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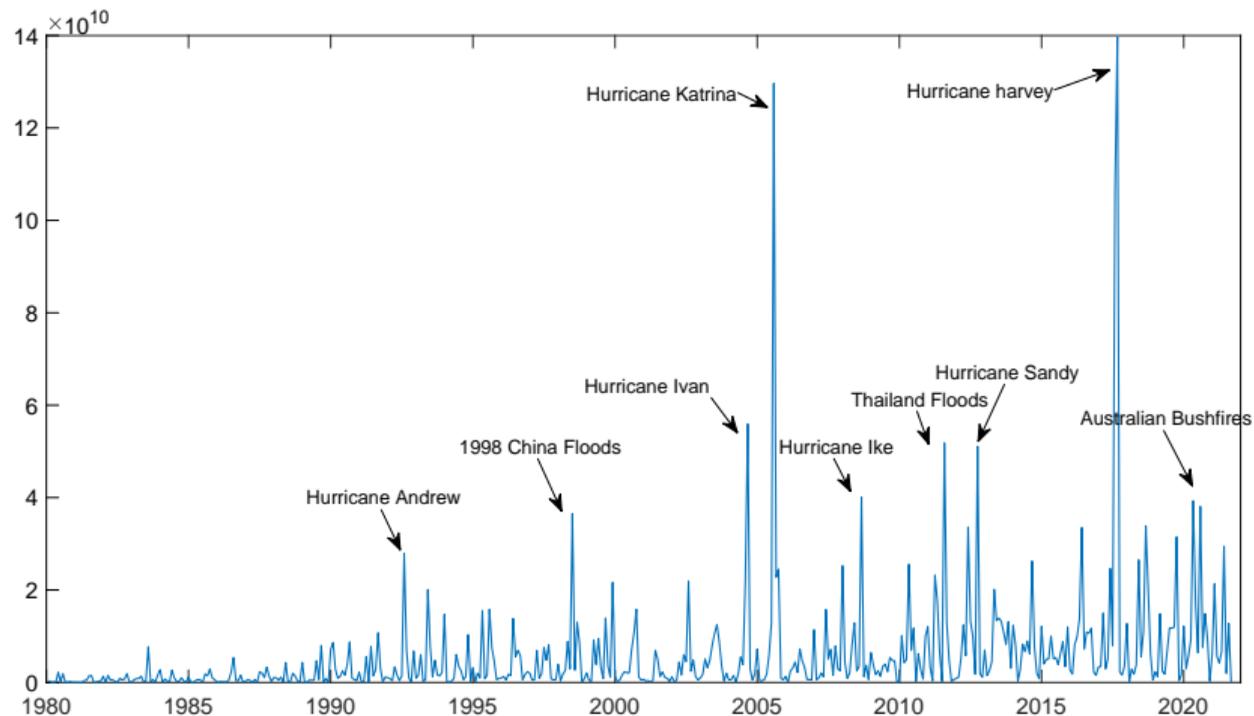


Figure 1: Global economic losses (in USD) due to climate disasters (Source: The International Disaster Database)

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LITERATURE

Climate risk in financial markets

- ▶ Chava (2014), Görgen et al. (2019), In et al. (2017), Bolton and Kacperczyk (2020, 2021), Hsu et al. (2020), Bansal et al. (2016a,b), Engel et al. (2020), Choi et al. (2020), Pastor et al. (2019), Barnett et al. (2020), Barnett (2017), Giglio et al. (2020), etc.

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IAM and Production-based AP

- ▶ **IAM:** Nordhaus (1992, 2013, 2014), Bosetti et al. (2006), Popp (2006), Golosov et al. (2014), Acemoglu et al. (2012), Daniel et al. (2016), Lemoine and Rudik (2017), etc.
- ▶ **Production-based AP:** Cochrane (1991), Jermann (1998), Croce (2014), Kaltenbrunner and Lochstoer (2010), Papanikolaou (2011), Kung and Schmid (2015), etc

This paper: bridges and improves the two approaches \Rightarrow AP in IAM and climate risk in macrofinance

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- ▶ Monthly aggregated economic loss (in USD) due to climate-related disasters
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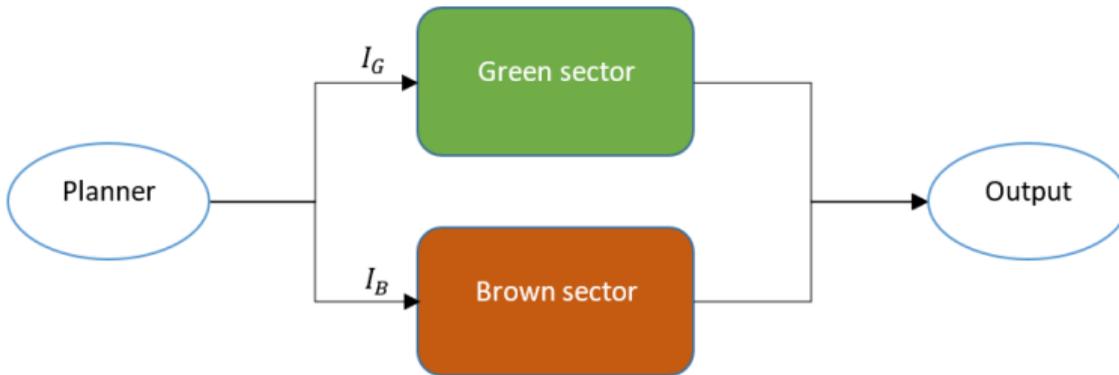
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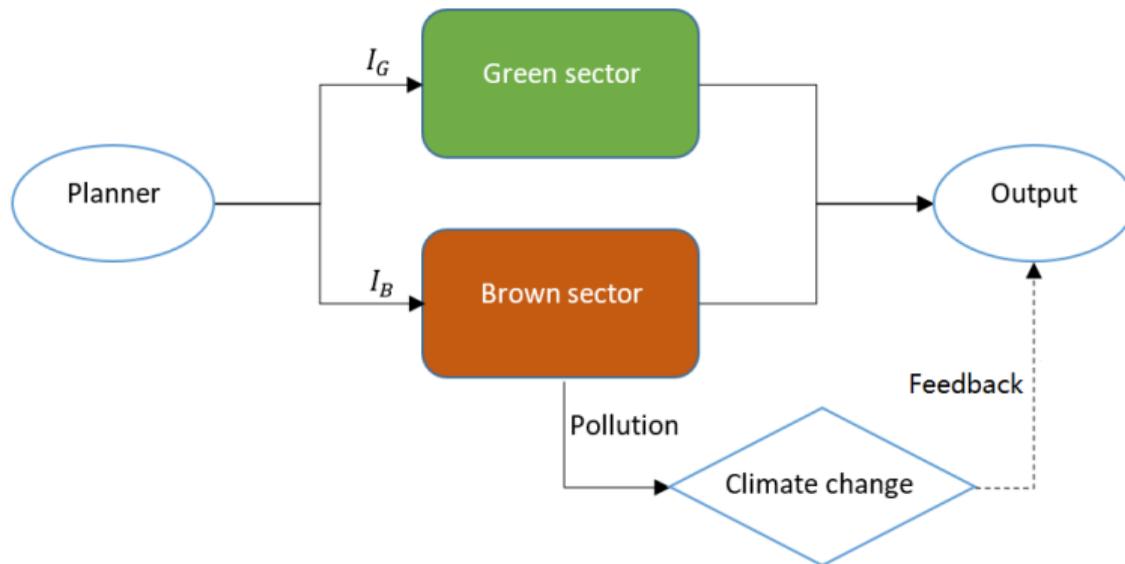
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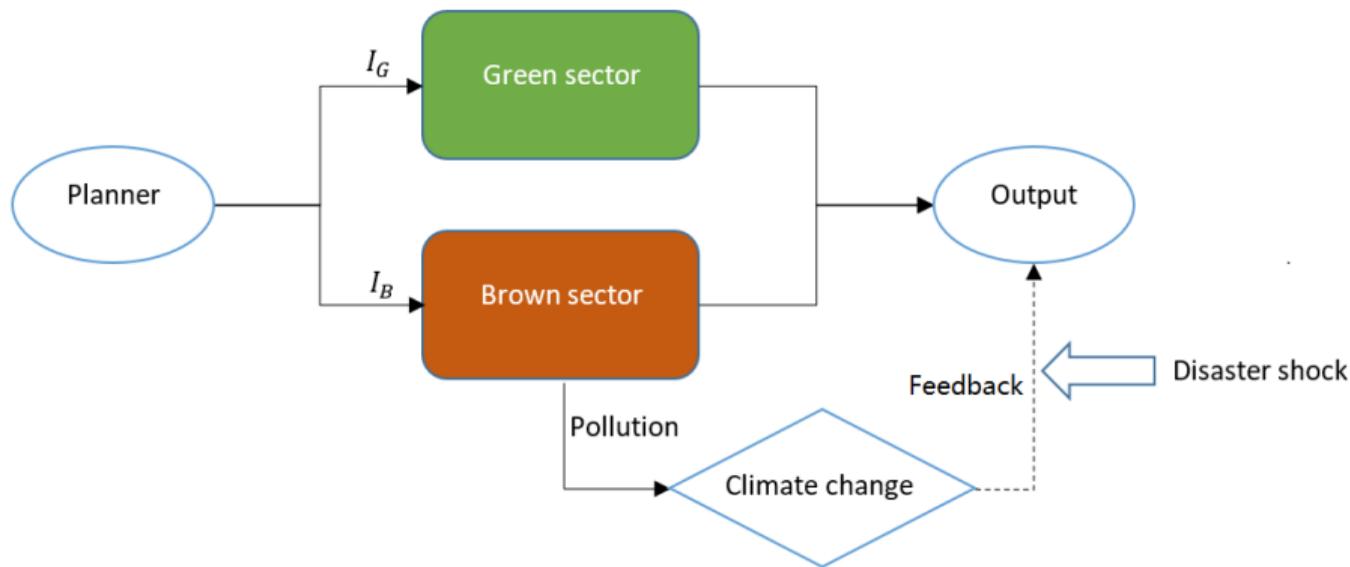
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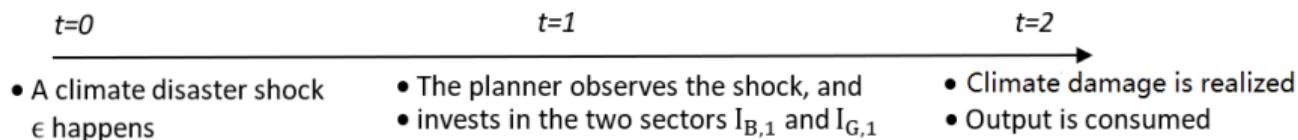
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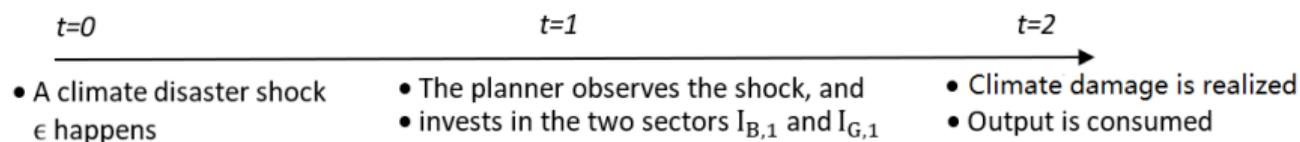
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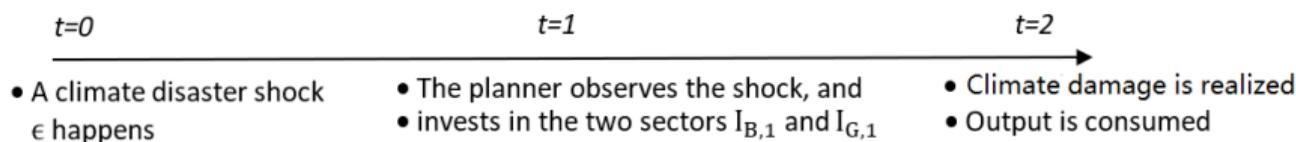


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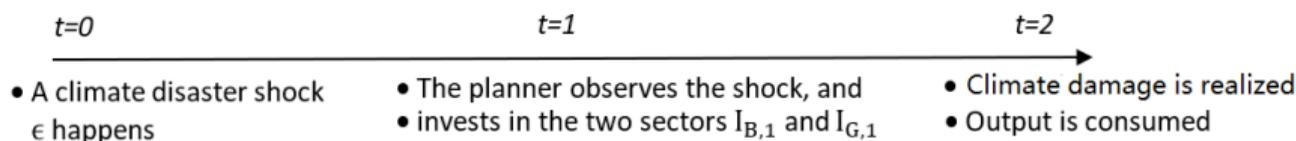
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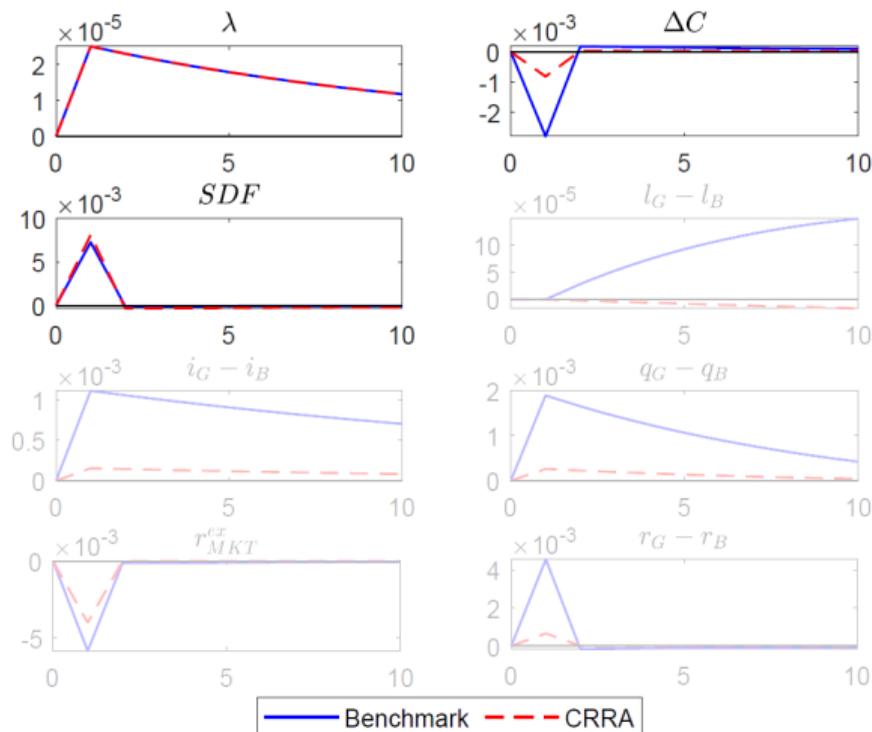
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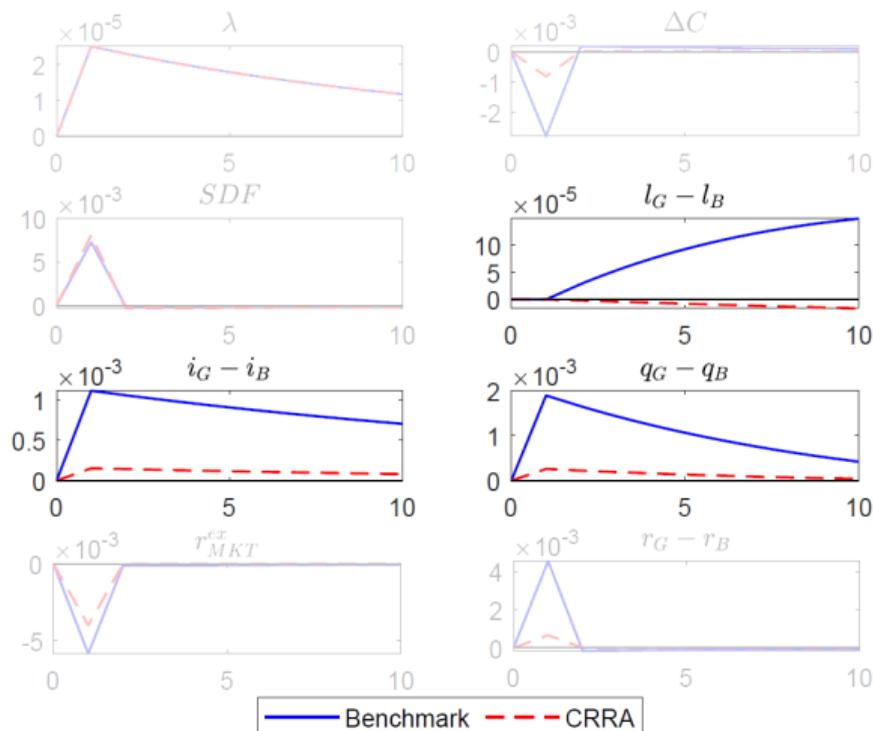
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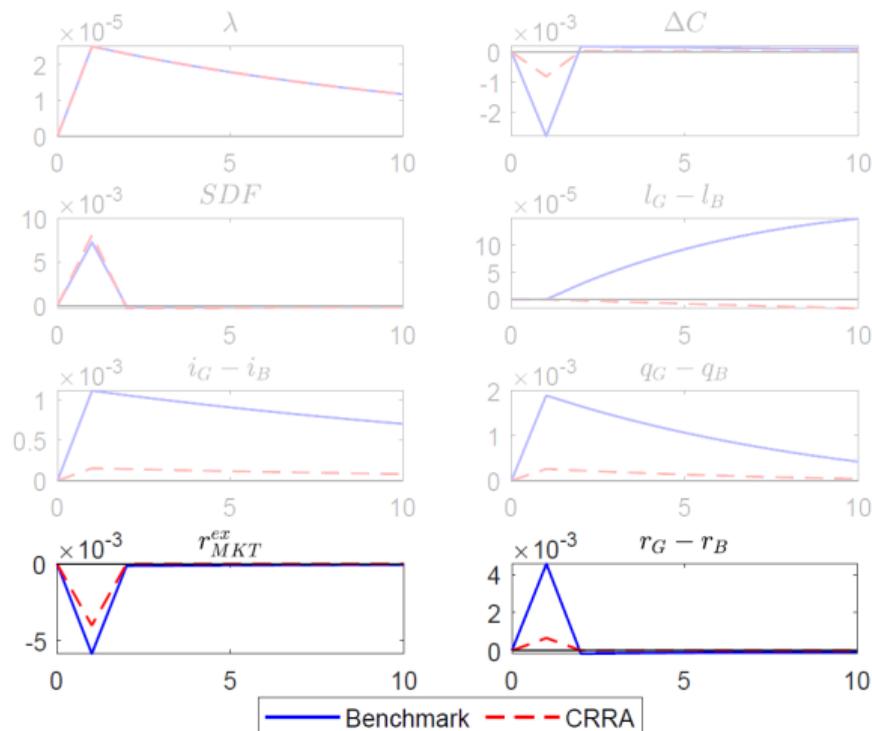
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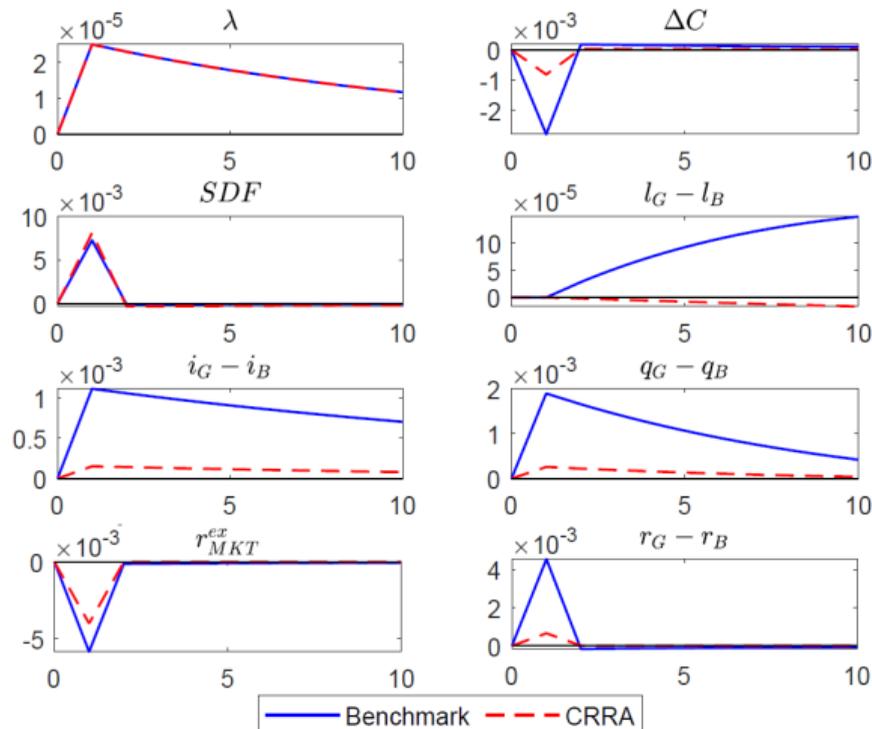
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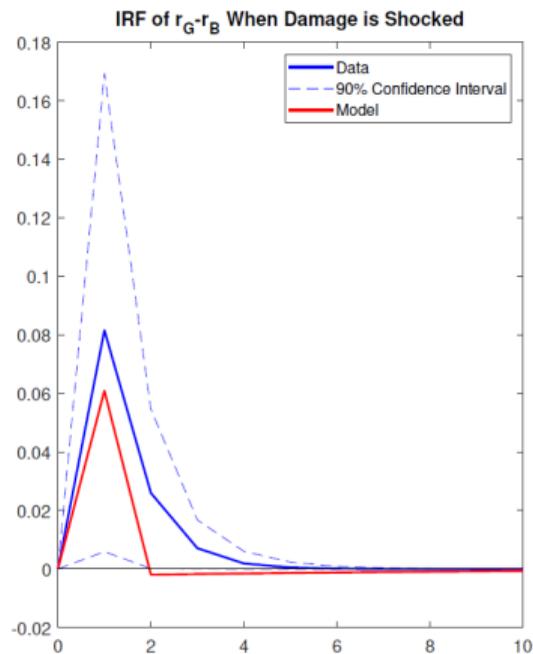
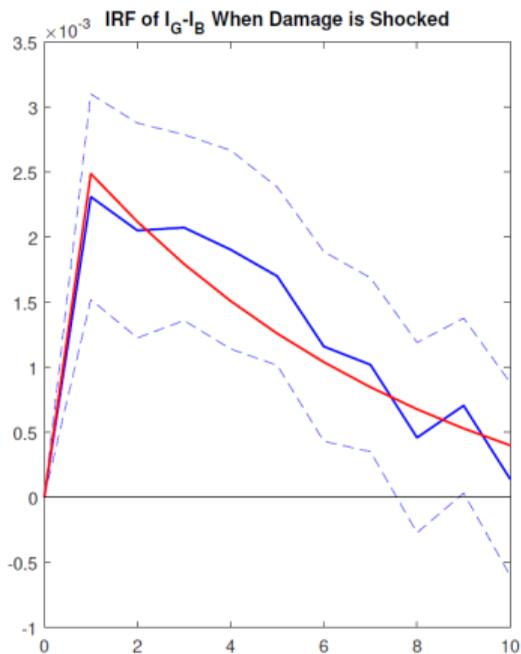
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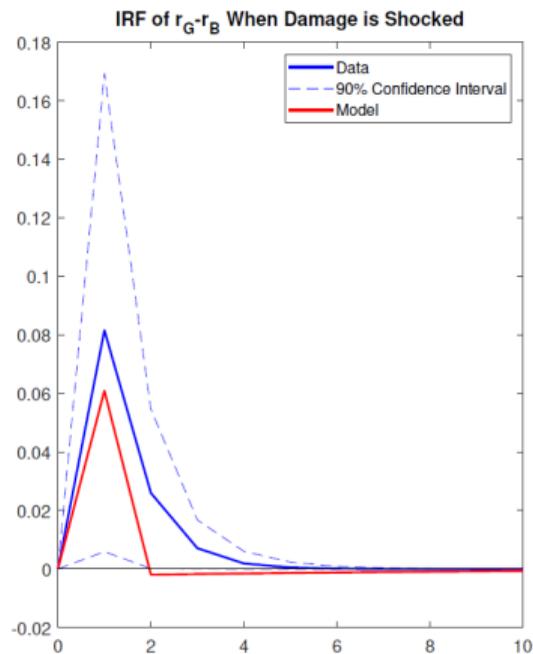
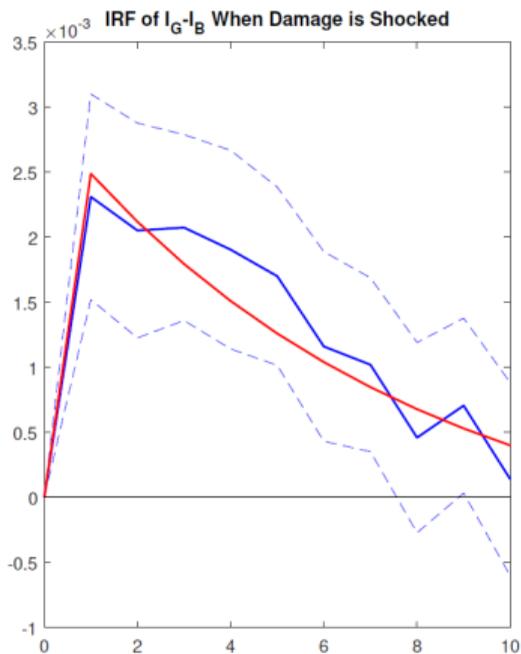
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Market Value (billion \$)	6.23	26.53	-20.3*
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Revenue/Asset (%)	84.36	87.60	-3.24
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EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: DOUBLE SORTING (2/2)

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H	11.72 (4.54)	9.18 (4.19)	9.63 (3.72)	8.27 (4.04)	8.02 (3.4)	3.69** (1.64)	11.45 (4.43)	11.03 (4.32)	7.45 (4.65)	9.87 (3.36)	7.17 (3.36)	4.28*** (1.76)
	Panel I. Distance to Sea						Panel I. PDSI					
L	11.66 (4.2)	9.99 (4.42)	10.49 (3.88)	9.42 (3.37)	7.64 (3.46)	4.03*** (1.24)	9.90 (4.04)	7.44 (3.91)	6.89 (4.32)	8.01 (3.67)	6.76 (3.26)	3.14** (1.59)
H	9.32 (3.95)	6.60 (3.74)	9.90 (4.59)	7.40 (3.84)	6.59 (3.2)	2.73** (1.58)	11.93 (4.21)	9.19 (4.73)	9.42 (3.88)	12.65 (4.01)	7.48 (3.32)	4.44*** (1.52)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: PRICE OF RISK (1 / 2)

BACK

1. I construct a *Brown Minus Green* factor using the excess return of a low-minus-high portfolio on ENSCORE
2. I identify price of risk using a two-pass regression

$$R_t^p = \beta_{0,p} + \beta_{1,p} \cdot F_t + \beta_{BMG,p} \cdot BMG_t + v_{p,t}$$

$$E[R_t^p] = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 \cdot \hat{\beta}_{1,p} + \lambda_{BMG} \cdot \hat{\beta}_{BMG,p} + u_p$$

where

- ▶ R_t^p is the return of a testing portfolio from Kenneth French's data library
- ▶ F_t is the FF5 factors

A positive λ_{BMG} means that the greenium exists in a wide cross-section of testing portfolios

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: PRICE OF RISK (2/2)

BACK

Portfolio sets	λ_{MKT}	λ_{SMB}	λ_{HML}	λ_{RMW}	λ_{CMW}	λ_{BMG}
Size & BV/MV (25)	8.58** (4.34)	1.92 (1.69)	0.89 (1.75)	1.24 (1.29)	2.55 (1.72)	3.55 (2.29)
Size & INV (25)	8.52** (4.34)	1.31 (1.69)	8.57*** (2.38)	-0.94 (1.42)	1.31 (1.34)	5.11* (2.76)
Size & OP (25)	8.57** (4.34)	2.24 (1.69)	0.65 (2.13)	2.89*** (1.07)	2.16 (1.96)	6.87*** (2.43)
Size & BV/MV & INV (32)	8.70* (4.34)	2.01 (1.69)	-0.07 (1.75)	3.74*** (1.26)	1.05 (1.34)	7.41*** (1.93)
Size & BV/MV & OP (32)	8.35** (4.34)	2.15 (1.69)	0.63 (1.75)	3.64*** (1.09)	-1.11 (1.61)	7.84*** (1.91)
BV/MV & INV & OP (32)	8.67** (4.34)	1.88 (1.69)	6.61*** (1.89)	3.10*** (1.07)	1.16 (1.33)	0.28 (1.96)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: SUBCATEGORY OF ENSCORE (1/3)

BACK

	L	2	3	4	H	L - H
Panel A. Emission score						
$E[R^{ex}]$	10.59 (4.03)	9.05 (4.18)	9.16 (4.16)	7.48 (3.62)	7.78 (3.25)	2.81** (1.23)
CAPM α	2.63 (1.22)	1.05 (1.53)	1.53 (1.47)	0.77 (1.03)	1.10 (0.87)	1.54* (1.06)
FF3 α	2.82 (0.99)	1.14 (1.55)	1.95 (1.39)	1.07 (1.01)	1.54 (0.77)	1.28* (0.91)
FF5 α	4.74 (1.15)	0.78 (1.69)	2.21 (1.47)	0.82 (1.1)	1.99 (1)	2.74** (1.31)
FF5 & MOM α	4.76 (1.16)	0.76 (1.71)	2.27 (1.44)	0.76 (1.12)	1.95 (1.05)	2.81** (1.38)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: SUBCATEGORY OF ENSCORE (2/3)

BACK

	L	2	3	4	H	L - H
Panel B. Innovation score						
$E[R^{ex}]$	10.11 (4.46)	10.42 (5.36)	9.04 (4.36)	10.79 (4.37)	8.81 (4.16)	1.30 (1.13)
CAPM α	2.17 (1.52)	0.68 (1.75)	1.32 (1.87)	3.55 (2.19)	1.57 (1.37)	0.60 (1.09)
FF3 α	2.39 (1.51)	0.89 (1.65)	1.64 (1.85)	3.70 (2.14)	1.90 (1.41)	0.49 (1.14)
FF5 α	4.99 (2.07)	2.86 (1.51)	2.17 (2.12)	4.92 (2.72)	3.11 (2.05)	1.88* (1.32)
FF5 & MOM α	5.09 (2.02)	3.05 (1.52)	2.33 (2.05)	4.93 (2.68)	3.23 (2.05)	1.86* (1.32)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: SUBCATEGORY OF ENSCORE (3/3)

BACK

	L	2	3	4	H	L - H
Panel C. Resource score						
$E[R^{ex}]$	9.81 (4.29)	9.38 (4.52)	9.09 (3.52)	8.11 (4.02)	7.56 (3.18)	2.25* (1.44)
CAPM α	1.60 (1.14)	1.29 (1.44)	2.00 (1.04)	0.89 (1.21)	0.94 (1.02)	0.66 (1.1)
FF3 α	1.74 (0.98)	1.18 (1.45)	2.30 (1)	1.18 (1.25)	1.43 (0.81)	0.31 (0.96)
FF5 α	3.68 (1.12)	2.58 (1.78)	3.21 (1.16)	0.80 (1.13)	1.70 (0.91)	1.98** (1.07)
FF5 & MOM α	3.72 (1.1)	2.66 (1.73)	3.08 (1.22)	0.77 (1.12)	1.68 (0.93)	2.04** (1.12)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: U.S. SAMPLE

BACK

	L	2	3	4	H	L - H
$E[R^{ex}]$	12.73 (4.55)	12.05 (4.58)	10.66 (3.92)	11.22 (3.64)	8.37 (3.26)	4.36** (1.88)
CAPM α	2.61 (1.45)	1.79 (1.79)	1.47 (1.64)	2.26 (1.31)	0.07 (0.95)	2.54* (1.64)
FF3 α	2.25 (1.18)	1.88 (1.84)	1.36 (1.62)	2.20 (1.32)	0.05 (1)	2.20* (1.6)
FF5 α	2.97 (1.24)	0.81 (1.64)	0.62 (1.82)	1.25 (1.39)	-0.40 (1.16)	3.37** (1.49)
q5 α	4.33 (1.54)	3.98 (1.39)	2.71 (1.48)	1.76 (1.29)	-0.82 (1.03)	5.15*** (1.47)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: SUBSAMPLE

BACK

	$E[R^{ex}]$	CAPM α	FF3 α	FF5 α	FF5.MOM α
Full sample	3.83*** (1.39)	2.43** (1.18)	2.17** (0.98)	3.91*** (1.22)	3.98*** (1.25)
2004-2019	3.80*** (1.48)	2.45** (1.21)	2.46*** (0.97)	4.77*** (1.17)	4.98*** (1.21)
2005-2019	3.42** (1.58)	2.19** (1.29)	2.22** (1.03)	4.56*** (1.21)	4.71*** (1.24)
2006-2019	3.71** (1.67)	2.51** (1.34)	2.51*** (1.07)	4.51*** (1.33)	4.58*** (1.36)
2007-2019	4.04** (1.76)	2.97** (1.35)	2.71*** (1.14)	4.84*** (1.41)	4.86*** (1.43)
2008-2019	4.39*** (1.86)	3.37*** (1.42)	2.79** (1.23)	4.89*** (1.57)	4.88*** (1.58)
2009-2019	5.98*** (2.1)	4.12** (1.99)	2.31** (1.37)	3.56** (1.55)	3.52*** (1.5)

EVIDENCE OF GREENIUM: ANNUAL CHANGE OF ENSCORE

BACK

	L	2	3	4	H	L - H
Δ ENSCORE	-7.30	-1.11	1.06	5.40	18.26	-25.57
ENSCORE	33.22	32.22	22.71	28.43	40.66	-7.44
$E[R^{ex}]$	7.62 (3.48)	8.76 (3.75)	8.49 (4.37)	7.70 (3.43)	7.02 (3.64)	0.60 (0.8)
CAPM α	1.55 (1)	2.48 (0.74)	1.79 (1.35)	1.60 (0.79)	0.78 (0.88)	0.77 (0.82)
FF3 α	1.59 (0.96)	2.50 (0.73)	1.80 (1.4)	1.63 (0.77)	0.82 (0.74)	0.77 (0.82)
FF5 α	1.76 (1.12)	2.94 (0.94)	1.50 (1.37)	0.73 (0.97)	1.46 (0.85)	0.30 (0.93)
FF5&MOM α	1.72 (1.15)	2.91 (0.98)	1.43 (1.33)	0.57 (1.12)	1.43 (0.86)	0.29 (0.95)

EVENT STUDY ON RETURNS

BACK

$R_{i,t \rightarrow t+M} = \alpha + \beta \cdot \text{Brown}_i + \gamma X_{i,t} + \epsilon_{i,t}$					
M	1m	2m	3m	6m	12m
Panel A. Hurricane Katrina (obs.=721)					
β	-19.61** (8.48)	-17.93*** (6.18)	-9.10* (5.19)	-8.76** (3.74)	-8.79*** (2.34)
Adj. R^2	0.14	0.20	0.09	0.19	0.18
Panel B. 2012 US drought (obs.=844)					
β	-22.61** (10.81)	-11.83* (6.62)	-6.53 (4.89)	-5.11 (3.14)	-7.18*** (2.54)
Adj. R^2	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.04	0.22
Panel C. 2018 California wildfires (obs.=1475)					
β	-24.50*** (6.88)	-6.12 (5.2)	-5.49 (4.37)	-2.92 (3.44)	-0.62 (2.41)
Adj. R^2	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.12

EVENT STUDY ON INVESTMENT

BACK

$$\Delta I/A_{i,t} = \alpha + \beta \cdot Brown_i + \gamma X_{i,t} + \epsilon_i$$

	$I \equiv \Delta A$	$I \equiv \Delta PPE$
Panel A. 2012 US drought		
β	-4.62** (2.18)	-6.73** (2.74)
Adj. R^2	0.02	0.01
Obs.	829	827
Panel B. 2018 California wildfires		
β	-4.28** (2.02)	-5.19** (2.25)
Adj. R^2	0.03	0.01
Obs.	1381	1374

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

BACK

Table 6: Sensitivity analysis

	Benchmark	Subjective		R&D efficiency			
		Discount rate	IES	Substitution	R&D efficiency		
		$\beta = 0.95$	$\psi = 0.1$	$\varepsilon = 1.5$	$\varepsilon = 10$	$\nu = 0.05$	$\nu = 0.1$
SCC	40.38			40.65	39.44	40.34	40.43
r_{SCC}	4.71%			4.69%	4.80%	4.72%	4.71%
Risk-free rate	0.83%			0.78%	0.94%	0.75%	0.95%
Climate damage	0.51%			0.70%	0.03%	0.55%	0.45%
Temperature	0.95			1.24	0.07	1.01	0.86
I_G/I_{total}	62.80%			45.17%	98.36%	48.64%	76.81%
l_G	61.38%			44.47%	98.09%	47.58%	75.29%
$R\&D/Y$	0.89%			0.65%	1.36%	0.47%	1.46%

Takeaway

- ▶ Subjective discount rate & IES are essential to quantify the SCC
- ▶ Substitution & R&D efficiency matter for equilibrium allocation btw. green/brown investments

CALIBRATION

BACK

Table 7: Calibration

Literature		Regression		GMM	
μ	1.8%	ρ_M	0.98	ρ_λ	0.92
σ	3.35%	ρ_T	0.17	σ_λ	2.5×10^{-5}
ρ_x	0.96	σ_M	0.45	ξ	1.71
φ_x	0.2	σ_T	0.092	ν	0.074
ω	0.59	χ	3.088	η	0.67
ε	3			b	7.99
δ_K	0.06			ζ	1.64
α	0.34				
β	0.974				
γ	10				
ψ	2				
$\bar{\lambda}$	5.05×10^{-5}				
k	4				
δ_H	0.1				

