

# Mitigating Disaster Risks in the Age of Climate Change\*

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## Abstract

Emissions control cannot address the consequences of global warming for weather disasters until decades later. We model regional-level mitigation, which reduces the aggregate risks of disasters for capital stock in the interim. Unexpected disaster arrivals lead to pessimistic beliefs regarding the consequences of global warming and more mitigation spending. Competitive markets underprovide such spending because of externalities. Capital taxes to fund mitigation restores first-best. We value seawalls that protect against increasingly damaging Atlantic hurricanes. For moderately pessimistic beliefs, the optimal annual tax is 1.5% of housing stock and coastal properties are 8% too high compared to first-best.

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# 1 Introduction

Global costs of weather-related disasters have increased sharply in recent decades (see, e.g., Bouwer et al. (2007)). While this trend increase is partly due to economic growth and exposure of physical capital (Pielke et al. (2008), Bouwer (2011), Jongman et al. (2012)), recent climate research is increasingly confident in linking climate change to more frequent or severe natural disasters (National Academy of Sciences (2016)). For instance, climate models point to increased frequency and damage from hurricanes that make landfall (Grinsted, Ditlevsen, and Christensen (2019), Kossin et.al. (2020)). Using such estimates, the present value of tropical cyclone damage globally absent mitigation is estimated to be 10 trillion dollars (Hsiang and Jina (2014)).<sup>1</sup>

Emissions control and carbon taxes, which have been the main focus of research using integrated assessment models (Nordhaus (2017)), will only impact such losses decades down the road to the extent they are even implemented globally. At the same time, willingness to pay to avoid weather disasters are likely to be large given household risk preferences and permanence of such shocks (Pindyck and Wang (2013)). Hence, mitigation of natural disaster risks at the regional level, be it seawalls or land-use regulation, may need to play a major role going forward. But it has thus far been relatively under-emphasized both in climate change research and practice (Bouwer et al. (2007)). Among key questions are what determines mitigation, how valuable is it for social welfare, and what are the tax and asset pricing implications?

To answer these questions, we start by introducing costly mitigation into a continuous-time stochastic general-equilibrium model with disasters along the lines emphasized by Rietz (1988), Barro (2006, 2009), and Weitzman (2009). Disaster arrivals follow a Poisson process. Damages conditioned on arrival are modeled as downward jumps in the capital stock as in Barro (2006) and Pindyck and Wang (2013).<sup>2</sup> The percentage losses of capital stock due

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<sup>1</sup>Similarly, the wildfires in the Western US states are also linked to climate change (Abatzoglou and Williams (2016)).

<sup>2</sup>For instance, the literature on weather disasters points to persistent declines in growth and productivity due to destruction of physical capital (Dell, Jones and Olken (2014)). Of course, weather disasters are related to extreme temperature and precipitation (Auffhammer, Hsiang, Schlenker, and Sobel (2013)).

to jump arrivals follow a Pareto distribution and are i.i.d. across arrivals (Gabaix, 2009). But spending today that comes at the cost of consumption and/or investment mitigates the fat-tailedness of damages in the sense of first-order stochastic dominance. Mitigation in our model is in line with existing work on the value of protective investments like seawalls or locating assets away from hurricane or wildfire paths (Kousky et al. (2006), Schumacher and Strobl (2011), Hallegate (2017)). But our model of disasters and mitigation technology contribute to the literature in a number of dimensions as we detail below.

A defining aspect of costly mitigation in the age of climate change is that it depends on households learning about the consequences of global warming for disasters based on past arrivals. Each new disaster brings additional evidence that will result in belief updating regarding the consequences. This aspect is important for not only normative calculations since mitigation strategies as we will show crucially depend on perceived risks. For instance, scientific consensus on the impact of global warming on the frequency of hurricanes changed markedly in 2005, when a record number of hurricanes including Katrina made landfall (Emanuel (2005)). It also has positive predictions since recent weather disasters have moved public opinion on the consequences of climate change (see, e.g., Yale Climate Opinion Maps (2020)).

Hence, our model features households learning from natural disaster arrivals about whether Poisson arrival rates are high or low (i.e., what we refer to as a bad versus good state). The bad state corresponds to more frequent arrival rates due to global warming, while the good state corresponds to no or mild effects of climate change. Unexpected arrival of a disaster leads to a jump in belief in the bad state (i.e. perceived risk). Absent any arrivals, this belief drifts down toward the good state (i.e., no news is good news when it comes to no arrival of disasters). Such a model is in line with for instance uncertainty regarding hurricane arrival rates (Nordhaus, 2010) that will be resolved over time. An important feature of our learning model is that “bad” news leads to abrupt and discontinuous change of belief, as a disaster arrival is a discrete event also serving as a discrete signal.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Our model generates time-varying disaster arrival rates via learning. Learning (Colin-Dufresne, Johannes, and Lochstoer (2016)) and disasters with time-varying arrival rates (as in Gabaix (2012), Gourio

Otherwise, our model features familiar technologies from an  $AK$  growth model augmented with capital adjustment costs in macro and finance. Households are endowed with the widely-used non-expected utility proposed by Epstein and Zin (1989) and Weil (1990), which separates risk aversion from the elasticity of intertemporal substitution. Recent work in the context of valuing emissions curtailment points to the importance of using such risk preferences in generating a high social cost of carbon (see, e.g., Jensen and Traeger (2014), Hambel, Kraft and Schwartz (2018), Cai and Lontzek (2019), Daniel, Litterman and Wagner (2019), Barnett, Brock and Hansen (2020)). It will similarly play an important role in generating a high willingness-to-pay for mitigation that depends on perceived risks. There are convex adjustment costs to capital that make capital stock illiquid and hence give rise to rents for installed capital and the value of capital (Tobin’s average  $q$ ) fluctuates as households’ beliefs about the disaster likelihood change over time.

Despite the novelty of introducing both belief updating and mitigation technology, our model is tractable. The planner’s solution is characterized by an endogenously derived non-linear ordinary differential equation for the value function (the certainty equivalent wealth) together with first-order conditions for investment and mitigation spending that depend on household belief regarding disaster arrivals. The boundary conditions are given by solutions when the household belief is permanently in the low or high arrival state.<sup>4</sup>

Our model emphasizes mitigation externalities. Because mitigation changes the distribution of damages conditional on arrival, which benefits all firms and households, aggregate risk mitigation cannot be decentralized due to the positive externalities of mitigation. We show in a dynamically complete market setting that the competitive equilibrium corresponds to households and firms optimally choosing no mitigation. Even though there are complete markets, the competitive economy has an extreme form of underspending on mitigation and over-investment in capital from the societal perspective since firms do not internalize the

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(2012), and Wachter (2013)) have been shown to be quantitatively important to simultaneously explain business cycles and asset price fluctuations.

<sup>4</sup>The solutions for the two special cases (at the boundaries) generalize the model in Pindyck and Wang (2013), which originally examined the general-equilibrium effects of disasters in a continuous-time production model with Poisson arrivals of disasters, by allowing for mitigation.

benefits of aggregate risk mitigation.<sup>5</sup>

Taxing capital effectively lowers the firm’s marginal product of capital thereby addressing its over-investment motive, which in turn lowers the firm’s average  $q$  in equilibrium. By using the tax proceeds and fully reimbursing the firm for its mitigation spending, the first-best solution can be achieved while still maintaining a balanced budget. This is similar to optimal Pigouvian taxes to address negative externalities of carbon emissions for climate change (Golosov, Hassler, Krusell and Tsyvinski (2014)). The market failure or difference between the planner’s solution and the competitive equilibrium solution are significant even when household beliefs regarding disaster arrival rates are moderate due to this non-linearity in optimal mitigation with household beliefs.

While our model can be applied to different weather disasters, we use it here to quantify the value of seawalls to reduce the risks to housing capital stock of more frequent Atlantic hurricane arrivals in the US due to global warming. We estimate based on historical data that the Atlantic states are exposed to roughly two major landfall hurricanes per year and a hurricane of the size of Katrina (losses of around 1-2% of housing capital stock) about once in every 25 years. We tie these numbers to the good state. The bad state would be losses around 5 times worse (on average per year) based on scenarios laid out in recent climate research cited above. We can think of this calibration exercise as calculating how valuable mitigation would be should households entertain the possibility that cyclones might be more frequent in the future than in historical samples.

For simplicity and empirical relevance, we focus our discussions below on household preferences with elasticity of intertemporal substitution being larger than one to be consistent with following the literature on long-run risks (Bansal and Yaron (2004)). Otherwise, the other parameter values—including risk aversion and the rate of time preferences, productivity, and asset market return and volatility—are set to target various moments regarding housing stock returns. Holding fixed these parameters, we introduce a mitigation technology

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<sup>5</sup>We further demonstrate that this competitive equilibrium solution where there is mitigation technology but private agents optimally choose no mitigation spending is the same as the planner’s solution for the no-mitigation technology case.

such that society would spend zero in the good state.

In our cost-benefit analysis, we highlight the non-linearity of mitigation spending. Mitigation spending as a fraction of capital stock even at moderately pessimistic beliefs reaches 1.5% compared to extremely pessimistic beliefs in the bad state, when it is only 1.8%. This non-linearity arises from risk preferences and disasters. Investment is lower as a result. Absent mitigation, society would experience a substantial welfare loss as pessimism rises. For moderately pessimistic beliefs and absent mitigation, the welfare loss is nearly 30% of the level households enjoy when belief in the bad state is zero.

But with optimal use of mitigation technology, the comparable loss is only 20%. The difference of 12.5%  $= 1 - (1 - 30\%) / (1 - 20\%)$  is then the value of mitigation technology.<sup>6</sup> Connected to this improved welfare from mitigation is that the conditional damage of a hurricane is far lower and expected growth rate higher. Without mitigation and with moderately pessimistic beliefs in the bad state, expected growth rate is close to zero. In contrast, it is around 1.5% with mitigation. So over the long-run, housing capital stock will be larger as a result with mitigation, all else equal.

It is interesting to reflect on the quantitative implications of our model for tax policy and housing prices. The 1.5% figure for mitigation spending as a fraction of capital stock would then be the optimal tax rate for housing capital stock to fund the mitigation spending. Moreover, Tobin's average  $q$  for housing capital stock would be around 8% lower as a result with moderate beliefs in the bad state. In other words, due to mitigation externalities, Atlantic coastal property is around 8% higher in the competitive equilibrium than the first-best outcome

Recent empirical work examines the efficiency of real estate prices for sea level rise (see Hong, Karolyi, and Scheinkman (2020) for a review of recent findings). Our model provides a framework assessing how much of a price effect one expects and points to the importance of beliefs regarding the implementation of taxes. In the competitive equilibrium, housing

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<sup>6</sup>The caveat to these calculations is that traditional willingness-to-pay calculations to avoid disasters as in our model is sensitive to modeling of multiple disasters and when disasters affect both consumption and loss of life (Martin and Pindyck (2015)).

prices are only mildly sensitive to household beliefs to begin with. The change in prices moving from a competitive equilibrium to the first-best outcome where there are taxes is much larger quantitatively.

This assessment is consistent with recent concerns expressed by regulators regarding such transition risk, i.e., the movement from a competitive to a social planning equilibrium (Carney (2015)). Equilibrium consequences of mitigation including regulatory risks have been less studied compared to the pricing of the direct physical risks for firm cashflows such as in Hong, Li and Xu (2019) and Bansal, Kiku and Ochoa (2019). However, Bolton and Kacperczyk (2020) point to such transition risks starting to be priced into capital markets in recent years.

Our model also generates a number of other implications. The existing literature shows that high-income countries prefer to mitigate more in contrast to low-income countries (see, e.g., Kahn (2005)). Our model is geared towards generating time-series predictions. For instance, damages conditional on arrival are higher when an economy has few prior arrivals and long inter-arrival times since perceived risks and mitigation spending or preparedness are low as a result. Direct damages in our model correspond to long-run destruction of capital. Hence, data on damage conditional on arrival and mitigation spending beforehand can be used to infer mitigation efficacy using exogenous arrivals and inter-arrival times as instruments.

## 2 Model

### 2.1 Production, Capital Dynamics, and Disasters

**Aggregate Production and Resource Constraint.** Let  $K$  denote the aggregate capital stock, which is the sole factor of production. Aggregate output,  $Y$ , is given by

$$Y_t = AK_t, \tag{1}$$

where  $A > 0$  is a constant that defines productivity. This is a version of the  $AK$  model in macroeconomics and finance. Time is continuous and the horizon is infinite.

In each period, aggregate output is spent in one of the three possible ways—consumption, investment, and mitigation. Let  $C_t$ ,  $I_t$ , and  $X_t$  denote consumption, investment, and mitigation spending, respectively.

Following the  $q$  theory of investment (Hayashi, 1982 and Abel and Eberly, 1994), we assume that when investing  $I_t dt$ , the firm also incurs capital adjustment costs, which we denote by  $\Phi_t dt$ . That is, the total cost of investment per unit of time is  $(I_t + \Phi_t)$  including both capital purchase and adjustment costs. Therefore, we have the following aggregate resource constraint:

$$Y_t = C_t + (I_t + \Phi_t) + X_t. \quad (2)$$

The most natural interpretation of mitigation spending is seawalls or land-use zoning in the context of the climate change literature.<sup>7</sup> We specify the capital adjustment later in this section.

**Investment and Capital Accumulation.** The capital stock  $K$  evolves as:<sup>8</sup>

$$dK_t = I_{t-} dt + \sigma K_{t-} d\mathcal{W}_t - (1 - Z)K_{t-} d\mathcal{J}_t. \quad (3)$$

The first term in (3) is investment  $I$ . The second term captures continuous shocks to capital, where  $\mathcal{W}_t$  is a standard Brownian motion and the parameter  $\sigma$  is the diffusion volatility (for the capital stock growth). This diffusion shock is the source of shocks for the standard  $AK$  models in macroeconomics. To emphasize the timing of potential jumps, we use  $t-$  to denote the pre-jump time so that a discrete jump may or may not arrive at  $t$ .

We may generalize our  $AK$  model to allow for multiple factors of production.<sup>9</sup>

**Arrival of Disasters.** Capital stock is also subject to jump shocks that cause stochastic permanent losses of the existing capital stock. We capture this effect via the third term,

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<sup>7</sup>Mitigation spending  $X_t$  effectively reduces output which tightens resources constraints for consumption and investment:  $Y_t - X_t = C_t + (I_t + \Phi_t)$ .

<sup>8</sup>This capital accumulation technology has been widely used in macro and finance. For example, see Barro (2009) and Pindyck and Wang (2013).

<sup>9</sup>See Appendix A.3 for details.



where  $\mathcal{J}_t$  is a (pure) jump process with a constant but unknown arrival rate, which we denote by  $\lambda$ , to be described shortly.

When a jump arrives ( $d\mathcal{J}_t = 1$ ), it permanently destroys a stochastic fraction  $(1 - Z)$  of the capital stock  $K_{t-}$ , as  $Z$  is the recovery fraction. Absent mitigation spending, the domain for the admissible values of  $Z$  is  $(0, 1)$ . (For example, if a shock destroyed 15 percent of capital stock, we would have  $Z = .85$ .) There is no limit to the number of these jump shocks.<sup>10</sup> If a jump does not arrive at  $t$ , i.e.,  $d\mathcal{J}_t = 0$ , the third term disappears.

Let  $\Xi(Z)$  and  $\xi(Z)$  denote the cumulative distribution function (cdf) and probability density function (pdf) for the recovery fraction,  $Z$ , conditional on a jump arrival, respectively.

Next, we discuss how we model the constant but unknown arrival rate of the jump process,  $\lambda$ . We suppose that the arrival rate can be either low or high. If the rate is high, it is more likely that capital stock will be hit by a disaster (i.e., a negative jump shock). If the rate is low, a disaster is much less likely. We refer to the low-rate and high-rate scenarios as good state ( $G$ ) and bad state ( $B$ ), respectively, and use  $\lambda_G$  and  $\lambda_B$  to denote the corresponding jump arrival rate of a jump in the respective state. Naturally,  $\lambda_B > \lambda_G$ . While the state is constant over time, the household does not observe the state and therefore has to learn about the value of  $\lambda$  over time to assess the likelihood that the arrival rate is high or low. We will discuss the household's learning dynamics shortly.

We use lower-case variables to denote the corresponding upper-case variables divided by contemporaneous  $K$ . For example,  $c_t = C_t/K_t$ ,  $i_t = I_t/K_t$ ,  $\phi_t = \Phi_t/K_t$ , and  $x_t = X_t/K_t$ .

**Homogeneity Property.** To preserve our model's homogeneity, we make two economically sensible simplifying assumptions: one about capital adjustment costs and the other about the mitigation technology.

First, the capital adjustment cost function,  $\Phi(I, K)$ , is homogeneous with degree one in  $I$  and  $K$  and thus can be written as:

$$\Phi(I, K) = \phi(i)K, \tag{4}$$

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<sup>10</sup>Stochastic fluctuations in the capital stock have been widely used in the growth literature with an  $AK$  technology, but unlike the existing literature, we examine the economic effects of shocks to capital that involve discrete (disaster) jumps.

where  $\phi(i)$  is increasing and convex.<sup>11</sup> Because installing capital is costly, installed capital earns rents in equilibrium so that Tobin's  $q$ , the ratio between the value and the replacement cost of capital, exceeds one.<sup>12</sup>

Next, we specify the benefits of mitigation spending.

## 2.2 Mitigation Technology and Payoffs

The benefit of mitigation spending in our model derives from reduction of damages due to disasters. We consider two specifications of mitigation benefits, both of which boil down to damage reduction when a disaster arrives.

The first specification, our main focus, postulates that the distribution for the recovery fraction  $Z$  at  $t$  conditional on a jump arrival depends on the pre-jump mitigation spending  $X_{t-}$ . Otherwise, capital accumulation remains the same and is given by (3).

To preserve the homogeneity property, we assume that the distribution of the post-jump fractional recovery  $Z$  changes from  $\Xi(Z)$  to  $\Xi(Z; x_{t-})$  and the corresponding density function changes from  $\xi(Z)$  to  $\xi(Z; x_{t-})$ . That is, if mitigation spending  $X$  doubles, the benefit of mitigation also doubles. Because making the distribution of  $Z$  less damaging is a public good, the private and societal interests may not line up. We show that welfare theorem does not hold due to free-rider's incentives.

**Alternative Specification.** An alternative specification is that mitigation spending reduces the realized damage of a disaster upon its arrival. To preserve our model's homogeneity property, we assume that for a given pre-jump mitigation spending  $X_{t-}$ , the capital stock changes from its pre-jump level  $K_{t-}$  to  $K_t = K_{t-} - N(x_{t-})(1 - Z)K_{t-}$ , where  $N(x)$  is a function satisfying  $0 \leq N(x) \leq 1$ ,  $N(0) = 1$ ,  $N'(x) \leq 0$ . As the post-jump capital stock is  $(1 - Z)K_{t-}$  absent mitigation spending, the benefit of mitigation spending is  $(1 - N(x_{t-}))(1 - Z)K_{t-}$ , i.e., the reduction of capital stock destruction caused by the jump.

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<sup>11</sup>Homogeneous adjustment cost functions are analytically tractable and have been widely used in the  $q$  theory of investment literature. Hayashi (1982) showed that with homogeneous adjustment costs and perfect capital markets, marginal and average  $q$  are equal.

<sup>12</sup>In Barro (2006, 2009), he also analyzes an endogenous  $AK$  growth model with disaster risks but without capital adjustment costs in a discrete-time setting. Therefore, Tobin's average  $q$  in his model is always one.

As in the first specification, doubling mitigation spending  $X_{t-}$  and capital stock  $K_{t-}$  simultaneously doubles the benefit of mitigation spending. Therefore, in this case, capital stock  $K$  evolves as:

$$dK_t = I_{t-}dt + \sigma K_{t-}d\mathcal{W}_t - N(x_{t-})(1 - Z)K_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t . \quad (5)$$

All the other parts of the model remain unchanged. Unlike the first specification, we show that the welfare theorem holds with this alternative specification as no private agent has incentive to free ride on others. In Appendix D, we provide the planner's and market solution for this alternative specification, and then prove the equivalence between planner's problem and market solution.

Finally, we complete our model description by introducing the preferences.

**Preferences.** We use the Duffie and Epstein (1992) continuous-time version of the recursive preferences developed by Epstein and Zin (1989) and Weil (1990), so that a representative consumer has homothetic recursive preferences given by:

$$V_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \int_t^\infty f(C_s, V_s) ds \right] , \quad (6)$$

where  $f(C, V)$  is known as the normalized aggregator given by

$$f(C, V) = \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \frac{C^{1-\psi^{-1}} - ((1 - \gamma)V)^\omega}{((1 - \gamma)V)^{\omega-1}} . \quad (7)$$

Here  $\rho$  is the rate of time preference,  $\psi$  the elasticity of intertemporal substitution (EIS),  $\gamma$  the coefficient of relative risk aversion, and we let  $\omega = (1 - \psi^{-1})/(1 - \gamma)$ . Unlike expected utility, recursive preferences as defined by (6) and (7) disentangle risk aversion from the EIS. An important feature of these preferences is that the marginal benefit of consumption is  $f_C = \rho C^{-\psi^{-1}}/[(1 - \gamma)V]^{\omega-1}$ , which depends not only on current consumption but also (through  $V$ ) on the expected trajectory of future consumption.

If  $\gamma = \psi^{-1}$  so that  $\omega = 1$ , we have the standard constant-relative-risk-aversion (CRRA) expected utility, represented by the additively separable aggregator:

$$f(C, V) = \frac{\rho C^{1-\gamma}}{1 - \gamma} - \rho V. \quad (8)$$

This more flexible utility specification is widely used in asset pricing and macroeconomics for at least two important reasons: 1) conceptually, risk aversion is very distinct from the EIS, which this preference is able to capture; 2) quantitative and empirical fit with various asset pricing facts are infeasible with standard CRRA utility but attainable with this recursive utility, as shown by Bansal and Yaron (2004) and the large follow-up long-run risk literature. We show that in our model, the EIS parameter plays an important role as well.

### 3 Solution

The social planner maximizes the representative household's utility given in (6)-(7) subject to the production/capital accumulation technology and the aggregate resource constraint described in Section 2. Let  $V(K, \pi)$  denote the value function.

Next, we derive the representative households' or planner's Bayesian learning rule and then use dynamic programming to solve the optimal policies and value function.

**Learning.** The household dynamically updates her belief about the arrival rate of disasters. Let  $\pi_t$  denote the time- $t$  posterior belief that  $\lambda = \lambda_B$ . That is,

$$\pi_t = \mathbb{P}(\lambda_t = \lambda_B | \mathcal{F}_t), \quad (9)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is the household's information set up to  $t$ . At time  $t$ , the expected jump arrival rate, denoted by  $\lambda_t$ , is given by

$$\lambda_t = \lambda(\pi_t) = \lambda_B \pi_t + \lambda_G (1 - \pi_t), \quad (10)$$

which is a weighted average of  $\lambda_B$  and  $\lambda_G$ . A higher value of  $\pi_t$  corresponds to a belief that the economy is more likely in State  $B$  which has a high jump arrival rate.

What makes the household's belief to worsen (increasing  $\pi$ ) is jump arrivals. What makes the household's belief to revise favorably is no jump arrivals. In this sense, no-jump news is good news. In expectation, with rational learning, belief change cannot be predicted, which means belief has to be a martingale.

Mathematically, the household updates her belief by following the Bayes rule:<sup>13</sup>

$$d\pi_t = \sigma_\pi(\pi_{t-}) (d\mathcal{J}_t - \lambda_{t-} dt) , \quad (11)$$

where

$$\sigma_\pi(\pi) = \frac{\pi(1-\pi)(\lambda_B - \lambda_G)}{\lambda(\pi)} = \frac{\pi(1-\pi)(\lambda_B - \lambda_G)}{\lambda_B\pi + \lambda_G(1-\pi)} > 0 . \quad (12)$$

Here, signals come from  $\mathcal{J}_t$ . Because  $\mathbb{E}_{t-}[d\mathcal{J}_t] = \lambda_{t-}dt$ , (11) implies that the household's belief process  $\pi$  is a martingale. When a disaster strikes at  $t$ , the household's belief immediately increases from the pre-jump level  $\pi_{t-}$  to  $\pi_t = \pi^{\mathcal{J}}$  by  $\sigma_\pi(\pi_{t-})$ , where

$$\pi^{\mathcal{J}} = \pi_{t-} + \sigma_\pi(\pi_{t-}) = \frac{\pi_{t-} - \lambda_B}{\lambda(\pi_{t-})} > \pi_{t-} . \quad (13)$$

If there is no arrival over time interval  $dt$ , the household becomes more optimistic. Mathematically, if  $d\mathcal{J}_t = 1$ , we have  $d\pi_t = \mu_\pi(\pi_{t-})dt$ , where

$$\mu_\pi(\pi) = -\sigma_\pi(\pi)\lambda(\pi) = \pi(1-\pi)(\lambda_G - \lambda_B) < 0 . \quad (14)$$

Now suppose that there is no jump during a finite time interval  $(s, t)$ , i.e.,  $dJ_v = 0$  for  $s < v \leq t$ . By using (14) to integrate  $\pi$  from  $s$  to  $t$  conditional on no jump, we obtain the following logistic function:

$$\pi_t = \frac{\pi_s e^{-(\lambda_B - \lambda_G)(t-s)}}{1 + \pi_s (e^{-(\lambda_B - \lambda_G)(t-s)} - 1)} . \quad (15)$$

In Figure 1, we plot a simulated path for  $\pi$  starting from  $\pi_0 = 0.1$ . It shows that absent a jump arrival, belief becomes more optimistic, i.e.,  $\pi_t$  decreases deterministically. Once a jump arrives, the belief worsens, i.e., jumps upward by a discrete amount  $\sigma_\pi(\pi)$ .

**Dynamic Programming.** The Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation for the planner's allocation problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \max_{C, I, x} f(C, V) + IV_K(K, \pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)V_\pi(K, \pi) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 K^2 V_{KK}(K, \pi) \\ & + \lambda(\pi)\mathbb{E} [V(ZK, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - V(K, \pi)] , \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

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<sup>13</sup>See Theorem 19.6 in Lipster and Shiryaev (2001).

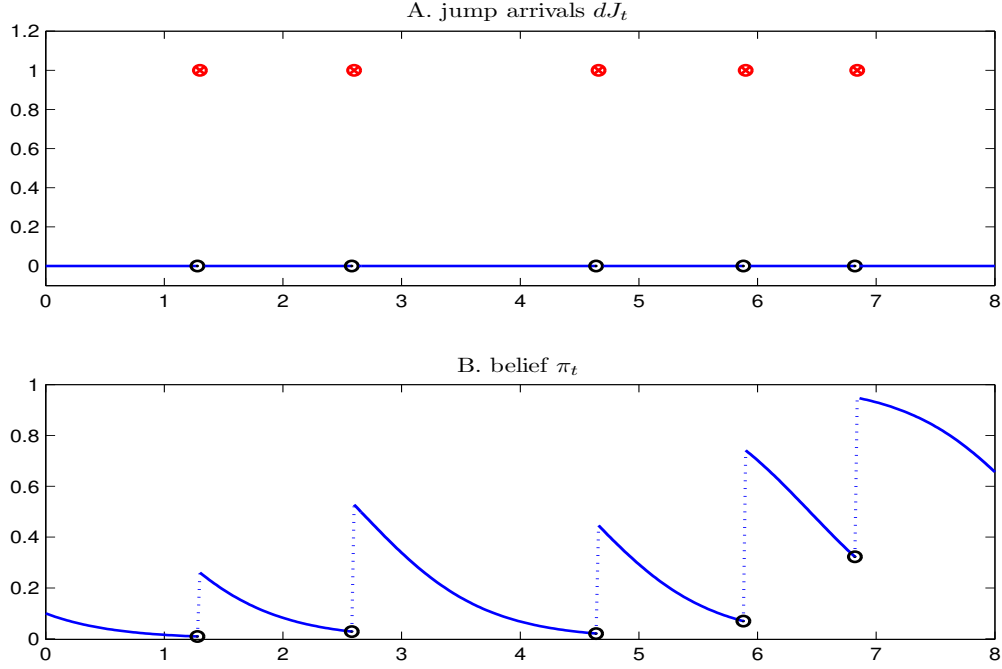


Figure 1: This figure simulates a path for jump arrival times in Panel A and plots the corresponding belief updating process in Panel B starting with  $\pi_0 = 0.1$ . The belief decreases deterministically in the absence of jumps but discretely increases upward upon a jump arrival.

where the expected change of belief in the absence of jumps,  $\mu_\pi(\pi)$ , is negative and given in (14), the expected arrival rate of a jump,  $\lambda(\pi)$ , is given in (10), the post-jump belief  $\pi^{\mathcal{J}}$  is given in (13) as a function of the pre-jump belief  $\pi$ , and the expectation  $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$  is with respect to the pdf  $\xi(Z; x)$  for the recovery fraction  $Z$  for a given level of scaled mitigation  $x$ .

The first term on the right side of (16) is the household's normalized aggregator; the second term captures how investment  $I$  affects  $V(K, \pi)$ ; the third term reflects how belief updating (in the absence of jumps) impacts  $V(K, \pi)$ ; and the fourth term captures the effect of capital-stock diffusion shocks on  $V(K, \pi)$ . It is worth noting that as the signals in our learning model are discrete (jump arrivals), there is no diffusion volatility induced quadratic variation term involving  $V_{\pi\pi}$  in the HJB equation (16). Instead, the possibility of jumps induces both an expected level and uncertainty effects, both of which are captured by the last term that we discuss in detail soon.

**Direct versus Learning Effects.** Finally, the last term (appearing on the second line) of (16) describes the effects of jumps on the expected change in  $V(K, \pi)$ . This term captures rich economic forces and warrants additional explanations. When a jump arrives at  $t$  ( $d\mathcal{J}_t = 1$ ), capital stock falls from  $K_{t-}$  at time  $t-$  to  $K_t = ZK_{t-}$  at  $t$ , which also causes the household to become more pessimistic. As a result, her belief increases from the pre-jump level of  $\pi_{t-}$  to the post-jump level of  $\pi_t = \pi^{\mathcal{J}}$ , as given by (13). Therefore, the expected change of the value function conditional on a jump arrival is given by  $\mathbb{E} [V(ZK_{t-}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - V(K_{t-}, \pi_{t-})]$ . To take into account that the jump arrival is uncertain, we multiply this term by the jump arrival intensity at  $t-$ ,  $\lambda(\pi_{t-})$ , to obtain the last term in (16).

It is important to note that a jump triggers two effects on the value function. First, there is an direct effect:  $(1 - Z)$  fraction of the capital stock is permanently destroyed, which lowers the value function from  $V(K_{t-}, \pi_{t-})$  to  $V(ZK_{t-}, \pi_{t-})$ . Second, there is a learning effect: the household's belief worsens to  $\pi_t = \pi^{\mathcal{J}} = \pi_{t-} \lambda_B / \lambda(\pi_{t-}) > \pi_{t-}$ , which further lowers the value function from  $V(ZK_{t-}, \pi_{t-})$  to  $V(ZK_{t-}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}})$ . These two effects reinforce each other leading to potentially significant losses to the household. We further discuss the details below.

The household optimally chooses consumption  $C$ , investment  $I$ , and mitigation  $X$  to maximize her utility by setting the sum of all the five terms on the right side of (16) to zero, as implied by the standard argument underpinning the HJB equation generalized to the setting with recursive utility (see Duffie and Epstein, 1992). Because of the resource constraint, it is sufficient for us to focus on  $I$  and  $x$  as control variables.

**First-Order Conditions for Investment and Mitigation.** The first-order condition (FOC) for investment  $I$  is

$$(1 + \Phi_I(I, K))f_C(C, V) = V_K(K, \pi) . \quad (17)$$

The right side of (17) is the marginal (utility) benefit of investment. The left side of (17) is the marginal cost of investment, which is given by the product of marginal benefit of consumption  $f_C(C, V)$  and the marginal capital cost of investing  $(1 + \Phi_I(I, K))$ , the latter of which includes the marginal unity investment cost and the marginal adjustment cost.

The intuition for (17) is as follows. To increase the capital stock by one unit, which generates a marginal utility benefit of  $V_K$ , the household needs to give up  $(1 + \Phi_I(I, K))$  units of her consumption in order to purchase one unit of capital and then install it into the firm making it productive. Therefore, the marginal cost of increasing capital stock by one unit is  $(1 + \Phi_I(I, K))$  units of marginal benefit of consumption  $f_C$ . Unlike in standard expected-utility models,  $f_C(C, V)$  depends on not just consumption  $C$  but also the continuation utility  $V$ , which reflects the non-separability of preferences.

The FOC with respect to mitigation is

$$K f_C(C, V) = \lambda(\pi) \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial \xi(Z; x)}{\partial x} V \left( ZK, \frac{\pi \lambda_B}{\lambda(\pi)} \right) \right] dZ, \quad (18)$$

if the solution is strictly positive,  $x > 0$ . Otherwise,  $x = 0$  as mitigation cannot be negative. The planner optimally chooses  $x$  to equate the marginal cost of mitigation, which is the forgone marginal (utility) benefit of consumption  $K f_C(C, V)$  given in the left side of (18), with the marginal benefit of mitigation given in the right side of (18).<sup>14</sup> By doing mitigation  $x$  per unit of capital, the planner changes the pdf  $\xi(Z; x)$  for the fractional capital recovery,  $Z$ , from  $\xi(Z; 0)$  to  $\xi(Z; x)$ . We provide detailed discussions about the stochastic dominance properties of  $\xi(Z; x)$  and the economic tradeoff shortly.

**Using Homogeneity Property to Simplify Solution.** We show that the value function  $V(K, \pi)$  is homogeneous with degree  $(1 - \gamma)$  in  $K$  and thus we can write  $V(K, \pi)$  as follows:

$$V(K, \pi) = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma} (b(\pi)K)^{1 - \gamma}, \quad (19)$$

where  $b(\pi)$  is the function determined as part of the solution.

Using the FOCs (17) and (18) and substituting the value function  $V(K, \pi)$  given in (19) together with the implied policy rules into the HJB equation (16), and simplifying the

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<sup>14</sup>The second-order condition (SOC) is given by  $\lambda(\pi) \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \xi(Z; x)}{\partial x^2} V \left( ZK, \frac{\pi \lambda_B}{\lambda(\pi)} \right) \right] dZ < 0$ , which we verify.



equations, we obtain the following three-equation ODE system for  $b(\pi)$ ,  $i(\pi)$ , and  $x(\pi)$ :

$$0 = \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{b(\pi)}{\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1 \right] + i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right], \quad (20)$$

$$b(\pi) = [A - i(\pi) - \phi(i(\pi)) - x(\pi)]^{1/(1-\psi)} [\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))]^{-\psi/(1-\psi)}, \quad (21)$$

$$1 = \frac{\lambda(\pi)(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))}{1 - \gamma} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial \xi(Z; x(\pi))}{\partial x} Z^{1-\gamma} \right] dZ. \quad (22)$$

Next, we provide the boundary conditions at  $\pi = 0$  and  $\pi = 1$  and discuss the intuition. As we show, the model at the two boundaries map to the model in Pindyck and Wang (2013), but generalized to allow for mitigation spending. When  $\pi = 0$ , the economy is permanently in state  $G$ . Therefore there is no learning and the solution boils down to solving the three unknowns,  $b(0)$ , investment  $i(0)$ , and mitigation spending  $x(0)$ , via the following three-equation system:

$$0 = \frac{\left( \frac{b(0)}{\rho(1 + \phi'(i(0)))} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \rho + i(0) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda_G}{1 - \gamma} (\mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1), \quad (23)$$

$$b(0) = [A - i(0) - \phi(i(0)) - x(0)]^{1/(1-\psi)} [\rho(1 + \phi'(i(0)))]^{-\psi/(1-\psi)}, \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \phi'(i(0))} = \frac{\lambda_G}{1 - \gamma} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial \xi(Z; x(0))}{\partial x} Z^{1-\gamma} \right] dZ. \quad (25)$$

When  $\pi = 0$ , investment-capital ratio  $i(0)$ , scaled mitigation spending  $x(0)$ , and consumption-capital ratio  $c(0)$  are all constant at all time.

By applying essentially the same analysis to the other boundary at  $\pi = 1$ , i.e., when the state is  $B$ , we solve for the three unknowns,  $b(1)$ ,  $i(1)$ , and  $x(1)$ , via (A.3)-(A.5), another three-equation system in the Appendix.

The economy is on a growth path with constant investment opportunity when  $\pi = 0$  or  $\pi = 1$ . None of these results hold obviously in our general model when  $0 < \pi < 1$ .

We summarize our model's solution in the following proposition.

**Proposition 1** *The planner's solution is given by the triplet,  $b(\pi)$ ,  $i(\pi)$ , and  $x(\pi)$ , where  $0 \leq \pi \leq 1$ , via the three-equation ODE system, (20)-(22) in the interior region  $0 < \pi < 1$ ,*

together with the boundary conditions (23)-(25) for  $\pi = 0$  and (A.3)-(A.5) for  $\pi = 1$ .

**Expected Fractional Loss, Growth Rate, and Mitigation Technology.** We further assume as in Barro and Jin (2011) and Pindyck and Wang (2013) that the cdf of  $Z$  is given by the following power function defined over  $(0, 1)$ :

$$\Xi(Z; x) = Z^{\beta(x)}, \quad (26)$$

where  $\beta(x)$  is the exponent function that depends on mitigation  $x$ . To ensure that our model is well defined, we require  $\beta(x) > \gamma - 1$ .

Conditional on a jump arrival, the expected fractional capital loss is given by

$$\ell(\pi) = 1 - \mathbb{E}(Z) = \frac{1}{\beta(x(\pi)) + 1}. \quad (27)$$

The larger the value of  $\beta(\cdot)$ , the smaller the expected fractional loss  $\mathbb{E}(1 - Z)$ . To capture the benefit of mitigation, we assume that  $\beta(x)$  is increasing in  $x$ ,  $\beta'(x) > 0$ . The benefit of mitigation is to increase the capital stock recovery (upon the arrival of a disaster) in the sense of first-order stochastic dominance, i.e.,  $\Xi(Z; x_1) \leq \Xi(Z; x_2)$  for  $Z < 1$  if  $x_1 > x_2$ .

Let  $g_t$  denote the expected growth rate including the jump effect. The homogeneity property implies that  $g_t = g(\pi_t)$ , where

$$g(\pi) = i(\pi) - \lambda(\pi)\ell(\pi) = i(\pi) - \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{\beta(x(\pi)) + 1}. \quad (28)$$

As we show soon, while mitigation  $x(\pi)$  may crowd out investment  $i(\pi)$ , it enhances long-run growth  $g(\pi)$  by reducing the expected loss due to jumps.

For our quantitative analysis, we use the following linear specification for  $\beta(x)$ :

$$\beta(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x, \quad (29)$$

with  $\beta_0 \geq \max\{\gamma - 1, 0\}$  and  $\beta_1 > 0$ . The coefficient  $\beta_0$  is the exponent for recovery  $Z$  in the absence of mitigation. The coefficient  $\beta_1$  is the elasticity of cdf  $\Xi(Z)$  with respect to mitigation  $x$ ,  $d \ln \Xi(Z; x) / d \ln x$ . This coefficient is a key parameter in our model as it measures the efficiency of the mitigation technology.

**Planner’s Value Function with No Mitigation Technology.** To better connect to the competitive market equilibrium solution, it is useful to summarize the planner’s solution when there is no mitigation technology available, i.e.,  $x = 0$ . By using the same argument as we have for the general case, we know that the planner’s value function,  $\widehat{V}(K, \pi)$ , is homogeneous with degree  $(1 - \gamma)$  in  $K$ :

$$\widehat{V}(K, \pi) = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \left( \widehat{b}(\pi)K \right)^{1 - \gamma}, \quad (30)$$

where  $\widehat{b}(\pi)$  is a measure of welfare (proportional to the certainty equivalent wealth). By substituting  $x(\pi) = 0$  into the solution for the general case and removing the FOC for  $x$ , we obtain the solution for  $\widehat{b}(\pi)$  together with the optimal investment-capital ratio  $i(\pi)$ .

In summary,  $\widehat{b}(\pi)$  and  $i(\pi)$  jointly solve (20)-(21) together with the boundary conditions (23)-(24) and (A.3)-(A.4) with the restriction of no mitigation spending,  $x(\pi) = 0$ .

## 4 Competitive Equilibrium and Market Failure

We analyze the decentralized market-equilibrium solution (Appendix B provides details.) Importantly, we show that the market mechanism does not implement the planner’s solution in Section 3. This is because aggregate risk mitigation suffers from a free-riding problem as neither households nor firms have incentives to mitigate aggregate risk.

### 4.1 Market Structure and Problem Formulation

Consider a decentralized competitive equilibrium with (dynamically) complete markets. That is, the following securities can be traded at each point in time: (i) a risk-free asset, (ii) the aggregate asset market (a claim on the value of capital of the representative firm), and (iii) insurance claims for disaster with every possible recovery fraction  $Z$ .

**Disaster Risk Insurance (DIS).** We define DIS as follows: a DIS for the survival fraction in the interval  $(Z, Z + dZ)$  is a swap contract in which the buyer makes insurance payments  $p(Z; x^*)dZ$ , where  $x^*$  is the aggregate (scaled) mitigation spending, to the seller and in exchange receives a lump-sum payoff if and only if a shock with survival fraction in  $(Z, Z + dZ)$

occurs. That is, the buyer stops paying the seller if and only if the defined disaster event occurs and then collects one unit of the consumption good as a payoff from the seller. The DIS contracts, e.g., the insurance premium payment  $p(Z; x^*)$ , are priced at actuarially fairly so that investors earn zero profits.  $p(Z; x^*)$  depends on not only  $Z$  but also  $x^*$ . This is because the aggregate mitigation spending  $x^*$  changes the distribution for  $\Xi(Z)$ .

Let  $X_{c,t} \geq 0$  and  $X_{f,t} \geq 0$  denote the mitigation spending at  $t$  by households and firms, respectively. Let  $H_t$  denote the household's wealth allocated to the market portfolio at  $t$ . For disaster with recovery fraction in  $(Z, Z + dZ)$ ,  $\delta_t(Z)W_t dt$  gives the total demand for the DIS over time period  $(t, t + dt)$ . Let  $W_t$  denote the representative household's wealth.

We define the recursive competitive equilibrium as follows: (1) The representative household chooses consumption  $C$ , allocation to the asset market  $H$ , various DIS claims  $\delta(Z)$ , and mitigation spending  $X_c$  to maximize utility as given by (6)-(7). (2) The representative firm chooses investment  $I$  and mitigation spending  $X_f$  to maximize its market value, which is the present discounted value of future cash flows. Private agents take the equilibrium prices of all goods and financial assets including the risk-free rate  $r(\pi)$  and the stock-market price process as given. (3) All markets clear.

It is useful to differentiate variables at the micro and macro levels. We use superscript  $*$  to denote the equilibrium variables. For example,  $X_c^*$  and  $X_f^*$  denote the equilibrium mitigation spending by households and firms, and  $x_c^* = X_c^*/K$  and  $x_f^* = X_f^*/K$ . Let  $x^* = x_c^* + x_f^*$ .

The representative firm solves the following value maximization problem:<sup>15</sup>

$$\max_{I, X_f} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathbb{M}_s}{\mathbb{M}_0} (AK_s - I_s - \Phi_s - X_{f,s}) ds \right], \quad (31)$$

where  $\mathbb{M}$  is the equilibrium stochastic discount factor that the firm takes as given. Let  $Q_t$  denote the solution for (42), the market value of the capital stock. Using the homogeneity

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<sup>15</sup>Financial markets are perfectly competitive and complete. While the firm can hold financial positions (e.g., DIS contracts), these financial hedging transactions generate zero NPV for the firm. Therefore, financial hedging policies are indeterminate, essentially a version of the Modigliani-Miller result. The firm can thus ignore financial contracts without loss of generality.

property, e.g.,  $Q(K_t, \pi_t) = q(\pi_t)K_t$ , we turn (42) into the following HJB equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = \max_{i, x_f} & A - i - \phi(i) - x_f - (r(\pi) - i(\pi))q(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)q'(\pi) \\
& - \left[ \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left( \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \int_0^1 Z^{-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right) \right] q(\pi) \\
& + \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \frac{q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q(\pi)} \int_0^1 Z^{1-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right] q(\pi). \quad (32)
\end{aligned}$$

The FOC for investment implied by (32) is

$$q(\pi) = 1 + \phi'(i(\pi)), \quad (33)$$

which equates the marginal  $q$  to the marginal cost of investing  $1 + \phi'(i)$ .

Let  $J_t = J(W_t, \pi_t)$  denote the household's value function. We show that

$$J(W, \pi) = \frac{1}{1-\gamma} (u(\pi)W)^{1-\gamma}, \quad (34)$$

where  $u(\pi)$  is to be determined. The household solves the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = \max_{c, h, \delta, x_c} & \frac{\rho \left( \frac{u(\pi)}{\rho} \right)^{1-\psi} - \rho}{1-\psi^{-1}} + \left[ r(\pi) - \int_0^1 \delta(Z) p(Z; x^*) dZ + \frac{(\mu_Q(\pi) - r(\pi))h - c - x_c}{w} \right] \\
& + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{w^{\mathcal{J}}}{w} \right)^{1-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right], \quad (35)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_Q(\pi)$  defined in (B.15) is the expected cum-dividend return (ignoring the jump effect).

The consumption FOC implied by (35) yields the following consumption rule:

$$c(\pi) = \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} w. \quad (36)$$

The private sector has no incentives to spend on mitigation:

$$x_c = x_f = 0. \quad (37)$$

This is because the benefit of mitigation spending is thinning the fat tail for the disaster damage by increasing the  $\beta(x)$  function. As no individual agent influences the distribution  $\Xi(Z)$  for the recovery fraction,  $Z$ , at the margin, they have no incentives to spend on

mitigation spending. In essence, mitigating disaster damages is providing a public good. As a result, market equilibrium features no aggregate mitigation spending:  $x^* = x_c^* + x_f^* = 0$ .

We thus cannot use the planner's solution given in Section 3 to infer the equilibrium resource allocation and prices as the welfare theorem does not hold in our model.<sup>16</sup> Instead, our market-equilibrium solution is equivalent to the planner's solution when the planner has no access to the mitigation technology. This is summarized in the following proposition.

**Proposition 2** *There is no mitigation in competitive equilibrium. The competitive equilibrium solution corresponds to the social planner's solution only when there is no mitigation technology (i.e.  $\beta_1 = 0$ ):  $\widehat{V}(K_t, \pi_t) = J(W_t, \pi_t)$ , where  $W_t = q(\pi_t)K_t$ .*

## 5 Taxes, Subsidies, and Markets

We resurrect the planner's first-best solution in Section 3 in three ways. First, we introduce government mitigation spending, financed via lump-sum taxes, into a competitive market economy. Second, we provide a market-based implementation of the planner's solution by using taxation and subsidies. Finally, we use government mandate.

### 5.1 Government Mitigation Spending

We show that the planner's solution in Section 3 is attainable via a partially decentralized market setting as follows. The government chooses the optimal path of mitigation spending (financed by time-varying lump-sum taxes) to maximize the household's welfare. Households maximize utility by choosing consumption, portfolio choice, risk management, and mitigation spending policies. Firms maximize market value by choosing investment and potentially financial risk management and mitigation spending policies and face lump-sum taxes.<sup>17</sup>

We relegate our analysis of household's and firm's optimization, which are similar to those treated in Section 4 to Appendix C.

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<sup>16</sup>In contrast, the planner's solution in Pindyck and Wang (2013) can be achieved via market decentralization, as there is no mitigation spending and hence welfare theorem holds in their model.

<sup>17</sup>As firms are not financially constrained, financial risk management policies are irrelevant.

The government chooses mitigation spending  $X$  to maximize the household's value function given in (34). In Appendix C, we show that the HJB equation can be simplified to:

$$0 = \max_x \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi)}{\rho} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1 \right] + \frac{A - i^*(\pi) - \phi(i^*(\pi)) - x}{q^*(\pi)} + i^*(\pi) - \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} \\ + \mu_\pi(\pi) \left( \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} + \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} \right) + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right], \quad (38)$$

where the starred variables denote the equilibrium solution. The FOC for  $x$  is given by

$$1 = \frac{\lambda(\pi)q^*(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial \xi(Z; x)}{\partial x} Z^{1-\gamma} \right] dZ. \quad (39)$$

As the benevolent planner's value function is equal to the household's, we obtain

$$u(\pi)q(\pi) = b(\pi), \quad (40)$$

which follows from the equilibrium condition that the aggregate household wealth is equal to the asset market capitalization,  $W_t = Q_t = q(\pi_t)K_t$ . By substituting (40) into (39) and using the investment FOC (33), we show that mitigation spending  $x$  is the same in this market economy (with government spending) and the social planner's economy of Section 2, as the FOCs for the two problems, (21) and (39), are the same.

By substituting (40) into (36) and using the equilibrium condition  $w = q(\pi)$ , we obtain

$$c(\pi) = \rho^\psi \left( \frac{b(\pi)}{q(\pi)} \right)^{1-\psi} q(\pi) = b(\pi)^{1-\psi} (\rho q(\pi))^\psi. \quad (41)$$

Using the aggregate resource constraints  $A = i(\pi) + \phi(i(\pi)) + c(\pi) + x(\pi)$  and the investment FOC (33), we obtain (21), which means that investment decisions in this market economy (with government spending) and the social planner's economy of Section 2 are the same. Then, the aggregate resource constraint implies that consumption decisions are also the same in the two economies. Finally, substituting these policies rules into (38), we verify that (38) is the same as the HJB equation (20) for the planner's problem.

Next, we implement the first-best solution via taxation and subsidy.

## 5.2 Taxation and Subsidy: Resurrecting First Best

The government imposes a time-varying proportional tax on each firm's capital stock (or equivalently sales as  $Y = AK$  at the firm level) and also fully reimburses the firm's mitigation spending at market price. Let  $\nu$  denote the tax rate on an individual firm's capital stock  $K$ . By setting  $\nu_t = x_t^*$ , where  $x_t^*$  is the socially optimal mitigation spending given in Section 3 and implementing 100% reimbursement of all the firm's mitigation spending, we show that the planner's solution is attained in the competitive market equilibrium.

Given the government taxation and subsidy policy, each firm solves the following problem:

$$\max_{I, X_f} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{\mathbb{M}_s}{\mathbb{M}_0} (AK_s - I_s - \Phi_s - X_{f,s} - \nu_s K_s) + p_{0,s} X_{f,s} \right) ds \right], \quad (42)$$

where  $p_{0,s}$  is the time-0 value of the government subsidy to the firm for a unit of its mitigation spending at  $s$  for each sample path (e.g., state). The firm makes a tax payment  $\nu_s K_s$  and receives a subsidy  $p_{0,s}$  for each unit of mitigation spending. Because markets are complete, we know  $p_{0,s} = \mathbb{M}_s / \mathbb{M}_0$ . Therefore, the firm always breaks even on any level of mitigation spending regardless of the level, as the firm is fully reimbursed for every unit of spending it incurs on mitigation. One possible solution is for firms to choose  $X_t$  at socially optimal level of  $X_t^*$ . As we show, this is the level of  $X$  that is consistent with equilibrium market clearing.

The firm's HJB equation is then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \max_i & (A - \nu(\pi)) - i - \phi(i) - (r(\pi) - i(\pi))q(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)q'(\pi) \\ & - \left[ \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left( \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \int_0^1 Z^{-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right) \right] q(\pi) \\ & + \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \frac{q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q(\pi)} \int_0^1 Z^{1-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right] q(\pi). \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

The firm's investment FOC is still given by (33). The household optimization is essentially the same as that discussed in Section 4. For brevity, we leave the details out.

In Appendix, we verify that together with household optimization and market clearing, the first-best planner's solution is attainable in equilibrium given the government's subsidy and taxation policies introduced earlier. The next proposition summarizes the key results.



**Proposition 3** *In a competitive (and complete) market economy, household consumption and corporate investment attain the first-best solution as the planner does in Section 3, provided that the government is benevolent, in the sense that it optimally chooses mitigation spending to maximize household welfare. Alternatively, effective government taxation and subsidies policies can also attain the first-best outcome.*

In summary, the planner’s solution of Section 3 is attained in a market economy where government either chooses mitigation spending (financed by lump-sum taxes) or stipulates effective taxation and subsidy policies. All other decisions are made by private agents in a competitive economy. Next, we implement the first-best solution via government regulation.

## 6 Cost and Benefit Analysis: Seawalls and Atlantic Hurricanes

**Calibration Exercise and Parameter Choices.** Our calibration exercise is intended to highlight the importance of mitigation for welfare analysis. To this end, we start with a disaster calibration of an Atlantic States economy with and without mitigation technology in the form of seawalls to guard against fat-tailed damages from hurricane arrivals.

Discussions in the macro finance literature view EIS as being around 1. EIS equal to one is a natural benchmark since it balances wealth and substitution effects. Based on our reading of the literature, a reasonable value for EIS is  $\psi = 1.1$ , slightly above the unity benchmark.

As in the  $q$  theory of investment literature, e.g., Hayashi (1982), we use a quadratic function:

$$\phi(i) = \frac{\theta i^2}{2}, \tag{44}$$

to model adjustment costs. The parameter  $\theta$  measures how costly it is to adjust capital and will be chosen with other parameters to target certain moments, as we describe next.

We calibrate the arrival rate  $\lambda_G$  in state  $G$  by using historical data: Atlantic States are exposed to roughly two major landfall hurricanes per year and hence we set  $\lambda_G = 2$  per

year. Calibrating the frequency that a catastrophic hurricane of the size of Katrina (losses of around 1-2% of housing capital stock) occurs about once in every 25 years in state  $G$ , i.e., under the assumption that households had optimistic priors in the past close to  $\pi = 0$ , we obtain  $\beta_0 = 246.8$  for our mitigation technology.<sup>18</sup>

We set the arrival rate in the bad state  $\lambda_B = 10$  per year. That is, in the bad state, a landfall hurricane on average arrives 10 times a year, which means that the state  $B$  is about five times more damaging per year than state  $G$ . Our choice of  $\lambda_B = 10$  is based on pessimistic scenarios laid out in recent climate research.

We calibrate the following five parameters—time rate of preference  $\rho$ , risk aversion  $\gamma$ , diffusion volatility  $\sigma$ , adjustment cost parameter  $\theta$ , and productivity  $A$ —by targeting the five key moments for state  $G$ . These include the annual risk-free rate of 0.8%, the expected annual housing market risk premium of 6.6%, the annual housing market return volatility of  $\sqrt{0.0211} = 14.2\%$ , the expected growth rate of 2.5%, and Tobin’s  $q$  of 2, i.e.,  $q(0) = 2$ . Doing so yields the following parameter values:  $\sigma = 14.18\%$ ,  $\theta = 30.27$ ,  $\gamma = 3.27$ ,  $A = 14.8\%$ , and  $\rho = 4.83\%$ . These parameter values are broadly in line with those used in the literature.<sup>19</sup>

Finally, we calibrate the parameter  $\beta_1$  for the mitigation technology by targeting the optimal mitigation at zero for State  $G$ , i.e.,  $x(0) = 0$ . That is, the optimal usage of the mitigation technology by the planner under the most optimistic belief,  $\pi = 0$  is zero. The implied value of  $\beta_1$  is  $1.5 \times 10^4$ . That is, there is no value-add from the mitigation technology in State  $G$  and hence  $b(0) = \hat{b}(0)$ .

**Measuring the Welfare Gain of Government Mitigation Spending.** How much are we worse off if the economy is completely laissez faire? To answer this question, we introduce the following willingness to pay (WTP) metric as in Pindyck and Wang (2013).

Let  $\zeta$  denote the fraction of capital stock that the society is willing to pay to go from the competitive market economy with no mitigation spending to an economy where the

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<sup>18</sup>The probability for the loss fraction to exceed 1.5% is 2.4%. Solving  $0.985^{\beta_0} = 0.024$  yields  $\beta_0 = 246.8$ .

<sup>19</sup>As an example, while using a different calibration strategy (for example, they do not target the capital adjustment costs), Barro and Jin (2011) also report the calibrated coefficient of relative risk aversion in their paper is about three. Our estimates are also close to those in Pindyck and Wang (2013), even though they use a different set of moments for the disaster arrival rate and the damage function.

Table 1: PARAMETER VALUES

Parameters	Symbol	Value
elasticity of intertemporal substitution	$\psi$	1.1
power law exponent with no mitigation	$\beta_0$	246.8
jump arrival rate if State is $G$	$\lambda_G$	2
jump arrival rate if State is $B$	$\lambda_B$	10
time rate of preference	$\rho$	4.83%
productivity	$A$	14.8%
quadratic adjustment cost parameter	$\theta$	30.27
coefficient of relative risk aversion	$\gamma$	3.27
capital diffusion volatility	$\sigma$	14.18%
mitigation technology parameter	$\beta_1$	$1.5 \times 10^4$
<u>Targeted observables without mitigation (State <math>G</math>)</u>		
(real) risk-free rate		0.8%
housing return risk premium		6.6%
housing market return volatility		14.2%
expected growth rate		2.5%
Tobin's $q$		2
mitigation level (State $G$ )		$x(0) = 0$

All parameter values, whenever applicable, are continuously compounded and annualized.

government either chooses the optimal regulation or directly the optimal level of mitigation spending, as discussed in Section 5. To make the society indifferent between the two options, the following condition has to hold:

$$V((1 - \zeta(\pi))K, \pi) = \widehat{V}(K, \pi) . \quad (45)$$

The left side of (45) is the value function under optimal government mitigation mandate or spending in an otherwise market economy with a lower level of capital stock (as a  $\zeta$  fraction of  $K$  is deducted) and the right side is the value function under status quo.

By substituting the value functions given in (19) and (30) into the household's indifference

condition (45), we obtain the following equation for  $\zeta(\pi)$ :

$$\zeta(\pi) = 1 - \frac{\widehat{b}(\pi)}{b(\pi)} > 0 . \quad (46)$$

The WTP  $\zeta(\pi)$  measures the value creation by government mitigation regulation/spending measured by the percentage increase in the society's certainty-equivalent wealth.

**Policy Rules and Tobin's  $q$ .** The solution to our model in Figure 2 emphasizes the optimal response depending on households' belief about arrival rates of disasters. We plot

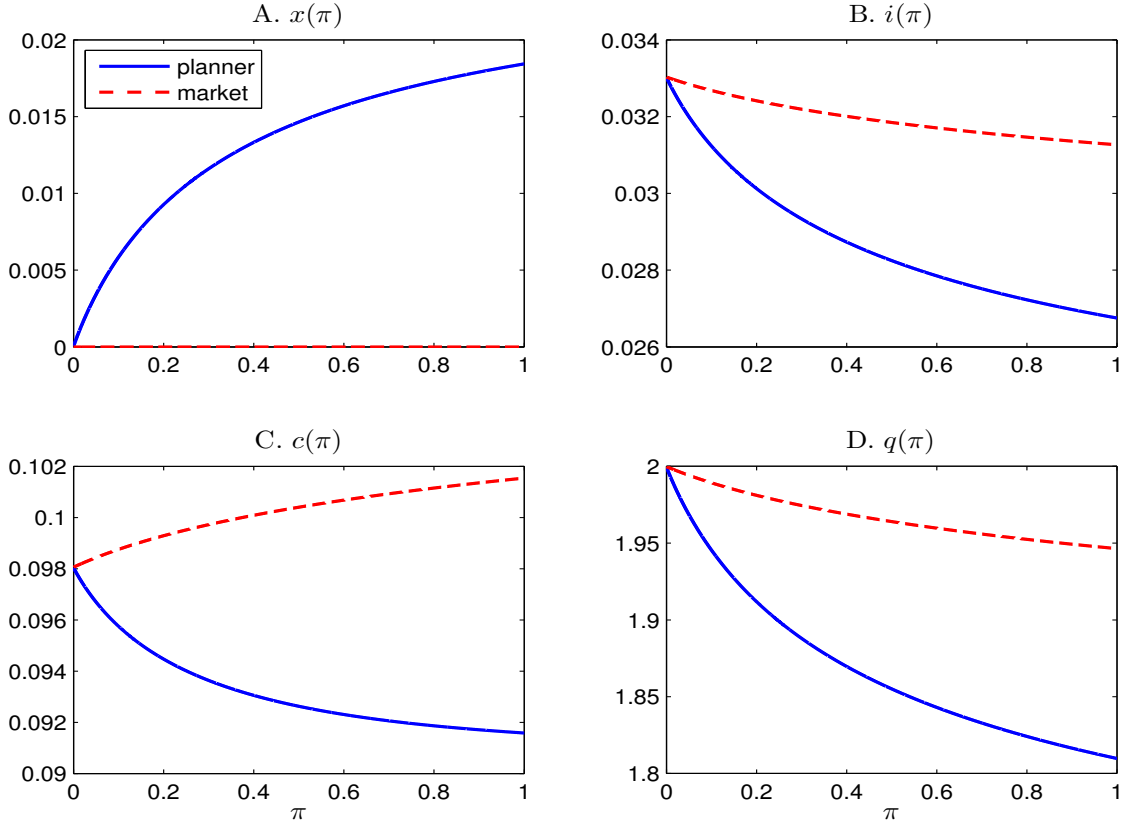


Figure 2: This figure plots (scaled) mitigation  $x(\pi)$  (Panel A), investment-to-capital ratio  $i(\pi)$  (Panel B), consumption-to-capital  $c(\pi)$  (Panel C), and the value of capital (Panel D) as functions of  $\pi$ , belief regarding disaster arrival rates.  $\pi = 0$  is the most optimistic belief in a low arrival rate and  $\pi = 1$  is the most pessimistic belief in a high arrival rate.

optimal mitigation spending (Panel A), investment (Panel B), consumption (Panel C) and the value of capital (Tobin's average  $q$ ) (Panel D) as functions of belief  $\pi$ , where  $\pi = 0$

means the economy is in State  $G$  while  $\pi = 1$  means the economy is in State  $B$ . Solid blue lines that describe the planner's solution (with  $\beta_1 = 1.5 \times 10^4$ ) and dashed red lines that correspond to the competitive market solution.

First, consider the competitive-equilibrium solution. Due to free-riders' incentives, there is no mitigation in equilibrium. Additionally, investment and Tobin's average  $q$  move in sync as the standard investment optimality condition,  $1 + \theta i(\pi) = q(\pi)$ , holds. And moreover both  $i$  and  $q$  decrease as beliefs worsen. Since no mitigation implies that  $c_t + i_t = A$  has to hold at all  $t$  and for all levels of  $\pi_t$ , consumption  $c_t$  thus has to increase with  $\pi_t$ .

Now we turn to the planner's solution. Panel A shows that mitigation ramps up from zero to 1.46% of the capital stock while Tobin's  $q$  decreases by 7% from 2 to 1.86, accompanied by a 10% reduction of  $i$  from 0.031 to 0.028 and a 6% decrease of consumption from 0.099 to 0.093 as we increase belief  $\pi$  from near zero to 0.5 (Panels A and D). The additional impact of increasing  $\pi$  diminishes. Even when the household believes entirely in the bad scenario ( $\pi = 1$ ), the mitigation spending increases to 1.84% and Tobin's  $q$  drops to 1.81.

Finally, we report the quantitative effect of mitigation. At  $\pi = 0.5$ , mitigation lowers Tobin's average  $q$  by 5% from 1.964 (the value of  $q(0.5)$  in the competitive market with no mitigation) to 1.855 (the value of  $q(0.5)$  in the planner's problem.) Despite the reduction of the asset market valuation, the society is better off and is willing to pay about 15.6% of the capital stock to move from the market solution to the planner's economy:  $\zeta(0.5) = 15.6\%$ . That the WTP for the mitigation technology (15.6% of capital stock) is significantly larger than the asset market value reduction (5%) reflects the general equilibrium effect (endogenous change of the stochastic discount factor as the economy switches from the market economy to the planner's economy.)

In summary, mitigating now and aggressively comes at the expense of investment and the value of capital (Panels B-D). As a result, the investment-capital ratio, the consumption-capital ratio, and capital valuation multiple (e.g., Tobin's average  $q$ ) all fall as beliefs deteriorate. However, mitigation increases welfare despite lowering investment and market valuation.

**Maximizing Welfare and Insuring Economic Growth.** To better understand why the government ramps up mitigation spending non-linearly even if households put just moderate weight on the bad scenario, we turn to the welfare costs. In Panel A of Figure 3, we plot the following welfare measure:

$$\tau(\pi) = \frac{b(\pi)}{b(0)} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\tau}(\pi) = \frac{\widehat{b}(\pi)}{\widehat{b}(0)}. \quad (47)$$

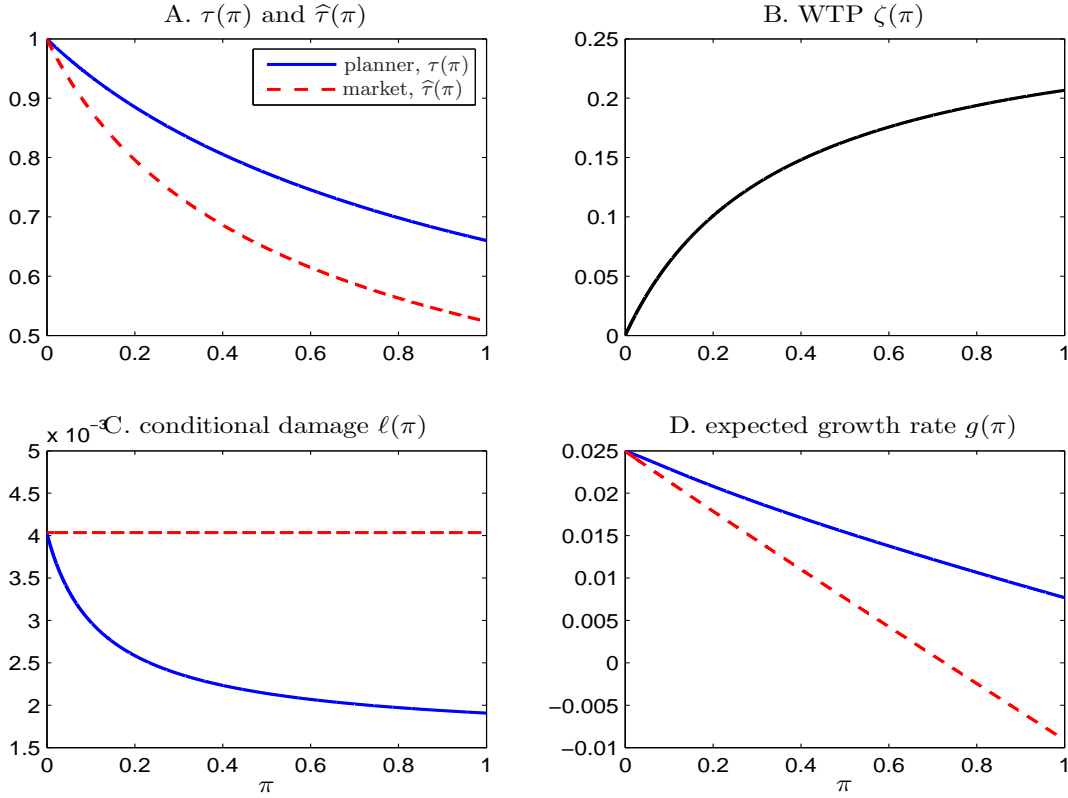


Figure 3: This figure plots the welfare and growth implications of optimal mitigation strategy. Panel A reports a welfare measure proportional to household's certainty equivalent wealth. Panel B reports the households' willingness to pay (specifically, certainty equivalent wealth) for government mitigation spending (in percentage terms). Panels C and D report the conditional damage  $\ell(\pi)$  and the expected growth  $g(\pi)$ , respectively.

These are (scaled) certainty-equivalent wealth for the planner's and the competitive-market economies, respectively. Both curves start at one when  $\pi = 0$  by definition.

In competitive-market economy (with no government),  $\widehat{\tau}(\pi)$ , declines non-linearly with

beliefs (the dashed red line). In contrast, with a benevolent government,  $\tau(\pi)$  (the solid blue line) drops much less and stays above  $\hat{\tau}(\pi)$  (the dashed red line) because government mitigation generates substantial downside protection (curtailment or loosely speaking hedging benefits) which leads to higher social welfare.

In Panel B, we plot the WTP  $\zeta(\pi)$  given in (46), which is equal to the difference between one and  $\hat{\tau}(\pi)/\tau(\pi)$ , the ratio between the two lines in Panel A.<sup>20</sup> For example, even with  $\pi = 0.5$ , the household is willing to give up  $\zeta(0.5) = 1 - \hat{\tau}(0.5)/\tau(0.5) = 15.6\%$  of the existing capital stock for the government mitigation spending, as  $\tau(0.5) = 0.77$  for the planner's problem and  $\hat{\tau}(0.5) = 0.65$  for the competitive market solution. And the WTP reaches the maximum of 20.7% at  $\pi = 1$ , i.e.  $\zeta(1) = 20.7\%$ .

In Panel C, we corroborate the benefit of using the mitigation technology by showing that the conditional damage are less as a result of mitigation. First note that in the market economy, since there is no mitigation spending, the expected damage conditional on the arrival of a disaster is  $\ell(\pi) = 1/(\beta_0 + 1) = 0.4\%$ , which is independent of  $\pi$  (see the red dashed line), as if the mitigation technology were unavailable. In contrast, with optimal mitigation, the more pessimistic the society, the greater the benefit of curtailing disaster risks and hence the lower the conditional damage  $\ell(\pi)$ , explaining the decreasing relation of  $\ell(\pi)$  in  $\pi$  (see the solid blue line.)

As the society becomes more pessimistic (i.e., more weight on the bad scenario), the government mitigation spending increases and the conditional damage decreases (as we just discussed), which in turn significantly buffers growth slowdown by reducing the expected disaster damages.<sup>21</sup> In summary, panel D captures the essence of government mitigation spending to insure sustainable economic growth.

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<sup>20</sup>As we noted earlier,  $b(0) = \hat{b}(0)$ . This is because the mitigation technology parameter so that the household optimally chooses no mitigation even with access to the technology in the most optimistic scenario.

<sup>21</sup>As  $i(\pi)$  decreases at a faster rate with  $\pi$  with mitigation, there is an opposing force that may cause expected growth  $g(\pi)$  with mitigation to be higher than without mitigation. Quantitatively, we do not see this possibility in the figure with our parameter values.

## 7 Implications

**Seawall Proposals.** There are several proposals for seawalls under discussion. In particular, a non-profit group representing homeowners of coastal property have produced a report “High Tide Tax” for the Atlantic Region. Their estimate is around \$15 million per mile of seawall. With 46,000 miles long Atlantic coastline, this translates to roughly \$690 billion. This option is actually relatively cheap in comparison the option being studied by the Army Corp of Engineers for New York City. Their estimate is \$119 billion for 6 miles or 6 times the cost of cheap option. The difference is that the expensive option has more features.

We can relate these proposals to our model’s mitigation spending by amortizing these figures into an annual payment plus 5-10% maintenance cost per annum. This would entail spending 81 bps to 4 percent of housing capital stock (which is around 17 trillion dollars for Atlantic region) per year for seawall, depending on the option. Our model suggests that only around a 2% figure would be justified purely on cost and benefit grounds for a moderate to high  $\pi$ .

**Price of Coastal Property and Climate Risks.** As we mentioned in the Introduction, there is substantial discussion in regulatory circles pertaining to transition risk of climate change. These discussions typically center on potential emissions taxes in the future that will strand carbon assets and lead to a drop in asset market value. There is a similar notion in our model associated with mitigation of disasters. Our model generates a number of testable predictions that relate capital taxes and mitigation subsidies.

In this vein, it is interesting to reflect on the quantitative implications of our model for tax policy and housing prices. The 1.5% figure for mitigation spending as a fraction of capital stock from our calibration of Atlantic seawalls would then be the optimal annual tax rate for housing capital stock to fund the seawall spending. Moreover, Tobin’s  $q$  for housing capital stock would be around 8% lower as a result with optimal mitigation and moderate beliefs in the bad state ( $\pi = .5$ ). In other words, due to mitigation externalities, Atlantic coastal



property is around 8% higher in the competitive equilibrium than the first-best outcome.<sup>22</sup>

Moreover, in the competitive equilibrium, housing prices are only mildly sensitive to household beliefs to begin with. The change in prices moving from a competitive equilibrium to the first-best outcome where there are taxes is much larger quantitatively. This assessment is consistent with recent concerns expressed by regulators regarding such transition risk, i.e. the movement from a competitive to a social planning equilibrium (Carney (2015)).

**Conditional Damage Functions.** A crucial parameter in our cost and benefit analysis is  $\beta_1$  — the efficacy of mitigation in ameliorating damages conditional on the arrival of a disaster. Our calibration proposed one way to set this parameter. Another way to retrieve this parameter is to see how damages vary depending on mitigation spending, perhaps cross-sectionally or over time for a country. Of course, endogeneity concerns regarding mitigation spending loom large and absent large scale randomized interventions, it is hard to interpret such panel or time series estimates.

Our model offers a way to gauge this parameter. In our model, natural disaster arrivals follow a Poisson process and agents learn about the arrival rate, which is fairly plausible for many disasters such as hurricanes or viruses. Moreover, we assume that damages conditional on an arrival of a disaster are uncorrelated over time—absent any mitigation spending. This assumption is harder to verify given that mitigation is likely present. Nonetheless, we do believe that conditional on arrival, there is a fairly large tail as far as damages (i.e. different viruses might be more lethal biologically or certain hurricanes are simply more destructive) and that these conditional damages are likely to be random absent mitigation.

Frequency of arrivals and inter-arrival times entirely drive perceived risks and hence mitigation in our model. As a result, damage of a disaster conditional on an arrival is much higher when perceived risks and mitigation are low, i.e., less preparedness. The reduced-form implication is that a disaster that strikes after a long absence of disasters leads to much larger conditional damages than a disaster that strikes following a recent cluster of disasters

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<sup>22</sup>See Hong, Karolyi, and Scheinkman (2020) for a review of recent empirical work examines the efficiency of real estate prices for sea level rise.

due to time-varying preparedness. To the extent we can measure that conditional damages decline with higher beliefs, we can then gauge  $\beta_1$ .

**Indirect Effects of Disasters.** Indirect effects arise in our learning model because the arrival of a disaster triggers not just a direct effect as discussed above but also an indirect effect of belief updating that disasters in the future are more likely and hence investment opportunities are worse. Increasing mitigation funded by taxes to curtail the damage of disaster risk causes further prolonged drops in consumption and investment, leading to lower expected growth rates and asset market valuations. This ramped-up mitigation persists until underlying perceived risks is diminished and the economy restores confidence.

## 8 Conclusion

We provide the planner's solution to a model where households learn from exogenous natural disaster arrivals about arrival rates and spend to mitigate potential future damages. Mitigation—by curtailing aggregate risk and insuring sustainable growth—is undersupplied relative to the first-best planner's solution in competitive markets due to externalities. The planner's solution can be implemented via a capital tax and mitigation subsidy scheme. Our model provides an integrated assessment of the cost and benefit of mitigation efforts such as seawalls via an aggregate risk management rationale. Our model also delivers a number of testable implications pertaining to damage functions and regulatory risks. Future research avenues include an estimation of our model using damage and mitigation spending data.

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# Appendices

## A Derivation for the Main Results

### A.1 Planner's Solution

Substituting the value function (19) into the FOC (17) for investment and the FOC (18) for mitigation spending, we obtain:

$$b(\pi) = c(\pi)^{1/(1-\psi)} [\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))]^{-\psi/(1-\psi)}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\rho c(\pi)^{-\psi-1} b(\pi)^{\psi-1} = \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial \xi(Z; x)}{\partial x} Z^{1-\gamma} \right] dZ, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where the post-jump belief  $\pi^{\mathcal{J}}$  is given in (13) as a function of the pre-jump belief  $\pi$ . Then substituting the resource constraint,  $c(\pi) = A - i(\pi) - \phi(i(\pi)) - x(\pi)$ , into (A.1), we obtain (21). By substituting (A.1) into (A.2), we obtain (22). Finally, substituting the value function, (19), and (21) and (22) into the HJB equation (16) and simplifying, we obtain the ODE given in (20).

By applying essentially the same argument to the right boundary,  $\pi = 1$ , we obtain the solution for  $b(1)$ ,  $i(1)$ , and  $x(1)$  by jointly solving the following three equations:

$$0 = \frac{\left( \frac{b(1)}{\rho(1+\phi'(i(1)))} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1}{1-\psi-1} \rho + i(1) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda_B}{1-\gamma} (\mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1), \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$b(1) = (A - i(1) - \phi(i(1)) - x(1))^{1/(1-\psi)} (\rho(1 + \phi'(i(1))))^{-\psi/(1-\psi)}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \phi'(i(1))} = \frac{\lambda_B}{1-\gamma} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\partial \xi(Z; x)}{\partial x} Z^{1-\gamma} \right] dZ. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Using the same argument, we obtain the three equations, (23)-(25), for the left boundary,  $\pi = 0$ . Solving these three equations yields  $b(0)$ ,  $i(0)$ , and  $x(0)$ .

### A.2 Asset Pricing Implications of Planner's Problem

By using the results in Duffie and Epstein (1992), we obtain the following stochastic discount factor (SDF),  $\{\mathbb{M}_t : t \geq 0\}$ , implied by the planner's solution:

$$\mathbb{M}_t = \exp \left[ \int_0^t f_V(C_s, V_s) ds \right] f_C(C_t, V_t). \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Using the FOC for investment (17), the value function (19), and the resource constraint, we obtain:

$$f_C(C, V) = \frac{1}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))} b(\pi)^{1-\gamma} K^{-\gamma}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

and

$$f_V(C, V) = \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \frac{(1 - \omega)C^{1-\psi^{-1}}}{((1 - \gamma))^{\omega^{-1}}} V^{-\omega} - (1 - \gamma) \right] = -\epsilon(\pi), \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where

$$\epsilon(\pi) = -\frac{\rho(1 - \gamma)}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{c(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\psi^{-1}} \left( \frac{\psi^{-1} - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \right) - 1 \right]. \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Using the equilibrium relation between  $b(\pi)$  and  $c(\pi)$ , we simplify (A.9) as:

$$\epsilon(\pi) = \rho + (\psi^{-1} - \gamma) \left[ i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left( \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right) \right], \quad (\text{A.10})$$

where the post-jump belief  $\pi^{\mathcal{J}}$  is given in (13) as a function of the pre-jump belief  $\pi$ .

Using Ito's Lemma and the optimal allocation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbb{M}_t}{\mathbb{M}_{t-}} &= -\epsilon(\pi)dt - \gamma [i(\pi)dt + \sigma d\mathcal{W}_t] + \frac{\gamma(\gamma + 1)}{2} \sigma^2 dt + \left( (1 - \gamma) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} - \frac{i'(\pi)\phi''(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))} \right) \mu_\pi(\pi)dt \\ &+ \left[ \frac{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi^{\mathcal{J}}))} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} Z^{-\gamma} - 1 \right] d\mathcal{J}_t. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

As the expected rate of percentage change of  $\mathbb{M}_t$  equals  $-r_t$  (Duffie, 2001), we obtain the following expression for the interest rate:

$$\begin{aligned} r(\pi) &= \rho + \psi^{-1}i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma(\psi^{-1} + 1)\sigma^2}{2} - \left[ (1 - \psi^{-1}) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} - \frac{i'(\pi)\phi''(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))} \right] \mu_\pi(\pi) \\ &- \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi^{\mathcal{J}}))} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{-\gamma}) - 1 \right] \\ &- \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{\psi^{-1} - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

Since the dividend  $D_t$  is equal to  $C_t$  in equilibrium and  $\mathbb{M}_{t-}D_{t-}dt + d(\mathbb{M}_tQ_t)$  is a martingale (Duffie, 2001), by using Ito's Lemma and setting its drift to zero, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c(\pi)}{q(\pi)} &= r(\pi) + \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi^{\mathcal{J}}))} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \mathbb{E}(Z^{-\gamma}) - \frac{q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q(\pi)} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right) \right] \\ &- i(\pi) - \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{q'(\pi)}{q(\pi)} \\ &= \rho - (1 - \psi^{-1}) \left[ i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \right] + \lambda(\pi)\omega \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

where  $\omega = (1 - \psi^{-1})/(1 - \gamma)$ . We can calculate Tobin's  $q$  from (A.13).

There are two special cases. First, if  $\psi = 1$ , for any value of  $\gamma$ , the consumption-wealth ratio is constant and  $c(\pi)/q(\pi) = \rho$ . This is the key result pointed out by Tallarini (1999). The other special case is the expected utility case,  $\omega = 1$ .

### A.3 Constant-Elasticity-of-Substitution Production Function

Suppose there are two factors of production,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , and the aggregate (composite) capital stock  $K$  is given by the following constant-elasticity-of-substitution (CES) function:

$$K(K_1, K_2) = \left( \chi_1 K_1^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + \chi_2 K_2^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}, \quad (\text{A.14})$$

where  $\alpha$  is the elasticity of substitution between  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . The optimal demand for  $K_2$  given the level of  $K_1$  then solves  $\max_{K_2} \{K(K_1, K_2) - u_2 K_2\}$ , where  $u_2$  denotes the cost of renting a unit of the second factor of production. The optimality condition implies that the ratio  $K_2/K_1$  is constant at all  $t$ , as  $K_2 = \chi_1^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \left[ (\alpha u_2 / \chi_2)^{\alpha-1} - \chi_2 \right]^{-\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} K_1$ . Therefore, without loss of generality, we can interpret (3) as the accumulation equation for composite capital stock,  $K$ , and (1) for output.

## B Market Equilibrium Solution

**Competitive Equilibrium.** (i) the net supply of the risk-free asset is zero; (ii) the demand for the claim to the representative firm is equal to unity, the normalized aggregate supply; (iii) the net demand for the DIS of each possible recovery fraction  $Z$  is zero; and (iv) the goods market clears, i.e.,  $Y_t = C_t + I_t + \Phi_t + X_{c,t} + X_{f,t}$  at all  $t \geq 0$ .

### B.1 Household's Optimization Problem

The equilibrium aggregate stock value is  $Q_t^* = q^*(\pi_t)K_t$ . We conjecture and later verify that the cum-dividend return of the aggregate asset market is given by

$$\frac{dQ_t^* + D_{t-}dt}{Q_{t-}^*} = \mu_Q(\pi_{t-})dt + \sigma d\mathcal{W}_t - \left( 1 - Z \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) d\mathcal{J}_t, \quad (\text{B.15})$$

where  $\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}} = \lambda_B \pi_{t-} / \lambda(\pi_{t-})$  is the post-jump belief and  $\mu_Q(\pi)$  is the expected cum-dividend return (ignoring the jump effect). In (B.15), the diffusion volatility is equal to  $\sigma$ , the same parameter as in (3), which we verify later. Also, by using the homogeneity property, we have conjectured a specific form for the change of the cum-dividend return should a jump occur, which we also verify later.

When a disaster occurs at time  $t$ , wealth changes discretely from  $W_{t-}$  to  $W_t^{\mathcal{J}}$ , where

$$W_t^{\mathcal{J}} = W_{t-} - \left( 1 - Z \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) H_{t-} + \delta_{t-}(Z)W_{t-}. \quad (\text{B.16})$$



The second term is the loss of the portfolio's market value upon the arrival of a disaster and the last term is the repayment from the DIS contract entered at  $t-$ . While the mitigation spending  $X_c$  makes disasters less damaging for the society, it does not generate any direct benefit for the household upon a jump arrival. This is at the core of the market failure.

The household accumulates wealth as:

$$dW_t = r(\pi_{t-})W_{t-}dt + (\mu_Q(\pi_{t-}) - r)H_{t-}dt + \sigma H_{t-}d\mathcal{W}_t - C_{t-}dt - X_{c,t-}dt \quad (\text{B.17})$$

$$- \left( \int_0^1 \delta_{t-}(Z)p(Z; x_{t-}^*)dZ \right) W_{t-}dt + \delta_{t-}(Z)W_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t - \left( 1 - Z \frac{q^*(\pi_{t-}^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) H_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t.$$

The first four terms in (B.17) are standard in the classic portfolio-choice problem with no insurance or disasters (Merton, 1971). The fifth term  $X_{c,t-}dt$  is the cost of the household's mitigation spending. The sixth term is the total DIS premium paid by the households before the arrival of disasters. Note that this term captures the financial hedging cost. The seventh term describes the DIS payments by the DIS seller to the household when a disaster occurs. The last term is the loss of the household's wealth from her portfolio's exposure to the asset market.

The HJB equation for the household in our decentralized market setting is given by

$$0 = \max_{C, H, \delta, X_c} f(C, J) + \mu_\pi(\pi)J_\pi + \frac{\sigma^2 H^2 J_{WW}}{2} + \lambda(\pi) \int_0^1 [J(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - J(W, \pi)] \xi(Z; x^*)dZ$$

$$+ \left[ r(\pi)W + (\mu_Q(\pi) - r(\pi))H - \left( \int_0^1 \delta(Z)p(Z; x^*)dZ \right) W - C - X_c \right] J_W, \quad (\text{B.18})$$

where  $\pi^{\mathcal{J}}$  is the post-jump belief given in (13) and  $W^{\mathcal{J}}$  is the post-jump wealth given in (B.16). The term,  $\left( \int_0^1 \delta_t(Z)p(Z; x^*)dZ \right) W_t dt$ , is the total DIS premium payment in the time interval  $(t, t + dt)$ . The FOCs for consumption  $C$  and the market portfolio allocation  $H$  are given by

$$f_C(C, J) = J_W(W, \pi) \quad (\text{B.19})$$

$$\sigma^2 H J_{WW}(W, \pi) = -(\mu_Q(\pi) - r(\pi))J_W(W, \pi) + \lambda(\pi)\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( 1 - Z \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right) J_W(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) \right]. \quad (\text{B.20})$$

The second term in (B.20) captures the the jump effect on the household's portfolio choice. The DIS demand  $\delta(Z)$  for each  $Z$  is given by

$$p(Z; x^*)J_W(W, \pi) = \lambda(\pi)J_W(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}})\xi(Z; x^*). \quad (\text{B.21})$$

The left side of (B.21) is the marginal (utility) cost when the household purchases a unit of DIS contract and the right side of (B.21) is the marginal (utility) benefit. This FOC follows from the point-by-point optimization in (B.18) for the DIS demand and hence it holds for all levels of  $Z$ .

Substituting (34) into the FOC (B.19) yields the following consumption rule:

$$C(W, \pi) = \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} W, \quad (\text{B.22})$$

which is linear in  $W$  but nonlinear in belief  $\pi$  in general.

## B.2 Firm Value Maximization

Using (34) and (B.22), we conjecture and then verify later that the SDF is given by

$$\frac{d\mathbb{M}_t}{\mathbb{M}_{t-}} = -r(\pi_{t-})dt - \gamma\sigma d\mathcal{W}_t + \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi_{t-})} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right)^{-\gamma} Z^{-\gamma} - 1 \right] (d\mathcal{J}_t - \lambda(\pi_{t-})dt). \quad (\text{B.23})$$

The equilibrium drift of  $d\mathbb{M}_t/\mathbb{M}_{t-}$  is  $-r(\pi_{t-})$  (Duffie, 2001). The last term is a jump martingale and the terms inside the square bracket follow from (A.6), (34), and (B.22).

By using Ito's Lemma, we obtain the following dynamics for  $Q_t = Q(K_t, \pi_t)$ :

$$dQ = \left( IQ_K + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 K^2 Q_{KK} + \mu_\pi(\pi)Q_\pi \right) dt + \sigma K Q_K d\mathcal{W}_t + (Q(ZK, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - Q(K, \pi)) d\mathcal{J}_t. \quad (\text{B.24})$$

No arbitrage implies the drift of  $\mathbb{M}_{t-}(AK_{t-} - I_{t-} - \Phi(I_{t-}, K_{t-}) - X_{f,t-})dt + d(\mathbb{M}_t Q_t)$  is zero. By applying Ito's Lemma to this martingale, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \max_{I, X_f} \mathbb{M}_{t-}(AK - I - \Phi(I, K) - X_f)dt + \mathbb{M}_{t-} \left( Q_K + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 K^2 Q_{KK} + \mu_\pi(\pi)Q_\pi \right) dt \\ &\quad + Q \left[ -r(\pi) - \lambda(\pi)\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} Z^{-\gamma} - 1 \right] \right] \mathbb{M}_{t-} dt - \mathbb{M}_{t-} \gamma \sigma^2 K Q_K dt \\ &\quad + \lambda(\pi)\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} Z^{-\gamma} Q(ZK, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - Q(K, \pi) \right] \mathbb{M}_{t-} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.25})$$

And then by using  $Q(K, \pi) = q(\pi)K$ , we obtain (32).

## B.3 Market Equilibrium

First, mitigation spending for both households and firms is zero:  $x_c = x_f = 0$ . Second, in equilibrium, the household (1) invests all wealth in the asset market and holds no risk-free asset,  $H = W$  and  $W = Q^*$ ; (2) has zero disaster hedging position,  $\delta(Z) = 0$  for all  $Z$ . Simplifying the FOCs, (B.19), (B.20), and (B.21), and using the preceding equilibrium conditions, we obtain we obtain:

$$c^*(\pi) = \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} q^*(\pi), \quad (\text{B.26})$$

$$\mu_Q(\pi) = r(\pi) + \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \left[ \mathbb{E}(Z^{-\gamma}) - \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right], \quad (\text{B.27})$$

$$p(Z; 0) = \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} Z^{-\gamma} \xi(Z; 0). \quad (\text{B.28})$$

Using these equilibrium conditions, we simplify the HJB equation (B.18) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{1-\psi^{-1}} \left( \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} - \rho \right) + \left( \mu_Q(\pi) - \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} \right) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1-\gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.29})$$

Third, by substituting  $c^*(\pi) = A - i^*(\pi) - \phi(i^*(\pi))$  into (32), we obtain

$$0 = \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} - r(\pi) + i(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{q_\pi^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} - \gamma\sigma^2 - \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \left[ \mathbb{E}(Z^{-\gamma}) - \frac{q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q(\pi)} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right]. \quad (\text{B.30})$$

By using the homogeneity property and comparing (B.15) and (B.24), we have

$$\mu_Q(\pi) = \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} + i^*(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)}. \quad (\text{B.31})$$

And then substituting (B.31) into (B.29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} &= \rho - (1 - \psi^{-1}) \left[ i^*(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \left( \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} + \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{1 - \psi^{-1}}{1 - \gamma} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.32})$$

Finally, substituting (B.32) into (B.30), we obtain the following equilibrium interest rate:

$$\begin{aligned} r(\pi) &= \rho + \psi^{-1}i^*(\pi) - \frac{\gamma(\psi^{-1} + 1)\sigma^2}{2} - \left[ (1 - \psi^{-1}) \left( \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} + \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} \right) - \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} \right] \mu_\pi(\pi) \\ &\quad - \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{-\gamma}) - 1 \right] \\ &\quad - \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{\psi^{-1} - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.33})$$

## B.4 Equivalence between Market Solution and Planner's Problem with No Mitigation Technology

The value function for the planner's problem  $V(K, \pi)$  with no mitigation technology (i.e.,  $x = 0$ ), is equal to the household's value function under competitive equilibrium,  $J(W, \pi)$ . As the household's wealth is equal to the total asset market capitalization, i.e.,  $W = q(\pi)K$  in equilibrium,  $b(\pi)$  in the planner's problem is equal to  $u(\pi)q(\pi)$  in the decentralization formulation. The optimal consumption in the planner's problem (21) with no mitigation is the same as (D.73) in the decentralized market formulation. The resource constraints  $A = i(\pi) + \phi(i(\pi)) + c(\pi)$  then implies that investment is also the same in the two formulations.

By substituting  $b(\pi) = u(\pi)q(\pi)$  into ODE (20) for the planner's problem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi)}{\rho} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1 \right] + i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \left( \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} + \frac{q'(\pi)}{q(\pi)} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.34})$$

which is consistent with the market solution given in (B.32). By substituting  $b(\pi) = u(\pi)q(\pi)$  and  $q(\pi) = 1 + \phi'(i(\pi))$  into (D.55), we verify that the interest rate process is the same in the two formulations, e.g., (B.33) and (D.55) are the same in equilibrium.

In sum, we have verified that the resource allocation in the decentralized market formulation features no mitigation in equilibrium due (a free-rider's problem) and hence is the same as in the social planner's problem with no mitigation spending.

## C Derivations for Results in Section 5

As in Section 4.1, we include the following securities (traded at each point in time): (i) a risk-free asset, (ii) a claim on the value of firm's capital, and (iii) insurance claims for disasters with every possible recovery fraction  $Z$ .

We define the economy as follows: (a) The representative household dynamically chooses consumption  $C_t$ , investments in the risk-free asset and risky equity, and various DIS claims to maximize utility as given by (6) and (7); (b) The representative firm chooses the level of investment  $I_t$  to maximize its market value taking the equilibrium SDF as given; (c) The government chooses mitigation spending  $X_t$  to maximize the representative household's utility as given by (6) and (7); (d) All markets clear. We use superscript  $*$  to denote the equilibrium variables and/or processes.

In this section, we verify that the market mechanism delivers the first-best consumption and investment policies provided that the mitigation spending is chosen by a benevolent government.

### C.1 Household Optimization

As in Section B, the household accumulates wealth as:

$$dW_t = r(\pi_{t-})W_{t-}dt + (\mu_Q(\pi_t) - r)H_{t-}dt + \sigma H_{t-}d\mathcal{W}_t - C_{t-}dt \quad (\text{C.35})$$

$$- \left( \int_0^1 \delta_{t-}(Z)p(Z; x_{t-}^*)dZ \right) W_{t-}dt + \delta_{t-}(Z)W_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t - \left( 1 - Z \frac{q^*(\pi_{t-}^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) H_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t,$$

where  $x^*$  is chosen by the government. As it is in the household's interest to choose no mitigation spending, we leave this term out of (C.35). The HJB equation for the household in this setting is:

$$0 = \max_{C,H} f(C, J) + \left[ r(\pi)W + (\mu_Q(\pi) - r(\pi))H - \left( \int_0^1 \delta(Z)p(Z; x^*)dZ \right) W - C \right] J_W$$

$$+ \mu_\pi(\pi)J_\pi + \frac{\sigma^2 H^2 J_{WW}}{2} + \lambda(\pi) \int_0^1 [J(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - J(W, \pi)] \xi(Z; x^*)dZ, \quad (\text{C.36})$$

Additionally, the FOCs for consumption, market portfolio allocation, and DIS demand are the same as (B.19)-(B.21). Let  $J(W, \pi)$  denote the household's value function, given in (34).

Imposing the equilibrium outcome on the households' side, we obtain (D.73), (B.27), and (B.28).

Using (34) and these conditions to simplify (C.36), we obtain the following ODE for  $u(\pi)$ :

$$0 = \frac{\rho}{1-\psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi)}{\rho} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1 \right] + \left( \mu_Q(\pi) - \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} \right) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1-\gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}(Z^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right]. \quad (\text{C.37})$$

## C.2 Firm Value Maximization

Taking the SDF in (B.23) as given, the firm chooses investment  $I$  to solve:

$$\max_{I, X_f} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathbb{M}_t}{\mathbb{M}_0} (AK_t - I_t - \Phi_t - X_{f,t} - X_t^*) dt \right], \quad (\text{C.38})$$

where  $X^*$  is chosen by the government and hence exogenous to the firm. By applying Ito's Lemma to  $\mathbb{M}_{t-}(AK_{t-} - I_{t-} - \Phi_{t-}, K_{t-}) - X_{t-}^*)dt + d(\mathbb{M}_t Q_t)$ , which is a martingale due to no arbitrage (Duffie, 2001), we obtain the following ODE for  $q_t = Q_t/K_t = q(\pi_t)$ :

$$r(\pi)q(\pi) = A - i - \phi(i) - x^* + i(\pi)q(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)q'(\pi) - \left[ \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left( \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \int_0^1 Z^{-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right) \right] q(\pi) + \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \frac{q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q(\pi)} \int_0^1 Z^{1-\gamma} \xi(Z; x^*) dZ - 1 \right] q(\pi). \quad (\text{C.39})$$

By differentiating (C.39) with respect to  $i$ , we obtain the investment FOC:

$$q(\pi) = 1 + \phi'(i). \quad (\text{C.40})$$

By using the aggregate resource constraint,  $c^*(\pi) = A - i^*(\pi) - \phi(i^*(\pi)) - x^*$ , we obtain the following expression for the equilibrium expected return of the aggregate asset market:

$$\mu_Q(\pi) = \frac{A - i^*(\pi) - \phi(i^*(\pi)) - x^*}{q^*(\pi)} + i^*(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)}. \quad (\text{C.41})$$

By substituting (C.41) into (C.37), we obtain (39), the simplified HJB equation for the government.

Using the same analysis as in Section B, we can show that the equilibrium dividend yield,  $c^*(\pi)/q^*(\pi)$ , is given by (B.32) and the equilibrium interest rate is given by (B.33).

Finally, we require all the variables at the micro level to equal the corresponding variables at the macro level, e.g.,  $c(\pi) = c^*(\pi)$ ,  $i(\pi) = i^*(\pi)$ , and  $u(\pi) = u^*(\pi)$ .

## D Mitigation Spending Benefits: Alternative Model

In this section, we consider an alternative specification where by spending on mitigation, a private agent reduces the damage of a disaster upon its arrival. This specification is different from the

baseline model in Section 2, which assumes that mitigation spending influences the distribution of the post-jump recovery fraction  $Z$ .

Specifically, we assume that for a given pre-jump mitigation spending  $X_{t-}$ , the post-jump fractional loss changes from  $(1 - Z)$  to  $N(x_{t-})(1 - Z)$ , where  $0 \leq N(x) \leq 1$ ,  $N'(x) \leq 0$ , and  $N''(x) \leq 0$ . Note that as in our baseline model, this specification also has the homogeneity property in  $K$ . Capital stock  $K$  evolves as:

$$dK_t = I_{t-}dt + \sigma K_{t-}d\mathcal{W}_t - N(x_{t-})(1 - Z)K_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t . \quad (\text{D.42})$$

All the other parts of the model remain unchanged. We show that the welfare theorem holds in this setting as no private agent has incentive to free ride on others. This is because the private agent's and the societal FOCs are the same regarding mitigation spending and other choices.

Next, we show planner's solution and then competitive market solution.

## D.1 Planner's Solution

The HJB equation for the planner's allocation problem is:

$$0 = \max_{C, I, x} f(C, V) + IV_K(K, \pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)V_\pi(K, \pi) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 K^2 V_{KK}(K, \pi) \\ + \lambda(\pi)\mathbb{E} [V((1 - N(x)(1 - Z))K, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - V(K, \pi)] , \quad (\text{D.43})$$

And the the first-order condition (FOC) for investment  $I$  is

$$(1 + \Phi_I(I, K))f_C(C, V) = V_K(K, \pi) . \quad (\text{D.44})$$

The FOC with respect to mitigation spending  $X$  is

$$Kf_C(C, V) = \lambda(\pi)N'(x)\mathbb{E} \left[ (Z - 1)V_K \left( (1 - N(x)(1 - Z))K, \frac{\pi\lambda_B}{\lambda(\pi)} \right) \right] . \quad (\text{D.45})$$

Using the FOCs (D.44) and (D.45) and substituting the value function  $V(K, \pi)$  given in (19) together with the implied policy rules into the HJB equation (D.43), and simplifying the equations, we obtain the following three-equation ODE system for  $b(\pi)$ ,  $i(\pi)$ , and  $x(\pi)$ :

$$0 = \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{b(\pi)}{\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))} \right)^{1 - \psi} - 1 \right] + i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi)\frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \\ + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1 - \gamma} \mathbb{E} [(1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{1 - \gamma}] - 1 \right] , \quad (\text{D.46})$$

$$b(\pi) = [A - i(\pi) - \phi(i(\pi)) - x(\pi)]^{1/(1 - \psi)} [\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))]^{-\psi/(1 - \psi)} , \quad (\text{D.47})$$

$$1 = \lambda(\pi)(1 + \phi'(i(\pi))) \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1 - \gamma} N'(x)\mathbb{E} [(Z - 1)(1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}] . \quad (\text{D.48})$$

And by setting  $\pi = 0$  and  $\pi = 1$ , we obtain the corresponding boundary conditions.

## D.2 Asset Pricing Implications of Planner's Problem

By using the results in Duffie and Epstein (1992), we obtain the following stochastic discount factor (SDF),  $\{\mathbb{M}_t : t \geq 0\}$ , implied by the planner's solution:

$$\mathbb{M}_t = \exp \left[ \int_0^t f_V(C_s, V_s) ds \right] f_C(C_t, V_t). \quad (\text{D.49})$$

Using the investment FOC (D.44), the value function (19), and the resource constraint, we obtain:

$$f_C(C, V) = \frac{1}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))} b(\pi)^{1-\gamma} K^{-\gamma}, \quad (\text{D.50})$$

and

$$f_V(C, V) = \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \frac{(1 - \omega)C^{1-\psi^{-1}}}{((1 - \gamma))^{\omega^{-1}}} V^{-\omega} - (1 - \gamma) \right] = -\epsilon(\pi), \quad (\text{D.51})$$

where

$$\epsilon(\pi) = -\frac{\rho(1 - \gamma)}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{c(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\psi^{-1}} \left( \frac{\psi^{-1} - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \right) - 1 \right]. \quad (\text{D.52})$$

Using the equilibrium relation between  $b(\pi)$  and  $c(\pi)$ , we simplify (D.52) as:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(\pi) = & \rho + (\psi^{-1} - \gamma) \left[ i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \right] \\ & + (\psi^{-1} - \gamma) \left[ \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left( \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E} [(1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{1-\gamma}] - 1 \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.53})$$

Using Ito's Lemma and the optimal allocation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbb{M}_t}{\mathbb{M}_t} = & -\epsilon(\pi)dt - \gamma [i(\pi)dt + \sigma d\mathcal{W}_t] + \frac{\gamma(\gamma + 1)}{2} \sigma^2 dt + \left( (1 - \gamma) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} - \frac{i'(\pi)\phi''(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))} \right) \mu_\pi(\pi)dt \\ & + \left[ \frac{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi^{\mathcal{J}}))} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} (1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma} - 1 \right] d\mathcal{J}_t. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.54})$$

As the expected rate of percentage change of  $\mathbb{M}_t$  equals  $-r_t$  (Duffie, 2001), we obtain the following expression for the interest rate:

$$\begin{aligned} r(\pi) = & \rho + \psi^{-1}i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma(\psi^{-1} + 1)\sigma^2}{2} - \left[ (1 - \psi^{-1}) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} - \frac{i'(\pi)\phi''(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))} \right] \mu_\pi(\pi) \\ & - \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{1 + \phi'(i(\pi))}{1 + \phi'(i(\pi^{\mathcal{J}}))} \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}) - 1 \right] \\ & - \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{\psi^{-1} - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{1-\gamma}) \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.55})$$

Since the dividend  $D_t$  is equal to  $C_t$  in equilibrium and  $\mathbb{M}_{t-} D_{t-} dt + d(\mathbb{M}_t Q_t)$  is a martingale (Duffie, 2001), by using Ito's Lemma and setting its drift to zero, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c(\pi)}{q(\pi)} = & \rho - (1 - \psi^{-1}) \left[ i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \right] \\ & + \lambda(\pi)\omega \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{1-\gamma}) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.56})$$

where  $\omega = (1 - \psi^{-1})/(1 - \gamma)$ .

### D.3 Market Equilibrium Solution

**Competitive Equilibrium.** (i) the net supply of the risk-free asset is zero; (ii) the demand for the unlevered equity claim to the representative firm is equal to unity, the normalized aggregate supply; (iii) the net demand for the DIS of each possible recovery fraction  $Z$  is zero; and (iv) the goods market clears, i.e.,  $Y_t = C_t + I_t + \Phi_t + X_{c,t} + X_{f,t}$  at all  $t \geq 0$ .

**Household's Optimization Problem.** The equilibrium aggregate stock value is  $Q_t^* = q^*(\pi_t)K_t$ . We later verify that the cum-dividend return of the aggregate asset market is given by

$$\frac{dQ_t^* + D_{t-}dt}{Q_{t-}^*} = \mu_Q(\pi_{t-})dt + \sigma dW_t - \left( 1 - (1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z)) \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) d\mathcal{J}_t, \quad (\text{D.57})$$

where  $\mu_Q(\pi_{t-})$  is the expected cum-dividend return absent jumps. When a disaster occurs at time  $t$ , wealth changes discretely from  $W_{t-}$  to  $W_t^{\mathcal{J}}$ , where

$$W_t^{\mathcal{J}} = W_{t-} - \left( 1 - (1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z)) \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) H_{t-} + \delta_{t-}(Z)W_{t-}. \quad (\text{D.58})$$

And the household accumulates wealth as:

$$\begin{aligned} dW_t = & r(\pi_{t-})W_{t-}dt + (\mu_Q(\pi_{t-}) - r)H_{t-}dt + \sigma H_{t-}dW_t - C_{t-}dt - X_{c,t-}dt + \delta_{t-}(Z)W_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t \\ & - \left( \int_0^1 \delta_{t-}(Z)p(Z)dZ \right) W_{t-}dt - \left( 1 - (1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z)) \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right) H_{t-}d\mathcal{J}_t. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.59})$$

The HJB equation for the household in our decentralized market setting is given by

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \max_{C,H,\delta,X_c} f(C, J) + \mu_\pi(\pi)J_\pi + \frac{\sigma^2 H^2 J_{WW}}{2} + \lambda(\pi)\mathbb{E} [J(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - J(W, \pi)] \\ & + \left[ r(\pi)W + (\mu_Q(\pi) - r(\pi))H - \left( \int_0^1 \delta(Z)p(Z)dZ \right) W - C - X_c \right] J_W. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.60})$$



The FOCs for consumption  $C$  and the market portfolio allocation  $H$  are given by

$$f_C(C, J) = J_W(W, \pi) \quad (\text{D.61})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 H J_{WW}(W, \pi) &= -(\mu_Q(\pi) - r(\pi)) J_W(W, \pi) \\ &+ \lambda(\pi) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( 1 - (1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z)) \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right) J_W(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.62})$$

The DIS demand  $\delta(Z)$  for each  $Z$  is given by

$$p(Z) J_W(W, \pi) = \lambda(\pi) J_W(W^{\mathcal{J}}, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) \xi(Z). \quad (\text{D.63})$$

Since there is not benefit for the household to spend on mitigation, we have

$$x_c(\pi) = 0. \quad (\text{D.64})$$

Substituting (34) into the FOC (D.61) yields the following consumption rule:

$$C(W, \pi) = \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} W. \quad (\text{D.65})$$

**Firm Value Maximization.** Using (34) and (D.65), we verify that the SDF is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbb{M}_t}{\mathbb{M}_{t-}} &= -r(\pi_{t-})dt - \gamma\sigma d\mathcal{W}_t \\ &+ \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi_{t-})} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi_t^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi_{t-})} \right)^{-\gamma} (1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma} - 1 \right] (d\mathcal{J}_t - \lambda(\pi_{t-})dt). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.66})$$

And then by using Ito's Lemma, we obtain the following dynamics for  $Q_t = Q(K_t, \pi_t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} dQ &= \left( IQ_K + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 K^2 Q_{KK} + \mu_\pi(\pi) Q_\pi \right) dt + \sigma K Q_K d\mathcal{W}_t \\ &+ (Q((1 - N(x_f)(1 - Z))K, \pi^{\mathcal{J}}) - Q(K, \pi)) d\mathcal{J}_t. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.67})$$

No arbitrage implies the drift of  $\mathbb{M}_{t-}(AK_{t-} - I_{t-} - \Phi(I_{t-}, K_{t-}) - X_{f,t-})dt + d(\mathbb{M}_t Q_t)$  is zero. By applying Ito's Lemma to this martingale and then by using  $Q(K, \pi) = q(\pi)K$ , we obtain

$$0 = \max_{i, x_f} A - i - \phi(i) - x_f - (r(\pi) - i(\pi))q(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)q'(\pi) \quad (\text{D.68})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &- \left[ \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left( \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \mathbb{E} [(1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}] - 1 \right) \right] q(\pi) \\ &+ \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \frac{q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q(\pi)} \mathbb{E} [(1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}(1 - N(x_f)(1 - Z))] - 1 \right] q(\pi). \end{aligned}$$

The FOC for investment implied by (D.68) is

$$q(\pi) = 1 + \phi'(i(\pi)). \quad (\text{D.69})$$

And the FOC for mitigation implied by (D.68) is

$$1 = \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} q(\pi^{\mathcal{J}}) N'(x_f) \mathbb{E} [(Z - 1)(1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}]. \quad (\text{D.70})$$

**Market Equilibrium.** First, the mitigation spending for households is zero,  $x_c = 0$ . Second, a firm's mitigation spending is  $x_f = x_f^*$  and rewriting the FOC for mitigation given in (D.70) yields

$$1 = \lambda(\pi)q^*(\pi) \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} N'(x_f^*) \mathbb{E} [(Z-1)(1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{-\gamma}], \quad (\text{D.71})$$

where  $q^*(\pi)$  solves

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A - i^* - \phi(i^*) - x_f^* - (r(\pi) - i(\pi))q^*(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi)q_\pi^*(\pi) \\ &\quad - \left[ \gamma\sigma^2 + \lambda(\pi) \left( \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \mathbb{E} [(1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{-\gamma}] - 1 \right) \right] q^*(\pi) \\ &\quad + \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E} [(1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{1-\gamma}] - 1 \right] q^*(\pi). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.72})$$

Third, in equilibrium, the household invests all wealth in the asset market and holds no risk-free asset,  $H = W = Q^*$ , and has zero disaster hedging position,  $\delta(Z) = 0$  for all  $Z$ . Simplifying the FOCs (D.61), (D.62), and (D.63), and using the equilibrium conditions, we obtain

$$c^*(\pi) = \rho^\psi u(\pi)^{1-\psi} q^*(\pi), \quad (\text{D.73})$$

$$\mu_Q(\pi) = r(\pi) + \gamma\sigma^2 \quad (\text{D.74})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \left[ \mathbb{E}((1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{-\gamma}) - \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \mathbb{E}((1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{1-\gamma}) \right], \\ p(Z) &= \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} (1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{-\gamma} \xi(Z). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.75})$$

Using these equilibrium conditions, we simplify the HJB equation (D.60) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{1-\psi^{-1}} \left( \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} - \rho \right) + \left( \mu_Q(\pi) - \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} \right) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1-\gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{1-\gamma}) - 1 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.76})$$

Fourth, by substituting  $c^*(\pi) = A - i^*(\pi) - \phi(i^*(\pi)) - x_f^*$  into (D.72), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} - r(\pi) + i(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{q_\pi^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} - \gamma\sigma^2 \\ &\quad - \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \left[ \mathbb{E}((1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{-\gamma}) - \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \mathbb{E}((1-N(x_f^*)(1-Z))^{1-\gamma}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.77})$$

By using the homogeneity property and comparing (D.57) and (D.67), we have

$$\mu_Q(\pi) = \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} + i^*(\pi) + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)}. \quad (\text{D.78})$$

And then substituting (D.78) into (D.76), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c^*(\pi)}{q^*(\pi)} &= \rho - (1 - \psi^{-1}) \left[ i^*(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \left( \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} + \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \lambda(\pi) \left( \frac{1 - \psi^{-1}}{1 - \gamma} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{1-\gamma}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.79})$$

Finally, substituting (D.79) into (D.77), we obtain the following equilibrium interest rate:

$$\begin{aligned} r(\pi) &= \rho + \psi^{-1}i^*(\pi) - \frac{\gamma(\psi^{-1} + 1)\sigma^2}{2} - \left[ (1 - \psi^{-1}) \left( \frac{u'(\pi)}{u(\pi)} + \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} \right) - \frac{(q^*(\pi))'}{q^*(\pi)} \right] \mu_\pi(\pi) \\ &\quad - \lambda(\pi) \left[ \left( \frac{u^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( \frac{q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{q^*(\pi)} \right)^{-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}) - 1 \right] \\ &\quad - \lambda(\pi) \left[ \frac{\psi^{-1} - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{u(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})q^*(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{u(\pi)q^*(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}((1 - N(x_f^*)(1 - Z))^{1-\gamma}) \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.80})$$

## D.4 Equivalence between Market Solution and Planner's Problem

The equivalence between market solution and planner's problem implies  $u(\pi)q(\pi) = b(\pi)$ . First, substituting  $u(\pi)q(\pi) = b(\pi)$  and (D.69) into (D.70), we obtain the following equation for the optimal mitigation in the market solution:

$$1 = \lambda(\pi)(1 + \phi'(i)) \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} N'(x)\mathbb{E}[(Z - 1)(1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{-\gamma}], \quad (\text{D.81})$$

which is the same as (D.48) for the planner's problem. Substituting  $u(\pi)q(\pi) = b(\pi)$  and (D.69) into (D.73), we obtain the following expression for optimal investment in market solution:

$$b(\pi) = [A - i(\pi) - \phi(i(\pi)) - x(\pi)]^{1/(1-\psi)} [\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))]^{-\psi/(1-\psi)}, \quad (\text{D.82})$$

which is the same as (D.47) for the planner's problem. Substituting (D.78) into (D.76), and combining  $c(\pi) = A - i(\pi) - \phi(i(\pi)) - x$  (the equilibrium condition) with (D.69), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\rho}{1 - \psi^{-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{b(\pi)}{\rho(1 + \phi'(i(\pi)))} \right)^{1-\psi} - 1 \right] + i(\pi) - \frac{\gamma\sigma^2}{2} + \mu_\pi(\pi) \frac{b'(\pi)}{b(\pi)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda(\pi)}{1 - \gamma} \left[ \left( \frac{b(\pi^{\mathcal{J}})}{b(\pi)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}[(1 - N(x)(1 - Z))^{1-\gamma}] - 1 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.83})$$

which is the same as (D.46) for the planner's problem.

By using  $u(\pi)q(\pi) = b(\pi)$ , we also verify that the equilibrium dividend yield  $\frac{c(\pi)}{q(\pi)}$  given in (D.79) for the market solution is the same as (D.56) for the planner's problem.

Finally, by using  $u(\pi)q(\pi) = b(\pi)$  and (D.69), we verify that the interest rate  $r(\pi)$  given in (D.55) for the market solution is the same as (D.80) for the planner's problem.