} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} \right] + (\beta^2 \alpha^2 A_1 A_2)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{\bar{s}_2 + (1-\delta^h)\bar{s}_1 + (1-\delta^h)^2 s_0} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}}
\end{aligned}$$

Under the GE and determined economy,  $c_0$  can only be decided by the equalized house stock. It is intuitive as in the end because all excess profit are payback by construction companies and consumption is mainly determined by IES & market cleaning condition. If we assume that good market clean does not involve construction industry, the house market can only affect the consumption via the Euler equation of asset. Here  $\bar{s}_2$  decreases will lead  $p_2$  increase, but it

increase  $c_0$  at the same time.

## F.4.2 Infinite horizon condition

The market cleaning condition will be

$$a_1 = A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1 - \delta) a_0 - c_0$$

$$a_2 = A_1 a_1^\alpha - c_1 + (1 - \delta) a_1$$

$$a_3 = A_2 a_2^\alpha - c_2 + (1 - \delta) a_2$$

$$(1 - \delta) a_\infty + A_\infty a_\infty^\alpha = c_\infty = c_0 \left( \beta^3 R_1 R_2 R_3 \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}$$

$$c_0 = \frac{(A_0 a_0 + (1 - \delta) a_0) \prod_{t=1}^{\infty} (A_t + 1 - \delta)}{\sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \prod_{i=t}^T (A_i + 1 - \delta) \right] (\beta^{t-1} \alpha^{t-1} \prod_{i=0}^{t-1} A_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_{t-1}} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + \left( \beta^T \alpha^T \prod_{t=0}^T A_t \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{s_T} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}}$$

when

$$= \frac{(A_0 a_0 + (1 - \delta) a_0) \prod_{t=1}^T (A_t + 1 - \delta)}{\sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \prod_{i=t}^T (A_i + 1 - \delta) \right] (\beta^{t-1} \alpha^{t-1} \prod_{i=0}^{t-1} A_i)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{\sum_{i=0}^{t-1} (1-\delta^h)^i \bar{s}_i} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}} + \left( \beta^T \alpha^T \prod_{t=0}^T A_t \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\nu(1-\sigma)}} \left( \frac{s_0}{\sum_{i=0}^T (1-\delta^h)^i \bar{s}_i} \right)^{\frac{(1-\nu)(1-\sigma)}{\nu(1-\sigma)-1}}}$$

normalizes  $A_0 = 1$

## F.5 Separable utility function

### F.5.1 partial effect

$$c_1 = c_0 (\beta R_1)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

$$c_2 = c_0 (\beta^2 R_1 R_2)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

$$s_1 = [p_0 R_1 - p_1 (1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}}$$

$$s_2 = [p_1 R_2 - p_2 (1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & c_0 (\beta^2 R_1 R_2)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + R_2 c_0 (\beta R_1)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + R_1 R_2 c_0 + \\ & R_2 p_1 \left\{ [p_1 R_2 - p_2 (1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} - (1 - \delta^h) [p_0 R_1 - p_1 (1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} \right\} + \\ & R_1 R_2 p_0 \left\{ [p_0 R_1 - p_1 (1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} - p_0 (1 - \delta^h) \right\} = \\ & R_0 R_1 R_2 a_0 + R_1 R_2 (w_0 + \pi_0) + R_2 (w_1 + \pi_1) + w_2 + \pi_2 \\ & + p_2 (1 - \delta^h) [p_1 R_2 - p_2 (1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{p_1} = & R_2 \left\{ [p_1 R_2 - p_2(1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} - (1 - \delta^h) [p_0 R_1 - p_1(1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} \right\} \\
& + R_2 p_1 \left\{ -\frac{1}{\nu} R_2 [p_1 R_2 - p_2(1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1+\nu}{\nu}} - \frac{1}{\nu} (1 - \delta^h)^2 [p_0 R_1 - p_1(1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1+\nu}{\nu}} \right\} \\
& + \frac{(1 - \delta^h)}{\nu} R_1 R_2 p_0 [p_0 R_1 - p_1(1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1+\nu}{\nu}} + \frac{1}{\nu} p_2 R_2 (1 - \delta^h) [p_1 R_2 - p_2(1 - \delta^h)]^{-\frac{1+\nu}{\nu}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$F_{c_0} = (\beta^2 R_1 R_2)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + R_2 (\beta R_1)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + R_1 R_2$$

## F.5.2 general effect

$$a_1 = A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1 - \delta) a_0 - c_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_2 = & A_1 [A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1 - \delta) a_0 - c_0]^\alpha - c_0 [\beta \alpha A_1 (A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1 - \delta) a_0 - c_0)^{\alpha-1}]^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \\
& + (1 - \delta) [A_0 a_0^\alpha + (1 - \delta) a_0 - c_0]
\end{aligned}$$

we can solve  $c_0$  by

$$(1 - \delta) a_2 + A_2 a_2^\alpha = c_0 (\beta^2 \alpha^2 A_1 A_2 (a_1 a_2)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$$

which means it is predetermined.

# G Equilibrium condition of the full fledged model

## G.1 Focs

### G.1.1 Focs in production sector

In this section I show that there exists an knife-edge equilibrium in which along the dynamic transition path real rental rate and wage is fixed, as long as the TFP does not change.

The non-durable goods producer solve the problem

$$\max_{K_n, L_n} A_n K_{n,t}^\alpha L_{n,t}^{1-\alpha} - (r_t + \delta) K_{n,t} - w L_{n,t}$$

to yield the Foc

$$(1 - \alpha) A_n K_{n,t}^\alpha L_{n,t}^{-\alpha} = w_t \quad (70)$$

and

$$\alpha A_n K_{n,t-1}^{\alpha-1} L_{n,t}^{1-\alpha} = r_t + \delta \quad (71)$$

Similarly the durable goods producer solve the problem

$$\max_{K_h, L_h} \Pi^h = p_t^h A_h \bar{L}_t^\theta K_{h,t}^\nu L_{h,t}^\iota - (r_t + \delta) K_{h,t} - w L_h$$

to yield the Foc

$$\iota A_h p_t^h \bar{L}_t^\theta K_{h,t}^\nu L_{h,t}^{\iota-1} = w_t \quad (72)$$

and

$$\nu A_h p_t^h \bar{L}_t^\theta K_{h,t}^{\nu-1} L_{h,t}^\iota = r_t + \delta \quad (73)$$

Combine equation 71 and 73 will yield

$$\frac{\nu p_t^h Y_{H,t}}{K_{h,t}} = r_t + \delta = \frac{\alpha Y_{N,t}}{K_{n,t}} \quad (74)$$

It is easy to check that when  $\frac{\iota}{\nu} = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}$  the real rental rate and wage at time  $t$  is fixed, as long as the total capital used at time  $t$ ,  $K_{t-1}$  and labor  $L_t$  is fixed. I attach the proof process below.

By dividing equation 70, 71, 72 and 73 with each other I can get the relative input sharing condition

$$\frac{\iota \alpha}{\nu (1 - \alpha)} \frac{K_{h,t}}{K_{n,t}} \frac{L_{n,t}}{L_{h,t}} = 1$$

when  $\frac{\iota}{\nu} = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}$  holds, above equation will change to  $\frac{K_{h,t}}{K_{n,t}} = \frac{L_{n,t}}{L_{h,t}}$ .

Furthermore, the relative value of  $K_{n,t}$  and  $L_{n,t}$  can be pinned down with the market clearing condition  $K_{H,t-1} = K_{h,t} + K_{n,t}$  and  $L_t = L_{h,t} + L_{n,t}$ . In section 3 I assume that the labor supply is exogenous which will help to demonstrate that the relative value of  $K_{n,t}$  and  $L_{n,t}$  follows

$$\frac{K_{n,t}}{L_{n,t}} = \frac{K_{H,t-1}}{L} \frac{1 + \frac{K_{n,t}}{L_{n,t}}}{1 + \frac{K_{h,t}}{L_{h,t}}}$$

Because  $K_{H,t-1}$  is predetermined and  $\frac{K_{h,t}}{K_{n,t}} = \frac{L_{n,t}}{L_{h,t}}$ , the  $\frac{K_{n,t}}{L_{n,t}}$  is fixed. Therefore  $r_t$  is fixed from equation 74.

### G.1.2 Focs in consumer sector

The household solve the problem

$$\begin{aligned} V(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) &= \max_{h_t, x_t, l_t, c_t} U(c_t, h_t, l_t) + \beta EV(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t) \\ \text{s.t. } c_t + x_t + (1 - \gamma) p_t^h h_t &= [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} + R_t x_{t-1} \\ &+ (1 - \tau) w_t l_t \varepsilon_{t-1} - p_t^h C(h_t, h_{t-1}) + T_t \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

and

$$x_t \geq 0$$

The related Lagrange is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & U(c_t, h_t, l_t) + \beta E_t V(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t) \\ & + \lambda_t [c_t + x_t + (1 - \gamma) p_t^h h_t - [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} \\ & - R_t x_{t-1} - (1 - \tau) w_t l_t \varepsilon_{t-1} + p_t^h C(h_t, h_{t-1}) - T_t] \\ & + \mu_t x_t \end{aligned}$$

Then the FOCs related to consumer's problem will be

$$U_{c,t} + \lambda_t = 0 \quad (76)$$

$$U_{h,t} + \beta E_t V_{h,t} + \lambda_t (1 - \gamma + C_{h,t}) p_t^h = 0 \quad (77)$$

$$\beta E_t V_{x,t} + \lambda_t + \mu_t = 0 \quad (78)$$

$$U_{l,t} - \lambda_t (1 - \tau) w_t \varepsilon_{t-1} = 0 \quad (79)$$

The envelop conditions are

$$V_h(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = -\lambda_t [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h - C_{h,t-1}(h_t, h_{t-1}) p_t^h] \quad (80)$$

$$V_x(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = -\lambda_t R_t \quad (81)$$

### G.1.3 Steady State condition in production sector

## G.2 Alternative Setting to Capital Producer

### G.2.1 Capital Producer(Setting I)

The capital producer uses final nondurable goods  $Y_N$  to produce capital following the maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max (Q_t - 1) I_t - f(I_t, K_{t-1}) K_{t-1} \\ \text{s.t. } & f(I_t, K_{t-1}) = \frac{\psi_{I,1}}{\psi_{I,2}} \left( \frac{I_t}{K_{t-1}} - \bar{\delta} \right)^{\psi_{I,2}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\delta}$  is the steady-state investment rate.

By solving above optimization problem I could get the capital price as a convex function of

investment which is shown below

$$Q_t = 1 + \psi_{I,1} \left( \frac{I_t}{K_{t-1}} - \bar{\delta} \right)^{\psi_{I,2}-1}$$

So the goods market clearing condition will become

$$Y_{N,t} = C_t + I_t + f(I_t, K_{t-1}) K_{t-1} + p^h C(h', h)$$

### G.2.2 Capital Producer(Setting II)

The capital producer uses final nondurable goods  $Y_N$  to produce capital following the maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max Q_t I_t - f(I_t, K_{t-1}) K_{t-1} \\ \text{s.t. } & f(I_t, K_{t-1}) = \frac{\bar{\delta}^{-1/\phi}}{1 + 1/\phi} \left( \frac{I_t}{K_{t-1}} \right)^{1+1/\phi} + \frac{\bar{\delta}}{\phi + 1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\delta}$  is the steady-state investment rate following  $\bar{\delta} = \frac{\bar{I}}{\bar{K}}$

By solving above optimization problem I could get the capital price as a convex function of investment which is shown below

$$Q_t = \left( \frac{I_t}{K_{t-1} \bar{\delta}} \right)^{1+1/\phi}$$

So the goods market clearing condition will become

$$Y_{N,t} = C_t + f(I_t, K_{t-1}) K_{t-1} + p^h C(h', h)$$

### G.2.3 Capital Producer(Setting III)

The capital producer uses final nondurable goods  $Y_N$  to produce capital following the maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max Q_t f(I_t, K_{t-1}) K_{t-1} - I_t \\ \text{s.t. } & f(I_t, K_{t-1}) = \frac{\bar{\delta}^{1/\phi}}{1 - 1/\phi} \left( \frac{I_t}{K_{t-1}} \right)^{1-1/\phi} - \frac{\bar{\delta}}{\phi + 1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\delta}$  is the steady-state investment rate.

By solving above optimization problem I could get the capital price as a convex function of investment which is shown below

$$Q_t = \left( \frac{I_t}{K_{t-1}\delta} \right)^{1-1/\phi}$$

and the law of motion of capital will become

$$K_t = (1 - \delta)K_{t-1} + f(I_t, K_{t-1}) K_{t-1}$$

The goods market clearing condition will become

$$Y_{N,t} = C_t + I_t + p^h C(h', h)$$

#### G.2.4 Capital Producer(Setting IV)

The capital producer uses final nondurable goods  $Y_N$  to produce capital following the maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max E_t \sum_{\tau=t}^{\infty} \beta^{\tau-t} \Lambda_{t,t+\tau} \{ (Q_{\tau} - 1) I_{\tau} - f(I_{\tau}, I_{\tau-1}) I_{\tau} \} \\ \text{s.t. } f(I_{\tau}, I_{\tau-1}) = \frac{\psi_{I,1}}{\psi_{I,2}} \left( \frac{I_{\tau}}{I_{\tau-1}} - 1 \right)^{\psi_{I,2}} \end{aligned}$$

By solving above optimization problem I could get the capital price as a convex function of investment which is shown below

$$\begin{aligned} Q_t = 1 + \frac{\psi_{I,1}}{\psi_{I,2}} \left( \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} - 1 \right)^{\psi_{I,2}} + \psi_{I,1} \left( \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} - 1 \right)^{\psi_{I,2}-1} \frac{I_t}{I_{t-1}} - \\ E_t \beta \Lambda_{t,t+1} \psi_{I,1} \left( \frac{I_{t+1}}{I_t} - 1 \right)^{\psi_{I,2}-1} \left( \frac{I_{t+1}}{I_t} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

So the goods market clearing condition will become

$$Y_{N,t} = C_t + I_t + f(I_t, I_{t-1}) I_{t-1} + p^h C(h', h)$$

## H Numerical solution

### H.1 Calibration to full fledged model

All the parameters related to production sector are selected from literature. The depreciation rate of physical capital is 0.03 which implies 12% annually. The depreciation rate of housing service is estimated from data which is constructed by [Rognlie et al. \(2018\)](#) as my model in supply side is too simple to use the gross GDP in NIPA. Therefore I use the GDP constructed by [Rognlie et al. \(2018\)](#) which is more suitable to this simple supply side. The depreciation rate

of housing service is roughly 1.9% quarterly which is in line with [Kaplan et al. \(2020\)](#). The relative share of production factors in construction function  $\nu$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\iota$  comes from [Favilukis et al. \(2017\)](#). The last three parameters, exogenous land supply, TFP in production function and TFP in construction function, together with other parameters in household problem, are selected to match the real gross rate, labor demand, liquid asset over GDP and iliquid asset over GDP.

Table 10: Parameter Values from Calibration

Parameter	Value	Description
$\delta$	0.03	Depreciation rate of physical capital
$\delta^h$	0.01873	Depreciation rate of housing service
$\alpha$	0.36	Capital share in production function
$\nu$	0.27	Capital share in construction function
$\iota$	0.36	Labor share in construction function
$\theta$	0.1	Land share in construction function
$\overline{\mathcal{L}}$	4.95	Land supply
$A_n$	0.67	TFP in production function
$A_h$	2.75	TFP in construction function

Table 11: Presetted Parameter Values

Parameter	Value	Description
$\sigma_L$	0	Depreciation rate of physical capital
$\sigma_{m_4^L}$	$\infty$	Depreciation rate of housing service
$\sigma_{m_4^\phi}$	$\infty$	Capital share in production function
$m_1^L$	1	Capital share in construction function
$m_2^L$	1	Labor share in construction function
$m_3^L$	1	Land share in construction function
$m_4^L$	0	Land supply
$m_1^\phi$	1	TFP in production function
$m_2^\phi$	1	
$m_3^\phi$	1	
$m_4^\phi$	0	TFP in construction function

## H.2 Bayesian estimation to full fledged model

I use Bayesian method to estimate the parameters that control the impulse response and transition path such as the AR1 coefficients  $\rho_a^i$ , the observation matrix  $H$  and related covariance matrix



$\eta\eta'$  and  $\epsilon\epsilon'$ . Since the data process itself is not stationary it is not appropriate to use the full-information Bayesian and if we used the statistic method to detrend such as first-order difference and hp filter, the Bayesian update rule would not be further used and the posterior  $p(\theta|Y^T) \propto p(Y^T|\theta)p(\theta)$  would be unsolvable as  $p(Y^T|\theta)$  was unknown. Therefore I use GMM to match the moments in data and model to proceed the estimation. In this subsection I first introduce the moments I used to match the data and then explain the Bayesian estimation strategy in detail.

### H.2.1 Moments Selection and Theoretical moments after filter

I impose hp filter on the data and calculate moments from the cyclical elements such as the autocovariance of output, standard derivation of output, physical investment, new constructed residential estate, relative housing price and their related covariance. The covariance between output and physical investment  $\text{cov}(y_t, I_t)$  captures the general equilibrium  $Y = C + I$ . Similarly the covariance between residential investment and physical investment  $\text{cov}(I_t^H, I_t)$  captures the crowded-out effect. The covariance between new constructed residential estate and relative housing price capture the demand and supply equilibrium in the housing market. All these eight moments are summarized in vector  $g(\cdot) = \Psi$  following

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \varrho'_m & \sigma'_{m,m} & \sigma'_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}'$$

where  $\varrho_m$  is the vector that contains the autocovariance moments ( $\rho_m^i$  represents the AR( $i$ )'s coefficient of variable  $m$ )

$$\varrho_m = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_y^1 & \rho_c^1 & \rho_I^1 & \rho_{I_H}^1 & \rho_{p_H}^1 & \rho_Q^1 \end{bmatrix}'$$

$\sigma_{m,m}$  is the vector that contains the standard derivation moments

$$\sigma_{m,m} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_y & \sigma_c & \sigma_I & \sigma_{p_H} & \sigma_Q \end{bmatrix}'$$

$\sigma_{m,n}$  is the vector that contains the covariance moments of variables  $\phi_v = \begin{bmatrix} y & c & I & I_H & p_H & Q & R \end{bmatrix}'$

$$\sigma_{m,n} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{y,c} & \sigma_{y,I} & \sigma_{y,I_H} & \sigma_{y,p_H} & \sigma_{y,Q} & \sigma_{y,R} & \sigma_{c,I_H} & \cdots & \sigma_{Q,R} \end{bmatrix}'$$

Moreover I solve the theoretical moments from model after hp filter by switching to frequency domain and the spectrum. After some algebra I can solve the covariance matrix

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \tilde{Y}_t \tilde{Y}_{t-1} \right] = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g^{\text{HP}}(\omega) e^{i\omega k} d\omega$$

where  $\tilde{Y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} s'_t & s'_{t|t} & Ec'_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}'$  in equation 102. The spectral density of HP filter  $g^{\text{HP}}(\omega)$

follows  $g^{\text{HP}}(\omega) = h^2(\omega)g(\omega)$ .  $h(\omega) = \frac{4\lambda(1-\cos(\omega))^2}{1+4\lambda(1-\cos(\omega))^2}$  is the transfer function of HP derived from [King and Rebelo \(1993\)](#). The spectral density of state and control variables  $Y_t$  is solved by

$$g(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{ns} & 0_{ns,nq} \\ M_{21}e^{-i\omega} & D_2 \\ 0_{nq,ns} & I_{nq} \end{bmatrix} f(\omega) \begin{bmatrix} I_{ns} & M'_{21}e^{i\omega} & 0_{ns,nq} \\ 0_{nq,ns} & D'_2 & I_{nq} \end{bmatrix} = W f(\omega) W' \quad (82)$$

$$f(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 \\ I_{nq} \end{bmatrix} \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1}, I_{nq} \end{bmatrix} \quad (83)$$

where  $ns$  is the number of state variables and  $nq$  is the number of shocks.  $M$  and  $D$  come from the policy function [108](#) and  $\Sigma$  is the covariance matrix of shocks. Because I assume the shock term  $\Xi_t$  in system [102](#) follows standard normal distribution and all the covariance terms are absorbed in  $\eta$  and  $\epsilon$ ,  $\Sigma$  in equation [83](#) is an identity matrix.

W.L.O.G, I assume the shock  $\Xi_t$  in equation [108](#) is independent with each other and all the covariance term is stored in response  $D$ . Therefore the covariance term  $\Sigma$  in equation [83](#) is an identity matrix and the equation can be further simplified as

$$f(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 \\ D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & I_{nq} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then equation [82](#) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} g(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 \\ M_{21}e^{-i\omega} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & M_{21}e^{-i\omega} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 \\ D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & I_{nq} \end{bmatrix} W' \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D_2 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & D_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ns} & M'_{21}e^{i\omega} & 0_{ns,nq} \\ 0_{nq,ns} & D'_2 & I_{nq} \end{bmatrix} W' \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} (\Upsilon_1 + \Upsilon_2 + \Upsilon_3 + \Upsilon_4) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Upsilon_1 = \begin{bmatrix} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} M'_{21}e^{i\omega} & (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 \\ M_{21}e^{-i\omega} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & M_{21} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} M'_{21} & M_{21}e^{-i\omega} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 \\ D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} & D'_1 (I_{ns} - M'_{11}e^{i\omega})^{-1} M'_{21}e^{i\omega} & I_{nq} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Upsilon_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_2 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{21}e^{-i\omega} (I_{ns} - M_{11}e^{-i\omega})^{-1} D_1 D'_2 & 0 \\ 0 & D'_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Upsilon_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ D_2 D_1' (I_{ns} - M_{11}' e^{i\omega})^{-1} & D_2 D_1' (I_{ns} - M_{11}' e^{i\omega})^{-1} M_{21}' e^{i\omega} & D_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Upsilon_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_2 D_2' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

To further decrease the computation burden it is easy to show that  $M_{21} (I_{ns} - M_{11} e^{-i\omega})^{-1} = e^{i\omega} M_{21} U_M (e^{i\omega} I_{ns} - T_M)^{-1} U_M'$  where  $M_{11} = U_M T_M U_M'$  is prederived from Schur decomposition.

## H.2.2 Bayesian GMM

### H.2.2.1 Moment Matching: Imperfect Information Bayesian Estimation

Following [Rotemberg and Woodford \(1997\)](#), [Christiano et al. \(2005\)](#) and [Barsky and Sims \(2012\)](#), to construct the asymptotic properties of the moments which I select to conduct the Bayesian GMM, I first construct the auxiliary variable  $\psi_t$

$$\psi_t = \left[ y_t \quad c_t \quad I_t \quad I_{t,H} \quad p_{t,H} \quad Q_t \quad R_t \quad y_t y_{t-1} \quad c_t c_{t-1} \quad \cdots \quad y_t^2 \quad c_t^2 \quad \cdots \quad p_{t,H}^2 \quad y_t c_t \quad y_t I_t \quad \cdots \quad Q_t R_t \right]'$$

Additionally I define the moment function as  $g(\cdot)$  which yields the moments

$$g(\psi_t) = \Psi$$

If the sample estimation of  $\psi_t$  is  $\hat{\psi}$  the moment function is well defined as

$$g(\hat{\psi}) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\psi}_{y_t y_{t-1}} - \hat{\psi}_y^2 \\ \hat{\psi}_{c_t c_{t-1}} - \hat{\psi}_c^2 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{\hat{\psi}_{y^2} - \hat{\psi}_y^2} \\ \sqrt{\hat{\psi}_{c^2} - \hat{\psi}_c^2} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\psi}_{y c} - \hat{\psi}_y \hat{\psi}_c \\ \hat{\psi}_{y I} - \hat{\psi}_y \hat{\psi}_I \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\psi}_{Q R} - \hat{\psi}_Q \hat{\psi}_R \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the Jacobian of moment function  $\Gamma_g(\cdot)$  should be

$$\Gamma_g(\hat{\psi}) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \psi} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\mu_y & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2\mu_c & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -\frac{\mu_y}{\sigma_y} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma_y} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\mu_c}{\sigma_c} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma_c} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\mu_Q}{\sigma_Q} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma_Q} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\mu_c & -\mu_y & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -\mu_I & 0 & -\mu_y & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -\mu_R & -\mu_Q & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

By applying the Delta Method the sample estimation of moments  $\hat{\Psi}$  has the following asymptotic properties

$$\sqrt{T} (\hat{\Psi} - \Psi) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Gamma_g \Sigma \Gamma_g')$$

where  $\Sigma$  is the LRV of  $\psi_t$ .

### H.2.2.2 Full Information Bayesian Estimation

There are 38 parameters to be estimated via bayesian method and most of them govern the dynamic transition path of the economy. Firstly, six out of thirty-eight parameters are the AR1 coefficient of the shocks' process:  $\rho_{A_n}$  and  $\rho_{A_h}$  relate to the TFP of output and construction sector;  $\rho_L$  and  $\rho_{L_g}$  relate to the supply side of the housing market, land supply, and they are similar to the form defined in equation 93;  $\rho_\phi$  and  $\rho_{\phi_g}$  relate to the demand side of the housing market, preference on residential asset, and they are just the form defined in equation 93. Then eight parameters correspond to the standard derivation of above six shock series with two news shock on supply and demand side of the housing market. Additionally eight parameters, in supply and demand side of the housing market, associate with the observation or imperfect information process ( $H$  in equation 96) and another eight parameters pertain to the standard derivation of these observation noisy ( $\epsilon$  in equation 96). Then one parameter affects the capital price, which is in the capital production function ( $\psi_I$  in equation 23). In the end the left seven parameters are the standard derivation of measure error of the seven data series that I used to estimate: output, nondurable consumption, physical investment, new construction, housing price, stock price and real interest rate. The whole estimation process is overestimated as there are 38 parameters in model but 77 moments (49 in coefficient matrix and 28 in the covariance matrix of residual).

Following Smets and Wouters (2007) and Rudebusch and Swanson (2012), I use the standard

random walk metropolis-hastings (RWMH) algorithm to conduct the bayesian estimation and the data I used are per capita series to get a stationary time series. However most of the data does not pass the unit-root test and thus I further use the first order difference method to detrend the data, because I do not introduce the trend (growth) elements in the model. Moreover, to ensure the compatible between the model and data, I rearrange the state equation 108 of the model to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}_t \\ \tilde{Y}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}_{t-1} \\ \tilde{Y}_{t-2} \end{bmatrix} + D \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (84)$$

Therefore the measurement equation should change to

$$Y_t = \begin{bmatrix} I & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}_t \\ \tilde{Y}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \Xi_t \quad (85)$$

The likelihood function can be solved from the Kalman Filter from the state equation 84 and measurement equation 85. Based on the recommendation of [Herbst and Schorfheide \(2016\)](#), I use gradient based MLE method to proceed the estimation to get the asymptotic variance of the parameters (the inverse Hessian of the likelihood function) and the prior mean of the parameters. Following [Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe \(2012\)](#), [Blanchard et al. \(2013\)](#) and [Christiano et al. \(2014\)](#) the prior standard derivations that pertain to AR1 coefficient are 0.1 and others that associate with variance are 1.

Table 12: Bayesian Estimation

Parameter	Distribution	Prior		Posterior
		mean	s.d.	mean
$\rho_{A_n}$	Beta	0.5	0.2	
$\rho_{A_h}$	Beta	0.5	0.2	
$\rho_L$	Beta	0.5	0.2	
$\rho_\phi$	Beta	0.5	0.2	
$\sigma_{A_n}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{A_h}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{L_g}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_\phi$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{m_1^L}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{m_2^L}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{m_3^L}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{m_1^\phi}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{m_2^\phi}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	
$\sigma_{m_3^\phi}$	InvGamma	0.1	1	

Table 12 – Continued				
Parameter	Distribution	Prior		Posterior
		mean	s.d.	mean
$\phi_I$	Gamma	1.728	1	

### H.3 Solution method to simple model

#### H.3.1 Reconstruction

Similar to the section [H.7.1](#), I replace the saving  $a_t$  by the effective asset holding  $x_t$  which follows  $x_t = \gamma p_t^H h_t + a_t$ . Then the problem [9](#) change to

$$\max_{c_t, h_t, x_t} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U(c_t, h_t) \quad (86)$$

s.t.

$$c_t + x_t + (1 - \gamma) p_t^H h_t = R_t x_{t-1} + w_t \varepsilon_t + [(1 - \delta^H) p_t^H - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^H] h_{t-1} + T_t \quad (87)$$

$$x_t \geq 0$$

The related FOCs [57](#), [58](#) and [59](#) will become

$$U_{c_t} = \lambda_t \quad (88)$$

$$-\lambda_t + \mu_t + \beta E_t R_{t+1} \lambda_{t+1} = 0 \quad (89)$$

$$U_{h_t} - (1 - \gamma) \lambda_t p_t^H + \beta E_t \lambda_{t+1} [(1 - \delta^H) p_{t+1}^H - \gamma R_{t+1} p_t^H] = 0 \quad (90)$$

Similar to the full fledged model, I assume the utility function  $U(c_t, h_t)$  follows the Cobb-Douglas formula

$$U(c_t, h_t) = \frac{(c_t^\phi h_t^{1-\phi})^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} \quad (91)$$

Since I assume there is no aggregate shock existing in the simple model,  $R_{t+1}$ ,  $p_{t+1}^H$  and  $p_t^H$  can be perfectly expected. Therefore for non-constrained household there exists a static relationship between  $c_t$  and  $h_t$  from the combining of equation [88](#), [89](#) and [90](#)

$$c_t = \frac{\phi}{1-\phi} h_t \left[ p_t^H - (1 - \delta^H) \frac{p_{t+1}^H}{R_{t+1}} \right] \quad (92)$$

When the collateral constraint is binding, it is worth to notice that the two FOC 58 and 89 have the same form. Therefore the Khun-Tucker multiplier is the same between the two model, the original one and the reconstructed one. To sum up, the problem 86 degenerates to a one state  $x_t$  problem which can be solved easily by value function iteration.

### H.3.2 Solution Steps

Since in this simple problem I use Cobb-Douglas utility function where intratemporal elasticity of substitution between housing service and non-durable consumption is constant at 1, the consumption and housing servicing is homogeneous in degree 1 (linear) in the frictionless scenario. Therefore it is solvable to use value function iteration method.

1. Take an initial guess about value function  $V(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t U(c_t, h_t)$ . If  $h_0, x_0$  is still on grid I can remove the expectation with  $\tilde{V}(h_0, x_0, \varepsilon_{-1}) = E_0 V(h_0, x_0, \varepsilon_0) = \Pi V(h_0, x_0, \varepsilon_0)$  as  $h_0, x_0$  is determined at time 0.
2. If the budget constraint is not binding, equation 92 will always hold. Therefore given an initial guess of  $h_0(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1})$ , I can get the unique mapping  $x_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1})$  and  $c_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1})$  through budget constraint 87 and equation 92. Then it is easy to find

$$h_0^{uc}(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}) = \underset{h_0}{\operatorname{argmax}} U[c_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), h_0] + \beta \tilde{V}[h_0, x_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), \varepsilon_{-1}]$$

where  $\tilde{V}[h_0, x_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), \varepsilon_{-1}]$  can be solved from linear interpolation on the on-grid value  $\tilde{V}(h_0, x_0, \varepsilon_{-1})$  in last step. I also define and save the value

$$\text{RHS}^{UC} = \max U[c_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), h_0] + \beta \tilde{V}[h_0, x_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), \varepsilon_{-1}]$$

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3. If the budget constraint is binding, the Euler equation does not hold anymore. Therefore the mapping between  $h_0$  and  $c_0$  is no longer useful. However the effective wealth is known as now the household is constrained so  $x_0(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}) = 0$ . Given any guess of  $h_0(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1})$  the consumption  $c_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1})$  can be solved from budget constraint 87. Then it is easy to find

$$h_0^c(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}) = \underset{h_0}{\operatorname{argmax}} U[c_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), h_0] + \beta \tilde{V}[h_0, 0, \varepsilon_{-1}]$$

where  $\tilde{V}[h_0, 0, \varepsilon_{-1}]$  can be solved from linear interpolation on the on-grid value  $\tilde{V}(h_0, 0, \varepsilon_{-1})$  in step 1. I also define and save the value

$$\text{RHS}^C = \max U[c_0(h_0, h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}), h_0] + \beta \tilde{V}[h_0, 0, \varepsilon_{-1}]$$

4. Because the result of constrained optimization in convex function optimization problem is always inferior than that of unconstrained optimization, the updated value function  $V(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1})$  will follows

$$V(h_{-1}, x_{-1}, \varepsilon_{-1}) = \begin{cases} \text{RHS}^{UC} & x_0^{uc} \geq 0 \\ \text{RHS}^C & x_0^c < 0 \end{cases}$$

Update the value function and go back to step 1.

## H.4 Solution method to simple model with separable utility function

### H.4.1 Reconstruction and new FOCs

Change the utility function from 91 to the separable utility function

$$U(c_t, h_t) = \frac{\phi c_t^{1-\sigma} + (1-\phi)h_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

Then the mapping from  $c_t$  to  $h_t$  under the frictionless scenario changes to

$$c_t = \left( \frac{\phi}{1-\phi} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \left[ p_t^H - (1-\delta^H) \frac{p_{t+1}^H}{R_{t+1}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} h_t$$

## H.5 Expected news shock

Then denote the “fundamental” variable  $X_t$  as

$$X_t = \left[ \log \Phi_t^i \quad \log \Phi_{g,t}^i \quad \varepsilon_t^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-1}^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-2}^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-3}^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-4}^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-5}^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-6}^8 \quad \varepsilon_{t-7}^8 \right]' \quad (93)$$

Then  $X_t$  follows

$$X_t = B^s X_{t-1} + \eta w_t \quad (94)$$

where

$$B^s = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_a & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_g & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{10 \times 10}$$



$$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_g^8 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{10 \times 3}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_t = \begin{bmatrix} w_t^a \\ w_t^g \\ w_t^8 \end{bmatrix}$$

However household can only observe the variable  $\tilde{X}_t$  such that

$$\tilde{X}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \log \tilde{\Phi}_t & \log \tilde{\Phi}_{g,t} & \tilde{\varepsilon}_t^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-2}^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-3}^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-4}^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-5}^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-6}^8 & \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t-7}^8 \end{bmatrix}' \quad (95)$$

which follows

$$\tilde{X}_t = HX_t + \epsilon v \quad (96)$$

where

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} H_{3 \times 3}^{11} & 0_{3 \times 5} \\ 0_{5 \times 3} & m_4 I_{5 \times 5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H^{11} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_a^s & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_g^s & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{g1}^s & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_{g8}^s \end{bmatrix}_{10 \times 10}$$

$$v_t = \begin{bmatrix} v_t^a \\ v_t^g \\ v_t^{g1} \\ \vdots \\ v_t^{g8} \end{bmatrix}$$

## H.6 Kalman Filter

Even though the household can successfully observe  $A_t$  at time  $t$ , he cannot observe  $g_t$  at time  $t$ . This make the household harder to estimate the  $A_{t+1}$  as  $E_t \log(A_{t+1}) = \rho_a \log A_t + E_t \log g_t$ .

Thus we need get  $g_{t|t}$  to get the expectation of  $A_{t+1}$ . Based on the Kalman filter and equation 94 and 96, we can solve out the perception of  $g_t$  by household as<sup>33</sup>

$$X_{t+1|t+1} = A^s X_{t|t} + P^s \tilde{X}_{t+1} \quad (97)$$

where  $P^s$  is the Kalman gain and  $A^s = (I - P^s H)B^s$

## H.7 Model Reconstruction and Solution Process

The computation process follows the augmented endogenous gird method which is proposed by Auclert et al. (2021).

### H.7.1 Preliminaries

I define the risk-adjusted expected value function as

$$\tilde{V}(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \beta EV(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

Therefore the marginal risk-adjusted expected value should be

$$\tilde{V}_h(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \beta EV_h(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

and

$$\tilde{V}_b(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \beta EV_b(h_t, b_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

To simplify the computation process, I further define the auxiliary variable  $x_t$  as the effective asset holding which follows  $x_t = \gamma p_t^h h_t + b_t$ . Therefore the budget constraint 10 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} c_t + x_t + (1 - \gamma) p_t^h h_t &= [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} + R_t x_{t-1} \\ &+ (1 - \tau) w_t l_t \varepsilon_{t-1} - p_t^h C(h_t, h_{t-1}) + T_t \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

Correspondingly collateral constraint becomes

$$x_t \geq 0$$

### H.7.2 Decision Problems

The household solve the problem

$$V(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \max_{h_t, x_t, l_t, c_t} U(c_t, h_t, l_t) + \beta EV(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

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<sup>33</sup>For the reference Hamilton (2020) provides rigorous proof to this equation.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } c_t + x_t + (1 - \gamma) p_t^h h_t &= [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} + R_t x_{t-1} \\ &+ (1 - \tau) w_t l_t \varepsilon_{t-1} - p_t^h C(h_t, h_{t-1}) + T_t \end{aligned}$$

and

$$x_t \geq 0$$

### H.7.3 Solve step

1. Take the initial guess to marginal value function at time  $t + 1$  as  $V_h(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t)$  and  $V_x(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t)$
2. Solve the expectation problem on marginal value function to get risk-adjusted expected value function

$$\tilde{V}_h(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \beta \Pi V_h(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

and

$$\tilde{V}_x(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \beta \Pi V_x(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

3. Assuming the collateral constraint is unconstrained, I can combine equation 76, 77 and 78 to get

$$F(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}, h_{t-1}) = \frac{U_{h,t} + \tilde{V}_h}{p_t^h \tilde{V}_x} - (1 - \gamma + C_{h,t}) = 0$$

Further because the unseparable utility function  $U(c_t, h_t, l_t)$  is homogeneous between  $c_t$  and  $h_t$ ,  $U_{h,t}$  can be written as a function of  $\tilde{V}_x$

$$U_{h,t} = (1 - \phi) \left( \frac{\tilde{V}_x}{\phi} \right)^{\frac{\phi(1-\sigma)}{\phi(1-\sigma)-1}} h_t^{\frac{\phi(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)^2}{1-\phi(1-\sigma)} + (1-\phi)(1-\sigma)-1} \quad (99)$$

This can be used to solve  $h_t(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ . The related mapping weight can also be used to map  $\tilde{V}_x(h_t, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  into  $\tilde{V}_x(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ . Then  $c(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  and  $l(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  can be solved straightforward from

$$c(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \left( \frac{\tilde{V}_x(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})}{\phi} \right)^{\frac{1}{\phi(1-\sigma)-1}} h_t(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})^{\frac{(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)}{1-\phi(1-\sigma)}} \quad (100)$$

and

$$l(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \left( -\phi \frac{(1 - \tau) w_t \varepsilon_{t-1}}{\kappa} \right)^{\frac{1}{\psi}} c(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})^{\frac{\phi(1-\sigma)-1}{\psi}} h_t(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})^{\frac{(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)}{\psi}} \quad (101)$$

4. Then the effective asset holding can be solved from budget constraint

$$x_{t-1}(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \frac{c(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) + x_t + (1 - \gamma)p_t^h h_t(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})}{R_t} - \frac{[(1 - \delta^h)p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} + (1 - \tau)\varepsilon_{t-1} w_t l(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) + T_t}{R_t} + \frac{p_t^h C(h_t(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}), h_{t-1})}{R_t}$$

Now invert above function  $x_{t-1}(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  to  $x_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ . After this invert process the function  $h_t(h_{t-1}, x_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  can be mapped to  $h_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  by the function  $x_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ .

5. Assuming the collateral constraint is constrained, I further define the relative Khun-Tucker multiplier as  $\tilde{\mu}_t(h_t, 0, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \frac{\mu_t}{\tilde{V}_x(h_t, 0, \varepsilon_{t-1})}$  so that equation 78 becomes

$$U_{c,t} = (1 + \tilde{\mu}_t) \tilde{V}_x$$

Therefore the equation 99 changes to

$$U_{h,t} = (1 - \phi) \left( \frac{(1 + \tilde{\mu}_t) \tilde{V}_x}{\phi} \right)^{\frac{\phi(1-\sigma)}{\phi(1-\sigma)-1}} h_t^{\frac{\phi(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)^2}{1-\phi(1-\sigma)} + (1-\phi)(1-\sigma)-1}$$

Similar to the process in step 3 this can be used to solve  $h_t(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  from

$$F(h_t, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}, h_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{1 + \tilde{\mu}_t} \frac{U_{h,t} + \tilde{V}_h}{p_t^h \tilde{V}_x} - (1 - \gamma + C_{h,t}) = 0$$

and equation 100 changes to

$$c(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \left( \frac{(1 + \tilde{\mu}_t) \tilde{V}_x(h_t, 0, \varepsilon_{t-1})}{\phi h_t(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})^{(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\phi(1-\sigma)-1}}$$

and corresponded optimal labor supply  $l(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  from equation 101.

6. The effective asset holding under the constraint scenario can be solved from budget constraint

$$x_{t-1}(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = \frac{c(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) + (1 - \gamma)p_t^h h_t(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})}{R_t} - \frac{[(1 - \delta^h)p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} + (1 - \tau)\varepsilon_{t-1} w_t l(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}) + T_t}{R_t} + \frac{p_t^h C(h_t(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}), h_{t-1})}{R_t}$$

Now invert above function  $x_{t-1}(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  to  $\tilde{\mu}_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ . After this invert process the function  $h_t(h_{t-1}, \tilde{\mu}_t, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  can be mapped to  $h_t^c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ .<sup>34</sup> It is worth to notice that  $x_t^c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  is already known such that  $x_t^c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = 0$ .

7. Compare  $x_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  and  $x_t^c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  to select the largest elemental value. Then replace the unconstrained optimal housing service choice  $h_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$  with  $h_t^c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})$ . Then for each grid point solve the nonlinear equation

$$\begin{aligned} c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = & [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h] h_{t-1} + R_t x_{t-1} \\ & + (1 - \tau) w_t \varepsilon_{t-1} \left( -\phi \frac{(1 - \tau) w_t \varepsilon_{t-1}}{\kappa} \right)^{\frac{1}{\psi}} \\ & c(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})^{\frac{\phi(1-\sigma)-1}{\psi}} h_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1})^{\frac{(1-\phi)(1-\sigma)}{\psi}} \\ & - p_t^h C(h_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}), h_{t-1}) + T_t \\ & - x_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) - (1 - \gamma) p_t^h h_t(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Then update the marginal value function through the envelop condition 80 and 81

$$V_h(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = U_{c,t} [(1 - \delta^h) p_t^h - \gamma R_t p_{t-1}^h - C_{h_{t-1}}(h_t, h_{t-1}) p_t^h]$$

$$V_x(h_{t-1}, x_{t-1}, \varepsilon_{t-1}) = U_{c,t} R_t$$

## H.8 Solve Rational Expectation model with imperfect information

Following [Baxter et al. \(2011\)](#) and [Hürtgen \(2014\)](#), I first solve perfect information model

$$AY_t = BY_{t-1} + C^{\text{pseo}} \Xi_t \quad (102)$$

where  $Y_t = \begin{bmatrix} s_t' & Ec_{t+1}' \end{bmatrix}'$  where  $s_t$  is the vector of state variable and  $c_t$  is the vector of control variable.  $\Xi_t$  is the vector of pseudo-shock and composed with fundamental shock  $w_t$  and noisy shock  $v_t$  such that  $\Xi_t = \begin{bmatrix} w_t' & v_t' \end{bmatrix}'$ . The effect of shock  $C^{\text{pseo}}$  naturally becomes

$C^{\text{pseo}} = \begin{bmatrix} P^s H \eta \\ P^s \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$  where  $P^s$  is the Kalman gain from equation 97. This linear model can be easily solved by [Klein \(2000\)](#) to yield  $Y_t = PY_{t-1} + Q\Xi_t$ . Take partition on  $P$  as

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

It is widely known that to solve the linear rational expectation model we pre-impose the restriction that  $P_{12} = 0$  and  $P_{22} = 0$ . Further because of the holding of CEQ under first-order perturbation

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<sup>34</sup>Here I use  $c$  in superscript as the notation to “constrained”.

method, the policy function of control variables  $c_t$  will follow

$$c_t = P_{21}s_{t-1|t-1} + Q_2^w w_t + Q_2^v v_t \quad (103)$$

where  $Q_2^w$  and  $Q_2^v$  are subset of  $Q^w$  and  $Q^v$  which comes from  $Q$  such that  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} Q^w & Q^s \end{bmatrix}$ . Plug equation 103 into partition of equation 102 but replace  $C^{\text{pseo}}\Xi_t$  with true fundamental shock process  $\eta w_t$  such that

$$A_{11}s_t + A_{12}Ec_{t+1} = B_{11}s_{t-1} + B_{12}c_t + \eta w_t$$

$$A_{11}s_t + A_{12}P_{21}s_{t|t} = B_{11}s_{t-1} + B_{12}(P_{21}s_{t-1|t-1} + Q_2^w w_t + Q_2^v v_t) + \eta w_t \quad (104)$$

It is worth to notice that here I use the first  $ns$  linear equations of equation 102 which is not free of choice yet a simplification in notation. The basic purpose now is to solve the law of motion of perceived state variable  $s_{t|t}$  therefore we need  $ns$  “core” linear equations related to state variables to pin down  $ns$  state variable  $s_{t|t}$ . The word “core” refers to those equations that affect state variables directly, or more specifically, the law of motion of state variables. For instance, if we want to select one out of two linear equations in 102, 1) Euler equation  $-\sigma\tilde{c}_t = \tilde{R}_t - \sigma\tilde{c}_{t+1}$  and 2) Law of Motion of Capital  $K\tilde{k}_t = I\tilde{I}_t + K\tilde{k}_{t-1}$ , which is used in equation 104, we should select the equation 2 because the equation 1 is implicitly comprised in the mapping from  $s_{t-1|t-1}$  to  $c_t$  in equation 103. Otherwise we redundantly use the linear constraints and the matrix  $A_{11} + A_{12}P_{21}G$  in equation 107 will not be well-defined.

Furthermore, the law of motion of perception of unobservable variables could be derived through plugging equation 96 into equation 97 to yield

$$X_{t|t} = A^s X_{t-1|t-1} + P^s H X_t + P^s \epsilon v_t \quad (105)$$

However, It is not all the state variables  $s_t$  that is unobservable, so I rewrite the law of motion of perceived state variable  $s_{t|t}$  below. Without loss of generality, I assume the unobservable state variables lay on the last  $nx$  row (in this paper  $nx = 10$  as equation 93 shows).

$$s_{t|t} = F s_{t-1|t-1} + G s_t + G_{P^s} \epsilon v_t \quad (106)$$

where  $F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A^s \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $G = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & P^s H \end{bmatrix}$  and  $G_{P^s} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ P^s \end{bmatrix}$ .

And then plug equation 106 back to above equation 104

$$A_{11}s_t + A_{12}P_{21}(F s_{t-1|t-1} + G s_t + G_{P^s} \epsilon v_t) = B_{11}s_{t-1} + B_{12}(P_{21}s_{t-1|t-1} + Q_2^w w_t + Q_2^v v_t) + \eta w_t$$

$$(A_{11} + A_{12}P_{21}G) s_t = B_{11}s_{t-1} + (B_{12}P_{21} - A_{12}P_{21}F) s_{t-1|t-1} + (B_{12}Q_2^w + \eta) w_t + (B_{12}Q_2^v - A_{12}P_{21}G_{Ps}\epsilon) v_t \quad (107)$$

Simplify above equation to

$$\tilde{Y}_t = M\tilde{Y}_{t-1} + D\Xi_t \quad (108)$$

where

$$\tilde{Y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} s_t \\ s_{t|t} \\ c_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_L = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ -G & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_L = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}_{11} & \tilde{P}_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & P_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_L = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q}_{11} & \tilde{Q}_{12} \\ 0 & P^s\epsilon \\ Q_2^w & Q_2^v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = A_L^{-1}B_L, D = A_L^{-1}C_L, \tilde{P}_{11} = (A_{11} + A_{12}P_{21}G)^{-1} B_{11},$$

$$\tilde{P}_{12} = (A_{11} + A_{12}P_{21}G)^{-1} (B_{12}P_{21} - A_{12}P_{21}F), \tilde{Q}_{11} = (A_{11} + A_{12}P_{21}G)^{-1} (B_{12}Q_2^w + \eta)$$

and

$$\tilde{Q}_{12} = (A_{11} + A_{12}P_{21}G)^{-1} (B_{12}Q_2^v - A_{12}P_{21}G_{Ps}\epsilon).$$

## H.9 Solve Rational Expectation model with imperfect information in second order

### H.9.1 Necessity

Given the utility function  $U_t(c_t, h_t)$  where  $c_t$  is the nondurable consumption and  $h_t$  is the residential asset, we can take taylor expansion around the steady states to yield

$$U_t(c_t, h_t) \approx \bar{U} + U_c\tilde{c}_t + U_h\tilde{h}_t + \frac{1}{2}U_{cc}\tilde{c}_t^2 + \frac{1}{2}U_{hh}\tilde{h}_t^2 + U_{hc}\tilde{c}_t\tilde{h}_t + \circ_t$$

where  $\circ_t$  is the higher order term. However I cannot use  $\tilde{c}_t$  as the result in first order because of two reason:

1) the precautionary saving motive will disappear as now  $\frac{\partial \tilde{c}_t}{\partial \sigma^2} = 0$ . Then the quadratic term will be misspecified in dynamic path and the calculated welfare will be incorrect.

2) In the heterogeneous agent model, there is no steady state for each household and above taylor expansion will not exist.

Therefore I propose the method below to conduct the second-order perturbation under imperfect information.

The main trick I used is that the certainty equivalence will still hold, only in the information updated process in second order perturbation. Now consider the policy function as

$$y_t = p_1 y_{t-1} + p_2 y_{t-1}^2 + \sigma p_3 y_{t-1} \varepsilon_t + k_1 x_{t-1|t-1} + k_2 x_{t-1|t-1}^2 + k_3 y_{t-1} x_{t-1|t-1} + k_4 x_{t-1|t-1} \varepsilon_t + q_1 \sigma \varepsilon_t + q_2 \sigma^2$$

where  $y_t$  is the standard variables that we know it perfectly but  $x_t$  is the variable that we cannot perfectly observe.  $\sigma^2$  represents the change in the variance of shock term and  $q_2$  is just the precautionary saving effect.

The only difference between imperfect information model and perfect information model is that all the policy related to perception,  $k_1, k_2, k_3 \dots$  are affected by  $\sigma^2$  as people form their expectation through the variance of the shock. However, because it is affect by the quadratic form of variance,  $\sigma^2$ , instead of standard derivation  $\sigma$ , its final effect is third order and in second order case. For instance,  $\frac{\partial k_1}{\partial \sigma} \Big|_{\sigma=0} = 0$  holds, therefore  $\frac{\partial^2 k_1 x_{t-1|t-1}}{\partial \sigma \partial \sigma} = 0$  at steady states.

## H.9.2 Steps

Write the system of equations as

$$G(x_{t-1}, y_t, x_t, y_{t+1}, \sigma) = F(x_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma) = 0$$

However since the  $\eta$  can be calculated from the covariance matrix of the shock  $\varepsilon_t$  (a shock on the variance of the model. It is a  $nk$  vector yet if we consider it is the shock on the variance  $u_t$ , we can set some elements in  $\varepsilon_t$  as zero), we can leave it into  $\Sigma_\varepsilon$ .

Take second-order approximation

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma) &= F^1(x_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} [F_{xx}(x_{t-1} \otimes x_{t-1}) + F_{uu}(u_t \otimes u_t) + F_{u'u'}(u'_t \otimes u'_t) + F_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2] \\ &+ F_{xu}(x \otimes u) + F_{xu'}(x \otimes u') + F_{y\sigma}\sigma x + F_{uu'}(u \otimes u') + F_{u\sigma}u_t\sigma + F_{u'\sigma}u'_t\sigma \end{aligned}$$

Because  $u$  and  $u'$  are the linear innovation to the state variable  $x$  and  $x'$ ,  $F_u$  is just a constant matrix such that  $F_u = G_{x'} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial u} + G_y \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + G_{y'} \frac{\partial y'}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$ . This can be verified through the second-order policy functions

$$x_t = \frac{1}{2} h_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 + h_x x_{t-1} + h_u u_t + \frac{1}{2} h_{xx} (x_{t-1} \otimes x_{t-1}) + \frac{1}{2} h_{uu} (u_t \otimes u_t) + h_{xu} (x_{t-1} \otimes u_t)$$



and

$$y_t = \frac{1}{2}g_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2 + g_x x_{t-1} + g_u u_t + \frac{1}{2}g_{xx}(x_{t-1} \otimes x_{t-1}) + \frac{1}{2}g_{uu}(u_t \otimes u_t) + g_{xu}(x_{t-1} \otimes u_t)$$

$$y_{t+1} = \frac{1}{2}g_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2 + g_x x_t + g_u u_{t+1} + \frac{1}{2}g_{xx}(x_t \otimes x_t) + \frac{1}{2}g_{uu}(u_{t+1} \otimes u_{t+1}) + g_{xu}(x_t \otimes u_{t+1})$$

Therefore  $F_{yu} = F_{yu'} = F_{uu'} = F_{u\sigma}u_t = F_{u'\sigma} = 0$ . Simplify to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_t \{F(x_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma)\} &= \mathbb{E}_t \{F^1(x_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma)\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ F_{xx}(x_{t-1} \otimes x_{t-1}) + F_{uu}(u_t \otimes u_t) + F_{u'u'}\sigma^2 \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon + F_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2 \right] \\ &+ F_{xu}(x \otimes u) + F_{u\sigma}u_t\sigma + F_{y\sigma}\sigma x\end{aligned}$$

To understand the  $\vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon$  and  $\bar{\sigma} = 0$ , let us write  $u_t$  as  $u_t = \varepsilon_t + \sigma\epsilon_t$  where  $\Sigma_\epsilon = I$  and  $\vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon = \text{vec}(\Sigma_\epsilon)$ . The shock  $\varepsilon_t$  represents the first order shock that household does not take into account its variance into policy function (yet it indeed has the variance).  $\epsilon_t$  is the second order shock that household takes into account its variance and has precautionary saving motive. Therefore the existence of  $\vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon$  matches that meaning that we only care about the add-on variance of  $u_t$  that has second order effect. Therefore the first order effect of  $u_t$  or  $u_{t+1}$  is zero (or even not zero is already considered in  $F^1(x_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma)$ ).

Further, the chain rule in partial derivative can only work when the “differential point” is fixed. For instance, the condition

$$x_{t-1} = \frac{1}{2}h_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2 + h_x x_{t-2} + h_u u_{t-1} + \frac{1}{2}h_{xx}(x_{t-2} \otimes x_{t-2}) + \frac{1}{2}h_{uu}(u_{t-1} \otimes u_{t-1}) + h_{xu}(x_{t-1} \otimes u_{t-1})$$

also hold. Does  $\frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma^2} = \dots + \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_{t-1}} \frac{\partial x_{t-1}}{\partial x_{t-2}} \frac{\partial x_{t-2}}{\partial \sigma^2}$  hold? NO! Because  $\frac{\partial x_{t-1}}{\partial x_{t-2}}$  and  $\frac{\partial x_{t-2}}{\partial \sigma^2}$  exist is conditional on the condition that we know  $x_{t-2}$ , which we do not know.

Now let me solve them one by one. Firstly, write the function of  $x_t$ ,  $y_t$  and  $y_{t+1}$ <sup>35</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}F_{xx} &= G_y g_{xx} + G_{x'} h_{xx} + G_{y'} [g_x h_{xx} + g_{xx}(h_x \otimes h_x)] \\ &+ G_{xx}(I_{nk} \otimes I_{nk}) + G_{xy}(I_{nk} \otimes g_x) + G_{xx'}(I_{nk} \otimes h_x) + G_{xy'}(I_{nk} \otimes g_x h_x) \\ &+ G_{yx}(g_x \otimes I_{nk}) + G_{yy}(g_x \otimes g_x) + G_{yx'}(g_x \otimes h_x) + G_{yy'}(g_x \otimes g_x h_x) \\ &+ G_{x'x}(h_x \otimes I_{nk}) + G_{x'y}(h_x \otimes g_x) + G_{x'x'}(h_x \otimes h_x) + G_{x'y'}(h_x \otimes g_x h_x) \\ &+ G_{y'x}(g_x h_x \otimes I_{nk}) + G_{y'y}(g_x h_x \otimes g_x) + G_{y'x'}(g_x h_x \otimes h_x) + G_{y'y'}(g_x h_x \otimes g_x h_x) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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<sup>35</sup>  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 h_{xx}(x_{t-1} \otimes x_{t-1})}{\partial x_{t-1} \partial x_{t-1}} = \frac{1}{2} 2h_{xx} = h_{xx}$

Rewrite it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_{x'} + G_{y'}g_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{xx} \\ g_{xx} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_{y'} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{xx} \\ g_{xx} \end{bmatrix} (h_x \otimes h_x) + B_x = 0$$

Secondly

$$\begin{aligned} F_{uu} &= G_y g_{uu} + G_{x'} h_{uu} + G_{y'} [g_x h_{uu} + g_{xx} (h_u \otimes h_u)] \\ &\quad + G_{yy} (g_u \otimes g_u) + G_{yx'} (g_u \otimes h_u) + G_{yy'} (g_u \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &\quad + G_{x'y} (h_u \otimes g_u) + G_{x'x'} (h_u \otimes h_u) + G_{x'y'} (h_u \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &\quad + G_{y'x'} (g_x h_u \otimes h_u) + G_{y'y} (g_x h_u \otimes g_u) + G_{y'y'} (g_x h_u \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_{x'} + G_{y'}g_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{uu} \\ g_{uu} \end{bmatrix} + B_{u1} = 0$$

Thirdly

$$\begin{aligned} F_{xu} &= G_y g_{xu} + G_{x'} h_{xu} + G_{y'} [g_x h_{xu} + g_{xx} (h_x \otimes h_u)] \\ &\quad + G_{xy} (I_{nk} \otimes g_u) + G_{xx'} (I_{nk} \otimes h_u) + G_{xy'} (I_{nk} \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &\quad + G_{yy} (g_x \otimes g_x) + G_{yx'} (g_x \otimes h_u) + G_{yy'} (g_x \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &\quad + G_{x'y} (h_x \otimes g_u) + G_{x'x'} (h_x \otimes h_u) + G_{x'y'} (h_x \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &\quad + G_{y'y} (g_x h_x \otimes g_u) + G_{y'x'} (g_x h_x \otimes h_u) + G_{y'y'} (g_x h_x \otimes g_x h_u) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_{x'} + G_{y'}g_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{xu} \\ g_{xu} \end{bmatrix} + B_{u2} = 0$$

Forthly

$$F_{\sigma\sigma} = G_x h_{\sigma\sigma} + G_y [g_{\sigma\sigma} + g_x h_{\sigma\sigma}] + G_{x'} [h_{\sigma\sigma} + h_x h_{\sigma\sigma}] + G_{y'} [g_{\sigma\sigma} + g_x h_{\sigma\sigma} + g_x h_x h_{\sigma\sigma}]$$

where  $h_{u,\sigma^2}$  and  $g_{u,\sigma^2}$  is solved from the perturbation around the first order policy function. Even though  $u_t = \varepsilon_t + \sigma\epsilon_t$ , because at time  $t$   $u_t$  is already realized, there is no expectation in front  $\epsilon_t$ ,  $G_{yy} (g_u \otimes g_u) (\epsilon_t \otimes \epsilon_t) = G_y g_{uu} (I_{nu} \otimes I_{nu}) (\epsilon_t \otimes \epsilon_t) = \dots = 0$  will hold around the steady state  $\epsilon = 0$ . Throughout the calculation of  $F_{xx}$ ,  $F_{uu}$ ,  $F_{xu}$  and  $F_{\sigma\sigma}$ , we do not need to care about the shock coefficient  $\eta$  because  $G_{uu} = 0$ . All of its effect is already implied in  $h_u$  and  $g_u$ .

Furthermore, there is no higher order expectation effect here (up to second order) such as  $G_y g_{u,\sigma^2} \bar{u} + G_{x'} h_{u,\sigma^2} \bar{u} + G_{y'} [g_{u,\sigma^2} + g_x h_{u,\sigma^2}] \bar{u}$  as  $\bar{u} = 0$ . Yet higher order approximation will

have this problem. Meanwhile remember that in first order even we have  $\bar{u} > 0$ , because  $\bar{\sigma} = 0$ , the first order effect  $G_y g_{u,\sigma} \bar{u} \bar{\sigma} = h_{u,\sigma} \bar{u} \bar{\sigma} = 0$ . The reason is that the policy will not derivative until second order or higher because of  $\sigma^2$ , the variance is second order. Then the effect of this derivation, derivation in dynamic with  $x_t$  or  $x_t \otimes x_t$ , is at least third-order which will be zero under second-order approximation.

and

$$F_{u'u'} = G_{y'} g_{uu} + G_{y'y'} (g_u \otimes g_u)$$

Therefore

$$F_{u'u'} \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon \sigma^2 + F_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 = (F_{u'u'} \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon + F_{\sigma\sigma}) \sigma^2 = 0$$

holds, which is equivalent to

$$F_{u'u'} \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon + F_{\sigma\sigma} = 0$$

Rearrange to

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_x + G_{x'} + G_{y'} g_x & G_y + G_{y'} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{\sigma\sigma} \\ g_{\sigma\sigma} \end{bmatrix} + \{G_{y'} g_{uu} + G_{y'y'} (g_u \otimes g_u)\} \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon = 0$$

Taylor expansion around

$$K(z_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma) = L(z_{t-1}, y_t, z_t, y_{t+1}, \sigma) = 0$$

Guess policy function

$$z_t = \frac{1}{2} p_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 + p_z z_{t-1} + p_u u_t + \frac{1}{2} p_{zz} (z_{t-1} \otimes z_{t-1}) + \frac{1}{2} p_{uu} (u_t \otimes u_t) + p_{zu} (z_{t-1} \otimes u_t)$$

where  $z_t = \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ x_{t|t} \end{bmatrix}$  with the known function

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \frac{1}{2} g_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 + g_x x_{t-1|x-1} + g_u u_t + \frac{1}{2} g_{xx} (x_{t-1|t-1} \otimes x_{t-1|t-1}) + \frac{1}{2} g_{uu} (u_t \otimes u_t) + g_{xu} (x_{t-1|t-1} \otimes u_t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} g_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 + g_x m_2 z_{t-1} + g_u u_t + \frac{1}{2} g_{xx} (m_2 \otimes m_2) (z_{t-1} \otimes z_{t-1}) + \frac{1}{2} g_{uu} (u_t \otimes u_t) + g_{xu} (m_2 \otimes I_{nu}) (z_{t-1} \otimes u_t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_{t+1} &= \frac{1}{2} g_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 + g_x x_{t|t} + g_u u_{t+1} + \frac{1}{2} g_{xx} (x_{t|t} \otimes x_{t|t}) + \frac{1}{2} g_{uu} (u_{t+1} \otimes u_{t+1}) + g_{xu} (x_{t|t} \otimes u_{t+1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} g_{\sigma\sigma} \sigma^2 + g_x m_2 z_t + g_u u_{t+1} + \frac{1}{2} g_{xx} (m_2 \otimes m_2) (z_t \otimes z_t) + \frac{1}{2} g_{uu} (u_{t+1} \otimes u_{t+1}) + g_{xu} (m_2 \otimes I_{nu}) (z_t \otimes u_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{nk} & I_{nk} \end{bmatrix}$

Take second-order approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
K(z_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma) &= K^1(z_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} [K_{zz}(z \otimes z) + K_{uu}(u \otimes u) + K_{u'u'}(u' \otimes u') + K_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2] \\
&+ K_{zu}(z \otimes u) + K_{zu'}(z \otimes u') + K_{z\sigma}\sigma z + K_{uu'}(u \otimes u') + K_{u\sigma}u_t\sigma + K_{u'\sigma}u'\sigma
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_t \{K(z_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma)\} &= \mathbb{E}_t \{K^1(z_{t-1}, u_t, u_{t+1}, \sigma)\} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} [K_{zz}(z \otimes z) + F_{uu}(u \otimes u) + F_{u'u'} \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon \sigma^2 + F_{\sigma\sigma}\sigma^2] \\
&+ K_{zu}(z \otimes u) + K_{z\sigma}\sigma z + K_{u\sigma}u_t\sigma
\end{aligned}$$

Now let me solve them one by one. Firstly, write the function of  $x_t$ ,  $y_t$  and  $y_{t+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{zz} &= L_y g_{xx}(m_2 \otimes m_2) + L_{z'} p_{zz} + L_{y'} [g_x m_2 p_{zz} + g_{xx}(h_x \otimes h_x)(m_2 \otimes m_2)(p_z \otimes p_z)] \\
&+ L_{zz}(I_{2nk} \otimes I_{2nk}) + L_{zy}(I_{2nk} \otimes g_x m_2) + L_{zz'}(I_{2nk} \otimes p_z) + L_{zy'}(I_{2nk} \otimes g_x m_2 p_z) \\
&+ L_{yz}(g_x m_2 \otimes I_{2nk}) + L_{yy}(g_x m_2 \otimes g_x m_2) + L_{yz'}(g_x m_2 \otimes p_z) + L_{yy'}(g_x m_2 \otimes g_x m_2 p_z) \\
&+ L_{z'z}(p_z \otimes I_{2nk}) + L_{z'y}(p_z \otimes g_x m_2) + L_{z'z'}(p_z \otimes p_z) + L_{z'y'}(p_z \otimes g_x m_2 p_z) \\
&+ L_{y'z}(g_x m_2 p_z \otimes I_{2nk}) + L_{y'y}(g_x m_2 p_z \otimes g_x m_2) + L_{y'z'}(g_x m_2 p_z \otimes p_z) + L_{y'y'}(g_x m_2 p_z \otimes g_x m_2 p_z) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $p_{zz}$  is solved by

$$(L_{z'} + L_{y'} g_x m_2) p_{zz} + C_x = 0$$

Secondly,

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{uu} &= L_y g_{uu} + L_{z'} p_{uu} + L_{y'} [g_x m_2 p_{uu} + g_{xx}(m_2 \otimes m_2)(p_u \otimes p_u)] \\
&+ L_{yy}(g_u \otimes g_u) + L_{yz'}(g_u \otimes p_u) + L_{yy'}(g_u \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&+ L_{z'y}(p_u \otimes g_u) + L_{z'z'}(p_u \otimes p_u) + L_{z'y'}(p_u \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&+ L_{y'y}(g_x m_2 p_u \otimes g_u) + L_{y'z'}(g_x m_2 p_u \otimes p_u) + L_{y'y'}(g_x m_2 p_u \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $p_{uu}$  is solved by

$$(L_{z'} + L_{y'} g_x m_2) p_{uu} + C_{u1} = 0$$

Thirdly,

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{zu} &= L_y g_{xu} (m_2 \otimes I_{nu}) + L_{z'} p_{zu} + L_{y'} [g_x m_2 p_{zu} + g_{xx} (m_2 \otimes m_2) (p_z \otimes p_u)] \\
&+ L_{zy} (I_{2nk} \otimes g_u) + L_{zz'} (I_{2nk} \otimes p_u) + L_{zy'} (I_{2nk} \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&+ L_{yy} (g_x m_2 \otimes g_u) + L_{yz'} (g_x m_2 \otimes p_u) + L_{yy'} (g_x m_2 \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&+ L_{z'y} (p_z \otimes g_u) + L_{z'z'} (p_z \otimes p_u) + L_{z'y'} (p_z \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&+ L_{y'y} (g_x m_2 p_z \otimes g_u) + L_{y'z'} (g_x m_2 p_z \otimes p_u) + L_{y'y'} (g_x m_2 p_z \otimes g_x m_2 p_u) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $p_{zu}$  is solved by

$$(L_{z'} + L_{y'} g_x m_2) p_{zu} + C_{u2} = 0$$

Finally we have two approximations

$$K_{\sigma\sigma} = L_z p_{\sigma\sigma} + L_y [g_{\sigma\sigma} + g_x m_2 p_{\sigma\sigma}] + L_{z'} [p_{\sigma\sigma} + p_z p_{\sigma\sigma}] + L_{y'} [g_{\sigma\sigma} + g_x m_2 p_{\sigma\sigma} + g_x m_2 p_z p_{\sigma\sigma}]$$

and

$$K_{u'u'} = L_{y'} g_{uu} + L_{y'y'} (g_u \otimes g_u)$$

Because of

$$K_{\sigma\sigma} + K_{u'u'} \vec{\Sigma}_\epsilon = 0$$

The  $p_{\sigma\sigma}$  is solved by

$$[L_z + L_y g_x m_2 + L_{z'} (1 + p_z) + L_{y'} g_x m_2 (1 + p_z)] p_{\sigma\sigma} + C_\sigma = 0$$

## H.10 Arguments to fake news and inefficiency

