

A Run on Oil: Climate Policy, Stranded Assets, and Asset Prices

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Abstract

I study the dynamic implications of uncertain climate policy on macroeconomic outcomes and asset prices. Focusing particularly on the oil sector, I find that accounting for uncertain climate policy in an otherwise standard climate-economic model with oil extraction generates a run on oil; meaning oil firms accelerate extraction as climate change increases and oil reserves decrease due to the risk of future climate policy actions stranding oil reserves. Furthermore, the risk of uncertain climate policy, and the run on oil it causes, leads to a downward shift and dynamic decrease in the oil spot price and value of oil firms compared to the setting without uncertain policy. Ignoring the impact of uncertain climate policy would therefore lead to an overvaluation of the oil sector or “carbon bubble.” Empirical evidence suggests observable market outcomes are consistent with the model predictions about the effects of uncertain climate policy.

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1 Introduction

Climate change has become one of the most significant and complex challenges currently facing our planet. Because climate change has the potential to significantly impact the well-being of households and the production decisions of firms, the possible macroeconomic and financial implications in the near and distant future could be substantial. However, the potential physical consequences of climate change are only part of the story. Governments and policymakers around the world are making various decisions with respect to climate change, and these policy actions carry uncertainty as to how and when they will play out and the effect they will have. Thus, uncertain climate policy, together with the possible physical risks of climate change, should be a central component to any analysis of the consequences of climate change on the global economy and financial markets.

With these concerns in mind, my paper examines the dynamic implications of uncertain climate policy for economic and financial outcomes, focusing particularly on the oil sector. To study this issue, I use a general equilibrium, production-based asset pricing model that incorporates climate change and uncertain climate policy. In the model, oil firms make decisions about oil extraction and exploration based on the demand for oil, remaining oil reserves, and climate change impacts. Uncertain climate policy, the key and novel component of my analysis, is modeled as a stochastic jump in the energy input share of oil for final output production. The arrival rate of this policy shock increases as climate change increases. This type of policy is meant to capture in a reduced-form manner the types of policies currently being proposed, as well as those used historically, that impose mandates or restrictions on the use of oil and fossil fuels, incentivize green-technology innovation, and carry significant uncertainty as to how and when exactly the policy will be implemented. Uncertain climate policy generates what I call a run on oil, that is even as temperature rises and oil reserves diminish oil firms increasingly run up production of oil to avoid having reserves become stranded. This risk of stranded assets and the run on oil lead to dynamic reductions in the price of oil and the value of oil firms. Ignoring the impact of uncertain climate policy risk on oil prices and oil firm values would generate a “carbon bubble,” where expectations for oil prices and oil firm values are substantially inflated because they do not incorporate the likelihood of oil reserves becoming stranded and the run on oil production that the stranded assets risk induces.

To provide further intuition about the model mechanism, I investigate a number of key counterfactual scenarios and model extensions. In the first counterfactual, where there is no climate component and therefore no uncertain climate policy shock, oil production gradually decreases as the remaining level of oil reserves decreases, leading to a gradual decline oil in firm prices and a gradual increase in the spot price of oil. These outcomes are consistent with a more standard Hotelling-model result. In the second counterfactual, where there are climate impacts from oil emissions and a constant arrival rate that is independent of climate change for the uncertain climate policy, the risk of uncertain climate policy leads only to a shift up in oil production and shift down in oil firm values, compared to the no uncertain climate policy setting. Again, the dynamic outcomes in this constant policy risk

are consistent with the more standard Hotelling model-type dynamics.

The model extensions I explore focus on the impact of two alternative scenarios. The first scenario assumes there is no oil exploration, providing insight about the significance of exploration for the run on oil. The second scenario assumes an alternative climate policy shock that only affects the oil sector input demand share and not the green sector input demand. This oil-sector only alternative policy demonstrates the role that the increasing benefit of green energy as an input has on the model mechanism demonstrated in the baseline model setting. In these cases I show that the same intuition and forces exist, though the levels of the quantity and price impacts may differ due to changes in the social costs of the climate policy shock because of the non-renewability of oil reserves or the lack of a green sector innovation with the policy shock.

To better understand the welfare implications of the realization of a climate policy shock, I provide a policy regime welfare comparison exercise to determine when the climate policy shift improves social welfare. I do this for the baseline policy setting, as well as the alternative model specifications. Such a welfare comparison demonstrates when a social planner would accept a policy regime change, if they were allowed to make such a choice in the model. These welfare comparisons provide intuition for the types of policies that are more likely to be acceptable to voters and elected officials representing voters interests and therefore implementable in practice, for what states of the world these policies are more acceptable, as well as why countries may respond differently to uncertain climate policy.

I also provide empirical evidence which suggests observable outcomes are consistent with the model mechanism. I first do this using an event-study analysis, focusing on the 2016 US presidential election. Since the election of Donald Trump implied a shift down in the likelihood of future climate policy occurring based on his campaign proposals, the model would predict this event should increase the value of firms with high climate policy risk exposure, such as oil firms, and also increase the price of oil. I estimate the effect of the downward shift in the likelihood of future climate policy due to the election outcome by regressing sectors' cumulative abnormal returns after the election on their exposure to climate policy risk, proxied for by exposure to oil price shocks as motivated by the model prediction. I find sectors with the highest climate policy risk exposure experienced the largest increases in cumulative abnormal returns after the election, consistent with the model predictions.

Finally, I construct a “climate policy” event index from realized climate policy, energy sector, and climate-related events to estimate the dynamic impact of changes in climate policy shocks. In estimated reduced-form regressions, I find that increases in the likelihood of major climate policy measured by my index lead to increased global and regional oil production. I also find that positive climate policy shocks lead to increasingly negative returns for the US oil sector and the spot price of oil. Finally, I estimate a structural VAR for the global oil market that includes the climate policy index, and calculate impulse response functions for a shock to climate policy. The results suggest that increases in the likelihood of significant climate change policy leads to long-term and permanent increases in crude oil production and a statistically significant decreases in the oil spot price, consistent

with the dynamic predictions of my model. For each index-based empirical test, the statistical and economic significance are greater during the more recent, policy-focused time period (1996-2017) than for the entire available time sample (1973-2017), further validating the temperature dependence of outcomes implied by the model and the dynamic effect of uncertain climate policy the model predicts.

2 Example of Uncertain Climate Policy and Responses

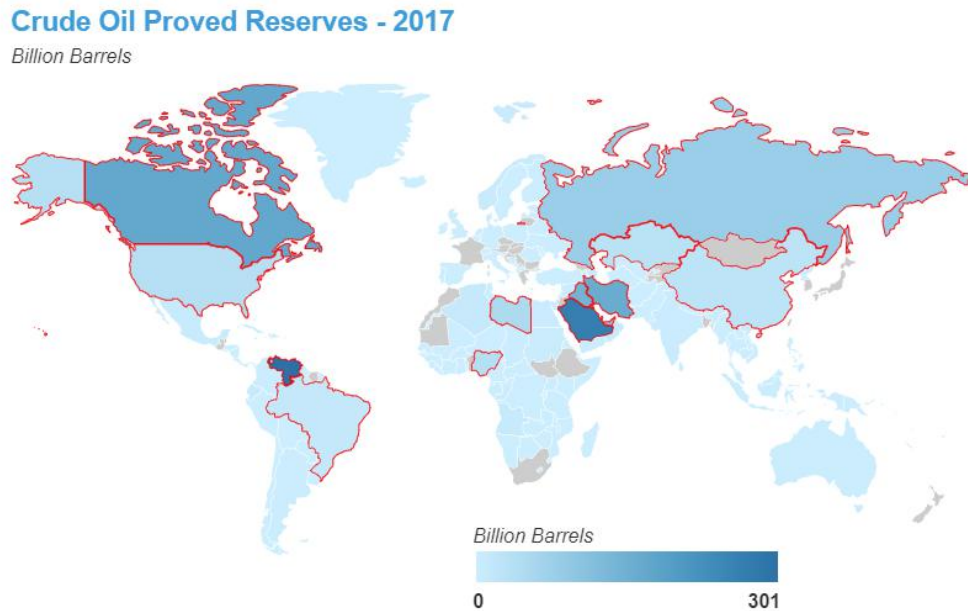
To highlight the importance and potential impact of uncertain climate policy, consider the recent global climate policy agreement established in 2015 known as the Paris Climate Accord. This agreement came about as a result of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in order to limit change in the global mean temperature (GMT) from the pre-industrial level to no more than 2° C. Though many have seen this “temperature ceiling” agreement as a significant step toward limiting climate change, substantial uncertainty exists about when and if the necessary policy actions to achieve this target will occur. This uncertainty is due in large part to the considerable difficulty in coordinating such global policy actions, highlighted in this case by the fact that countries’ actions to limit climate change are self-determined and self-reported and that there is no centralized enforcement mechanisms in place to hold members accountable for failing to achieve proposed targets.

The policy responses to this agreement are particularly enlightening in regards to the potential impacts of uncertain climate policy. France, for example, has proposed a number of substantial climate policy actions as a result of the Paris Climate Accord. These policies include banning oil extraction by 2040 and providing approximately €4 billion for investment in green technology innovation, as well as banning coal generated electricity by 2022 and petroleum and diesel vehicles by 2040. Yet, as France imports 99% of its oil due to the fact that it holds almost no oil reserves of its own, the policy to ban oil extraction and exploration is seen as largely symbolic (The Guardian, December 20, 2017, “France bans fracking and oil extraction in all of its territories”).

Next, consider the policy responses of Norway, a climate-conscious country with sizeable oil reserves. First, Norway proposed moving forward their carbon neutrality goal from 2050 to 2030 as a response to the Paris Accord. Expediting this goal will require reductions to the emissions the country produces, which it plans to achieve through policies such as only selling electric vehicles by 2025, and purchasing carbon emission licenses to offset remaining emissions. However, at nearly the same time, Norway also proposed policy to increase oil drilling and development of their considerable reserves (New York Times, June 17, 2017, “Both Climate Leader and Oil Giant? A Norwegian Paradox”). Although these policies appear to be antithetical to each other, my model demonstrates that the risk of oil reserves becoming stranded from future climate policy could justify this policy response.

The US, who holds even more significant oil reserves and is now one of the largest producers of oil in the world due the fracking boom, has responded even more directly. The US was initially a significant force in helping establish the Paris Climate Accord, establishing in conjunction with the

Figure 1: Global Oil Resources

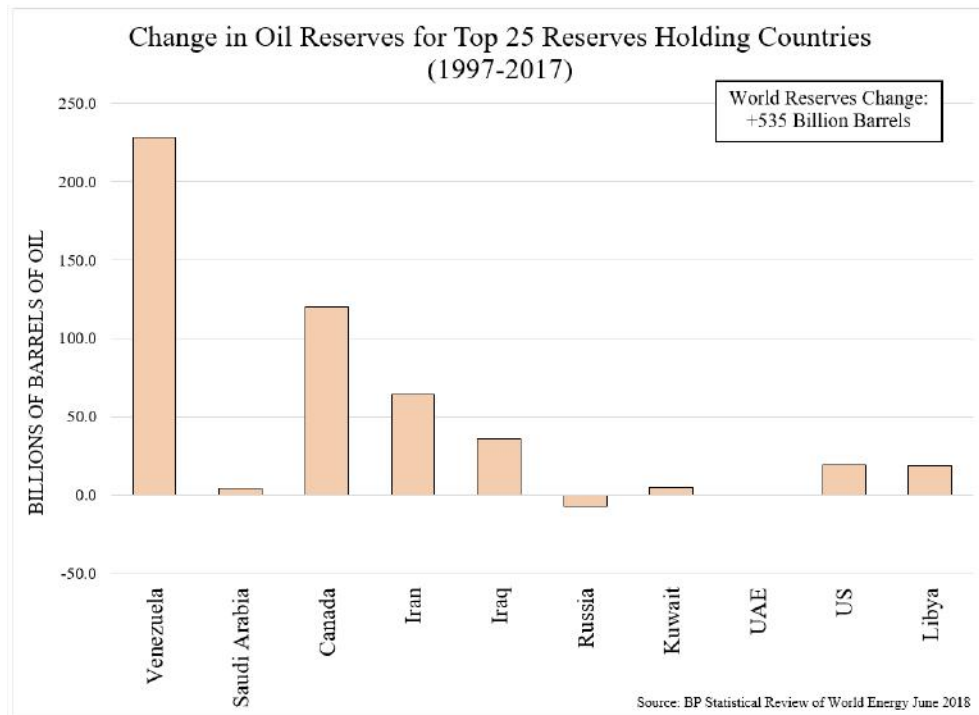


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Paris Agreement the Clean Power Plan, a policy that promoted reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and set renewable portfolio standards requiring increases in the fraction of energy and electricity produced from low-emission and renewable resources while phasing out high-emissions sources like coal and oil. However, after the Paris Agreement the US elected President Donald Trump, who has worked to fulfill campaign promises such as repealing the Clean Power Plan, pulling out of the Paris Agreement, rebuilding and supporting the coal sector, and repealing policies with strict greenhouse gas emissions regulations. Although other motivations exist for why the US elected Donald Trump as president, my model demonstrates why uncertain climate policy and the risk of oil becoming a stranded asset could have played an important role in this response.

Next, consider the recent proposal of Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil producing firm of Saudi Arabia, to partially privatize through an initial public offering. The Saudi Kingdom lists a desire to diversify itself away from oil as the motivation for this decision (Financial Times, December 14, 2016, "The privatisation of Saudi Aramco"). While Saudi Aramco has proposed an over \$ 2 trillion valuation for the firm, many analysts and investors believe this assessment could be appreciably too high due to the potential risk of the countries oil reserves becoming a stranded asset (Financial Times, August 13, 2017, "Saudi Aramco's value at risk from climate change policies"). The fact that a country that has thrived on oil production from its massive oil reserves is considering an IPO, and the debate surrounding how to value this firm if it does go public, again indicate that even the largest oil producers may be taking climate policy risk seriously and that uncertain climate policy could be

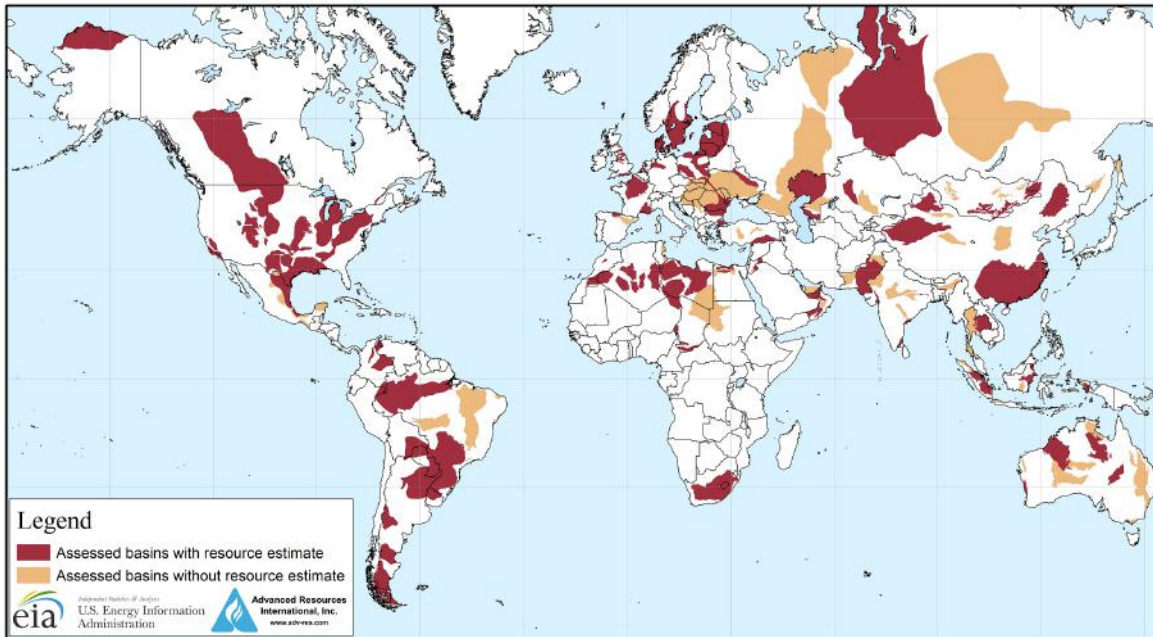
Figure 2: Change in Oil Reserves



playing a key role in firm decisions and how oil firms are valued in the future.

Each case above shows how the increasing likelihood of global climate change policy actions that could lead to stranded oil reserves may already be influencing decisions of oil producers and the value of oil firms. To further highlight the magnitude of stranded assets risk and why it may be so important in these situations, it is important to understand how much oil reserves there actually are. Figure 1 shows a heat map of global oil reserves held by each country. Not only does this map show that there are still over a trillion barrels of proven oil reserves that exist, it also shows that there are many countries holding these reserves. Furthermore, figure 2 shows changes in oil reserves over the last 20 years for the top oil reserve holding countries. As can be seen in this figure, many of the major reserve holders have had significant oil discoveries during this time, demonstrating that in addition to the significant recoverable oil reserves already known, there are still substantial discoveries of oil reserves being made. Finally, figure 3 shows a map of shale oil reserves by country across the globe. Because shale has only recently become economically feasible to drill, this figure shows again that there are significant new oil reserves across many countries which are just beginning to be tapped. Thus, future climate policy that would ban or severely restrict oil production would generate a significant stranded assets risk for countries all over the world. Understanding the optimal decisions for firms and countries facing such climate policy risks, as well as the impact they will have on oil prices and stock prices for energy firms, which are some of the largest firms in the world based on market capitalization, is of vital importance for understanding the full economic and financial impacts of climate change.

Figure 3: Global Shale Resources



3 Related Literature

This paper contributes to a number of important lines of literature in economics and finance. The first is research studying the interaction between economics and climate change. Nordhaus (2014), Golosov et al. (2014), Acemoglu et al. (2016), Stern (2007), Pindyck and Wang (2013), Hambel et al. (2015), and Cai et al. (2015) theoretically explore this link by examining the social cost of carbon and optimal carbon taxation, directed technological change, and other key climate-economic elements. Kelly and Kolstad (1999) and Crost and Traeger (2011) focus the impact of risk, or unknown outcomes with known probabilities, in climate economics models. Lemoine and Traeger (2012), Anderson et al. (2016), Brock and Hansen (2017), and Barnett et al. (2018) incorporate developments in decision theory in economics, such as those developed by Anderson et al. (2003), Klibanoff et al. (2005), Hansen et al. (2006), Maccheroni et al. (2006), Hansen and Sargent (2011), and Hansen and Miao (2018), to account for the impact of ambiguity and model misspecification about climate change and climate models. Deschenes and Greenstone (2007), Dell et al. (2012), and Hsiang et al. (2017) empirically estimate climate damages in different economic sectors and regions and the impact of climate change on economic growth. I add to this literature by examining the link between the risks from uncertain climate change policy and the oil sector, with an emphasis on the dynamic implications for quantities and asset prices.

Two particularly relevant areas in the climate-economics literature that my paper builds on are stranded assets risk and the Green Paradox. Stranded assets are assets that become worthless due to technological or policy changes. McGlade and Ekins (2015) study the potential magnitude of

stranded assets for fossil fuels based on a 2° C temperature ceiling using least-cost analysis. The Grantham Research Institute at the London School of Economics is also exploring the stranded assets issue and its implications for a potential “carbon bubble,” or possible overvaluation of oil firms from not accounting for stranded assets risk. The Green Paradox, a theory proposed by Sinn (2007) and recently extended by Kotlikoff et al. (2016), suggests the possibility that climate policy intended to mitigate climate change on the demand side may cause firms to alter the timing of their fossil fuel production in a possibly harmful way. By studying economic outcomes and asset prices in a setting where uncertainty exists about policy that has yet to be implemented, and allowing for the potential that fossil fuels become stranded and unused in a fully dynamic, stochastically uncertain environment, my paper synthesizes and extends the scope of these two areas in significantly important ways.

This paper also connects to important areas in the asset pricing literature. First is the growing literature on production-based asset pricing. Seminal papers in this area of research include Brock (1982), Cochrane (1991), and Jermann (1998), as well as Gomes et al. (2003), Gomes et al. (2009), Papanikolaou (2011), and Kogan and Papanikolaou (2014). These address key questions such as the equity- and value-premium puzzles using models with both quantity and pricing implications. Another area is the work on the interaction between government and asset prices. Belo et al. (2013), Kelly et al. (2016), Pastor and Veronesi (2012), and Santa-Clara and Valkanov (2003) are key examples in this area that focus on the impact of election and policy uncertainty in the US on asset prices that face differential exposures to these risks. Furthermore, Sialm (2006) and Koijen et al. (2016) are two examples in this literature that are closely related to this paper. They explore the impacts of uncertain policy on asset prices in the form of taxes and healthcare. Pástor and Veronesi (2009) provides an important example of the asset pricing impacts that arise from a shift in the production function, in their case due to learning about and adopting a new technology, related to the type of policy event I explore here. This paper also contributes to the nascent literature exploring the link between climate change and asset prices. Examples here include Bansal et al. (2016), Dietz et al. (2017), Hong et al. (2016), and Barnett (2017). These papers explore the impact of climate change and long-run risk on the social cost of carbon and asset prices, the elasticity of climate damages, the reaction of stock prices in the food sector to climate change, and the cross-sectional and time series implications of climate change and climate model uncertainty on economic and asset pricing outcomes, respectively. The current paper adds to these areas by building climate change into a production-based asset pricing model that incorporates important characteristics of the oil sector in order to explore the impacts of climate policy outside the socially optimal tax framework, and the uncertainty associated with this type of policy, on the energy sector.

Finally, this paper contributes to the extensive literature on resource extraction and oil prices. Hotelling (1931) and Dasgupta and Heal (1974) are the seminal works on natural resource extraction. Important contributions have been made by Hamilton (2005), Hamilton (2008), Kilian (2008), Kilian and Park (2009), Kilian (2009), and Baumeister and Hamilton (2017) in exploring the link between

oil prices and economics and financial shocks. Carlson et al. (2007), Casassus et al. (2009), Kogan et al. (2009), David (2015), Ready (2015), and Bornstein et al. (2017) each focus on varying stylized facts of oil prices and identify important model mechanisms required to match those outcomes. Salant and Henderson (1978) explore the impact of uncertain, exogenous government policy on commodities such as auctions on gold prices. My model allows for various components from the models in this literature, while also incorporating the impact of uncertain climate policy, linked directly to the state of the climate, to study the impact on oil production and prices of oil and oil firms.

4 The Model

Having framed the question of interest and highlighted the contribution of this paper to the literature, I can now lay out the model I will use to study the implications of uncertain climate policy. The model consists of three components: households, production, and the climate and climate policy component. The following section outlines the details of each of these components.

4.1 Households

Households have recursive preferences of the Duffie-Epstein-Zin type, given by

$$h(C, V) = \rho(1 - \xi)V(\log C - \frac{1}{1 - \xi} \log((1 - \xi)V))$$

where ρ is the subjective discount rate, ξ is risk aversion, V is the value function or continuation value, and C_t is consumption. These preferences allow for the separation of risk aversion and the elasticity of intertemporal substitution (EIS), meaning the concern agents have for consumption over time is not inversely related to how they view risk across states of nature. Furthermore, the recursive nature of the preferences means that agents' concerns about the resolution of future uncertainty are incorporated into the decision-making process. Because of these features, these preferences have shown to be extremely useful in helping match asset pricing outcomes observed in the data. Thus, even while imposing the assumption of unit EIS that allows for tractability when solving the model, the assumed preferences allow for a more realistic analysis of the outcomes of interest. Given this preference structure, the household maximizes discounted lifetime utility subject to their budget constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \max_{C_t} E\left[\int_0^\infty \rho(1 - \xi)V(\log C_t - \frac{1}{1 - \xi} \log((1 - \xi)V))dt\right] \\ \text{subject to} \\ C_t &\leq \Pi_t + w_t + \mathcal{T}_t \end{aligned}$$

where Π_t is profits from the firms which the households own, w_t is wages from labor, and \mathcal{T}_t are any taxes that are rebated to the households. The household inelastically supplies a unit of labor.

4.2 Production

4.2.1 Final Output

The final output firm produces the consumption good using a Cobb-Douglas technology with capital, labor, and energy as the inputs:

$$Y_t = A_C K_t^\gamma L_{C,t}^\alpha E_t^{1-\gamma-\alpha}$$

where A_C is total factor productivity (TFP), $L_{C,t}$ is final output labor, K_t is capital, E_t is energy, and γ and α are the factor input shares of capital and labor. Energy is a Cobb-Douglas aggregate of oil and green energy:

$$E_t = O_t^{\nu_t} G_t^{1-\nu_t}$$

where O_t is oil, G_t is green energy, and ν_t is the energy input share of oil. The state of climate policy governs the value of ν_t and is determined by a Poisson jump process. For simplicity there are only two possible values of ν_t , and so a climate policy shock permanently shifts ν_t from ν in the pre-policy state to 0 in the post-policy state. When the value of ν_t is high, it represents loose climate policy and a high demand for oil to be used in production of the final good, and when the value of ν_t goes to 0, it represents strict climate policy where final output production can only be done with green energy. The jump process is characterized by a climate-dependent arrival rate. Modeling policy in this way is a reduced-form representation of policy mandates that limit fossil fuel use and incentivize green-technology innovation that also captures the uncertainty that accompanies implementation of global climate policies. The full characterization and motivation for the climate policy set-up I use in the model are in section 4.3.

The final output sector is perfectly competitive, and so firms in this sector maximize discounted, expected lifetime profits by optimally choosing investment, labor, and energy inputs subject to state variable evolution, market clearing, and taking prices as given:

$$\begin{aligned} V_C &= \max_{O,G,L,I} E \int \pi_t (\tilde{Y}_t - w_t L_C - P_{I,t} I_t - P_{O,t} O_t - P_{G,t} G_t) ds \\ &\text{subject to} \\ dK_t &= K_t (\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I_t - \delta_2 \ln K_t) dt + \sigma_K K_t dB_K \\ w_t, P_{O,t}, P_{G,t} &: \text{wages, oil price, green price, taken as given} \end{aligned}$$

Note that \tilde{Y}_t is used in the firm problem above, which is final output after accounting for climate change damages. I explain this important climate impact in detail in section 4.3. π_t is the stochastic discount factor (SDF) that provides the necessary discounting across time and states of nature in order to derive firm values, which I derive and elaborate on in section 6.3. The evolution of the

capital stock is subject to a specific case of the adjustment costs used by Jermann (1998) and others, highlighted in recent work by Anderson and Brock (2017). This case of adjustment costs is empirically indistinguishable from other common forms used in the literature for observable outcomes in the data and allows for tractability when solving the model. The unit supply of labor is divided between use in the final good production and use in the green input production.

4.2.2 Oil Input

The oil firm produces using the linear technology

$$O_t = N_t - i_{R,t}R_t$$

where O_t is the oil used for final output production, N_t is oil extracted, R_t is oil reserves, and $i_{R,t}R_t = I_{R,t}$ is investment in oil reserves exploration. Oil firms maximize discounted expected lifetime profits by choosing extraction and exploration subject to evolution of state variables and market clearing:

$$\begin{aligned} V_O &= \max_{N, I_R} E \int \pi_t (P_{O,t} O_t) ds \\ \text{subject to} \\ dR_t &= (-N_t + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) dt + \sigma_R R_t dB_R \\ dT_t &= \varphi N_t dt + \sigma_T dB_T \end{aligned}$$

Again π_t is the SDF used for discounting firm profits. T_t is atmospheric temperature, discussed in detail in section 4.3. The evolution of reserves is determined by investment in exploration, exploration adjustment costs, and the extraction of oil. Adjustment costs are such that there are diminishing returns to exploration, and there are no explicit costs of extraction. However, because oil firms take into account the shadow value of holding reserves, this implicit cost limits the amount of extraction done at any given time. I assume a competitive oil sector so that oil firms take prices as given.

There are two critical features of the role of oil in the model. First, oil has a negative environmental impact, as seen in the equation for dT and which I elaborate on in section 4.3. I explore solutions in which this climate impact externality is internalized in a socially optimal way. Second, the demand for the oil input for final output production is initially higher given its higher energy input demand share than green energy. Thus, a trade-off between climate impacts and productivity is considered when making optimal choices about the use of the oil energy input. The novel feature of my model is exploring how a shift in the energy input demand share due to uncertain climate policy influences financial and economic outcomes.

4.2.3 Green Input

The green firm produces using a decreasing returns to scale (DRS) technology:

$$G_t = A_G L_{G,t}^\omega$$

where A_G is the green sector TFP, L_G is green labor, and ω is the DRS parameter for the labor input. The unit supply of labor is divided between use in the green energy production and final output production, as mentioned previously. This setting is chosen to maintain simplicity as the main focus of this paper is on the oil sector. Adding a “green” capital stock or making the the green sector TFP stochastic could be done as straightforward extensions, while having little to impact on the key results of the paper. I provide details of such extensions for a particular case of the model in the appendix. Green firms operate in a perfectly competitive sector, and so maximize discounted expected lifetime profits by optimally choosing labor subject to market clearing and taking prices as given:

$$\begin{aligned} V_G &= \max_{L_G} E \int \pi_t (P_{G,t} G_t - w_t L_{G,t}) ds \\ \text{subject to} \\ w_t, P_{G,t} &: \text{wages, green price, taken as given} \end{aligned}$$

π_t is the SDF used for discounting profits as before. The green energy input has two key features that I briefly highlight here. First, the green input has no negative environmental impact, since green energy does not generate emissions. Second, the demand for green energy is initially lower than for oil because it has a lower energy input share before the realization of the climate policy shock.

4.3 Climate and Climate Policy

Atmospheric temperature in excess of pre-industrial levels, or simply temperature, evolves as

$$dT_t = \varphi N_t dt + \sigma_T dB_T$$

where φ is the carbon-climate response (CCR) to emissions from oil. This climate process is a stochastic version of the the relationship estimated and studied by Matthews et al. (2009), Matthews et al. (2012), and MacDougall and Friedlingstein (2015), who show that an affine relationship connecting carbon emissions to changes in atmospheric temperature closely approximates complex climate dynamics. Though the “Matthews approximation” model is typically seen as being best suited for longer-term time scales, I use it in place of more complex climate dynamics for a few reasons. First, it allows for greater tractability. Second, it accounts for the essentially permanent impact of emissions on the atmosphere, an important climate model feature given that the estimated rate of decay for atmospheric carbon is on the order of hundreds or possibly even thousands of years. Third, the

longer-run nature of the approximation fits the long-term climate change impacts I am interested in, as opposed to short-term weather fluctuations.

An important element of the climate-economic model is the damage function. The relationship assumed in my model, which is common across many climate-economic models, is that the damage function $D(T_t)$ multiplicatively scales final good output. Furthermore, the damage function has the properties $D(T_t) \in [0, 1] \forall T_t$, $D(0) = 1$, $D(\infty) = 0$, and $\frac{dD}{dT} < 0$. The functional form for the damage function and final output available for consumption are given by

$$D(T_t) = \exp(-\eta T_t) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{Y}_t = D(T_t)Y_t$$

The central and novel feature of the analysis in this paper is the uncertain climate policy. Change in policy is modeled by a permanent jump in the energy input share of oil, ν_t , which occurs according to a Poisson jump process. This defining component of the model produces the key, driving mechanism for the results in my model. By explicitly modeling the climate policy shock as I do here, I am able to study the role of uncertain policy and the risk of stranded assets on oil production, exploration, oil prices, and firm prices in a way not done previously.

The arrival rate of the shock to ν_t , or climate policy shock, is given by

$$\lambda(T_t) = \psi(1 - \exp(-\varpi T_t^p))$$

A critical element for the arrival rate is that it is dependent on the endogenously evolving level of climate change due to emissions generated by oil use. The interpretation for this climate-linked arrival rate is that the probability of significant climate policy being enacted increases as climate change becomes more pronounced. Also, the functional form is very similar to the damage functions used in climate-economics models. Thus, the choice of this functional form captures the fact that the realization of climate policy is likely strongly linked with observed climate damages.

4.3.1 Interpretation and Motivating Policy Examples

As uncertain climate policy is central to this paper, I elaborate on the interpretation and motivation for the policy structure assumed. Apart from the example of the Paris Climate Accord previously highlighted, numerous examples of climate policies in the US can be used to motivate the type of policy set-up that should be used. The Energy Policy Conservation Act (EPCA) was one of the first fuel economy goals passed in the US. The policy led to the development of catalytic converters and unleaded gas in order to reach the required vehicle emissions levels specified by the policy. The Clean Air Act (CAA), another early policy act that has been amended and updated in more recent times, gives air pollution and vehicle emissions standards while providing technical and financial assistance to state and local governments in order to enforce and achieve these standards. The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) set increased diesel engine emissions standards with regards to greenhouse

gases, leading to innovations in diesel engine technology spearheaded by Cummins. The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards have helped lead to the development of hybrid and electric vehicles such as the Toyota Prius, Nissan Leaf, and Tesla vehicles. Such policy examples are particularly relevant because they typically set target goals for future deadlines, which leads to some uncertainty about such policies being achieved, and focus on emissions from crude oil use in motor vehicles, which makes up over 70% of crude oil consumption in the US (“Use of Oil,” EIA Independent Statistics and Analysis, September 19, 2017).

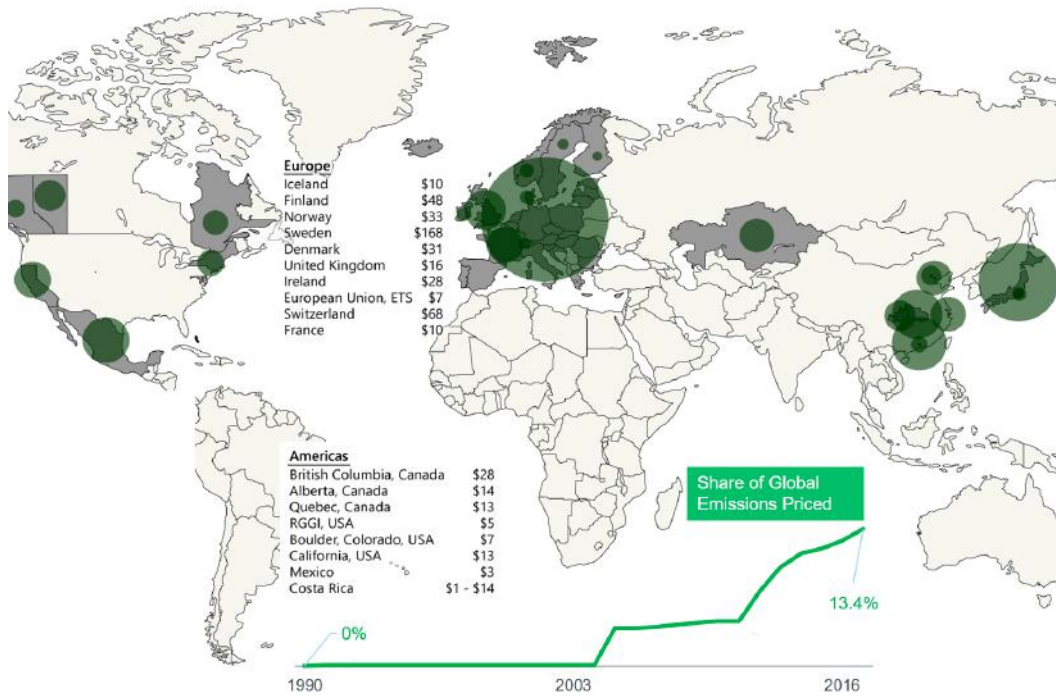
Beyond vehicle emissions, Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) are another example of the type of policy being used with regards to climate change. RPS policies, such as the Clean Power Plan (CPP) established by President Obama in conjunction with the Paris Climate Accord, which I previously mentioned, requires that a certain fraction of electricity be produced from renewable sources to increase green production/productivity by a proposed future deadline. Though RPS policies are meant to be mostly market-based, they also include multipliers to help direct revenue, investments, and jobs towards renewable sectors to help drive the necessary innovations in the green sector to make the target goals feasible.

Further evidence can be found in the annual 10-K filings for US oil producers. Each year US firms are required to include Section 1.A - “Risk Factors” in their 10-K’s filed with the SEC, where they are requested to list the “most significant factors” that affect the future profitability of the firm. Further details on the “Risk Factors” section of firms’ 10-K filings can be found in Koijen et al. (2016). Examining these filings for the 10 largest oil firms in terms of reserves held (Anadarko, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, EOG Energy, ExxonMobil, Halliburton, Marathon, Occidental, Phillips 66, and Valero) makes clear that climate policy risks are becoming increasingly more relevant for oil producers. Between 2004 and 2010, each of these firms began including sections about climate change policy and regulation. These sections include key words and phrases such as climate change, climate change policy, climate regulation, carbon-constrained economy, mandate, greenhouse gases, carbon emissions, increasing competition, reduced demand, alternative energy/fuels, renewable energy/fuels, and Paris Agreement. The key risks associated with climate policy that firms list include uncertainty about its impact, timing, and form, as well as potential mandates and shifts in demand away from oil and towards alternative clean energy sources. Consider the following excerpts from the 2018 10-K filings of ExxonMobil and Chevron, respectively:

“...the ultimate impact of GHG emissions-related agreements, legislation and measures on the company's financial performance is highly uncertain...

...even with respect to existing regulatory compliance obligations... it [is] difficult to predict with certainty the ultimate impact...” – ExxonMobil

Figure 4: Carbon Prices by Country and Global Average Carbon Price



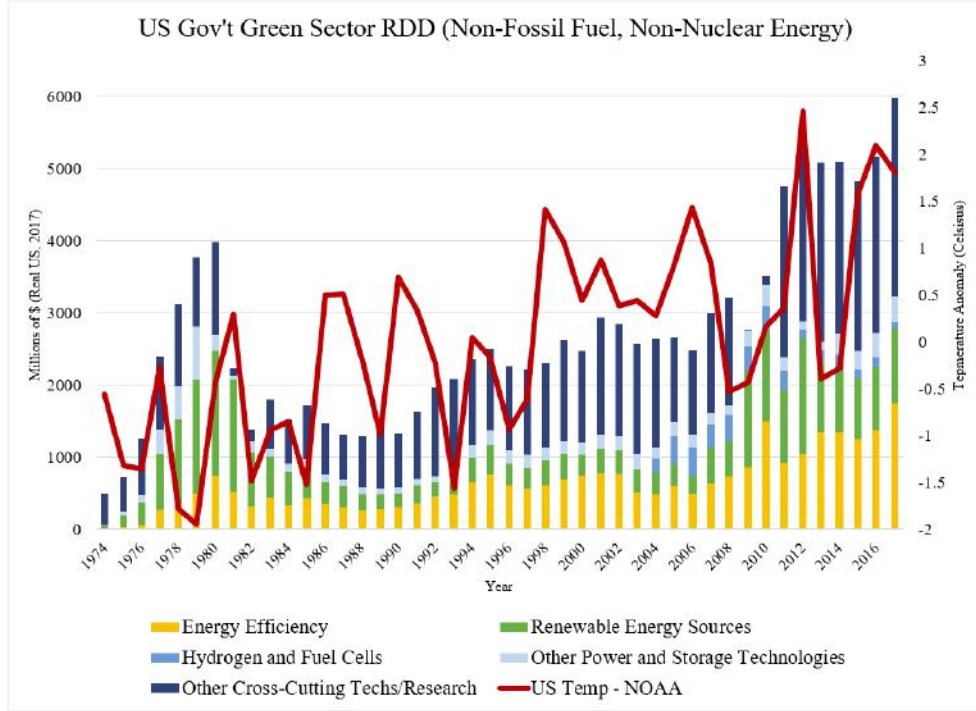
Source: Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC)

“These requirements could... reduce demand for hydrocarbons, as well as shift hydrocarbon demand toward relatively lower-carbon sources...

...governments are providing tax advantages and other subsidies to support alternative energy sources or are mandating the use of specific fuels or technologies...” – Chevron

Finally, the assumption that the likelihood of climate policy is related to increasing climate change is another important assumption I make. Figures 4 and 5 provide empirical support for this relationship. Figure 4 shows a map of carbon prices for various countries, as well as the global average trend in price. The increasing likelihood of significant climate policy as climate change increases in my model is in line with the increasing positive trend in the the average global carbon price shown, which positively relates to observed temperature increases. We also see from this map that carbon prices exist in relatively few places in the world. Figure 5 shows the time series of US Government Research, Development, and Deployment for different green sectors and technologies. The time series for RDD has a correlation of 0.40 with US temperature anomaly (the red line) and 0.72 with global temperature anomaly (not show), consistent with the assumption that there is an increasing likelihood of significant climate policy and shift to greener production as climate change increases.

Figure 5: US Government Green Research, Development, and Deployment



Source: International Energy Agency and NOAA

These policy examples and their relation to the major uses of oil, the connection of policy to increases in temperature, and the types of policy concerns firms are listing as major risk factors demonstrate that concerns about climate policies that include a restriction on the use of oil as a production input, a shift in the energy demand share of green energy in the final output production function, and a positive correlation with temperature are consistent with historical and current policy actions and are particularly relevant to consider. Furthermore, by exploring the extension of an oil-sector only policy scenario, I can extend the analysis to explore the case where policy is in line with simply shutting off the oil sector input without the accompanying technological change in the green sector. This provides further insight about the policies mentioned above in that there are likely to be cases where governments seek to impose oil production mandates even if there is no significant green innovation. I will be able to show that this alternative setting the same mechanisms and dynamic impacts as in the baseline policy setting still exist, though the levels of the outcomes may differ. Furthermore, I'll address the differences each policy outcome has in terms of welfare implications.

5 Equilibrium Solutions

With the set-up of the model components now given, I put forward the equilibrium concept used throughout the paper and derive the equilibrium solutions for each case of interest. The type of equi-

librium considered for each scenario is that of a recursive Markov equilibrium, where optimal decisions are dependent only on the current value of the state variables. Thus, the equilibrium definition is given by optimal choices of quantities $\{C_t, I_t, O_t, G_t, L_{C,t}, L_{G,t}, N_t, I_{R,t}\}$ and prices $\{P_{I,t}, P_{O,t}, P_{G,t}, w_t\}$, which are functions of the state variables T_t, R_t, K_t , such that

1. Households maximize lifetime utility
2. The household budget constraint holds
3. Firms maximize discounted, expected lifetime profits
4. Market clearing in the goods and labor markets holds

I begin by deriving equilibrium solutions for the special case in which there is no climate component and then when there is a climate component but the policy arrival rate is constant and climate independent as counterfactuals for comparison. I then extend the model to the uncertain policy case for a perfectly competitive oil sector and derive the equilibrium solution for this scenario. Finally, I derive solutions for alternative policy scenarios and model extensions. In each case, I solve for the socially optimal choices, up to the constraint that the planner does not directly control the climate policy shock. To derive the prices that support these socially optimal outcomes, I will consider the decentralized economy which requires a decentralizing tax to generate the prices that support these socially optimal quantity outcomes. I discuss the pricing results in section 6.

5.1 Counterfactual Comparisons

5.1.1 No Climate Interaction

To start, consider the setting where we ignore the interrelationship between economic and climate processes as well as any possible uncertain climate policy in the model. Given this simplification, we develop intuition for how the underlying model compares with standard resource extraction models. This no climate case is the first step in establishing the counterfactual for comparison with the uncertain climate policy setting. The first proposition, which characterizes this setting, is as follows:

Proposition 1. *For the no climate, no policy shock setting, the agent's value function is given by:*

$$V(K_t, R_t) = c_0 K_t^{c_1} R_t^{c_2}$$

The optimal choices of investment, labor, extraction, and exploration are given by

$$\begin{aligned} I_t &= C_1 Y_t & L_C &= \bar{L} \\ N_t &= D_1 R_t & I_{R,t} &= E_1 R_t \end{aligned}$$

The value function constants c_0, c_1, c_2 and the FOC constants C_1, D_1, E_1, \bar{L} are functions of the model parameters only (given in the appendix).

I note a few important results pertaining to the optimal choices for this solution. First, the choice of labor is constant and investment in capital is proportional to final good output. The respective constants for these choices, given in the appendix, are functions of input shares, capital evolution parameters, and the value function constant for capital respectively. This structure of constant labor choice and capital investment proportional to total output will continue to hold for each version of the model considered because of the assumed form of adjustment costs, final output production technology, and the utility function.

Second, exploration and extraction of oil are both proportional to the level of reserves. Note that the proportionality of exploration and extraction to reserves is consistent with the standard Hotelling model-type outcome common to many resource extraction problems (see Hotelling (1931)). As reserves decrease, the marginal value of reserves increases and leads to lower returns to production today compared to future production, and so extraction is limited today as a result. Thus, in this version of the model without uncertain climate policy, we see decreasing extraction as the level of oil reserves decreases. Similar intuition explains the trade-off of the marginal benefit and marginal cost of exploration. Introducing the climate component and uncertain climate policy will break this proportional extraction and exploration relationship and generate a non-monotonic relationship between the marginal value of reserves and the level of reserves. This change in the marginal value of oil reserves, connected to the level of climate change, is the key mechanism of the model that can trigger a run on oil production and a significant decrease in the value of oil firms.

5.1.2 Constant Policy Arrival Rate

Now I introduce the climate component of the model, but assume the arrival rate of the policy is constant, i.e., $\lambda(T_t) = \bar{\lambda}$. The model under these assumptions further completes the counterfactual for comparison with the uncertain climate policy setting by demonstrating how a non-climate-dependent policy arrival rate continues to generate the Hotelling model-type results that underlie the basic model. The following proposition characterizing this setting is as follows:

Proposition 2. *With uncertain climate policy where the arrival rate is given by $\lambda(T_t) = \bar{\lambda}$ and $\nu_t = \nu$ before the policy shock (pre) and $\nu_t = 0$ after the policy shock (post), the value functions for the two*

policy regimes are given by:

$$V_{pre}(K_t, R_t, T_t) = K_t^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T_t) f(R_t) \quad V_{post}(K_t, T_t) = \tilde{c}_0 K_t^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T_t)$$

where investment and labor decisions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} I_{pre,t} &= C_1 \tilde{Y}_{pre,t} & L_{pre,C} &= \bar{L}_{pre} \\ I_{post,t} &= C_1 \tilde{Y}_{post,t} & L_{post,C} &= \bar{L}_{post} \end{aligned}$$

Exploration and extraction are given by

$$i_{R,t} = \left(\frac{f_R \Gamma \theta}{f_R - \varphi c_3 f} \right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \quad N_t = \frac{f \vartheta}{f_R - \varphi c_3 f} + i_{R,t} R_t$$

$f(R_t)$ is the solution to the simplified HJB equation characterizing the planner's problem (given in the appendix). The value function constants c_0, c_1, c_3 and the FOC constants $\vartheta, C_1, \bar{L}_{pre}, \bar{L}_{post}$ are functions of the model parameters only (also given in the appendix).

The main contributors determining oil extraction are the marginal value of atmospheric temperature ($c_3 f(R_t)$), the marginal value of oil reserves (f_R), and the model primitives (risk aversion, production, and investment parameters). Note that while allowing for climate change in the model introduces a temperature-related adjustment to the optimal choice of oil production and exploration, the temperature state variable itself cancels out of these expressions. Therefore, the climate impact in this setting is a shift down due to the scaled, reserves-related component of the value function, $c_3 f(R_t)$. As a result, the dynamics of the optimal production and exploration decisions are qualitatively similar to those found in the no climate, Hotelling-type case. As oil reserves diminish, the marginal value of reserves still increases. The temperature-related adjustment $c_3 f(R_t)$ grows in magnitude as the value function becomes increasingly negative with lower reserves, and thus the climate adjustment simply shifts down the level of production and exploration in order to put off climate change until the future when climate costs are more heavily discounted.

When $\bar{\lambda} = 0$, the temperature-related adjustment to the choice of oil extraction is the only impact of incorporating climate change in the model. When $\bar{\lambda} > 0$, there is an additional impact that acts like an increase to the subjective discount rate, similar to an overlapping generations models with a constant arrival rate of death. As a result, agents in the $\bar{\lambda} > 0$ setting value current consumption more, leading to a shift up in oil production. However, this constant discount rate adjustment does not alter the qualitative dynamics of the model, which are tied to an increasing marginal value of oil, and thus decreasing oil production as reserves diminish. As a result, the main intuition of the standard resource extraction model still prevails in this setting.

5.2 The Impact of Uncertain Climate Policy

With the solutions for the model settings with no climate component and with the climate component but a constant arrival rate in mind, I now derive the equilibrium solution to the model that incorporates the full climate specification of the model, which includes uncertain climate policy where the policy arrival rate $\lambda(T_t)$ is temperature-dependent and therefore changes with climate change. The solution for this setting is as follows:

Proposition 3. *With uncertain climate policy where $\nu_t = \nu$ before the policy shock and $\nu_t = 0$ after the policy shock, and where the arrival rate of policy is given by the temperature dependent function $\lambda(T_t)$, the value functions for the two policy regimes are given by:*

$$V_{pre}(K_t, R_t, T_t) = K_t^{c_1} v(R_t, T_t) \quad V_{post}(K_t, T_t) = \hat{c}_0 K_t^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T_t)$$

where investment and labor decisions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} I_{pre,t} &= C_1 \tilde{Y}_{pre,t} & L_{pre,C} &= \bar{L}_{pre} \\ I_{post,t} &= C_1 \tilde{Y}_{post,t} & L_{post,C} &= \bar{L}_{post} \end{aligned}$$

Exploration and extraction are given by

$$i_{R,t} = \left(\frac{v_R \Gamma \theta}{v_R - \varphi v_T} \right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \quad N_t = \frac{v \vartheta}{v_R - \varphi v_T} + i_{R,t} R_t$$

Note $v(R_t, T_t)$ is the solution to the simplified HJB equation characterizing the planner's problem (given in the appendix). The value function constants \hat{c}_0, c_1, c_3 and the FOC constants $\vartheta, C_1, \bar{L}_{pre}, \bar{L}_{post}$ are functions of the model parameters only (also given in the appendix).

The main contributors determining the oil extraction and exploration are the marginal value of atmospheric temperature (v_T), the marginal value of oil reserves (v_R), and the model primitives (risk aversion, production, and investment parameters). These are similar contributors to the previous model settings. A key difference with uncertain climate policy is the role temperature now plays in those contributions. Directly, temperature impacts climate damages and the likelihood of climate policy occurring, but now in a way that the temperature-related adjustment to extraction and the subjective discount rate adjustment depend on the state of climate change. Indirectly, temperature has greater influence on the marginal value of reserves because the value function is no longer separable.

First, consider the direct effects of uncertain climate policy. The influence on the subjective discount rate from uncertain climate policy is now state dependent. One way to see this discount rate adjustment is by looking at the HJB equation. Normally, in simple CRRA utility settings for example, the multiplier scaling the value function in the HJB equation is just the subjective discount factor, which is ρ in this case. However, if we were to gather the terms that scale the value function

in this uncertain climate policy setting, there is an additional term for the policy arrival rate, $\lambda(T_t)$. Therefore, as T_t increases, $\lambda(T_t)$ also increases, and so the uncertain climate policy increases the degree to which agents discount future outcomes. Intuitively, firms and households are more concerned about reserves being stranded as temperatures increase due to the increased likelihood of climate policy being implemented. Second, the marginal cost of climate change, which directly determines the choice of oil extraction changes as well. Since increasing temperatures lead to an increased discount rate and increased expectations of the policy arriving, agents worry less about additional climate change they may cause because the climate policy arrival will stop any additional emissions. Therefore, even as oil reserves are decreasing and climate change is increasing, the increasingly likely arrival of policy that prohibits the use of oil to stop additional anthropogenic climate impacts reduces the marginal cost of climate change, a key determinant in the optimal choice of oil extraction.

The indirect effect, due to the non-separable effect of temperature on the marginal value of reserves, also means decreasing oil reserves do not necessarily imply increasing marginal value of reserves. Lower reserves are now associated with a decreasing cost of oil reserves being stranded and a potentially increasing likelihood of climate policy occurring due to climate change. As a result, the marginal value of reserves may now significantly decrease as the likelihood of oil reserves becoming stranded increases due to increased climate change. This effect on the marginal value of reserves amplifies the potential for a run on oil production, as oil firms value current profits more and more and ramp up oil production as a result to avoid holding reserves that become worthless after policy is enacted.

The final effect to consider is the potential desire to avoid climate policy. This is particularly prevalent when oil reserves are high and temperature is low, and thus the arrival rate of policy is low. When oil reserves are high, the cost of stranding oil is high. When temperature is low, and so the likelihood of a policy arrival is low, there is an incentive to delay oil production in order to try and delay the arrival of climate policy. However, as temperature increases and the likelihood of policy occurring gets larger, a run becomes more likely. This is due to the fact that the incentive to run on oil to run down reserves and minimize the cost of stranding oil reserves now exceeds the benefit of trying to delay policy by delaying production. Thus, for low temperatures values and high levels of reserves the level of oil production may actually be pushed down, amplifying the magnitude of the dynamic run up in oil production before the arrival of climate policy.

5.3 Alternative Model Settings

To enrich the theoretical analysis, I explore two alternative settings which provide further insight into the impact of uncertain climate policy with respect to the financial and economic outcomes of the model. The alternative settings also help provide intuition for how this policy setting compares to other possible outcomes of proposed policies that governments and policy makers are seeking to implement to try to stave off climate change impacts in the future. The focus here centers in particular on the alternative of an oil-sector only policy shock. I also briefly discuss the case when there is no

oil exploration. I leave the derivations and details of these cases for the appendix.

5.3.1 Oil-Sector Only Policy Impact

The first extension explores the setting where the arrival of policy only impacts the energy input demand share of oil. This oil-sector only case provides a comparison to show how much the shift up in the green energy input demand share when the policy shock occurs influences the run on oil mechanism in the model. For this case, I use a final output production function of the following form:

$$Y_t = A_C L^\alpha K^\gamma O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)}$$

Policy shocks are still given by a permanent shift to ν_t , determined by a Poisson jump process, however the policy does not alter β . As this setting alters the input share of oil as before without altering the input share of the other energy sources, it provides a different cost trade-off as compared to the baseline oil restriction and green innovation policy case. With these changes, the following proposition provides the solution for this case:

Proposition 4. *With uncertain climate policy that only impacts the oil sector input demand share, and $\nu_t = \nu$ before the policy shock and $\nu_t = 0$ after the policy shock, the value functions for the two policy regimes are given by:*

$$V_{pre}(K_t, R_t, T_t) = K_t^{c_1} v(R_t, T_t) \quad V_{post}(K_t, T_t) = \bar{c}_0 K_t^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T_t)$$

where investment and labor decisions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} I_{pre,t} &= C_1 \tilde{Y}_{pre,t} & L_{pre,C} &= \tilde{L} \\ I_{post,t} &= C_1 \tilde{Y}_{post,t} & L_{post,C} &= \tilde{L} \end{aligned}$$

Exploration and extraction are given by

$$i_{R,t} = \left(\frac{v_R \Gamma \theta}{v_R - \varphi v_T} \right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \quad N_t = \frac{v \vartheta}{v_R - \varphi v_T} + i_{R,t} R_t$$

Note $v(R_t, T_t)$ is the solution to the simplified HJB equation characterizing agent's problem (given in the appendix). The value function constants \bar{c}_0, c_1, c_3 and the FOC constants $\vartheta, C_1, \tilde{L}$ are functions of the model parameters only (also given in the appendix).

The results here are similar to the original specification. The key difference in the oil-sector only policy shock case is that there is no shift in labor supply from the final output sector to the green sector after the policy shock occurs. Therefore, $L_C = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega \beta (1 - \gamma - \alpha)}$ before and after the policy shock in this case, whereas in the baseline policy case the choice of L_C goes from $L_{C,pre} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega (1 - \nu) (1 - \gamma - \alpha)}$

before the policy shock to $L_{C,post} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega(1 - \gamma - \alpha)}$ after the policy shock. Because the oil-sector only policy setting has no shift in the energy input demand share of the green sector, there is no incentive to shift labor to the green sector after the policy. This fixed choice of labor and no impact on the green sector demonstrates the additional cost that arises in this setting from the policy because there is no innovation in the green sector to offset the mandate to stop oil use. Yet, even with this difference, the same mechanism that alters the marginal value of reserves and marginal cost of temperature change are still present. Policy leads firms to value future profits from oil production less because of the concern about stranded assets. Therefore, the motivation to increase production as temperature increases, driving down spot prices and the value of oil firms, still exists.

5.3.2 The Impact of No Exploration

Another important alternative setting of the model to think about is the case where oil exploration is not allowed. The no exploration case helps us to understand whether or not the motivation to run on oil is driven by the fact that oil is essentially a renewable resource in the model. The setting without exploration is equivalent to the case where the exploration adjustment cost parameter Γ is set to 0. Under this assumption, the choice of exploration is given by $i_R = 0$ and the optimal choice of extraction is given by $N_t = \frac{v\vartheta}{v_R - \varphi v_T}$. However, everything else from the baseline uncertain climate policy model setting will remain exactly the same. Thus, the main difference in the outcomes for this setting is that the choice of extraction no longer has the additional boost from exploration. However, the same fear of stranded assets and expectation of climate policy limiting future climate change play a role here, and so the mechanism for a run on oil is still in place. However, as the lack of exploration is likely to increase the marginal value of holding oil reserves, as reserves are not renewable in any way, and because we lose the additional bump in extraction from the exploration component, it is reasonable to expect that in this case the run on oil and pricing impacts will likely be muted.

5.4 Welfare Implications of Policy Shocks

A particularly interesting and valuable tool that this general equilibrium model offers is a way of determining when, if at all, a climate policy shock is welfare improving. The value function for a given regime characterizes the welfare of the economy, and thus comparing the pre- and post-policy value functions that are solved for previously allows me to do this carry out this welfare comparison in a straightforward manner. In particular, to determine if a climate policy shock is welfare improving, I can simply compare the value functions for the two different policy regimes for any combination of the state variables in the model:

$$V_{pre}(R_t, T_t, K_t) \stackrel{?}{\leq} V_{post}(R_t, T_t, K_t)$$

As a result, not only does this model allow us to determine the financial and economic implications of uncertain climate policy, but I can also quantify when policy changes are actually welfare improving and how that varies across different model settings. In the numerical results, I provide a characterization of the optimal policy regions for each type of policy to show how the welfare implications change for the various types of policies.

6 Asset Prices

Having derived the solutions to the macroeconomic side of the model, I can now derive the asset pricing outcomes. As mentioned previously, the focus of this paper is on the implications of uncertain climate policy for the oil sector, however I will also derive and discuss results about the final output firm and green energy for completeness. Furthermore, because the oil firms are only valued before the climate policy shock in my main specification, I focus on asset prices in the pre-policy state.

6.1 Decentralization

As I stated before, I focus on the solution to the planner's problem. In order to derive the input prices and asset prices from this setting I must characterize the decentralized counterpart to the planner's problem where an optimal tax incentivizes the internalization of the climate externality. The externality arises from the fact that individual consumers and firms do not account for their individual contribution to climate change and climate damages that result from the use of oil in production. I briefly characterize the necessary components of the decentralized setting to show the asset pricing results, including specifying the decentralization mechanism that generates prices that correspond to the planner's solution, leaving the full derivation for the appendix. The following proposition provides the optimal oil tax:

Proposition 5. *A decentralized market with an oil production tax, $\tau_{optimal}$, lump-sum rebated back to households gives the socially optimal outcomes, and the prices that support market clearing equilibrium. This tax is given by*

$$\tau_{optimal} = \frac{-\varphi v_T}{v_R - \varphi v_T}$$

where the oil firm production problem is given by

$$\max_{N_t, i_{R,t}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\pi_t}{\pi_0} P_{O,t} \{ (1 - \tau_{optimal}) N_t - i_{R,t} R_t \} dt$$

where only the revenues from oil extraction are taxed since that is the only portion that contributes to carbon emissions, and therefore climate change.

The tax policy is a simple expression in terms of the value function for the planner's problem. What matters here is the marginal cost of emissions ($-\varphi v_T$) and the marginal value of oil reserves (v_R). From the numerical results we will see that $v_R \geq 0$ and $v_T \leq 0$, meaning there is a benefit to holding reserves and a cost to increasing temperature. In a standard setting without uncertain policy, the marginal cost of climate change would increase with temperature, the marginal benefit of reserves would decrease with temperature, and the marginal benefit of reserves would decrease with reserves reflecting increasing concerns for climate damages and increasing scarcity of a valued commodity such as oil. However, as the uncertain climate policy alters these marginal benefits, motivating a run on oil as discussed before, the optimal tax will reflect these changes as well.

6.2 Spot Prices

The spot prices are calculated directly from the first order conditions for the final output firm's profit maximization problem, applying the planner's optimal choices of O_t , G_t , I_t , and L_t . The energy spot prices are given by $P_{O,t}$ for oil and $P_{G,t}$ for green energy. Equity represents a claim to the stream of future dividends, which is revenues minus cost. As given firm wants to maximize shareholder value, or profit, taking the SDF π_t as given, the representative final goods output firm solves:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{L_{C,t}, I_{K,t}, O_t, G_t} E \int_0^\infty \pi_t (\tilde{Y}_t - w_t L_{C,t} - P_{I,t} I_t - P_{O,t} O_t - P_{G,t} G_t) dt \\ \text{subject to } dK_t = K_t (\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I_t - \delta_2 \ln K_t) \end{aligned}$$

From this firm problem, spot prices can be derived from the first order conditions for $L_{C,t}$, O_t , and G_t , and are given as follows:

Proposition 6. *Wages, the spot price for oil, and the price for green energy are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} w_t &= \alpha \tilde{Y}_t L_{C,t}^{-1} \\ P_{O,t} &= \nu (1 - \alpha - \gamma) \tilde{Y}_t O_t^{-1} \\ P_{G,t} &= (1 - \nu) (1 - \gamma - \alpha) \tilde{Y}_t G_t^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

which come from the first order conditions of the final output firm.

This representation helps demonstrate the inverse relationship between oil production and the spot price of oil. As a result, we expect a run on oil production will lead to a drop in oil spot prices because of the significant supply of oil in the market.

6.3 SDF, Prices, and Returns

Following the derivation of Duffie and Skiadas (1994), the stochastic discount factor (SDF) for preferences of the Duffie-Espstein-Zin type is given by $\pi_t = \exp(\int_0^t h_V ds) h_C$. The SDF is essential to deriving

asset prices because it incorporates the information necessary to properly discount firm profits over time and across states of nature. For this reason, the risk-free rate and the compensations required for holding certain risks, or the prices of risk, are derived from the SDF's drift and volatility, respectively. Specifically, an application of Ito's lemma to π_t provides us with the evolution of the SDF, $\frac{d\pi_t}{\pi_t}$, and the aforementioned prices in the following proposition:

Proposition 7. *The evolution of the stochastic discount is given by*

$$\frac{d\pi_t}{\pi_t} = -r_{f,t}dt - \sigma_{\pi,K}dB_K - \sigma_{\pi,R}dB_R - \sigma_{\pi,T}dB_T - \Theta_\pi dJ_t$$

where $r_{f,t}$ is the risk-free rate, $\sigma_{\pi,K}, \sigma_{\pi,R}, \sigma_{\pi,T}$ are the compensations for the diffusive risks of capital, oil reserves, and temperature, respectively, and Θ_π is the compensation for the jump risk of uncertain climate policy. Note that J_t is the Poisson process for the jump transition of ν_t . Expressions for these compensations are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\pi,K} &= (\gamma - c_3)\sigma_K \\ \sigma_{\pi,R} &= \left\{ \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_R}{O} - \frac{v_R}{v} \right\} \sigma_R R \\ \sigma_{\pi,T} &= \left\{ \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_T}{O} - \frac{v_T}{v} - \eta \right\} \sigma_T \\ \Theta_\pi &= \left\{ 1 - \frac{V_{post} \tilde{Y}_{post}^{-1}}{V_{pre} \tilde{Y}_{pre}^{-1}} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

I leave the expression for the risk-free rate for the appendix since it is fairly cumbersome. The expressions for the risk prices are useful for intuition, even though most are not in closed form and therefore numerical solutions are needed to fully characterize the outcomes. First, each diffusive component follows the standard asset pricing result of scaling a risk aversion component by a volatility component. The expression for the capital risk price is in closed form and is constant. For reserves and temperature risk, we see the value function, production choices, and derivatives of the value function and production choices matter for the risk aversion component, which is our first clue about how uncertain climate policy will impact asset prices. As mentioned previously, uncertain climate policy alters the production choices and value function, as well as the marginal values or derivatives of these outcomes of interest. Thus, the same mechanisms driving the run in production of oil, the non-linear, non-monotonic behavior of the marginal values of reserves and temperatures due to fear of stranded assets, determine the risk compensations as well. Furthermore, the run on oil itself affects the risk prices since the production of oil and its derivatives influence these expressions as well. We also see that the uncertain climate policy contributes directly to risk prices through the compensation required for the jump risk of changes in the energy share coming from policy. The size of this jump risk depends of how significant the welfare change and production change we be between the pre- and post- policy economies.

Now, given the SDF and corresponding risk-free rate and prices of risk, we can derive the firm prices. This derivation requires using the solutions for input prices and quantities derived from the macroeconomic side of the model to compute the profits or dividends for each firm. I assume the firms are 100% equity-financed firms and so profits and dividends correspond one-to-one. Once we have the firm prices, we can also derive the risk premia for the model. The following proposition provides the firm prices and risk premia for the oil firm, green energy firm, and final output firm in the baseline uncertain policy setting:

Proposition 8. *The prices for the final output firm (S^C), green energy firm (S^G), and oil firm (S^O) in the pre-policy state can be derived from the value function by application of the envelope theorem, and the resulting firm values are given by:*

$$S_t^C = a_C \tilde{Y}_t, \quad S_t^G = a_G \tilde{Y}_t, \quad S_t^O = a_O \frac{v_R R}{v} \tilde{Y}_t$$

where a_C, a_G, a_O are constants which are given in the appendix.

Risk premia for firms $X = C, G, O$ in the pre-policy state, $RP^X = -\text{cov}(\frac{d\pi_t}{\pi_t}, \frac{dS^X}{S^X})$, are given by

$$RP^X = \gamma(\gamma - c_1)\sigma_K^2 + \sum_{\chi=R,T} ((\frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} S^X)/S^X)\sigma_\chi(\chi)\sigma_{\pi,\chi} + \lambda(T_t)\Theta_\pi(S_{post}^X/S_{pre}^X - 1)$$

where the expressions for the functions used here are given in the appendix.

Full details of the derivations and expressions used here can be found in the appendix. For intuition, note that for prices, returns, and risk premia, the impacts of K are independent of the impact of the remaining state variables T and R . Therefore, the capital impact simply scales the firm prices and provides a constant additive contribution to the risk premia, but does not interact with the uncertain climate policy. Though the asset pricing impacts associated with oil reserves and temperature can only be determined numerically, we know the impact of climate policy will matter because of the expressions for the risk prices and the firm values.

Consider first the final output sector and the green energy sector. The prices of the final output firm and green energy firm are both proportional to final output scaled by climate damages, \tilde{Y}_t . Thus, we can expect two forces to play a role here. First, over time we expect climate change to increase and thus the damages to increase, bringing down the value of the final output firm and green energy firm. However, due to the risk of uncertain climate policy we expect there to be a run on oil production. This run on oil leads to an increase in the oil used in final output production and thus an increase in final output production itself. As a result, this force should increase the final output firm value and green energy firm value. The numerical results will help us determine which of these forces dominates.

The price of the oil firm also includes the damage-scaled final output, and so forces related to the impact of climate damages and the impact of the run on oil production for the damage-scaled final

output that impact the final output firm and green energy firm prices still matter here. However, the price of the oil firm is also scaled by the marginal value of reserves v_R . Thus, the oil firm has an additional force impacting its price. We know from the macroeconomic outcomes that the risk of stranded assets from the uncertain climate policy cause the marginal value of oil reserves to decrease over time as reserves diminish and climate change increases. Therefore, we expect that the price of the oil firm will be lower than without uncertain climate policy, due to the reduced value of holding oil reserves in this setting, and that the price will decrease dynamically as well, due to the increasing likelihood of policy occurring that is also driving the run on oil.

Characterizing the impact of uncertain climate policy on asset prices, as I have done here, is an important contribution of my analysis. Given the relatively small realizations of climate change we have experienced so far, the fact that asset prices are forward looking in nature and incorporate expectations about future uncertainty is critical for understanding the impacts of the model mechanism I study in this model and providing testable model predictions. While the measurable impact on macroeconomic outcomes due to uncertain climate policy may still be quite small so far in the macroeconomic data, or even negligible, the asset pricing outcomes should provide greater power to identify the slow-moving, long-term risk and concerns about climate change and uncertain climate policy due to the additional forward-looking information they incorporate.

7 Numerical Solutions

Given the theoretical results above, I now discuss the numerical results of the model. I first discuss briefly the model parameters and numerical method used to solve the model, and then delve into the solutions based on the parameters and solution method given.

7.1 Model Parameters

The parameters I use for the solutions are given in table 1. Although the theoretical model is designed to qualitatively demonstrate the novel uncertain climate policy mechanism, I choose parameter values in order to provide reasonable values for the economic and financial outcomes of interest. The discount rate and risk aversion parameters are chosen to be relatively conservative, consistent with other values used in the production-based asset pricing literature and climate-economics literature such as Papanikolaou (2011) and Golosov et al. (2014). The choices for initial TFP in each sector and the capital and labor input shares are monthly counterparts to the values used in Golosov et al. (2014). The choices for the capital adjustment cost parameters are consistent with Anderson and Brock (2017). The capital and oil reserves volatility are chosen to be monthly counterparts within the range of values used in Carlson et al. (2007), Casassus et al. (2009), and Kogan et al. (2009) and consistent with the 2018 BP Statistical Review of World Energy data on oil reserves. The values for exploration adjustment costs are chosen to be conservative, such that there are diminishing returns

to exploration and a decreasing oil reserves over the time series simulations. For the energy input demand shares, I choose values to reflect high current oil demand in production.

The parameters relating to the climate part of the model are chosen as follows. The temperature volatility is a monthly counterpart to the value estimated by Hambel et al. (2015). The damage function parameter is chosen to match with Golosov et al. (2014). The climate sensitivity parameter comes from the estimate provided by Matthews et al. (2009) and Matthews et al. (2012).

Lastly, the parameters for the uncertain policy arrival rate have no clear counterparts that I am aware of in the literature. I choose values that allow for demonstration of the model mechanism in a setting where a large policy shock is likely to occur within 30-40 years from the beginning of the model simulations. Work calibrating these parameters so that model-generated quantity and asset pricing outcomes are consistent with values observed in the data, although very interesting, is left for future work. Furthermore, the appendix contains details on necessary parameter restrictions that must hold for the model and for convergence of the numerical results.

Table 1: Parameters

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Discount Rate | ρ | 0.005 |
| Risk Aversion | ξ | 1.5 |
| Final Output Capital & Labor Shares | γ, α | $\{0.6, 0.3\}$ |
| Green DRS Parameter | ω | 0.9 |
| Oil Energy Input Share | ν | $\{0.9, 0\}$ |
| Final Output & Green TFP Values | $A_{C,0}, A_{G,0}$ | $\{125.0, 11.0\}$ |
| Capital Adjustment Costs | B, δ_1, δ_2 | $\{1.3, 0.1, 0.1\}$ |
| Capital Volatility | σ_K | 0.1 |
| Reserves Volatility | σ_R | 0.02 |
| Temperature Volatility | σ_T | 0.03 |
| Climate Sensitivity | φ | 0.0024 |
| Policy Arrival Rate Parameters | ψ, ϖ, p | $\{0.5, 0.01, 4\}$ |
| Climate Damages Parameter | η | 0.01 |
| Exploration Adjustment Costs | Γ, θ | $\{0.05, 0.5\}$ |

7.2 Numerical Method

I now briefly discuss the numerical method used to solve the model for each of the different specified frameworks mentioned previously. I use the Markov chain approximation method proposed by Kushner and Dupuis (2001) to solve the partial differential equations (PDEs) that characterize the model. As the name implies, this method uses a Markov chain approximation to discretize the continuous-time problem. Under fairly simple-to-verify conditions for the Markov chain approximation, convergence of the approximated solution to the true solution is guaranteed. The solution method, in many ways, is similar to discrete-time value function iteration and provides a fairly intuitive and robust method for solving the PDEs. More details can be found in the appendix.

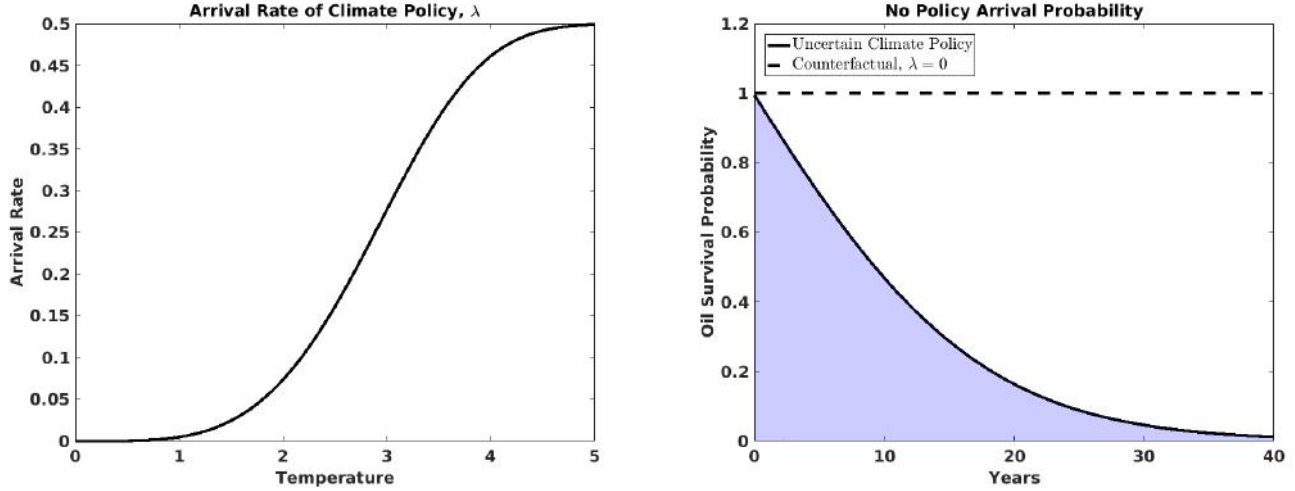
7.3 Simulated Time Series Comparisons

For the numerical results, I plot the simulated time series using the model solutions for the key outcomes of interest. I focus on the two central cases: the counterfactual comparison setting without uncertain climate policy and the uncertain climate policy setting central to my model. The results are generated by averaging over 10,000 simulations, each for 600 months, starting from the same initial conditions for each of the state variables. I choose the initial conditions for reserves and temperature to be $R_0 = 450$, $T_0 = 1$ and show the results for 40 years. T_0 is approximately the current global mean temperature anomaly from pre-industrial levels, and R_0 fits within the estimates for global oil reserves available according to values cited by Golosov et al. (2014), the 2018 BP Statistical Review of World Energy data, and estimates of existing reserves by Rystad Energy. I provide a brief discussion below of the impact of exploration and leave the plots for these results to the appendix. The counterfactual, no uncertain climate policy case (labeled as “Counterfactual, $\lambda = 0$ ”) is given by the dashed line and the main model outcome with uncertain climate policy (labeled as “Uncertain Policy”) is given by the solid line.

Figure 6 provides two plots for the policy arrival rate function. The first plot, “Arrival Rate Function of Climate Policy, λ ,” shows the arrival rate of climate-dependent policy $\lambda(T_t)$ as a function of temperature. This function captures the main force in my model, and therefore understanding this function will help provide intuition for the solution to the model. We can see the function is strictly increasing in T , and the shape goes from a relatively gradual increase to a fairly steep and dramatic increase as temperature starts to get quite high. Note also that the arrival rate is only a function of T , and so there are no changes to policy arrival due to changes in the level of reserves. The second plot, “No Policy Arrival Probability,” begins the time series results for the model simulations by showing the cumulative probability of no policy shock occurring. Even though the change in the arrival rate realized in the simulations is relatively modest, the cumulative probability of the policy shock not occurring approaches zero after about 40 years. For the no uncertain policy setting, which by definition has $\lambda(T_t) = 0$, this cumulative probability of no policy occurring is one. I include this “oil survival probability” as the blue shaded region for each of the time-series plots that follows in order to provide an idea of how likely the time-series realizations are, given that I suppress the realization of policy shocks from occurring to provide a full time-series representation.

The next set of plots, Figures 7 and 8, show oil extraction, oil exploration, atmospheric temperature change, oil reserves, the spot price of oil, the oil firm price, the final output firm price, and the green energy firm price. Note that firm prices are normalized so that the counterfactual-setting firm value is zero at the initial period for convenience in interpretation. Beginning with extraction, we see that for the uncertain policy setting a run-up in extraction occurs over the time series, gradually flattening out around year 40. The run-up comes as a result of the increasing likelihood of the arrival of climate policy, causing the marginal value of reserves and the marginal cost of temperature to decrease even as reserves are decreasing and temperature is increasing. The tapering off is a result of the increasing

Figure 6: Uncertain Policy Arrival Rate Function & Cumulative Probability



significance of the effect that as reserves start to diminish, and as policy has not yet been implemented, the firm decides to slow production to save some oil for potential future profits. For the counterfactual setting, not only is oil extraction gradually decreasing as in the standard resource extraction model, but the level of oil extraction is lower as well. The increased oil production over time, combined with the level increase in oil production, is the run on oil mentioned previously for the uncertain policy setting. This choice to run up oil production is optimal for the planner in the model, even given the potential climate and policy implications, because the planner wants to maximize gains from oil production now before oil reserves become a stranded asset.

The exploration in level terms is substantially lower in the baseline case than for the counterfactual setting. This level difference in exploration reflects the increased discounting that results from the uncertain climate policy, whereas in the counterfactual without uncertain climate policy the oil firm behaves as if it will produce forever and thus exploration is extremely valuable in that setting. However, over the region where there is a run on oil production there is an increase exploration as well, likely reflecting the desire to maximize the benefit of oil reserves before they become stranded. Thus, exploration appears to augment the dynamic effects of uncertain climate policy.

The consequences of the run on oil can be seen in the level of reserves and the change in temperature observed in the model-simulation time series. As expected, the uncertain policy setting where extraction is higher leads to lower reserves and substantially higher temperature than the counterfactual setting. The temperature difference after 40 years is more than a quarter of a degree Celsius. Given the concern in the scientific and policy-making communities about reaching the 2° C temperature threshold, and as we are already at 1° C, this difference is meaningful. However, one has to take into account the probability of achieving the full temperature change shown is quite low. Note that the no uncertain policy case is significantly different from the uncertain policy setting. The level

of reserves remains quite high throughout the simulated time series, and the magnitude of climate change is relatively small because of the increasing value of holding reserves and increasing cost of climate change. These increasing marginal values are due to the fact that oil reserves become increasingly scarce, climate change becomes increasingly costly, and so oil use is taxed increasingly more and there is no expectation that oil will be replaced. Thus, climate change impacts are pushed to the future, whereas the run on oil brings forward some of that impact.

Next consider the pricing outcomes in the simulated-model results. The financial outcomes reflect what we see in terms of the run on oil in the macroeconomic side of the model and the concerns about the risk of stranded assets. First, in the uncertain policy setting where extraction is quite high, the spot price of oil is quite low, reflecting the substantially increased supply of oil in the market. Furthermore, the run on oil is seen in the spot price as the price has a downward sloping path over the time series. For the no uncertain policy setting, the spot price gradually and monotonically increases as extraction gradually decreases.

The evolution of the final output firm price reflects the change in spot prices and expectations of future policy change. Since the cost of the oil input diminishes, the value of the final output firm increases, coinciding in shape and timing with the run on oil production. Again, the dynamics of the no uncertain policy setting markedly differ. For this counterfactual setting, there is a gradual decrease that occurs in the final output firm price over the time series, due in large part to increasing oil prices and reduced oil output. Therefore, in the uncertain policy setting there is a portion of the economy that appears to benefit from the risk of uncertain climate policy, whereas in the counterfactual case without uncertain climate policy there is no such benefit for firm prices.

The behavior of the green firm is similar to the final output firm. Again, for the green firm price the impact of the price change is due to expectations about future policy change and changes in the wage from the run on oil. Because the choice of labor for the green input sector does not change until after the policy shock occurs, these changes are not due to changes in green production. The change in the green firm price without changes in green production demonstrate the value of using asset prices to understand the full impact of uncertain climate policy because they incorporate forward-looking policy expectations that alter firm prices even if output for a given sector does not change.

The impact of uncertain policy on oil firm prices is particularly significant. For the uncertain policy setting, there are two key impacts of uncertain climate policy. There is a significant shift down in the level of the oil price when compared to the counterfactual case. This shift down in price reflects in part the fact that oil reserves will likely become stranded, and thus a portion of the oil reserves that the oil firm has are actually worthless. The level difference also reflects the fact that oil reserves that will be used are less valuable because the oil firms are producing at a higher rate and so the spot price of oil is markedly lower. The second impact of uncertain policy is the dynamic decrease in the oil firm price. This dynamic decrease is seen in the slight downward slope in the path of the oil firm price, which is a result of, and thus coincides with, the run on oil and drop in spot prices. Again,

Figure 7: Uncertain Policy Arrival Comparison - Quantities

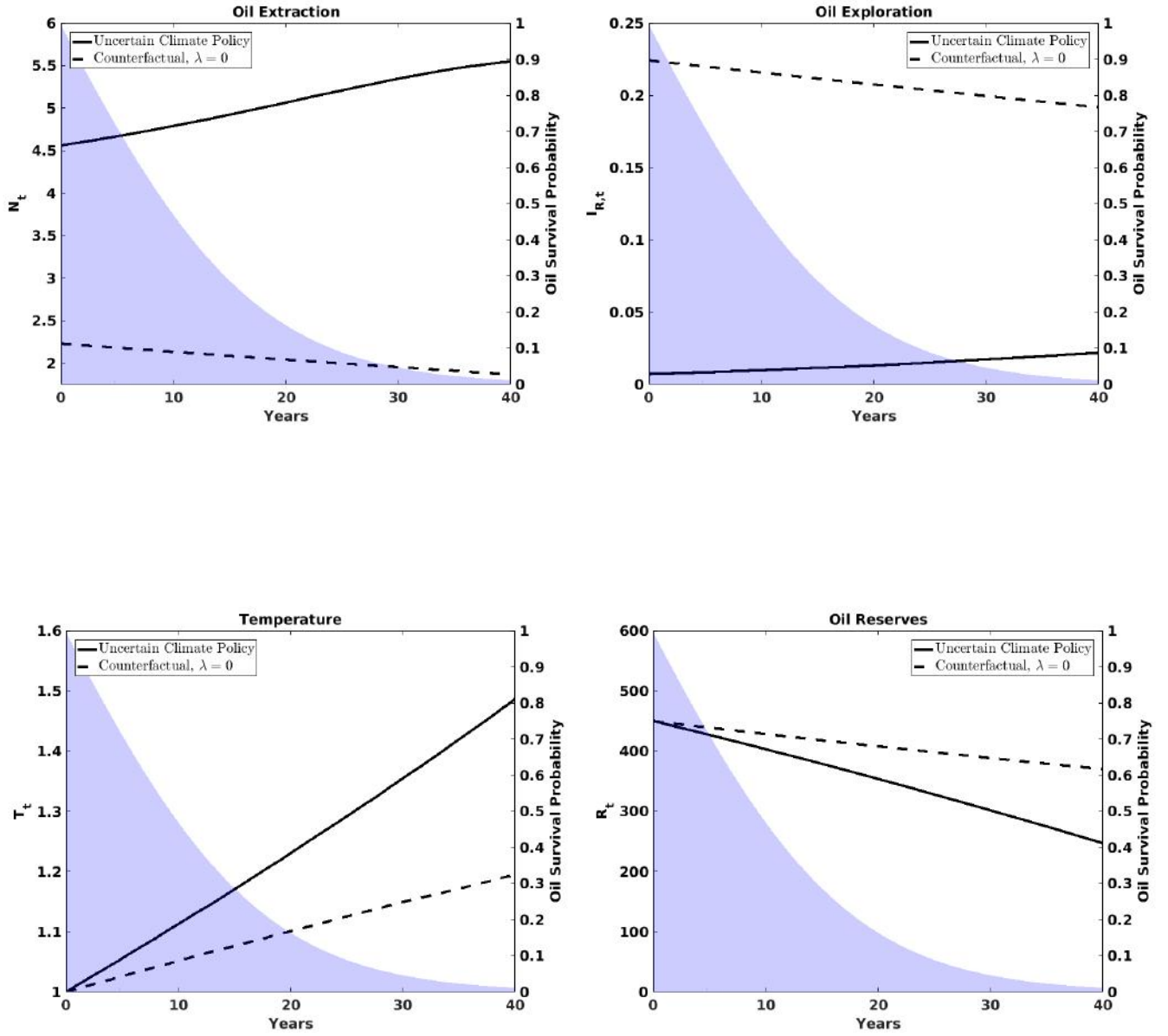
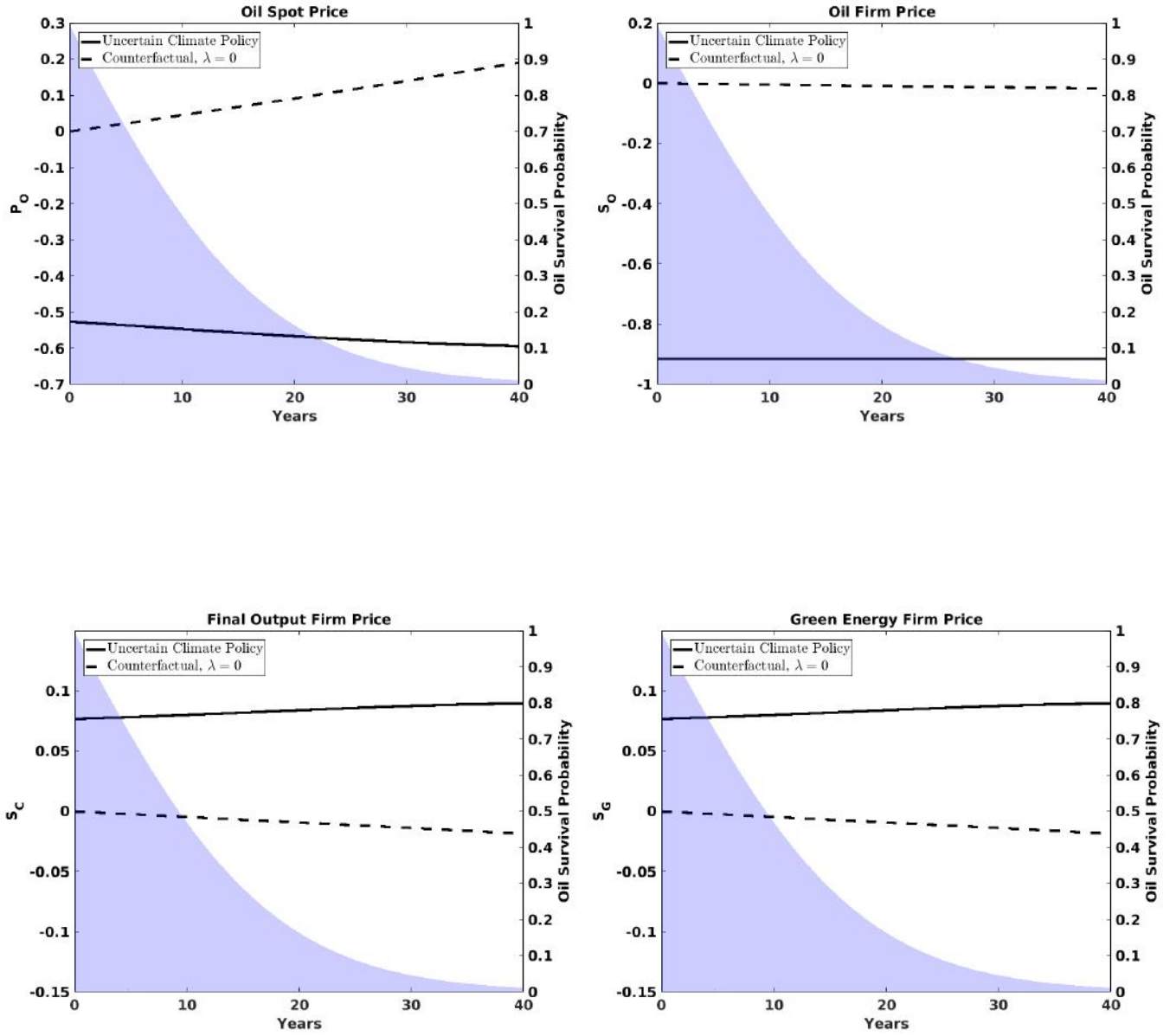


Figure 8: Uncertain Policy Arrival Comparison - Prices



the counterfactual setting with no uncertain policy differs substantially. Because there is no risk of stranded assets, the value of the oil firm is substantially higher. Moreover, because spot prices and reserves remain higher in this setting the value of the oil firm is further boosted.

7.3.1 The “Carbon Bubble”

The significant difference in the price of the oil firm when not accounting for uncertain climate policy is a key outcome that has an important interpretation. Work done by the Grantham Institute at LSE and others has highlighted the potential existence of a “carbon bubble,” meaning that oil and other fossil fuel firms are potentially overvalued due to the fact that implementation of a temperature ceiling policy such as the Paris Climate Accord will likely require that a substantial amount of fossil fuel reserves must remain in the ground and are therefore worthless. Oil firm prices determined based on expectations that there is no uncertain climate policy are therefore substantially higher because of the expectation that all the oil reserves these firms hold can eventually be used.

An important contribution of my paper is that it provides a dynamic, general equilibrium model setting that can be used to characterize this potential “carbon bubble.” Because of this dynamic, production-based asset pricing modeling framework, I am able to identify a novel, additional factor exacerbating this potential “carbon bubble” beyond the static effect that reducing oil reserves to account for the fact that a fraction of oil reserves may not be usable due to climate policy would generate. By incorporating the dynamic effects of uncertain climate policy and stranded assets on oil firm decisions and valuations, my model shows that the counterfactual setting without uncertain climate policy not only misses the impact on prices resulting from the fact that significant amounts of oil reserves may in fact be worthless, but the mispricing in the counterfactual setting is amplified by also not accounting for the impact of a run on oil production induced by the stranded assets risk. This additional mispricing effect exists because the counterfactual, no uncertain policy setting, as well as other models of resource extraction, implies slowly diminishing oil extraction over time, leading to a gradual increase in oil prices. The decrease in production and increase in the spot price of oil in these alternative model settings helps keep the oil firm price higher. The run on oil induced by uncertain climate policy in the main setting of my model drives up oil extraction, leading to a dynamic decrease in the price of oil which negatively impacts the value of oil firms and leads to an even larger difference in the oil firm price when compared with the counterfactual, no uncertain climate policy case. This impact on oil firm values provides an additional component not previously captured in previous work studying a potential “carbon bubble,” and highlights the importance of incorporating the dynamic, non-linear implications my model captures.

7.4 Model Extensions Comparisons

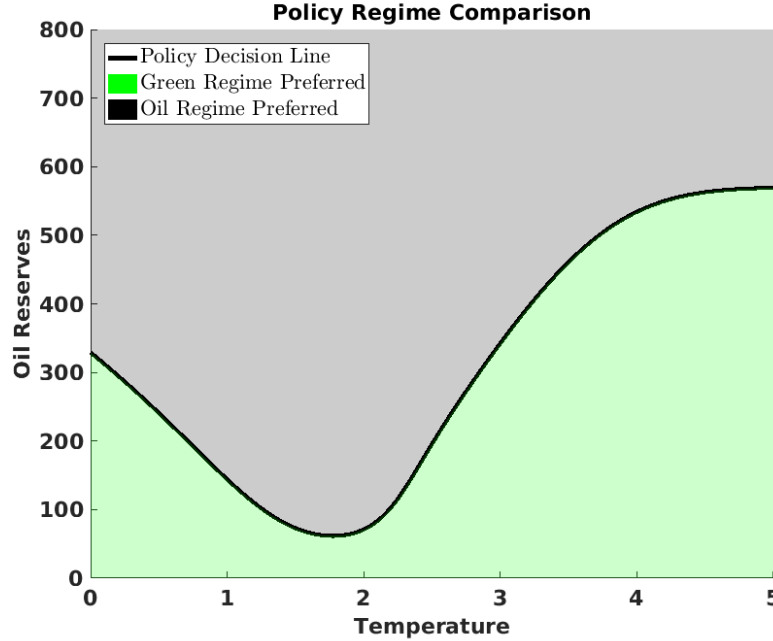
The other cases I consider are the case with no oil reserves exploration and the case with oil-sector only policy effects, which I briefly discuss here and provide plots for these results provided in the appendix (Figures 19, 20, 21, and 22). There is little difference in the dynamics of the no exploration case when compared to the “Uncertain Policy” case with exploration. The level of oil extraction, and therefore temperature and reserves is nearly identical. The biggest difference in these two settings is the value of the oil firm. The value of the oil firm is higher in the no exploration case as extraction is nearly identical but there is the obvious difference in exploration and therefore costs. As such, the oil firm is actually more valuable for the given set-up in the no exploration setting as a result. Furthermore, because the cost of stranded assets is diminished for the no exploration case as there are no potential discoveries that can also be stranded, this also helps to keep the value of the oil firm higher when there is no exploration, given the similar choice of oil extraction for the two settings.

For the oil-sector only climate policy case, the outcomes are also quite similar to the baseline model case, with minor increases in extraction, exploration, temperature change, and oil firm value and minor decreases in the oil price and reserves. The difference in this model setting, which comes from the policy shock no longer including an increase in the input demand share of green energy, appears to have little effect on outcomes before the policy shift. Though the change in policy means there are somewhat larger costs of the policy switch, there is no significant change in outcomes before that switch happens. This is likely due in part to the small role green energy plays in this economy. However, the similarity of the results implies that the same fear of stranded assets drives up oil production and influences the asset prices observed before the realization of the policy change.

7.5 Policy Welfare Comparison

Next, I examine whether the climate policy shocks can be welfare improving compared to remaining in the pre-policy, oil-producing regime. These comparisons are given in Figure 9 and in the appendix for the model extensions (Figures 23 and 24). In the figures, the state space where the pre-policy, oil-producing regime is better in terms of welfare is shaded in black and is labeled the “Oil Regime” region. The state space where the post-policy, no-oil regime is preferred in terms of welfare is shaded in green and is labeled the “Green Regime” region. For Figure 9, which is the regime comparison for the baseline climate-dependent arrival rate setting, we see that for higher values of temperature the threshold for oil reserves where the green regime is preferred is higher. The exception to this is at the lowest temperature values, due at least in part to initial increases in damages being fairly costly and initial increases in the arrival rate of policy being quite small because of the functional forms chosen. The frontier dividing these preferred regions is similar to the shape of the arrival rate function. However, we can see that even for high temperature levels the planner would still prefer to be in the oil-producing regime when there are still significant enough reserves remaining. The reason

Figure 9: Climate Dependent Arrival Rate Comparison



for this preference is that the planner knows there is a significant likelihood that the policy regime will switch, given temperature is so high, and so being able to use more of the oil reserves for production brings current production benefits and reduces the stranded assets cost, while expectations are that continued climate change will be limited because of policy implementation.

The oil-sector only policy case and the no exploration case welfare comparisons look quite similar. Plots for these results are contained in the appendix. As before, lower temperature and higher reserves mean that the oil regime is preferred in terms of welfare for each setting. The state space where the oil regime is preferred is slightly larger for the oil-sector only case because the policy shock has a somewhat higher cost as there is no increase in the green energy input share when the policy occurs. While the impact is relatively small here, this welfare comparison demonstrates that policies that support increases in green technological innovation with the mandate to reduced emissions through reduced oil production are preferred to policies that simply increase the cost of using oil in the social welfare sense. As a result, policies based on increasing the benefit of using green energy are also likely to translate into policies that are preferred in terms of public approval and voter support because the expected cost of such policies are lower than for policies without accompanying green innovation.

In the no exploration case, the state space where the oil regime is preferred is also slightly larger due to the fact that without exploration, the cost of stranding oil reserves is lower because there is no renewability of reserves. Again, while the difference is quite small, this welfare comparison demonstrates that expectations about the level of potentially recoverable reserves, and not just existing

recoverable reserves, influences the welfare impact of the policy shock as well. In countries that have high expectations of oil discoveries, a mandate to stop using oil is even more costly because of the stranded assets risk for currently recoverable reserves and expected reserves from future oil discoveries.

8 Empirical Analysis

The solution to the model I use for my analysis of uncertain climate policy provides a number of important predictions that I now examine empirically. The first prediction is that uncertain climate policy generates a run on oil. The model also predicts that uncertain climate policy depresses the spot price of oil because of the increased oil production. Empirically, this corresponds to an observed increase in the likelihood of future climate policy leading to an increase in current and future oil production and a decrease in current and future oil spot prices. Also, the model predicts that the value of oil firms decreases due to the risk of stranded assets leading to expectations that not all oil reserves held by firms can be used and because the run on oil reduces oil prices. Finally, the model predicts that the value of the final output firm and the green energy firm will increase due to decreased oil prices and policy expectations. These final two predictions can be re-stated as empirically observed increases in the likelihood of future climate policy occurring should lead to oil firms experiencing negative returns and non-oil firms experiencing positive returns.

I examine these predictions using the following empirical exercises. The first exercise examines the impact of the 2016 US presidential election on stock returns for sector portfolios based on a sector's estimated exposure to climate policy risk. Given the surprising result of the election and its stark implications for future climate policy, this event provides a quality event-study analysis opportunity. The raw data show that changes in oil sector returns, oil spot price returns, and oil production are consistent with the model predictions for such an event. Furthermore, estimating cross-sectional regressions for returns of US sector portfolios on a proxy for climate policy exposure shows sectors with greater climate policy exposure experienced larger increases in returns from the climate policy shock. Thus, the post-election outcomes provide evidence that the shift in expectations for future climate policy did impact asset prices as my model predicts.

I then extend this event-type analysis of the model predictions by exploring the impact of the time series of "climate policy" events. I construct an index of the time series of "climate policy" events by aggregating lists of key climate- and energy-related events from non-partisan, informational websites. With this time-series index of relevant events, I first test the model predictions using reduced-form regressions of the impact of "climate policy" shocks on oil production in different regions, returns of US oil sector firms, and returns of the oil spot price. The second approach focuses on the dynamic impact of climate policy shocks by estimating a vector autoregression that incorporates the climate policy events index into a standard global oil market model to examine the impact of climate shocks on current and future oil production and oil prices. Results from each of these exercises again appear

to be consistent with the model predictions.

8.1 Data Sources

The data I use for oil production and oil prices comes from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA). I use global atmospheric temperature as the variable for climate change, which is available from NOAA and NASA. Data on returns for the oil sector and the market come from Ken French’s website and the Compustat/CRSP merged database available from WRDS. Macroeconomic variables such as GDP growth, deflators, and other indicators come from FRED, the BEA, Lutz Kilian’s website, and James Hamilton’s website. Additional oil spot price data come from FRED and the CME’s End of Day database, made available to me through the University of Chicago Booth School of Business Fama-Miller Center. Finally, I construct a proxy for changes in the probability of climate policy occurring in my model by compiling a time series of significant climate, climate policy, and energy events (major fossil fuel and alternative energy events, IPCC meetings, US presidential election results, and lists of major climate policies and US energy policies) from non-partisan government, academic, and non-profit informational websites (ProCon.org, IPCC website, and Wikipedia.org). Table 17 shows the list of events since 1997, though the full list extends back to match the full range of dates available from the EIA (1973). As indicated in the table, events can either be positive or negative policy shocks in terms of an increased or decreased likelihood, respectively, of a shift to the production function. The variable contains values of 0 for no event, 1 for a positive event, or -1 for a negative event at the daily level that are then aggregated to a monthly count for the empirical analysis. Section 8.3 provides further details on the index.

8.2 Event Study: 2016 US Presidential Election

The first empirical exercise I do is to estimate the impact of the 2016 US presidential election result on stock returns for sectors based on their estimated exposure to climate policy. By all accounts, the election win of Donald Trump was a largely unexpected outcome. Furthermore, his election carried significant expectations for future policy actions, including climate-change-related policy. President Trump’s campaign statements included promises to support the coal and oil sectors, withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement, removing emissions regulations policies such as the Clean Power Plan, and statements of doubt about the impact of human behavior on the climate. These promises and statements, among other statements and campaign proposals, suggested significant changes with respect to climate-change policy in the future if he won. Moreover, because the election result only signals expectations for future policy outcomes rather than actual policy implementation, this event serves as a particularly good example to test the mechanism in my model which relates to the likelihood of future climate policy action. Within the context of my model, the election of Donald Trump serves as an unexpected downward shock to the value of $\lambda(T_t)$. Such a shock has clear implications in the

model: a decrease in oil production, positive realized returns for the oil sector, and positive realized returns for the spot price of oil due to reduced stranded assets risk.

Starting with the raw data, Figure 10 shows the relevant stock returns, oil price returns, and oil production growth around the election date. For stock returns and oil prices, I plot the daily cumulative log returns, normalized to zero on Election Day. For production, I plot the monthly cumulative growth of oil production, normalized to zero in the election month. The stock returns data are for the value-weighted market portfolio, value-weighted oil sector portfolio, and equal-weighted oil sector portfolio, each from Ken French’s website. The oil price is the nearest-month West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil price from the CME End of Day. The production data are for US, Non-OPEC, OPEC, and World crude oil production from the EIA.

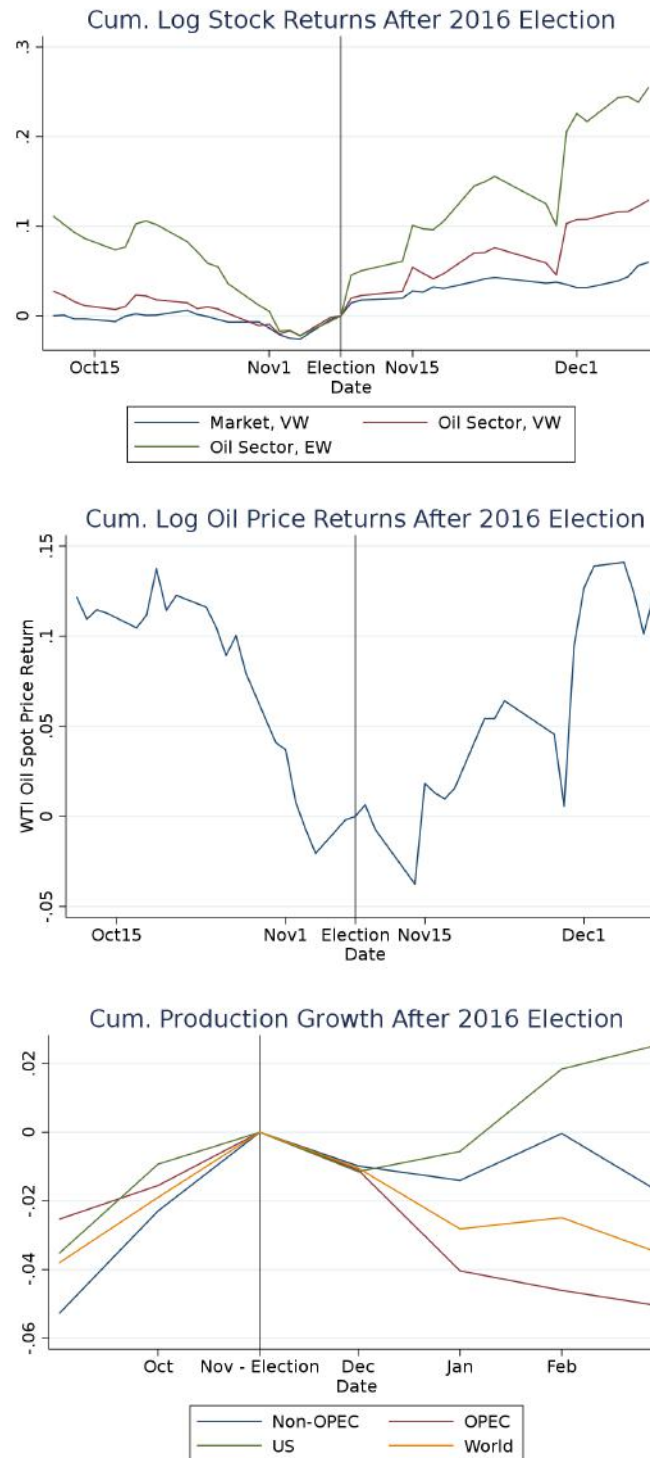
For stock returns, the top panel in figure 10, we see dynamically increasing returns for the oil sector and market portfolios that follow directly after the election and continuing over the next month. Although each portfolio increases after the election, the two oil sector portfolios, particularly the equal-weighted portfolio, increase substantially more. Leading up to the election, the returns for the portfolios were either flat or decreasing. The response of the cumulative log return for the oil spot price, shown in middle panel of Figure 10, is similar. A significant increase in oil prices carried on for more than two months after the election. These results, though not statistically estimated, are in line with expectations for this election result given the model predictions.

The next plot to consider is the cumulative growth rate of oil production, the bottom panel in Figure 10. Since changes to oil production require physical adjustments to drilling decisions that require time to implement, and because real quantities are not forward-looking in nature, we would expect a more muted impact of the election on production. Yet, for each region specified, we see a negative growth rate of oil production following the election. All regions experience negative cumulative growth in oil production for at least two months after the election, and this negative production growth persists for at least six months for all regions except the US (a likely outlier due to the fracking boom). Thus, even for this metric that we expect to be more muted, we see a response consistent with my model that differs from results expected from a more standard climate-economic model.

Also note that leading up to the election the returns for the spot price noticeably decreased, and oil production increased. These trends would be consistent with the climate policy expectations from the previous presidency and with increasing expectations of a Clinton victory, who was expected to continue with a similar pro-climate policy agenda. Therefore, this trend reversal in prices and oil production is consistent with the trend reversal in climate policy expectations.

The direction and dynamic response of these outcomes taken together suggest the mechanism in my model may have mattered for this event. However, we can formalize this exercise using an event-study analysis. More precisely, I estimate the impact of the unexpected shift down in climate policy risk expectations on cumulative abnormal returns after the election by exploiting the cross-sectional variation in climate policy risk exposure across different sectors. To estimate this cross-sectional

Figure 10: Response of Stock Returns, Oil Price, and Oil Production After 2016 Election - Raw Data



These plots show the response of stock returns, the oil price return, and oil production after the 2016 US presidential election. Return and growth rate values are normalized to zero at the election day or month. Market, VW is the value-weighted market portfolio; Oil Sector, VW is the value-weighted oil sector portfolio; and Oil Sector, EW is the equal weighted oil sector portfolio. Non-OPEC, OPEC, US, and World are the oil production growth all countries in the Non-OPEC, OPEC, US, and World regions, respectively. See text for further details on the variables used.

regression, I use daily returns for the 49 sector portfolios provided on Ken French's website. I derive abnormal returns as unexplained differences with respect to the market portfolio, or the CAPM model. I estimate the following regression for each sector i using daily returns for the year leading up to the election date to estimate abnormal returns:

$$R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,Mkt}(R_{Mkt,t} - R_{f,t}) + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

The residual for this regression $\epsilon_{i,t}$ is then the abnormal return. I aggregate these residuals for each sector in order to get the cumulative abnormal returns:

$$CAR_{i,t} = \sum_0^t \epsilon_{i,t} = \sum_0^t (R_{i,t} - \alpha_i + \beta_{i,Mkt}(R_{Mkt,t} - R_{f,t}))$$

Next, I need to derive a measure of climate policy risk exposure. My model predicts that changes in climate-policy expectations influence oil prices and oil production, as well as firm values. Therefore, the model predictions suggest a sector's exposure to climate policy risk can be proxied for by the sector's exposure to oil price innovations or oil production innovations. Given that oil prices are available at a daily frequency, are in direct units of comparison, and are closely linked to oil production, I use exposure to oil price returns as the proxy for exposure to climate policy risk. I estimate this exposure as the beta for oil price returns from the following regression for each sector i over the full available time series of oil prices:

$$R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,Mkt}(R_{Mkt,t} - R_{f,t}) + \beta_{i,OilPrice}R_{OilPrice,t} + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

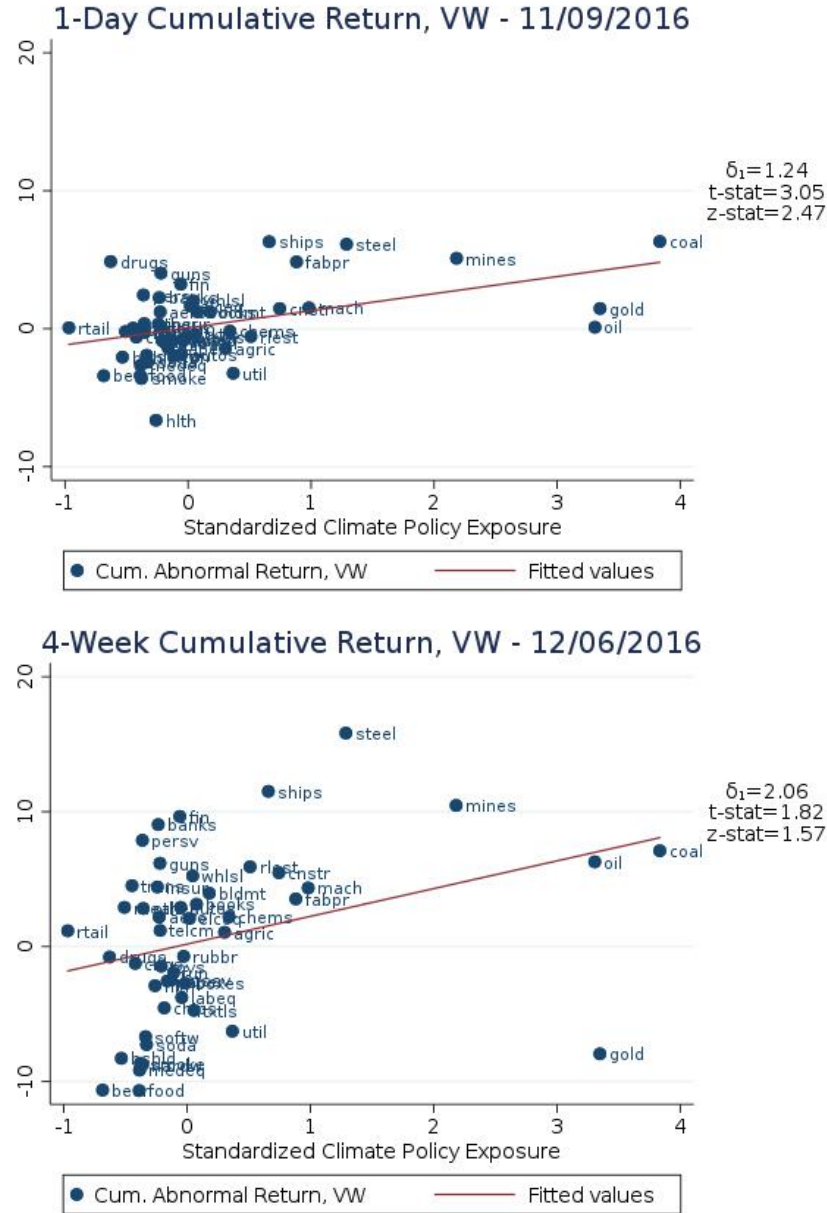
Thus, sectors with more positive values of $\beta_{i,OilPrice}$ are expected to have larger exposure to climate policy risk and, given the model prediction, should see more positive returns after the election. Those sectors with smaller or negative values of $\beta_{i,OilPrice}$ are expected to have lower or negative exposure to climate policy risk and should see smaller or negative returns after the election, which is consistent with the prediction in my model about the final output and green energy firms.

To estimate the impact on returns of climate policy risk exposure after the election, I run the following cross-sectional regression:

$$CAR_{i,event} = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \frac{\beta_{i,OilPrice}}{\sigma(\beta_{i,OilPrice})} + e_i$$

Because I normalize the climate policy risk beta by the cross-sectional standard deviation of the beta estimates ($\sigma(\beta_{i,OilPrice})$), the coefficient δ_1 can be interpreted as the percent change in cumulative abnormal returns due to a one-standard deviation increase in the climate policy risk beta resulting from the change in climate policy expectations from the election outcome. Figure 11 provides scatter plots of cumulative abnormal returns of value-weighted sector portfolios for one-day and four-weeks

Figure 11: Election Impact on Returns by Climate Policy Exposure - Value-Weighted



These figures show the relationship between the cumulative abnormal returns of sectors after the 2016 US presidential election and their standardized exposure to climate policy risk. The regression specification is given by $R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,Mkt}(R_{Mkt,t} - R_{f,t}) + \beta_{i,OilPrice}R_{OilPrice,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$. Cumulative abnormal returns are normalized to zero at the election date, and are estimated with respect to the value-weighted excess market return. The top panel are estimates for cumulative abnormal returns one day after the election, and the bottom panel are estimates for cumulative abnormal returns four weeks after the election. See text for full definition of variables.

after the election, sorted by climate policy risk exposure beta with the line for the estimated slope coefficient δ_1 . It also provides the estimated value of δ_1 and a t-statistic and z-statistic for the estimate. We see that after the election, a one-standard deviation increase in climate policy risk beta would have resulted in a 1.24% increase in cumulative abnormal returns after one day and a 2.06% increase in cumulative abnormal return after four weeks. Both estimates are statistically significant using heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors (t-statistic), while only the one-day cumulative abnormal return response is statistically significant for the bootstrapped standard errors (z-statistic).

Repeating this exercise with the equal-weighted sector portfolios shows even stronger dynamic results (see appendix for corresponding figures). After the election, a one-standard deviation increase in climate policy risk beta would have resulted in a 1.11% increase in cumulative abnormal returns after one day and a 2.81% increase in cumulative abnormal return after four-weeks. Both estimates are statistically significant using heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors (t-statistic) and bootstrapped standard errors (z-statistic). These estimated impacts of the presidential election on returns provide more formal evidence consistent with my model mechanism in the direction of the impact as well as dynamics, given the increasing impact of the impact on returns.

Finally, in the appendix I provide estimates for additional recent climate policy-related events. The events listed are those that saw a statistically significant impact on cumulative abnormal returns after the policy event. The estimates are for equal- and value-weighted sector portfolios of the one-day and four-weeks cumulative abnormal return cross-sectional response to a policy event. I provide the heteroskedastic-robust standard errors t-statistic and bootstrapped standard errors z-statistic. In each case, the results are again consistent with the model prediction that events that increased the likelihood of future climate policy lead to decreases in cumulative abnormal returns for the sectors with the highest climate policy risk exposures and events that decreased the likelihood of future climate policy lead to increases in cumulative abnormal returns for the sectors with the highest climate policy risk exposures.

8.3 Climate Policy Events Index

I now extend the empirical analysis to the time series of climate policy related shocks. To identify the impact of climate policy shocks to oil production and oil sector returns, I first estimate reduced-form regressions focused on the link between changes in the probability of climate policy occurring, as measured by climate- and climate-policy-related events, and oil production decisions, oil sector returns for US firms, and oil spot price returns. The climate policy shocks measure is labeled as *ClimPol*, the index variable tracking different climate related events discussed previously. For example, events in *ClimPol* include the establishment of the Paris Accord in 2015, as well as the election of Donald Trump as the President of the United States in 2016. The Paris Accord is considered a positive shock to the arrival rate of a significant climate policy action and so a positive one in the index and the election of Trump is considered a negative shock and so a negative one in the index. I identify these

events at a daily level, and then aggregate them up to monthly values for my analysis.

The goal of this exercise is to identify whether events related to changes in the likelihood of future climate policy action lead to changes in production and prices consistent with the model predictions. My model predicts that a positive shock to the arrival rate should cause an increase in oil production and negative oil firm returns and oil price returns, whereas a negative shock to the arrival rate should lead to a decrease in oil production and increase in oil firm returns and oil price returns.

The reduced-form regression approach provides a estimate of how climate policy driven demand shocks influence economic and financial outcomes. To determine whether the empirical outcomes from this simple analysis are consistent with the model, I focus on the signs and statistical significance of the estimates, and compare those with the qualitative results of the model. Furthermore, I will estimate each regression on the full time sample (1973-2017) and on a shorter, more recent subsample (1996-2017). The recent sub-sample I refer to as the policy-relevant sample. I choose 1996 as the starting year for this sample as it is near the time when major climate policy begins to take place, such as the Kyoto Protocol, which was an early global climate agreement similar to the recent Paris Climate Accord. The model would predict that impacts estimated in the policy relevant subsample should be higher as temperature has increased and the likelihood of climate policy occurring is higher.

8.3.1 Oil Production

I begin by focusing on the impact of climate policy on oil production. To estimate the effect of climate policy shocks, I estimate the following regression:

$$Y_t = \alpha + \beta_Y Y_{t-1} + \phi_{ClimPol} ClimPol_t + \epsilon_t$$

where Y_t is crude oil production, Y_{t-1} is the one-period lag of crude oil production, and $ClimPol$ is the index for the climate events mentioned above. I exploit the time series and panel dimensions of the data by estimating this regression using information from the changes in the dependent variable across time for different regions of interest. In Figure 12, the top table shows the results for oil production across four different regions using the full time sample (1973-2017), and the bottom table shows the results for oil production across four different regions using the more recent, policy-focused time sample (1996-2017).

Controlling for the lag value, meant to capture relevant market conditions and current market effects or trends, oil production increases for the US, non-OPEC countries, and globally for an event that increases the likelihood of climate related policy. The effect is larger and more statistically significant in the recent policy-focused time period estimates. Climate policy events have essentially no impact on the production of the OPEC-countries region, though the estimate goes from negative to positive when comparing the full time sample to the policy-relevant time sample. These results are in line with two predictions of the model. First, they are consistent with the result of a run

Figure 12: Impact of Climate Policy Events on Oil Production

Climate Policy Impact on Oil Production (1973-2017)

| | Non-OPEC | OPEC | US | World |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ClimPol | 0.099 (0.034) | -0.022 (0.063) | 0.026 (0.012) | 0.069 (0.072) |
| # Obs. | 536 | 536 | 536 | 536 |
| R ² | 0.995 | 0.979 | 0.991 | 0.988 |

Climate Policy Impact on Oil Production (1996-2017)

| | Non-OPEC | OPEC | US | World |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ClimPol | 0.141 (0.047) | 0.035 (0.055) | 0.041 (0.015) | 0.176 (0.074) |
| # Obs. | 260 | 260 | 260 | 260 |
| R ² | 0.980 | 0.972 | 0.988 | 0.987 |

These tables show the impact of climate policy events as measured by the *ClimPol* index on oil production for the Non-OPEC, OPEC, US, and World regions. The top table are estimates using the full time sample of data (1973-2017), and the bottom table are estimates using the policy-relevant time subsample (1996-2017). The regression specification is given by $Y_t = \alpha + \beta_Y Y_{t-1} + \phi_{ClimPol} ClimPol_t + \epsilon_t$. I omit the constant and lag variable coefficients from the table. See text for full definition of variables.

on oil occurring for an increased likelihood in climate policy occurring, at least for all regions that are not exclusively the OPEC region. Second, the increased magnitude for the most recent time period is consistent with the prediction that an increased likelihood of climate policy, tied to higher temperatures, should generate larger impacts on production.

8.3.2 Oil Sector and Oil Price Returns

Next, I test the model implication for the impact of climate policy on oil sector returns and oil price returns. To do this, I estimate whether shocks to climate policy predict negative changes to oil sector returns by estimating the following regression:

$$r_{i,t+1,t+h} = a_i + b_i X_t + c_i \text{ClimPol}_t + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

where $r_{i,t+1,t+h}$ are 1-, 6-, 12-, 18-, and 24-month ahead cumulative returns, i is for cumulative excess returns for the oil sector portfolio or cumulative returns for the WTI oil price, ClimPol_t is the climate policy dummy, and X_t includes non-contemporaneous controls for the market portfolio, economic productivity, spot price and sector returns, oil production innovations, and log OECD industrial production innovations. In Figures 13 and 14, the top tables show the results across the five different cumulative return scenarios using the full time sample (1973-2017), and the bottom tables show the results across the five different cumulative return scenarios using the more recent, policy-focused time sample (1996-2017).

After including controls to capture relevant market and macroeconomic conditions and trends, I find that shocks to climate policy have a negative impact on oil sector and oil price returns, as can be seen across the different horizons and time samples used for estimation. The coefficients are negative or insignificant for all horizons of cumulative returns. The effect is more negative and is statistically significant for the estimates based on the more recent time period sample at the 18- and 24-month horizons. The magnitude of the impact and predictability are also increasing with the horizon of the cumulative returns, as the coefficients become more negative and the R^2 's become larger. These results are in line with three more predictions of the model. First, the results are consistent with the prediction that shocks to climate policy that lead to an oil run also depress oil sector firm values and oil prices. Second, the impact has a dynamic effect on outcomes as the negative returns persist and increase in magnitude over the longer cumulative return horizons explored. Finally, as was seen with oil production, the increased magnitude over the most recent time period as compared to the full time period estimates is consistent with an increased impact of climate policy as temperature increases and the likelihood of significant climate policy occurring increases.

Figure 13: Impact of Climate Policy Events on Oil Sector Returns

Climate Policy Impact on Oil Sector Returns (1973-2017)

| | $r_{oil,t+1}$ | $r_{oil,t+6}$ | $r_{oil,t+12}$ | $r_{oil,t+18}$ | $r_{oil,t+24}$ |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ClimPol | 0.000 (0.005) | 0.005 (0.013) | -0.009 (0.020) | -0.035 (0.026) | -0.027 (0.036) |
| # Obs. | 534 | 529 | 523 | 517 | 511 |
| R ² | 0.004 | 0.016 | 0.014 | 0.028 | 0.013 |

Climate Policy Impact on Oil Sector Returns (1996-2017)

| | $r_{oil,t+1}$ | $r_{oil,t+6}$ | $r_{oil,t+12}$ | $r_{oil,t+18}$ | $r_{oil,t+24}$ |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ClimPol | -0.002 (0.007) | -0.002 (0.015) | -0.034 (0.024) | -0.072 (0.032) | -0.085 (0.038) |
| # Obs. | 260 | 260 | 260 | 260 | 260 |
| R ² | 0.021 | 0.017 | 0.016 | 0.045 | 0.041 |

These tables show the impact of climate policy events as measured by the *ClimPol* index on returns for the value-weighted US Oil sector portfolio. The regression specification is given by $r_{i,t+1,t+h} = a_i + b_i X_t + c_i ClimPol_t + \varepsilon_{i,t}$. $r_{i,t+1,t+h}$ is the k-month cumulative return for the value-weighted US Oil sector portfolio. X_t is a vector of control variables that includes the lagged values for the value-weighted market portfolio return, the value-weighted oil sector portfolio return, lagged oil production innovations, lagged oil spot price returns, and lagged real economic activity innovations. The top panel are estimates using the full time sample of data (1973-2017), and the bottom panel are estimates using the policy-relevant time subsample (1996-2017). I omit the constant and control coefficients from the table. See text for full definition of variables.

Figure 14: Impact of Climate Policy Events on Oil Sector Price Returns

Climate Policy Impact on Oil Price Returns (1973-2017)

| | $r_{oil,t+1}$ | $r_{oil,t+6}$ | $r_{oil,t+12}$ | $r_{oil,t+18}$ | $r_{oil,t+24}$ |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ClimPol | -0.002 (0.008) | 0.042 (0.026) | 0.050 (0.042) | 0.018 (0.045) | 0.017 (0.047) |
| # Obs. | 534 | 529 | 523 | 517 | 511 |
| R ² | 0.045 | 0.021 | 0.022 | 0.016 | 0.021 |

Climate Policy Impact on Oil Price Returns (1996-2017)

| | $r_{oil,t+1}$ | $r_{oil,t+6}$ | $r_{oil,t+12}$ | $r_{oil,t+18}$ | $r_{oil,t+24}$ |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ClimPol | -0.004 (0.011) | 0.021 (0.033) | -0.001 (0.045) | -0.076 (0.048) | -0.099 (0.050) |
| # Obs. | 260 | 260 | 260 | 260 | 260 |
| R ² | 0.013 | 0.020 | 0.029 | 0.043 | 0.047 |

These tables show the impact of climate policy events as measured by the *ClimPol* index on returns for the WTI spot price of oil. The regression specification is given by $r_{i,t+1,t+h} = a_i + b_i \text{ClimPol}_t + c_i X_t + \varepsilon_{i,t}$. $r_{i,t+1,t+h}$ is the k-month cumulative return for the WTI spot price of oil. X_t is a vector of control variables that includes the lagged values for the value-weighted market portfolio return, the value-weighted oil sector portfolio return, lagged oil production innovations, lagged oil spot price returns, and lagged real economic activity innovations. The top panel are estimates using the full time sample of data (1973-2017), and the bottom panel are estimates using the policy-relevant time subsample (1996-2017). I omit the constant and control coefficients from the table. See text for full definition of variables.

8.4 Vector Autoregression Analysis

To further the empirical estimation of the dynamic effects of uncertain climate policy on oil sector quantity and price outcomes, I estimate a structural vector autoregression (VAR) for the global oil market. Augmenting the global oil market VARs proposed and used by Kilian and Park (2009), Baumeister and Hamilton (2017), and others, I estimate:

$$y_t = \nu + \sum_j A_j y_{t-j} + u_t$$

where the vector of endogenous state variable vector y_t is defined by

$$y_t = [ClimPol_t, \Delta prod_t, rea_t, \Delta p_t^{oil}]'$$

ClimPol is the climate policy index measure I mentioned previously. $\Delta prod$ is the percent change in global oil production available from the EIA. REA is a measure of real economic activity given by innovations in the log OECD industrial production index suggested in recent work by James Hamilton. r_t^{mkt} is log differences in the real West Texas Intermediate (WTI) monthly closing price for crude oil.

I use a Cholesky decomposition of the estimated variance-covariance matrix for identification of the structural shocks. This identification strategy imposes a recursive interpretation of the impact of the shocks. The general representation and interpretation of this identification is as follows:

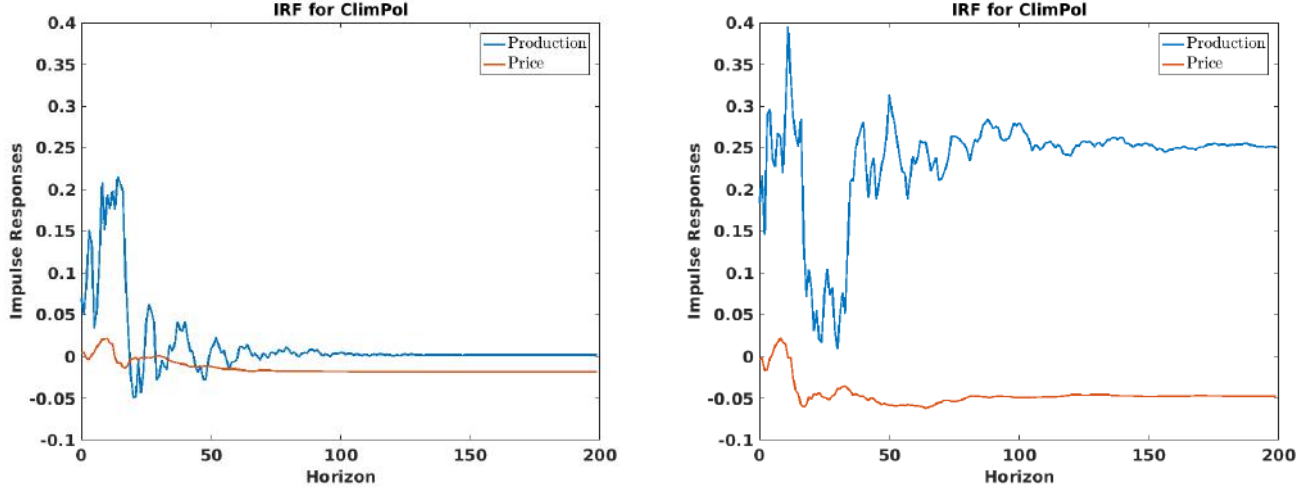
$$u_t = B \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\text{climate policy}}, & \epsilon_{\text{oil supply}}, & \epsilon_{\text{aggregate demand}}, & \epsilon_{\text{oil-specific demand}} \end{bmatrix}'$$

where B is the lower triangular matrix derived from the Cholesky decomposition of the estimated variance covariance matrix $\hat{\Sigma}$, i.e., $BB' = E_t[u_t' u_t] = \hat{\Sigma}$. I outline the specific interpretation and identification of each shock in what follows.

$ClimPol_t$, the focus of this exercise, captures changes in the likelihood of future climate policy that restricts oil use, that is changes in $\lambda(T_t)$ from the model. Although long-run temperature directly maps to the likelihood of significant climate policy action in the model, in practice this link is less precise. Figure 18 in the appendix, which shows the US temperature anomaly time series over the annual *ClimPol* index measure, demonstrates this relationship. The time series for the two variables are positively correlated, but the correlation is obviously not one. For this reason, I use the more direct measure of *ClimPol* to capture changes in the likelihood of future climate policy that restricts the use of oil.

This ordering assumes the likelihood of significant climate policy is contemporaneously predetermined with respect to oil sector shocks and the oil sector is contemporaneously influenced by shifts to the likelihood of future climate policy. This assumption is intuitive and maintains consistency with the model in that the likelihood of significant climate policy responds only with a lag to oil sector shocks as a result of emissions from oil production impacting the climate policy arrival rate. Recent

Figure 15: ClimPol Shock IRF - 1973-2017 vs. 1996-2017 Time Samples



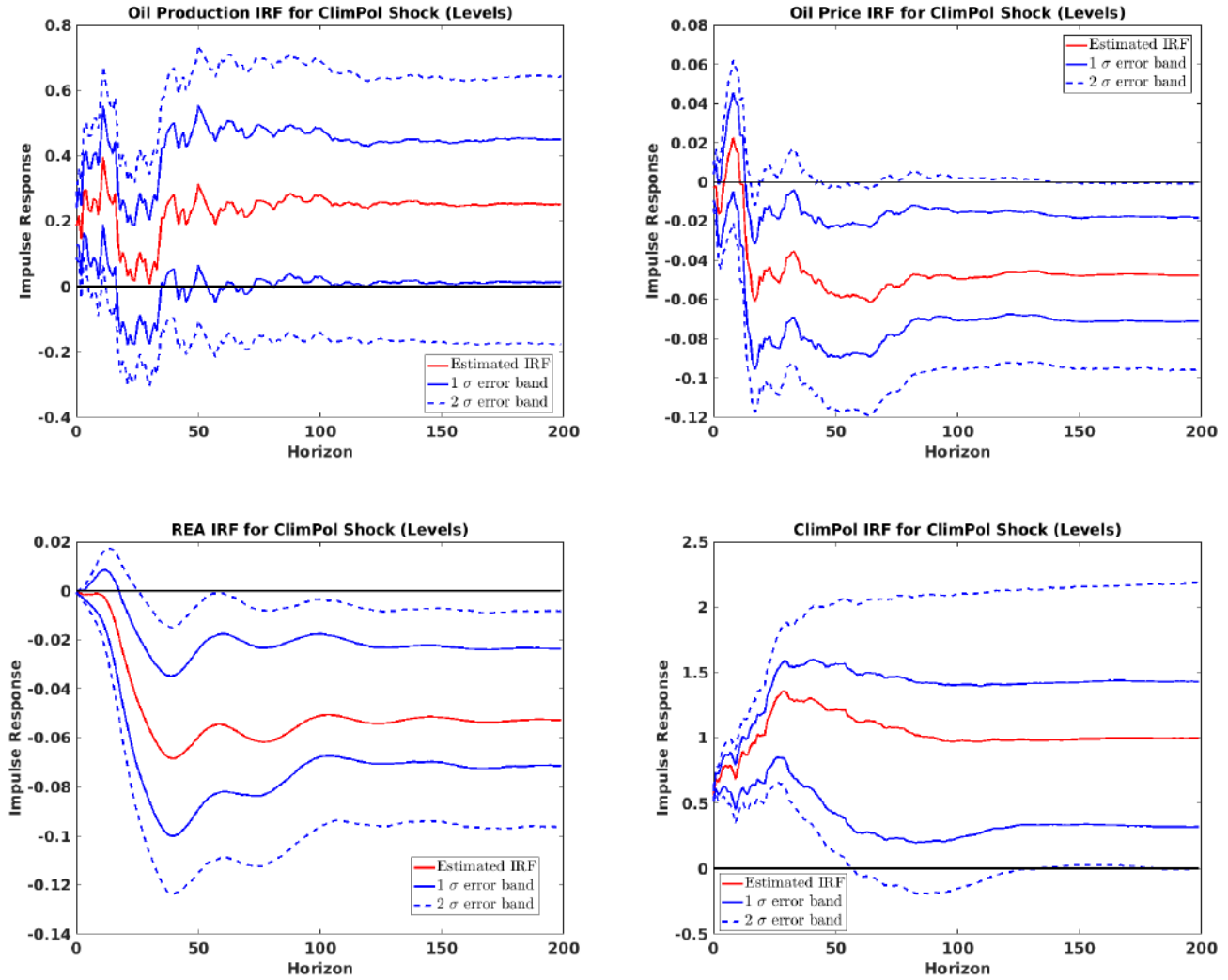
These figures show estimated impulse response functions for global oil production and the WTI spot price of oil for a shock to the *ClimPol* index. The left panel are estimates using the full time sample of data (1973-2017), and the right panel are estimates using the policy-relevant time subsample (1996-2017). See text for the full VAR specification used and definition of variables. The VAR is estimated using 24 lags.

climate science work by Matthews et al. (2009), Ricke and Caldeira (2014), and Zickfeld and Herrington (2015) has shown that impacts on temperature from carbon emissions can take many years or even decades to fully realize, which further validates this restriction. The order for the remaining variables follows the setting of Kilian (2009). Thus, this interpretation of the structure fits this setting as well: 1.) a vertical short-run supply curve and downward sloping demand curve; and 2.) oil demand and supply shocks imply immediate changes in the real oil price.

To further highlight the consistency of the VAR model with the theoretical model, consider the following. The supply shocks and real aggregate demand shocks can be interpreted as the shocks to oil reserves and shocks to capital in the model. As in the model, supply and policy shocks are important determinants of oil supply or production, along with temperature shocks, which are correlated with climate policy likelihood. Combined with capital shocks, and the preferences of agents, these shocks then determine oil prices. These effects together then pin down asset prices in the model. The link between the climate and the economy in the model comes through how emissions from oil produced impact temperature and then how temperature influences climate damages and the climate policy likelihood, which feed into the determination of the economic and financial outcomes of interest. Thus, the variables included in the VAR and the ordering of the variables in the recursive decomposition is consistent with the theoretical model framework.

From the VAR estimates and the recursive identification structure, I derive impulse response functions (IRFs), or the cumulative responses to a given structural variable shock, which are the results I use to examine the validity of the model mechanism. To understand how the IRFs generated from the

Figure 16: ClimPol Shock IRF - 1996-2017 Time Sample w/ C.I.s



These figures show the estimated impulse response functions for global oil production, the WTI spot price of oil, real economic activity, and the *ClimPol* climate policy index measure for a shock to the likelihood of climate policy measured by the *ClimPol* index. The red line is the estimated IRF, the solid blue lines represent the on-standard deviation error bands, and the blue dashed lines represent the two standard deviation error bands. Error bands are estimated using bootstrapping. The estimates use the policy-relevant time subsample (1996-2017). See text for the full VAR specification used and definition of variables. The VAR is estimated using 24 lags.

VAR estimation can help validate the model, consider first the expected IRFs from alternative model settings. These alternative settings include the case of no uncertain policy arrival or a temperature-independent, constant policy arrival rate of changes in the energy input demand share. In the setting without any uncertain policy, a shock to the climate policy variable would lead to a decrease in oil production and an increase in the spot price of oil if the event increased the carbon tax. There would be no change in outcomes if the event did not lead to a change in the carbon tax. In the uncertain policy setting where the arrival rate is climate-independent and constant, a shock to the climate policy variable should lead to an increase in oil production and decrease in the spot price of oil, but this effect would not persist because of the lack of temperature dependence and the prevailing Hotelling-type forces. However, in the uncertain climate policy setting with a climate-dependent arrival rate, a shock to the likelihood of significant climate policy occurring leads to an increase in oil production and a decrease in the oil spot price. Furthermore, the impacts of a shock to the likelihood of significant climate policy occurring should produce impacts that are persistent and potentially increasing in magnitude dynamically for these outcomes, two defining features of what I have termed a run on oil. Therefore, one can “test” the validity of the model proposed in this paper by looking at the sign and dynamics of the IRFs for oil production and oil spot prices resulting from a shock to the likelihood of significant climate policy occurring.

Figure 15 shows the cumulative level impulse response functions of oil production and oil prices for a shock to the likelihood of significant climate policy occurring. The left plot is for the VAR estimated using the full time sample (1973-2017) and the right plot for the VAR estimated using the more recent, policy-focused time sample (1996-2017). Figure 16 shows the individual impulse response functions with bootstrapped standard errors for the policy focused time sample (1996-2017), where the solid blue lines are for the one-standard deviation confidence interval, the dashed blue lines are for the two-standard deviation confidence interval, and the red line is for the estimated IRF.

The impulse response functions further confirm the results seen previously in the reduced-form estimates. For the impulse response functions generated from the full time sample VAR estimates, the responses are substantially muted and quite close to zero. However, focusing on the impulse responses generated from the VAR estimates using the policy-focused time sample, we see results that correspond to the model predictions. A shock to climate policy leads to an increase in oil production and a decrease in the spot price of oil. Moreover, these impacts grow in magnitude and persist over time. Though only the impact on the spot price of oil is statistically significant for the two variables of interest, as seen in Figure 16, the direction and dynamics of these results taken together are consistent with the key predictions of the model and the other empirical exercises.

9 Conclusions

I study the impacts of uncertain climate policy on financial and economic outcomes using a general equilibrium, production-based asset pricing model. Introducing uncertain climate policy causes a model with oil extraction that otherwise closely follows standard Hotelling model-type outcomes to generate a run on oil, meaning firms increase oil extraction and exploration more and more as oil reserves go down and the atmospheric temperature increases. Uncertain climate policy alters the subjective discount rate to be dependent on climate change. Thus, concerns about future climate policy lead to a run on oil production as future profits from oil are increasingly discounted as the likelihood that oil reserve assets become stranded increases. The run on oil induced by uncertain climate policy dynamically pushes down oil firm values and oil spot prices as agents incorporate the concern of stranded assets into their discounting, while also generating a significant shift down in the level of oil firm values. Not accounting for uncertain climate policy in oil firm values would lead to a “carbon bubble,” where oil firm values are overpriced because the price does not incorporate the risk of oil reserves becoming stranded and the run on oil production that stranded assets risk causes.

In addition, I find empirical evidence in support of the theoretical predictions of the model. First, I estimate an event-study analysis around the 2016 US presidential election and find that sectors with large positive exposure to climate policy risk, measured by the model-suggested proxy of exposure to oil price innovations, saw increased cumulative abnormal returns one day after the election. This effect increased up to four weeks after the election, following the predicted dynamic implications of the model. In reduced-form regressions and structural VAR estimates, climate policy related shocks lead to dynamic and persistent increases in oil production and decreases in oil firm values and oil spot prices. The reduced form estimates show the increase in oil production from a climate policy shock is statistically significant for the US and other non-OPEC regions, whereas it is not statistically significant for OPEC. The impacts for both sets of estimates are greater in magnitude when estimated using only the more recent, policy-focused time period sample than the estimates using the entire available time period. This increase in policy impacts with increasing temperature and climate policy concern supports the novel mechanism of my model.

There are a number of interesting areas of research related to my paper that I leave for future work. A quantitative empirical analysis of the impacts of uncertain climate policy on macroeconomic outcomes and asset prices is a valuable extension that would help determine the perceived significance of uncertain climate policy risk. Furthermore, estimating the parameters for the arrival rate of uncertain climate policy would further demonstrate market expectations of the likelihood of a significant climate policy shock and is something which asset prices may potentially help to identify. Another important area to consider empirically is using derivatives such as oil options, oil futures prices, and the term structures of these financial instruments to estimate the long-run expectations about uncertain climate policy and climate change. My model, and extensions of it, could prove valuable in providing testable predictions for these types of assets. Apart from this theoretical extension of alternative,

long-run assets, other important theoretical extensions that can be explored in future work include alternative policy proposals and a multi-country framework of oil production and climate policy with imperfect competition. Each of these are important dimensions building off of this paper that can help us understand the impacts of climate change and uncertain climate policy.

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10 Appendix A: Numerical Details

10.1 Numerical Solution Method

To solve the HJB equation for the social planner's problem, I use the Markov Chain approximation method developed by Kushner and Dupuis (2001). The key idea behind this method is to solve for the value function similar to value function iteration in discrete time by approximating the probabilities of state transitions appropriately. The state space is discretized, and then one-step transition probabilities are constructed using a Markov chain approximation such that the probabilities consistently approximate the underlying continuous time Brownian motions of the continuous time model. As long as the probabilities are constructed such that they satisfy the necessary conditions, this approximated solution approaches the true solution as the discretization gets small enough.

This method has shown to be quite stable and reliable for my given framework. Also, the method includes proofs of convergence as long as the probabilities constructed to derive the solutions satisfy simple and straightforward to verify conditions. For a full discussion on these methods, and for details on the verification conditions, see Kushner and Dupuis (2001). I briefly describe the method here as well as discuss the boundary conditions I implement.

I start by construct the state transition probabilities. Let X_t be the state variable vector. The evolution of X_t , which includes a vector Brownian motion B_t , is given by

$$dX_t = \mu_X(X_t)dt + \sigma_X(X_t)dB_t$$

Then the Markov chain approximating probabilities are given by

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(X_{n+1}^h = x + h | X_n^h = x) &= \frac{\sigma_X^2(x) + h \max\{0, \mu_X(x)\}}{Q^h(x)} \\ Pr(X_{n+1}^h = x - h | X_n^h = x) &= \frac{\sigma_X^2(x) + h \max\{0, -\mu_X(x)\}}{Q^h(x)} \\ Q^h(x) &= \sigma_X^2(x) + h|\mu_X(x)| \\ \Delta t^h(x) &= \frac{h^2}{Q^h(x)} \end{aligned}$$

where the h is the step-size for the state space discretization. Given these pieces, the value function is solved in an iterative fashion where

$$v^{(i,j+1)}(x) = U(C)\Delta t^h(x) + e^{-\rho\Delta t^h(x)} \times \sum_{x'} Pr\{x'|x\} \times v^{i,j}(x')$$

Convergence is found when $\|v^{(i,j+1)} - v^{(i,j)}\| \leq \epsilon$ for a given tolerance level ϵ .

Furthermore, because my framework generates a nonlinear HJB equation I incorporate an additional step to ensure stability of the algorithm. For each $v^{(i,j)}$, I do an intermediate iterative loop of

$$v^{(i,j,m+1)}(x) = (U(C) + f(v^{i,j,m}(x')))\Delta t^h(x) + e^{-\rho\Delta t^h(x)} \times \sum_{x'} Pr\{x'|x\} \times v^{i,j,m}(x')$$

where $f(\cdot)$ is a function of the nonlinear contributions of the value function to the HJB equation. This loop is done for a pre-specified number of iterations to smooth out the impact of the nonlinearities on the iterative convergence algorithm. After the inner loop finishes, the value function and

probabilities are updated as explained previously, and then the inner loop is repeated.

Boundary conditions are as follows: For oil reserves R , I set the top and bottom boundary to be a constant derivative of the value function from R_{max-1} to R_{max} and R_{min+1} to R_{min} respectively. For temperature T , I impose a constant derivative of the value function from Y_{max-1} to Y_{max} for the top edge of the grid and from Y_{min+1} to Y_{min} for the bottom edge of the grid. I explore different specifications to test these boundary conditions and the results are stable for other viable boundary conditions I try.

10.2 Parameter Restrictions

There are a few parameter restrictions required in order for the model to be well defined and for a solution to exist. First, under the assumption that $1 - \xi < 0$, which is a standard assumption for risk aversion and the assumption I use throughout this paper, we need $v < 0$ so that $\log[(1 - \xi)v]$ is defined. Second, I require a non-negative discount factor for the Markov chain approximation method, meaning the following must hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho} = & -\rho(1 - \xi) \log(A_C L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\gamma-\alpha)} (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)} (1 - C_1)) \\ & -b(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln C_1 A_C L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\gamma-\alpha)} (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)}) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 b(b - 1) + \lambda(T) + \eta(\rho(1 - \xi) + c_1 \delta_1) T > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Further restrictions come in the form of the convergence properties for the solution method. The necessary requirement for guaranteed convergence is that the constructed Markov chain approximation probabilities satisfy the local consistency property. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\Delta R_{\mathbb{Q},n}^h] &= \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}(R, T) \Delta t_{\mathbb{Q}}^h(R, T) \\ \text{var}[\Delta R_{\mathbb{Q},n}^h] &= R^2 |\sigma_R|^2 \Delta t_{\mathbb{Q}}^h(R, T) + o(\Delta t_{\mathbb{Q}}^h(R, T)) \\ \mathbb{E}[\Delta T_{\mathbb{Q},n}^h] &= \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}(R, T) \Delta t_{\mathbb{Q}}^h(R, T) \\ \text{var}[\Delta T_{\mathbb{Q},n}^h] &= T^2 |\sigma_T|^2 \Delta t_{\mathbb{Q}}^h(R, T) + o(\Delta t_{\mathbb{Q}}^h(R, T)) \\ \text{cov}[\Delta R_{\mathbb{Q},n}^h, \Delta T_{\mathbb{Q},n}^h] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is an easily verifiable condition and I choose parameters such that this condition holds.

11 Appendix B: Climate Policy Index Details

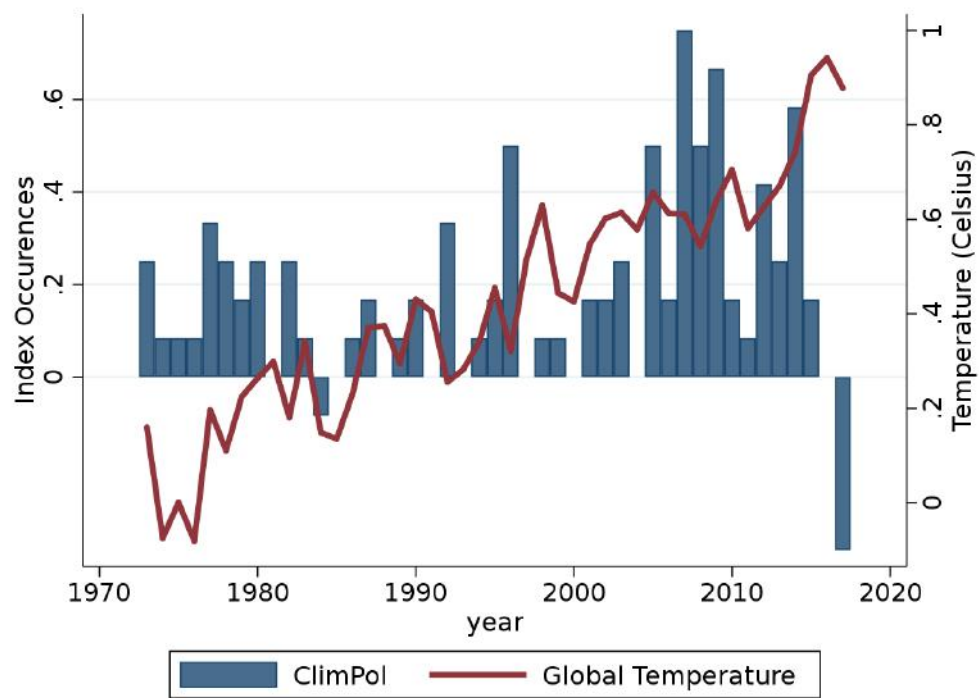
Figure 17: Climate Policy Index List, 1996-Present

| Date | Event | Shock Sign | Source |
|-----------|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| 5-Jun-96 | Solar Two Plant Demonstrates Low Cost Method of Storing Solar Energy | + | ProCon.org |
| 18-Jul-96 | COP 2, Geneva, Switzerland | + | IPCC |
| 9-Oct-96 | Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 Is Passed to Further Expand Hydrogen Power Development | + | ProCon.org |
| 29-Oct-96 | European Union adopts target of a maximum 2 °C rise in average global temperature | + | Wikipedia |
| 5-Nov-96 | Bill Clinton Elected POTUS | + | U.S. Presidential Elections |
| 5-Dec-96 | EV1 Electric Car Is Made Available to the Public For Lease; Lease Program and EV1 Later Dismantled by GM | + | ProCon.org |
| 25-Jun-97 | US Senate passes Byrd–Hagel Resolution rejecting Kyoto | - | Wikipedia |
| 11-Dec-97 | COP 3, The Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change | + | Wikipedia/IPCC |
| 14-Nov-98 | COP 4, Buenos Aires, Argentina | + | IPCC |
| 5-Nov-99 | COP 5, Bonn, Germany | + | IPCC |
| 7-Nov-00 | George W. Bush Elected POTUS | - | U.S. Presidential Elections |
| 25-Nov-00 | COP 6, The Hague, Netherlands | + | IPCC |
| 28-Mar-01 | President George W. Bush withdraws from the Kyoto negotiations | - | Wikipedia |
| 27-Jul-01 | COP 6, Bonn, Germany | + | IPCC |
| 29-Sep-01 | IPCC Third assessment report | + | IPCC |
| 10-Nov-01 | COP 7, Marrakech, Morocco | + | IPCC |
| 13-May-02 | Farm Security and Rural Investment Act | + | Wikipedia |
| 1-Nov-02 | COP 8, New Delhi, India | + | IPCC |
| 6-Feb-03 | President Bush Unveils the Hydrogen Fuel Initiative | + | ProCon.org |
| 27-Feb-03 | Plans Announced to Build Worlds First Zero Emissions Coal Power Plant | + | ProCon.org |
| 12-Dec-03 | COP 9, Milan, Italy | + | IPCC |
| 2-Nov-04 | George W. Bush Elected POTUS | - | U.S. Presidential Elections |
| 17-Dec-04 | COP 10, Buenos Aires, Argentina | + | IPCC |
| 1-Jan-05 | EU Emissions Trading Scheme is launched, the first such scheme | + | Wikipedia |
| 16-Feb-05 | Kyoto Protocol comes into force (not including the US or Australia) | + | Wikipedia |
| 8-Jul-05 | 31st G8 summit discusses climate change, relatively little progress made | + | Wikipedia |
| 8-Aug-05 | Energy Policy Act | + | Wikipedia |
| 9-Nov-05 | US House Prevents Drilling for Oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge | + | ProCon.org |
| 9-Dec-05 | COP 11/CMP 1, Montreal, Canada | + | Wikipedia/IPCC |
| 30-Oct-06 | The Stern Review is published | + | Wikipedia |
| 17-Nov-06 | COP 12/CMP 2, Nairobi, Kenya | + | IPCC |
| 16-Feb-07 | February 2007 Washington Declaration | + | IPCC |
| 7-Jun-07 | 33rd G8 summit | + | IPCC |
| 31-Jul-07 | 2007 UN General Assembly plenary debate | + | IPCC |
| 3-Aug-07 | September 2007 Washington conference | + | IPCC |
| 31-Aug-07 | 2007 Vienna Climate Change Talks and Agreement | + | IPCC |
| 24-Sep-07 | September 2007 United Nations High-Level-Event | + | IPCC |
| 17-Nov-07 | IPCC Fourth assessment report | + | IPCC/ProCon.org |
| 17-Dec-07 | COP 13/CMP 3, Bali, Indonesia | + | IPCC |
| 19-Dec-07 | Energy Independence and Security Act | + | Wikipedia |
| 30-Jan-08 | First Commercial Cellulosic Ethanol Plant Goes Into Production | + | ProCon.org |
| 22-May-08 | Food, Conservation, and Energy Act | + | Wikipedia |
| 7-Oct-08 | National Biofuel Action Plan Unveiled | + | ProCon.org |
| 4-Nov-08 | Barack Obama Elected POTUS | + | U.S. Presidential Elections |

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| 12-Dec-08 | COP 14/CMP 4, Poznań, Poland | + | IPCC |
| 22-Dec-08 | Worst Coal Ash Spill in US History in Kingston, Tennessee | + | ProCon.org |
| 17-Feb-09 | ARRA (2009) Contains Funding for Renewable Energy | + | ProCon.org/Wikipedia |
| 22-Apr-09 | First Framework for Wind Energy Development on the US Outer Continental Shelf Announced | + | ProCon.org |
| 5-May-09 | President Obama Issues Presidential Directive to USDA to Expand Access to Biofuels | + | ProCon.org |
| 27-May-09 | US Announces Funding in Recovery Act Funding for Solar and Geothermal Energy Development | + | ProCon.org |
| 26-Jun-09 | US House of Representatives passes the American Clean Energy and Security Act (Waxman) | + | Wikipedia |
| 22-Sep-09 | September 2009 United Nations Secretary General's Summit on Climate Change | + | IPCC |
| 27-Oct-09 | US Invests \$3.4 Billion to Modernize Energy Grid | + | ProCon.org |
| 18-Dec-09 | COP 15/CMP 5, Copenhagen, Denmark | + | IPCC |
| 20-Apr-10 | BP Oil Rig Explodes & Causes Largest Oil Spill in US History | + | ProCon.org |
| 10-Dec-10 | COP 16/CMP 6, Cancun, Mexico | + | IPCC |
| 11-Mar-11 | Earthquake off Coast of Japan Damages Six Powerplants at Fukushima | + | ProCon.org |
| 1-Sep-11 | Solar Power Company Solyndra Declares Bankruptcy | - | ProCon.org |
| 9-Dec-11 | COP 17/CMP 7, Durban, South Africa | + | IPCC |
| 9-Feb-12 | US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Approves New Nuclear Power Plants | + | ProCon.org |
| 27-Mar-12 | EPA Announces First Clean Air Act Standard for Carbon Pollution from New Power Plants | + | ProCon.org |
| 17-Apr-12 | EPA Issues First Ever Clean Air Rules for Natural Gas Produced by Fracking | + | ProCon.org |
| 6-Nov-12 | Barack Obama Elected POTUS | + | U.S. Presidential Elections |
| 7-Dec-12 | COP 18/CMP 8, Doha, Qatar | + | IPCC |
| 25-Jun-13 | President Obama Releases His Climate Action Plan | + | ProCon.org |
| 20-Sep-13 | EPA Issues New Proposed Rule to Cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Power Plants | + | ProCon.org |
| 23-Nov-13 | COP 19/CMP 9, Warsaw, Poland | + | IPCC |
| 13-Feb-14 | Ivanpah, the World's Largest Concentrated Solar Power Generation Plant, Goes Online | + | ProCon.org |
| 9-May-14 | President Obama Announces Solar Power Commitments and Executive Actions | + | ProCon.org |
| 2-Jun-14 | EPA Proposes First Ever Rules to Reduce Carbon Emissions from Existing Power Plants | + | ProCon.org |
| 22-Sep-14 | Rockefellers and over 800 Global Investors Announce Fossil Fuel Divestment | + | ProCon.org |
| 23-Sep-14 | Climate Summit 2014 | + | IPCC |
| 1-Nov-14 | IPCC Fifth assessment report | + | IPCC |
| 12-Dec-14 | COP 20/CMP 10, Lima, Peru | + | IPCC |
| 3-Aug-15 | President Obama Announces Clean Power Plan (finalized Oct. 23, 2015; Active December, 22, 2015) | + | ProCon.org |
| 12-Dec-15 | COP 21/CMP 11, Paris, France | + | Wikipedia/IPCC |
| 8-Nov-16 | Donald Trump Elected POTUS | - | U.S. Presidential Elections |
| 18-Nov-16 | COP 22/CMP 12/CMA 1, Marrakech, Morocco | + | IPCC |
| 28-Mar-17 | President Trump Signs Executive Order to Begin Reversal of President Obama's Clean Power Plan | - | ProCon.org |
| 1-Jun-17 | President Donald Trump withdraws the United States from the Paris Agreement | - | Wikipedia |
| 31-Jul-17 | Two Nuclear Power Reactors in South Carolina Abandoned Before Construction Completed | - | ProCon.org |
| 22-Dec-17 | Tax Bill Opens Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for Oil Drilling | - | ProCon.org |
| 9-May-18 | Solar Power to Be Required on All New California Homes by 2020 | + | ProCon.org |

*Events come from ProCon.org Fossil Fuel and Alternative Energy timeline, IPCC/UNFCCC Meetings, U.S. Presidential Election outcomes, and Wikipedia.org Selective historical timeline of significant climate change political events and List of United States energy acts

Figure 18: ClimPol Index and Annual Global Mean Temperature



12 Appendix C: Theoretical Derivations

12.1 Macroeconomics Outcomes

12.1.1 No Climate Component

Starting from the Planner's Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \max_{L, I, N, i_R} \rho(1 - \xi)V \log(A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - I) \\
& - \rho V \log((1 - \xi)V) + V_K K (\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K) + V_R (-N + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_R^2 R^2 V_{RR} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 K^2 V_{KK}
\end{aligned}$$

Then first order conditions (FOC) are

$$\begin{aligned}
n &= \frac{\rho(1 - \xi)(1 - C_1)^{-1} \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)V}{V_R R} + (\Gamma \theta)^{1/(1-\theta)} \\
i_R &= (\Gamma \theta)^{1/(1-\theta)} \\
I &= \frac{V_K K \delta_1}{\rho(1 - \xi)V + \delta_1 V_K K} A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (R(n - i_R))^{\nu(1-\gamma-\alpha)} (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)} \\
L &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega(1 - \nu)(1 - \gamma - \alpha)}
\end{aligned}$$

Guess and verify the value function and its coefficients are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
V &= c_0 K^{c_1} R^{c_2} \\
c_0 &= \frac{1}{1 - \xi} \exp\left(\frac{1}{\rho} \left\{ \rho(1 - \xi) \log(A_C L^\alpha (n_t - i_R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} ((1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1 - C_1)) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + c_2(-n + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) + c_2(c_2 - 1) \frac{\sigma_R^2}{2} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + c_1(\log B + \delta_1 \log(A_C L^\alpha (n_t - i_R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} ((1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} C_1)) + \frac{\sigma_K^2}{2} c_1(c_1 - 1) \right\} \right) \\
c_1 &= \frac{\rho(1 - \xi)\gamma}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
c_2 &= \frac{(1 - \xi)\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)(\rho + \delta_2)}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
C_1 &= \frac{c_1 \delta_1}{\rho(1 - \xi) + c_1 \delta_1}
\end{aligned}$$

12.1.2 Climate and Uncertain Climate Policy

The planner's problem for the pre-policy state can be written as an HJB equation that is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \max_{L, I, N, i_R} \rho(1 - \xi)V(\log(\exp(-\eta T)A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - I) \\
& - \frac{1}{(1 - \xi)} \log((1 - \xi)V)) + V_K K(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K) + V_R(-N + \Gamma R_\theta i_{R,t}^\theta) + \varphi N V_T \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_R^2 R^2 V_{RR} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 V_{TT} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 K^2 V_{KK} + \lambda(T)[V_{post} - V_{pre}]
\end{aligned}$$

and the First Order Conditions (FOC) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \frac{\rho(1 - \xi)V(1 - C_1)^{-1}\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)}{V_R - \varphi_T V_T} + \left(\frac{V_R \Gamma \theta}{(V_R - \varphi_T V_T)}\right)^{1/(1-\theta)} R \\
i_R &= \left(\frac{V_R \Gamma \theta}{(V_R - \varphi_T V_T)}\right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \\
I &= \frac{V_K K \delta_1}{\rho(1 - \xi)V + V_K K \delta_1} \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (N - I_R)^{\nu(1-\gamma-\alpha)} (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)} \\
L &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega(1 - \nu)(1 - \gamma - \alpha)}
\end{aligned}$$

The planner's post-policy problem can be written as an HJB equation that is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \rho(1 - \xi)V(\log(\exp(-\eta T)A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - I) - \frac{1}{(1 - \xi)} \log((1 - \xi)V)) \\
& + V_K K(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 V_{TT} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 K^2 V_{KK}
\end{aligned}$$

and the First Order Conditions (FOC) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{V_K K \delta_1}{\rho(1 - \xi)V + V_K K \delta_1} \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (A_G(1 - L)^\omega)^{(1-\gamma-\alpha)} \\
L &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega(1 - \alpha - \gamma)}
\end{aligned}$$

Guess and verify that the pre- and post-policy value functions are given by

$$V_{pre} = K^{c_1} v(R, T) \quad V_{post} = \tilde{c}_0 K^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T)$$

where the coefficients of the value functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{c}_0 &= \frac{1}{1-\xi} \exp\left(\frac{1}{\rho} \left\{ \rho(1-\xi) \log(A_C L^\alpha (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1-C_1)) + c_3^2 \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + c_1 (\log B + \delta_1 \log(A_C L^\alpha (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{(1-\alpha-\gamma)} C_1)) + \frac{\sigma_K^2}{2} c_1 (c_1 - 1) \right\} \right) \\
c_1 &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)\gamma}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
c_3 &= -\frac{\eta(1-\xi)(\rho + \delta_2)}{\rho - \delta_1\gamma + \delta_2} \\
C_1 &= \frac{c_1\delta_1}{\rho(1-\xi) + c_1\delta_1}
\end{aligned}$$

and the remaining differential equation v solves

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \rho(1-\xi)v(\log(\exp(-\eta T) A_C L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1-C_1)) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{(1-\xi)} \log((1-\xi)v)) + v_R(-N + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) + \varphi N v_T \\
&\quad + v c_3 (\ln B + \delta_1 \ln(\exp(-\eta T) A_C L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} C_1)) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_R^2 R^2 v_{RR} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 v_{TT} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 v c_1 (c_1 - 1) + \lambda(T) [\tilde{c}_0 \exp(c_3 T) - v]
\end{aligned}$$

12.1.3 Constant Policy Arrival Rate

Extending the uncertain climate policy setting above, I guess and verify that

$$v = \exp(c_3 T) f(R)$$

and the optimal FOC for extraction and exploration are

$$\begin{aligned}
n &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)f(1-C_1)^{-1}\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)}{(f_R - \varphi c_3 f)} + \left(\frac{f_R \Gamma \theta}{(f_R - \varphi c_3 f)}\right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \\
i_{R,t} &= \left(\frac{f_R \Gamma \theta}{(f_R - \varphi c_3 f)}\right)^{1/(1-\theta)}
\end{aligned}$$

All else remains the same as in the original uncertain policy setting.

12.1.4 No Exploration

Set $\Gamma = 0$ and derive solutions as done in previous settings with exploration.

12.1.5 Oil-Sector Only Policy Setting

For this extension, we alter the final output production function to be of the following form:

$$Y_i = A_C L^\alpha K^\gamma O^{\nu_i(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)}$$

While policy shocks are still given by stochastic shocks to ν_i that follow a finite chain Markov process as before, these shocks no longer alter the energy input demand share of green energy, now given by β . With this, the planner's problem for the pre-policy state can be written as an HJB equation that is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \max_{L, I, N, i_R} \rho(1 - \xi)V(\log(\exp(-\eta T)A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - I) \\
& - \frac{1}{(1-\xi)} \log((1-\xi)V)) + V_K K(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K) + V_R(-N + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) + \varphi N V_T \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_R^2 R^2 V_{RR} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 V_{TT} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 K^2 V_{KK} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{A_C}^2 A_C^2 V_{A_C, A_C} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{A_G}^2 A_G^2 V_{A_G, A_G} + \lambda(T)[V_{post} - V_{pre}]
\end{aligned}$$

and the First Order Conditions (FOC) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)V(1-C_1)^{-1}\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)}{V_R - \varphi_T V_T} + \left(\frac{V_R \Gamma \theta}{(V_R - \varphi_T V_T)}\right)^{1/(1-\theta)} R \\
i_R &= \left(\frac{V_R \Gamma \theta}{(V_R - \varphi_T V_T)}\right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \\
I &= \frac{V_K K \delta_1}{\rho(1-\xi)V + V_K K \delta_1} \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (N - I_R)^{\nu(1-\gamma-\alpha)} (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\gamma-\alpha)} \\
L &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega\beta(1-\gamma-\alpha)}
\end{aligned}$$

The planner's post-policy problem can be written as an HJB equation that is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \rho(1 - \xi)V(\log(\exp(-\eta T)A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - I) - \frac{1}{(1-\xi)} \log((1-\xi)V)) \\
& + V_K K(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 V_{TT} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 K^2 V_{KK}
\end{aligned}$$

and the First Order Conditions (FOC) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{V_K K \delta_1}{\rho(1-\xi)V + V_K K \delta_1} \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\gamma-\alpha)} \\
L &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \omega\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)}
\end{aligned}$$

We can guess and verify that the pre- and post-policy value functions are given by

$$V_{pre} = K^{c_1} v(R, T) \quad V_{post} = \hat{c}_0 K^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T)$$

where the coefficients of the value functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{c}_0 &= \frac{1}{1-\xi} \exp\left(\frac{1}{\rho} \{\rho(1-\xi) \log(A_C L^\alpha (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1-C_1)) + c_3^2 \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2\right. \\
&\quad \left.+ c_1(\log B + \delta_1 \log(A_C L^\alpha (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} C_1)) + \frac{\sigma_K^2}{2} c_1(c_1-1)\}\right) \\
c_1 &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)\gamma}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
c_3 &= -\frac{\eta(1-\xi)(\rho + \delta_2)}{\rho - \delta_1\gamma + \delta_2} \\
C_1 &= \frac{b\delta_1}{\rho(1-\xi) + b\delta_1}
\end{aligned}$$

and the remaining differential equation v solves

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \rho(1-\xi)v(\log(\exp(-\eta T) A_C L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1-C_1)) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{(1-\xi)} \log((1-\xi)v)) + v_R(-N + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) + \varphi N v_T \\
&\quad + v c_3 (\ln B + \delta_1 \ln(\exp(-\eta T) A_C L^\alpha (N - i_R R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (A_G(1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} C_1)) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_R^2 R^2 v_{RR} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_T^2 v_{TT} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_K^2 v c_1(c_1-1) + \lambda(T) [\hat{c}_0 \exp(c_3 T) - v]
\end{aligned}$$

12.1.6 Stochastic TFP and Green Capital Extensions

Using the oil-sector only policy setting, it is straightforward to show how stochastic TFP for the final output sector and green energy sector can be introduced to the model in a straightforward way. Introducing green capital can be done in a similar manner. If we assume that the TFP variables are geometric Brownian motions

$$\begin{aligned}
dA_{C,t} &= \mu_{A_C} A_{C,t} dt + \sigma_{A_C} A_{C,t} dB_{A_C} \\
dA_{G,t} &= \mu_{A_G} A_{G,t} dt + \sigma_{A_G} A_{G,t} dB_{A_G}
\end{aligned}$$

The stochastic TFP for each sector replace the constant values from before

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_t &= A_{C,t} K_t^\gamma L_{C,t}^\alpha E_t^{1-\gamma-\alpha} \\
G_t &= A_{G,t} L_{G,t}^\omega
\end{aligned}$$

Then we can guess and verify the value function and its coefficients are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
V &= c_5 A_C^{c_1} A_G^{c_2} K^{c_3} R^{c_4} \\
c_5 &= \frac{1}{1-\xi} \exp\left(\frac{1}{\rho} \{\rho(1-\xi) \log L^\alpha(n_t - i_R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} ((1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1-C_1) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + c_4(-n + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) + c_4(c_4 - 1) \frac{\sigma_R^2}{2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + c_3(\log B + \delta_1 \log L^\alpha(n_t - i_R)^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} ((1-L)^\omega)^{\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)} C_1) + \frac{\sigma_K^2}{2} c_3(c_3 - 1)\} \right) \\
c_1 &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
c_2 &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)\beta(1-\alpha-\gamma)}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
c_3 &= \frac{\rho(1-\xi)\gamma}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
c_4 &= \frac{(1-\xi)\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)(\rho + \delta_2)}{\rho - \gamma\delta_1 + \delta_2} \\
C_1 &= \frac{b\delta_1}{\rho(1-\xi) + b\delta_1}
\end{aligned}$$

Everything else remains the same as in the oil-sector only policy setting and asset prices can be derived in the same way as shown here. Additional constant contributions to risk prices and risk premia will result from the inclusion of the stochastic TFP variables. The inclusion of a green capital, whose evolution follows the same structure as the final output capital, would result in a very similar analytical setting as introducing stochastic green sector TFP.

12.1.7 Decentralized Economy

12.1.8 Household

The household optimization problem is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
V &= \max_C E \int \rho(1-\xi) V (\log C - \frac{1}{1-\xi} \log(1-\xi) V) dt \\
s.t. \quad & W_t \geq \int \pi C
\end{aligned}$$

The SDF is given by

$$\pi = \exp\left(\int h_V\right) \rho(1-\xi) V C^{-1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
h_C &= \rho(1-\xi) V C^{-1} \\
h_J &= \rho(1-\xi) \log C - \rho \log((1-\xi) V) - \rho
\end{aligned}$$

12.1.9 Final Output

The final output firm's profit maximization problem is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_F &= \max_{L_C, I, O, S} E \int \pi(\exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L_C^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - w L_C - P_I I - P_O O - P_G G) ds \\ s.t. \quad & dK = K(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K) \end{aligned}$$

The FOC are given by

$$\begin{aligned} P_I &= \lambda_K K \delta_1 \pi^{-1} I^{-1} \\ P_O &= \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L_C^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)-1} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} \\ w &= \alpha \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L_C^{\alpha-1} O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} \\ P_G &= (1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha) \exp(-\eta T) A_C K^\gamma L_C^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)-1} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the SDF and value function as given, by definition the Langrangian multiplier λ_K is given by the discounted marginal value of another unit of capital, i.e., $\lambda_K = \exp(\int h_V) V_K$, and so

$$\frac{c_1 \delta_1}{\rho(1-\xi) + c_1 \delta_1} \tilde{Y} = I$$

given $h_C = \rho(1-\xi) V C^{-1}$, $V = K^{c_1} v(R, T)$, and $P_I = 1$.

12.1.10 Green Firm

The green firm's profit maximization problem is given by

$$V_G = \max_{L_G} E \int \pi(P_S A_G(L_G)^\omega - w(L_G)) ds$$

The FOC is

$$w = P_G A_G$$

Now, given P_G and w from above and taking the SDF and value function as given, we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_C &= \frac{\alpha}{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)\omega + \alpha} \\ L_G &= 1 - L_C \end{aligned}$$

12.1.11 Oil Firm and Optimal Tax

From the oil firm's profit maximization problem, which includes a tax on the oil extraction piece of output only as that is the only piece contributing to emissions, we see

$$\begin{aligned} V_O &= \max_{n, i_R} E \int \pi(P_O R((1-\tau_{opt})n - i_R)) ds \\ s.t. \quad & dR/R = -n dt + \Gamma i_{R,t}^\theta dt + \sigma_R dB \\ & dT = \varphi_T n R dt + \sigma_T dB \end{aligned}$$

The FOC for extraction and exploration are given by

$$\begin{aligned} P_O &= \lambda_R \Gamma \theta i_R^{\theta-1} R \pi^{-1} \\ P_O &= \lambda_R R (1 - \tau)^{-1} \pi^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Taking P_O , the SDF, and the value function as given previously, and by definition the Langrangian multiplier λ_R is the discounted marginal value of another unit of oil, i.e., $\lambda_R = \exp(\int h_V) V_R$. Plugging in these expressions we find

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{\rho(1 - \xi) v Y(C)^{-1} \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)(1 - \tau)}{v_R} + i_R R \\ i_R &= (\Gamma \theta (1 - \tau))^{1/(1-\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the Social Planner's FOC derived from the HJB equation are given by

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{\rho(1 - \xi) v (1 - C_1)^{-1} \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)}{v_R - \varphi_T v_T} + \left(\frac{v_R \Gamma \theta}{(v_R - \varphi v_T)} \right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \\ i_R &= \left(\frac{v_R \Gamma \theta}{(v_R - \varphi v_T)} \right)^{1/(1-\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the SP and decentralized FOCs provides a system of equations from which the optimal tax can be derived as

$$(1 - \tau_{opt}) = \frac{v_R}{v_R - \varphi_T v_T}$$

12.2 Asset Pricing Outcomes

12.2.1 The Stochastic Discount Factor (SDF)

Note that the intertemporal marginal rate of substitution (IMRS) or stochastic discount factor (SDF) following Duffie and Skiadas (1994) is

$$\pi_t = \exp\left(\int_0^t h_J(C, V) ds\right) h_C(C, V)$$

where the utility function h and its derivatives are given by

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \rho(1 - \xi) V \log(C) - \rho V \log((1 - \xi) V) \\ h_C &= \rho(1 - \xi) K^{c_1 - \gamma} v(R, T) \\ &\quad \times \exp(\eta T) A_C^{-1} L_C^{-\alpha} O^{-\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)} G^{-(1 - \nu)(1 - \alpha - \gamma)} (1 - C_1)^{-1} \\ h_J &= \rho(1 - \xi) \log(A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha O^{\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma)} G^{(1 - \nu)(1 - \alpha - \gamma)} (1 - C_1)) \\ &\quad - \rho(1 - \xi) \eta T - \rho \log((1 - \xi) K^{c_1} v(R, T)) - \rho \end{aligned}$$

As shown by Duffie and Skiadas (1994), Ito's Lemma then gives $\frac{d\pi_t}{\pi_t} = h_J dt + \frac{Dh_C}{h_C}$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dh_C}{h_C} = & (c_1 - \gamma)(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K)dt + \frac{1}{2}(c_1 - \gamma)(c_1 - \gamma - 1)\sigma_K^2 dt \\
& + \left\{ \frac{v_R}{v} - \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_R}{O} \right\} R(-N_t + \Gamma R_t i_{R,t}^\theta) dt \\
& + \left\{ \frac{v_T}{v} - \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_T}{O} + \eta \right\} (\varphi_T N_t) dt \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{v_{RR}}{v} - 2\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{v_R}{v} \frac{O_R}{O} + \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \{ \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) + 1 \} \frac{O_R^2}{O^2} \right. \\
& \left. - \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_{RR}}{O} \right\} R^2 \sigma_R^2 dt \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{v_{TT}}{v} - 2\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{v_T}{v} \frac{O_T}{O} + \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \{ \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) + 1 \} \frac{O_T^2}{O^2} \right. \\
& \left. - \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_{TT}}{O} \right\} \sigma_T^2 dt + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 2 \frac{v_T}{v} \eta - 2\eta\nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_T}{O} + \eta^2 \right\} \sigma_T^2 dt \\
& + \left\{ \frac{c_0 \exp(c_3 T) L_{post}^{-\alpha} G_{post}^{-(1-\alpha-\gamma)}}{v(R, T) L_{pre}^{-\alpha} G_{pre}^{-(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} O^{-\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)}} - 1 \right\} dJ + (c_1 - \gamma) dB_K \\
& + \left\{ \frac{v_R}{v} - \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_R}{O} \right\} R \sigma_R dB_R + \left\{ \frac{v_T}{v} - \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_T}{O} + \eta \right\} \sigma_T dB_T
\end{aligned}$$

For the post-policy state, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
h_C &= \rho(1 - \xi) c_0 K^{c_1 - \gamma} \exp(c_3 T) \\
&\quad \times \exp(\eta T) A_C L_C^{-\alpha} G^{-\omega(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1 - C_1)^{-1} \\
h_J &= \rho(1 - \xi) \log(A_C K^\gamma L^\alpha G^{(1-\alpha-\gamma)} (1 - C_1)) \\
&\quad - \rho(1 - \xi) \eta T - \rho \log((1 - \xi) c_0 K^{c_1} \exp(c_3 T)) - \rho \\
\frac{dh_C}{h_C} &= (c_1 - \gamma)(\ln B + \delta_1 \ln I - \delta_2 \ln K)dt + \frac{1}{2}(c_1 - \gamma)(c_1 - \gamma - 1)\sigma_K^2 dt \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \{ c_3^2 + 2c_3\eta + \eta^2 \} \sigma_T^2 dt \\
&\quad + (c_1 - \gamma) dB_K + \{ c_3 + \eta \} \sigma_T dB_T
\end{aligned}$$

12.2.2 Risk Prices

The risk prices are the loadings on the Brownians and Jump process for the SDF, so they are

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{\pi, K} &= (\gamma - c_1) \sigma_K \\
\sigma_{\pi, R} &= \left\{ \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_R}{O} - \frac{v_R}{v} \right\} \sigma_R R \\
\sigma_{\pi, T} &= \left\{ \nu(1 - \alpha - \gamma) \frac{O_T}{O} - \frac{v_T}{v} - \eta \right\} \sigma_T \\
\Theta_\pi &= \left\{ 1 - \frac{v_{post} \tilde{Y}_{post}^{-1}}{v_{pre} \tilde{Y}_{pre}^{-1}} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

12.2.3 Firm Prices

To derive firm prices, I apply the envelope theorem to the social planner's Lagrangian. This follows the methodology used by Papanikolaou (2011) for example. Note for the final output firm we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_t S_t^C &= E_t \int_t^\infty \pi_s (\exp(-\eta T) A K^\gamma L^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} - wL - P_O O - P_G G - I) ds \\
&= E_t \int_t^\infty \pi_s (\exp(-\eta T) A K^\gamma L^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} \gamma - i^* K) ds \\
&\implies \\
S_t^C &= E_t \int_t^\infty \exp\left(\int_t^s h_V\right) \frac{h_{C,s}}{h_{C,t}} (\exp(-\eta T) A K^\gamma L^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} \gamma - i^* K) ds
\end{aligned}$$

For the oil firm, plugging in the socially optimal choices, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_t S_t^O &= E_t \int_t^\infty \pi_s (P_O R((1-\tau)n - i_R) ds \\
&\implies \\
S_t^O &= E_t \int_t^\infty \exp\left(\int_t^s h_V\right) \frac{h_{C,s}}{h_{C,t}} P_O R(n^* - i_R^*) ds
\end{aligned}$$

Note the Lagrangian for the social planner's problem is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} = E_t \int_t^\infty \{ & h(C, V) - \pi_s (C - \exp(-\eta T) A K^\gamma L^\alpha O^{\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma)} G^{(1-\nu)(1-\alpha-\gamma)} + iK) \\
& - P_O \pi_s (O - nR + i_R R) - P_G \pi_s (G - A_G L_G) \} ds
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by application of the envelope theorem we know that

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial K} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial K} \quad , \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial R} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial R}$$

Furthermore, we also know that

$$\frac{\partial K_s}{\partial K_t} K_t = K_s \quad , \quad \frac{\partial R_s}{\partial R_t} R_t = R_s$$

Calculating derivatives of Lagrangian and comparing I find that

$$\begin{aligned}
S_t^C &= \frac{1}{h_C} \frac{\partial V}{\partial K} K = c_1 \frac{(1-C_1)}{\rho(1-\xi)} \tilde{Y}_t \\
S_t^O &= \frac{1}{h_C} \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} R = \frac{(1-C_1)}{\rho(1-\xi)} \frac{v_R R}{v} \tilde{Y}_t
\end{aligned}$$

Lastly, for the green energy firm we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_t S_t^G &= E_t \int_t^\infty \pi_s (P_G A_G L_G^\omega - wL_G) ds \\
&\implies \\
S_t^G &= E_t \int_t^\infty \exp\left(\int_t^s h_V\right) \frac{h_{C,s}}{h_{C,t}} P_G (1-\omega) (A_G L_G) ds
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging in for P_G from the final output firm's FOC, and through substitution for the optimal choice of investment i , we can rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned}
S_t^G &= (1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)(1-\omega)E_t \int_t^\infty \exp\left(\int_t^s h_V\right) \frac{h_{C,s}}{h_{C,t}} \tilde{Y}_t ds \\
&= \frac{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)(1-\omega)}{\gamma-C_1} E_t \int_t^\infty \exp\left(\int_t^s h_V\right) \frac{h_{C,s}}{h_{C,t}} (\tilde{Y}_t \gamma - i^* K) ds \\
&= \frac{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)(1-\omega)}{\gamma-C_1} S_t^C
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the firm prices for each sector in the model are given by

$$S_t^C = c_1 \frac{(1-C_1)}{\rho(1-\xi)} \tilde{Y}_t, \quad S_t^G = \frac{(1-\nu)(1-\gamma-\alpha)(1-\omega)}{\gamma-C_1} \frac{c_1(1-C_1)}{\rho(1-\xi)} \tilde{Y}_t, \quad S_t^O = \frac{(1-C_1)}{\rho(1-\xi)} \frac{v_R R}{v} \tilde{Y}_t$$

12.2.4 Risk Premia

Since the process for returns is defined as $\frac{dP+D}{P}$, the risk premia are given by

$$RP = -cov\left(\frac{dS}{S}, \frac{d\pi}{\pi}\right) = \sigma_{Ret,K} \sigma_{\pi,K} + \sigma_{Ret,R} \sigma_{\pi,R} + \sigma_{Ret,T} \sigma_{\pi,T} + \Theta_\pi \Theta_R$$

where $\sigma_{Ret,x}$ comes from the diffusion term of the price equation after applying Ito's to the pricing term. Plugging in appropriate terms gives

$$RP^X = \gamma(\gamma - c_1) \sigma_K^2 + \sum_{\chi=R,T} \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} S^X \right) / S^X \right) \sigma_\chi(\chi) \sigma_{\pi,\chi} + \lambda(T_t) \Theta_\pi (S_{post}^X / S_1^X pre - 1)$$

To calculate these quantities, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
S_R/S &= \left\{ \frac{v_{RR}}{v v_R} - \frac{v_R}{v^2} + R^{-1} + \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) O^{-1} O_R \right\} \\
S_{RR}/S &= \left\{ \left\{ \frac{v_{RRR}}{v} + 2 \frac{v_R^3}{v^3} - 3 \frac{v_{RR} v_R}{v^2} \right\} v_R^{-1} + \left\{ \frac{v_{RR}}{v} - \frac{v_R^2}{v^2} \right\} \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) v_R^{-1} O^{-1} O_R \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left\{ v_{RR} + \frac{v_{RR}}{v} - \frac{v_R^2}{v^2} \right\} R^{-1} v_R^{-1} + 2\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) O^{-1} O_R \right\} \\
S_T/S &= (-\eta + \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) O^{-1} O_T) \\
S_{TT}/S &= (\eta^2 - 2\eta\nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) O^{-1} O_T + \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) \{ \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) - 1 \} O^{-2} O_T^2 \\
&\quad + \nu(1-\alpha-\gamma) O^{-1} O_{TT}) \\
S_K/S &= \gamma K^{-1} \\
S_{KK}/S &= \gamma(\gamma-1) K^{-2}
\end{aligned}$$

and so the process for returns, given by an application of Ito's lemma, is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dS}{S} &= \{\mu_K S_K/S + \mu_R S_R/S + \mu_T S_T/S\}dt \\
&+ \frac{1}{2}\{\sigma_R^2 R^2 S_{RR}/S + \sigma_T^2 S_{TT}/S + \sigma_K^2 K^2 S_{KK}/S + \sigma_{A_G}^2 A_G^2 S_{A_G, A_G}/S + \sigma_{A_C}^2 A_C^2 S_{A_C, A_C}/S\}dt \\
&+ \sigma_{A_C} S_{A_C}/S dB_{A_C} + \sigma_{A_G} S_{A_G}/S dB_{A_G} + \sigma_K S_K/S dB_K + \sigma_R S_R/S dB_R + \sigma_T S_T/S dB_T + \Theta_R dJ_t
\end{aligned}$$

And so we can plug in and get the expressions for expected returns.

13 Appendix D: Numerical Results for Model Extensions

13.1 Comparison with Oil-Sector Only Policy

Figure 19: Uncertain Policy Arrival Comparison - Quantities

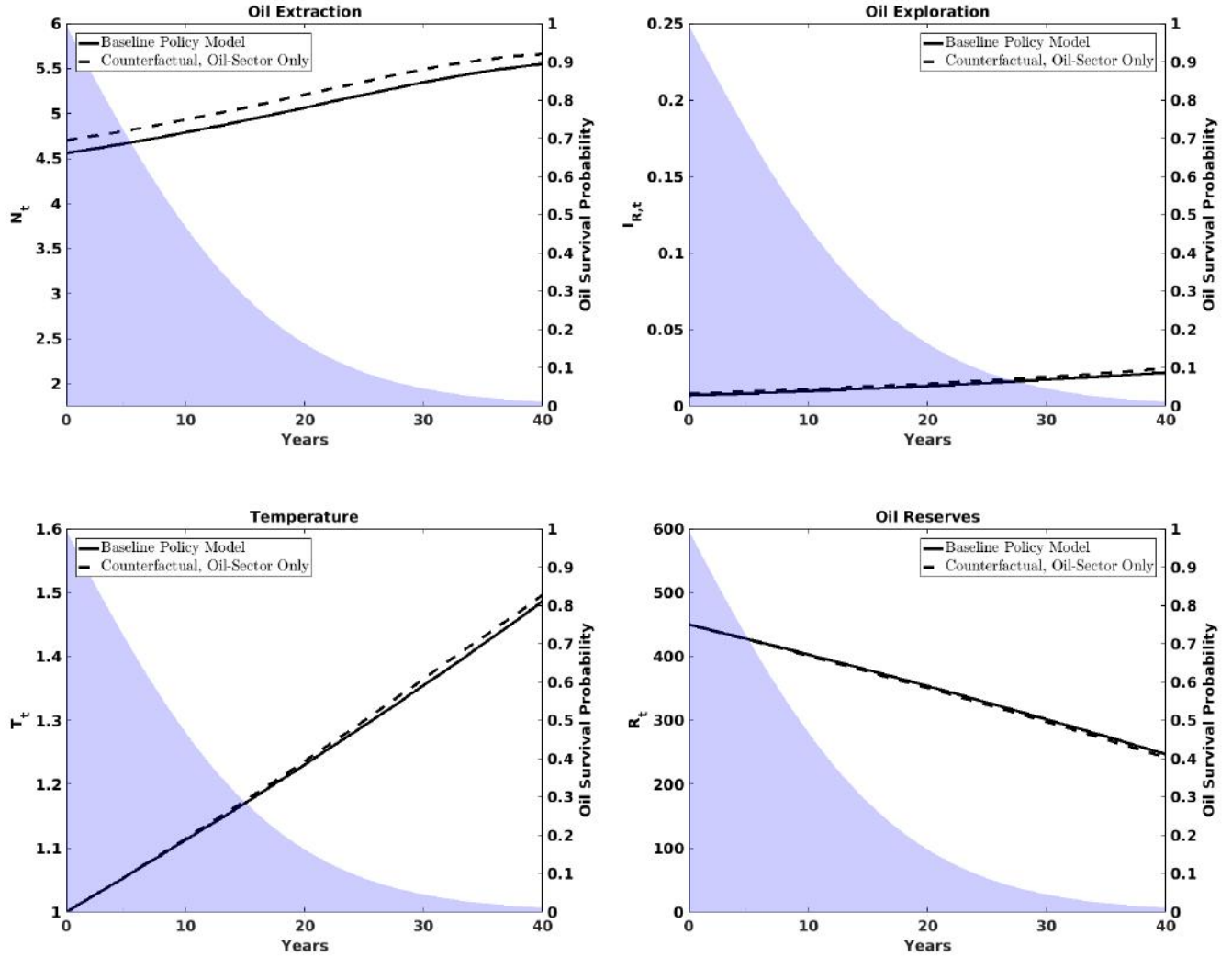
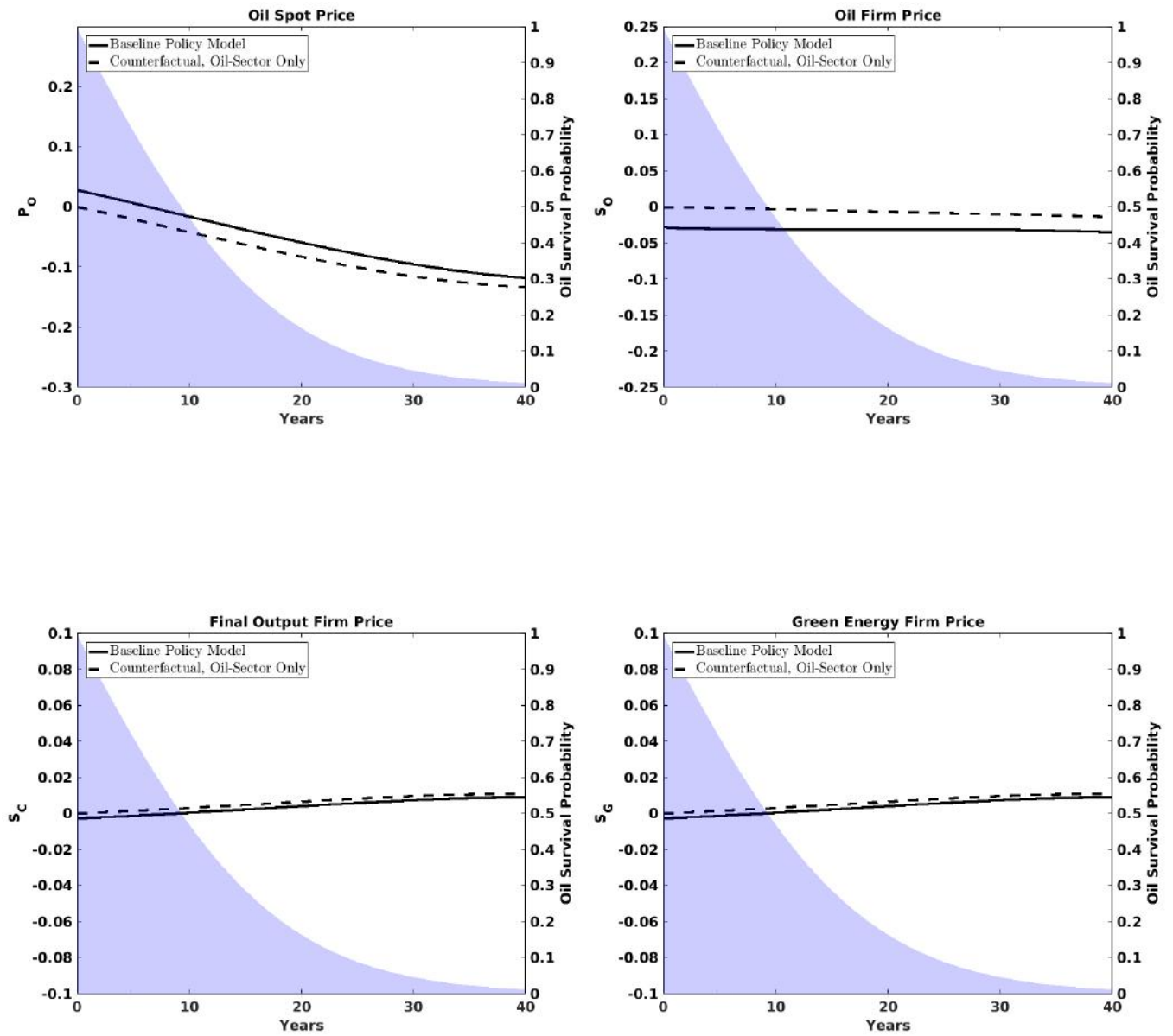


Figure 20: Uncertain Policy Arrival Comparison - Prices



13.2 Comparison with No Exploration Case

Figure 21: Uncertain Policy Arrival Comparison - Quantities

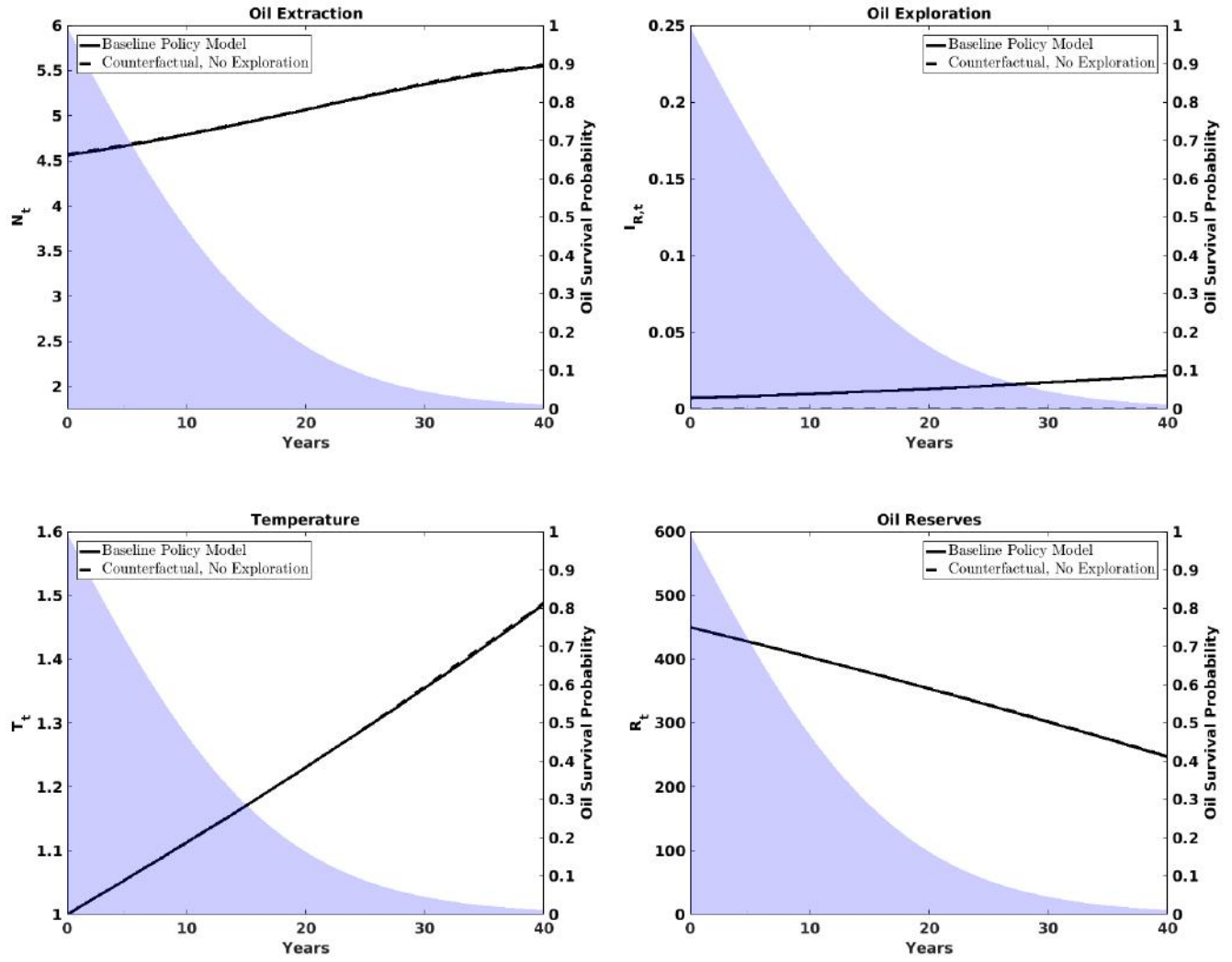
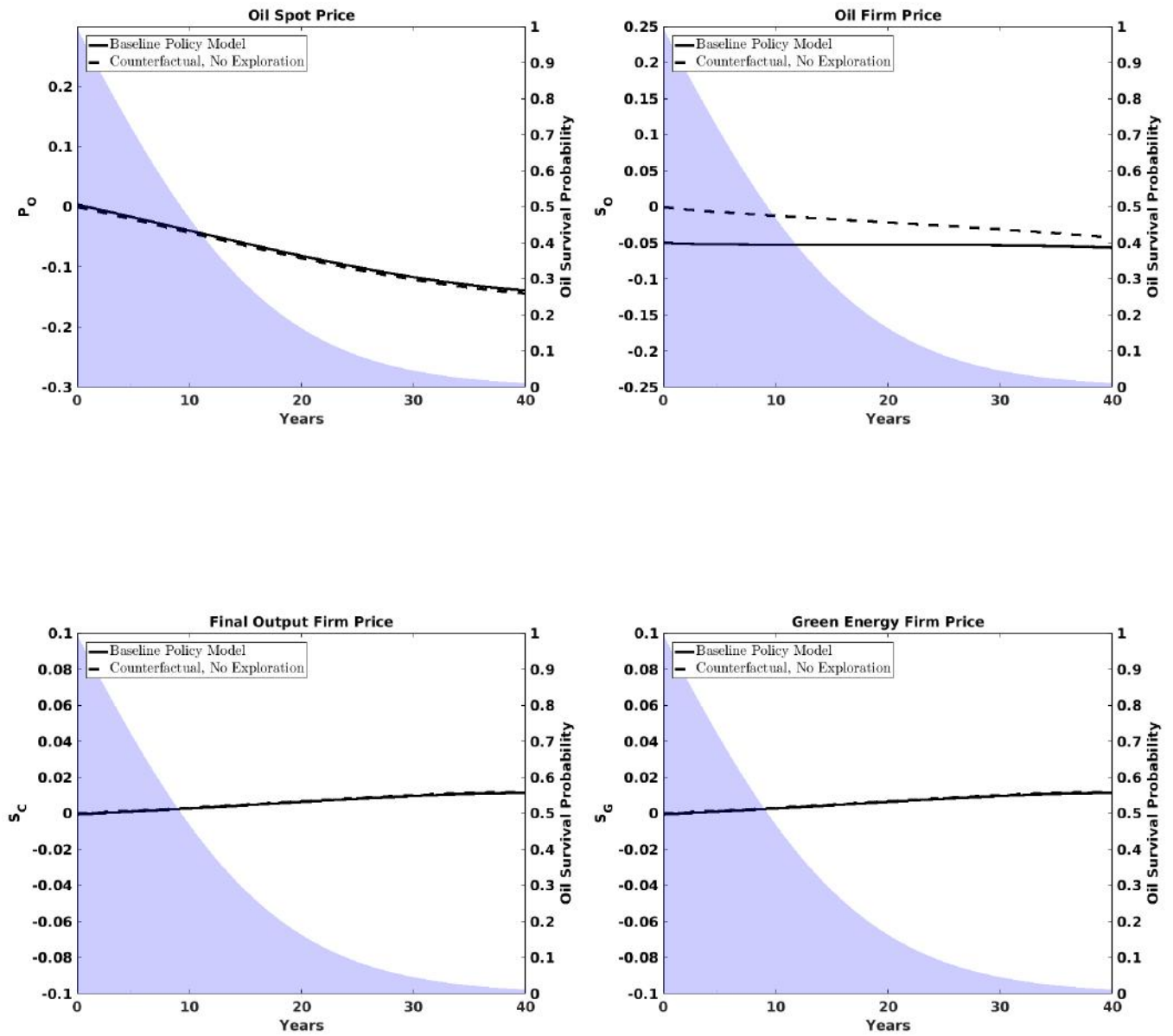


Figure 22: Uncertain Policy Arrival Comparison - Prices



13.3 Policy Welfare Comparison for Model Extensions

Figure 23: Oil-Sector Only Policy Comparison

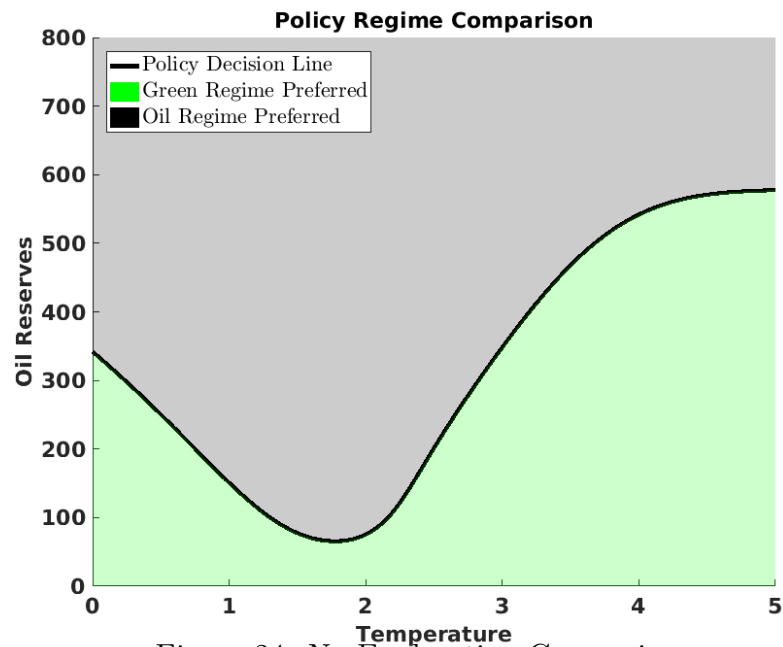
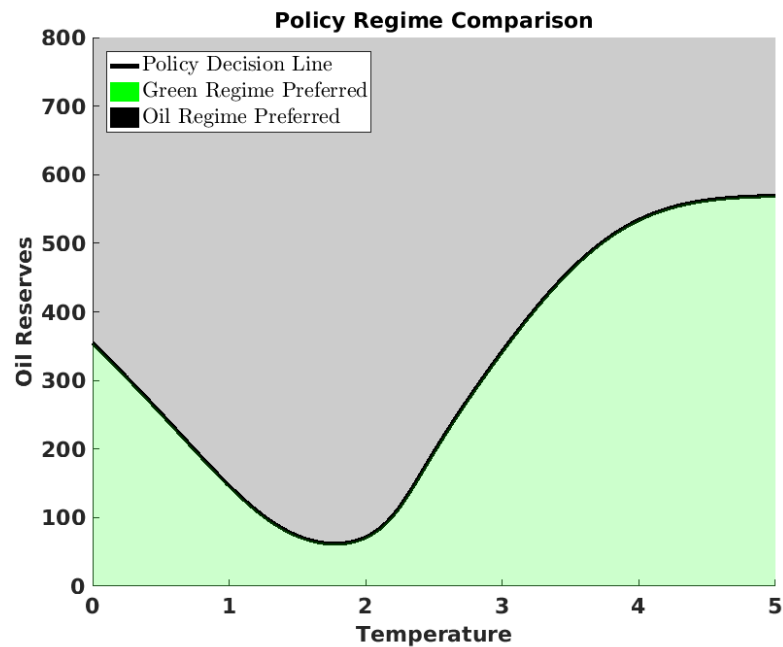
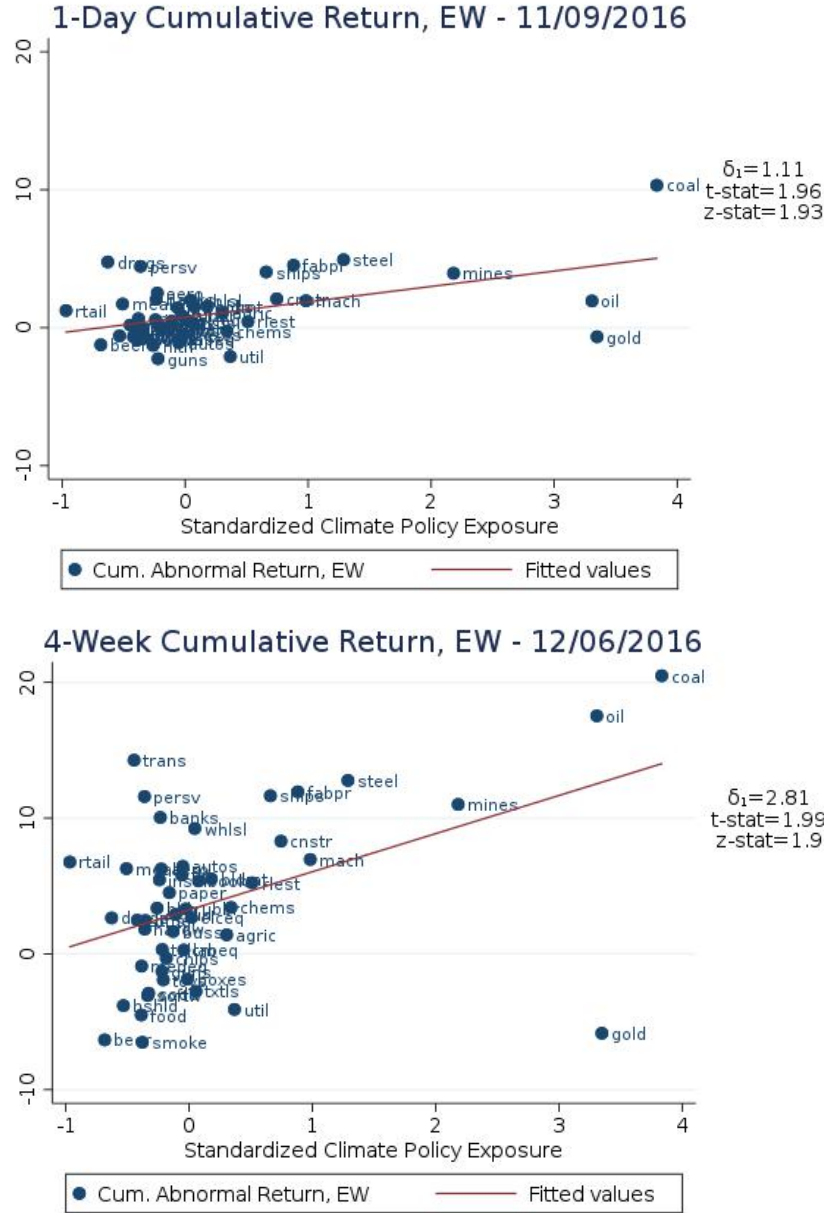


Figure 24: No Exploration Comparison



14 Appendix E: Additional Empirical Results

Figure 25: Election Impact on Returns by Climate Policy Exposure - Equal-Weighted



These plots show the relationship between the cumulative abnormal returns of sectors after the 2016 US presidential election and their standardized exposure to climate policy risk. The regression specification is given by $R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,Mkt}(R_{Mkt,t} - R_{f,t}) + \beta_{i,OilPrice}R_{OilPrice,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$. Cumulative abnormal returns are normalized to zero at the election date, and are estimated with respect to the value-weighted excess market return. The top panel are estimates for cumulative abnormal returns one day after the election, and the bottom panel are estimates for cumulative abnormal returns four weeks after the election. See text for full definition of variables.

14.1 Event Study: Testing Other Policy Events

I repeat the event study exercise for a number of recent, climate policy-related events. In the following table, the coefficients give the estimated impact of a one-standard deviation increase in climate policy risk beta on cumulative abnormal returns one day and 4 weeks after the policy events. The estimates are for the value- and equal-weighted sector portfolios with t-stats for the heteroskedastic-robust standard errors and the z-stats for the bootstrap errors for the two-stage estimation to account for the inclusion of a generated regressor. Events in the table are those recent events where the impact on returns was statistically significant (including the previously discussed Trump election). Other events tested (such as other US presidential elections) provided null results. For the events that coincide with an increase in the likelihood of future climate policy (the publication of the Clean Power Plan and date of the Paris Climate Agreement) there is a negative CAR response for sectors with higher climate policy exposure. For the events that coincide with a decrease in the likelihood of future climate policy (the Trump and Bush US Presidential elections, the announcement date of the US plan to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement, and the US Supreme Court ruling to put a hold on implementing the Clean Power Plan) there is a positive CAR response for sectors with higher climate policy exposure.

Figure 26: Event Study Results From Other Climate Policy-Related Events

Event Study Analysis of Significant Climate Policy-Related Events

| | 1-Day, VW | 4-Weeks, VW | 1-Day, EW | 4-Weeks, EW |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Clean Power Plan (CPP) | -1.077 | -0.770 | -1.007 | -2.077 |
| T-stat: Robust SE | -4.62 | -1.14 | -2.64 | -1.80 |
| Z-stat: Bootstrap SE | -4.56 | -0.98 | -2.63 | -1.51 |
| Supreme Court Hold on CPP | 0.552 | 4.489 | 0.423 | 6.823 |
| T-stat: Robust SE | 2.38 | 2.17 | 0.48 | 8.84 |
| Z-stat: Bootstrap SE | 1.89 | 2.12 | 0.46 | 6.69 |
| Paris Climate Agreement (Paris) | -0.678 | -0.388 | -0.790 | -1.027 |
| T-stat: Robust SE | -2.49 | -0.35 | -5.30 | -2.48 |
| Z-stat: Bootstrap SE | -2.49 | -0.32 | -4.50 | -1.55 |
| US Withdrawal from Paris | 0.706 | 0.295 | 0.713 | -0.074 |
| T-stat: Robust SE | 4.25 | 0.43 | 5.52 | -0.22 |
| Z-stat: Bootstrap SE | 3.91 | 0.41 | 4.42 | -0.16 |
| Bush 2004 Election | 0.245 | 0.149 | -0.281 | -1.031 |
| T-stat: Robust SE | 2.04 | 0.26 | -0.64 | -1.20 |
| Z-stat: Bootstrap SE | 1.16 | 0.18 | -0.59 | -0.96 |
| Trump 2016 Election | 1.239 | 2.060 | 1.114 | 2.807 |
| T-stat: Robust SE | 3.05 | 1.82 | 1.96 | 1.99 |
| Z-stat: Bootstrap SE | 2.47 | 1.57 | 1.93 | 1.90 |

This table shows the relationship between the cumulative abnormal returns of sectors after a given climate policy related event and their standardized exposure to climate policy risk. The events are major recent events which had significant responses for cumulative abnormal. The regression specification is given by $R_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,Mkt}(R_{Mkt,t} - R_{f,t}) + \beta_{i,OilPrice}R_{OilPrice,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$. Cumulative abnormal returns are normalized to zero at the election date, and are estimated with respect to the value-weighted excess market return. Estimates are for value- and equal-weighted sector portfolio cumulative abnormal returns one day and 4 weeks after the election. I provide the t-state for the coefficient for heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors and the z-state for bootstrap standard errors of the two-stage estimation procedure to account for the use of a generated regressor. See text for full definition of variables.