

# Inflation, Money Demand and Portfolio Choice

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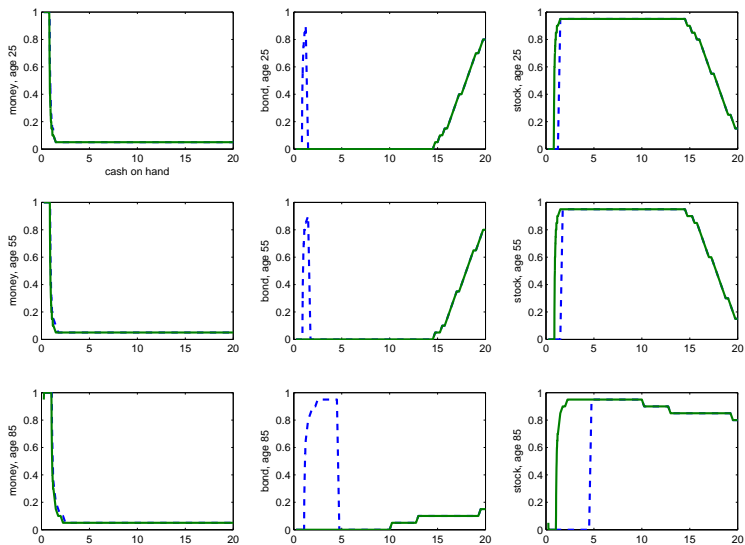
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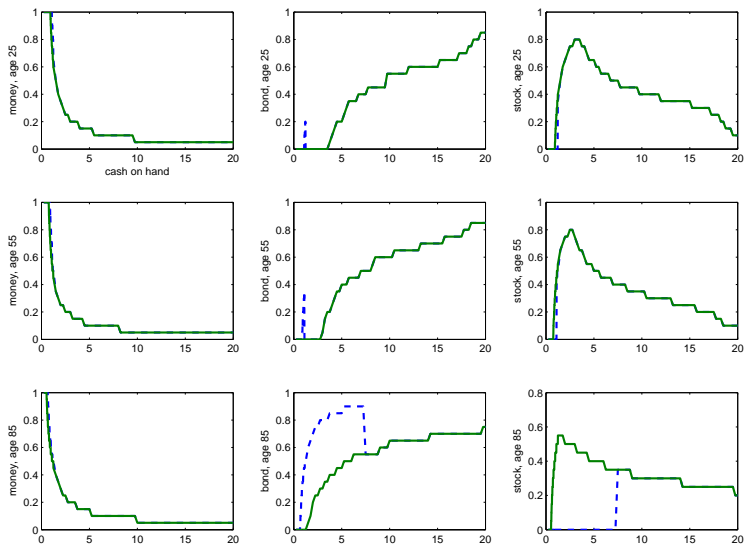
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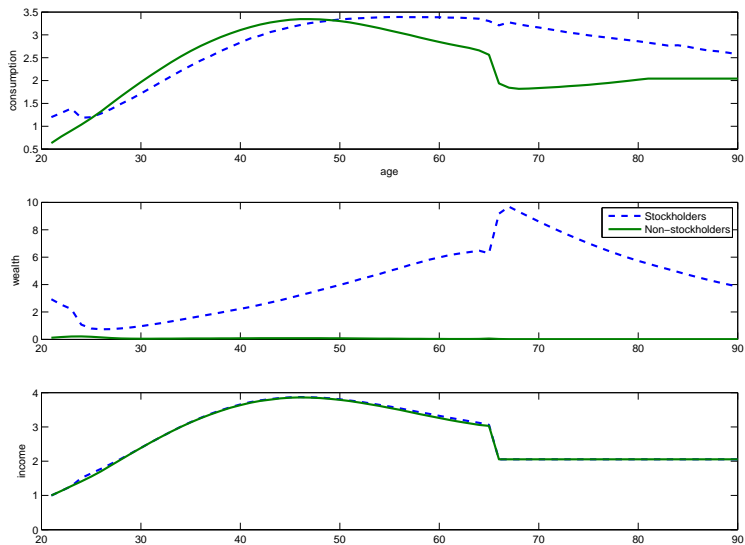
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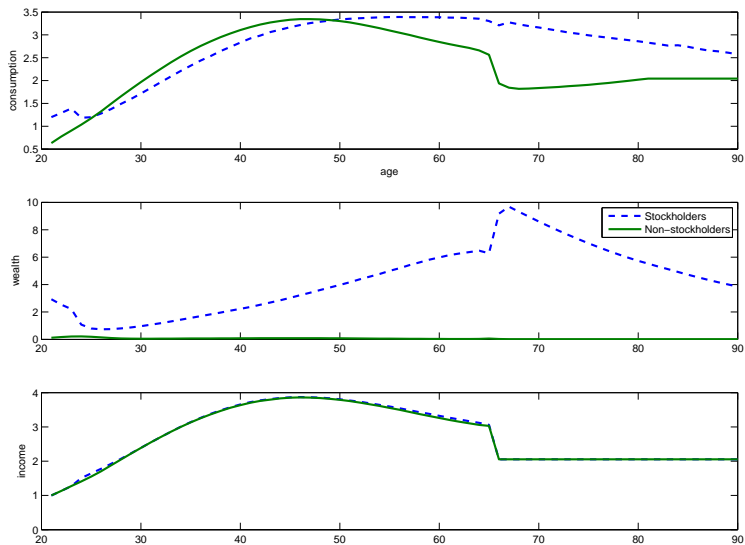
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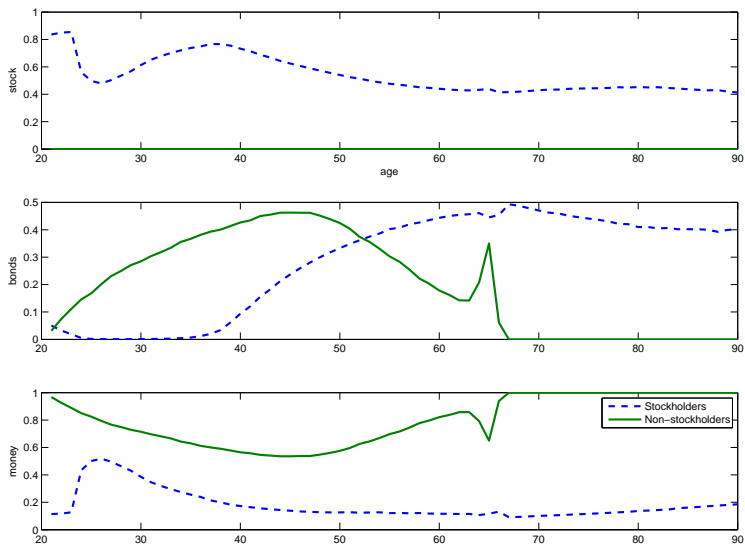
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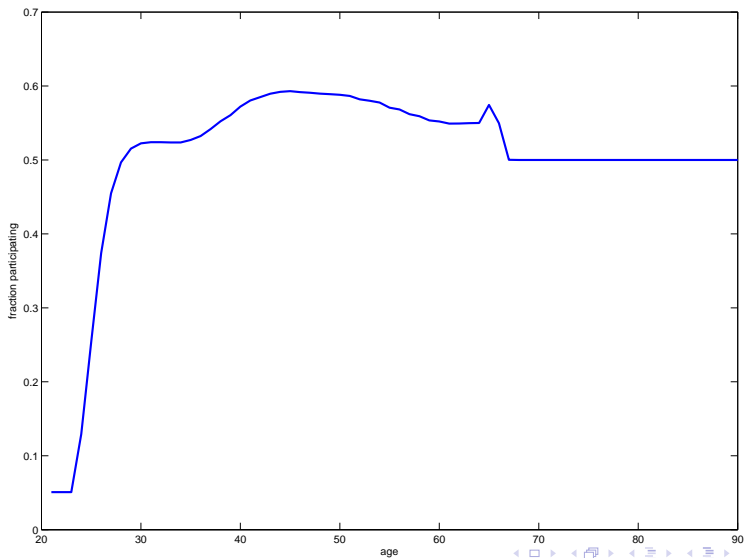
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Figure 4: Portfolio choice over the life cycle: Baseline model



# Stock Market Participation

Figure 5: Stock market participation over the life cycle: Baseline model





## The Wealth Moments

Mean Financial Wealth/Income: Data vs Model

Age Group	NonStockholders		Stockholders	
	Data	Model	Data	Model
20-34	0.31	0.11	0.85	1.34
35-45	0.26	0.08	1.53	2.18
46-55	0.56	0.08	2.65	3.88
56-65	0.77	0.04	7.02	5.80
66-75	2.48	0.03	15.7	8.34

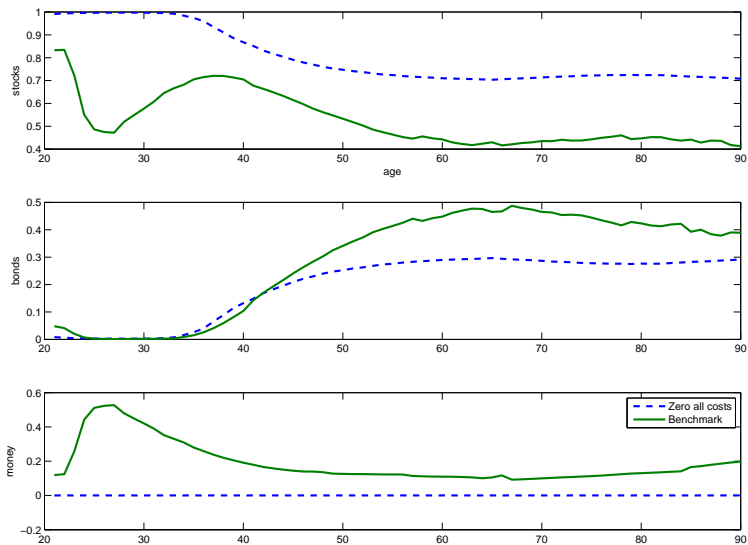
# Model vs Data (cont'd)

## Life Cycle Portfolio Choice by Age

	Non-Stockholders		Stockholders			
Age	Data	Model	Data	Model	Data	Model
Group	$\alpha_m$	$\alpha_m$	$\alpha_m$	$\alpha_m$	$\alpha_s$	$\alpha_s$
20-34	75.8	77.9	28.6	34.4	41.5	64.6
35-44	67.9	57.6	16.7	18.8	48.0	72.3
45-54	62.5	58.3	14.4	12.9	48.0	55.3
55-64	59.1	78.9	13.5	11.8	47.8	44.8
65+	63.3	98.4	16.2	10.6	41.8	42.9

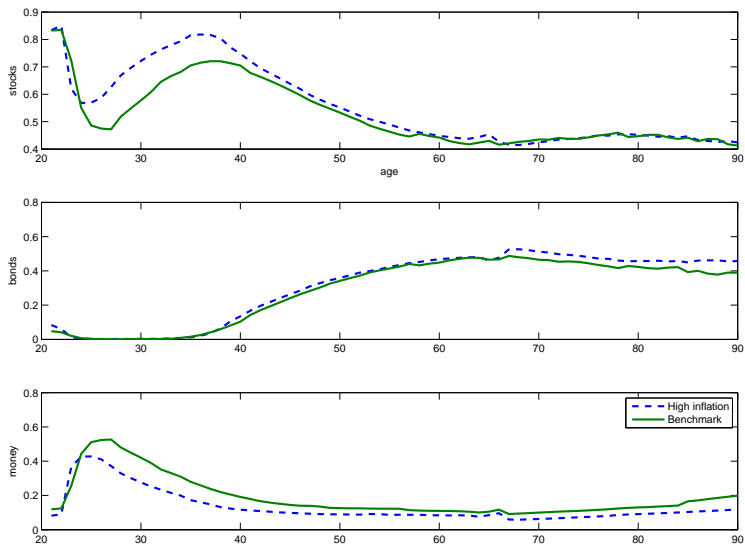
# Comparative Statics: No money case for stockholders

Figure 6: Stockholder portfolios over the life-cycle: No shopping and participation costs versus Baseline Model



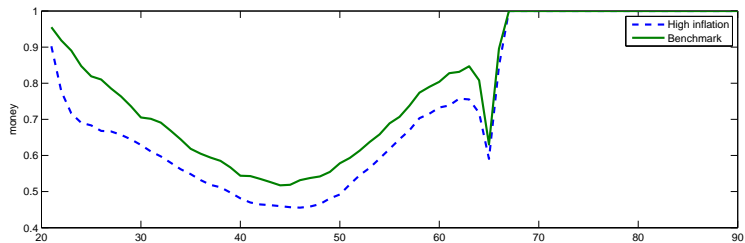
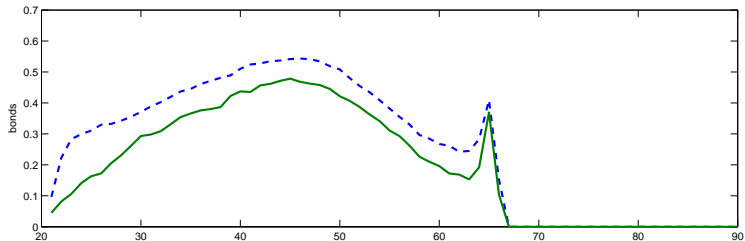
# Comparative Statics: High inflation for stockholders

Figure 7: Stockholder portfolios over the life cycle: High Mean Inflation (10% per annum) versus Baseline Model (2.5% per annum)



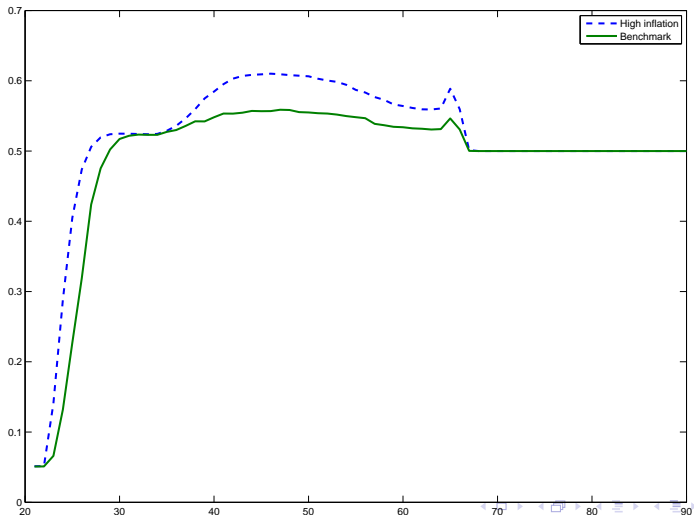
# Comparative Statics: High inflation for non-stockholders

Figure 8: Non-stockholder portfolios over the life cycle: High Mean Inflation (10% per annum) versus Baseline Model (2.5% per annum)



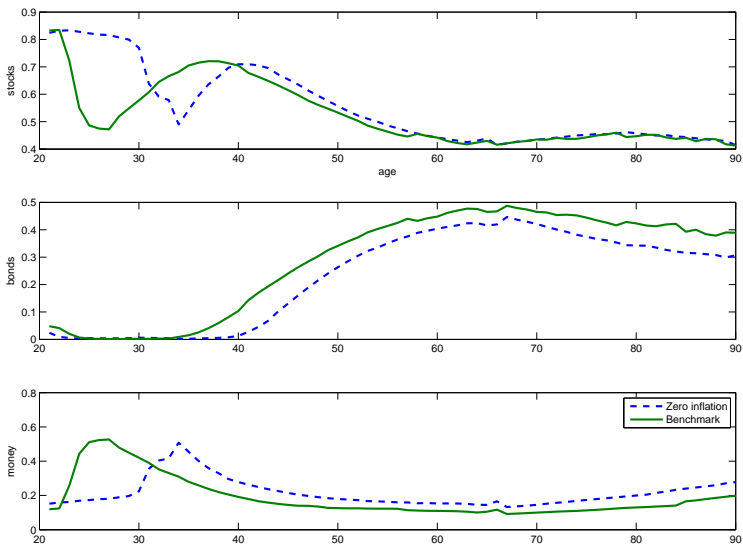
# Comparative Statics: High inflation and stock market participation

Figure 10: Stock market participation: High Mean Inflation (10% per annum) versus Baseline Model (2.5% per annum)



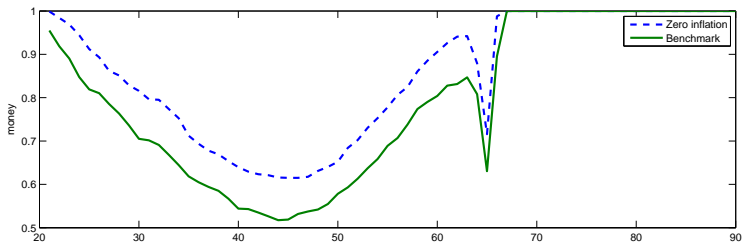
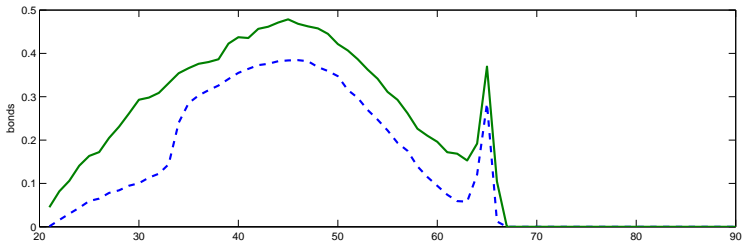
# Comparative Statics: Zero Inflation for Stockholders

Figure 11: Stockholder Portfolios over the life cycle: Zero Mean Inflation versus Baseline Model (2.5% per annum)



# Comparative Statics: Zero Inflation for Non-Stockholders

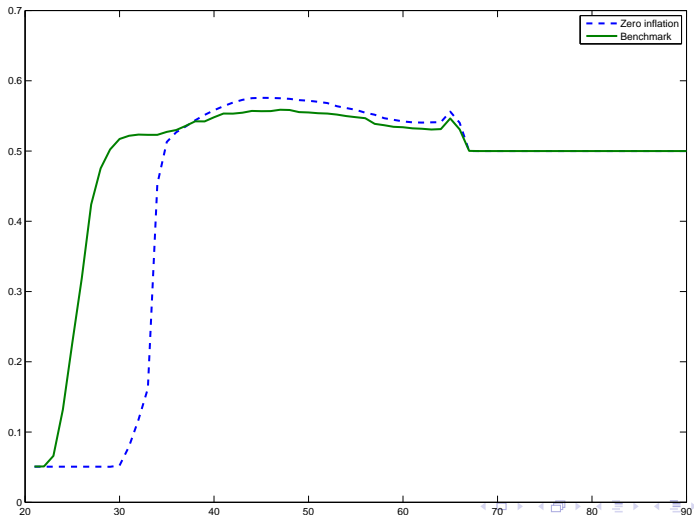
Figure 12: Non-stockholder portfolios over the life cycle: Zero Mean Inflation versus Baseline Model (2.5% per annum)





# Comparative Statics: Zero inflation and stock market participation

Figure 14: Stock Market Participation: Zero Mean Inflation versus Baseline Model (2.5% per annum)



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