# Non-Cooperation in Debt Maturity

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## Institutional Separation

Central bank separation from larger government can result in monetary policy shielded from political pressure

- Lower inflation levels, variances (Alesina & Summers, 1993)
- Higher growth rates (Cukierman, Kalaitzidakis, Summers & Webb, 1993)

#### Isolation comes with institutional differences

- Division of objectives (Stella & Lonnberg, 2008)
- Ability to commit to future policy (Gnocchi, 2013; Rogoff, 1985)

#### Though isolated, central banks and fiscal counterparts are tightly linked

- o Both institutions leverage federal debt markets across maturities
  - FP: issues to finance spending, MP: conducts OMOs
- o Government collects central bank remittances as income
  - Remittances = CB operating profits, paid lump-sum
- "Central bank isolation" only an approximation
  - Authority granted by lawmakers

## This paper

Institutional optimization implies strategic interaction

A coordination problem in joint-determination of maturity structure may emerge

I investigate theoretical consequences arising from this problem

- 1. Infinite-lived model, credible non-cooperative government institutions interact in federal debt markets across maturities
  - o Solve Ramsey planner's problem, coordinated government implementation
  - Solve decentralized equilibrium with institutional non-cooperation
- 2. Analogous 3-period model
  - Vary commitment power
  - Compare outcomes to first-best

### The Model

Households

Model: Lucas & Stokey (1983) with nominal debt

Infinitely-lived households choose consumption, labor supply and stocks of non-contingent government debt (across various maturities) to maximize utility, subject to a sequence of budget constraints

Utility function:

$$u(c_t, n_t \mid \pi_t) = \frac{c_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \frac{n_t^{1+\varphi}}{1+\varphi} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\pi_t} - 1\right)^2 , \quad \pi_t = \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}$$

HHBC at t:

$$P_{t}c_{t} + \sum_{j=1}^{J} Q_{t}^{(t+j)} B_{t}^{(t+j)} = (1 - \tau_{t}) P_{t}n_{t} + B_{t-1}^{(t)} + \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} Q_{t}^{(t+j)} B_{t-1}^{(t+j)}$$

$$MV(\text{newly purchased debt})$$

$$MV(\text{unmatured } t-1 \text{ debt})$$

## Market-Clearing

Commodity, Asset Markets

Production technology owned by households, linear:  $y_t = n_t$ 

Goods market, 
$$J$$
 debt markets  $B_t = \left\{B_t^{(t+j)}\right\}_{j=1}^J$ 

Goods market-clearing (aggregate resource constraint):

$$n_t = c_t + g_t$$

where  $g_t$  follows an S-state Markov process

Bond prices  $Q_t = \left\{Q_t^{(t+j)}
ight\}_{j=1}^J$  clear debt markets

o Pinned down by household optimization

## Ramsey Planner

Efficient Benchmark

**Definition:** A welfare-maximizing Ramsey planner chooses  $\tau_t$ ,  $\pi_t$  and a **portfolio of complete-markets state contingent debt** in every period to maximize lifetime expected household welfare, subject to private optimization, the ARC and the household budget constraint.

Planner's solution called Ramsey plan

Efficient benchmark of economy

If some issuance of  $B_t=B_t^*$  supports Ramsey plan, call  $B_t^*$  economy's **optimal** maturity structure at t

Angeletos (2002) shows implementation with indexed debt possible when  $J \ge S$ , unique **optimal maturity structure** when J = S

Focus on S = J = 2 for today

Price Determination

 $B_t$  in terms of nominal resources (dollars)

What determines value of dollars (in terms of real allocations)? Not so straightforward

Combine ARC, HHBC, HHFOCs  $\rightarrow$  forward-iterate on MV(government debt), HHTVC

$$\underbrace{\frac{B_{t-1}^{(t)}}{P_t} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left( \frac{c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) \left( \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right) \right] \frac{B_{t-1}^{(t+1)}}{P_t}}_{P_t} = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) (\tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i})}_{}$$

MV(outstanding government liabilites)/P

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Exp}}.$  discounted current and future real primary surpluses

Want  $P_t$  only in terms of current and expected future allocations

Almost there, future expected  $P_{t+1}$  shows up on LHS



Price Determination

Call the economy's **dilution rate**  $\frac{B_t^{(t+1)}}{B_{t-1}^{(t+1)}}$ 

When government sells ST debt while LT debt outstanding, it dilutes value of existing claims on t+1's surpluses. Expected future dilution affects current price of LT debt.

Define economy's **inverse dilution rate** as  $a_t = \frac{B_{t-1}^{(t+1)}}{B_t^{(t+1)}}$ 

When future debt choices are known, GBC becomes

$$\underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{B}_{t-1}^{(t)}}{P_t}}_{\text{(Maturing debt)}/P} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left(\frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}}\right) \left(\tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i}\right) \left(1 + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{i} \prod_{h=1}^{k} -a_{t+h-1}}_{\text{maturity modifier}}\right) \tag{2}$$

Exp. diluted discounted current and future real primary surpluses

Only  $P_t$  remaining on LHS o (2) prices nominal resources at t

#### Inverse Dilution Rate

Oscillating Signs

$$\frac{B_{t-1}^{(t)}}{P_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) \left( \tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i} \right) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^i \prod_{h=1}^k -a_{t+h-1} \right)$$
(2)

Interacting (positive)  $a_t$  terms oscillate signs within sum going forward

For intuition, given exogenous future expected primary surpluses

$$\begin{aligned} a_t \uparrow &\implies B_t^{(t+1)} \downarrow \to P_{t+1} \downarrow \to & Q_t^{(t+1)} \uparrow \to P_t \uparrow \\ \mathbb{E}_t a_{t+1} \uparrow &\implies B_{t+1}^{(t+2)} \downarrow \to P_{t+2} \downarrow \to & Q_{t+1}^{(t+2)} \uparrow \to P_{t+1} \uparrow \to & Q_t^{(t+1)} \downarrow \to P_t \downarrow \end{aligned}$$

Positive future expected persistent dilution offsets within  $Q_t^{(t+1)}$ 

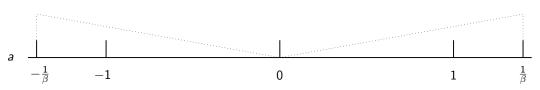
#### Inverse Dilution Rate

Dilution Ad Infinitum

What happens when a government dilutes every period forever?

Relative to ST-only case (a = 0)

Amplifying backing from future surpluses — Dampening backing from future surpluses



a=1: Government lets all LT debt run off every period

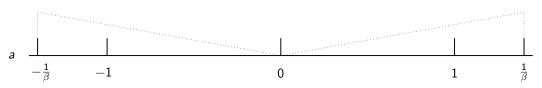
a=-1: Government sells all LT assets, issues same magnitude of ST debt every period

RHS of (2) explodes when  $|a| > \frac{1}{\beta}$ 

### Inverse Dilution Rate

Dilution Ad Infinitum

Amplifying backing from future surpluses — Dampening backing from future surpluses



Government delays final repayment of maturing debt when borrowing positive amounts in both ST and LT debt

Moves up final maturing debt payment when issuing ST debt but purchasing LT assets

Note: Cochrane (2001), Leeper & Leith (2017) provide more general formula (J > 2)

### Back to the Planner

Ramsey Plan

Ramsey Planner constrained by t = 0 pricing equation (2)

Define real debt allocations as  $b_t^{(t+j)} = \frac{B_t^{(t+j)}}{P_t}$ • (2) moves from B and P terms  $\to b$  and  $\pi$  terms

No inflation in constraint except  $\pi_0$  and  $\pi_1$ 

Committing Ramsey Planner:  $\pi_t = 1 \ \forall \ t+i, \ i>1$ 

Timeless perspective  $\implies \pi_t = 1 \ \forall t$ 

Inflation never used to finance government spending  $\implies$  model reverts back to one with indexed debt  $\implies$  Ramsey plan: perfect smoothing of distortionary tax rate

Angeletos (2002), Buera & Niccolini (2004) explore this solution

Implementing the Ramsey Solution

Ramsey planner has access to a complete-markets portfolio of state-contingent assets, issues these assets to achieve zero net inflation and constant distortionary tax rate

Does so through optimal state-contingent payoffs  $z\left(g_{t}\right)$  from asset portfolio

Importantly, model lacks both lump sum transfers/taxes and state-contingent debt

Ramsey plan can only be implemented via MV of previously-supplied debt

$$z(g_t) = b_{t-1}^{(t)} + q_t^{(t+1)}(g_t) b_{t-1}^{(t+1)}$$

where  $q_t^{(t+1)}$  is price of unmatured real debt

$$\circ \ q_t^{(t+1)} = Q_t^{(t+1)}$$
 when  $\pi_t = \pi = 1$ 

Government understands nature of time-t debt prices when supplying debt at t-1

Uses this information to carefully issue

z(g)

Implementing the Ramsey Solution

Optimal maturity structure: large ST asset position offset by large LT debt position

o Structure constant across states and time

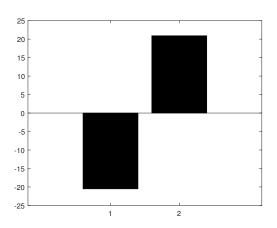
LT debt revalues downward in high-spending (high-MU) states

Numerical example to demonstrate another interpretation under nominal debt:

Variable	Calibration	Description
$(g_{\ell},g_h)$	(.1751, .3570)	Spending amounts
$(p_{\ell\ell},p_{\ell h})$	(.985, .015)	Transition matrix
$(p_{h\ell},p_{hh})$	(.19, .81)	probabilities
β	.95	Time discount factor
σ	2	Inverse of intertemporal elasticity of substitution
φ	2	Inverse of Frisch elasticity of labor supply
θ	3	Inflation coefficient
(1, J)	(1,2)	Maturity lengths
z (ℓ)*	.05	MV of debt in low-spending state

Optimal Maturity Structure

#### Optimal maturity structure:



$$B_t^{(t+1)} = -18.55$$
,  $B_t^{(t+2)} = 19.52 \implies a_t = a = -1.052 > -\frac{1}{\beta} = -1.053$ 

New Interpretation of a Classic Result

Under constant  $a_t = a$ , (2) becomes

$$\frac{B_{t-1}^{(t)}}{P_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) (\tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i}) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^i (-a)^k \right)$$
(3)

 $B_{t-1}^{(t)} = B^{(1)}$  and  $P_t = P$  are constants

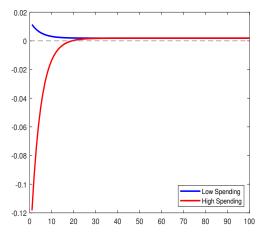
Constant tax rate  $\implies$  RHS is contingent only on exogenous state

a chosen to equate RHS in low-spending state to RHS in high-spending state

• Choice of *a* is unique

New interpretation: to avoid using ex-post inflation-financing, nominal debt issued strategically so that current and future expected dilution equates backing across states.

New Interpretation of a Classic Result



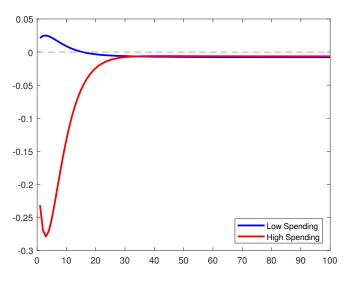
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Exp. future primary surpluses

Exp. discounted future primary surpluses

Negative surplus states are high  $MU \, \rightarrow \, higher \, weights$ 

New Interpretation of a Classic Result



Zero-inflation a amplifies both curves equally until integrals equate

Exp. discounted, modified future surpluses

#### Institutional Problem

Two Government Institutions, Separate Objectives

Consider same model where two government institutions have separate objectives

Debt-manager implements fiscal policy, solves

$$\max_{\tau_t, b_t} \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \left( \frac{c_t^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} - \frac{n_t^{1+\varphi}}{1+\varphi} \right) \right\}$$

Central bank implements monetary policy, solves

$$\max_{\pi_t, b_t} \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \frac{1}{2} \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_t} - 1 \right)^2 \right\}$$

Subject to

$$\frac{1}{\pi_t} \left( b_{t-1}^{(t)} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left( \frac{c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma} \pi_{t+1}} \right) b_{t-1}^{(t+1)} \right) = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) \left( \tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i} \right) ,$$

household optimization and the ARC, taking other institution's choices as given

#### Institutional Problem

Solution Equivalency

Committing central bank sets future inflation to  $\pi_t = 1$  every period past t = 1

Committing debt-manager sets constant tax rate  $au_t = au$  every period past t=1

Markov Perfect Nash Equilibrium matches Ramsey plan

Institutional non-cooperation not an issue

Many ways to move forward, I investigate how assumptions on fiscal and monetary commitment affect the problem

Consider the same model, but lasting for only three periods (t = 0, 1, 2)

Uncertainty about  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  resolved at t = 1,  $g_1 = g_2 = g(s)$ 

o Allows for effectively complete markets (Ramsey solution feasible)

Variable	Calibration	Description
<b>g</b> 0	.2	Initial spending
$(g_\ell,g_h)$	(.15, .25)	Spending amounts
$(p_\ell, p_h)$	(.9, .1)	Transition probabilities
β	.95	Time discount factor
σ	2	Inverse of intertemporal elasticity of substitution
φ	2	Inverse of Frisch elasticity of labor supply
θ	3	Inflation coefficient
(1, J)	(1, 2)	Maturity lengths
$\left(b_{-1}^{(0)},b_{-1}^{(1)}\right)$	(.7, .15)	Maturity structure entering $t=0$

Institutional Credibility

The exercise: vary commitment power of institutions and compare maturity structures, inflation paths, tax rate paths and welfare

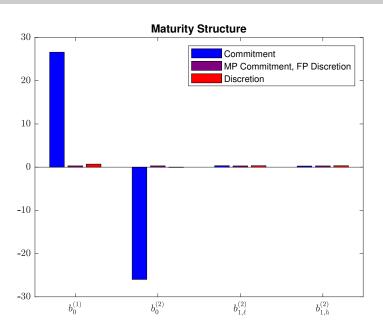
Institutions solve same problems as before under three distinct endowments of commitment technology:

- 1. Both institutions able to commit to future policy
- 2. Central bank able to commit, fiscal policy unable to commit
- 3. Neither institution able to commit

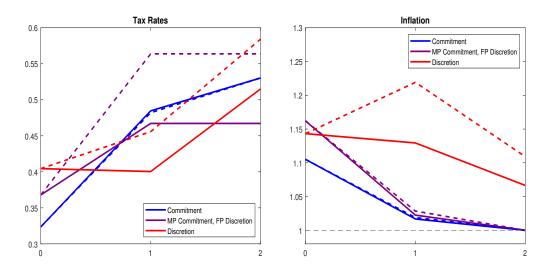
All Committing FOCs

Discretionary FP, Committing MP FOCs All Discretionary FOCs

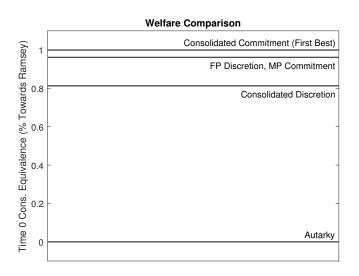
Institutional Interaction, Maturity Structure



Institutional Interaction, Inflation and Taxes



#### Institutional Interaction, Welfare Comparison



## Takeaways

Federal economic institutions leverage maturity structure to achieve separate objectives

Room for strategic interaction

#### In a model with:

- o A maturity structure of non-contingent nominal debt
- o A debt-manager using public debt to implement economy's distortionary tax rate
- A central bank using public debt to implement economy's inflation rate

Ramsey solution achieved in Markov Perfect Nash Equilibrium

Inverse dilution rate a key player

Varying commitment power of institutions results in deviations from Ramsey plan

- Non-committing debt-manager results in realistic maturity structure, inflation paths, tax rates, etc.
- Welfare-improvement moving from a non-committing consolidated government to one with a central bank that commits to future inflation levels

## Moving Forward

#### Some facts:

- o Financial frictions associated with fiscal and monetary policy debt transactions
- US Treasury highly averse to redeeming debt
- Federal reserve's balance sheet small in comparison to outstanding debt
- US Fed not able to issue LT liabilities
- Output responds to inflation in SR

Adding these into the infinite-lived version may create a non-degenerate role for inflation

# Pricing Equation Evolution

Back

$$\frac{B_{t-1}^{(t)}}{P_t} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \left( \frac{c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) \left( \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} \right) \right] \frac{B_{t-1}^{(t+1)}}{P_t} = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) (\tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i}) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{b_{t-1}^{(t)}}{P_{t}} P_{t-1} + \beta \mathbb{E}_{t} \left[ \left( \frac{c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{c_{t}^{-\sigma}} \right) \left( \frac{P_{t}}{P_{t+1}} \right) \right] \frac{b_{t-1}^{(t+1)}}{P_{t}} P_{t-1} = \mathbb{E}_{t} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^{i} \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_{t}^{-\sigma}} \right) (\tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i})$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi_t} \left( b_{t-1}^{(t)} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t \left( \frac{c_{t+1}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma} \pi_{t+1}} \right) b_{t-1}^{(t+1)} \right) = \mathbb{E}_t \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \frac{c_{t+i}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \right) (\tau_{t+i} n_{t+i} - g_{t+i})$$

## **Optimal Ramsey Transfers**

Back

 $z(g_t)$  is expressed using RHS of implementability constraint along the Ramsey plan.

Because the plan is  $\tau_t = \tau$ , RHS is contingent only on random draw of  $g_t$  every period:

$$z(g_t) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_g \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \left( \tau n_{t+i} - g_{t+i} \right)}{c_t^{-\sigma}}$$

conditional on exogenous state of economy being  $g_t$ .

### Household FOCs

Back

Households choose  $c_t$ ,  $n_t$  and  $\left\{B_t^{(t+j)}\right\}_{i=1}^J$  to maximize expected lifetime utility:

$$au_t = 1 - rac{n_t^{arphi}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} \;\; , \;\; Q_t^{(t+j)} = eta^j \mathbb{E}_t \left[ rac{c_{t+j}^{-\sigma}}{c_t^{-\sigma}} rac{P_t}{P_{t+j}} 
ight] \;\; orall \; j$$

Government budget constraint can be written as:

$$\underline{B_{t-1}^{(t)} + \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} Q_t^{(t+j)} B_{t-1}^{(t+j)}} = \underbrace{P_t \left( \tau_t n_t - g_t \right)}_{\text{primary surplus}} + \underbrace{Q_t^{(t+1)} \left( B_t^{(t+1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} Q_{t+1}^{(t+1+j)} B_t^{(t+1+j)} \right)}_{\text{MV(new liability position)}}$$

# FOCs for Committing Consolidated Government

 $\lambda_0$  : Imp,  $\phi_t$  : ARC Back

$$c_{0}^{-\sigma} + \lambda_{0} \left[ (1 - \sigma) c_{0}^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_{0}^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_{0}} \right) b_{-1}^{(0)} \right] = \mu_{0}$$

$$c_{1}^{-\sigma} + \lambda_{0} \left[ (1 - \sigma) c_{1}^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_{0}\pi_{1}} \right) b_{-1}^{(1)} \right] = \mu_{1}$$

$$c_{2}^{-\sigma} + \lambda_{0} (1 - \sigma) c_{2}^{-\sigma} = \mu_{2}$$

$$n_{0}^{\varphi} + \lambda_{0} (1 + \varphi) n_{0}^{\varphi} = \mu_{0}$$

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$$n_{2}^{\varphi} + \lambda_{0} (1 + \varphi) n_{2}^{\varphi} = \mu_{2}$$

$$\theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{0}} - 1 \right) = -\lambda_{0} \left[ c_{0}^{-\sigma} b_{-1}^{(0)} + \beta \mathbb{E}_{0} \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{1}} \right) b_{-1}^{(1)} \right]$$

$$\theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{1}} - 1 \right) = -\lambda_{0} \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{0}} \right) b_{-1}^{(1)}$$

$$\theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{2}} - 1 \right) = 0$$

## FOCs for Discretionary FP, Committing MP

 $\lambda_0$ : Imp,  $\mu_t$ : GBC,  $\phi_t$ : ARC (Solve through repeated looping through individual institutional problems) (Back)

$$\begin{split} c_{0}^{-\sigma} + \mu_{0} \left[ (1-\sigma) \, c_{0}^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_{0}^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_{0}} \right) \, b_{-1}^{(0)} \right] &= \phi_{0} \\ c_{1}^{-\sigma} + \mu_{1} \left[ (1-\sigma) \, c_{1}^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_{1}} \right) \, b_{0}^{(1)} \right] &= \phi_{1} \\ c_{2}^{-\sigma} + \mu_{2} \left[ (1-\sigma) \, c_{2}^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_{2}^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_{2}} \right) \, b_{1}^{(2)} \right] &= \phi_{2} \\ n_{0}^{\varphi} + \mu_{0} \, (1+\varphi) \, n_{0}^{\varphi} &= \phi_{0} \\ n_{1}^{\varphi} + \mu_{1} \, (1+\varphi) \, n_{1}^{\varphi} &= \phi_{1} \\ n_{2}^{\varphi} + \mu_{2} \, (1+\varphi) \, n_{2}^{\varphi} &= \phi_{2} \\ \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{0}} - 1 \right) &= -\lambda_{0} \left[ c_{0}^{-\sigma} \, b_{-1}^{(0)} + \beta \mathbb{E}_{0} \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{1}} \right) \, b_{-1}^{(1)} \right] \\ \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{1}} - 1 \right) &= -\lambda_{0} \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{0}} \right) \, b_{-1}^{(1)} \\ \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{2}} - 1 \right) &= 0 \\ \mu_{0} \mathbb{E}_{0} \left( \frac{c_{1}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{1}} \right) &= \mathbb{E}_{0} \left( \frac{\mu_{1} c_{1}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{1}} \right) \\ \mu_{0} \mathbb{E}_{0} \left( \frac{c_{2}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{2}} \right) &= \mathbb{E}_{0} \left( \frac{\mu_{1} c_{2}^{-\sigma}}{\pi_{2}} \right) \\ \mu_{1} &= \mu_{2} \end{split}$$

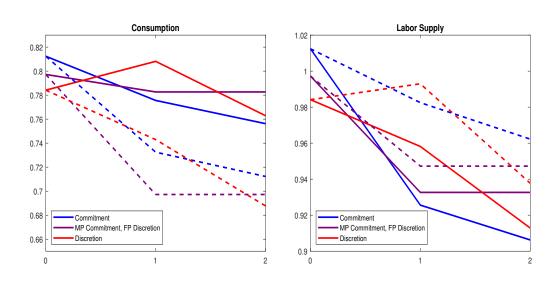
# FOCs for Discretionary Consolidated Government

 $\mu_t$ : GBC,  $\phi_t$ : ARC Back

$$\begin{aligned} c_0^{-\sigma} + \mu_0 \left[ (1 - \sigma) c_0^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_0^{-\gamma}}{\pi_0} \right) b_{-1}^{(0)} \right] &= \phi_0 \\ c_1^{-\sigma} + \mu_1 \left[ (1 - \sigma) c_1^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_1^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_1} \right) b_0^{(1)} \right] &= \phi_1 \\ c_2^{-\sigma} + \mu_2 \left[ (1 - \sigma) c_2^{-\sigma} + \sigma \left( \frac{c_2^{-1-\sigma}}{\pi_2} \right) b_1^{(2)} \right] &= \phi_2 \\ n_0^{\varphi} + \mu_0 (1 + \varphi) n_0^{\varphi} &= \phi_0 \\ n_1^{\varphi} + \mu_1 (1 + \varphi) n_1^{\varphi} &= \phi_1 \\ n_2^{\varphi} + \mu_2 (1 + \varphi) n_2^{\varphi} &= \phi_2 \\ \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_0} - 1 \right) &= -\mu_0 c_0^{-\sigma} b_{-1}^{(0)} \\ \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_1} - 1 \right) &= -\mu_1 c_1^{-\sigma} b_0^{(1)} \\ \theta \left( \frac{1}{\pi_2} - 1 \right) &= -\mu_2 c_2^{-\sigma} b_1^{(2)} \\ \mu_0 \mathbb{E}_0 \left( \frac{c_1^{-\sigma}}{\pi_1} \right) &= \mathbb{E}_0 \left( \frac{\mu_1 c_1^{-\sigma}}{\pi_1} \right) \\ \mu_0 \mathbb{E}_0 \left( \frac{c_2^{-\sigma}}{\pi_2} \right) &= \mathbb{E}_0 \left( \frac{\mu_1 c_2^{-\sigma}}{\pi_2} \right) \\ \mu_1 &= \mu_2 \end{aligned}$$

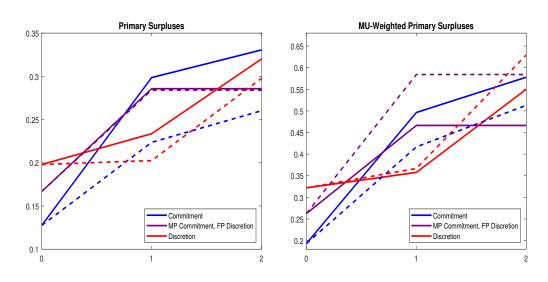
# Paths of Consumption and Labor Supply





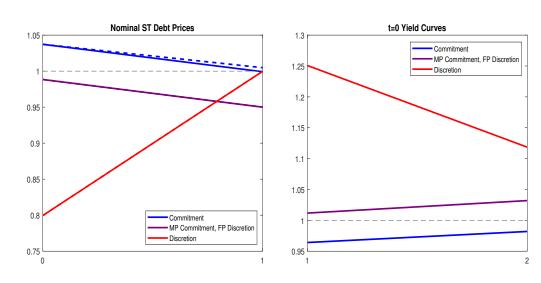
## Paths of Primary Surpluses





## Debt Prices and the Yield Curve





## Welfare Comparison in Levels



