

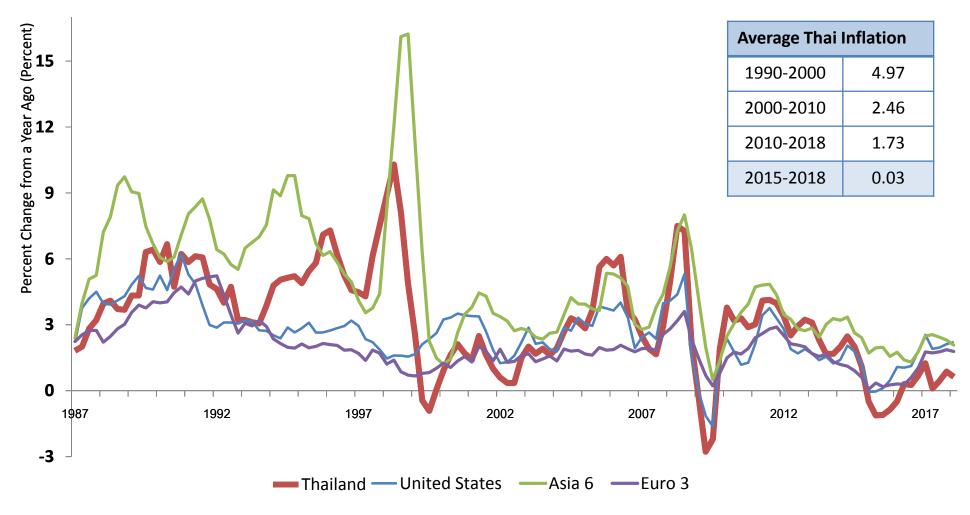
with Online and Offline Price Data

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Low for Long

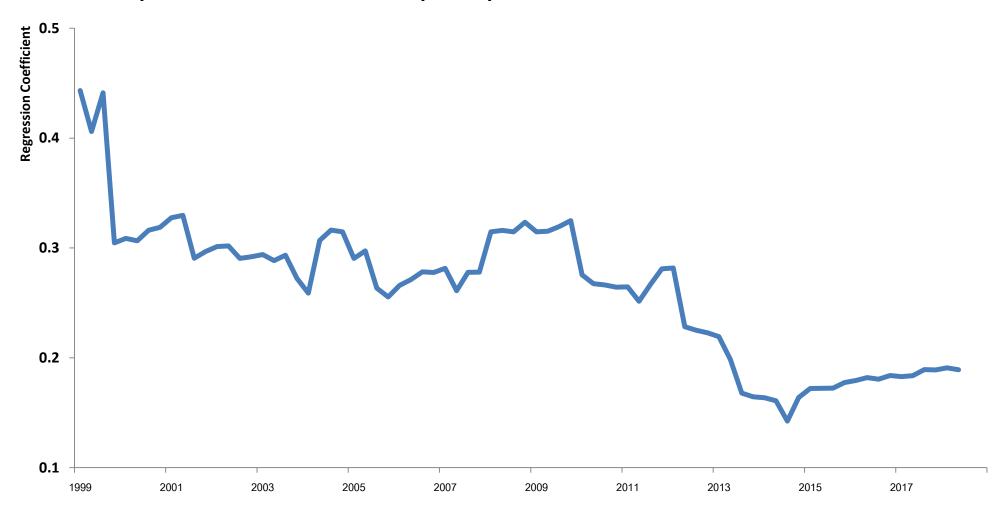
Recent Evolution of Worldwide Inflation Rates



Note: Inflation is year-on-year changes in the headline consumer price index. Asia 6 is the average of inflation in China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore. Euro 3 is the average of inflation in France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Weak Relationship with the Real Economy

Relationship between Inflation and Output Gap



Note: Plotted is the time-varying slope of an estimated Phillips curve with time-varying volatility. We use quarter-on-quarter headline CPI inflation and Bank of Thailand output gap estimates, calculated as the difference between actual and potential output.

"Too low inflation is puzzling and worrisome"

- Charles Evans, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2014.

"I have a question mark, and it leads me to recommend vigilance with regard to inflation"

- Robert Parry, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, 1997.

"We don't know what's going on with inflation"

- Stanley Fischer, Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve, 2017.

"[t]he biggest surprise in the US economy this year has been inflation"

- Janet Yellen, Chair of the Federal Reserve, 2017.

"Inflation is a little bit below target, and it's kind of a mystery"

- Jerome Powell, Chair of the Federal Reserve, 2018.

Research Question

What drives inflation?

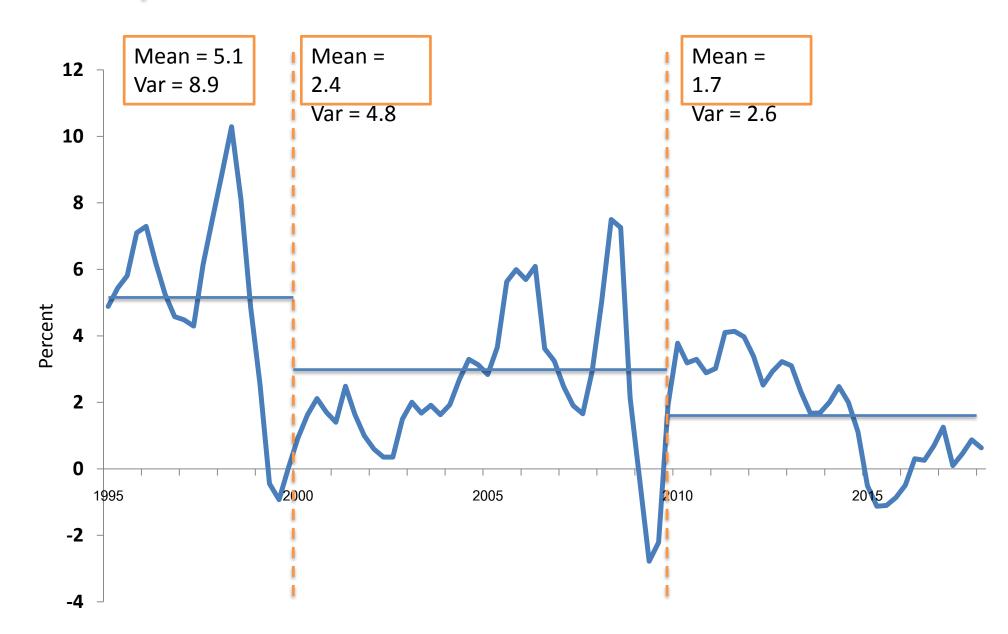
What explains inflation in the past? How will the future of inflation evolve?

Use a bottoms-up approach based on various econometric techniques and datasets

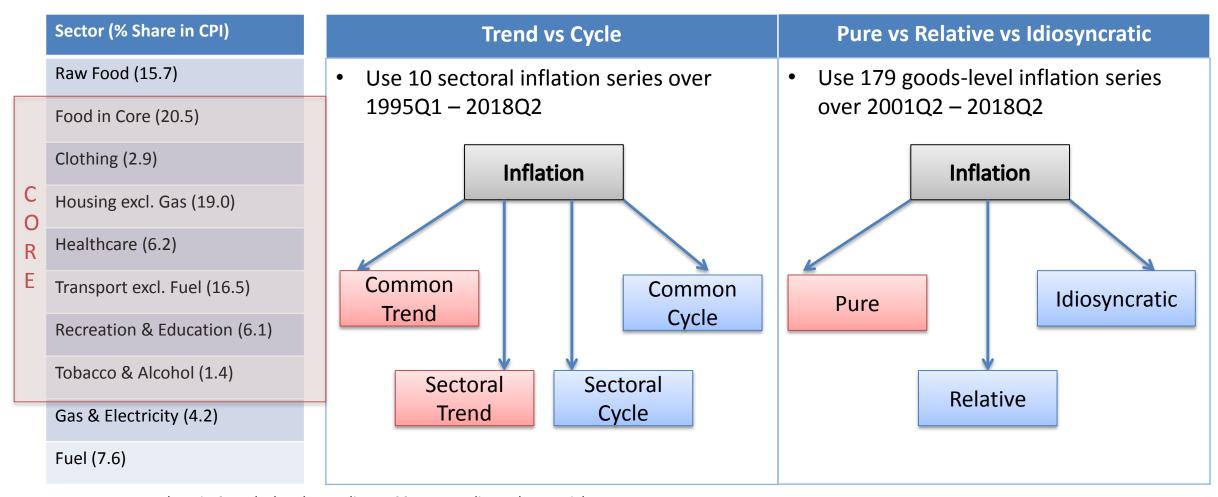
Get a granular yet holistic view of inflation



Thai Inflation Dynamics

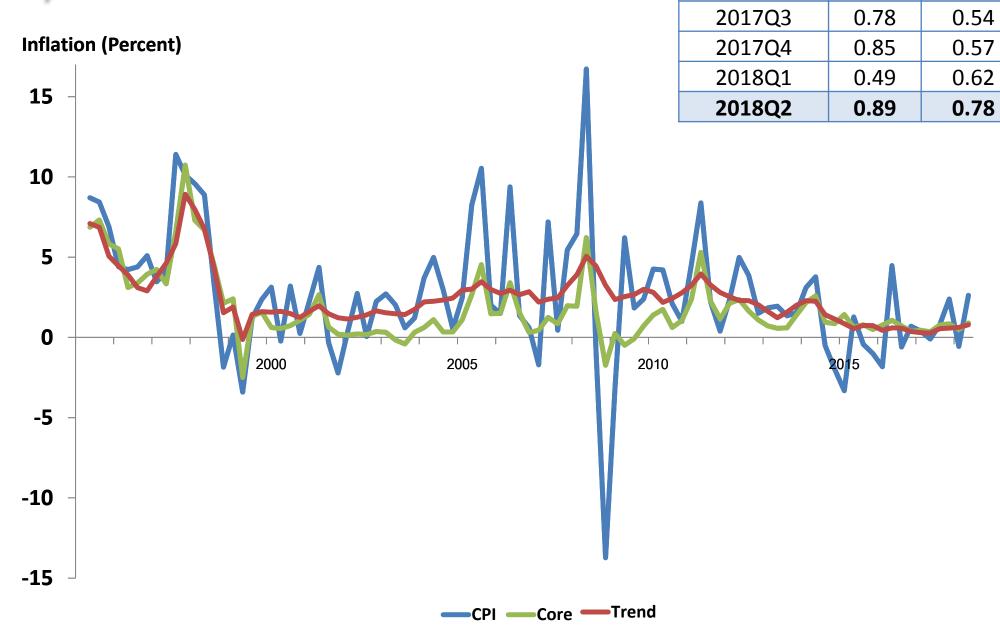


Inflation Decomposition



Note: Percentage share in CPI calculated according to 2015 expenditure share weights.

Trend vs Cycle

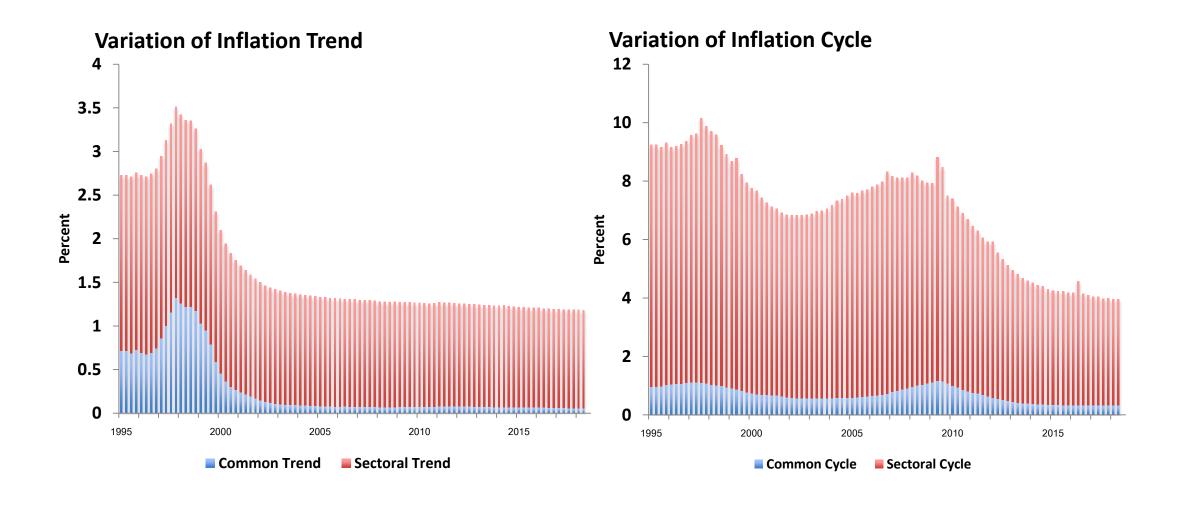


Quarter

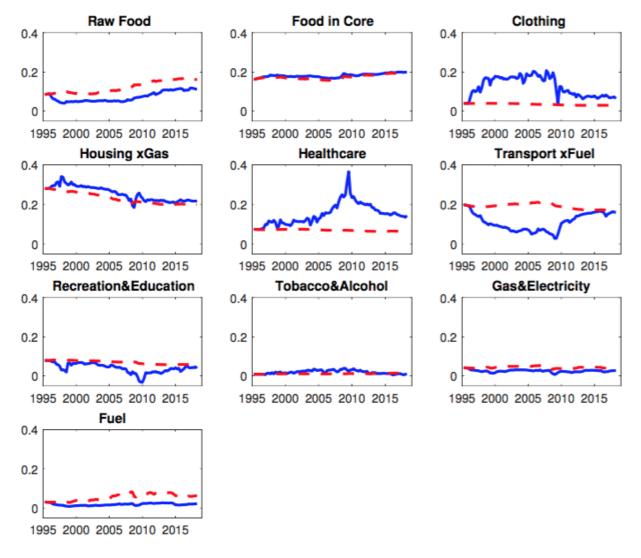
Core

Trend

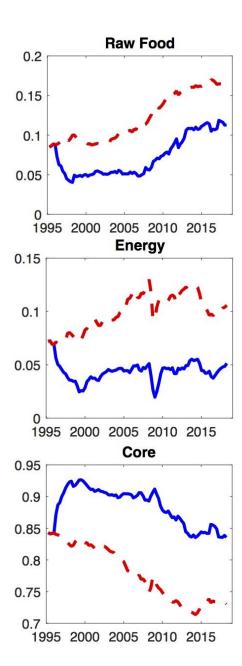
Variation of Inflation



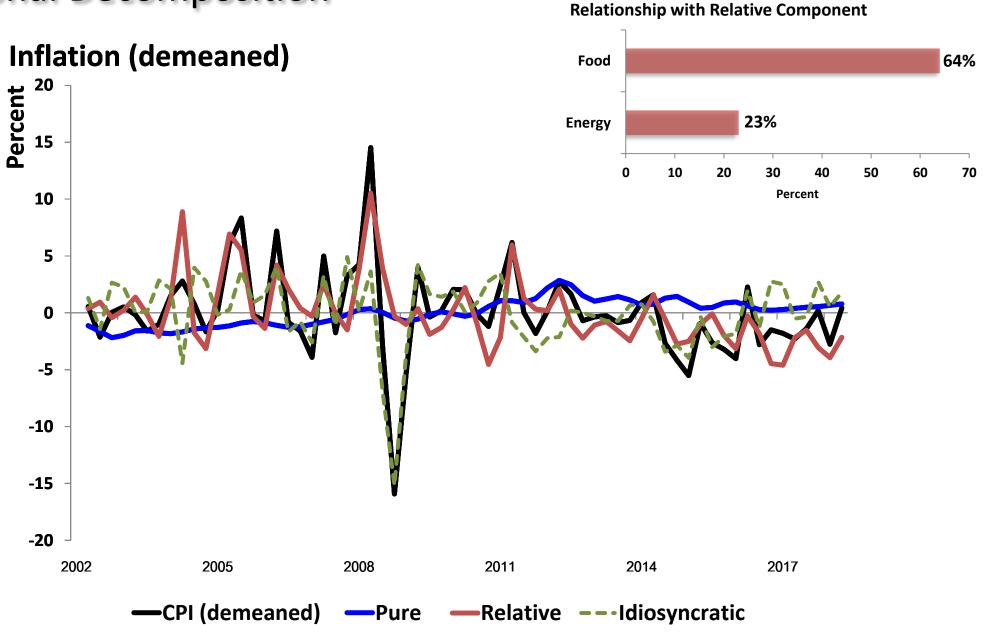
Sectoral Influence towards Trend



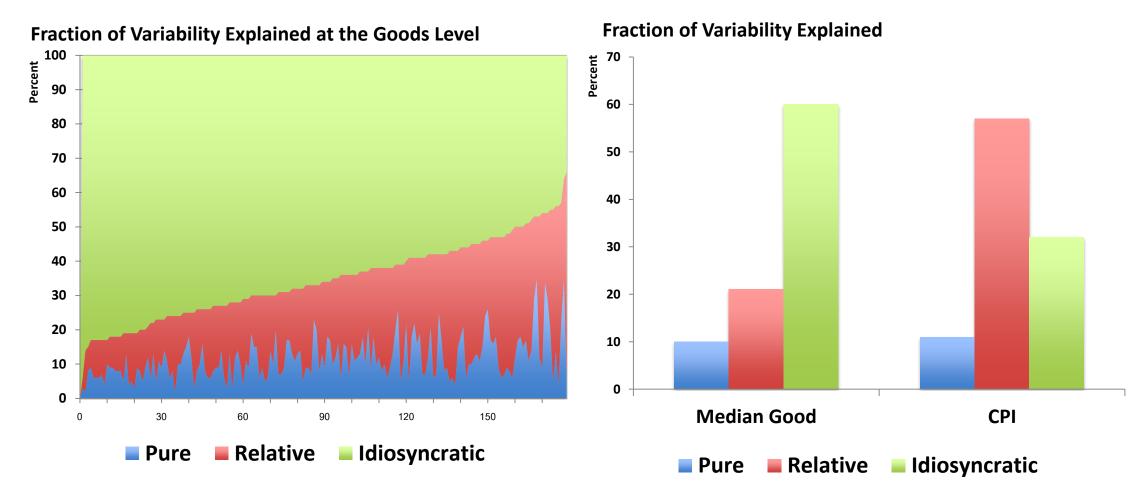
Note: The solid line is the approximate weights for the estimated trend and the dashed line is its 2011 expenditure share weight.



Cross-sectional Decomposition



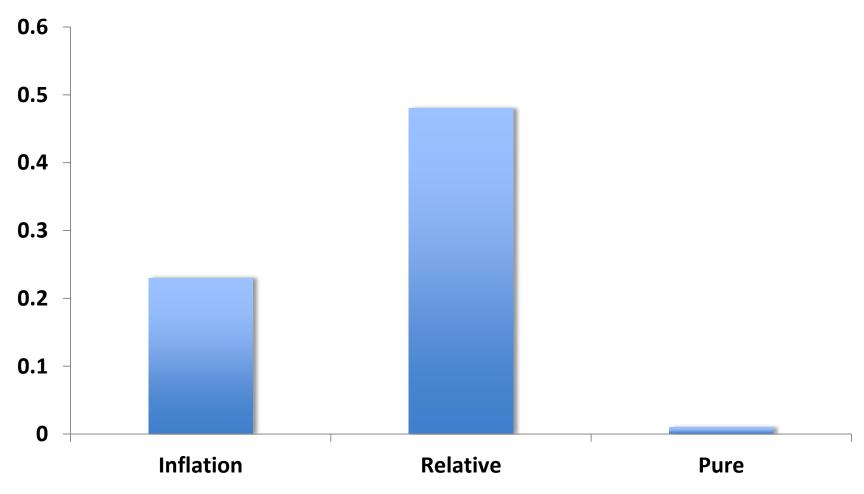
Importance of Inflation Components



Note: Calculated based on the average squared canonical coherence measure at all frequencies.

Inflation and the Real Economy

Correlation between GDP and Inflation Components



Note: Calculated based on the average squared canonical coherence measure at business cycle frequencies.

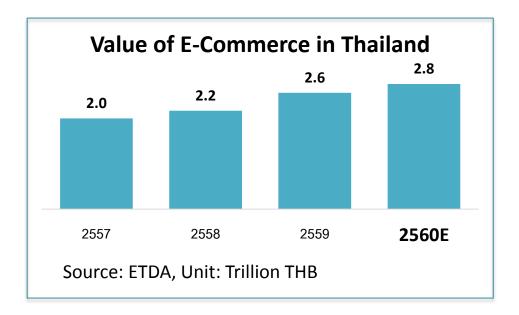




Understanding Inflation with Online Data

Why study online prices?

- Unique and rich source of information
- Helps understand a new and rapidly growing segment of retail



- Different market structure than offline
- Potential impact on aggregate inflation dynamics



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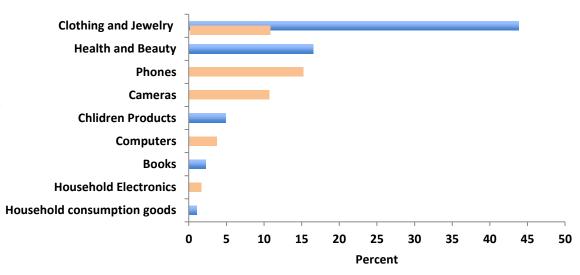
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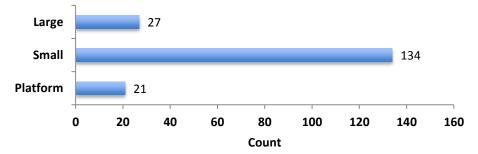


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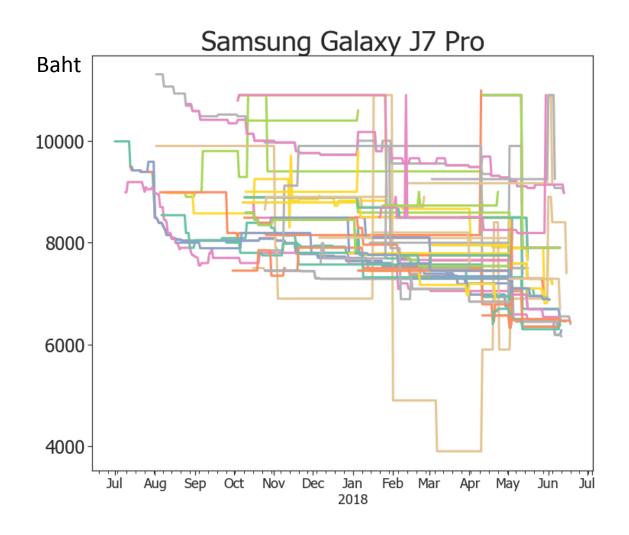
Categories of Products on Priceza



Retail Outlet Types



Data Sample

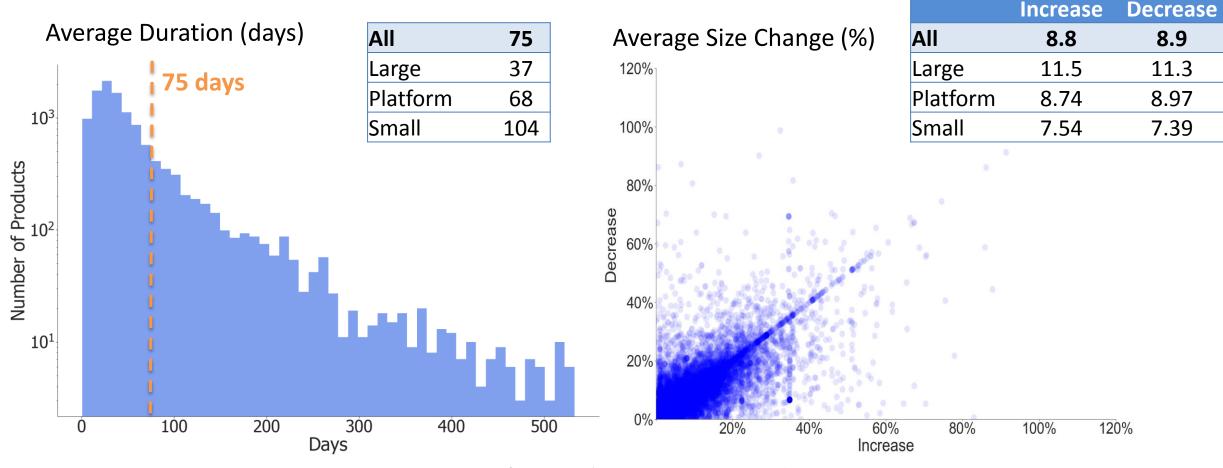


Sample Period July 2015 – June 2018					
	Products	<u>Sellers</u> Product	Life Span (days)		
All	11,920	70	252		
Outlet type					
Large	2,765	5	265		
Platform	9,006	99	244		
Small	5,543	4	281		

Our Focus

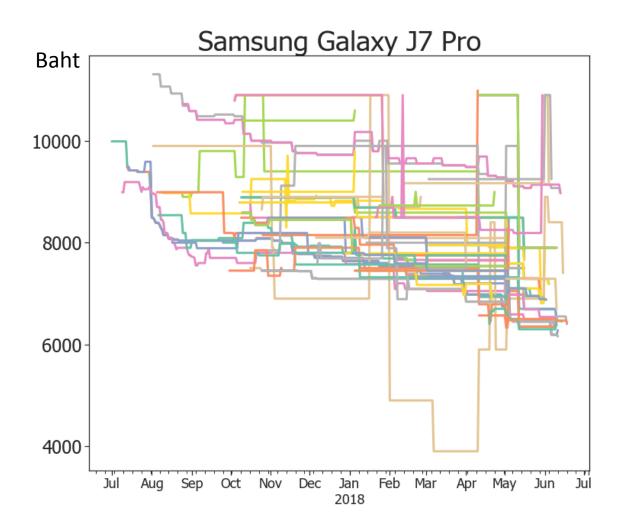
- Behavior of price changes → Dynamic Pricing Strategy
 - Duration
 - Size
 - Direction
- Cross-sectional Characteristics → Price Competition
 - Synchronization
 - Dispersion

Behavior of Price Changes



- 52 percent of price changes are price decreases
- Duration and size are positively correlated
- Prices of more expensive products are more rigid
- Products with more sellers change more frequently

Price Synchronization



Average Price Synchronization (%)			
	Daily Monthly		
All	2.79	31.0	
Platform	17.0	42.2	

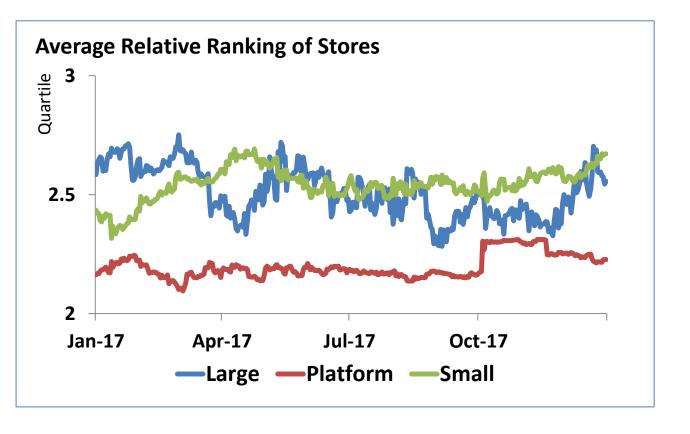
Median Price Synchronization (%)			
	Daily Monthly		
All	0	0	
Platform	0	33.3	

Note: Synchronization = $(A-1)/(B-1) \times 100$, A>0, B>1 with A as the number of sellers that changes their prices for product i at time t and B as the total number of sellers.

Price Dispersion

Averag	Average Price Dispersion (%)			
	Range	Gap		
All	41.9	17.9		
Platform	47.1	20.6		

Note: Range = $(max-min)/min \times 100$, $Gap = (min2-min1)/min1 \times 100$



- Large and small stores consistently charge more than marketplace vendors
- Sellers tend to remain expensive or cheap (46% of all sellers never change ranking)
- Prices of more expensive products are less disperse
- Prices of products with more sellers are less disperse

Online vs Offline Prices

	Monthly Inflation (%)		Duration (days)		Size Change (%)	
	Online	Offline	Online	Offline	Online	Offline
Refrigerators	-0.18	-1.01	86	205	2.26	5.88
Fans	0.38	-0.28	58	274	2.80	7.75
Microwaves	2.69	0.01	66	192	2.40	20.5
Air conditioners	-3.70	-0.32	64	167	2.39	23.8
Phones	-13.9	-1.08	47	212	2.34	12.5
Televisions	-13.5	-0.51	49	231	3.09	16.2
Washing machines	0.47	-0.55	71	226	2.45	8.93
Irons	1.93	-0.77	55	178	3.65	9.71
Watches	1.80	-0.91	81	270	1.48	16.4

Takeaways

- Understanding inflation requires a granular perspective
 - Information excluded from core can help measure trend
 - Noisy price fluctuations can mask out important economic relationships
- Inflation is well under control
 - The underlying rate of inflation remains low
 - The recent persistent decline in inflation comes from sector-specific shocks
- Inflation is evolving and will continue to evolve
 - Structural changes in 2000 and 2010
 - Need a better understanding about the drivers of online prices