

## **Supplementary Materials**

# **Volatile opinions and optimal control of vaccine awareness campaigns: chaotic behaviour of the Forward–Backward Sweep algorithm vs heuristic direct optimization**

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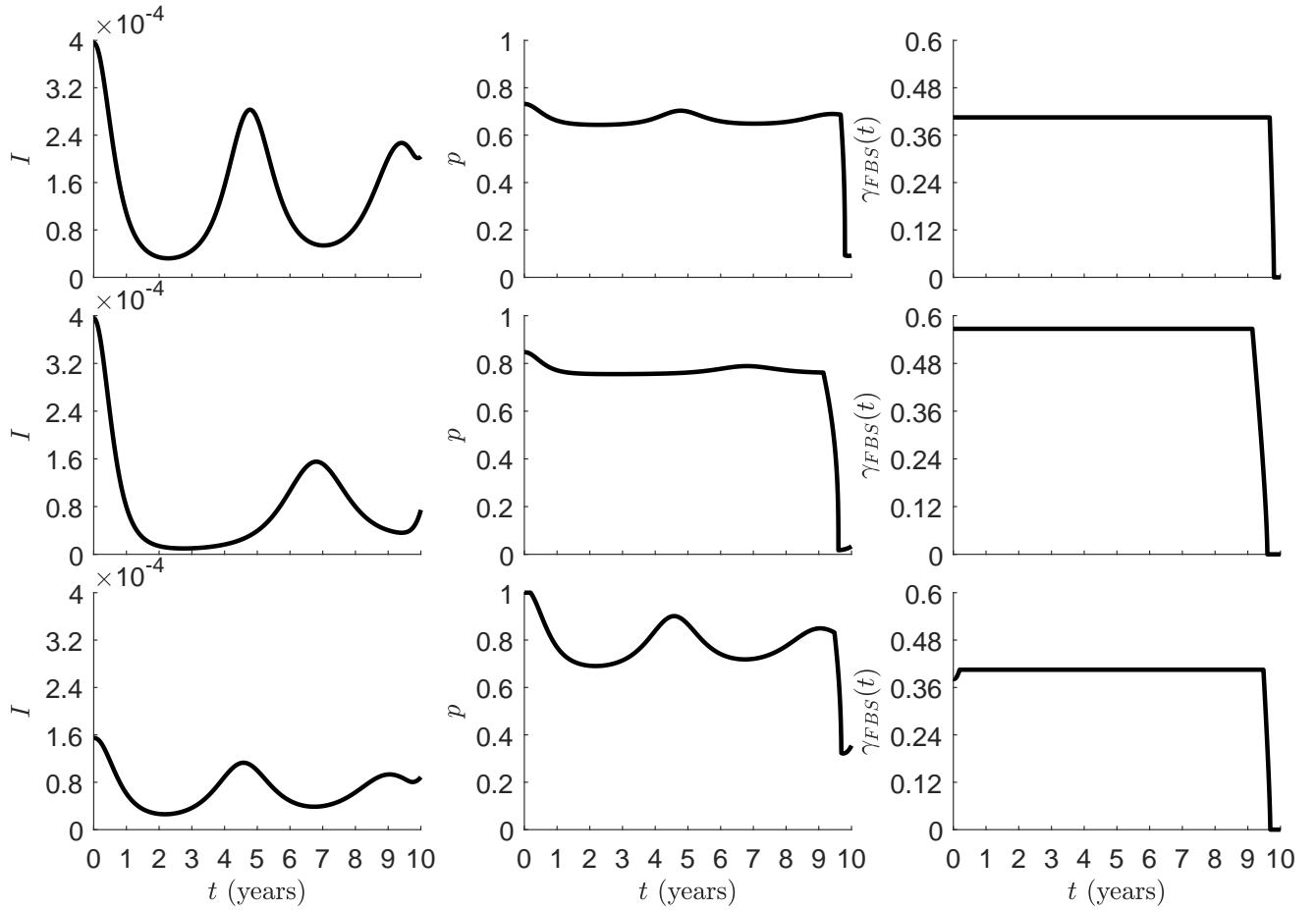


Figure S1: OC solutions by FBS method for the simulation scenarios C2 (top row), C3 (second row) and C4 (bottom row). Left panels:  $I$ ; central panels:  $p$ ; right panels:  $\gamma_{FBS}(t)$ . Initial data correspond to the endemic equilibrium of model (6) with  $\gamma(t) \equiv 0$ . Other parameter values are listed in Table 1.

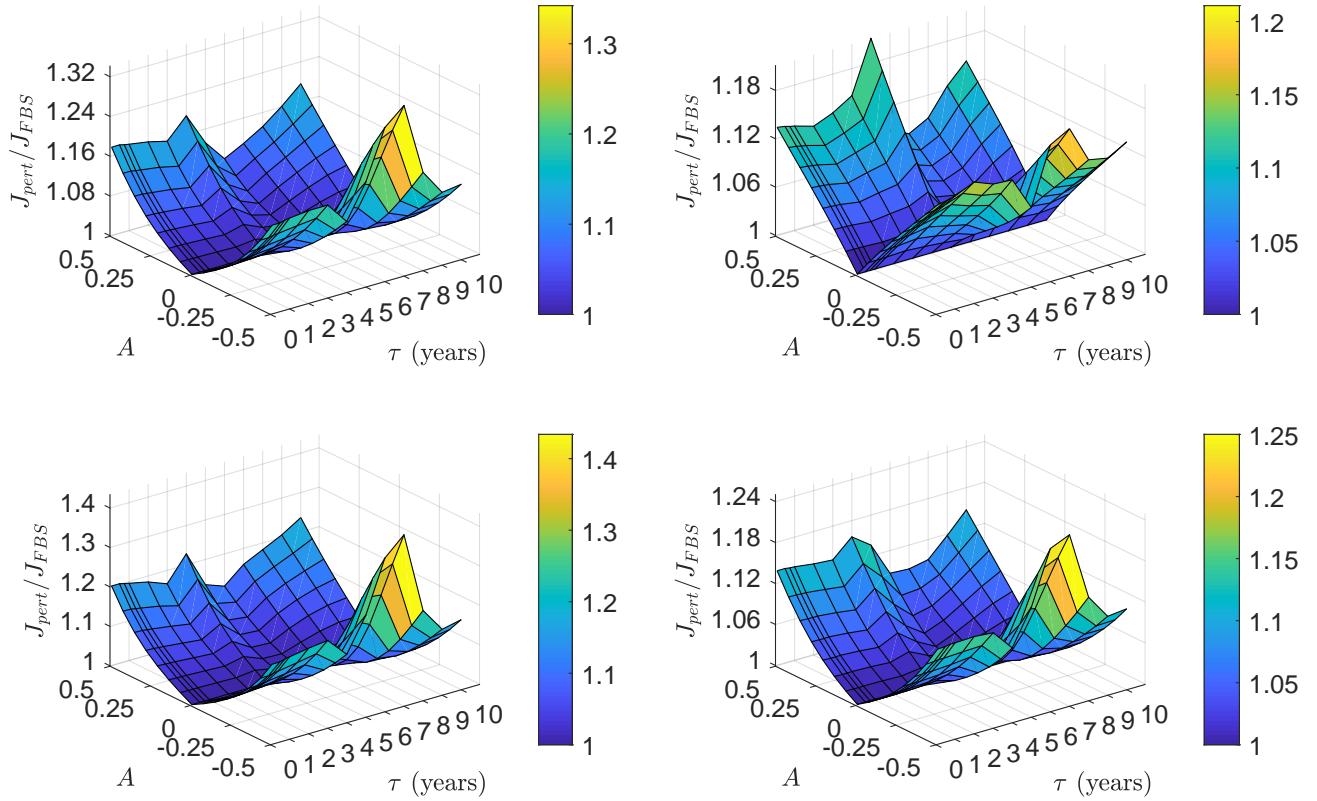


Figure S2:  $J_{pert}/J_{FBS}$  as function of  $A$  and  $\tau$  for the simulation scenario C1 (top left panel), C2 (top right panel), C3 (bottom left panel) and C5 (bottom right panel). Initial data correspond to:  $S(0) = 0.0999972$ ,  $I(0) = 2.3878 \cdot 10^{-4}$  for the case C1; the endemic equilibrium of model (6) with  $\gamma(t) \equiv 0$  for the other cases. Other parameter values are listed in Table 1.

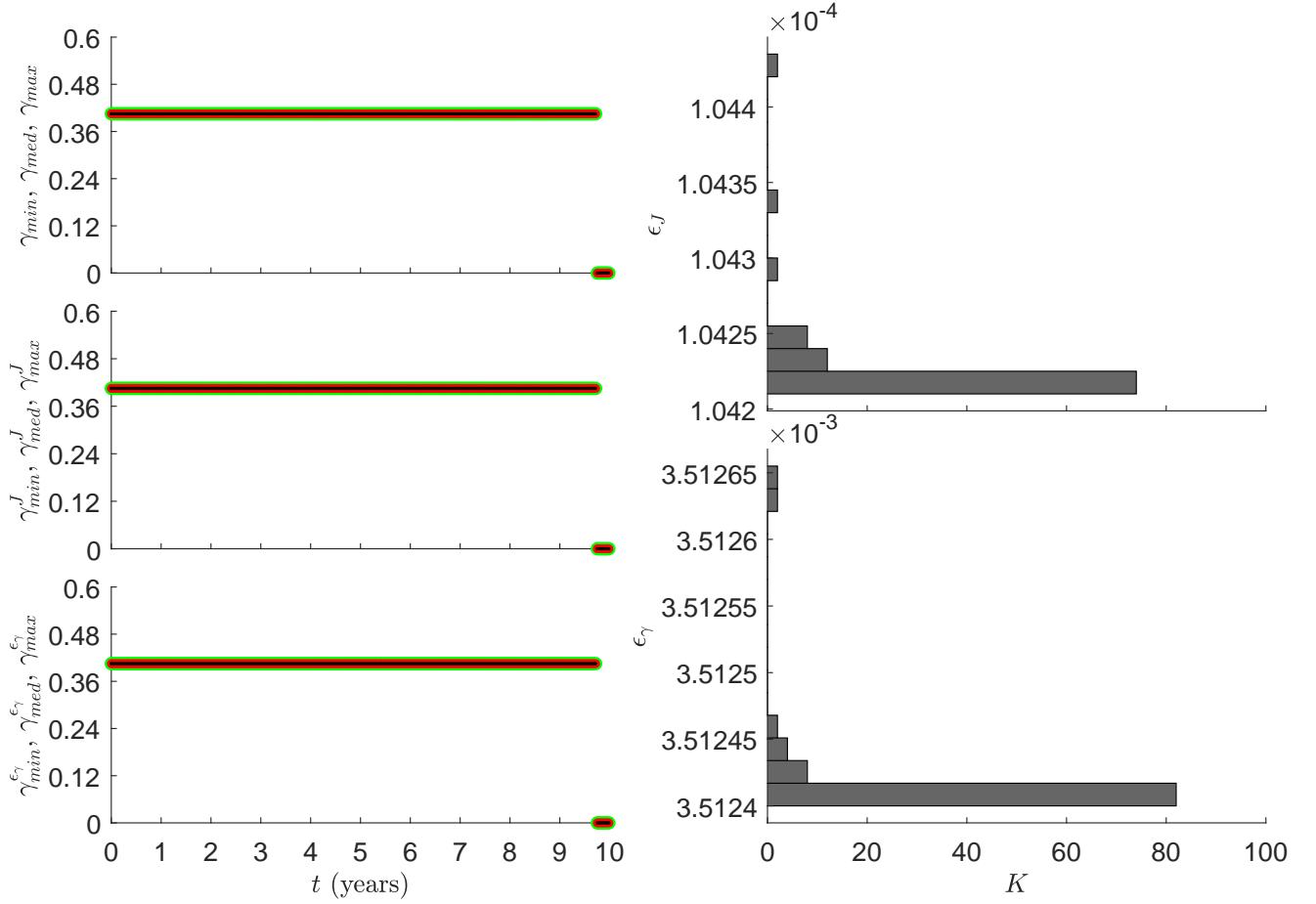


Figure S3: Statistical assessment for the case  $C_\gamma = C_\gamma^{(o)}$  and simulation scenario C2. Data obtained by applying  $K = 100$  times the PSO algorithm. Left top panel:  $\gamma_{min}(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}(t)$  (black line). Left central panel:  $\gamma_{min}^J(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}^J(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}^J(t)$  (black line). Left bottom panel:  $\gamma_{min}^{\epsilon_\gamma}(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}^{\epsilon_\gamma}(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}^{\epsilon_\gamma}(t)$  (black line). Right panels: distribution of  $\epsilon_J$  (top panel) and of  $\epsilon_\gamma$  (bottom panel). Parameter values and initial data as in Fig. S1.

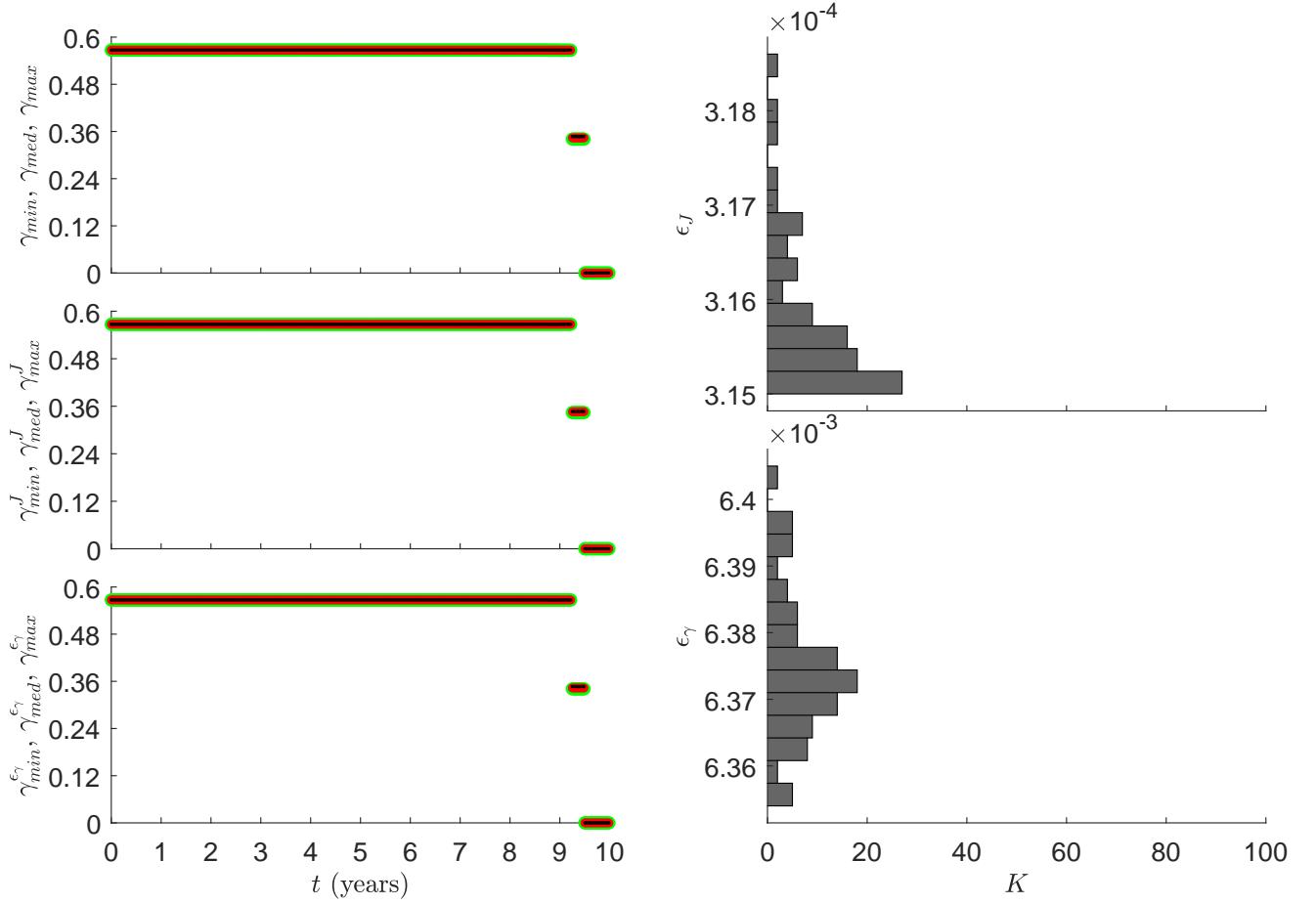


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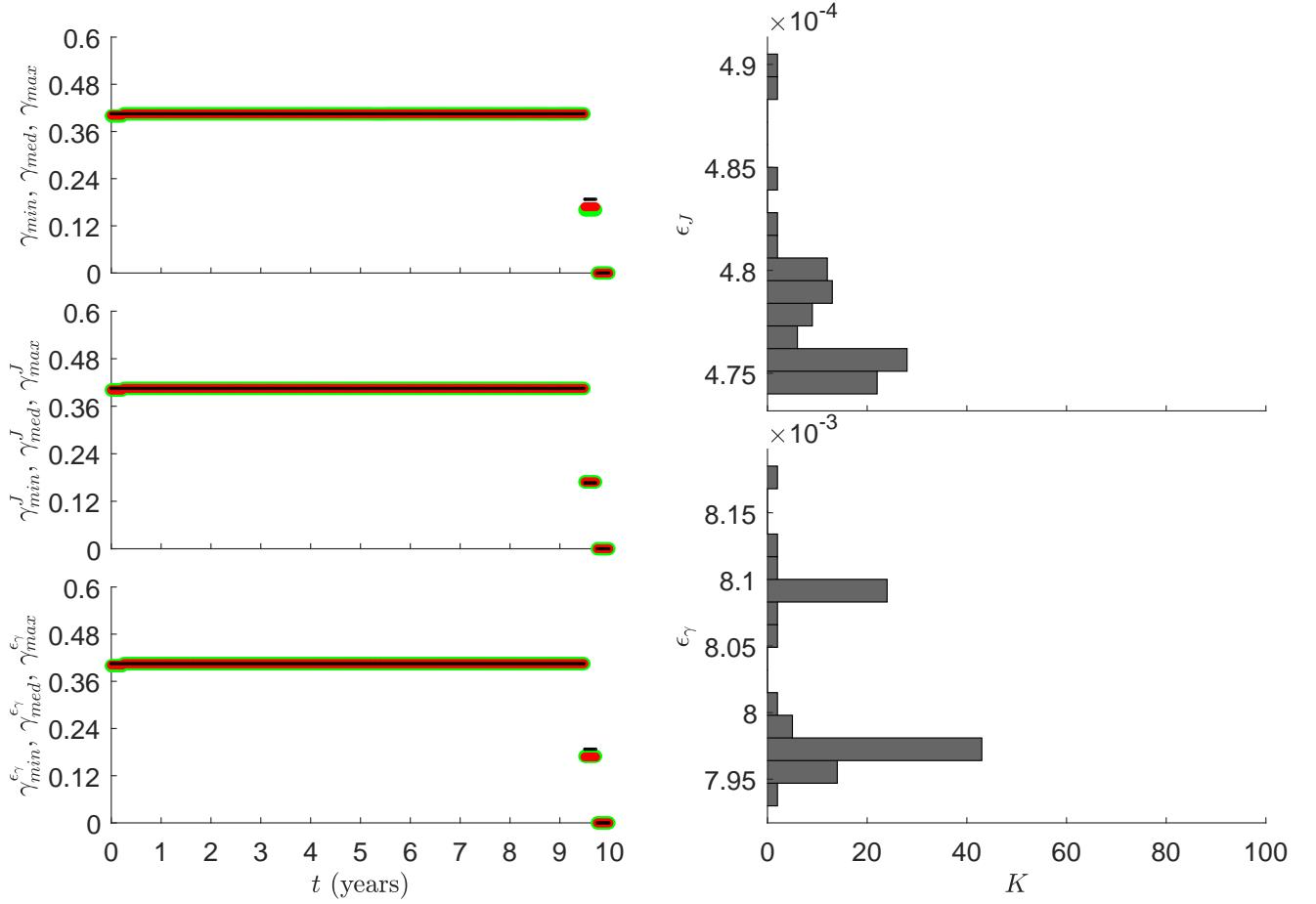


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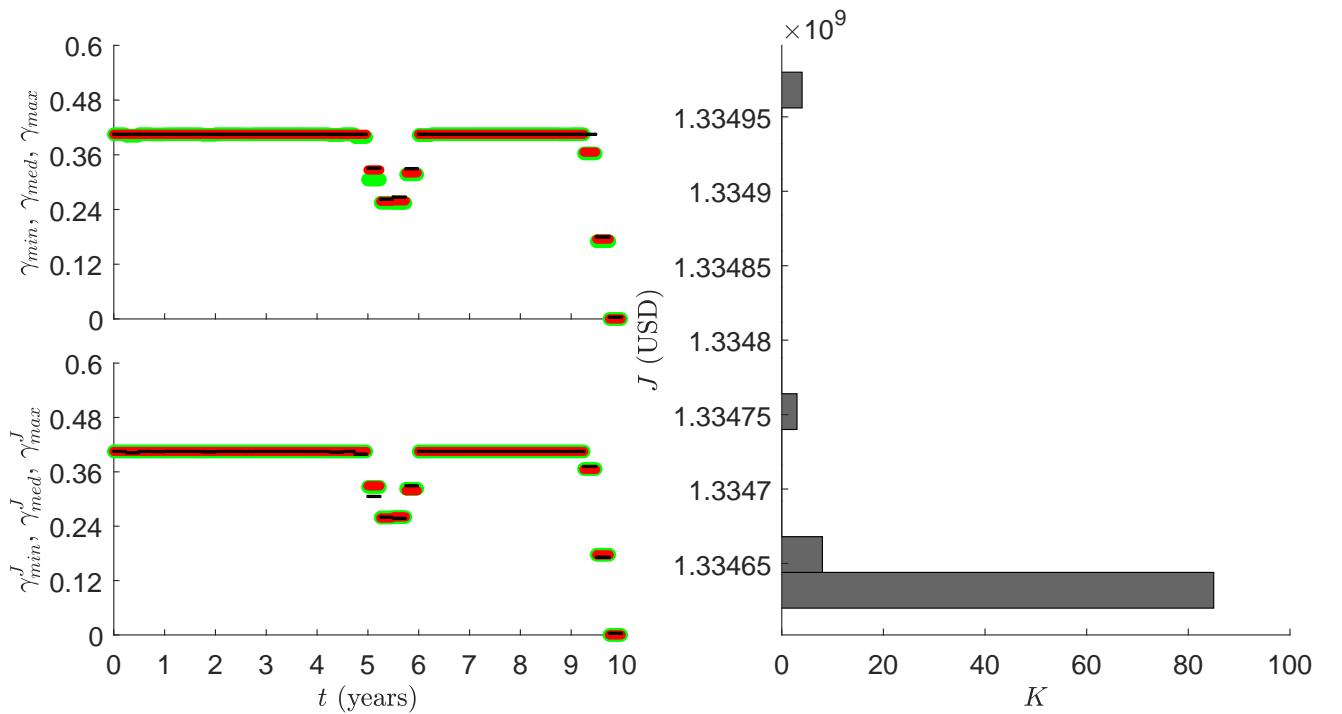


Figure S6: Statistical assessment for the case  $C_\gamma = 5C_\gamma^{(o)}$  with 3 months programming and simulation scenario C2. Data obtained by applying  $K = 100$  times the PSO algorithm. Left top panel:  $\gamma_{min}(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}(t)$  (black line). Left bottom panel:  $\gamma_{min}^J(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}^J(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}^J(t)$  (black line). Right panel: distribution of  $J$ . Parameter values and initial data as in Fig. S1.

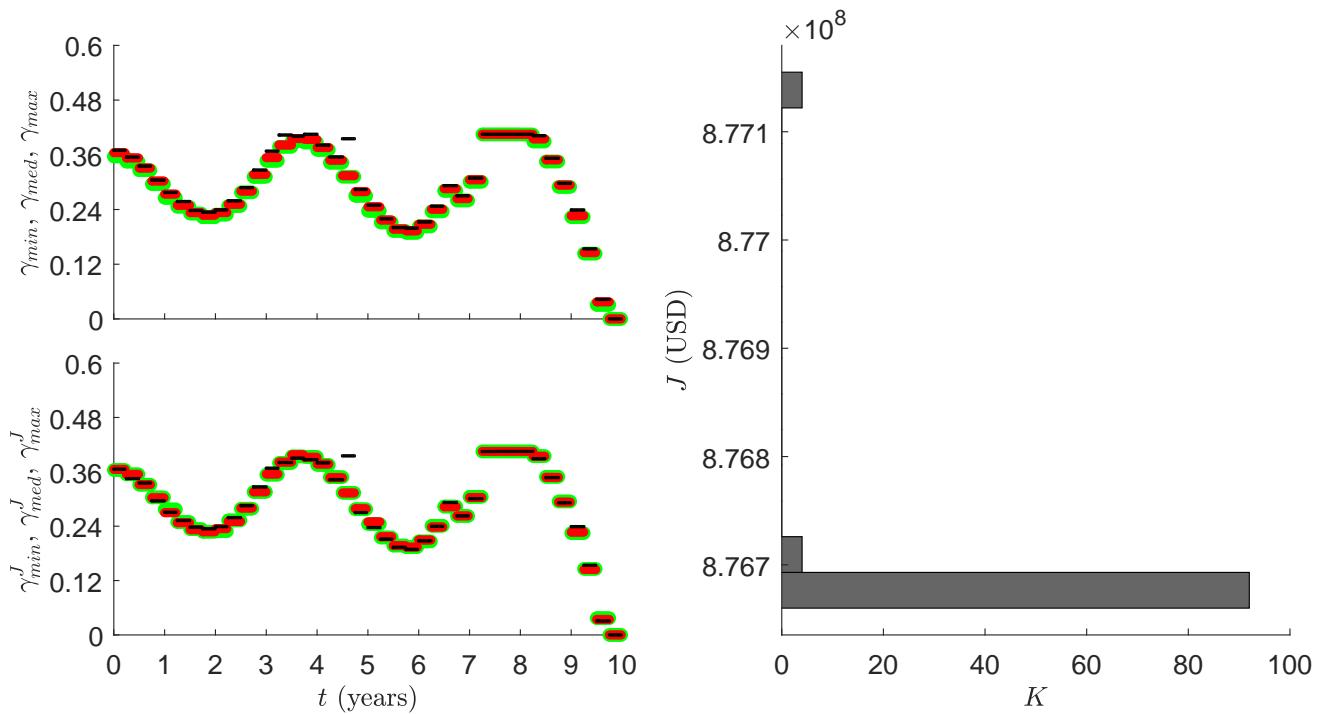


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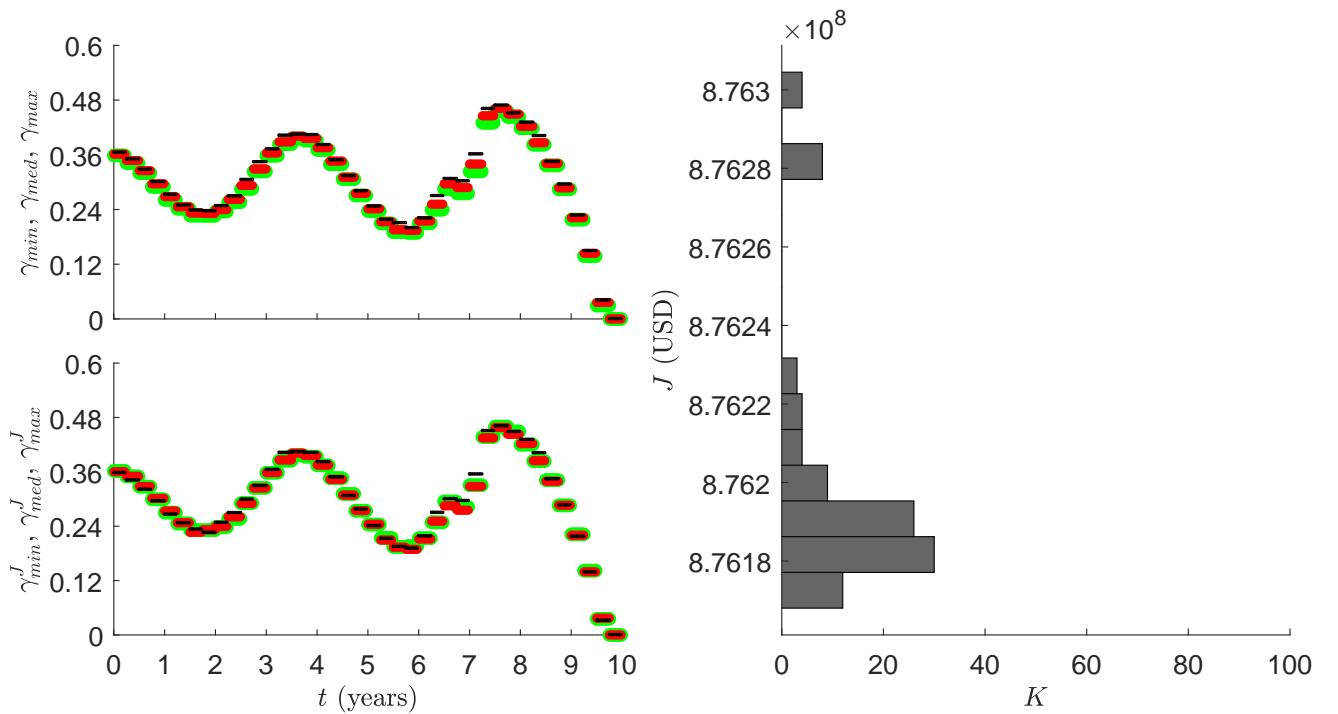


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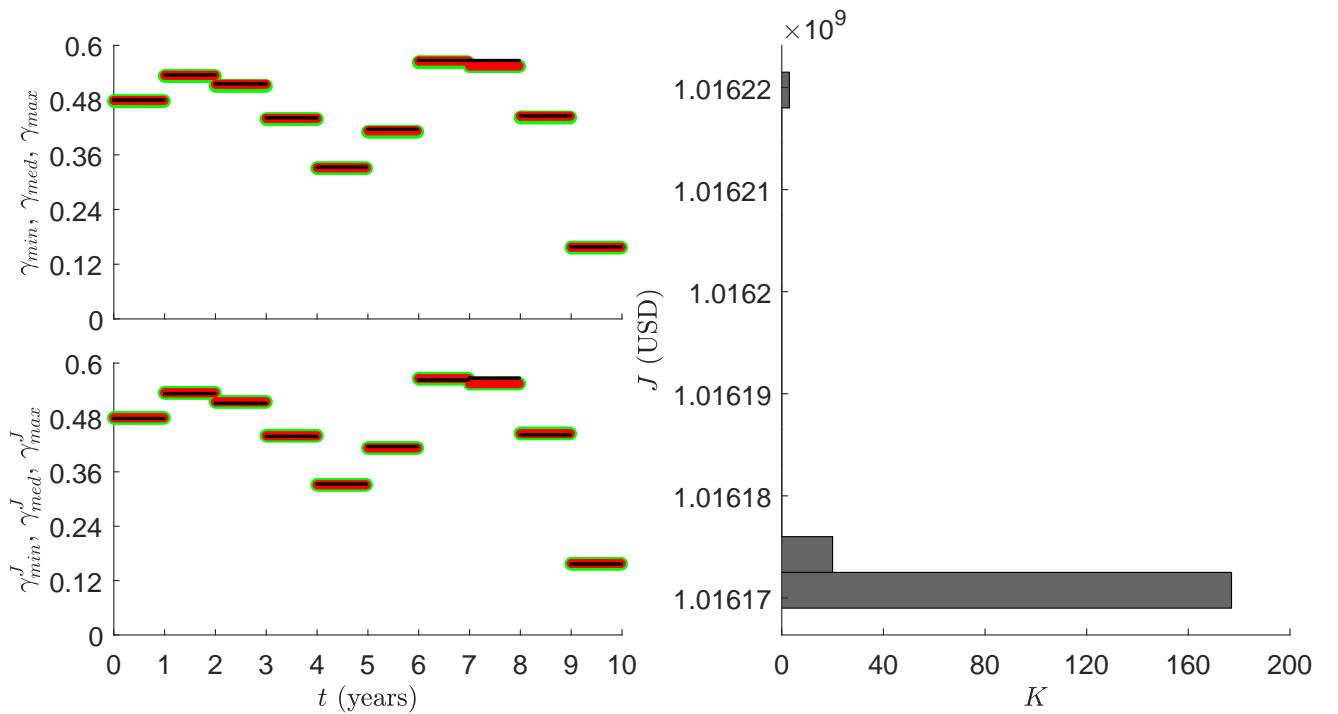


Figure S9: Statistical assessment for the case  $C_\gamma = 5C_\gamma^{(o)}$  with 1 year programming and simulation scenario C1. Data obtained by applying  $K = 200$  times the PSO algorithm. Left top panel:  $\gamma_{min}(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}(t)$  (black line). Left bottom panel:  $\gamma_{min}^J(t)$  (green line),  $\gamma_{med}^J(t)$  (red line) and  $\gamma_{max}^J(t)$  (black line). Right panel: distribution of  $J$ . Parameter values and initial data as in Fig. S2.

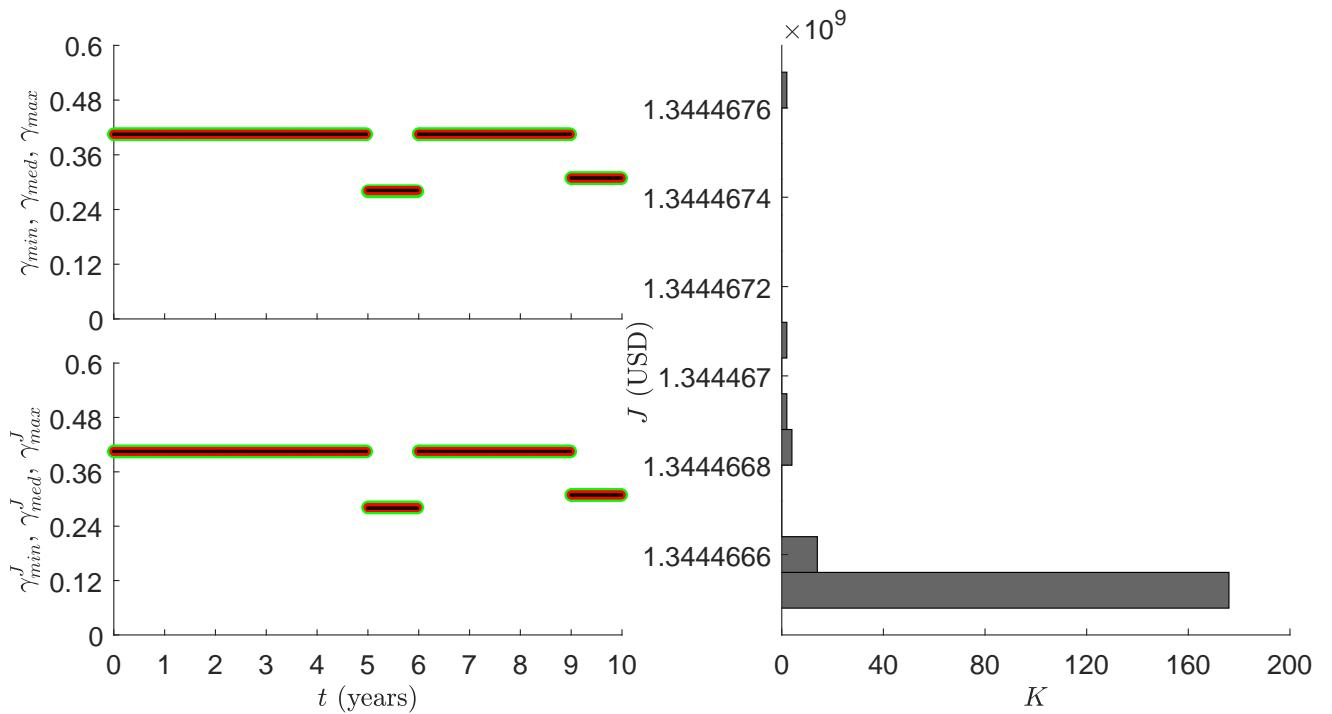


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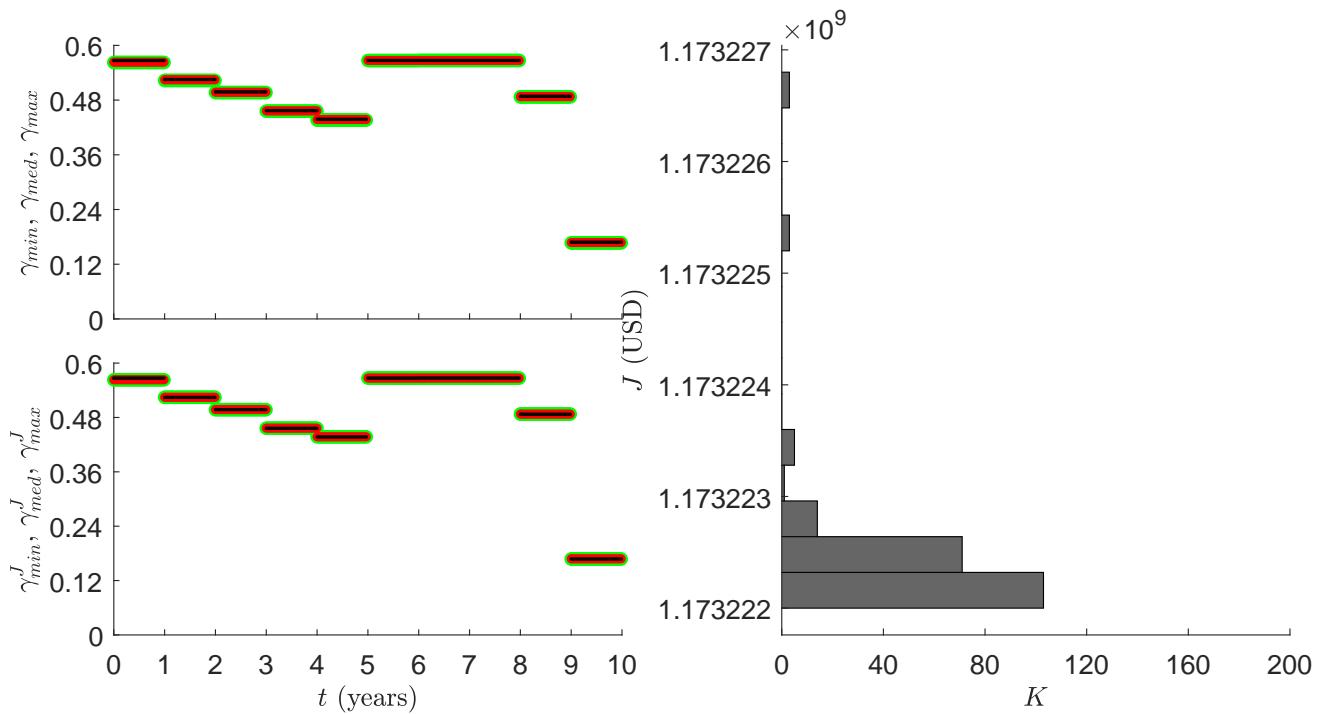


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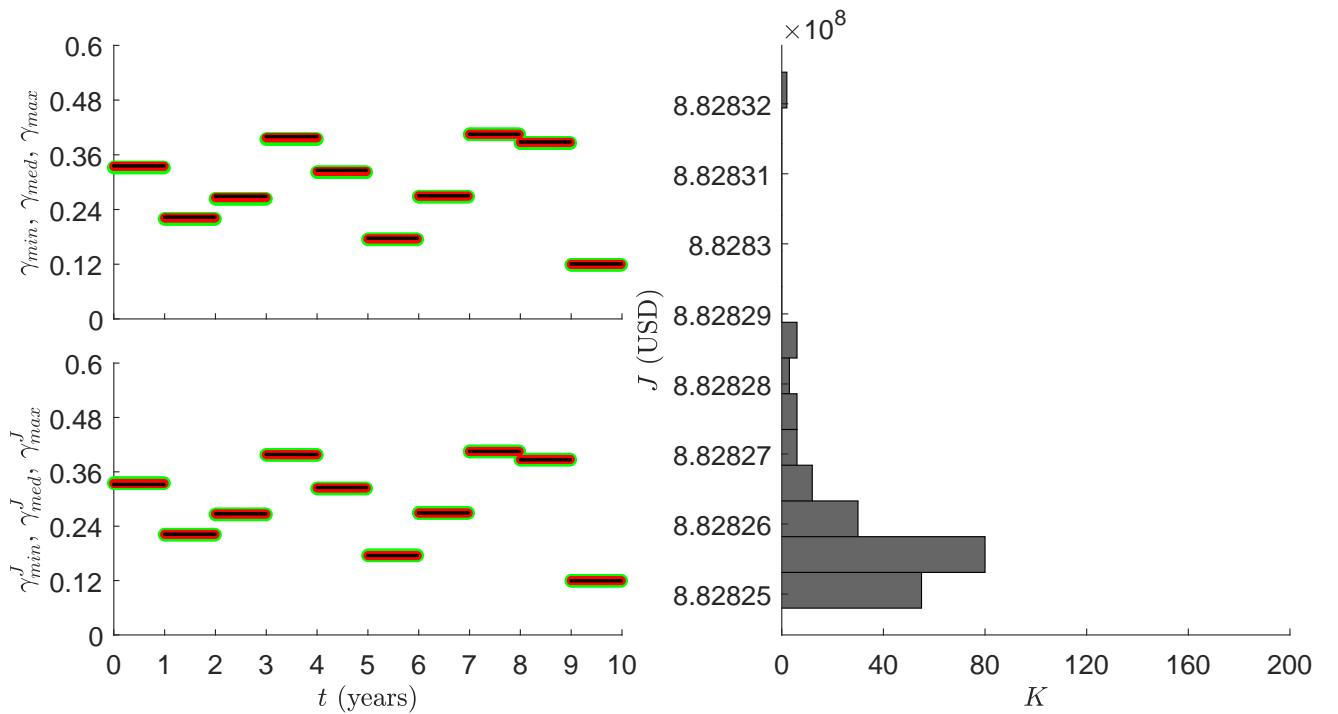


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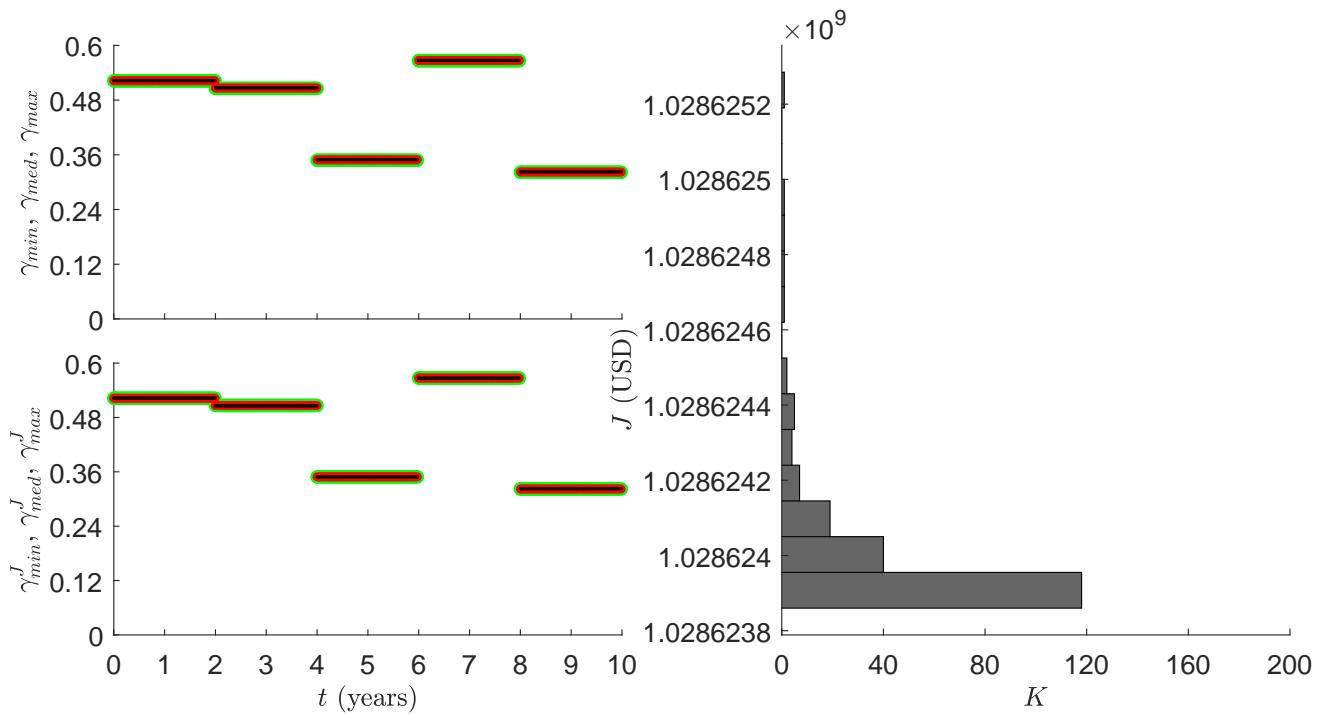


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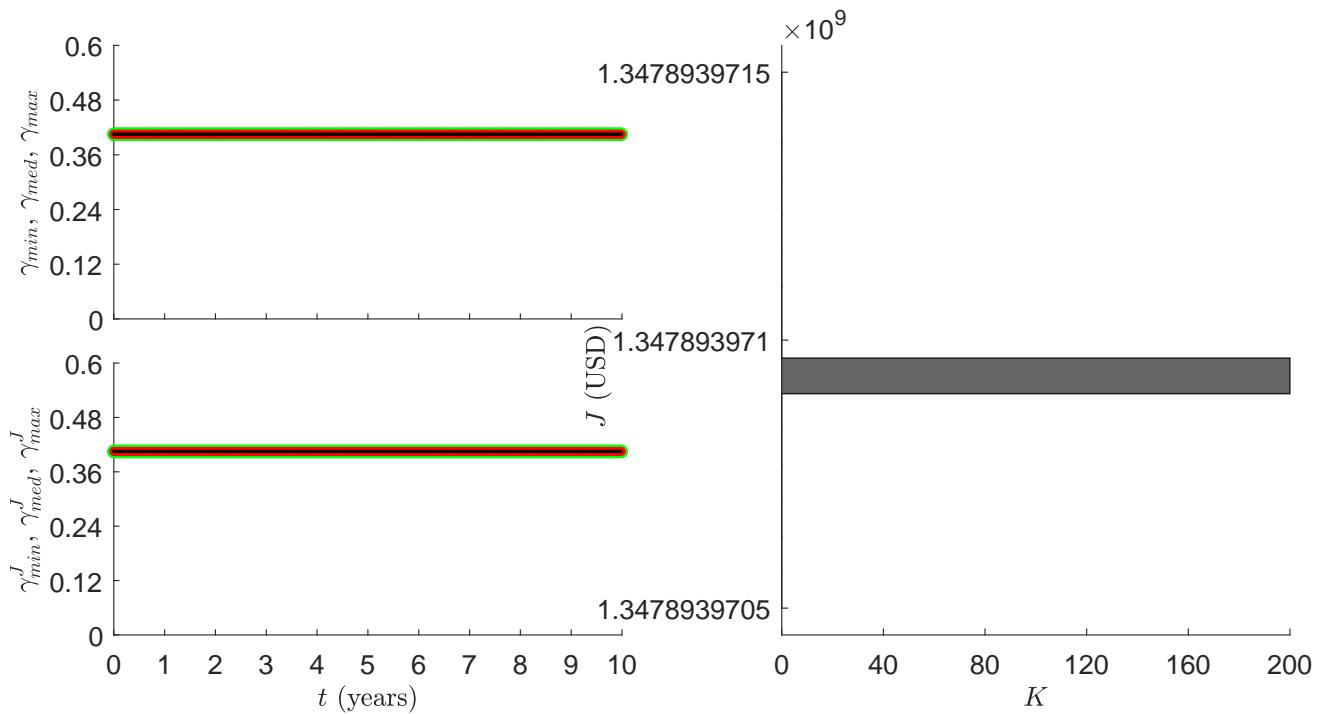


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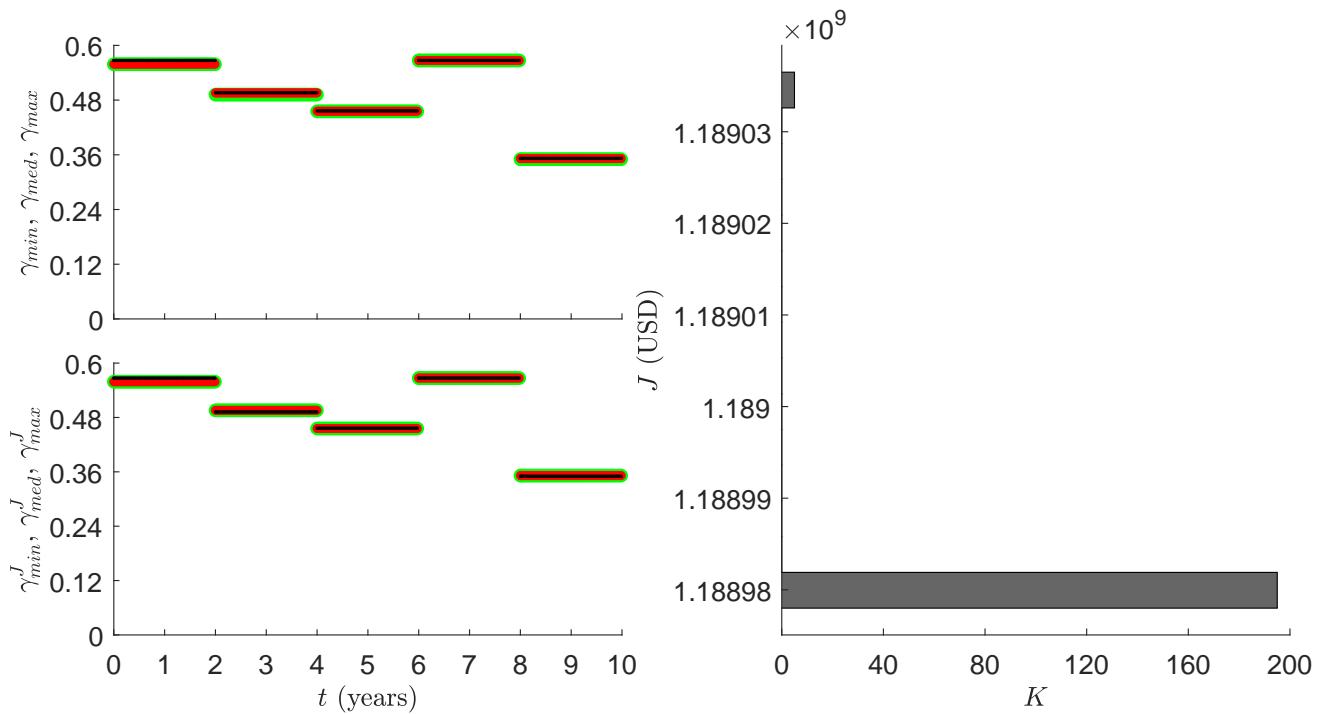


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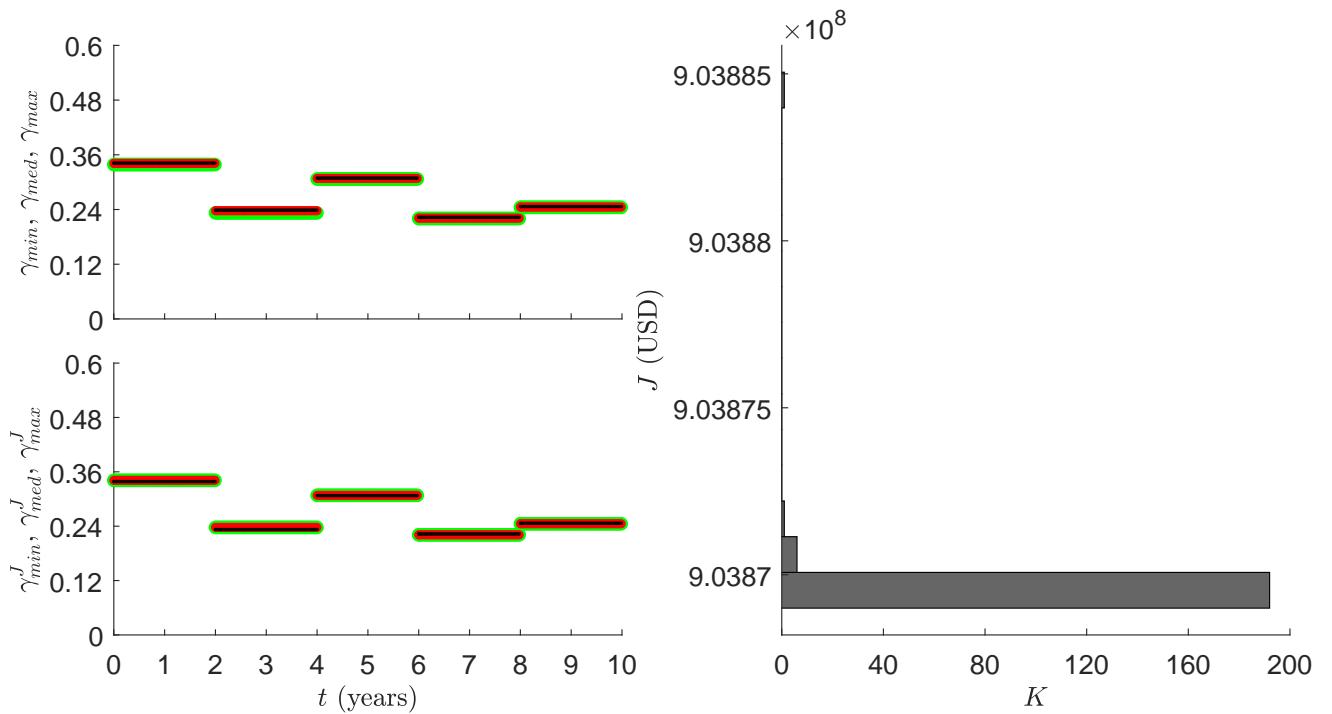


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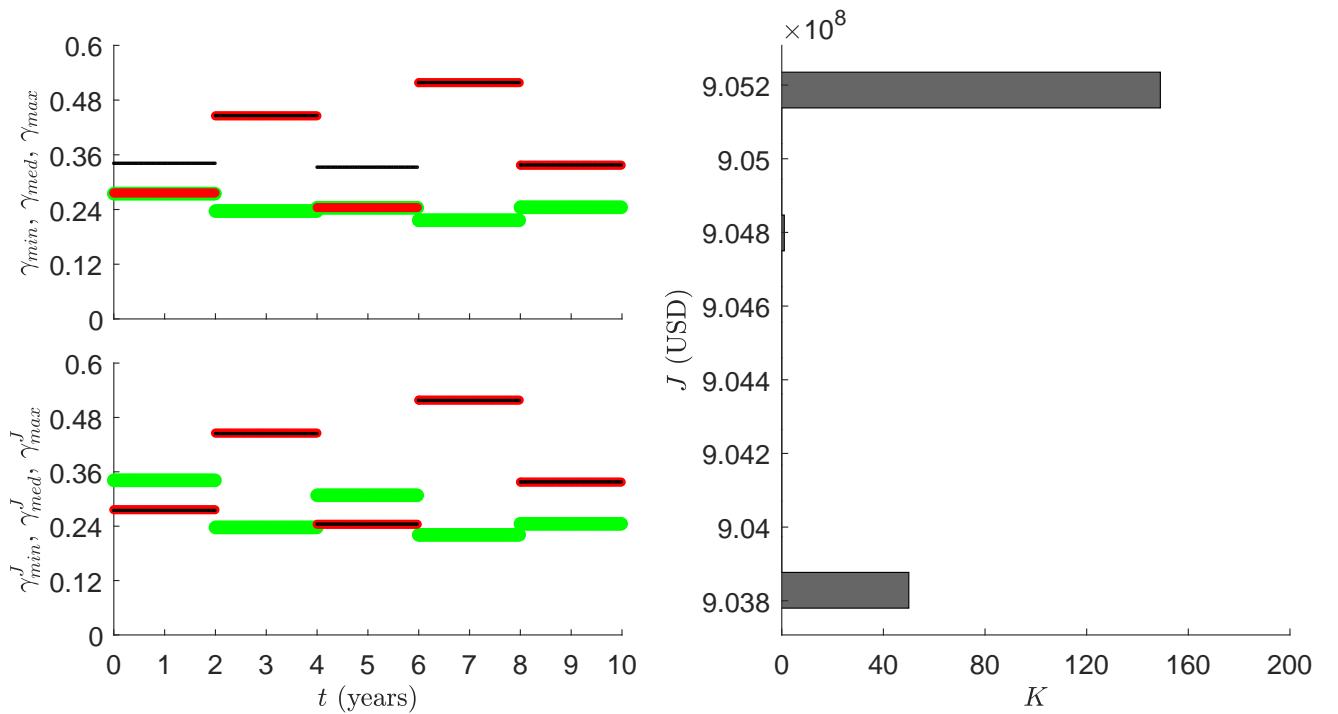


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