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Caldara and Iacoviello (2022) (CI):

- ▶ **Important work** that develops a **geopolitical risk (GPR) index**
- ▶ Index based on newspapers' coverage of geopolitical **events and threats**
- ▶ **VAR evidence in CI: positive GPR** index shocks are associated with **lower** investment, employment, stock prices

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- ▶ **To robustly tie** GPR to financial mkts we need a truly **high-frequency** event-time analysis

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So we can ask...

- ▶ Are geopolitical events **big market events**, and if so why?
- ▶ Is *news* **attention** to GPR reflected in *investor* **perceptions** of risk or altered **expectations**?

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- ▶ **Here: study high-frequency financial market reactions** to GPR events
- ▶ Use **mixed-freq. structural (MxFS)** approach **Bianchi, Ludvigson, and Ma (2022) (BLMa)**
- ▶ Key Idea: use **jumps in dozens of high-frequency, forward-looking** series from financial markets & **dynamic structural model** to estimate *why markets react* to news
 - ▶ Estimate **high-freq revisions** in **market participant nowcasts** of current economic state
 - ▶ Filter out **jumps** in nowcasts of **lower frequency** data (e.g., **macro uncertainty**)
 - ▶ Reactions to *any type* of news can be **analyzed** (previous work: **Fed announcements, macro data releases, corp earnings**)
- ▶ MxFS + structural **asset pricing model** => decompose jumps into component sources:
 1. Revisions in investor **perceptions** of quantity or price of **stock market risk**
 2. Revisions in investor **perceptions** of structural **macro shocks & cash flows** to investors

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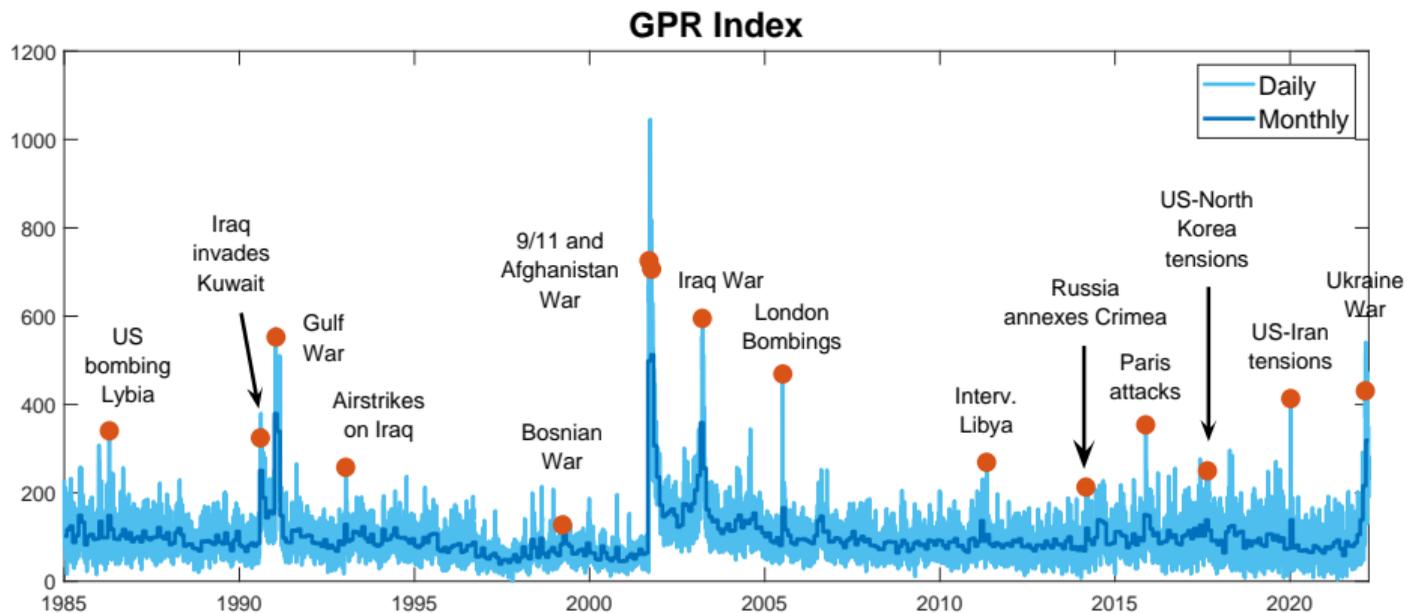
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 - ▶ Reflected in **jumps down** in high-freq *survey forecasts* of S&P 500 earnings growth
 - ▶ Estimates of behavioral asset pricing model **Bianchi, Ludvigson, and Ma (2024) (BLMb)**

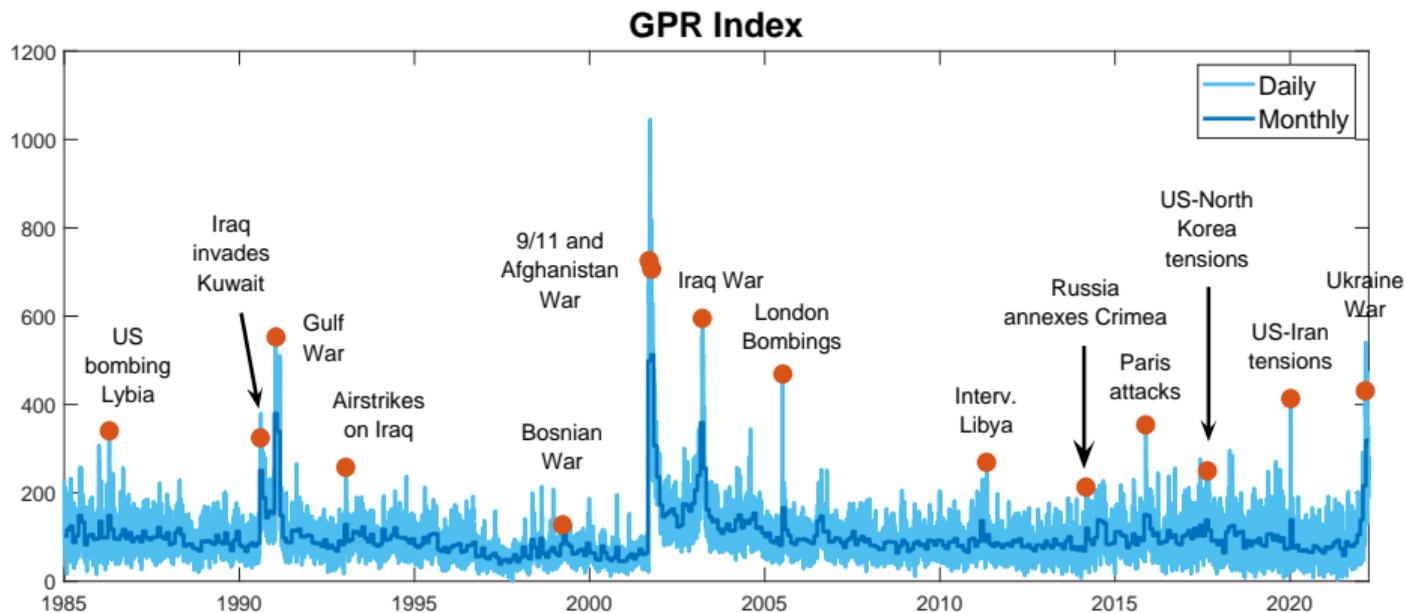
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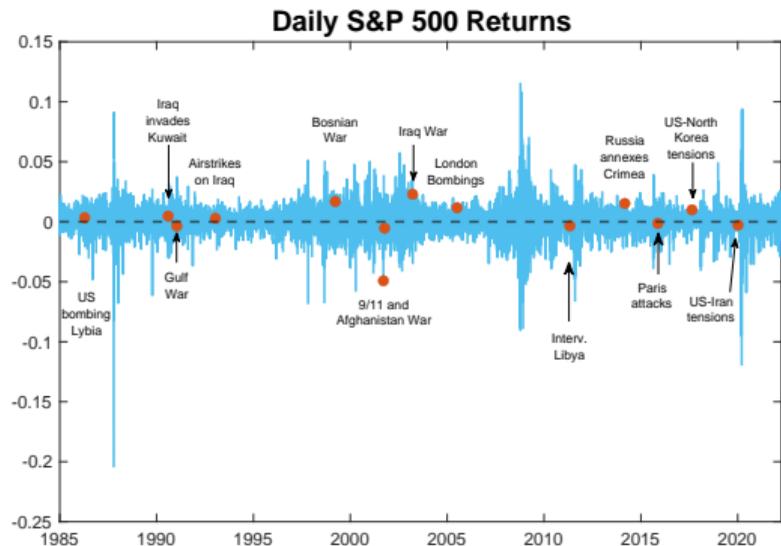
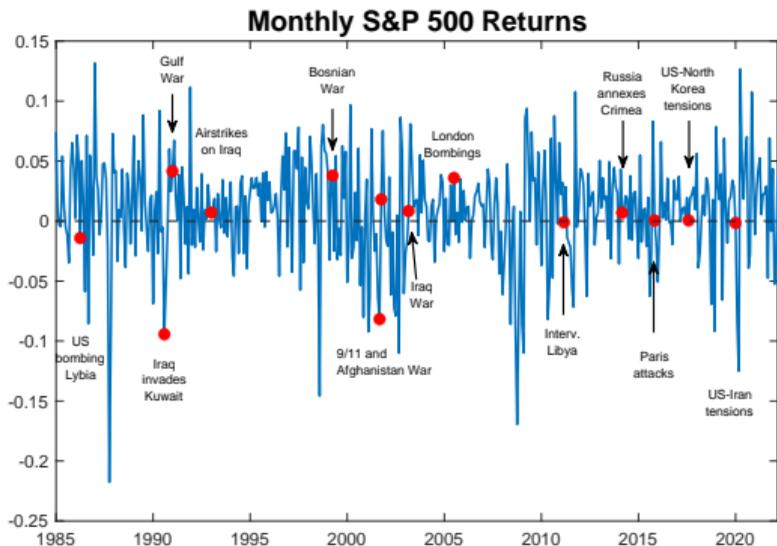
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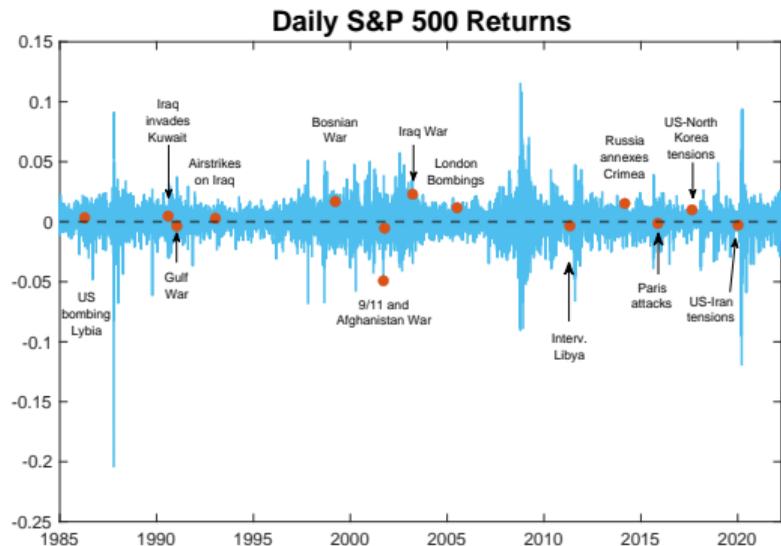
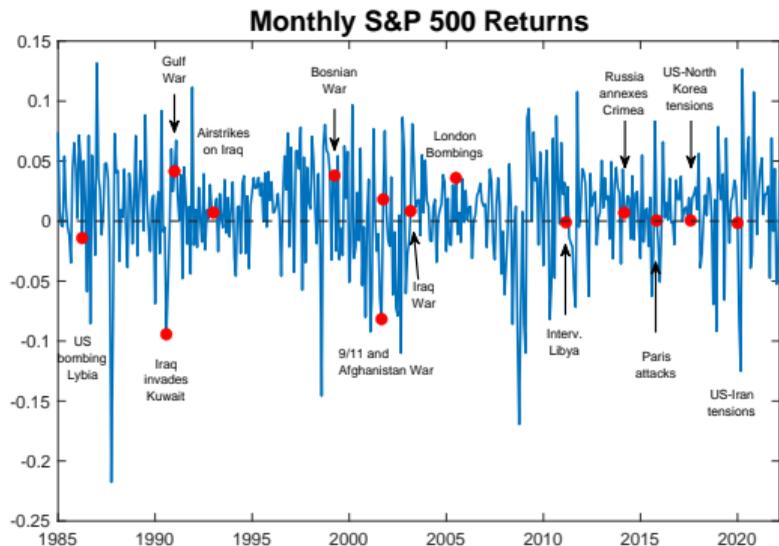
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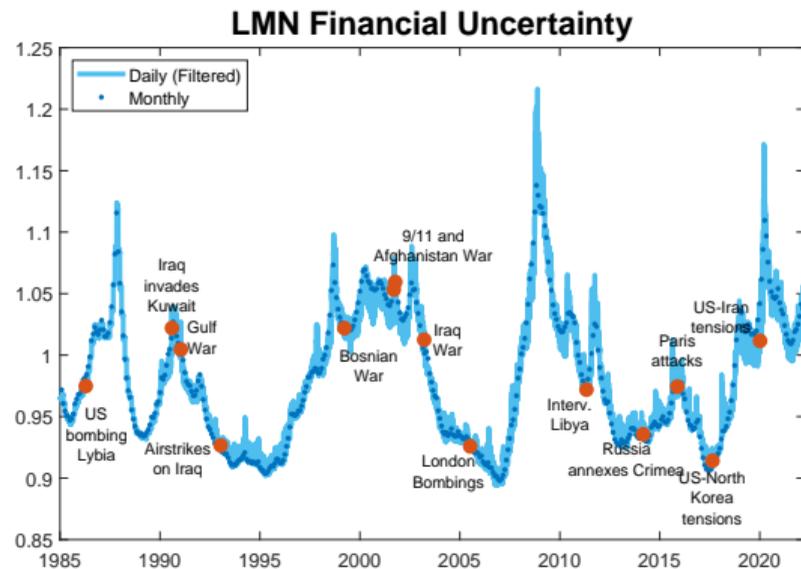
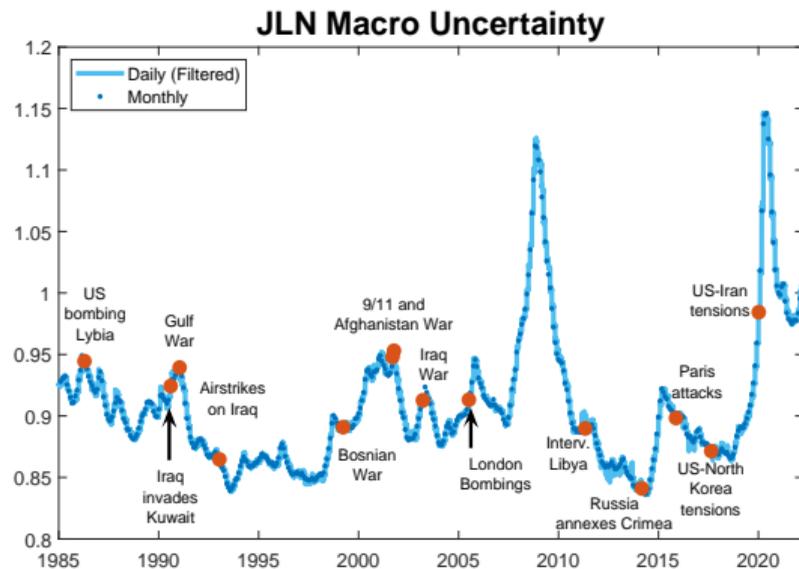
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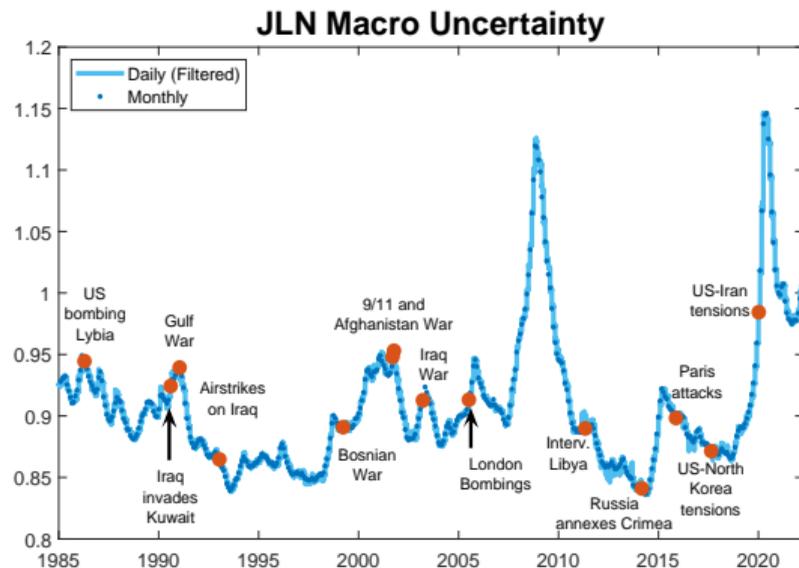
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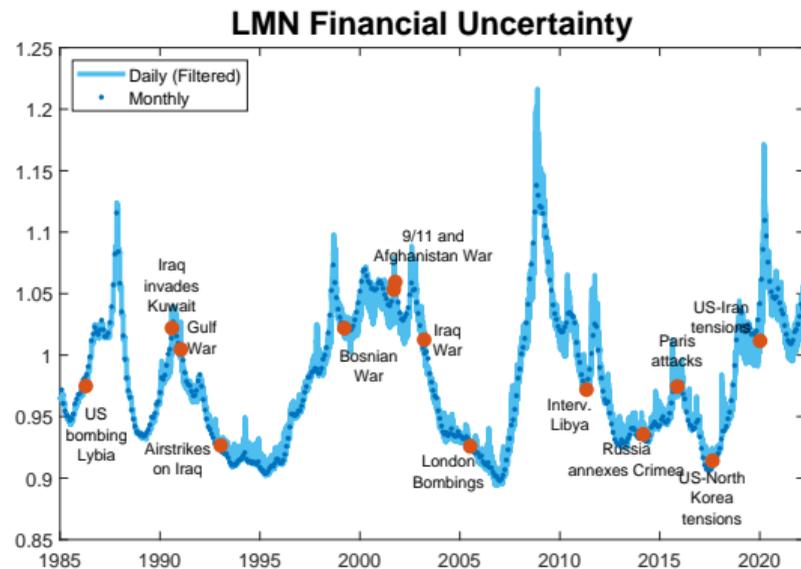
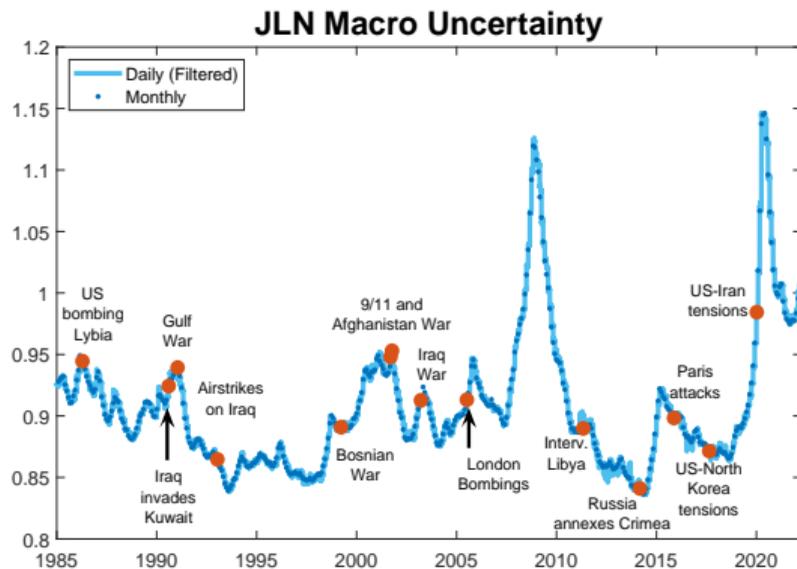
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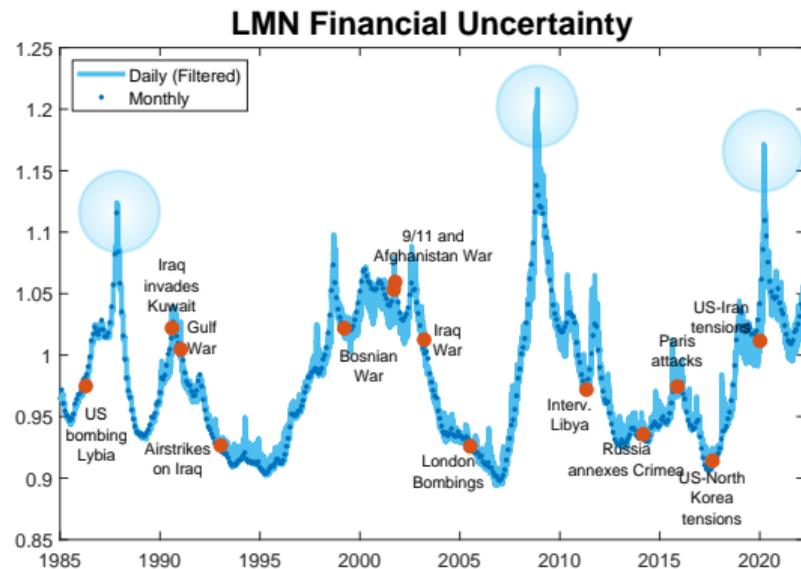
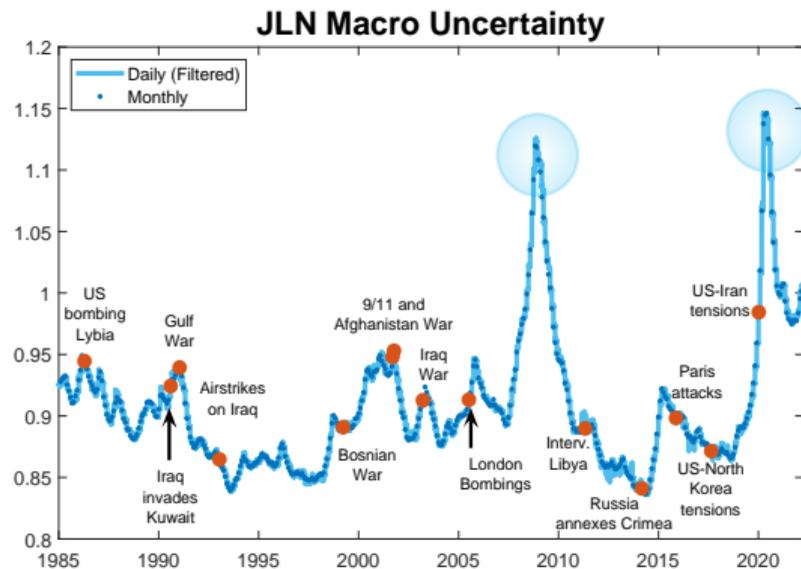
- ▶ Daily \neq step function \Rightarrow investors continuously update perceptions of uncertainty



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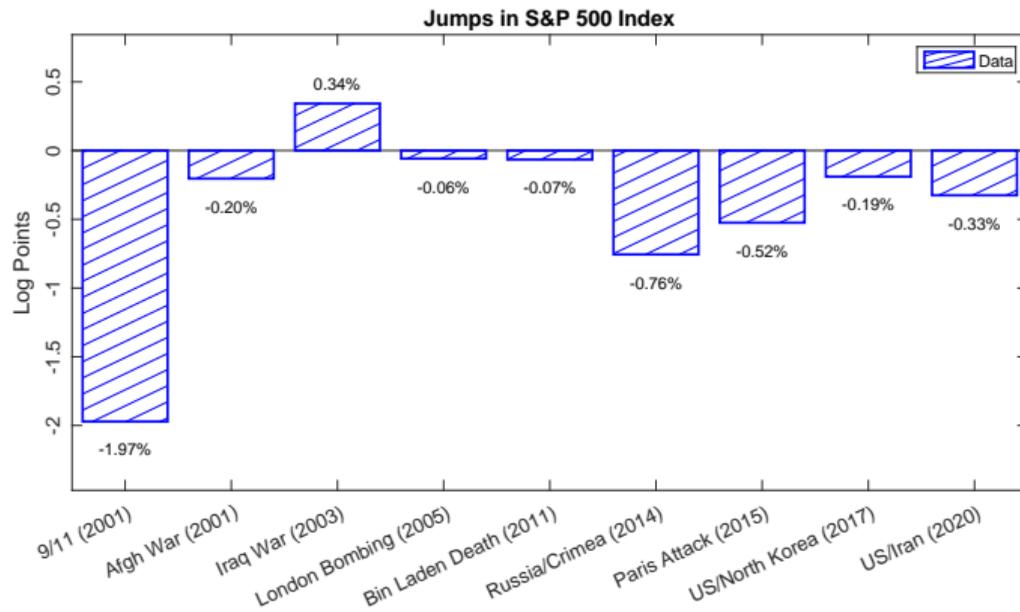
- ▶ All “key” *materialized* geopolitical events in CI significant enough to appear as **spikes in monthly** GPR index after 2000 (when high-freq S&P 500 (E-mini) futures available)
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Event Description	Event Date	News Released	Window Start	Window End	Window Explanation
9/11 Terrorist attacks	Tuesday, Sep 11, 2001	8:46am	8:36am	9:15am	Emini futures stopped trading at 9:15am EST.
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Timing key GPR events. Windows around events used to measure changes in S&P 500, E-mini, fed funds, and euro dollar futures data. News timing from Factiva searches. Where possible, windows span 10 minutes pre-news release to 50 minutes post-news. Deviations due to stock market closures on weekends and during crises, in which case we use close-to-open market values around the event. All times are ET.

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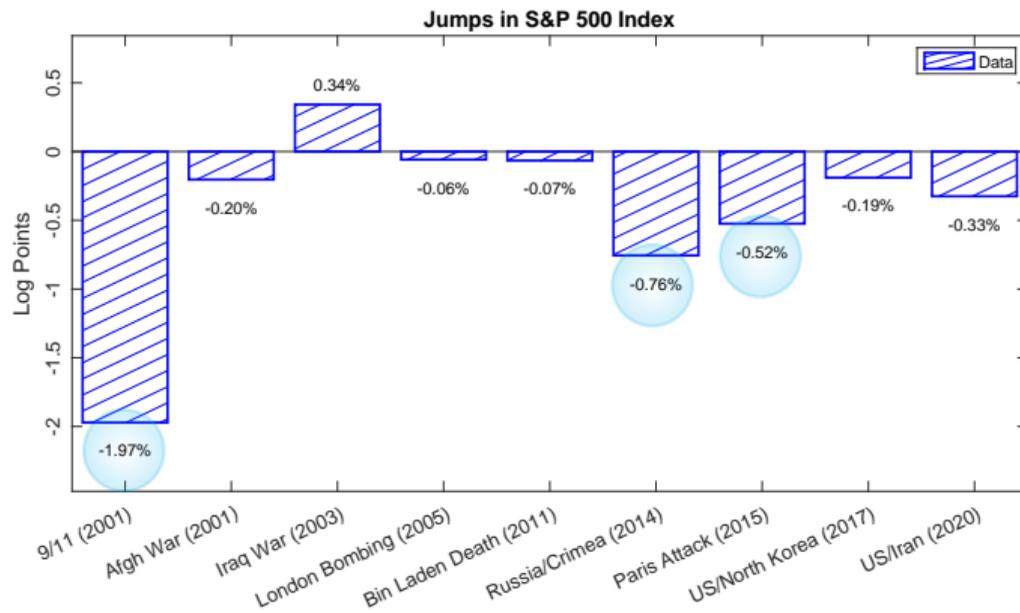
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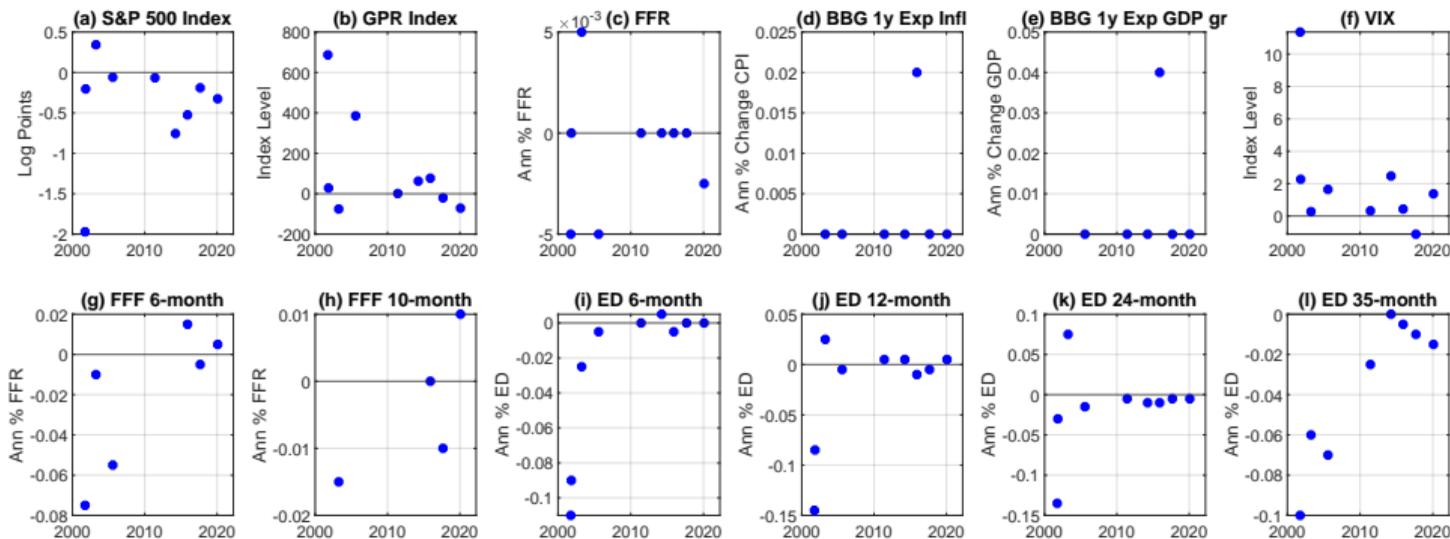
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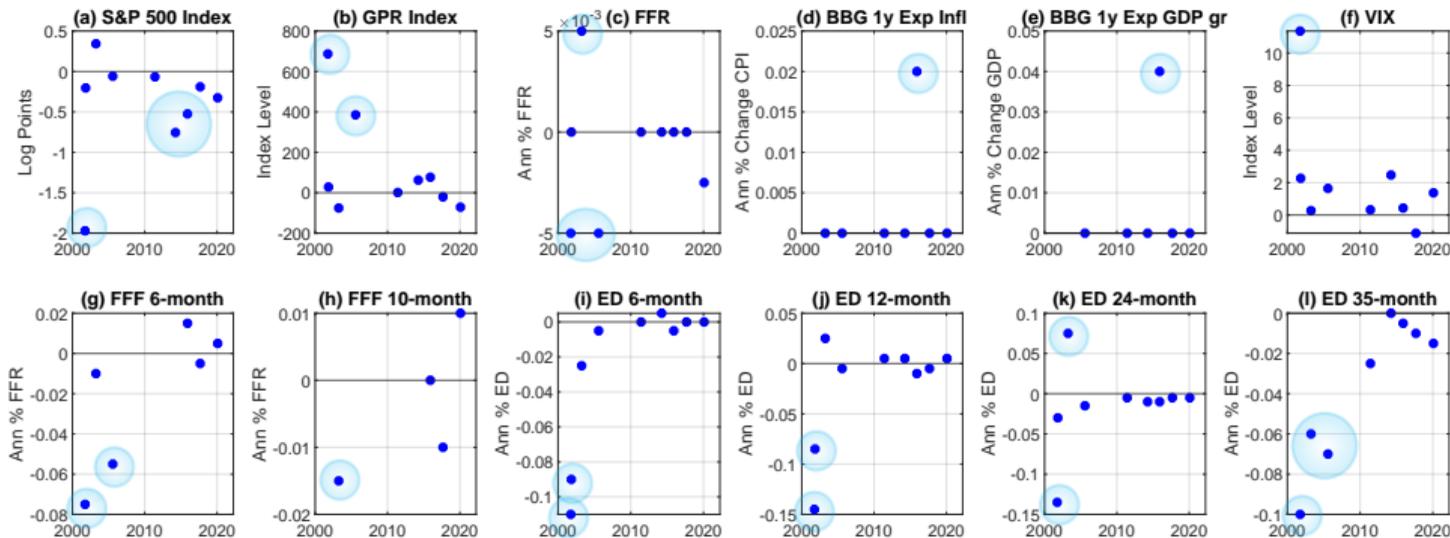
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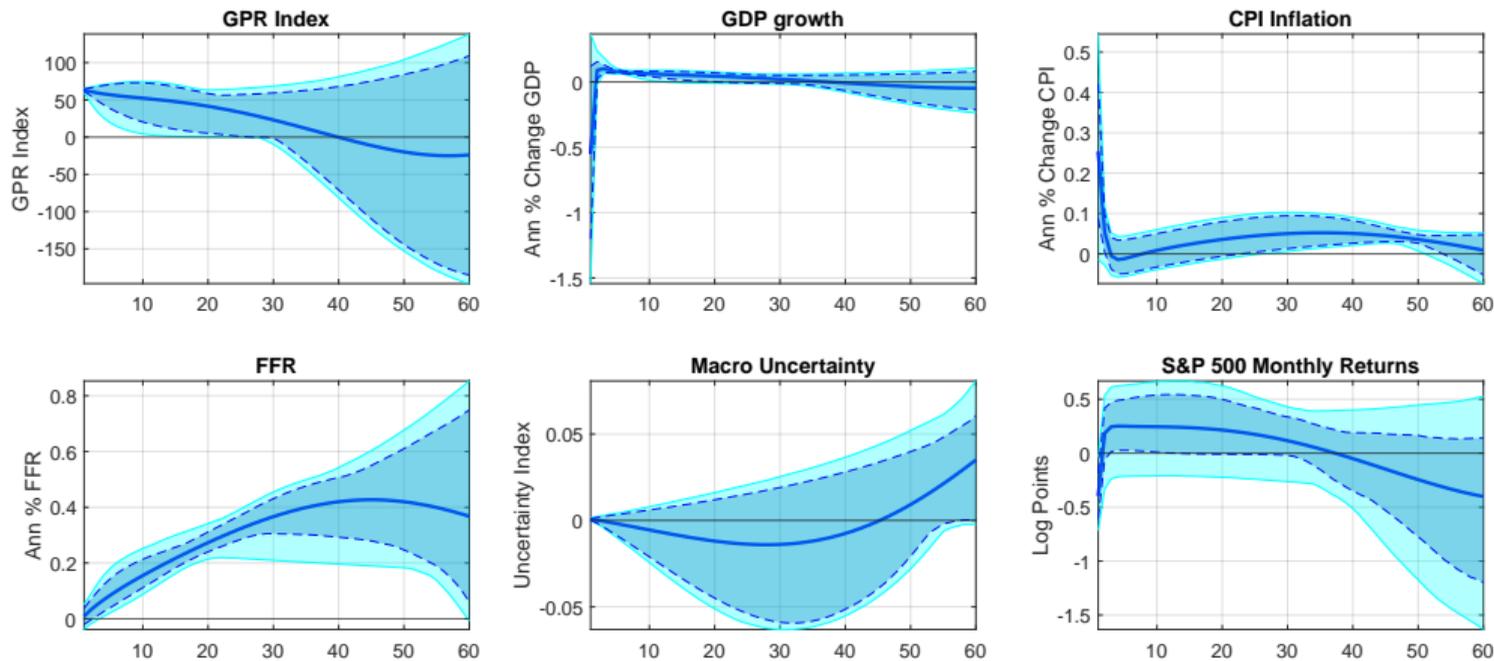
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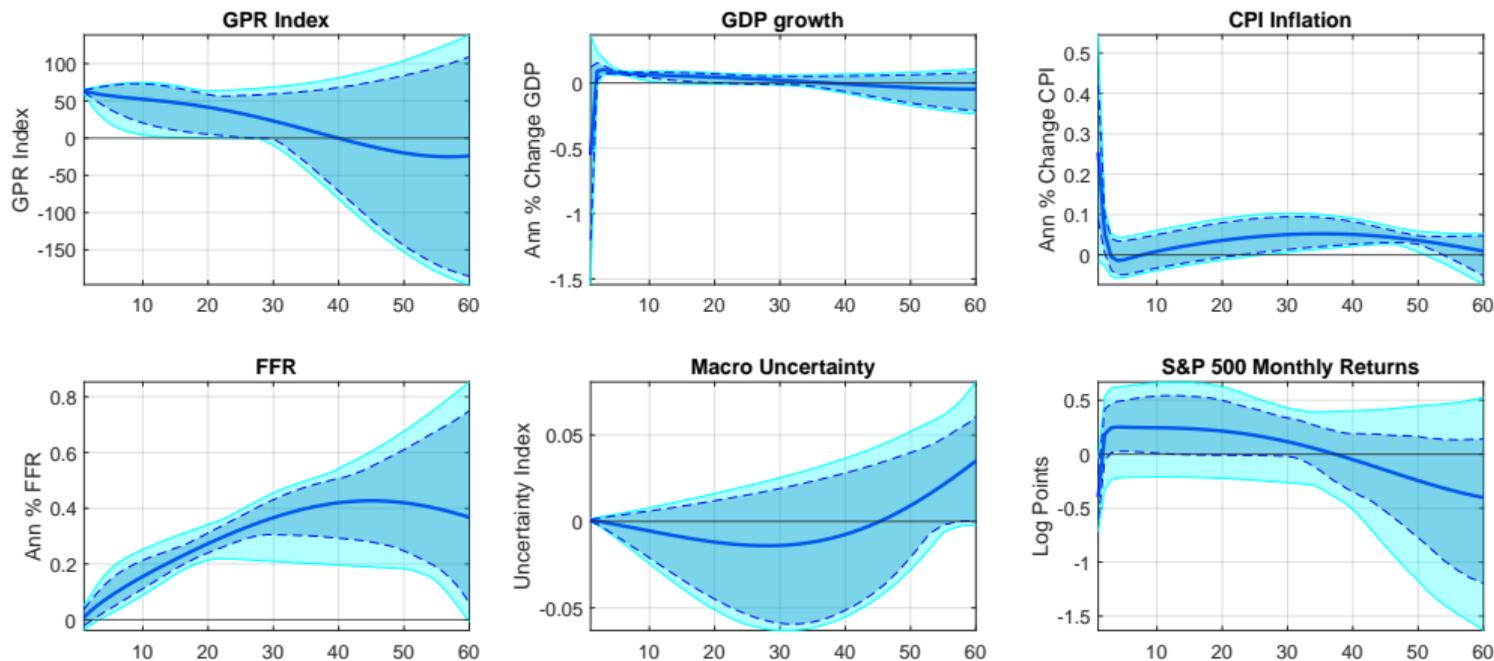
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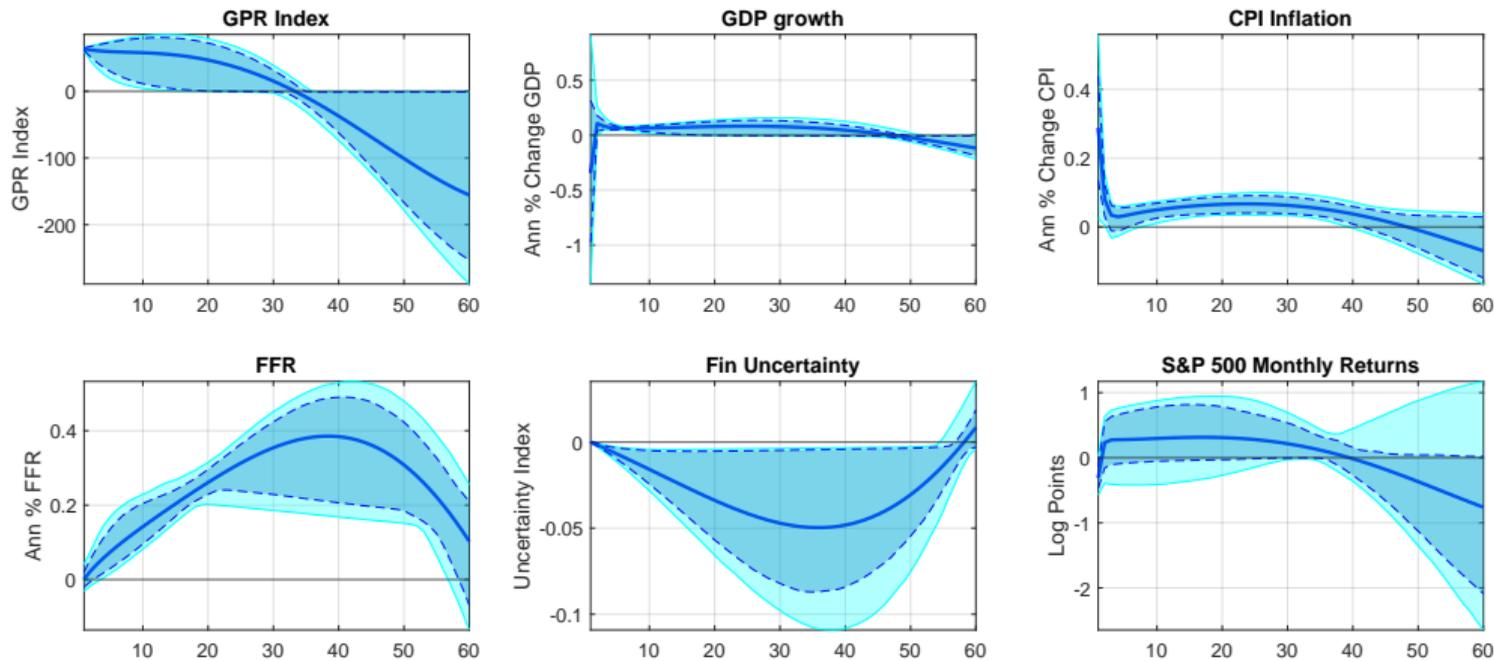
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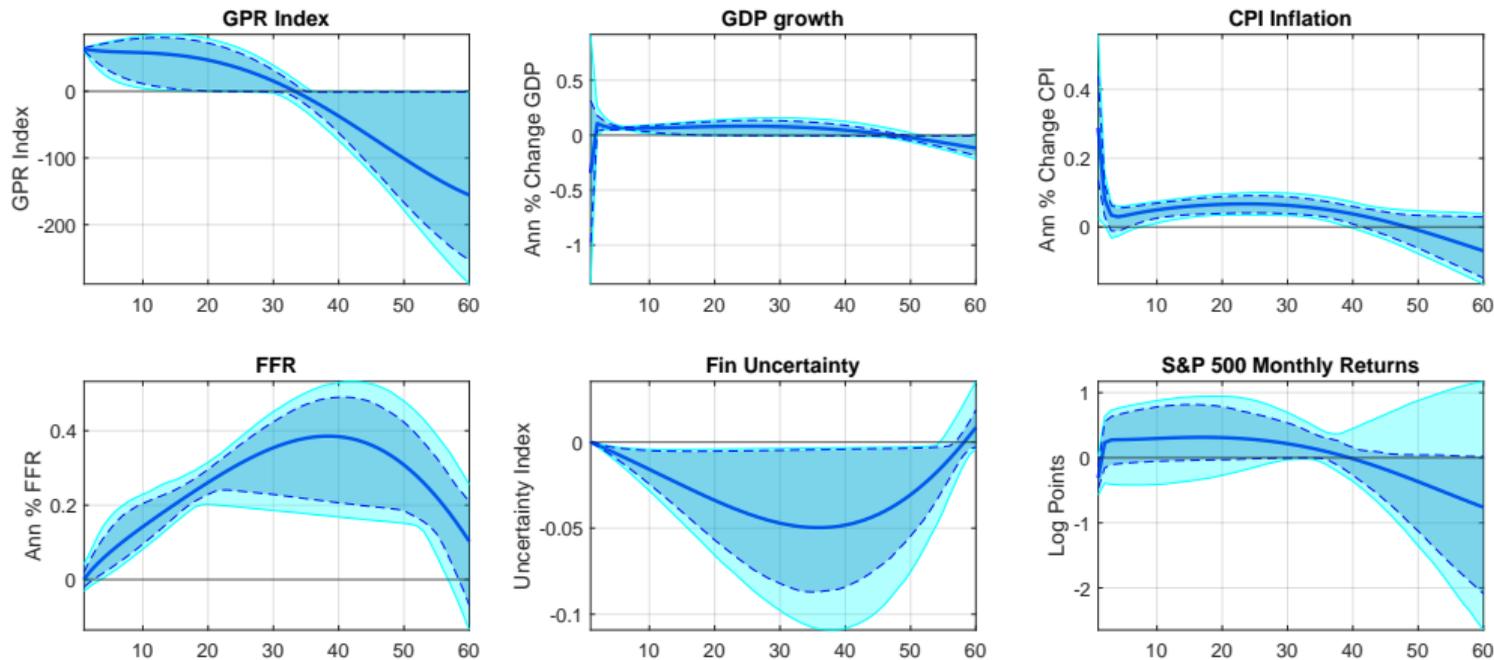
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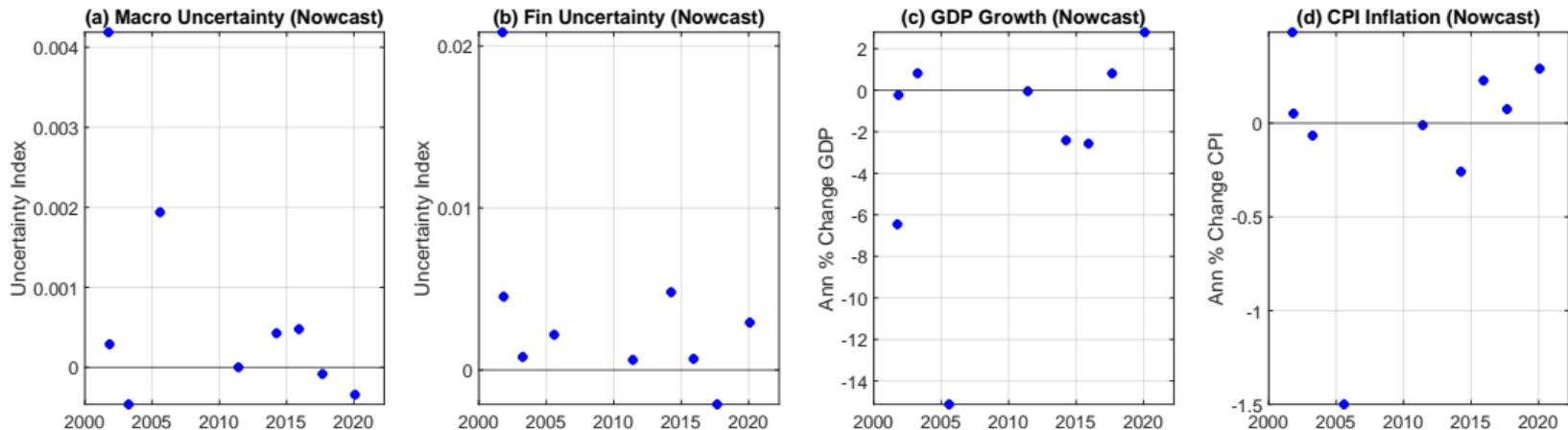
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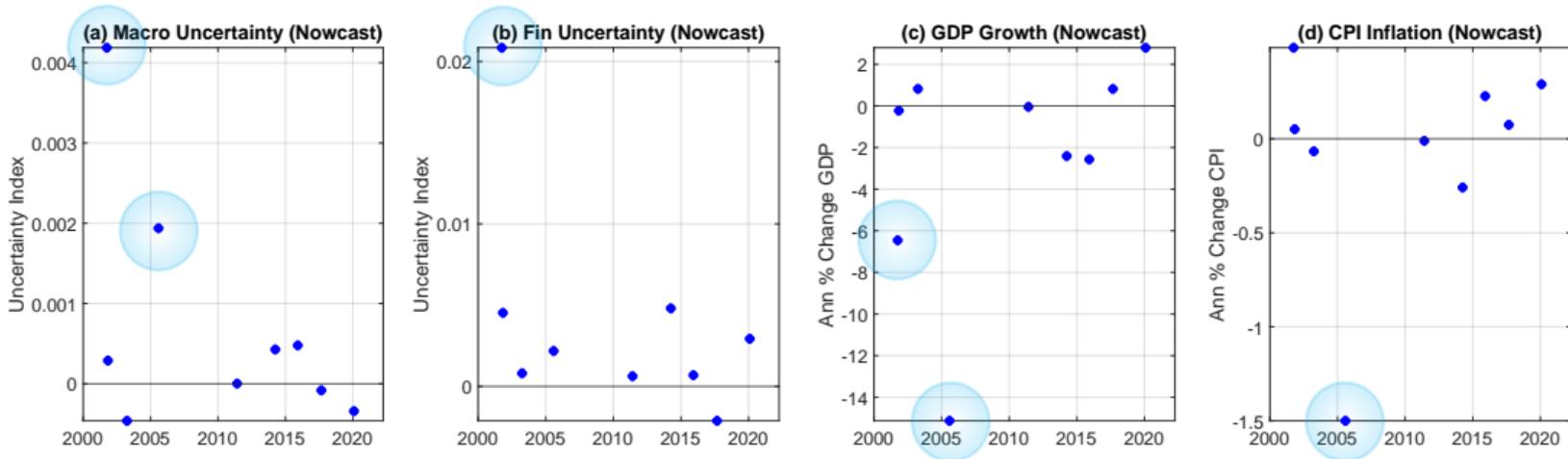
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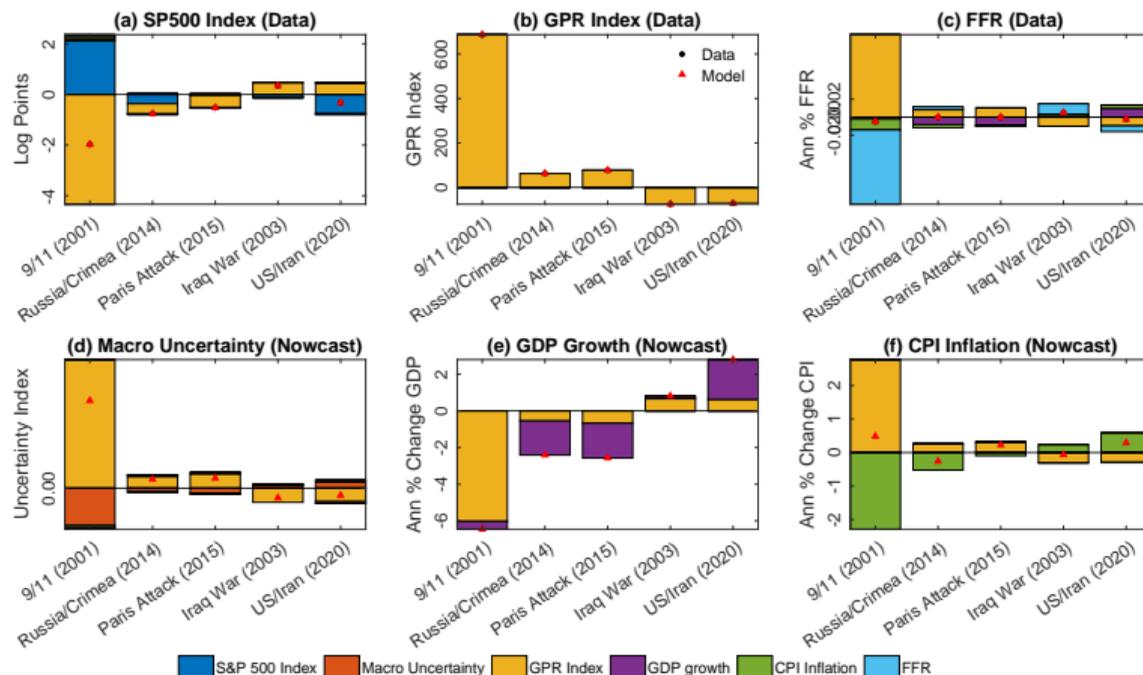
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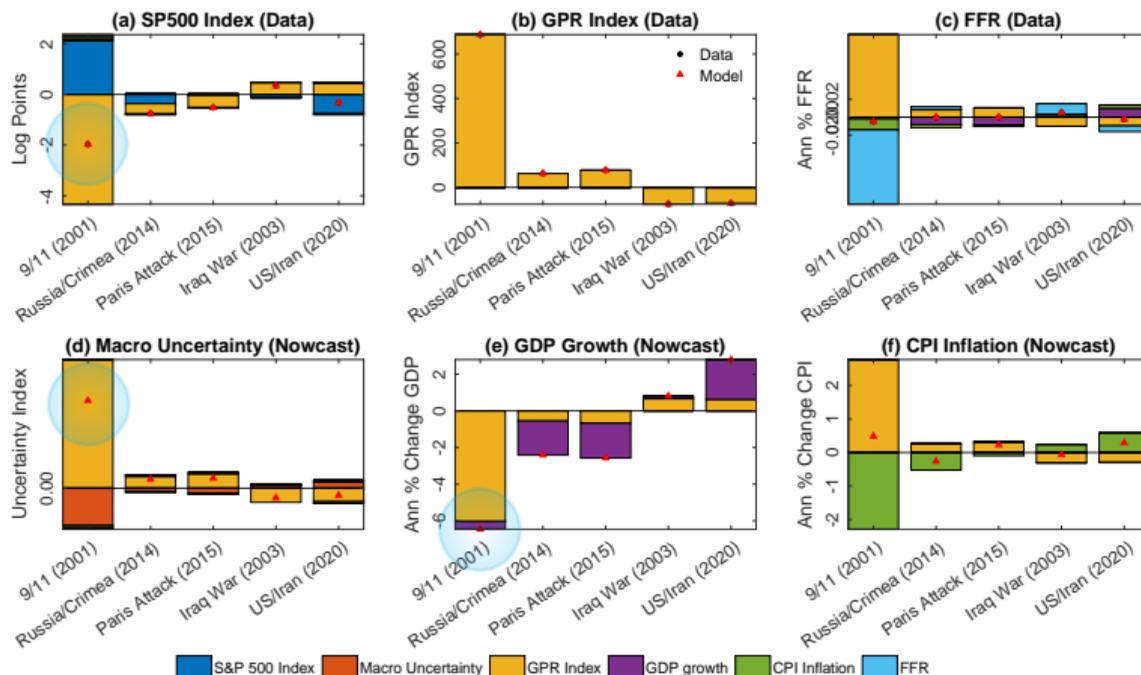
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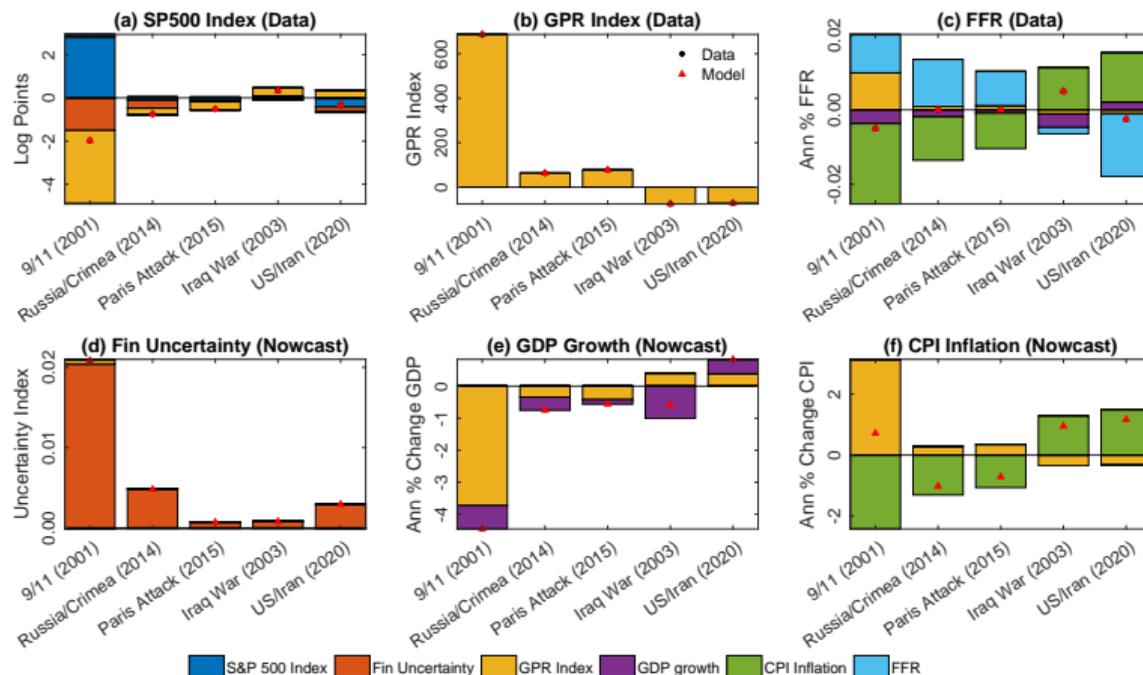
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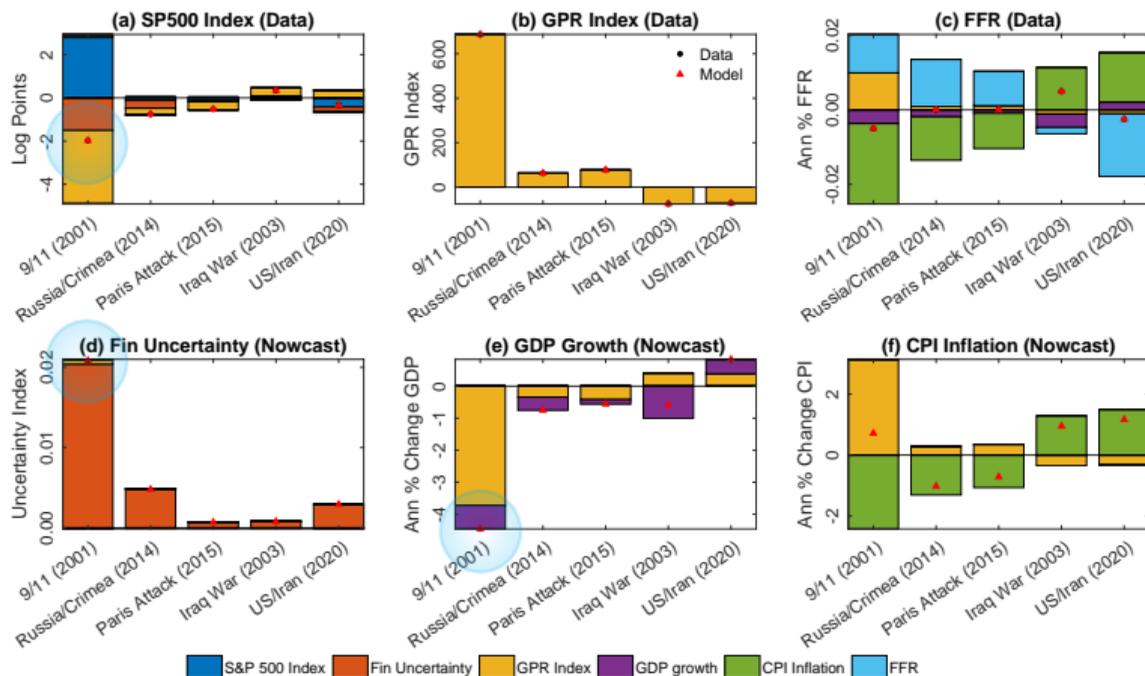
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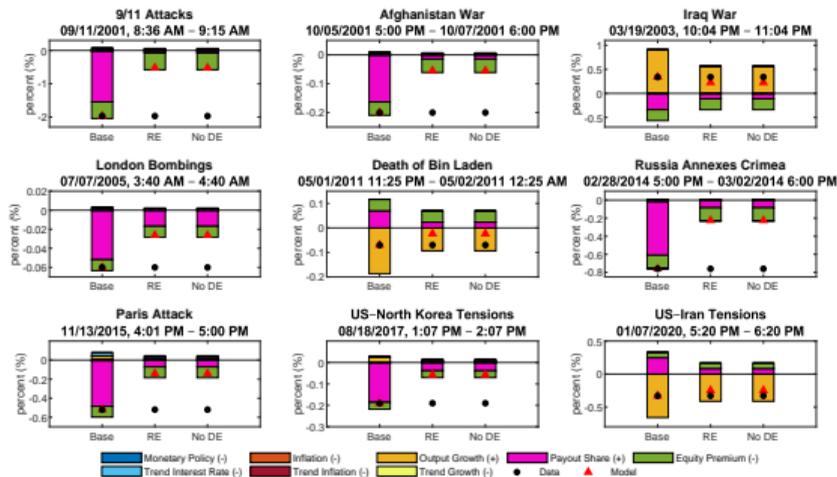
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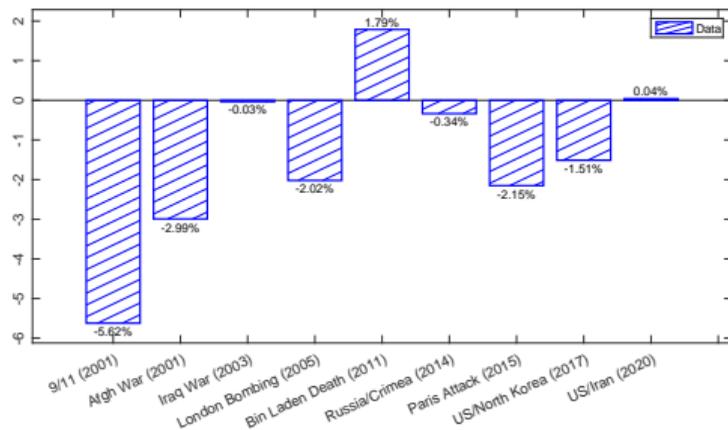
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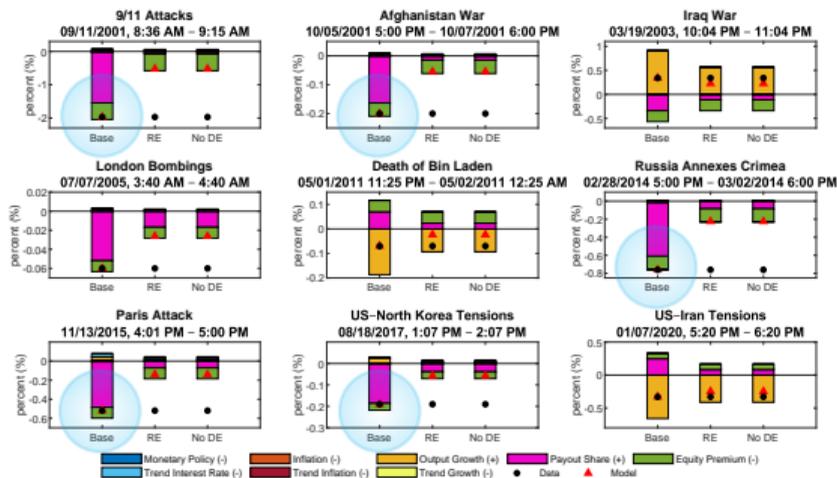


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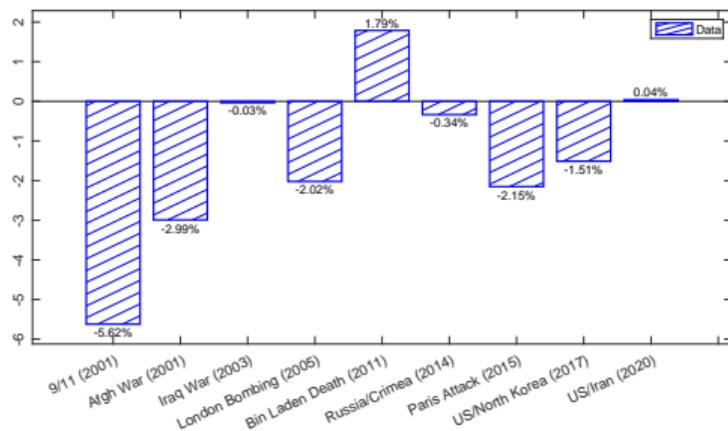
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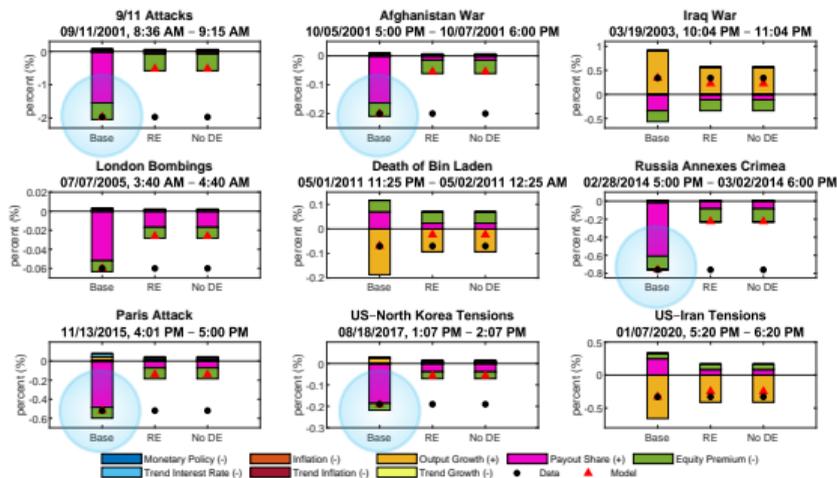


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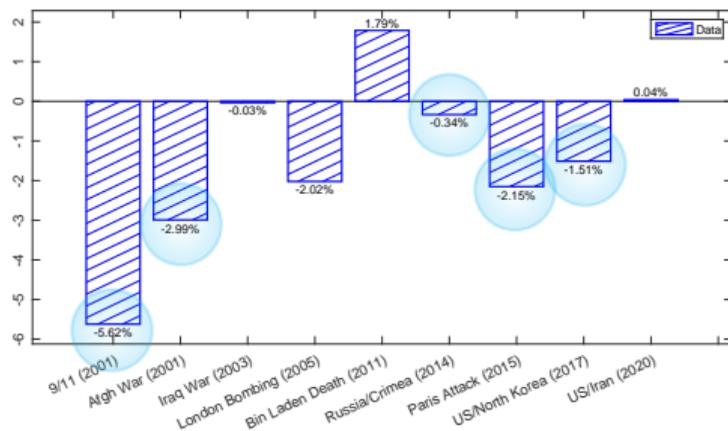
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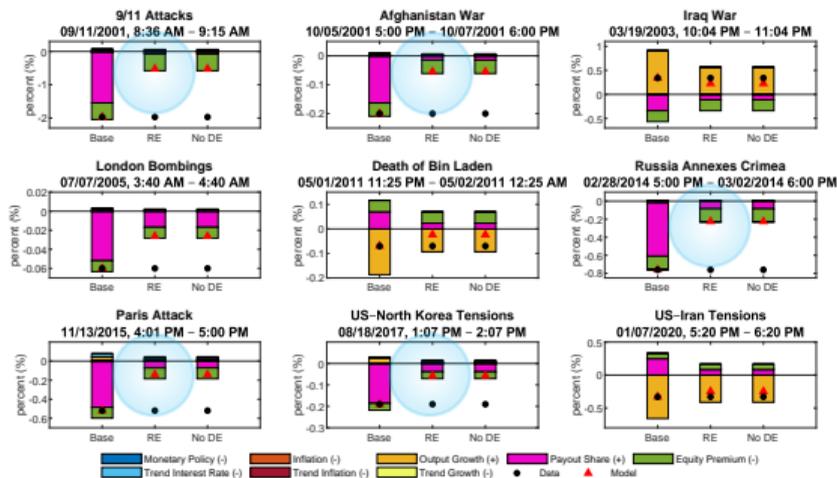


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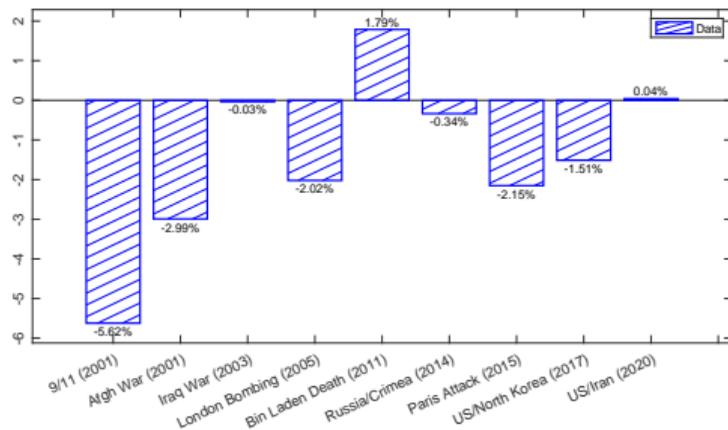
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APPENDIX

High-Frequency Stock Market Reactions GPR Events: Data vs RE

Event	Actual (%)	RE(%)
9/11 Attacks	-1.97	-0.52
Afghanistan War	-0.20	-0.05
Iraq War	0.34	0.23
London Bombings	-0.06	-0.03
Death of Bin Laden	-0.07	-0.02
Russia Annexes Crimea	-0.76	-0.22
Paris Attack	-0.52	-0.14
US-North Korea Tensions	-0.19	-0.06
US-Iran Tensions	-0.33	-0.25

This table reports the change in the S&P 500 index pre- and post-large GPR events, compared to a rational expectations benchmark using the structural model in Bianchi, Ludvigson, and Ma (2024). For trades outside the regular trading windows, we use E-mini S&P 500 futures. For each event specified in the panel title, we use data from 10 minutes before the event start time to one hour after, unless constrained by data availability. Source for model: Bianchi, Ludvigson, and Ma (2024).

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