

# SELECTIVE INATTENTION TO INTEREST RATES

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  - Example: interest rates important when **buying a house**, but less so for groceries

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- **If yes**, how does this **selection** affect the aggregate responses to shocks?
  - Belief heterogeneity  $\Rightarrow$  **average** may not be the relevant object Miller 77, Afrouzi et al. 24

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③ Develop a PE incomplete markets model with  $\overbrace{\text{durables}}^{\text{DM in model}} + \text{dynamic IA about rates}$

- Use patterns in IA from survey to discipline information cost parameter(s)
- Compare **model IRFs** to level and volatility of rates with **exogenous inattention**

$\text{DM} \perp \text{beliefs} \Rightarrow \text{no selection}$



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- ② Information acquisition is **concentrated** prior to purchases
  - Purchase in  $\leq 6$  months  $\Rightarrow$  twice as likely to acquire information
  - Information acquisition focuses on current values of decision-relevant rates

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**Micro-level** patterns in attention can distinguish between models with same **macro-level** inattention, but different counterfactual predictions

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- Effects of (interest rate) uncertainty → *effects are mediated by info. acquisition*
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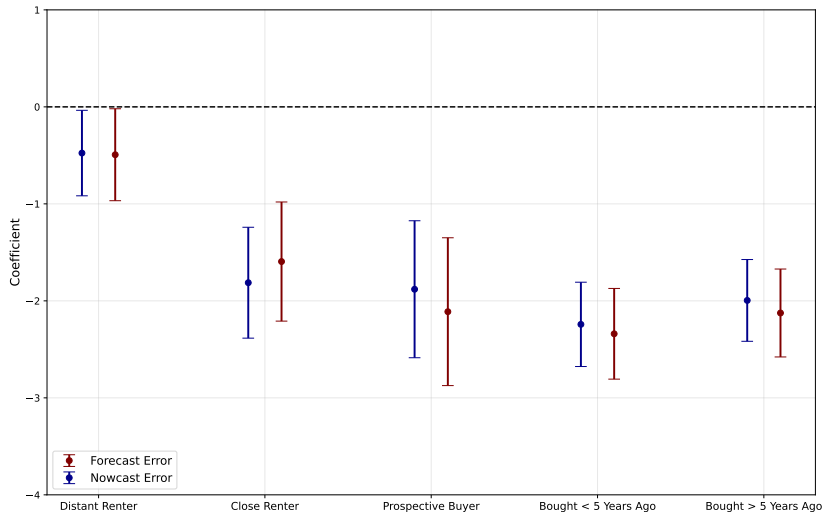


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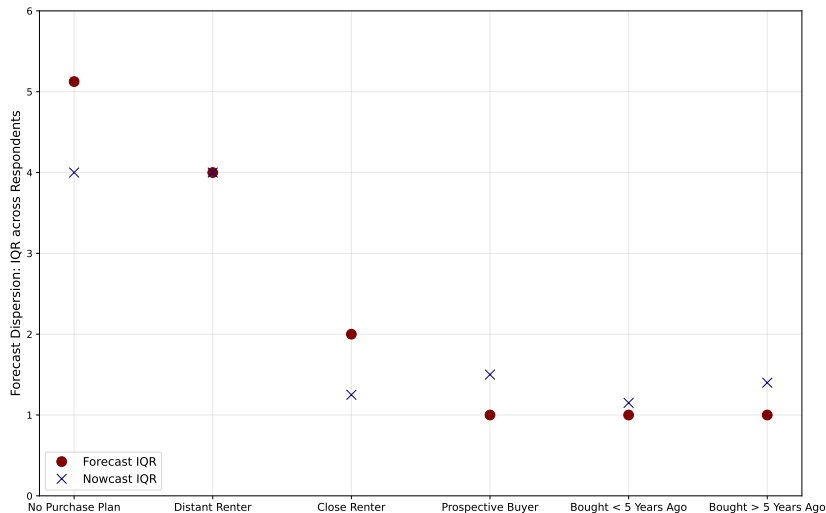
- Not shown today: quantitatively similar results from ECB household survey

# DECISION-MAKERS HAVE MORE ACCURATE BELIEFS



Errors of prospective buyers  $\approx$  **50% lower** than those with no purchase plan

# LESS DISPERSION AMONG DECISION-MAKERS' BELIEFS



Disagreement of prospective buyers  $\approx$  **70% lower** than those with no purchase plan

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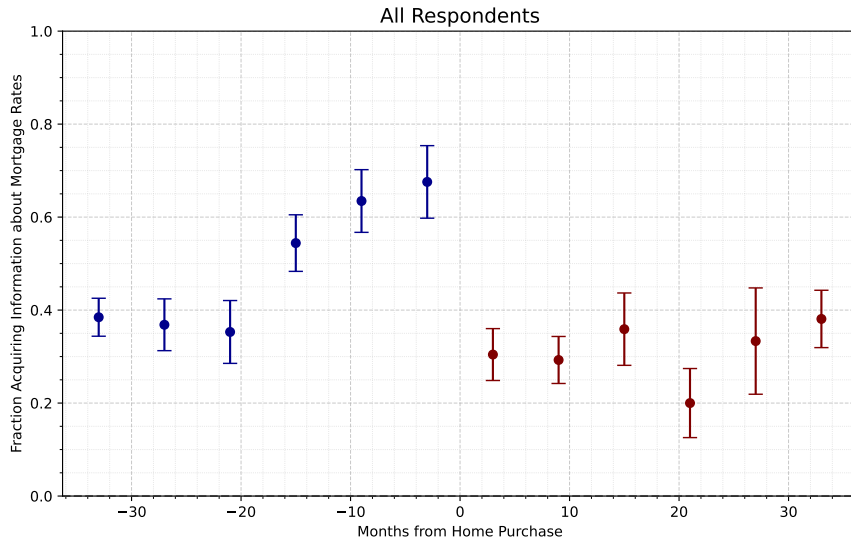
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► Questions

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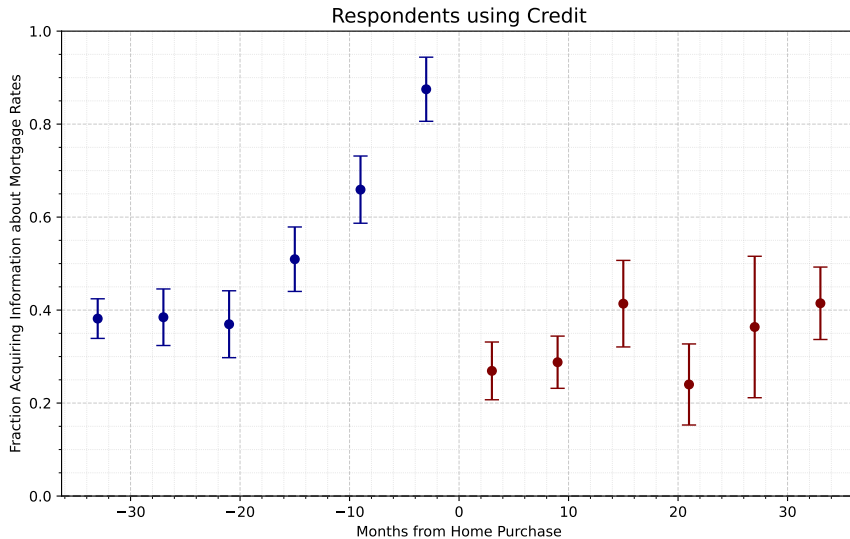


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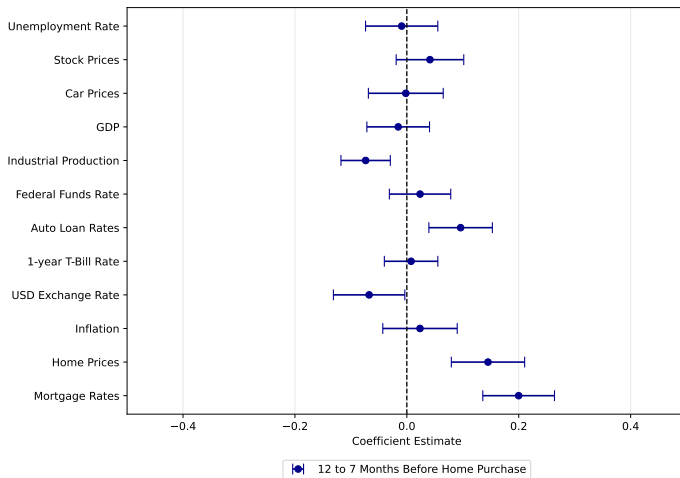
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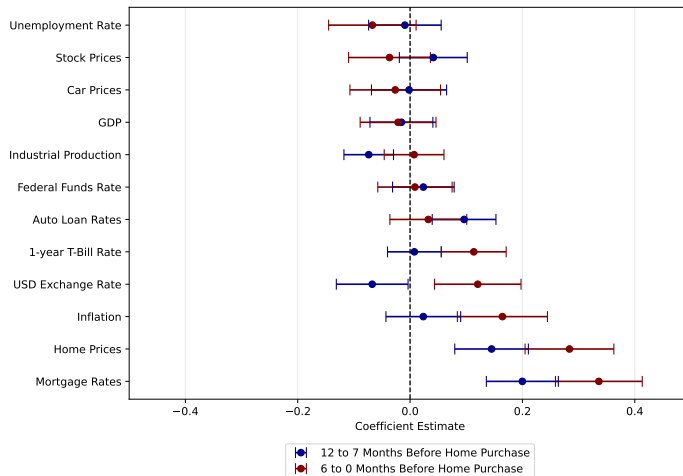
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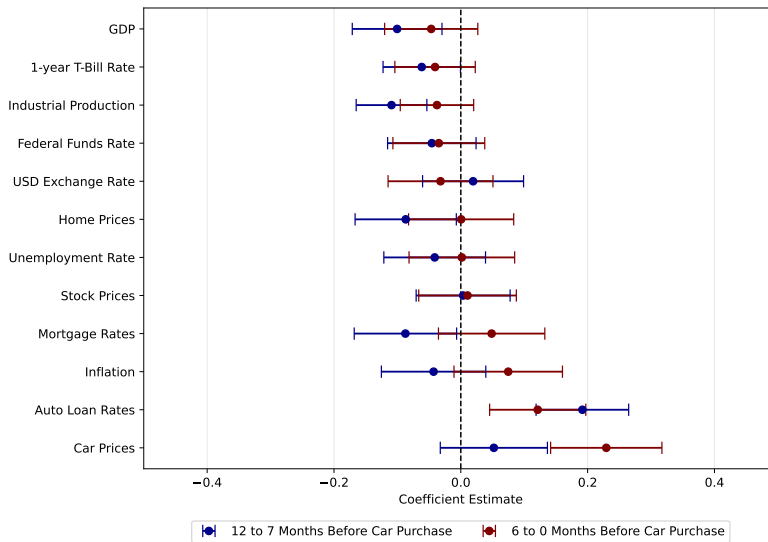


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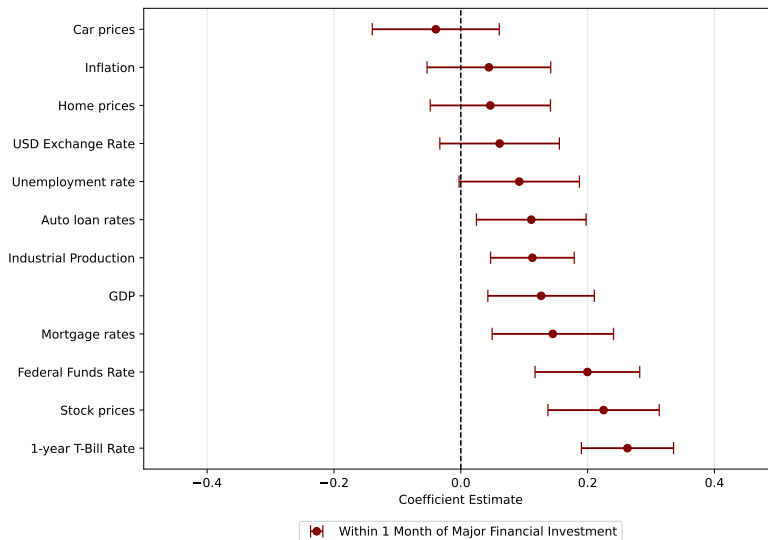


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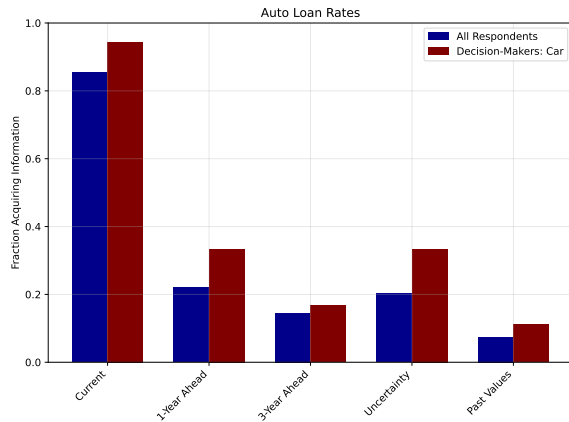
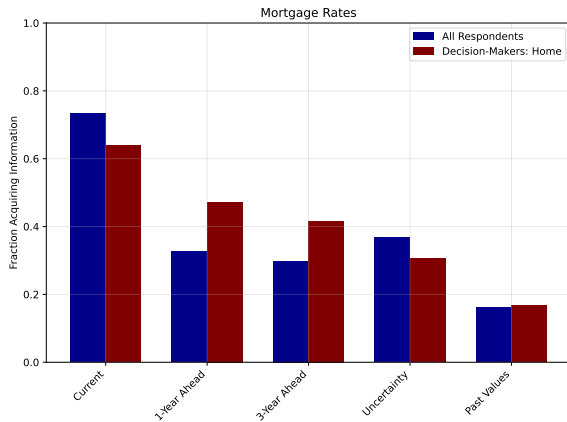




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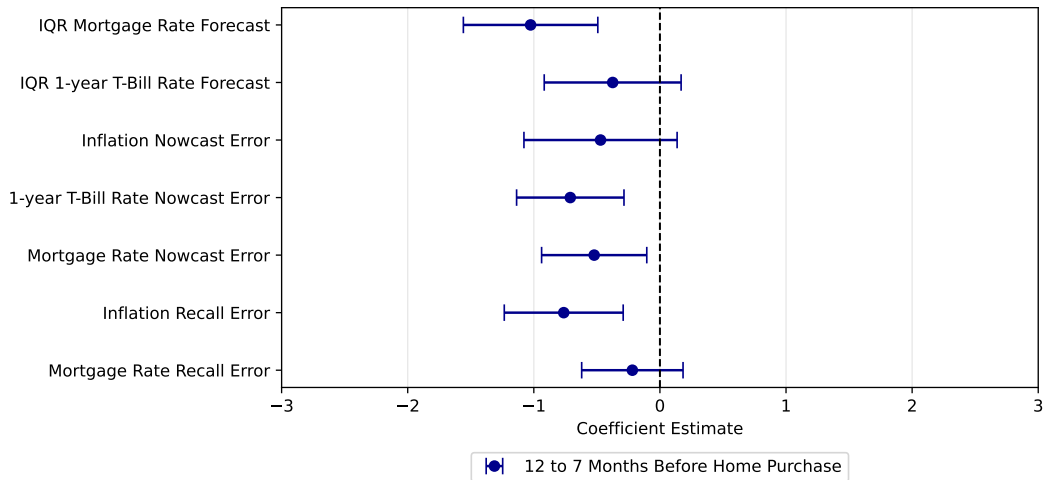
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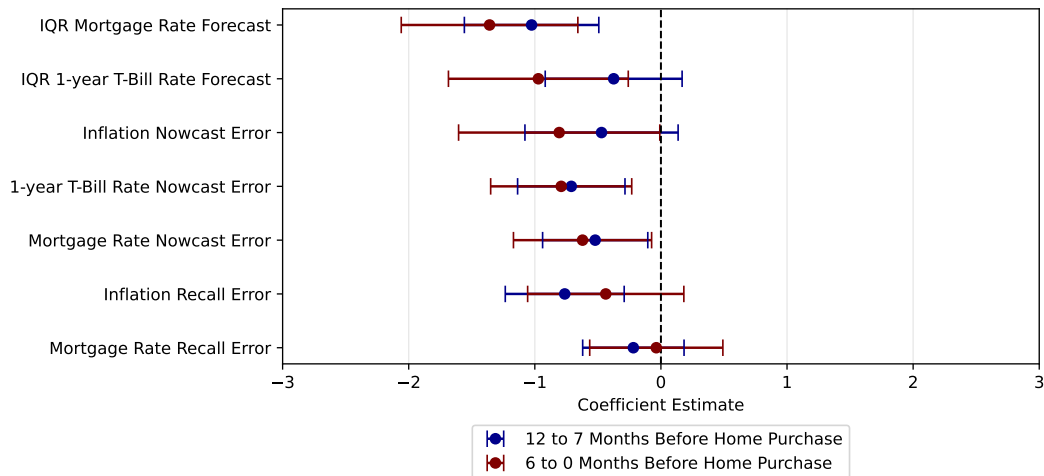
## Dependent Variable: Information Acquisition

Variable	OLS	First Stage	IV	OLS	First Stage	IV
Home Decision-Maker	0.33*** (0.07)		0.83*** (0.29)	0.32*** (0.07)		0.88*** (0.29)
Job Relocation		0.28*** (0.08)			0.28*** (0.08)	
N	749	749	749	749	749	749
Controls				✓	✓	✓
F-stat		12.14			4.43	

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$\xi = 0 \Rightarrow$  have to adjust for **exogenous** reasons (e.g. job relocation)



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$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{s}), \mathbf{d}'(\mathbf{s}) = \arg \max_{c, d'} U(c, m(d')) + \beta \cdot \mathbf{E}V(b' + \Delta_b, d', r' + \Delta_r, y', \xi', \text{beliefs}')$$

$$c + b' + d' = y + [\exp(r) + \tau_b \mathbf{1}_{b < 0}] b + (1 - \delta) d - A(d, d'), \quad b' \geq -\lambda d'$$

- $\log y$  follows AR1 + observed by households
- $r$  follows an AR1 + HHs know DGP, but observe noisy signal of **current rate**

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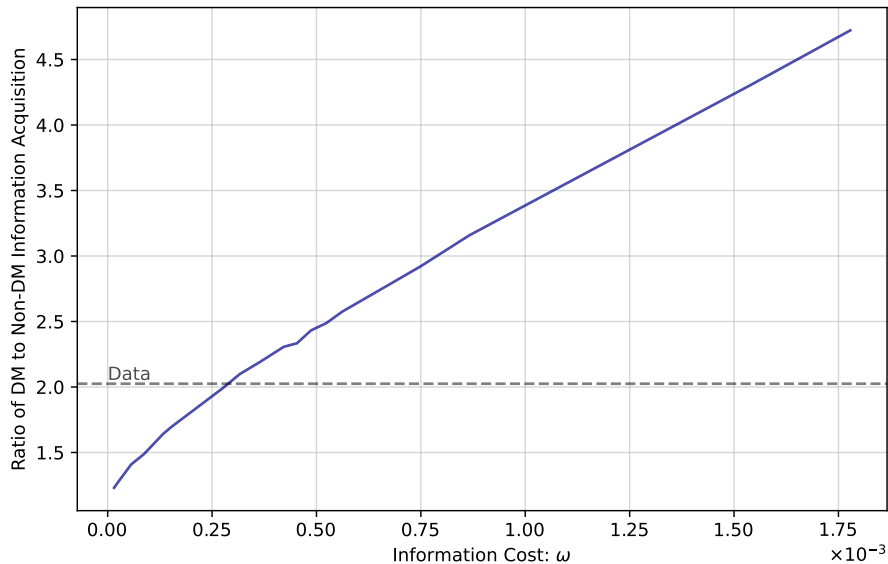
- $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}'$  maximize objective with **belief wedges** which depend on  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}(r)$ 
  - Lower  $\Sigma_s \Rightarrow$  **wedges**  $\longrightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{E}}(r) \longrightarrow r \Rightarrow$  smaller utility loss from  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}'$

# CALIBRATED PARAMETERS

Parameter	Description	Value	Source
<i>Internally-Calibrated</i>			
$\beta$	Discount factor	0.9829	Net Assets/GDP = 0.87
$\psi$	Non-durables exponent	0.627	$d/c$ ratio = 2.64
$f$	Fixed cost	0.11	Quarterly adjustment probability = 0.0475
$1 - \bar{\xi}$	Match-quality shock probability	0.034	$P(\xi = 0   \text{adjust durables}) = 0.75$
$\omega$	Information cost	$10^{-3.541}$	Ratio of DM to non-DM information acquisition = 2.03*
<i>Externally-Calibrated</i>			
$\gamma$	RRA (and inverse EIS)	2	Standard value
$\varepsilon$	Durables elasticity of substitution	0.5	McKay & Wieland (2021)
$1 - \lambda$	Required downpayment	0.2	Standard value
$\delta$	Depreciation rate	0.017	McKay & Wieland (2021)
$\chi$	Maintenance share	0.35	McKay & Wieland (2021)
$\nu$	Operating cost	0.012	McKay & Wieland (2021)
$\rho_y$	Income persistence	0.977	Floden and Lindé (2001)
$\sigma_\epsilon$	Income shock std. dev.	0.058	Floden and Lindé (2001)
$\bar{r}$	Real rate mean	0.0143	10-Year Treasury Rate: 1961-2024
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$\sigma$	Real rate shock std. dev.	0.0014	10-Year Treasury Rate: 1961-2024
$\tau_b$	Borrowing spread	0.004156	Average 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage Rate: 1971-2024

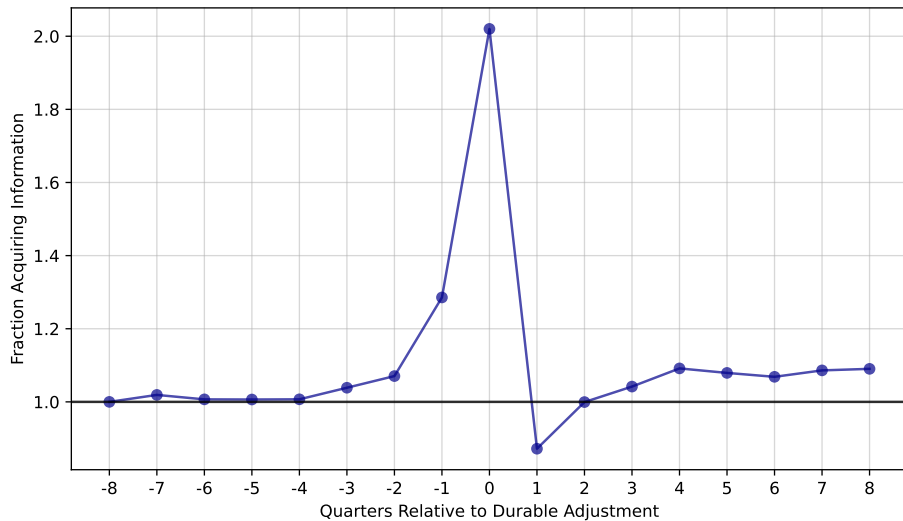


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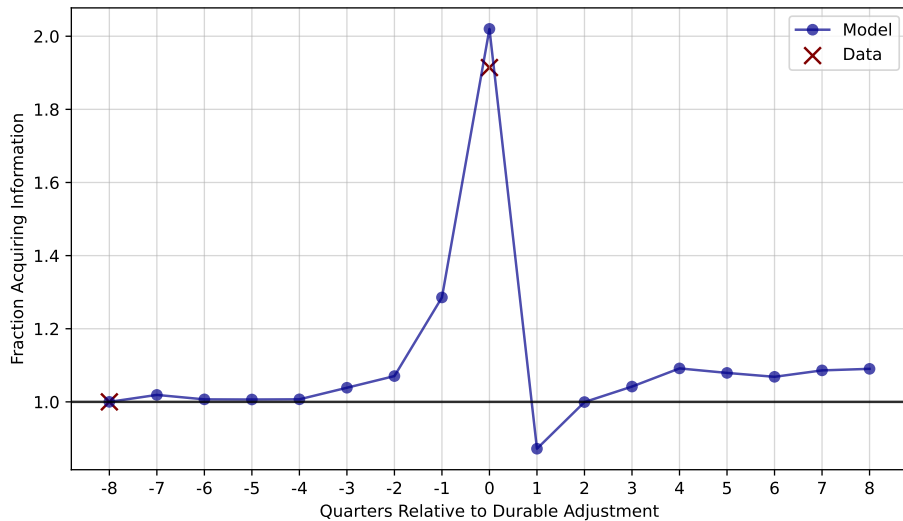


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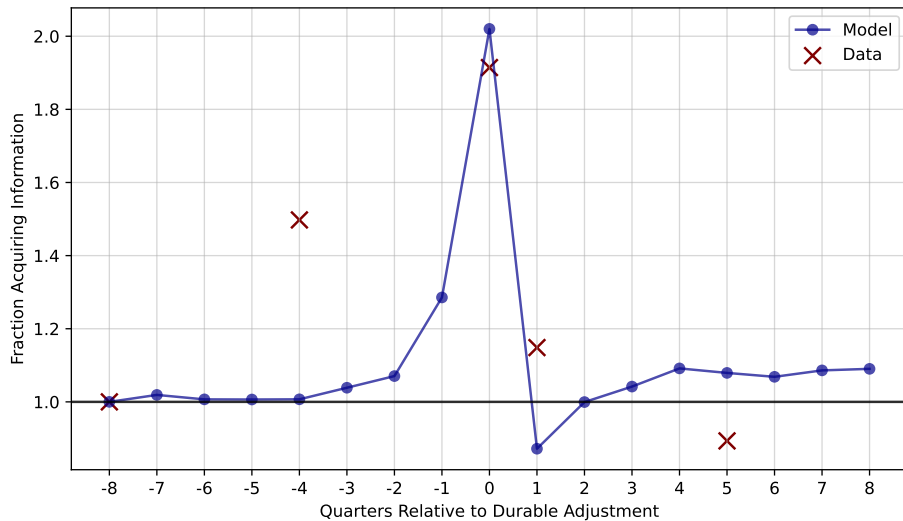
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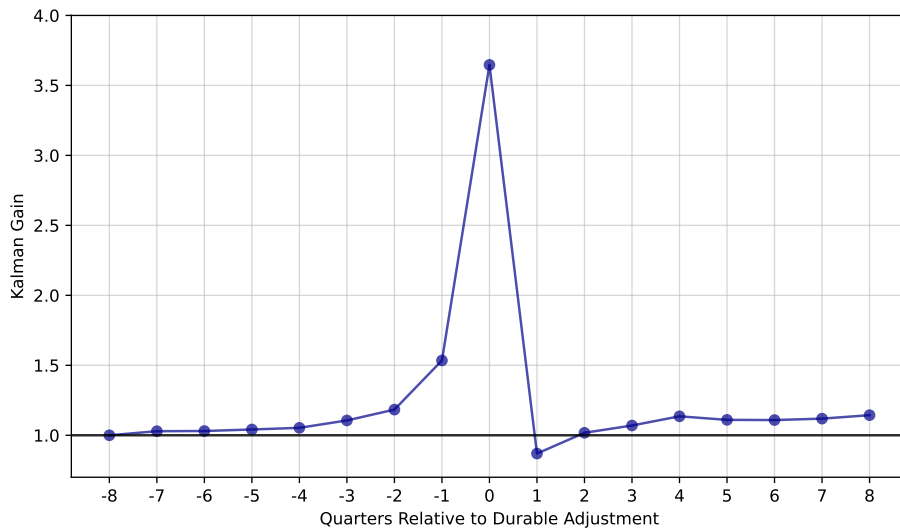
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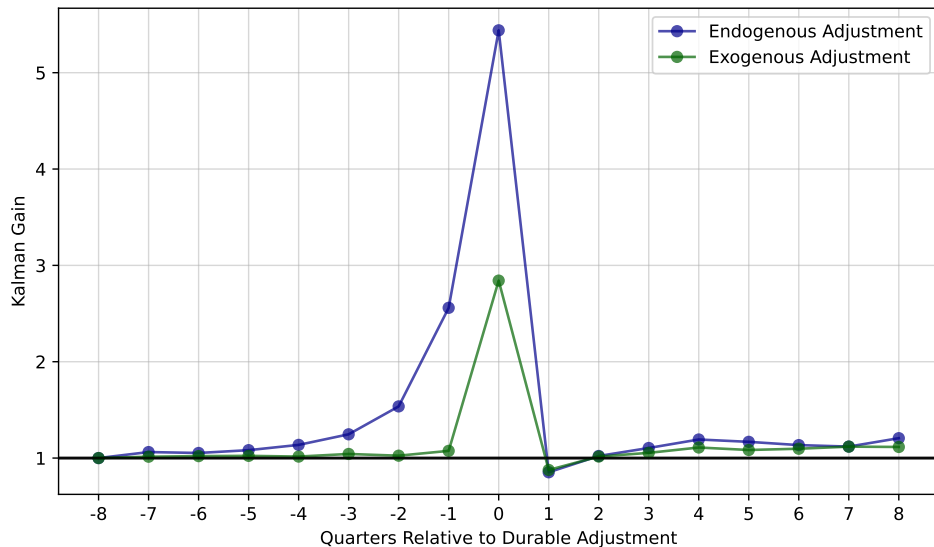
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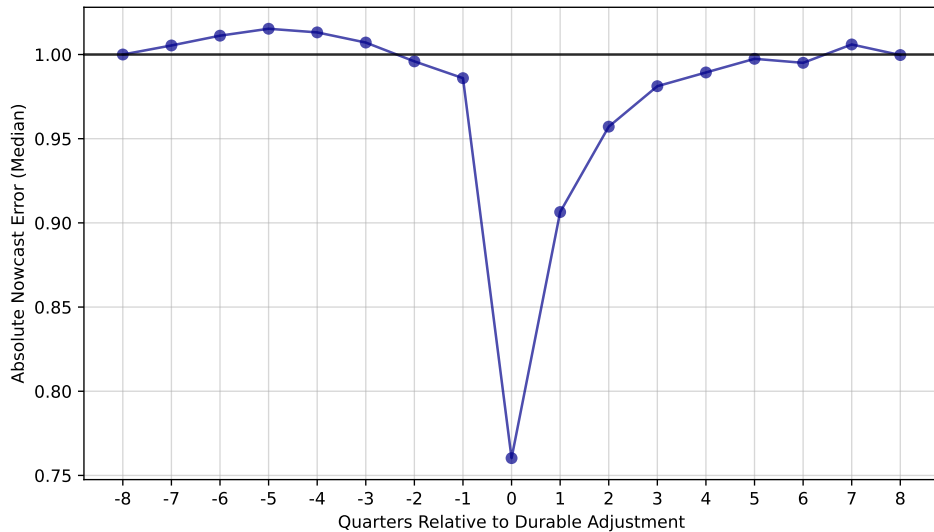
► Durables Share

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# ENDOGENOUS ADJUSTMENTS $\Rightarrow$ INFO. ACQUISITION PRE-CHOICE

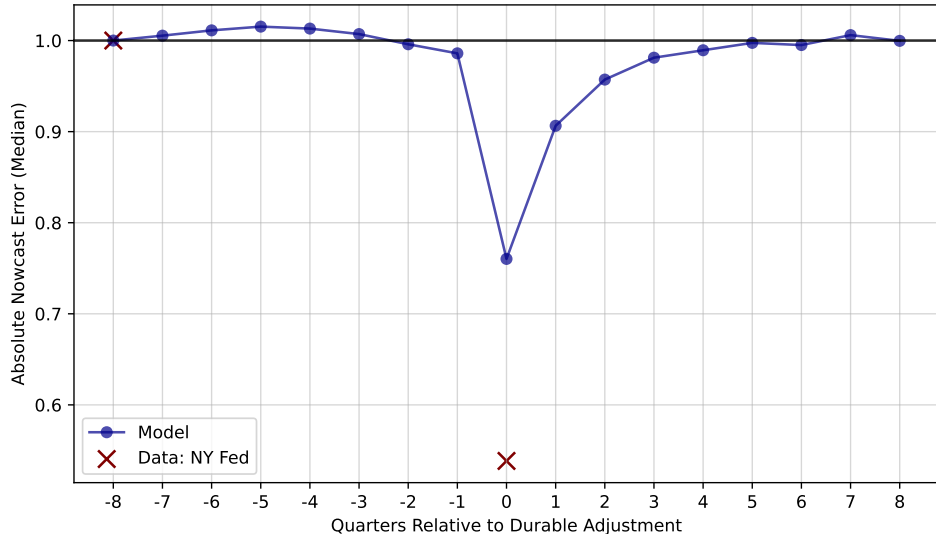


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# BELIEFS AT THE MACRO-LEVEL

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- Direct evidence of information-rigidity = CG (2015) regression

$$\underbrace{r_{t+3} - \bar{F}_t r_{t+3}}_{\text{forecast error}} = \alpha + \beta_{CG} \underbrace{(\bar{F}_t r_{t+3} - \bar{F}_{t-1} r_{t+3})}_{\text{forecast revision}} + \epsilon_t$$

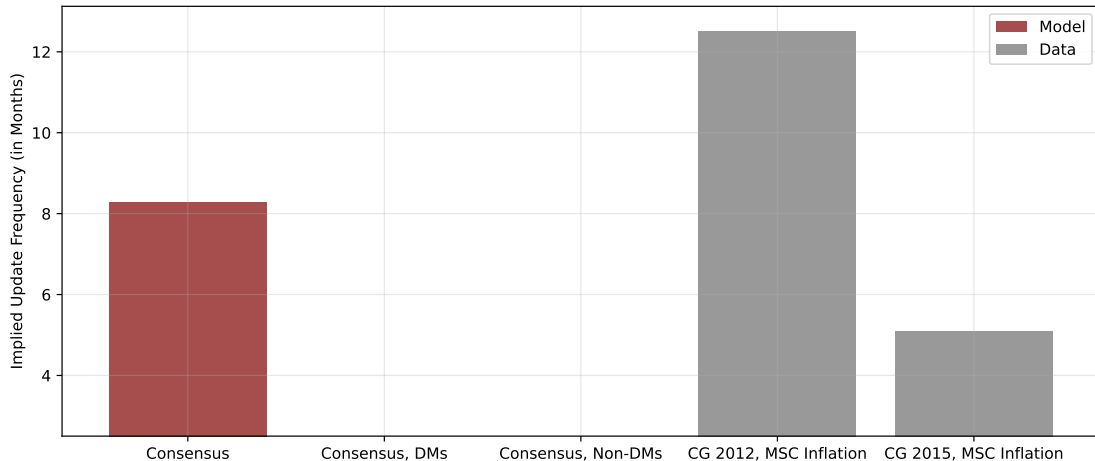
- Common finding:  $\beta_{CG} > 0 \Rightarrow$  aggregate expectations are **sluggish**
- In a sticky-information model (constant probability of updating expectations),

$$\text{Implied Update Frequency} = \frac{3}{1 - \frac{\beta_{CG}}{1 + \beta_{CG}}} \text{ Months}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Common target for calibrating sticky information models (e.g. McKay-Wieland 2021)

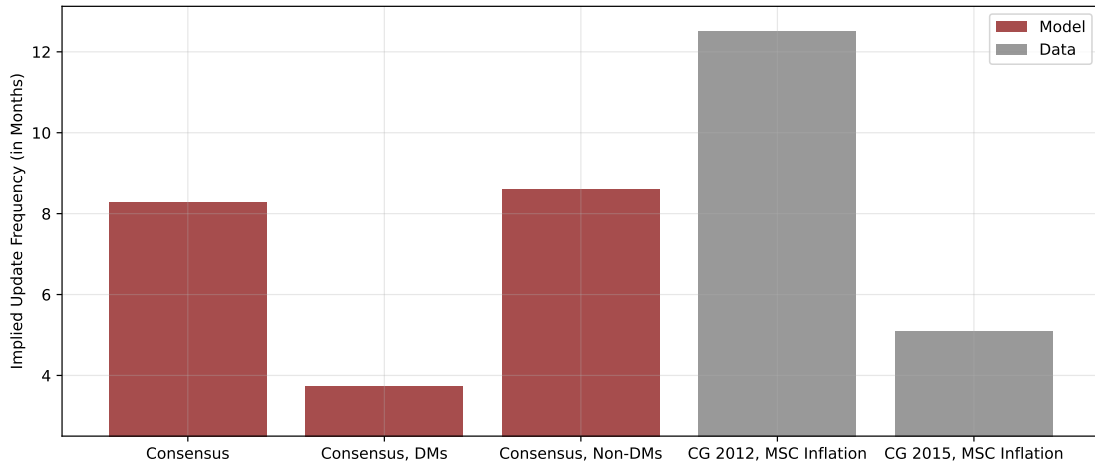
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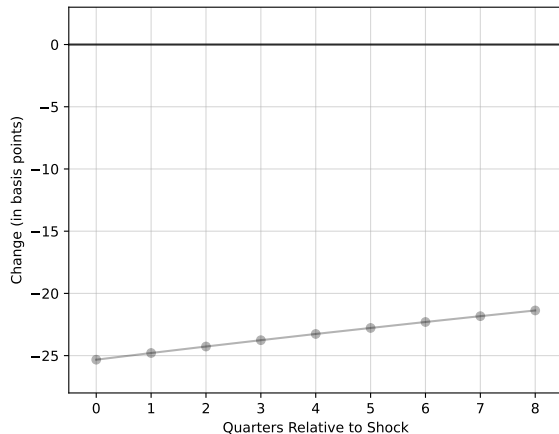


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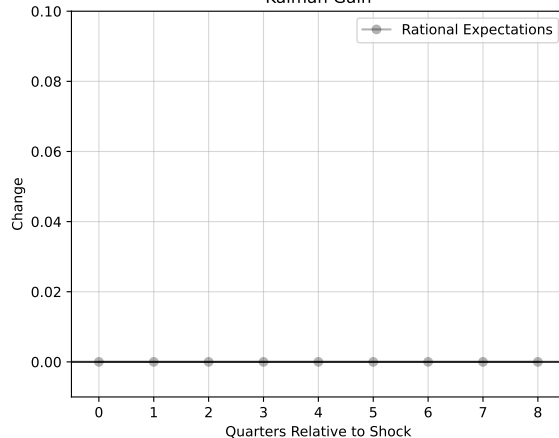
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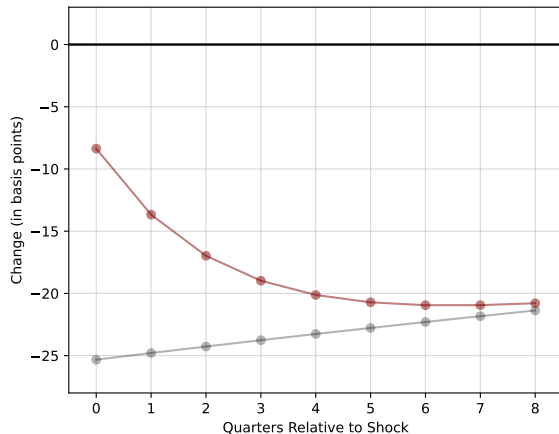


**Rational Expectations:**  $\omega = 0 \Rightarrow$  rational expectations

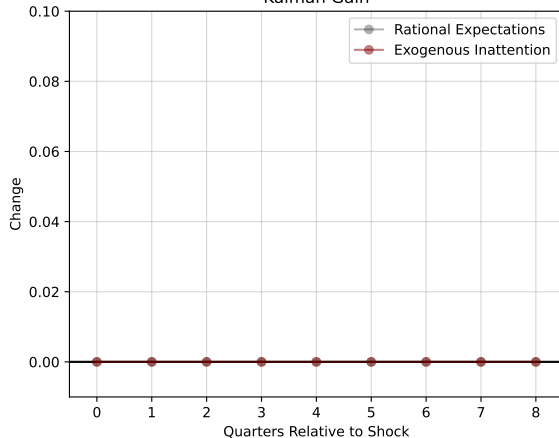


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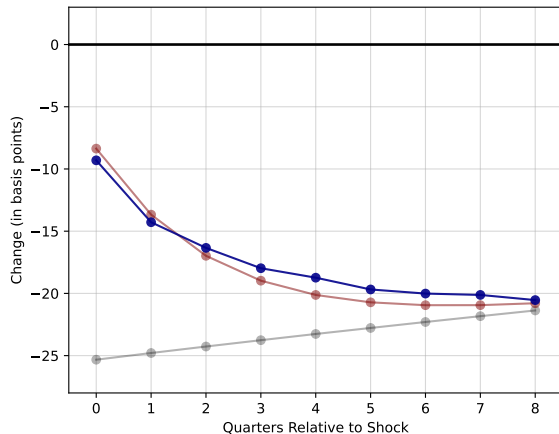
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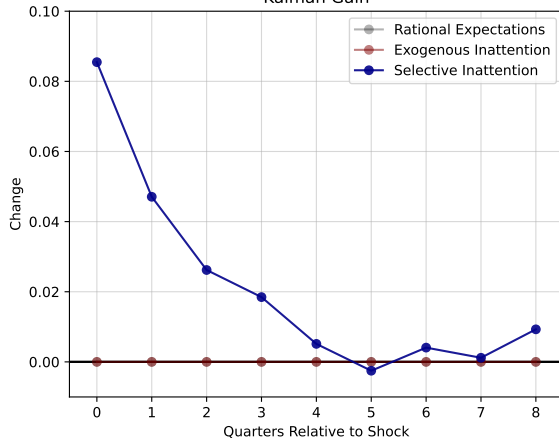
**Exogenous Inattention:**  $G$  set to a constant to match  $\beta_{CG}$  in baseline model

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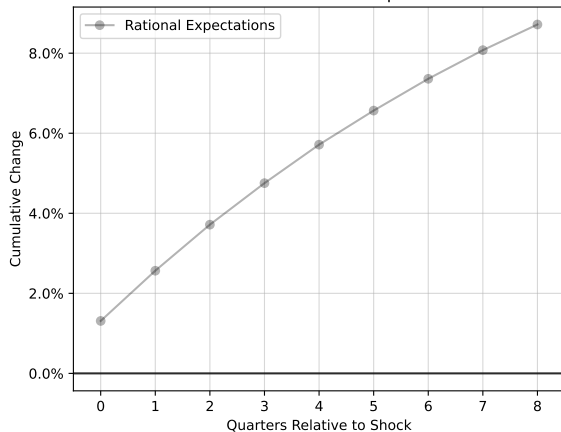
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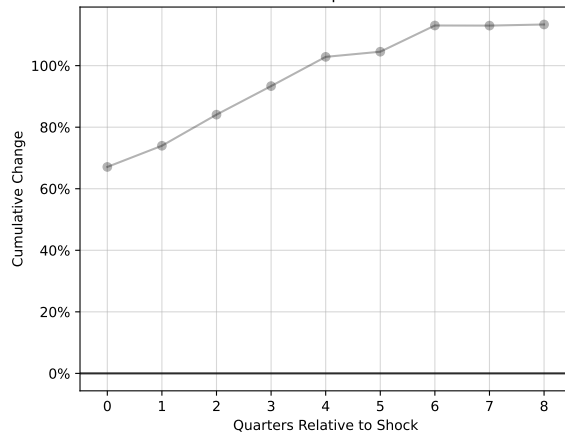
**Selective Inattention:** baseline model with endogenous information acquisition

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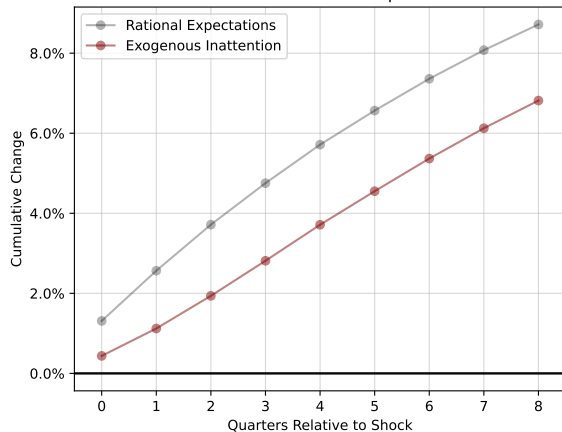


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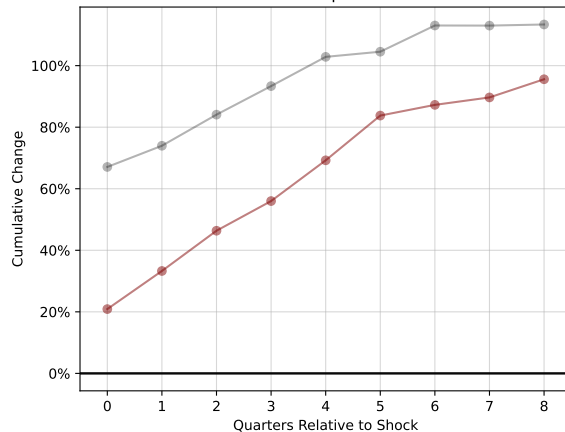
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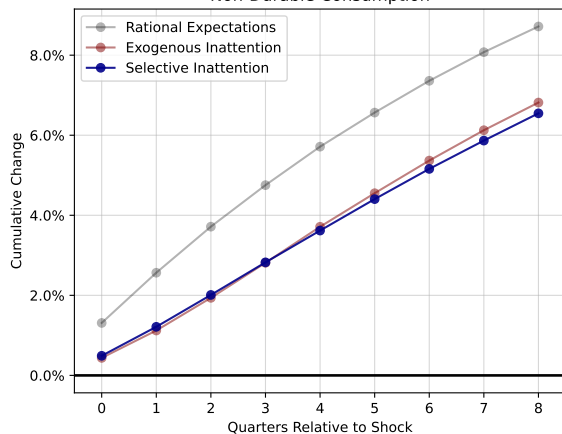


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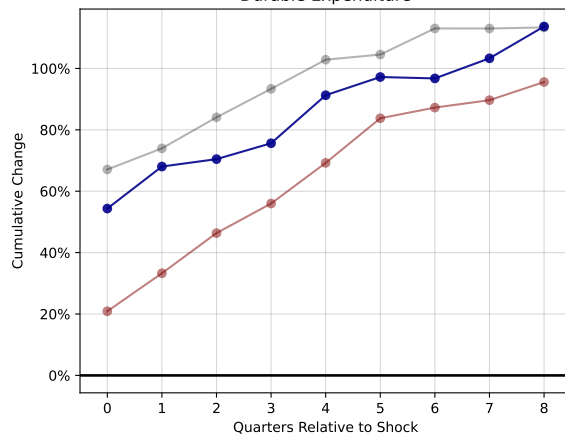
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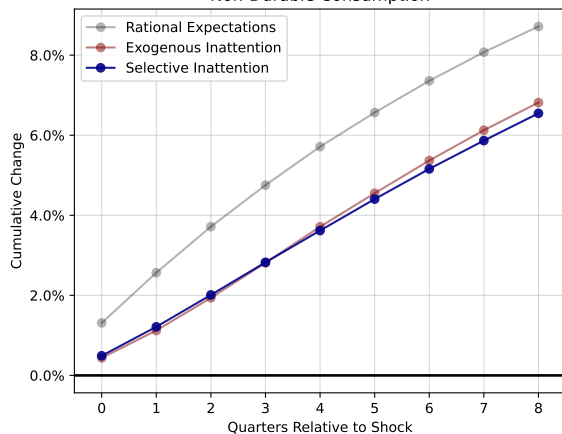
**Non-durable** consumption response  $\approx$  **exogenous inattention**...

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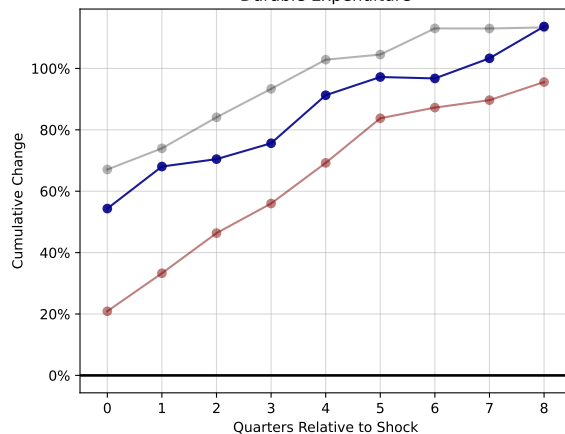
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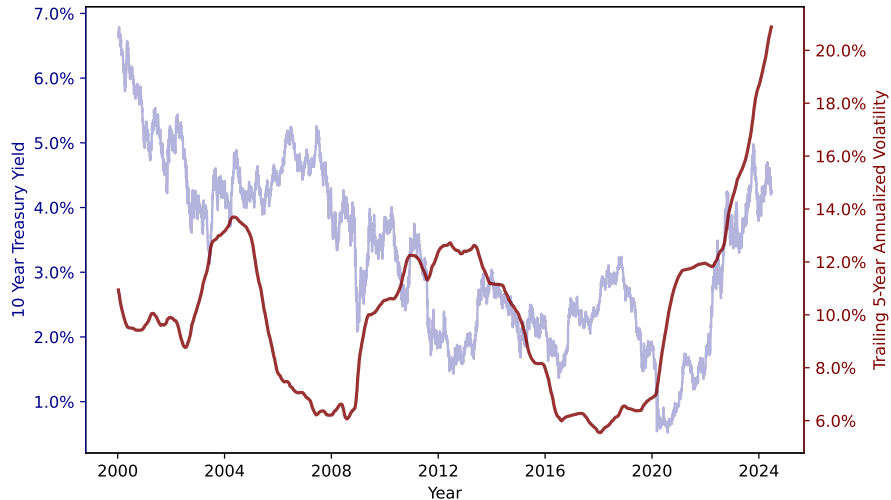
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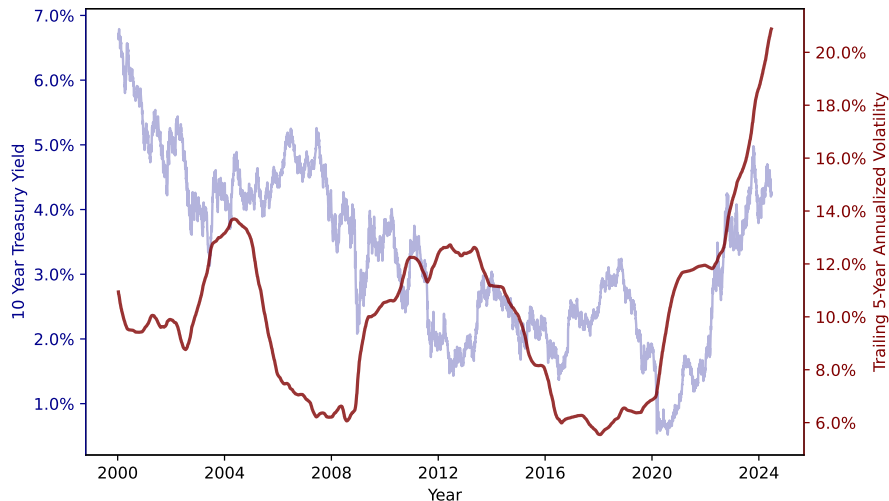
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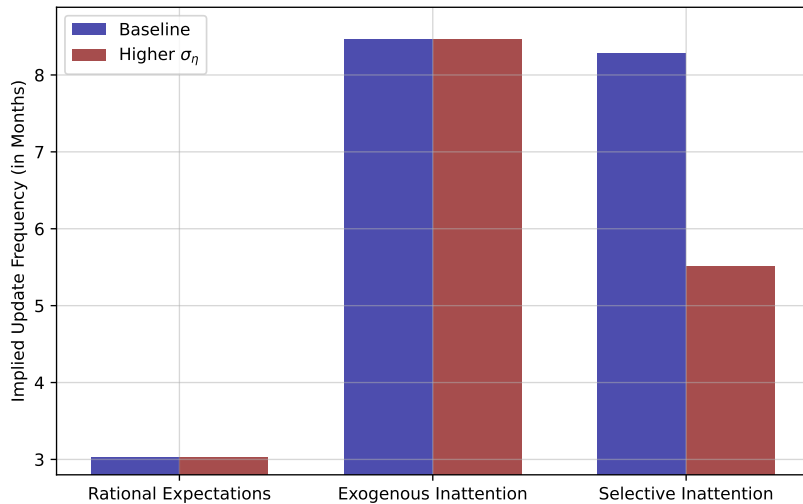


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⇒ Use model to ask what happens if interest rate volatility **doubles**?

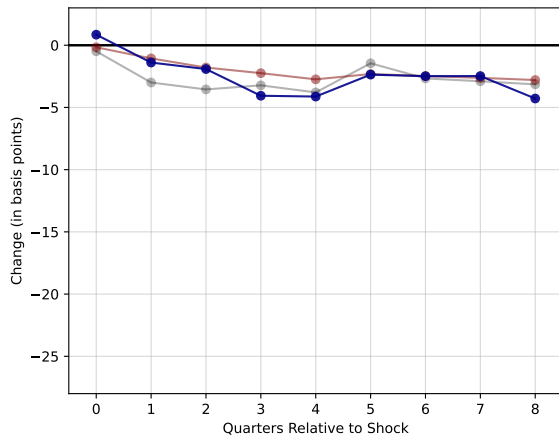
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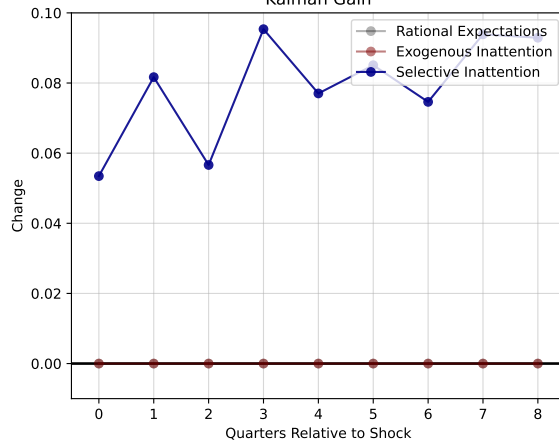
$\uparrow$  volatility  $\Rightarrow \uparrow$  info. acquisition  $\Rightarrow \downarrow$  belief rigidity

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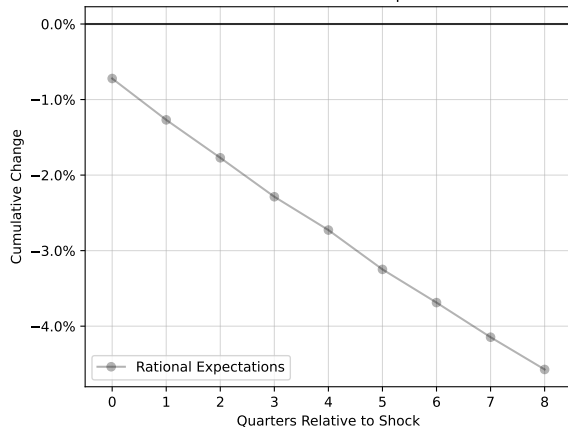


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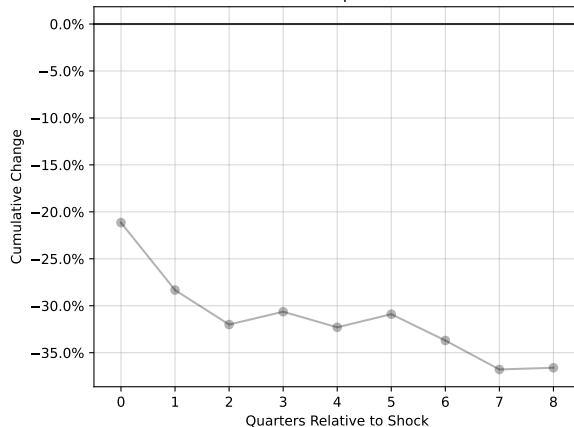


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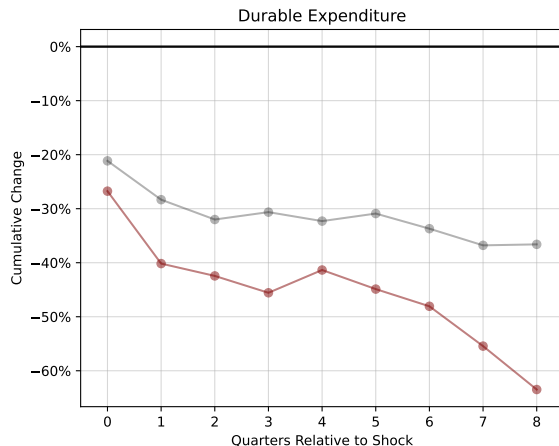
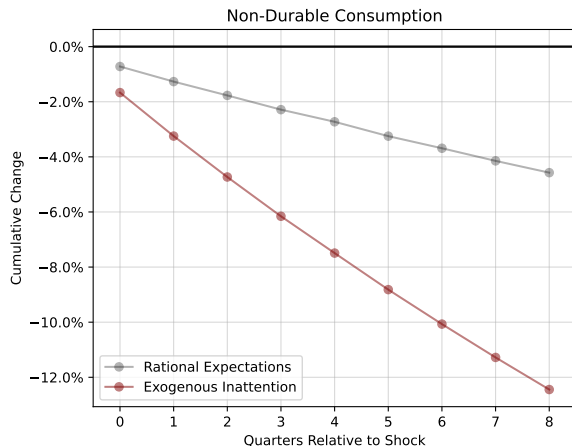


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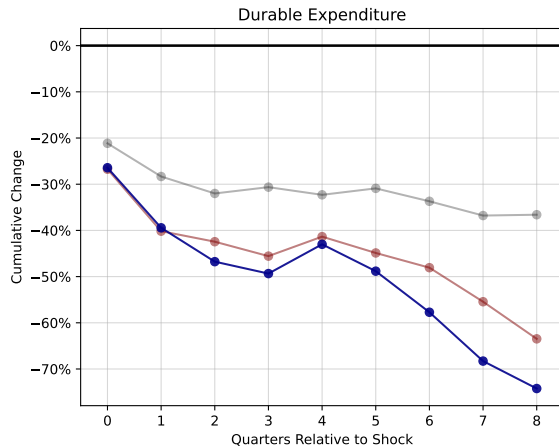
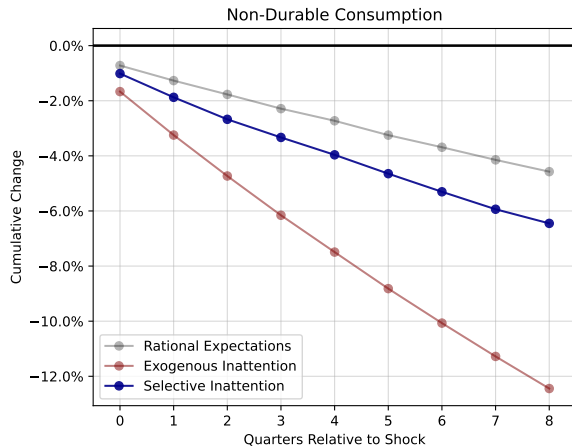
↑ volatility  $\Rightarrow$  spending falls due to precautionary motives... Sandmo 74

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... which is stronger with **exogenous inattention** because of more uncertainty...

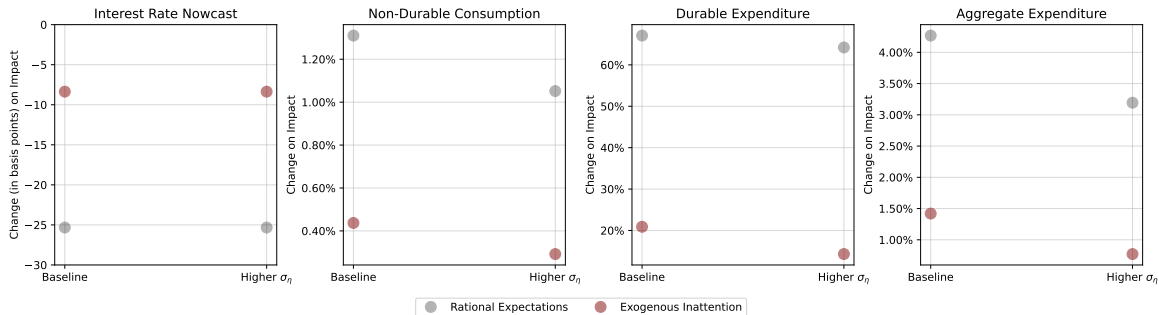
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... but **selective inattention** undoes over 50% of this fall due to  $\uparrow$  info. acquisition!

► Aggregate Expenditure

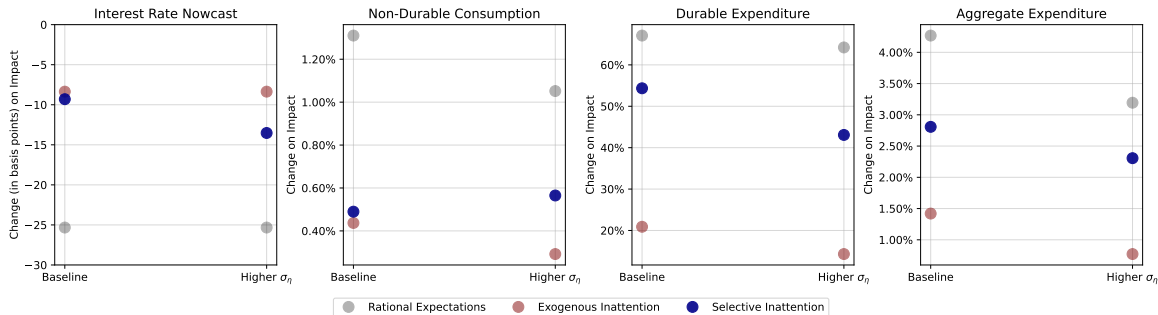
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↑ volatility  $\Rightarrow$  consumption is less response to interest rates

► Change After 8 Quarters

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... but not with **selective inattention** because of increased info. acquisition!

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# THANK YOU!

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# MAIN SURVEY QUESTIONS

- Eliciting our main measure of information acquisition

**Step 1:** *In the last 3 years, did you actively search for information about any of the following economic variables in the U.S.?*

*By "active search" we mean a deliberate effort to find information which could include searching online, reading news articles or reports, talking to a financial advisor or broker, or any other intentional effort to gather information.*

**Step 2:** *How many months ago did you last actively search for information about mortgage rates?*

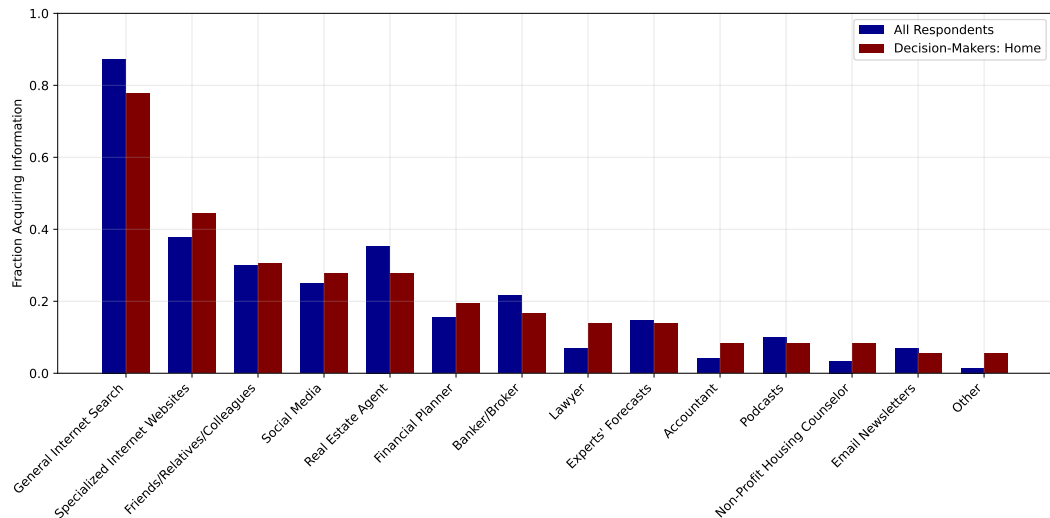
- Eliciting households' distance from the primary home purchase

**Owners:** *How many months ago did you finalize the purchase of your current primary residence?*

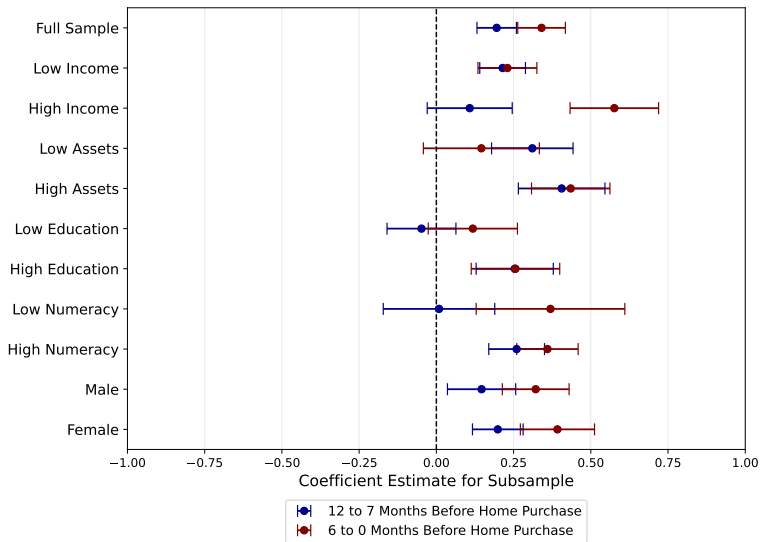
**Renters:** *How many months from now do you expect the closing on your primary residence purchase?*

*By "closing", we mean signing the final documents to officialize the purchase.*

# SOURCES OF INFORMATION ACQUISITION



# HETEROGENEITY IN INFORMATION ACQUISITION

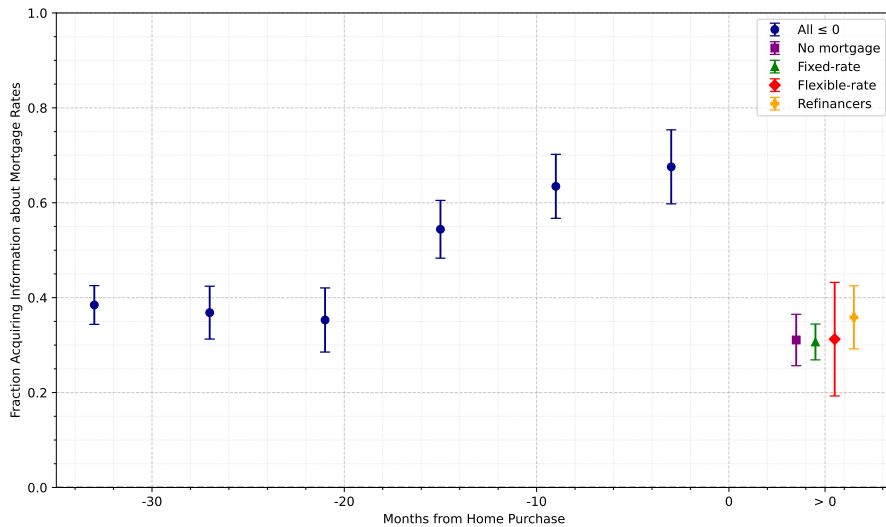


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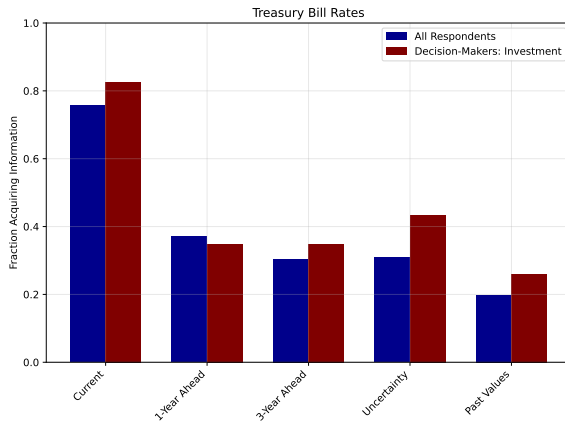
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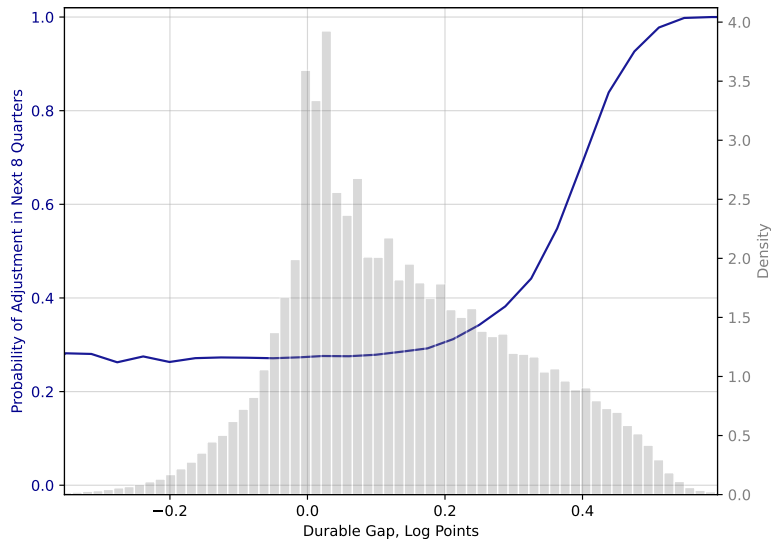
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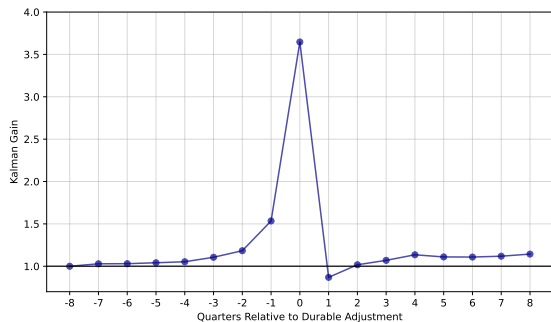


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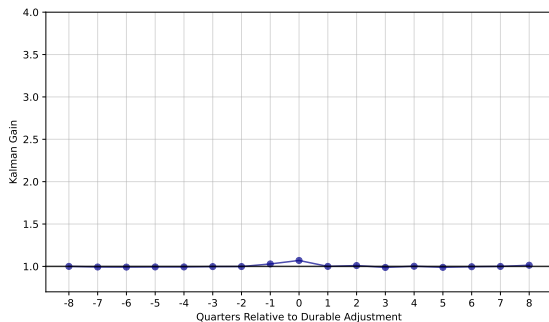
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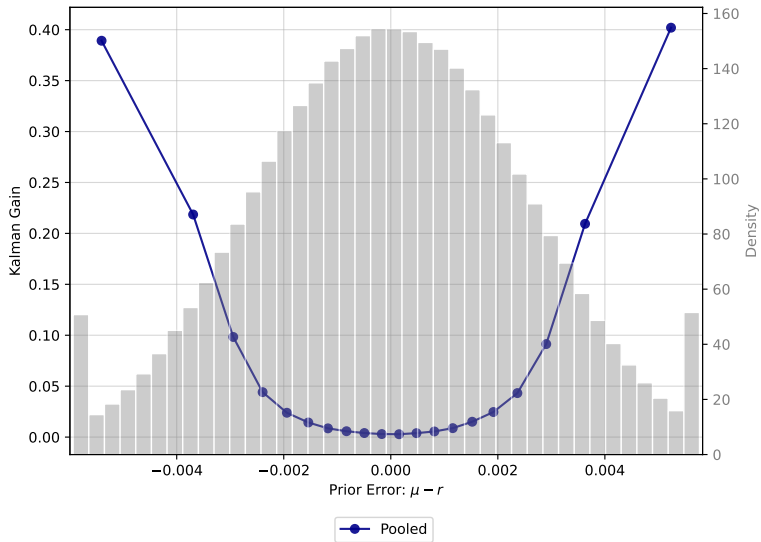


**Low Durables Share:**  $\psi = 0.99$

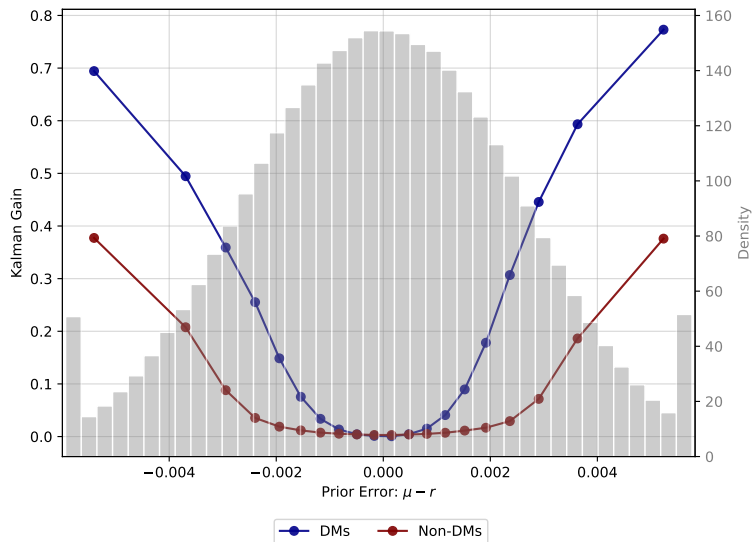


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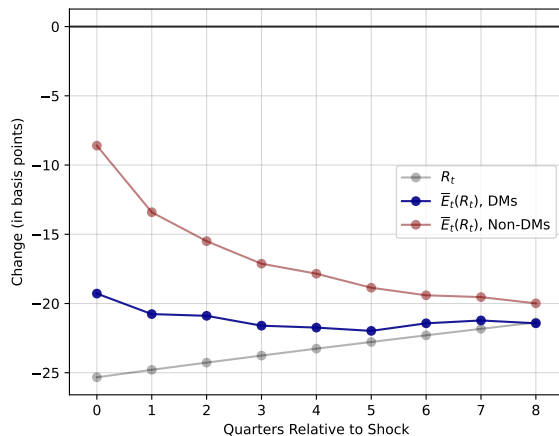
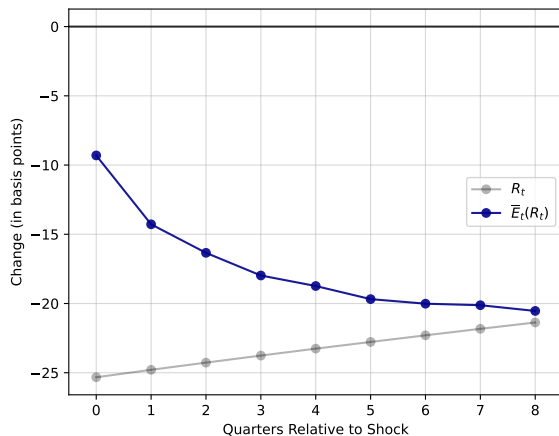
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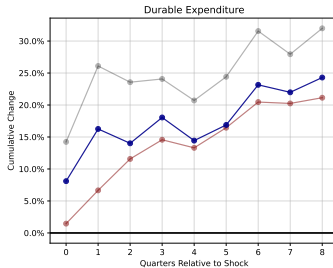
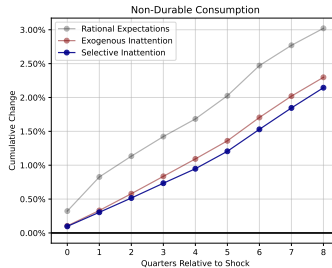
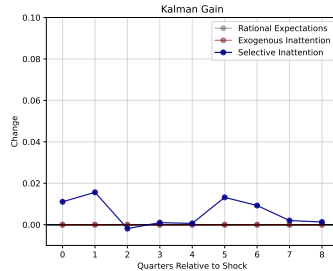
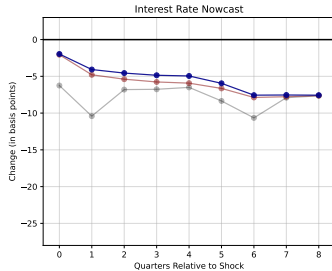


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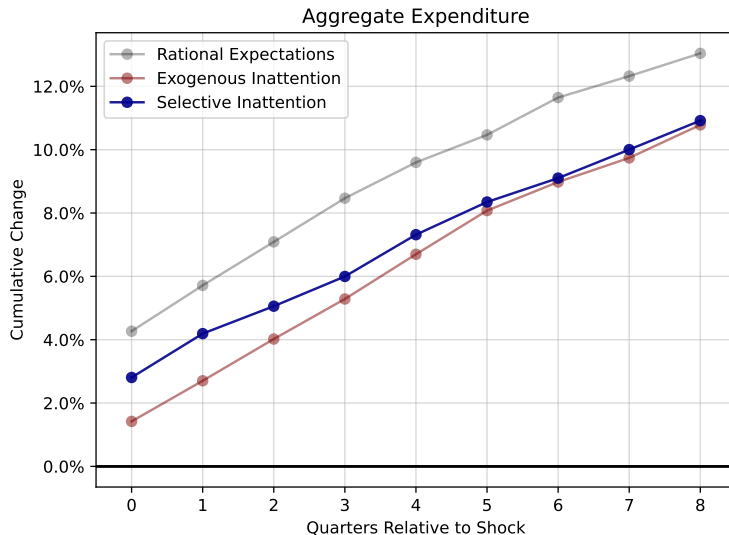
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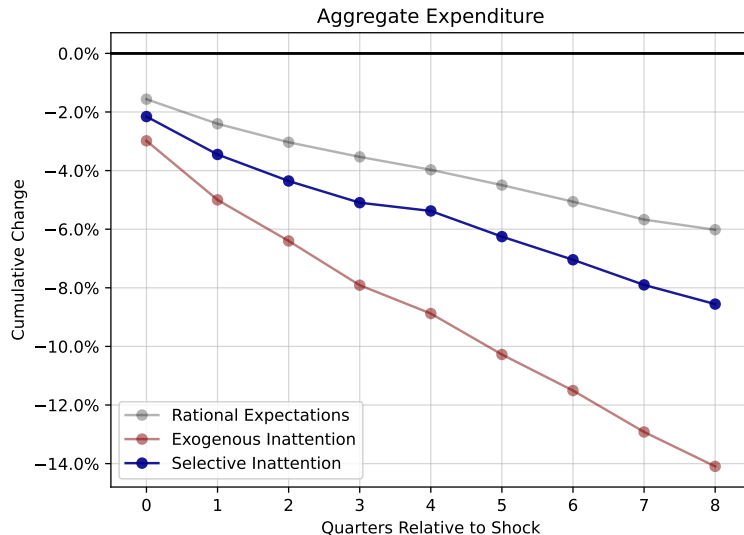




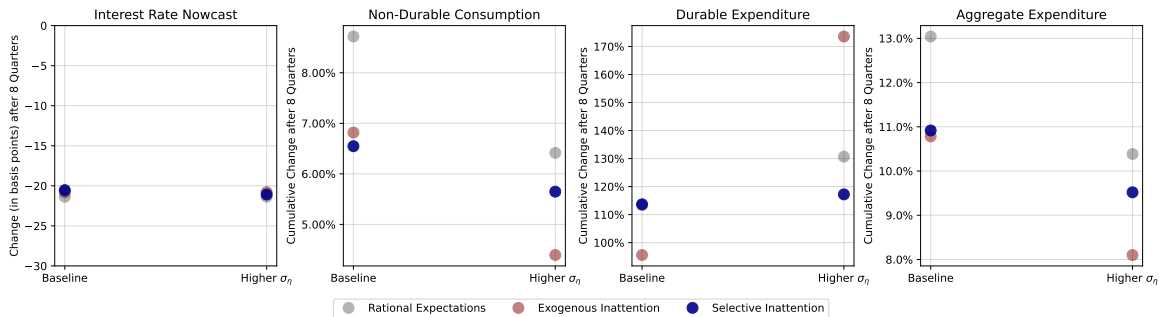
# IMPULSE RESPONSE OF AGG. SPENDING TO RATE CUT



# IMPULSE RESPONSE OF AGG. SPENDING TO INCREASE IN VOLATILITY



# EFFECTS OF INCREASED VOLATILITY ON 25 BPS RATE CUT RESPONSE



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