

# Monetary Policy, Segmentation, and the Term Structure

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# Monetary policy and the term structure

- Effect of change in short rates on (real) long rates is central to monetary transmission.
- Transmission operates in part through term premia.
  - Long rate =  $\sum E[\text{short rates}] + \text{term premium}$ .
  - Expansionary MP  $\Rightarrow$  long rates fall more than  $\sum E[\text{short rates}]$ .  
Cochrane-Piazzesi (02), Gertler-Karadi (15), Hanson-Stein (15),  
Abrahams-Adrian-Crump-Moench-Yu (16), Hanson-Lucca-Wright (21), ...
- Challenge to rationalize using existing models.
  - Rep. agent: MP shocks have negligible effects on term premia.
  - Preferred habitat: MP easing *raises* term premia.

# What we do

Propose a model of term structure consistent with effects of MP.

- As in preferred habitat tradition: habitat investors + arbs.
- As in intermediary AP tradition: arb wealth is state variable.
- Key mechanism: when arbs have positive duration, fall in short rate revalues wealth in arbs' favor and compresses term premia.

⇒ Accounts for effects of MP shock on real term structure.

⇒ State-dependence, price volatility, and trends from declining  $r^*$ .

# Outline

▶ Related literature

- 1 Model
- 2 Analytical insights
- 3 Empirical analysis
- 4 Quantitative analysis
- 5 Conclusion

## Model (1/2)

Preferred habitat meets intermediary asset pricing.

- Continuous time  $t$ .
- Zero coupon bonds with maturities  $\tau \in (0, \infty)$ .
- Two types of agents:
  - Habitat investors:  $Z_t^{(\tau)} = -\alpha(\tau) \log \left( P_t^{(\tau)} \right) - \theta_t(\tau)$ .
  - Arbitrageurs born and dying at rate  $\xi$ , solving:

$$v_t(w_t) = \max_{\{x_{t+s}^{(\tau)}\}_{\tau,s}} \mathbb{E}_t \int_0^\infty \exp(-\xi s) \log w_{t+s} ds$$

subject to

$$dw_t = r_t w_t dt + \int_0^\infty x_t^{(\tau)} \left( \frac{dP_t^{(\tau)}}{P_t^{(\tau)}} - r_t dt \right) d\tau.$$

Optimal policies linear in  $w_t$ . Define  $X_t^{(\tau)}$ ,  $W_t$  as aggregates.

## Model (2/2)

- Market clearing:  $Z_t^{(\tau)} + X_t^{(\tau)} = 0$  at each  $\tau \in (0, \infty)$ .
- Driving forces:
  - Short rate:  $dr_t = \kappa_r (\bar{r} - r_t) dt + \sigma_r dB_{r,t}$ .
  - Habitat demand:  $d\beta_t = -\kappa_\beta \beta_t dt + \sigma_\beta dB_{\beta,t}$ , where
$$\theta_t(\tau) = \theta_0(\tau) + \theta_1(\tau)\beta_t.$$
- Remarks:
  - Vayanos-Vila (21) + CRRA + perpetual youth.
  - Real interpretation.
  - Monetary shocks as inducing real short rate shocks.

## Simplified environment and equilibrium

- First simplify to discrete time, two bonds traded  $\tau = \{1, 2\}$ .
- Given  $\{r_t, \theta_t, W_t\}$ , equilibrium described by six equations:

$$r_{t+1}^{(2)} = -r_{t+1} - \log P_t,$$

$$E_t r_{t+1}^{(2)} - r_t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_r^2 \approx \frac{X_t}{W_t} \sigma_r^2,$$

$$X_t = \alpha \log P_t + \theta_t,$$

$$W_{t+1} = \exp(-\xi) \left[ W_t \exp(r_t) + X_t \left( \frac{\exp(-r_{t+1})}{P_t} - \exp(r_t) \right) \right] + (1 - \exp(-\xi)) \bar{W},$$

$$r_{t+1} - \bar{r} = (1 - \kappa_r) (r_t - \bar{r}) + \sigma_r \epsilon_{r,t+1},$$

$$\theta_{t+1} - \bar{\theta} = (1 - \kappa_\theta) (\theta_t - \bar{\theta}) + \sigma_\theta \epsilon_{\theta,t+1},$$

in six unknowns  $\{r_{t+1}^{(2)}, P_t, X_t, W_{t+1}, r_{t+1}, \theta_{t+1}\}$ .

- Focus on effects of monetary shock  $d\epsilon_{r,t}$ .

# Effect on arb wealth

- For simplicity, focus on responses around stoch. steady-state.

## Proposition

*In response to a monetary shock*

$$d \log W_t = - \exp(-\xi) \omega \sigma_r d\epsilon_{r,t},$$

*where  $\omega$  is the duration of arbitrageurs' wealth and satisfies  $\omega \propto \frac{X}{W}$ .*

- Hence, arbs' wealth is revalued upwards if short rate falls and their portfolio has positive duration.



# Effect on yield curve

## Proposition

*The response of the one-period ahead forward rate to a monetary shock is*

$$df_t = \left[ \frac{1 - \kappa_r - \frac{1}{W}\alpha\sigma_r^2}{1 + \frac{1}{W}\alpha\sigma_r^2} + \exp(-\xi) \frac{\frac{1}{W}X\sigma_r^2}{1 + \frac{1}{W}\alpha\sigma_r^2} \omega \right] \sigma_r d\epsilon_{r,t},$$

- Yield falls as short rate falls and habitat investors borrow more.
- When  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ , arbs' wealth is constant at  $\bar{W}$ .
  - **Underreaction**:  $df_t < (1 - \kappa_r)\sigma_r d\epsilon_{r,t} = dE_t r_{t+1}$  if  $\alpha > 0$ .
- When  $\xi$  finite, arbs' wealth revalued upwards.
  - **Overreaction**: term premium falls if  $X/W$  sufficiently high vs.  $\alpha$ .

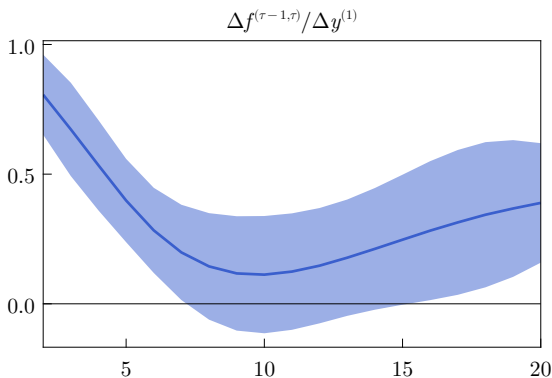
# Taking stock and rest of paper

- When  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ , forward rate underreacts to monetary shock.
- Given finite  $\xi$ , forward rate overreacts to monetary shock if portfolio duration is high relative to  $\alpha$ .
- Now:
  - ① Estimates of monetary shock on yield curve.
  - ② Estimates of arb duration.
  - ③ Assessing whether full model can quantitatively account for #1.
    - Arb duration disciplined by novel evidence in #2.
    - $\alpha$  disciplined by large literature on QE.
  - ④ Additional implications of endogenous arb wealth for yield curve.

# Estimated effects on real yield curve

[▶ Details](#)[▶ Scatterplot](#)[▶ Nominal](#)

- $\Delta f_t^{(\tau-1, \tau)}$  on  $\Delta y_t^{(1)}$ , using high-freq. MP surprise as IV.



- Bridges-Hanson-Stein (15) and Nakamura-Steinsson (18).
- Challenge to explain with existing models.

# Estimated arb duration

- Who are the arbs?
  - Following literature, broker/dealers and hedge funds.
  - By market clearing, habitat: households, other fin. institutions (pension funds, life insurance), non-financials, govt, and ROW.
- Two approaches to measure dealer + hedge fund duration:
  - ① Balance sheets and asset-specific duration. [▶ Details](#)
  - ② High-freq. response of dealers to MP surprises. [▶ Details](#)
- Punchline: duration between 10 and 30.

# Relating yield curve responses and arb duration

▶ Robustness

- Add MP surprise  $\times dur_{t-1}$  to high freq. regressions.
- Use 3 proxies for arb duration avail. over sample: [▶ Figures](#)

	Proxy for arb duration		
	5-yr fwd, 5-yr TP	Log dealer dur.	-Dealer income gap
$\Delta f_t^{(19,20)}$ on $\Delta y_t^{(1)} \times dur_{t-1}$	0.50 (0.25)	0.34 (0.15)	2.0 (1.7)

- Thus, response of  $f_t^{(19,20)}$  to 100bp increase in  $y_t^{(1)}$  rises by
  - 50bp if term premium higher by 1pp (SD: 0.4pp).
  - 0.34bp if log dealer dur higher by 1pp (SD: 55pp).
  - 2.0bp if dealer income gap lower by 1pp (SD: 8pp).
- Add'l evidence: [▶ High freq. dealer return as RHS in first stage](#)  
[▶ High freq. dealer return amplified when duration high](#)

## Returning to full model

- Now: can calibration matching arb duration account for effects of monetary shocks on yield curve?
- Generalizing simple model, equilibrium in full model given by

$$E_t \left( \frac{dP_t^{(\tau)}}{P_t^{(\tau)}} \right) - r_t dt = \frac{1}{W_t} \int_0^\infty X_t^{(s)} \text{Cov}_t \left( \frac{dP_t^{(\tau)}}{P_t^{(\tau)}}, \frac{dP_t^{(s)}}{P_t^{(s)}} \right) ds,$$

$$X_t^{(\tau)} = -Z_t^{(\tau)} = \alpha(\tau) \log \left( P_t^{(\tau)} \right) + \theta_0(\tau) + \theta_1(\tau) \beta_t,$$

$$dW_t = W_t r_t dt + \int_0^\infty X_t^{(\tau)} \left[ \frac{dP_t^{(\tau)}}{P_t^{(\tau)}} - r_t dt \right] d\tau + \xi (\bar{W} - W_t) dt,$$

and evolution of driving forces.

- Solve numerically (Feynman-Kac & Monte Carlo)
- Assume:  $\alpha(\tau) \equiv \alpha \exp^{-\delta\tau}$ ,  $\theta_0(\tau) \equiv \exp^{-\delta\tau}$ ,  $\theta_1(\tau) \equiv \exp^{-\delta\tau}$ .

## PDE

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ P_{r,t}^{(\tau)} \kappa_r (\bar{r} - r_t) + P_{W,t}^{(\tau)} \omega_t + P_{\beta,t}^{(\tau)} \kappa_\beta (\bar{\beta} - \beta_t) - P_{\tau,t}^{(\tau)} + \frac{1}{2} P_{rr,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_r^2 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{2} P_{WW,t}^{(\tau)} (\eta_{r,t}^2 + \eta_{\beta,t}^2) + \frac{1}{2} P_{\beta\beta,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_\beta^2 + P_{rW,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_r \eta_{r,t} + P_{\beta W,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_\beta \eta_{\beta,t} - r_t P_t^{(\tau)} \right] dt \\
& = \frac{1}{W_t} \left[ \left( P_{r,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_r + P_{W,t}^{(\tau)} \eta_{r,t} \right) \int_0^\infty \left( \alpha(s) \log \left( P_t^{(s)} \right) + \theta_0(s) \right) \frac{1}{P_t^{(s)}} \left( P_{r,t}^{(s)} \sigma_r + P_{W,t}^{(s)} \eta_{r,t} \right) ds \right. \\
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- **Blue terms:** Vasicek model
  - How would you solve it numerically?



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\end{aligned}$$

- Collect terms multiplying  $P_{r,t}^{(\tau)}$ ,  $P_{\beta,t}^{(\tau)}$ ,  $P_{W,t}^{(\tau)}$

## PDE

$$\begin{aligned}
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- Feynman-Kac: Solution is  $P_t^{(\tau)} = \mathbb{E}_t^Q \left[ e^{-\int_0^\tau r_{t+s} ds} \right]$

where processes of  $r_t$ ,  $\beta_t$  and  $W_t$  under  $Q$

$$dr_t = \mu_r(r_t, \beta_t, W_t) dt + \sigma_r dB_{r,t},$$

$$d\beta_t = \mu_\beta(r_t, \beta_t, W_t) dt + \sigma_\beta dB_{\beta,t},$$

$$dW_t = \mu_W(r_t, \beta_t, W_t) dt + \eta_r(r_t, \beta_t, W_t) dB_{r,t} + \eta_\beta(r_t, \beta_t, W_t) dB_{\beta,t}.$$

# Solution algorithm

- 1 Create tensor grid of  $r$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $W$  values.
- 2 Initialize  $\mu_r(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\mu_\beta(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\mu_W(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\omega(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\eta_r(r, \beta, W)$ , and  $\eta_\beta(r, \beta, W)$  at each grid point.
- 3 Use cubic splines to approximate  $\mu_r(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\mu_\beta(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\mu_W(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\omega(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\eta_r(r, \beta, W)$ , and  $\eta_\beta(r, \beta, W)$  outside of the grid.
- 4 Approximate  $\mathbb{E}^Q[\cdot]$  using Monte Carlo simulation.
- 5 Update the values for  $\mu_r(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\mu_\beta(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\mu_W(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\omega(r, \beta, W)$ ,  $\eta_r(r, \beta, W)$ , and  $\eta_\beta(r, \beta, W)$ .
- 6 If values in step 5 are sufficiently close to guess in step 2, stop. Otherwise, return to step 2 using values in step 5.

# Calibration: key parameters and targets

▶ All calibrated parameters

- $\delta$  (shape habitat demand): asset duration of arbs.
- $\bar{W}$  (arb endowment): wealth duration of arbs.
- $\alpha$  (habitat price elast.),  $\xi$  (persist. arb wealth): QE responses.
  - Simplified environment provides intuition:  $\frac{d \log P_t}{d \theta_t} = -\frac{1}{\alpha + \frac{W_t}{\sigma_r^2}}$ .
  - Focus on 3/18/09 announcement: purchase \$300bn Treasuries; increase agency debt and MBS purchases by \$100bn, \$750bn.
  - Translate each security-level purchase through 3/31/10 into purchase of ZCBs and feed into model.
  - Initialize  $W_0$  at 1/3 below average  $W$ , consistent with data.

▶ Purchases in data

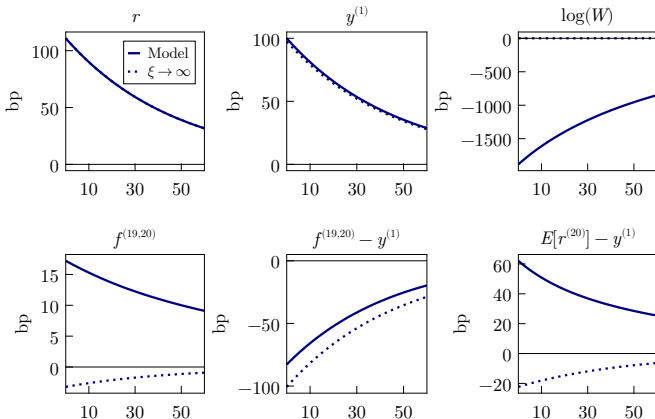
▶ Price impact in data

▶ Arb wealth Q407–Q109

▶ Simulating QE in model

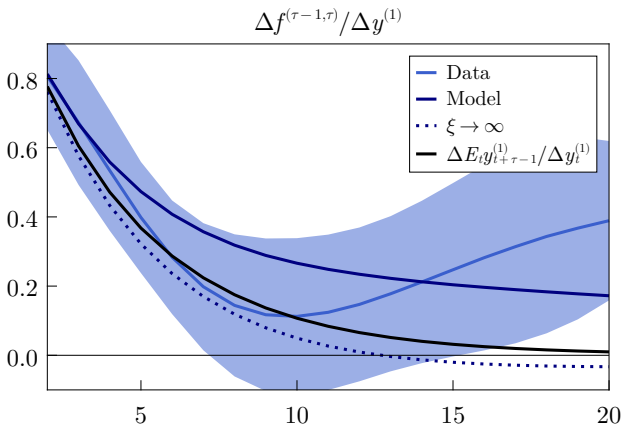
# Monetary shock: impulse responses

▶  $\beta$  shock



- Arbs' wealth rises and lowers term premia, unlike  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Monetary shock: model vs. data

[▶ More transitory shock](#)
[▶ CP \(08\) decomp.](#)


- Account for roughly half of  $f^{(19,20)}$ , unlike  $\xi \rightarrow \infty \dots$
- ...and all of  $f^{(19,20)}$  given higher duration/lower  $\alpha$ .

[▶ Details](#)

# Monetary shock: state-dependence

	Proxy for arb duration		
	5-yr fwd, 5-yr TP	Log dealer dur.	-Dealer income gap
Data	[0.09,0.91]	[0.09,0.59]	[-0.8,4.8]
Model	0.19	0.16	0.4

- As in data, higher arb duration implies larger response of  $f^{(19,20)}$  to monetary tightening.
- If anything, model understates effects of changes in arb wealth.



# Additional implications of endogenous arb wealth

...beyond conditional response to monetary shocks.

## 1 State-dependent effects of QE.

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- If arb wealth was  $W$  before 3/18/09 announcement, response of long-dated yields and forwards dampened by 20 – 30%.
- Reflects more elastic demand and lower duration at higher  $W_0$ .

## 2 Bond price volatility.

[▶ Details](#)

- Endog. arb wealth induces endogenous, stochastic yield vol
- Average slope of yield curve flattens by 1/3 in its absence.

## 3 Secular decline in natural rate.

[▶ Details](#)

- Decline in  $\bar{r}$  accounts for  $> 30\%$  of decline in real term premia.
- Complements explanations focused on changing comovements.

# Conclusion

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# APPENDIX

## Related literature

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- Preferred habitat models of term structure.

Vayanos-Vila (21), Greenwood-Hanson-Stein (10), Guibaud-Nosbusch-Vayanos (13), Gourinchas-Ray-Vayanos (21), Greenwood-Hanson-Stein-Sunderam (20), Ray (21), ...

**Here:** resolve counterfactual responses to short rate.

- Intermediary asset pricing and financial accelerator.

Bernanke-Gertler-Gilchrist (99), He-Krishnamurthy (13), Brunnermeier-Sannikov (14), Haddad-Sraer (20), He-Nagel-Song (22), Schneider (22), ...

**Here:** application to term structure and monetary transmission.

- “Reaching for yield” or changing policy rules.

Hanson-Stein (15), Bianchi-Lettau-Ludvigson (21), Hanson-Lucca-Wright (21), Bianchi-Ludvigson-Ma (22), Bauer-Pflueger-Sunderam (22), ...

**Here:** wealth revaluation channel with distinct predictions.

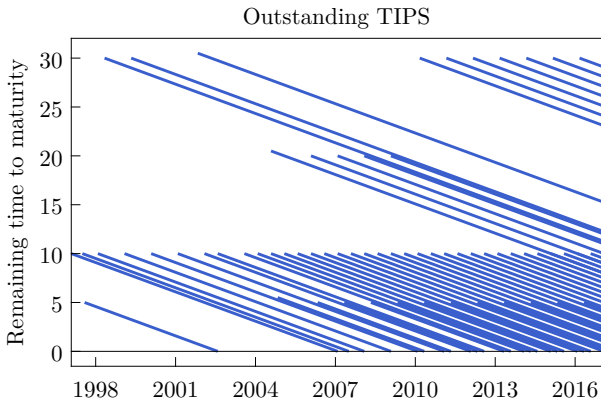
- Our prior work on macro, wealth distribution, and price of risk.

# Estimated effects on real yield curve

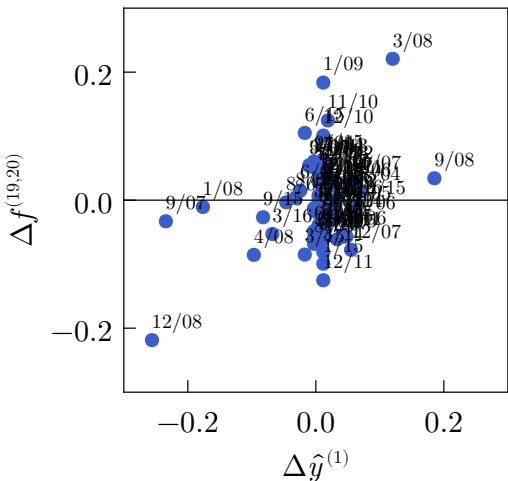
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- We regress  $\Delta f_t^{(\tau-1, \tau)}$  on  $\Delta y_t^{(1)}$ :
  - $\Delta$  is one-day change around FOMC meetings 2004–2016.
  - IV: high freq. change in FF future (Jarocinski-Karadi (20)).
- Following Nakamura-Steinsson (18), use high freq. IV because of other news even on FOMC days. [▶ Comparing FOMC vs. non-FOMC days](#)
- Following Jarocinski-Karadi (20), focus on meetings around which IV and S&P 500 return have opposite signs.
- Robustness: [▶ Details](#)
  - Sample: all FOMC meetings, excl. 7/2008–6/2009, excl. LSAP news (Cieslak-Schrimpf (19)).
  - IV: Bauer-Swanson(22), Nakamura-Steinsson(18), Swanson(21).

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## Estimated effects on real yield curve (1/2)

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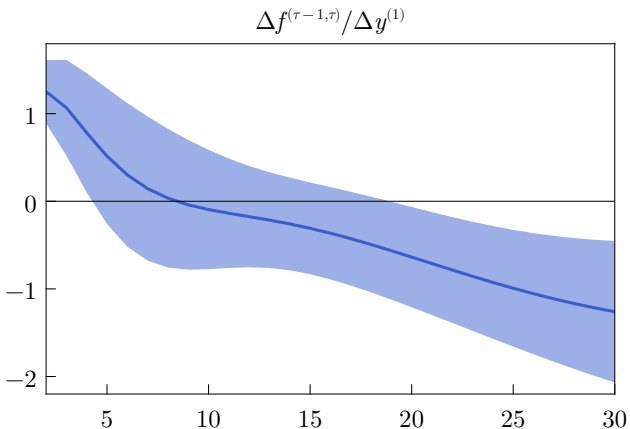
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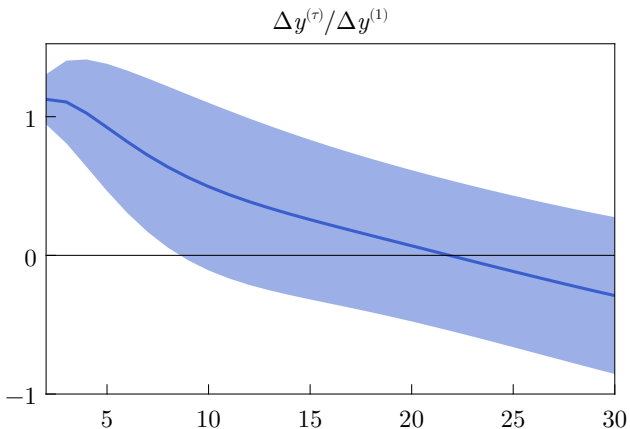
Specification	$\Delta f_t^{(4,5)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(9,10)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(14,15)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(19,20)}$
Baseline	0.40 (0.10)	0.11 (0.14)	0.25 (0.15)	0.39 (0.14)
All FOMC announcements	0.38 (0.10)	0.11 (0.11)	0.13 (0.15)	0.27 (0.13)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	0.46 (0.22)	-0.26 (0.30)	0.21 (0.21)	0.50 (0.29)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	0.28 (0.12)	-0.12 (0.17)	0.07 (0.14)	0.30 (0.19)
Swanson (21) Fed funds IV	0.31 (0.13)	0.15 (0.13)	0.30 (0.16)	0.41 (0.17)
Swanson (21) forward guidance IV	1.05 (0.23)	0.44 (0.13)	0.25 (0.13)	0.23 (0.12)
Bauer-Swanson (22) IV	0.64 (0.14)	0.27 (0.11)	0.17 (0.14)	0.23 (0.13)
Nakamura-Steinsson (18) IV	0.64 (0.15)	0.27 (0.13)	0.35 (0.11)	0.40 (0.13)
NS (18) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	0.72 (0.32)	-0.07 (0.26)	0.13 (0.19)	0.29 (0.26)



## Estimated effects on nominal yield curve (1/3)

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## Estimated effects on nominal yield curve (2/3)

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# Estimated effects on nominal yield curve (3/3)

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Specification	$\Delta f_t^{(4,5)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(9,10)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(14,15)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(19,20)}$
Baseline	0.51 (0.47)	-0.09 (0.41)	-0.31 (0.31)	-0.64 (0.34)
All FOMC announcements	0.42 (0.26)	-0.09 (0.23)	-0.23 (0.17)	-0.42 (0.19)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	0.10 (0.34)	-0.49 (0.33)	-0.59 (0.43)	-0.84 (0.51)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	-0.02 (0.30)	-0.52 (0.27)	-0.51 (0.35)	-0.74 (0.40)
Swanson (21) Fed funds IV	0.41 (0.57)	0.00 (0.47)	-0.18 (0.35)	-0.64 (0.46)
Swanson (21) forward guidance IV	2.30 (0.94)	0.87 (0.48)	0.09 (0.23)	-0.20 (0.29)
Bauer-Swanson (22) IV	0.87 (0.36)	0.15 (0.30)	-0.20 (0.22)	-0.50 (0.28)
Nakamura-Steinsson (18) IV	0.91 (0.46)	0.27 (0.40)	-0.12 (0.28)	-0.48 (0.33)
NS (18) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	0.27 (0.29)	-0.29 (0.29)	-0.37 (0.32)	-0.66 (0.41)

# Estimated arb duration

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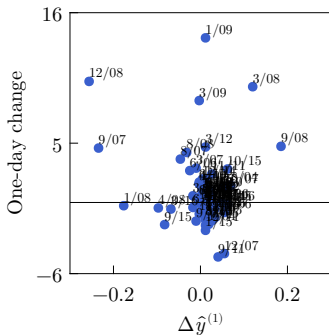
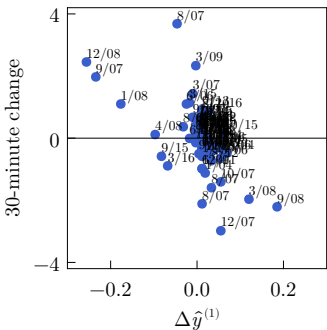
- Dealer balance sheets from FA, hedge funds from Form PF.
- Duration from Bloomberg indices and Greenwald et al (22).
- Estimate duration with/without corporate equities.

	Q4 2012 balance sheet (\$bn)			Duration (years)
	Broker/dealers	Hedge funds	Sum	
Cash, deposits, MMFs	128	553	681	0.25
Repo and other short-term loans*	-448	-1,231	-1,679	0.083
Treasuries	185	654	839	5.4
Corporate and foreign bonds	40	994	1,034	7.2
Other debt securities <sup>†</sup>	302	61	363	3.2
Loans	-35	133	99	5
Corporate equities	127	1,148	1,275	46.5
Wealth	299	2,313	2,612	27.9
Only fixed income	172	1,164	1,336	10.1

# Estimated arb duration

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- Complementary approach: high freq. response of publicly traded dealer stock prices to monetary shocks.



- 1pp increase in 1y yield  $\Rightarrow$  9.8pp decline in dealer equity prices.
- High freq. window needed for power.

## List of dealers (1/2)

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Dealer	Ticker	CRSP/TAQ	FR Y9-C	
		Availability	RSSD	Availability
Bank of America	BAC	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1073757	2004Q1-2016Q4
Barclays	BCS	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	2914521	2004Q4-2010Q3*
BMO	BMO	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1245415	2004Q1-2016Q4
Bank of Nova Scotia	BNS	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1238967	
Bear Stearns	BSC	1/2/2004-5/30/2008	1573257	
Citigroup	C	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1951350	2004Q1-2016Q4
CIBC	CM	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	2797498	2004Q1-2004Q3
Credit Suisse	CS	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1574834	2016Q3-2016Q4
Deutsche Bank	DB	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1032473	2004Q1-2016Q4*
Goldman Sachs	GS	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	2380443	2009Q1-2016Q4
HSBC	HSBC	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	3232316	2004Q1-2016Q4
Jefferies	JEF	1/2/2004-2/28/2013	2046020	
JP Morgan	JPM	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1039502	2004Q1-2016Q4
Lehman Brothers	LEH	1/2/2004-9/17/2008	2380144	

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Dealer	Ticker	CRSP/TAQ	FR Y9-C	
		Availability	RSSD	Availability
Merrill Lynch	MER	1/2/2004-12/31/2008		
MF Global	MF	7/19/2007-10/28/2011	4236731	2016Q3-2016Q4
Mizuho	MFG	11/8/2006-12/30/2016	5034792	2016Q3-2016Q4
Morgan Stanley	MS	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	2162966	2009Q1-2016Q4
Nomura	NMR	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1445345	
Banc One	ONE	1/2/2004-6/30/2004	1068294	2004Q1-2004Q2
Prudential	PRU	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	2441728	
RBS	RBS	10/18/2007-12/30/2016	1851106	
RBC	RY	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	3226762	2010Q4-2016Q4*
TD	TD	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	3606542	2015Q3-2016Q4
UBS	UBS	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	4846998	2016Q3-2016Q4
Wells Fargo	WFC	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1120754	2004Q1-2016Q4
Zions First National	ZION	1/2/2004-12/30/2016	1027004	2004Q1-2016Q4

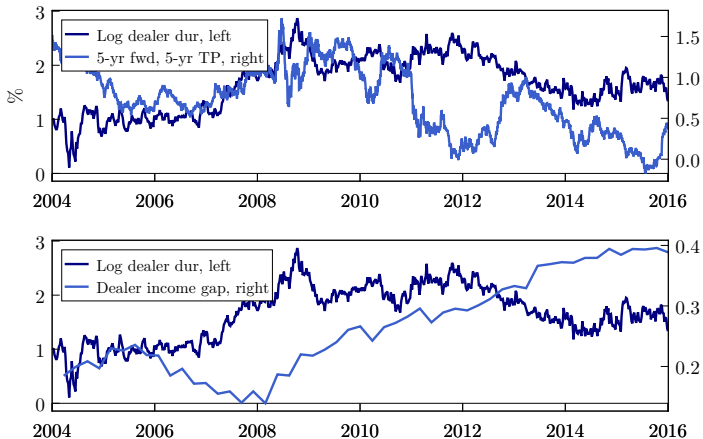
# High frequency response of dealer equities

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Specification	30 minute change	One day change
Baseline	-9.8 (3.2)	-8.0 (9.9)
All FOMC announcements	-1.4 (4.5)	-2.7 (8.2)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	-19.4 (11.2)	-2.6 (20.0)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	-12.4 (5.8)	4.0 (10.1)
Swanson (21) Fed funds IV	-10.0 (3.6)	-4.2 (10.5)
Swanson (21) forward guidance IV	-11.4 (5.0)	-13.1 (5.3)
Bauer-Swanson (22) IV	-7.7 (3.2)	-14.8 (6.7)
Nakamura-Steinsson (18) IV	-12.2 (4.0)	-21.3 (6.6)
NS (18) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	-24.2 (10.0)	-20.6 (17.6)



# Comparing measures of arb duration

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# Relating yield curve responses and arb duration

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Specification	5-yr fwd, 5-yr TP	Log dealer dur.	–Dealer income gap
Baseline	0.50 (0.25)	0.34 (0.15)	2.0 (1.7)
All FOMC announcements	0.11 (0.43)	0.20 (0.21)	1.4 (1.7)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	1.08 (0.63)	1.08 (0.66)	6.5 (5.7)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	0.43 (0.38)	0.52 (0.38)	1.6 (1.6)
[?] Fed funds IV	0.70 (0.42)	0.14 (0.23)	2.1 (2.7)
[?] forward guidance IV	0.08 (0.20)	0.05 (0.18)	1.4 (1.7)
[?] IV	0.65 (0.73)	0.20 (0.19)	2.1 (2.2)
[?] IV	0.56 (0.55)	0.10 (0.19)	16.2 (10.2)
NS (2018) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	1.11 (0.70)	0.64 (0.90)	14.2 (9.5)

# High frequency dealer return in first stage

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Specification	$\Delta f_t^{(4,5)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(9,10)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(14,15)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(19,20)}$
Baseline	-0.041 (0.018)	-0.011 (0.016)	-0.025 (0.017)	-0.040 (0.016)
All FOMC announcements	-0.275 (0.915)	-0.082 (0.269)	-0.094 (0.262)	-0.199 (0.608)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	-0.024 (0.020)	0.013 (0.010)	-0.011 (0.012)	-0.025 (0.017)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	-0.023 (0.016)	0.010 (0.010)	-0.006 (0.011)	-0.025 (0.013)
Swanson (21) Fed funds IV	-0.031 (0.019)	-0.015 (0.016)	-0.030 (0.016)	-0.041 (0.017)
Swanson (21) forward guidance IV	-0.092 (0.034)	-0.038 (0.019)	-0.022 (0.012)	-0.020 (0.012)
Bauer-Swanson (22) IV	-0.084 (0.036)	-0.035 (0.021)	-0.022 (0.020)	-0.030 (0.021)
Nakamura-Steinsson (18) IV	-0.052 (0.018)	-0.022 (0.017)	-0.029 (0.016)	-0.033 (0.017)
NS (18) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	-0.030 (0.017)	0.003 (0.010)	-0.005 (0.009)	-0.012 (0.011)

# High frequency dealer return and duration (1/2)

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Specification	5-yr fwd, 5-yr TP	Log dealer dur.	-Dealer income gap
Baseline	-6.3 (7.8)	-9.4 (7.0)	-75.3 (37.2)
All FOMC announcements	1.6 (13.3)	8.5 (9.1)	-6.9 (51.8)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	-33.2 (29.7)	-81.1 (194.3)	-257.8 (289.4)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	-13.4 (10.4)	-17.9 (14.7)	-81.6 (51.2)
Swanson (21) Fed funds IV	0.6 (9.8)	-9.4 (5.9)	-74.9 (51.3)
Swanson (21) forward guidance IV	-5.0 (8.5)	-9.0 (10.9)	-132.7 (113.1)
Bauer-Swanson (22) IV	-9.5 (8.5)	0.0 (6.9)	-51.2 (44.2)
Nakamura-Steinsson (18) IV	17.5 (11.2)	-0.0 (8.0)	-282.2 (257.9)
NS (18) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	1.0 (14.6)	-89.1 (232.1)	-296.1 (365.7)

# High frequency dealer return and duration (2/2)

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Specification	–Income gap
Baseline	-11.8 (7.9)
All FOMC announcements	1.4 (10.4)
Excl. 7/08-6/09	-60.8 (30.4)
Excl. announcements with LSAP news	-24.6 (13.4)
Swanson (21) Fed funds IV	-5.0 (9.4)
Swanson (21) forward guidance IV	-22.5 (12.2)
Bauer-Swanson (22) IV	-3.8 (7.0)
Nakamura-Steinsson (18) IV	-4.0 (9.1)
NS (18) IV, excl. 7/08-6/09	-22.6 (22.2)

# Quarterly dealer returns and income gap

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	Dealer return	Dealer return	Dealer return	Dealer return
Ex. 5-10 year bond return	-0.69 (2.31)	1.55 (1.24)	-0.69 (2.34)	1.55 (1.24)
Lagged income gap	81.6 (82.23)	-6.58 (63.61)	72.9 (144.74)	-1.35 (104.62)
Ex. 5-10 year bond return × lagged income gap	-5.99 (7.12)	-9.51 (4.10)	-6.02 (7.22)	-9.49 (4.10)
Ex. S&P 500 return		1.35 (0.23)		1.35 (0.24)
3-month Treasury return			-0.64 (5.76)	0.39 (3.76)
$N$	52	52	52	52
$R^2$	0.35	0.67	0.35	0.67

# Wealth process

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$$dW_t = \omega(r_t, \beta_t, W_t)dt + \eta_r(r_t, \beta_t, W_t)dB_{r,t} + \eta_\beta(r_t, \beta_t, W_t)dB_{\beta,t}$$

where

$$\omega_t = \xi(\bar{W} - W_t) + W_t r_t + \int_0^\infty \left( \alpha(\tau) \log(P_t^{(\tau)}) + \theta_0(\tau) + \theta_1(\tau)\beta_t \right) \left( \mu_t^{(\tau)} - r_t \right) d\tau$$

$$\eta_{r,t} = \int_0^\infty \left( \alpha(\tau) \log(P_t^{(\tau)}) + \theta_0(\tau) + \theta_1(\tau)\beta_t \right) \frac{1}{P_t^{(\tau)}} \left( P_{r,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_r + P_{W,t}^{(\tau)} \eta_{r,t} \right) d\tau$$

$$\eta_{\beta,t} = \int_0^\infty \left( \alpha(\tau) \log(P_t^{(\tau)}) + \theta_0(\tau) + \theta_1(\tau)\beta_t \right) \frac{1}{P_t^{(\tau)}} \left( P_{\beta,t}^{(\tau)} \sigma_\beta + P_{W,t}^{(\tau)} \eta_{\beta,t} \right) d\tau.$$

## QE purchases in data (1/2)

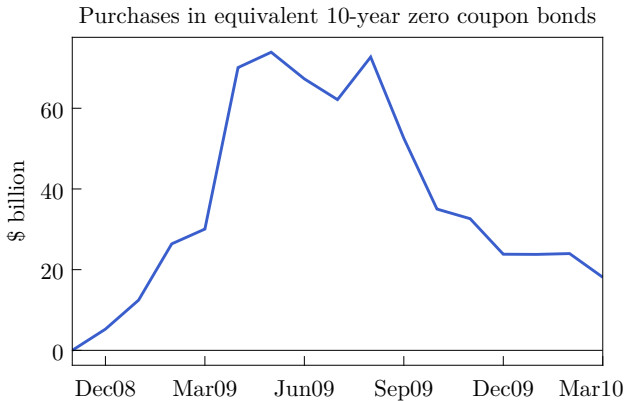
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- CUSIP-level Treasuries and agency debt purchases from SOMA, agency MBS purchases from Fed Board.
- Transform purchases into panel dataset of purchases of ZCBs purchased at each maturity  $\tau \in (0, 30]$  on each date  $t$ :
  - Treasuries and agency debt: strip and compute market values using ZCB yield curve.
  - MBS: assume ZCB with maturity = effective duration of Bloomberg MBS index.

⇒ Over \$600bn in ten-year equivalent ZCBs purchased in QE1.



## QE purchases in data (2/2)

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## QE price impact in data

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	$\Delta y_t^{(10)}$	$\Delta y_t^{(20)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(10)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(20)}$
11/25/2008	-39	-19	-48	22
12/1/2008	-34	-39	-10	-98
12/16/2008	-58	-39	-31	-17
1/28/2009	9	14	16	21
3/18/2009	-61	-41	-46	-25
Sum to date	-183	-124	-119	-98
8/12/2009	-0	-0	-1	-1
9/23/2009	-1	1	1	4
11/4/2009	-3	-6	2	-6
Sum to date	-188	-129	-117	-100

# Arb wealth from Q407 to Q109

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	Q4 2007	Q1 2009	Percent change
Broker/dealers	285	293	3
Hedge funds: distressed securities	176	69	-61
Hedge funds: fixed income	160	69	-57
Hedge funds: macro	91	61	-33
Broker/dealers + core FI hedge funds	712	492	-31
Hedge funds: convertible arbitrage	42	11	-74
Hedge funds: emerging markets	353	125	-65
Hedge funds: equity strategies	538	303	-44
Hedge funds: event-driven	162	57	-65
Hedge funds: merger arbitrage	39	5	-87
Hedge funds: multistrategy	224	122	-46
Hedge funds: other	61	20	-67
Hedge funds: sector specific	130	58	-55
Broker/dealers + hedge funds	2,261	1,193	-47

# Simulating QE in model

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- Focus on 3/18/09 surprise: all Treasuries, \$100bn agency debt, \$750bn MBS.
- Translate purchases into model scale:
  - Over 2012-16, arb wealth 9% of GDP (next slide).

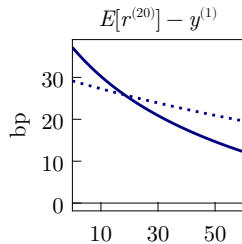
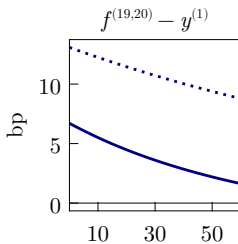
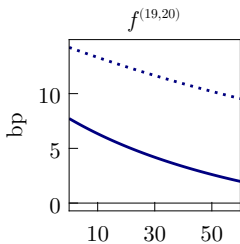
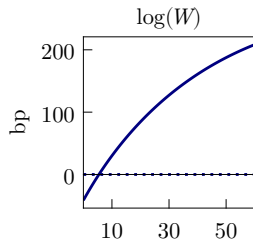
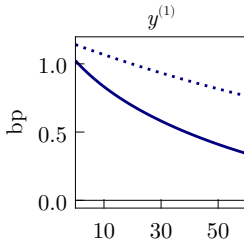
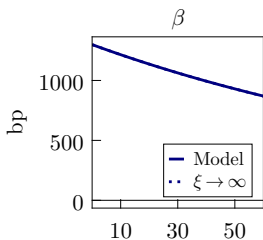
⇒ In month 0, agents learn  $\theta_t(\tau)$  will fall by

$$\frac{\text{purchases}(\tau)_t}{\text{gdp}_{2007}} \frac{W}{0.09},$$

where  $\text{purchases}(\tau)_t$  is  $t$  months after 4/09,  $\text{gdp}_{2007}$  is annual GDP prior to crisis, and  $W$  is average value of arbitrageur wealth in model.

- Simulate in model starting from  $\{r = \bar{r}, \beta = 0, W_0 = 0.6W\}$ .

# Habitat demand shock

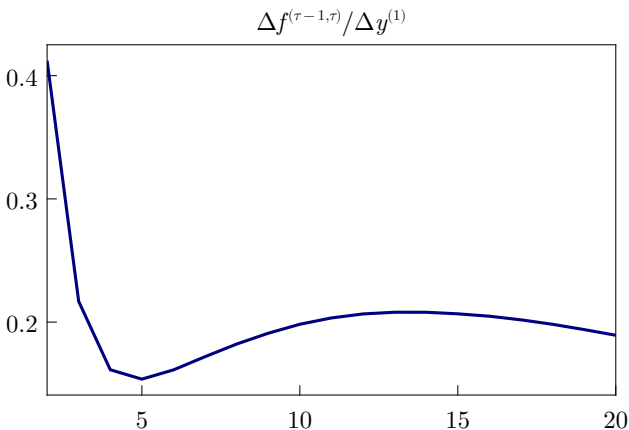
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## Calibration: details

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	Description	Value	Moment	Target	Model
<i>Unconditional moments of yields</i>					
$\bar{r}$	mean short rate	-0.0004	$y_t^{(1)}$	0.06%	0.06%
$\gamma$	arb. risk aversion	2	$y_t^{(20)} - y_t^{(1)}$	1.54%	1.53%
$\sigma_r$	std. dev. short rate	0.007	$\sigma(y_t^{(20)})$	0.74%	0.74%
$\kappa_r$	mean rev. short rate	0.03	$\sigma(\Delta y_t^{(20)})$	0.56%	0.57%
$\sigma_\beta$	std. dev. demand	0.45	$\beta_{FB}^{(10)}$	0.68	0.69
<i>Duration of arbitrageurs</i>					
$\bar{W}$	arb. endowment	0.002	duration	20	20
$\kappa_\beta$	mean rev. demand	0.08	$\sigma(\log(\text{duration}))$	0.5	0.5
<i>Yield curve responses to QE announcement on March 18, 2009</i>					
$\alpha$	habitat price elast.	5	$df_t^{(9,10)}$	-0.46%	-0.53%
$\xi$	persistence arb. wealth	0.05	$df_t^{(19,20)}$	-0.25%	-0.25%

# More persistent short rate shock

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- Set  $\kappa_m = 1.0$ : more transitory monetary shock.
- U-Shape: transitory effect on short rate, term premia effect

# Cochrane-Piazzesi decomposition

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- As derived in Cochrane-Piazzesi (08),

$$f_t^{(\tau-1,\tau)} - y_{t+\tau-1}^{(1)} = \left[ r_{t+1}^{(\tau)} - r_{t+1}^{(\tau-1)} \right] + \left[ r_{t+2}^{(\tau-1)} - r_{t+2}^{(\tau-2)} \right] + \dots + \left[ r_{t+\tau-1}^{(2)} - y_{t+\tau-2}^{(1)} \right],$$

where

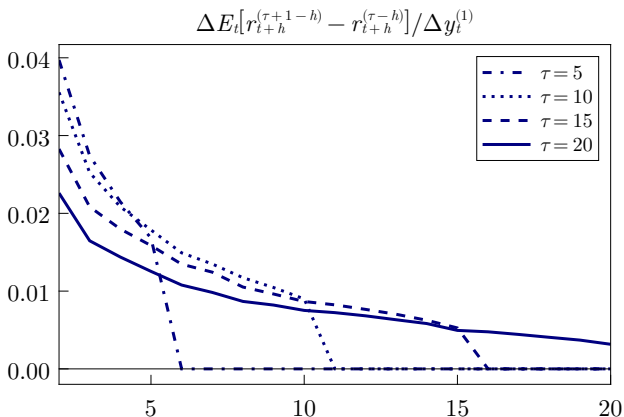
$$r_{t+1}^{(\tau)} \equiv \log P_{t+1}^{(\tau-1)} - \log P_t^{(\tau)}.$$

- Ex-ante, this implies

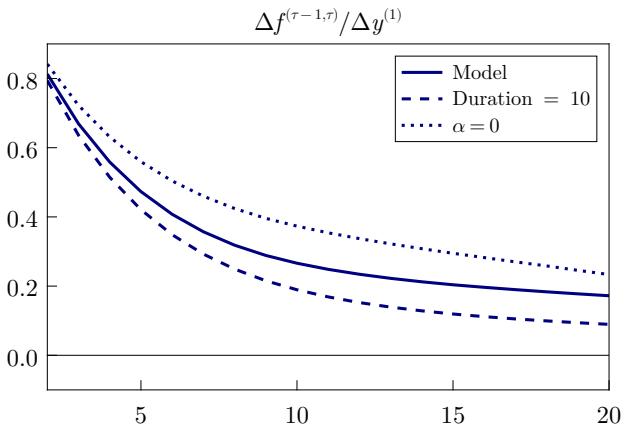
$$E_t \left[ f_t^{(\tau-1,\tau)} - E_t y_{t+\tau-1}^{(1)} \right] = E_t \left[ r_{t+1}^{(\tau)} - r_{t+1}^{(\tau-1)} \right] + E_t \left[ r_{t+2}^{(\tau-1)} - r_{t+2}^{(\tau-2)} \right] + \dots + E_t \left[ r_{t+\tau-1}^{(2)} - y_{t+\tau-2}^{(1)} \right].$$



## Decomposing forward rate response

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# Monetary shock: sensitivity

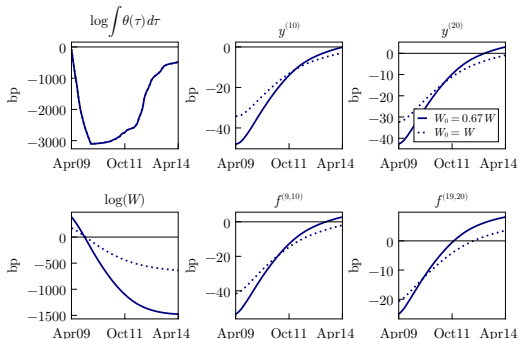
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- Fully account for  $f^{(19,20)}$  given higher duration and/or lower  $\alpha$ .
- “Reach for yield” suggests lower  $\alpha$  conditional on  $r$  shock.

# State-dependent effects of QE

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- Reconsider 3/18/09 announcement but set  $W_0$  to avg level:



- Long-dated yields, forwards fall by 20 – 30% less:
  - More elastic demand (recall  $\frac{d \log P_t}{d\theta_t} = -\frac{1}{\alpha + \frac{W_t}{\sigma_r^2}}$ ).
  - Lower duration and thus recapitalization from QE.

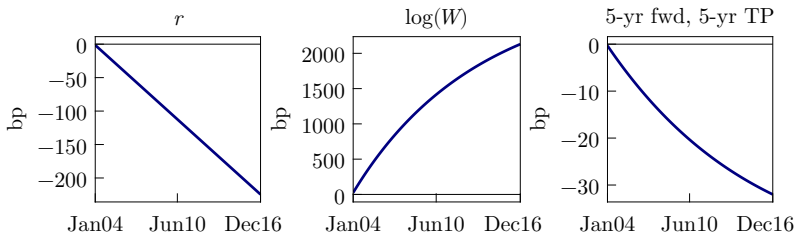
# Bond price volatility

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Moment	Model	$\xi \rightarrow \infty$
$\sigma(y_t^{(20)})$	0.74%	0.73%
$\sigma(\sigma_{t-1}(y_t^{(20)}))$	0.23%	0.00%
$y_t^{(20)} - y_t^{(1)}$	1.53%	1.00%

- Setting  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$  while recalibrating  $\bar{W}$  to match average  $W$ :
  - no endogenous, stochastic bond price volatility: slope of the yield curve falls by 1/3

# Secular decline in natural rate

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- Decline in  $\bar{r}$  from Laubach-Williams (2003) / FRB NY.
- Decline recapitalizes arbs and accounts for 20% – 30% of decline in term premium from D'Amico-Kim-Wei (2018) / Fed Board.
- Complements explanations focused on changing comovements.

# Comparing FOMC vs. non-FOMC days (1/3)

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- Alternative approach to studying effects of monetary policy on yield curve considered in literature:

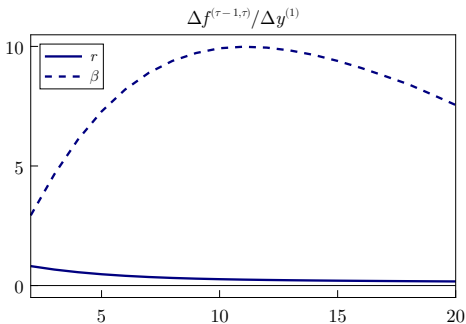
	$\Delta f_t^{(4,5)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(9,10)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(14,15)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(19,20)}$
$\Delta y_t^{(1)}$	0.11 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.11 (0.02)
$FOMC_t$	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)
$\Delta y_t^{(1)} \times FOMC_t$	0.25 (0.14)	0.14 (0.11)	0.00 (0.08)	-0.04 (0.06)
$N$	3,252	3,252	3,252	3,252
$R^2$	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.03

- Small (even negative) interaction coefficients suggest monetary tightening does not raise (and may reduce) long forward rates.

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- Model clarifies two reasons why this is incorrect.
- Underlying reason:  $\beta$  shocks have small effect on short yields.
- ① Estimated interaction coefficients will be *negative* even though monetary tightening raises term premia:



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- ② Estimated interaction coefficients will be *small* unless proportion of  $r$  vs.  $\beta$  shocks change massively on FOMC days:

$\sigma_r$	$\Delta f_t^{(4,5)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(9,10)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(14,15)}$	$\Delta f_t^{(19,20)}$
Baseline	0.37	0.23	0.22	0.24
$1.2 \times$ Baseline	0.35	0.21	0.19	0.20