

# Local Currency Housing Finance Instruments adapted to High Inflation and/or Real Interest Rates

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# Housing Finance Under High Inflation and Real Interest Rates

- The **Tilt Effect** – Why standard mortgage loan products are **unaffordable** under persistent high inflation or real rates
- **Alternative local currency loan products** deferring principal and / or interest payments
- **Legal and regulatory** issues with negative amortization products
- Which products to prefer if **inflation is expected to fall**?

# Affordability and Inflation - Standard Mortgage Contracts

	Interest Rate		Inflation		Real Interest
Low inflation	5%	=	2%	+	3%
High inflation	15%	=	12%	+	3%

	January YEAR 1		
	House Price	Loan	Loan-to-Value
Low inflation	100	50	50%
High inflation	100	50	50%

Note: simplified Fisher equation.

# Tilt Effect

Higher Inflation leads to Higher (Initial) Real Amortization in a Standard Mortgage Contract

	January YEAR 2			Real
	House Price	Loan*	Loan-to-Value	Amortization**
Low inflation	102	49	48.0%	2.0%
High inflation	112	49	43.8%	6.3%

	Real Debt Service Paid in YEAR 1		
	Interest	Amortization	Total
Low inflation	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%
High inflation	3.0%	6.3%	9.3%

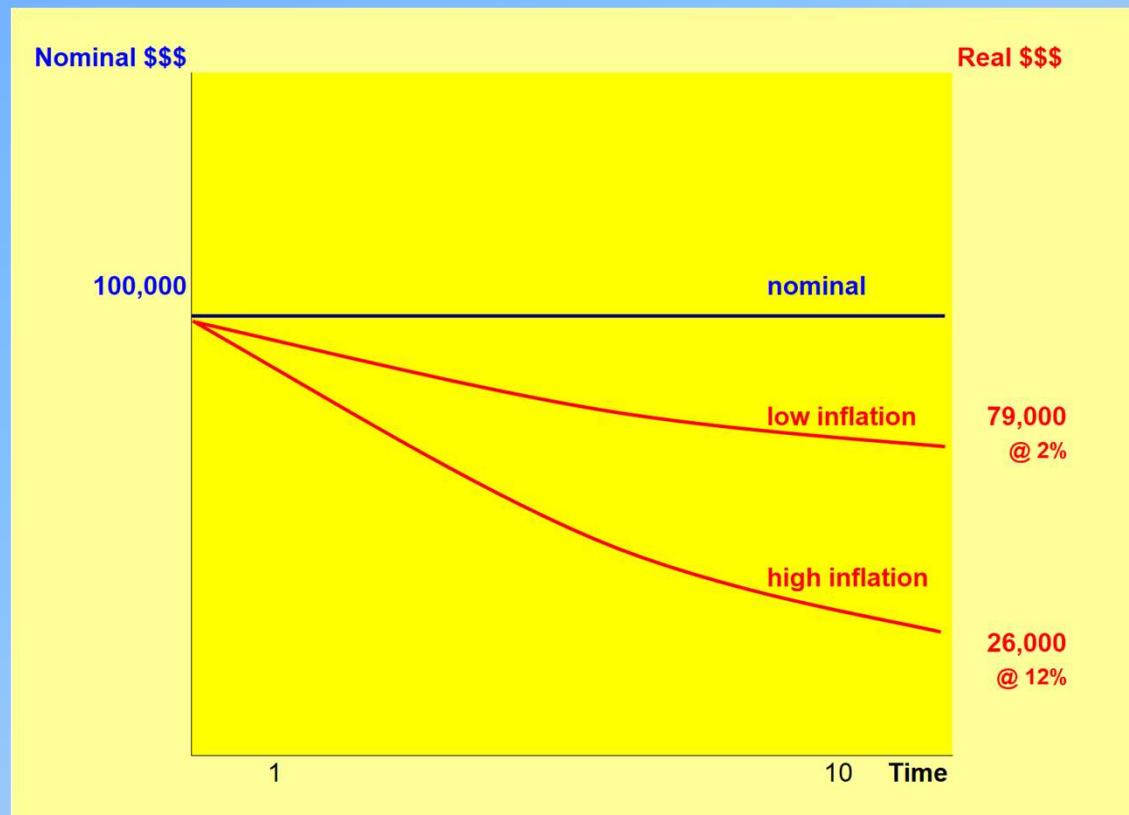
**Whether the loan is adjustable-rate (ARM) or fixed-rate (FRM) will only change real interest (yield curve), not real amortization.**

**Both products are unaffordable under high inflation.**

\*Assumes 2% nominal amortization. \*\* 50% initial LTV minus current LTV

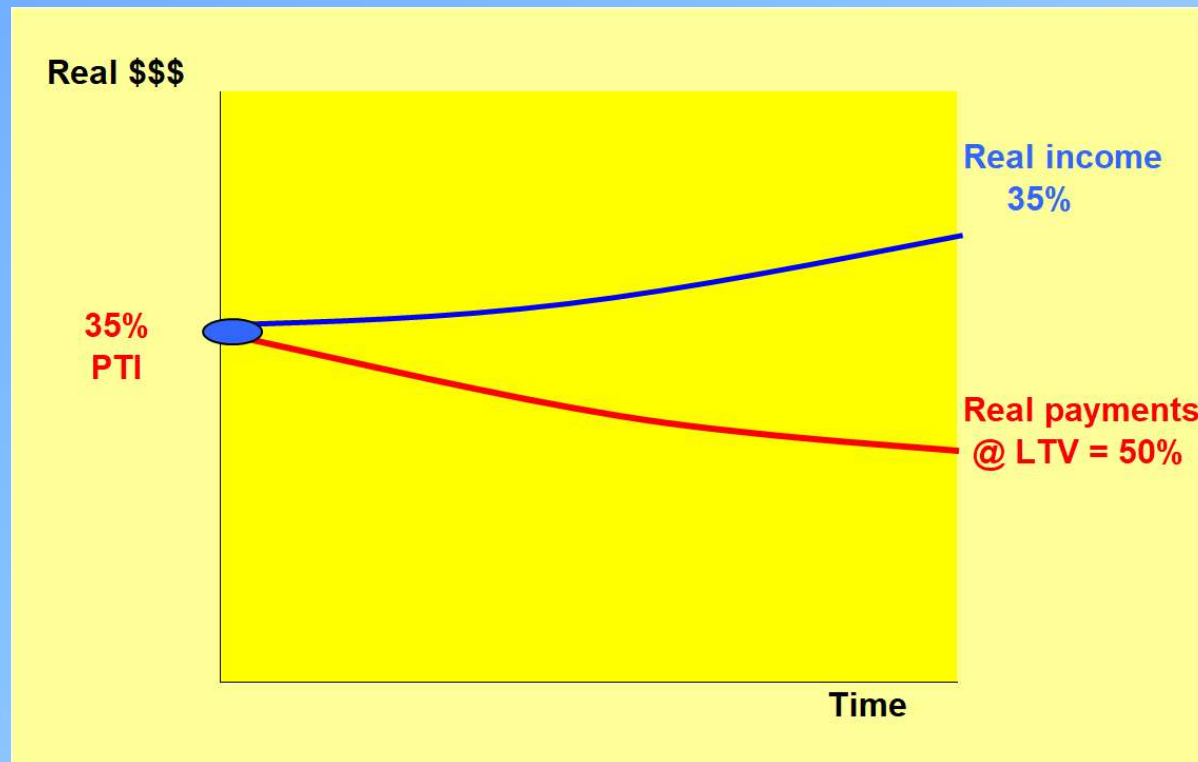
# Tilt effect visualized

## Loan Annuities and their Real Values at Different Inflation Levels



**The higher the inflation rate, the more the real repayment profile of the housing finance is 'tilted' against the horizontal line (zero inflation)**

# Affordability – Example 1 Low Inflation

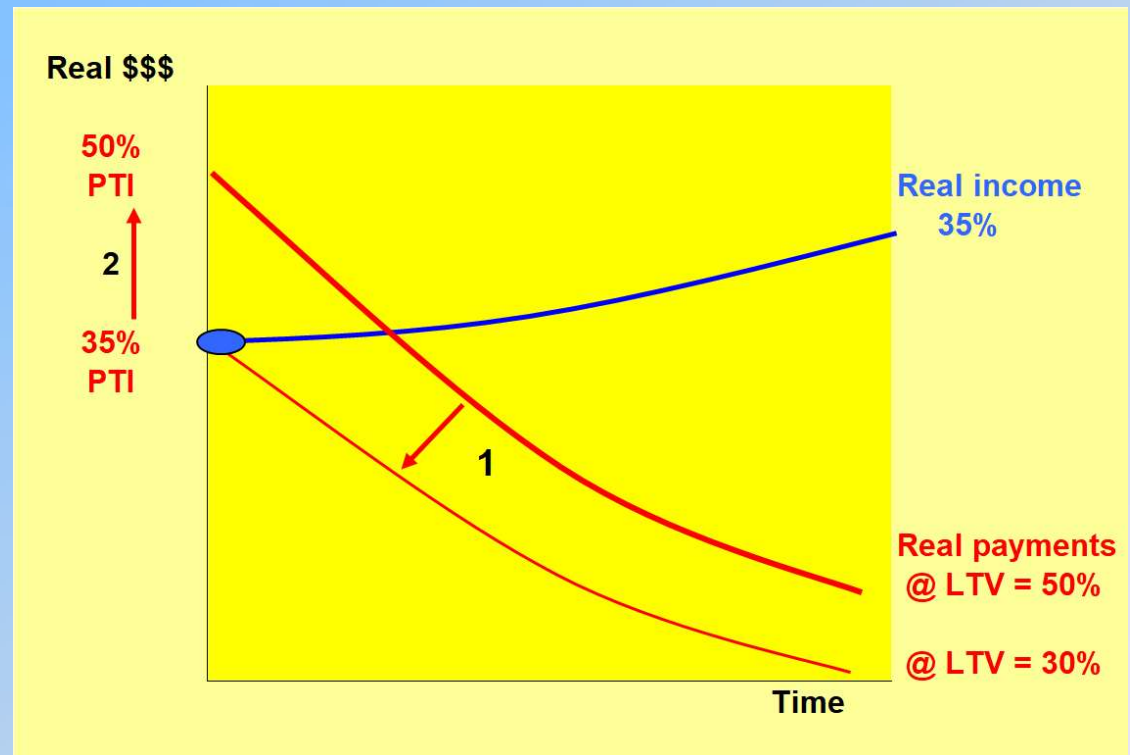


- Inflation level 5-10%
- Reasonably high LTV, e.g. 50%, is affordable
- Standard fixed-rate (FRM) or adjustable-rate (ARM) mortgage contract can be used.

Note: PTI – Payment-to-income ratio, LTV – Loan-to-value ratio

## Affordability – Example 2 High Inflation

- An LTV of 50% becomes unaffordable
  - Reason: high initial real amortization pushes up PTI.
  - Standard ARM or FRM works only with:
    1. Higher equity requirements, e.g. reduce LTV to 30%
    2. Higher payment-to-income: e.g. increase to 50%; U.S., U.K. or Germany: 35% max.
- Both options are undesirable!



# Radical Solution: Systematic Negative Amortization

For high inflation and nominal interest rate levels (e.g.  $\geq 15\%$ )

- Slow down the decline of loan-to-value ratio to re-balance the real amortization profile
- E.g. by capitalizing the inflationary component of the nominal interest payments into the balance of the loan.
- Caution: loan must still be repaid within maturity!

	H Price	Loan	Solution: Negative Amortization						
	January	YEAR 1	H Price	Loan	Nominal	Loan	Loan-to-	Real	Real Debt
			January	YEAR 2	Amortization		Value	amortization	Service*
Low infl	100	50	102	51	2%	50	49.0%	1.0%	4.0%
High infl	100	50	112	56	2%	55	49.0%	1.0%	4.0%

Year 1 under high inflation: LTV declines from 50% only to 49%, instead of to 43%; and real debt service is reduced from 9.3% to 4%.

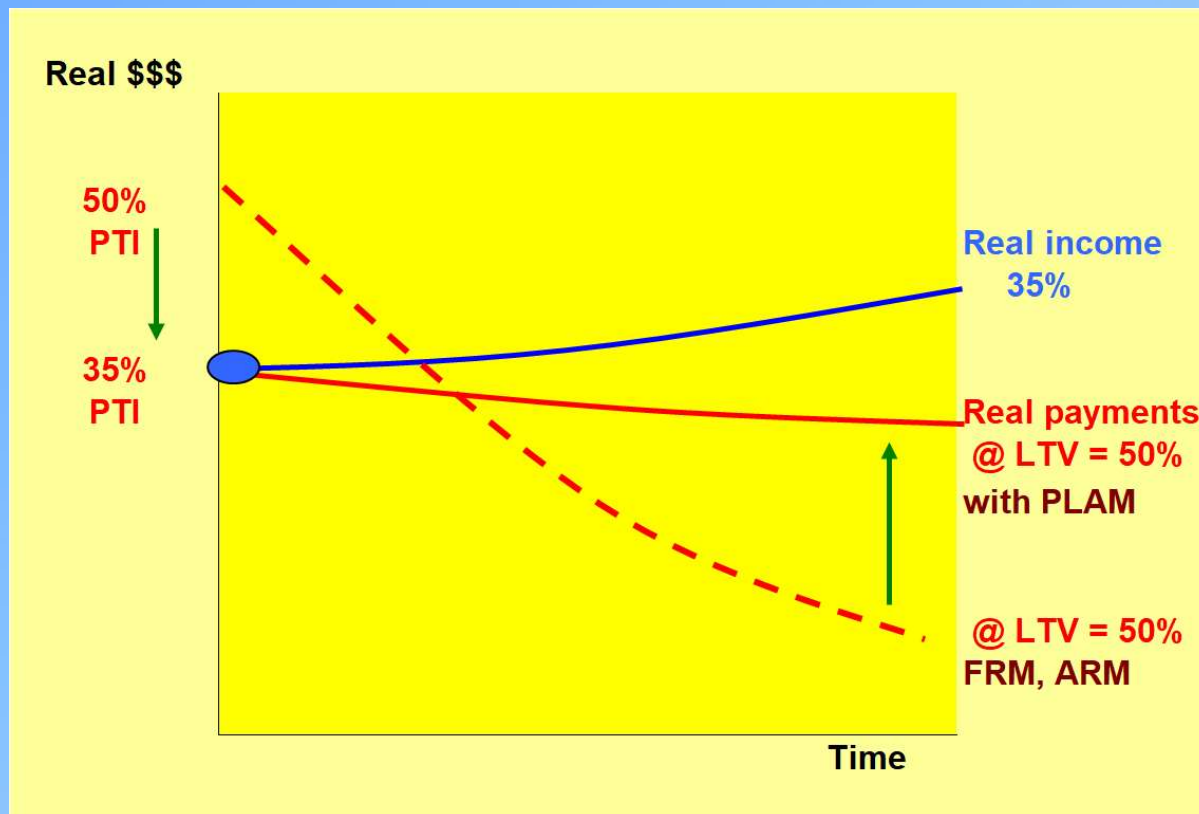
**Main product: Price Level Aadjusted Mortgage (PLAM), details see below**

**Main alternative: FX (USD) mortgage with greater volatility risk in case of deviations of FX from purchasing power parity (e.g. covered interest rate arbitrage, speculation)**

\*Including 3% real return.



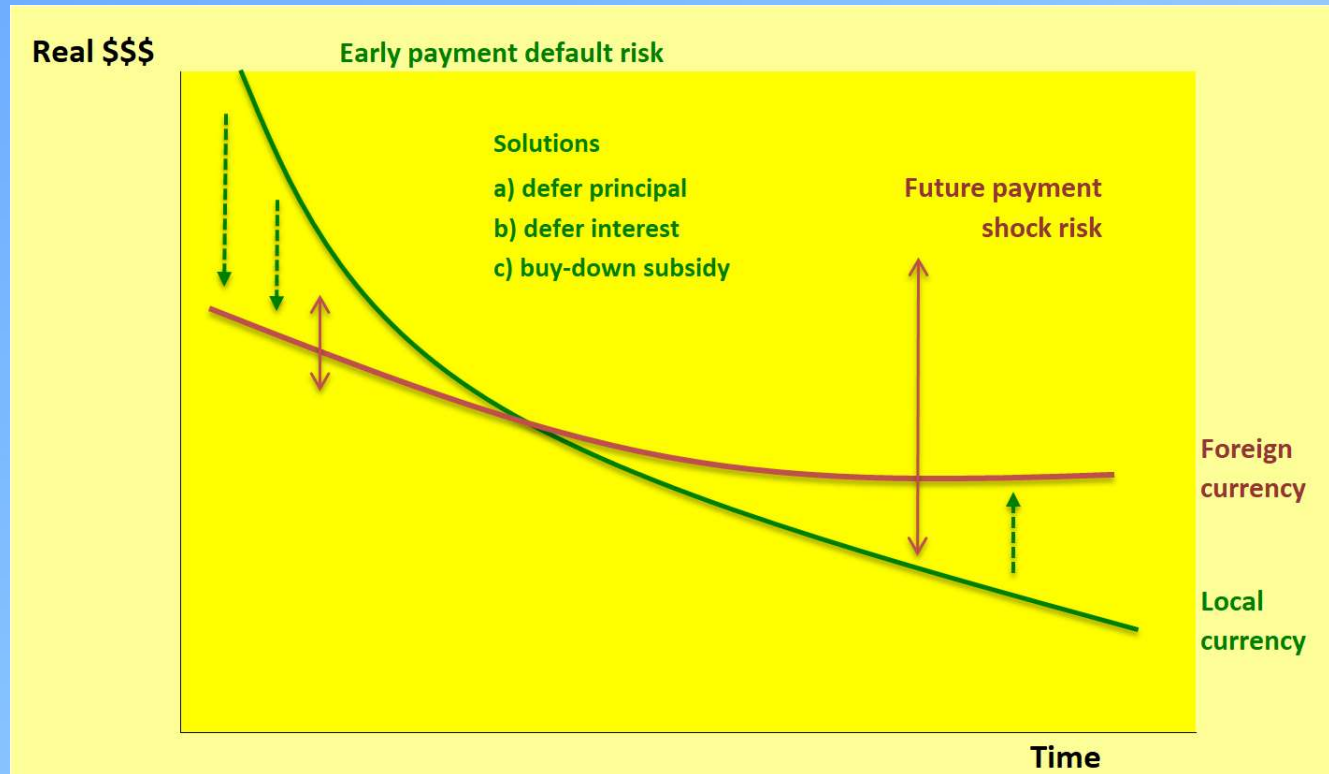
# Tilt Correction with Negative Amortization Instrument



- PLAM: lender charges real interest rate over outstanding rising with inflation (+ regular amortization)
- Real payment profile flattens
- Initial LTV can be higher again.

# Moderate Solutions: Defer or Buy Down Some Principal / Interest Payment

For moderate inflation and nominal interest rate levels ( $<15\%$ )



a) Defer principal: reduce initial principal payments or give grace periods

b) Defer interest: i.e. finance interest to be clawed back in later periods

May lead to modest negative amortization

**Products: annuity mortgage, Graduated Payment Mortgage (GPM), interest loan**

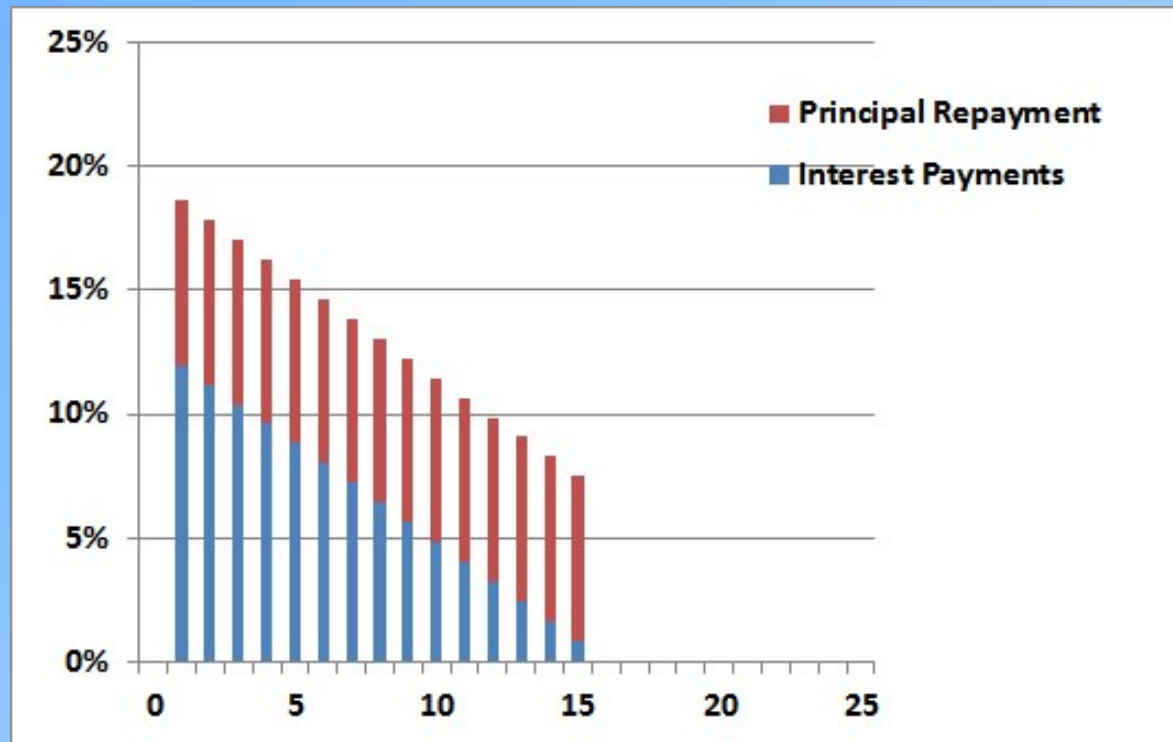
c) Buy down initial payments to an affordable level (decreases over time) = **subsidy**  
(e.g. initially reduced interest rates)

# Moderate Solutions, Step by Step

- **Serial amortization mortgage**
- **Annuity mortgage**
- **Graduated payment mortgage**
- **Interest buydown**
- **Interest loan (second loan)**

# Serial Amortization Mortgage

**Principal repayment remains constant ('serial'), i.e. very high initial payment**



For a **12%, 15 year loan** the initial principal payment under serial amortization is 6.7% taking the total initial payment to **18.7%**

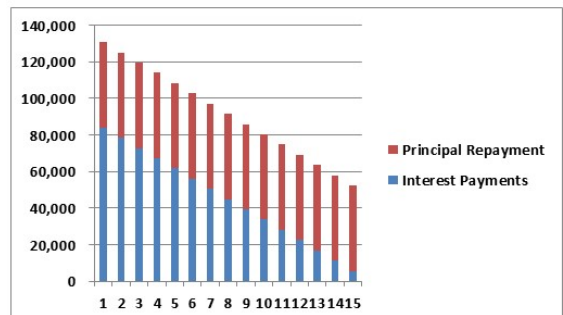
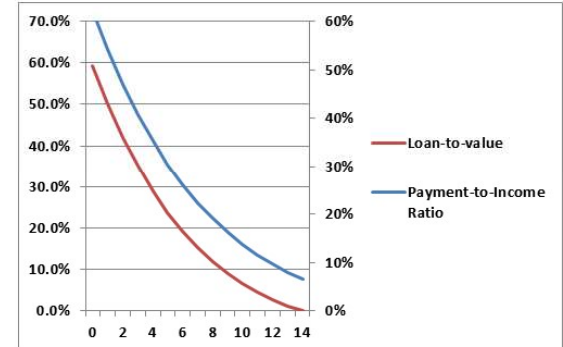
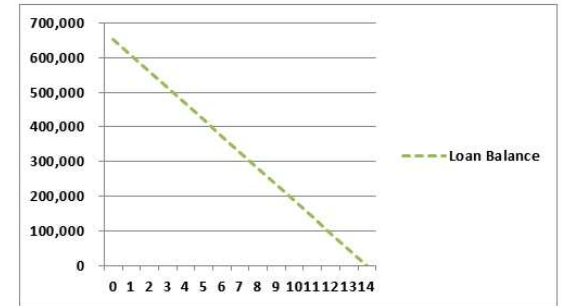
Serial amortization is preferred by lenders with limited access to long-term funding

# Serial Amortization Mortgage Mechanics

**Fixed-Rate Mortgage (FRM), Serial**

	Contract					REAL				Risk		
	NOMINAL											
	Payment	Interest	Loan	Principal	Payment	Real	Debt	Real	Loan	Income	Loan-to-	Loan-to-
		Payments	Balance	Repayme- nt	to- Income Ratio	Service	Balance				Income	value
	level	12.00% level			6.67%							
	CU	CU	CU	CU	%	CU	CU					
0			700,000			(700,000)	700,000			200,000	3.50	70.0%
1	130,667	84,000	653,333	46,667	62.2%	124,444	622,222			210,000	3.11	59.4%
2	125,067	78,400	606,667	46,667	54.1%	113,439	550,265			231,000	2.63	50.1%
3	119,467	72,800	560,000	46,667	47.0%	103,200	483,749			254,100	2.20	42.1%
4	113,867	67,200	513,333	46,667	40.7%	93,678	422,321			279,510	1.84	35.1%
5	108,267	61,600	466,667	46,667	35.2%	84,830	365,646			307,461	1.52	29.0%
6	102,667	56,000	420,000	46,667	30.4%	76,611	313,410			338,207	1.24	23.7%
7	97,067	50,400	373,333	46,667	26.1%	68,983	265,321			372,028	1.00	19.2%
8	91,467	44,800	326,667	46,667	22.4%	61,908	221,101			409,231	0.80	15.2%
9	85,867	39,200	280,000	46,667	19.1%	55,350	180,490			450,154	0.62	11.9%
10	80,267	33,600	233,333	46,667	16.2%	49,277	143,246			495,169	0.47	9.0%
11	74,667	28,000	186,667	46,667	13.7%	43,656	109,140			544,686	0.34	6.5%
12	69,067	22,400	140,000	46,667	11.5%	38,459	77,957			599,155	0.23	4.5%
13	63,467	16,800	93,333	46,667	9.6%	33,658	49,497			659,070	0.14	2.7%
14	57,867	11,200	46,667	46,667	8.0%	29,227	23,570			724,977	0.06	1.2%
15	52,267	5,600	0	46,667	6.6%	25,141	0			797,475	0.00	0.0%
Total real repayments						1,001,862					3.50	70.0%
Internal real rate of return						6.67%					1.52	0.0%

\*\*required to amortize loan in 15 years



Initial PTI **62%**

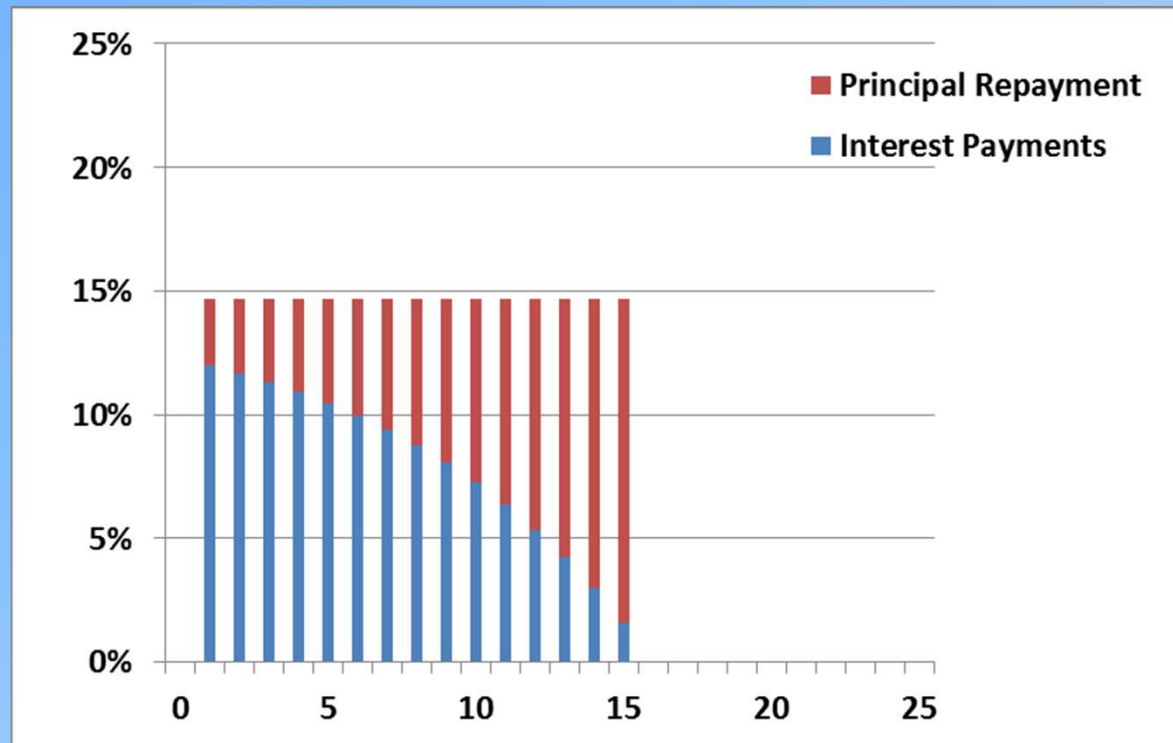
Initial principal payment 6.7%

**Extreme initial PTI**, unaffordable

Note: calculation assumes 10% income growth, argumentation is the same for lower growth rates

# Annuity Mortgages are Already Deferring Some Principal

**Principal repayment rises, but is initially always positive**



For a 12%, 15 year loan the initial principal payment is 2.7% taking the total initial payment to **14.7%**

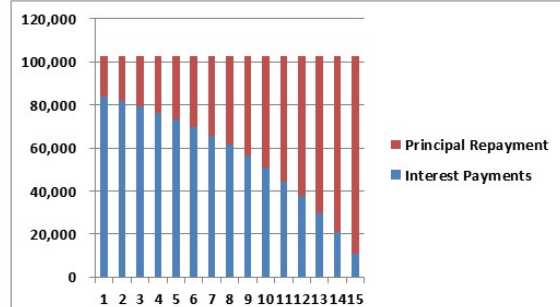
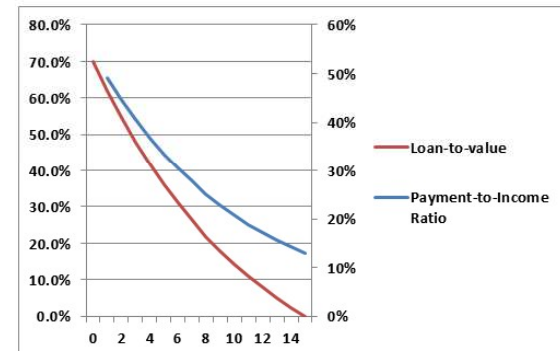
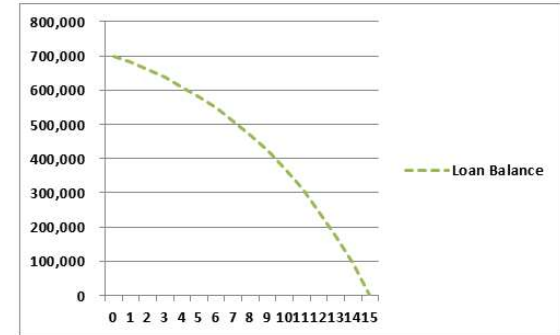


# Annuity Mortgage Mechanics

Fixed-Rate Mortgage (FRM), Self-amortizing

Contract							Risk			
NOMINAL					REAL					
Payment	Interest Payments	Loan Balance	Principal Repayment	Payment-to-Income Ratio	Real Service	Debt Real Balance	Loan	Income	Loan-to-Income	Loan-to-value
14.70% level	12.02% level									
CU	CU	CU	CU	%	CU	CU				
		700,000			(700,000)	700,000		200,000	3.50	70.0%
102,900	84,161	681,261	18,739	49.0%	98,000	648,820		210,000	3.24	61.9%
102,900	81,908	660,269	20,992	44.5%	93,333	598,883		231,000	2.86	54.6%
102,900	79,384	636,753	23,516	40.5%	88,889	550,051		254,100	2.51	47.8%
102,900	76,557	610,410	26,343	36.8%	84,656	502,186		279,510	2.18	41.7%
102,900	73,390	580,900	29,510	33.5%	80,625	455,150		307,461	1.89	36.1%
102,900	69,842	547,841	33,058	30.4%	76,786	408,807		338,207	1.62	30.9%
102,900	65,867	510,808	37,033	27.7%	73,129	363,022		372,028	1.37	26.2%
102,900	61,414	469,323	41,486	25.1%	69,647	317,656		409,231	1.15	21.9%
102,900	56,427	422,849	46,473	22.9%	66,330	272,572		450,154	0.94	17.9%
102,900	50,839	370,788	52,061	20.8%	63,172	227,632		495,169	0.75	14.3%
102,900	44,580	312,468	58,320	18.9%	60,163	182,694		544,686	0.57	11.0%
102,900	37,568	247,136	65,332	17.2%	57,299	137,615		599,155	0.41	7.9%
102,900	29,713	173,949	73,187	15.6%	54,570	92,249		659,070	0.26	5.0%
102,900	20,914	91,963	81,986	14.2%	51,971	46,448		724,977	0.13	2.4%
102,900	11,057	120	91,843	12.9%	49,497	58		797,475	0.00	0.0%
Total real repayments					1,068,067				3.50	70.0%
Internal real rate of return					6.69%				1.89	0.0%

\*\*required to amortize loan in 15 years



Initial PTI 49%

Initial principal payment

Critically high initial PTI, outlawed by most regulations

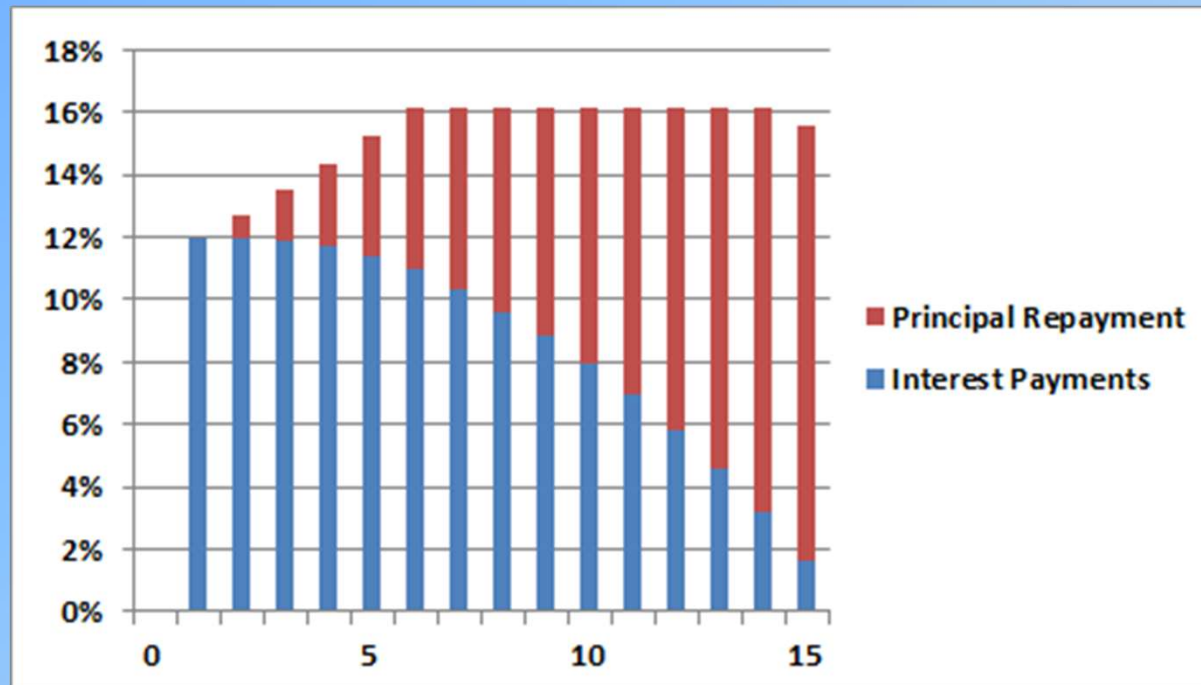
# Graduated Payment Mortgage (GPM)

- Idea: defer principal or interest in a systematic fashion
- Mechanics:
  - Set initial payment according to affordability, e.g.  $PTI = 40\%$
  - Grow payments  $P_t$  with growth rate  $g_t$  in a predetermined fashion over the initial  $K$  years of the loan:  $P_t = (1+g_t)*P_{t-1}$   
  
Payment growth can also be stepwise
  - Compare payments with the nominal interest payment required:  $i_t * L_t$ .  
If  $P_t < i_t * L_t$ , add difference to principal:  $L_{t+1} = L_t - (P_t - i_t * L_t)$
  - After some time ( $K$ )  $P_K > i_K * L_K$  the loan starts to amortize (“recast”) as a standard annuity loan.
- Notes:
  - Loans with initial grace periods are a variant,
  - GPMs do not necessarily capitalize interest payments.



# Graduated Payment Mortgage

**Lower initial payment to achieve a target PTI,  
recast the loan after period K to fully amortize**



For a **12%, 15 year loan** the initial principal payment under the GPM in *one possible variant* is 0% taking the total initial payment to **12%**

The payment rate after the recast is 16.2% >> annuity mortgage payment<sub>17</sub> rate of 14.7%

# GPM Mechanics

## Graduated Payment Mortgage (GPM)

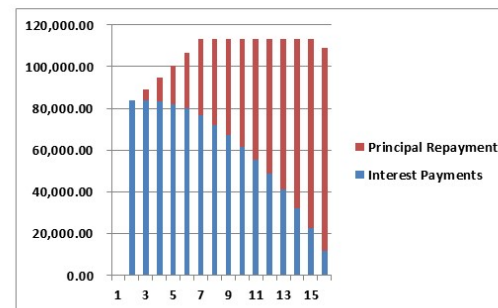
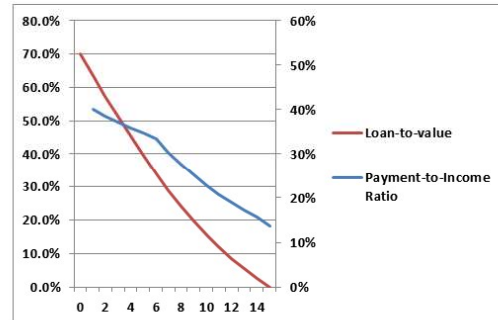
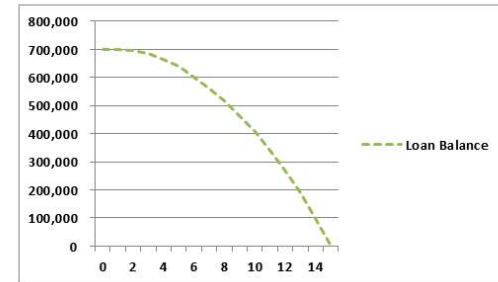
Contract								Risk		
NOMINAL										
Payment	Interest Payments	Loan Balance	Principal Repayment	Payment to Income Ratio	REAL Payment-Real Service	Debt Real Balance	Loan	Income	Loan-to-Income	Loan-to-value
	12.00%	4		40.00%						
CU	CU	CU	CU	%	CU	CU				
0		700,000			(700,000)	700,000		200,000	3.50	70.0%
1	84,000	84,000	700,000	0	40.0%	80,000	666,667	210,000	3.33	63.6%
2	89,166	84,000	694,834	5,166	38.6%	80,876	630,235	231,000	3.01	57.4%
3	94,650	83,380	683,564	11,270	37.2%	81,762	590,489	254,100	2.69	51.4%
4	100,471	82,028	665,121	18,443	35.9%	82,657	547,197	279,510	2.38	45.4%
5	106,650	79,815	638,286	26,835	34.7%	83,563	500,114	307,461	2.08	39.6%
6	113,209	76,594	601,672	36,614	33.5%	84,478	448,977	338,207	1.78	34.0%
7	113,209	72,201	560,664	41,008	30.4%	80,455	398,454	372,028	1.51	28.8%
8	113,209	67,280	514,735	45,929	27.7%	76,624	348,393	409,231	1.26	24.0%
9	113,209	61,768	463,295	51,440	25.1%	72,975	298,644	450,154	1.03	19.6%
10	113,209	55,595	405,682	57,613	22.9%	69,500	249,054	495,169	0.82	15.6%
11	113,209	48,682	341,155	64,527	20.8%	66,191	199,466	544,686	0.63	12.0%
12	113,209	40,939	268,885	72,270	18.9%	63,039	149,725	599,155	0.45	8.6%
13	113,209	32,266	187,943	80,942	17.2%	60,037	99,670	659,070	0.29	5.4%
14	113,209	22,553	97,288	90,655	15.6%	57,178	49,137	724,977	0.13	2.6%
15	108,962	11,675	0	97,288	13.7%	52,413	0	797,475	0.00	0.0%
Total real repayments							1,091,748		3.50	70.0%
Internal real rate of return							6.67%		2.08	0.0%

\*\*required to amortize loan in 15 years

### Graduation parameters

Initial 5 Years 6-16  
years

6.15% 0.00%



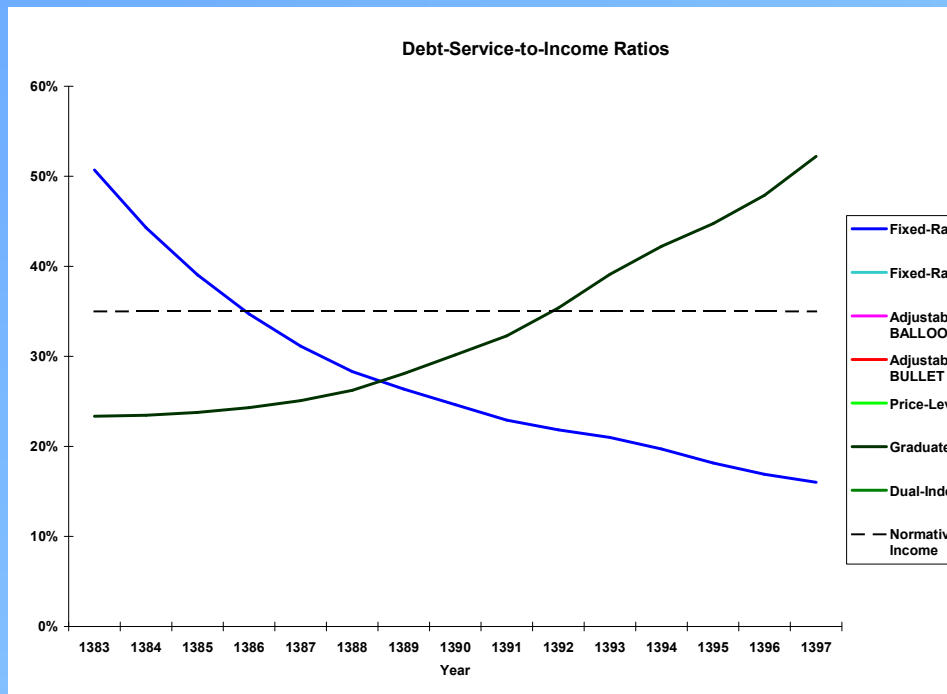
Initial PTI 40%

No initial principal payment, however, the PTI is still falling over time

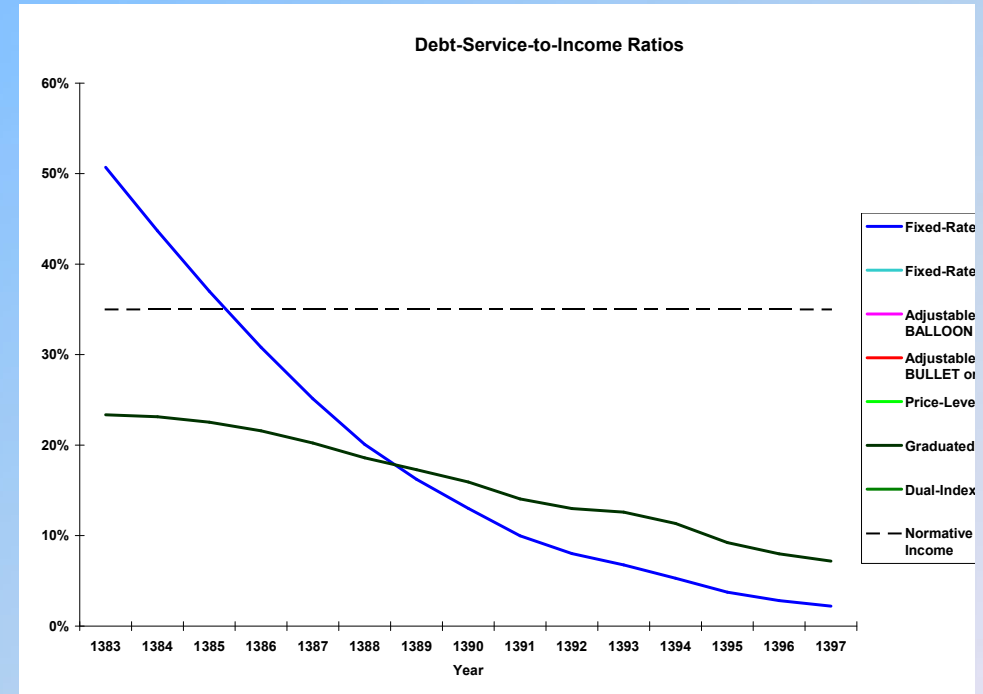
Loan balance will increase (negative amortization) in case of lower initial PTI

# GPM Risks – (Wage) Inflation Mismatch and Real Return Risks

PTI when inflation declines



.. when inflation increases



Assumption: loan amortizes, i.e. full recast after K years

If inflation declines, real payments increase and the profitability of the loan increases

If inflation increases, real payments decrease and the profitability of the loan decreases

→GPM works best if inflation (nominal income growth) is within a predictable range, e.g. 5-10%

# Graduated Payment Mortgage (GPM)

- Advantages

- Borrower avoids Tilt problem, nominal debt burden changes predictably.

- Disadvantages

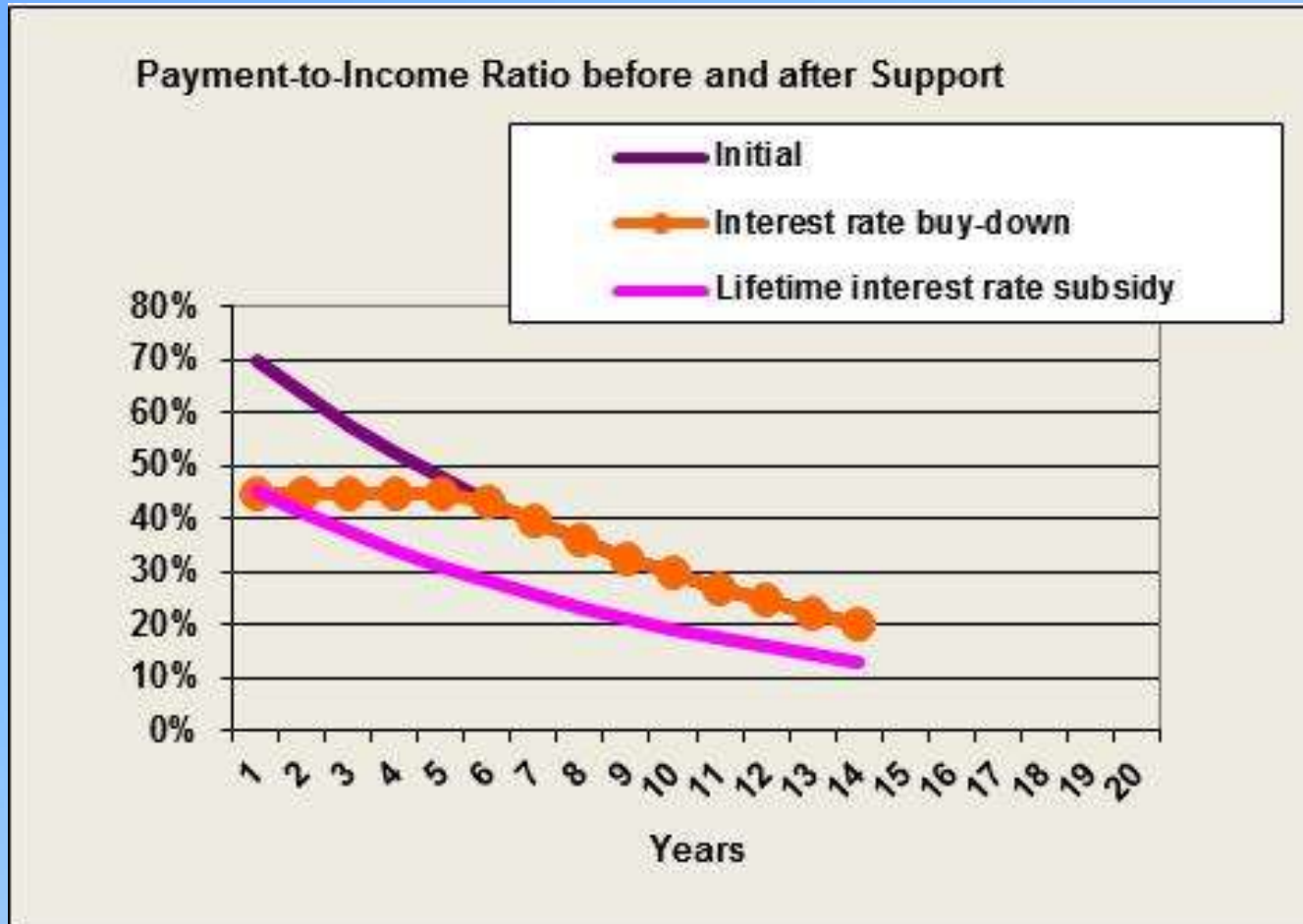
- Lender bears inflation risk. If inflation drops, borrower will be highly overcharged; if inflation rises, bank will receive lower return.

Not much different from FRM, but potentially more dangerous since more payments are in the future.

- The loan may not amortize unless fully recast at time  $K$ , which may prompt a payment spike if graduation parameters are set too low.

- Option: combine GPM with reset fixed-rate mortgage permitting for pricing adjustment every few years → see below

# Buy-Down Subsidy for FRM, Variant of GPM



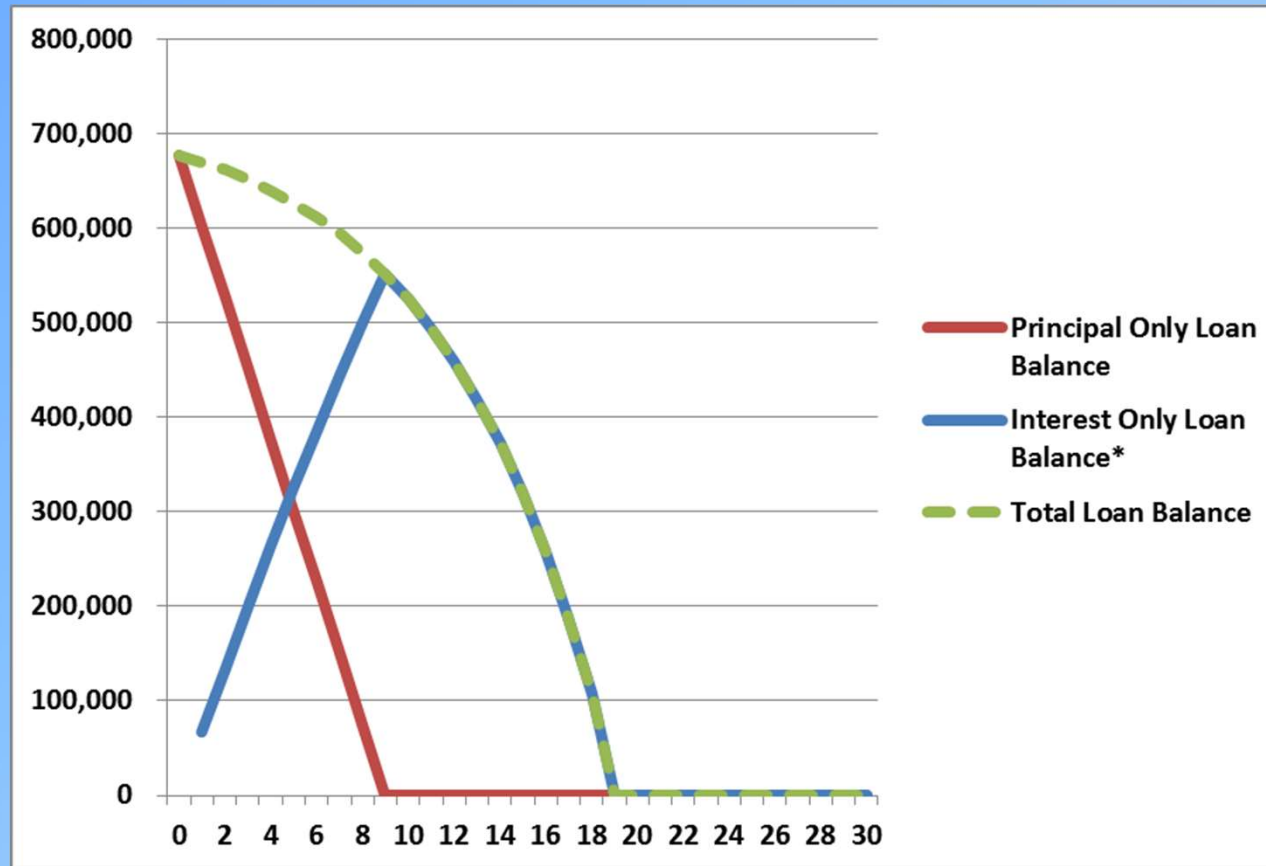
Lifetime interest rate subsidies are extremely wasteful !! → focus subsidies on initial phase of high PTI ratios.

The effect of a buy-down is a payment graduation.

## (Second) Interest Loan

- Idea: finance the interest due to the bank with a second loan provided by an agency / subsidy sponsor
- Mechanics:
  - Capitalize all or some of the interest payments to reduce initial payments into a second loan
  - Amortize principal of bank loan as usual (serial or annuity); serial amortization reduces interest to be capitalized !
  - Amortize interest loan not or partially, but latest when the principal loan is amortized fully. Parameters can be adjusted to the desired initial PTI level.
  - Payment profile results in an annuity mortgage with extended maturity.

# Interest Loan



Short-term principal-only loan whose interest is capitalized into an interest-only loan.

Commercial banks & agencies = 2 lenders.

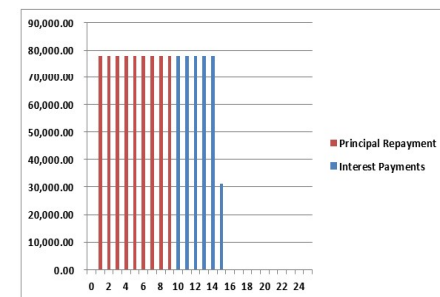
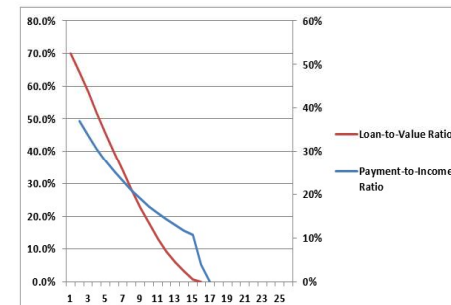
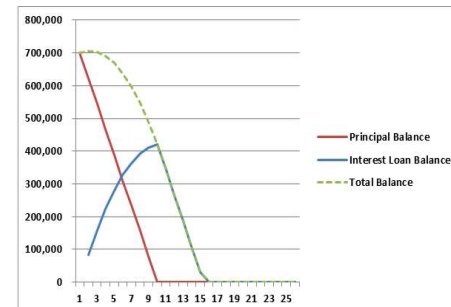


# Interest Loan Detail

PO/IO (IPH Lebanon), 'Aufwendungsdarlehen' (interest loan)

Contract														Risk			
NOMINAL										REAL				Income	Loan-to- Income	Loan-to- Value Ratio	
Annuity (r	Interest Payment Borrowe r	Interest Due Bank	Interest to Balance	Loan Principal Balance	Total Balance	Principal Repay ment	Total Payment	Payment-to- Income Ratio	Real Service	Debt PO only	IO only	Real Balance	Loan PO only				IO only
11.11%		12.00%	0.00%														
9	Years	PO loan rate	IO loan rate														
CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	%	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU			
				700,000	700,000				(700,000)	(700,000)	0	700,000	700,000	0	200,000	3.50	70.0%
77,778	0	84,000	84,000	622,222	706,222	77,778	77,778	37.0%	74,074	154,074	0	672,593	592,593	80,000	210,000	3.36	64.2%
77,778	0	74,667	158,667	544,444	703,111	77,778	77,778	33.7%	70,547	138,272	0	637,743	493,827	143,915	231,000	3.04	58.1%
77,778	0	65,333	224,000	466,667	690,667	77,778	77,778	30.6%	67,187	123,625	0	596,624	403,124	193,500	254,100	2.72	51.9%
77,778	0	56,000	280,000	388,889	668,889	77,778	77,778	27.8%	63,988	110,059	0	550,297	319,940	230,357	279,510	2.39	45.7%
77,778	0	46,667	326,667	311,111	637,778	77,778	77,778	25.3%	60,941	97,505	0	499,716	243,764	255,952	307,461	2.07	39.6%
77,778	0	37,333	364,000	233,333	597,333	77,778	77,778	23.0%	58,039	85,898	0	445,739	174,117	271,622	338,207	1.77	33.7%
77,778	0	28,000	392,000	155,556	547,556	77,778	77,778	20.9%	55,275	75,174	0	389,138	110,550	278,587	372,028	1.47	28.1%
77,778	0	18,667	410,667	77,778	488,444	77,778	77,778	19.0%	52,643	65,277	0	330,598	52,643	277,955	409,231	1.19	22.8%
77,778	0	9,333	420,000	0	420,000	77,778	77,778	17.3%	50,136	56,153	0	270,736	0	270,736	450,154	0.93	17.8%
77,778	77,778	0	342,222	0	342,222	0	77,778	15.7%	47,749	0	47,749	210,095	0	210,095	495,169	0.69	13.2%
77,778	77,778	0	264,444	0	264,444	0	77,778	14.3%	45,475	0	45,475	154,615	0	154,615	544,686	0.49	9.3%
77,778	77,778	0	186,667	0	186,667	0	77,778	13.0%	43,310	0	43,310	103,943	0	103,943	599,155	0.31	5.9%
77,778	77,778	0	108,889	0	108,889	0	77,778	11.8%	41,247	0	41,247	57,746	0	57,746	659,070	0.17	3.2%
77,778	77,778	0	31,111	0	31,111	0	77,778	10.7%	39,283	0	39,283	15,713	0	15,713	724,977	0.04	0.8%
77,778	31,111	0	0	0	0	0	31,111	3.9%	14,965	0	14,965	0	0	0	797,475	0.00	0.0%
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Total real repayments									784,859							3.50	70.0%
Internal real rate of return									1.72%	6.67%	#ZAH!					2.07	0.0%

\*with interest on interest



Initial PTI **37%**

Total principal balance increases slightly, planned

Works in the same way with annuity loans

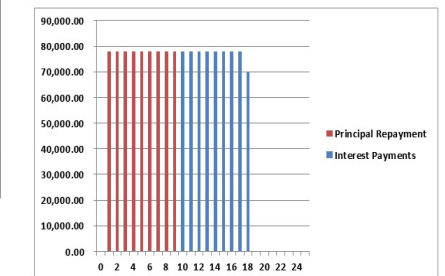
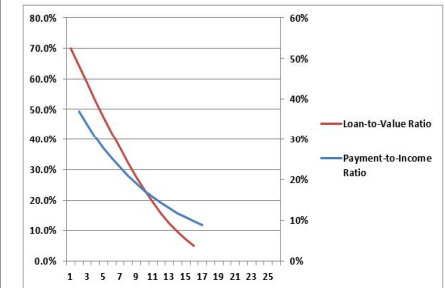
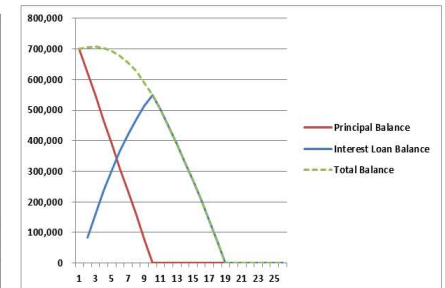
(but annuity loans mean higher interest loan volumes to be financed)



# With Interest on Interest Loan

PO/IO (IPH Lebanon), 'Aufwendungsdarlehen' (interest loan)																		
Contract														Risk				
Annuity (r)	Interest Payment Borrower	Interest Due Bank	Interest to Balance	NOMINAL					Real Service	Debt PO only	IO only	REAL		Income	Loan-to-Income	Loan-to-Value Ratio		
				Loan Principal Balance	Total Balance	Principal Repayment Borrower	Total Payment	Payment-to-Income Ratio				Real Balance	Loan PO only				IO only	
																		11.11%
9	Years	PO loan rate	IO loan rate															
CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	%	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU						
0					700,000	700,000			(700,000)	(700,000)	0	700,000	700,000	0	200,000	3.50	70.0%	
1	77,778	0	84,000	84,000	622,222	706,222	77,778	77,778	37.0%	74,074	154,074	0	672,593	592,593	80,000	210,000	3.36	64.2%
2	77,778	0	74,667	162,867	544,444	707,311	77,778	77,778	33.7%	70,547	138,272	0	641,552	493,827	147,725	231,000	3.06	58.5%
3	77,778	0	65,333	236,343	466,667	703,010	77,778	77,778	30.6%	67,187	123,625	0	607,286	403,124	204,162	254,100	2.77	52.8%
4	77,778	0	56,000	304,161	388,889	693,049	77,778	77,778	27.8%	63,988	110,059	0	570,173	319,940	250,234	279,510	2.48	47.3%
5	77,778	0	46,667	366,035	311,111	677,146	77,778	77,778	25.3%	60,941	97,505	0	530,562	243,764	286,798	307,461	2.20	42.0%
6	77,778	0	37,333	421,670	233,333	655,004	77,778	77,778	23.0%	58,039	85,898	0	488,774	174,117	314,657	338,207	1.94	37.0%
7	77,778	0	28,000	470,754	155,556	626,309	77,778	77,778	20.9%	55,275	75,174	0	445,106	110,550	334,556	372,028	1.68	32.1%
8	77,778	0	18,667	512,958	77,778	590,736	77,778	77,778	19.0%	52,643	65,277	0	399,833	52,643	347,190	409,231	1.44	27.6%
9	77,778	0	9,333	547,939	0	547,939	77,778	77,778	17.3%	50,136	56,153	0	353,207	0	353,207	450,154	1.22	23.2%
10	77,778	77,778	0	497,559	0	497,559	0	77,778	15.7%	47,749	0	47,749	305,458	0	305,458	495,169	1.00	19.2%
11	77,778	77,778	0	444,659	0	444,659	0	77,778	14.3%	45,475	0	45,475	259,983	0	259,983	544,686	0.82	15.6%
12	77,778	77,778	0	389,114	0	389,114	0	77,778	13.0%	43,310	0	43,310	216,673	0	216,673	599,155	0.65	12.4%
13	77,778	77,778	0	330,792	0	330,792	0	77,778	11.8%	41,247	0	41,247	175,426	0	175,426	659,070	0.50	9.6%
14	77,778	77,778	0	269,554	0	269,554	0	77,778	10.7%	39,283	0	39,283	136,143	0	136,143	724,977	0.37	7.1%
15	77,778	77,778	0	205,254	0	205,254	0	77,778	9.8%	37,412	0	37,412	98,730	0	98,730	797,475	0.26	4.9%
16	77,778	77,778	0	137,738	0	137,738	0	77,778	8.9%	35,631	0	35,631	63,100	0	63,100	#NV	#NV	#NV
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18	77,778	70,190	0	0	0	0	0	70,190	#NV	#NV	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#NV	#NV	#NV	#NV	#NV	#NV
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Total real repayments									807,307									
Internal real rate of return									2.09%	6.67%	#ZAHL						3.50	70.0%
*with interest on interest																		

\*with interest on interest



Same initial PTI, result is longer maturity

Can interest be charged for the interest loan?

How concessionary is the funding provided by the agency?

## (Second) Interest Loan

- Advantages

- Banks prefer serial loans that permit them to reduce interest rate risk
- Borrower avoids Tilt problem, nominal debt burden changes predictably.
- Loan always amortizes.

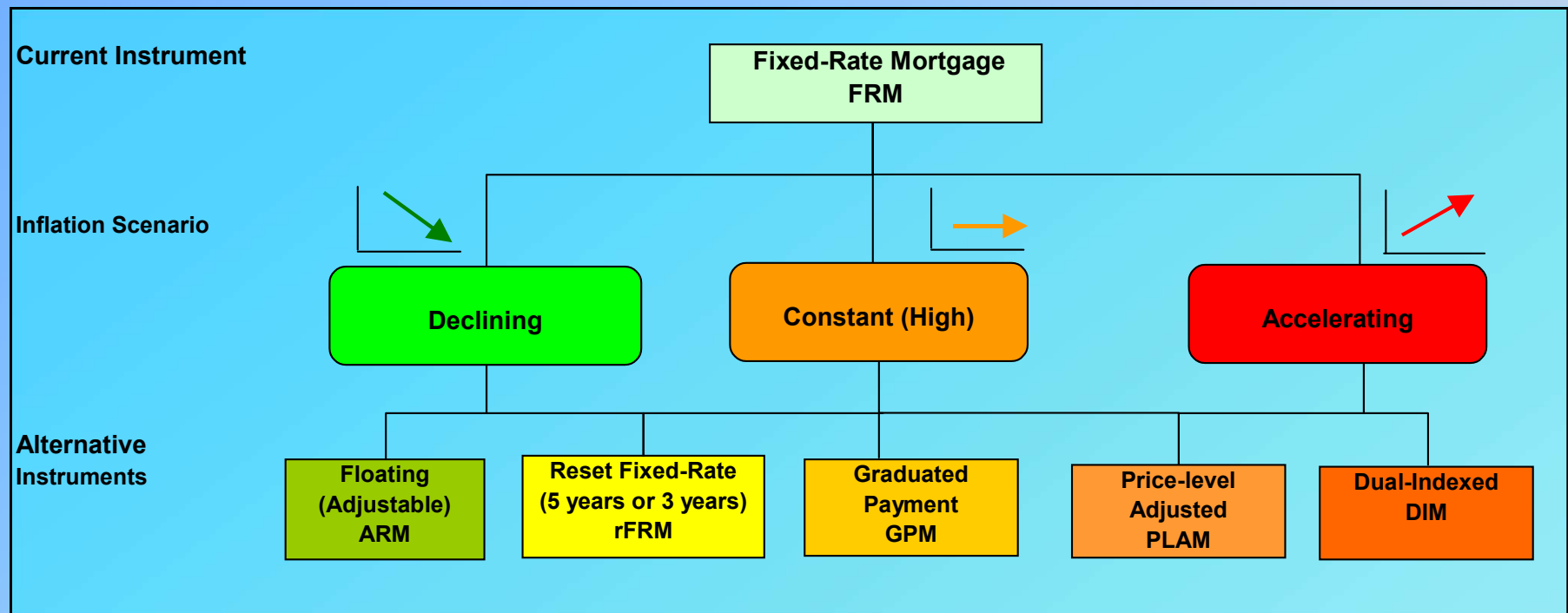
- Disadvantages

- Interest loan lender bears considerable inflation / real interest rate risk.
- Interest on interest may be prohibited, turning much (but not all) of the interest loan into a subsidy.

# Consumer Protection / Financial Regulation Questions

- What if interest rates remain above 15% ?  
Are price-level-adjusted mortgages an option?  
Is reforming FX mortgages an option?
- Avoiding non-amortizing products, uncontrolled maturity extensions
- Limits to negative amortization
- Loan-to-value and payment-to-income policies commensurate with risk
- Interest on interest

# Local Currency Mortgage Product Selector, by Inflation Scenario

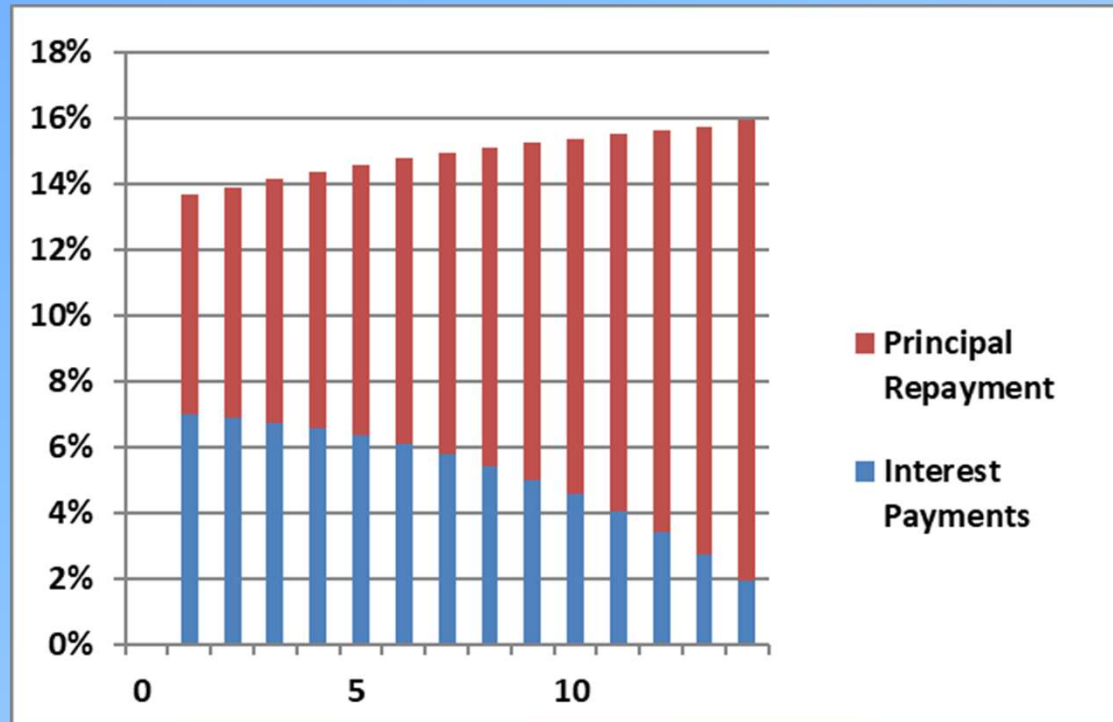


# Price-Level Adjusted Mortgage (PLAM)

- Idea: secure fixed REAL return for the lender, in local currency
- Mechanics:
  - Adjust outstanding,  $L$ , with inflation index,  $\pi$ , periodically:  
$$L_{t+1} = (1 + \pi_t) * L_t - A_t$$
  - Charge fixed ‘real’ rate of return,  $r$ , over adjusted balances:  
$$P_t = r * L_t + A_t$$
  - Recalculate amortization  $A_t$  after every period, to secure that loan fully amortizes (serial)
- Advantages
  - Lender secures fixed real return, loan always amortizes,
  - Borrower avoids Tilt problem
- Disadvantages
  - Borrower bears real income risk
  - Funding problems, depending on the degree to which the capital market is indexed.

# Price-Level Adjusted Mortgage

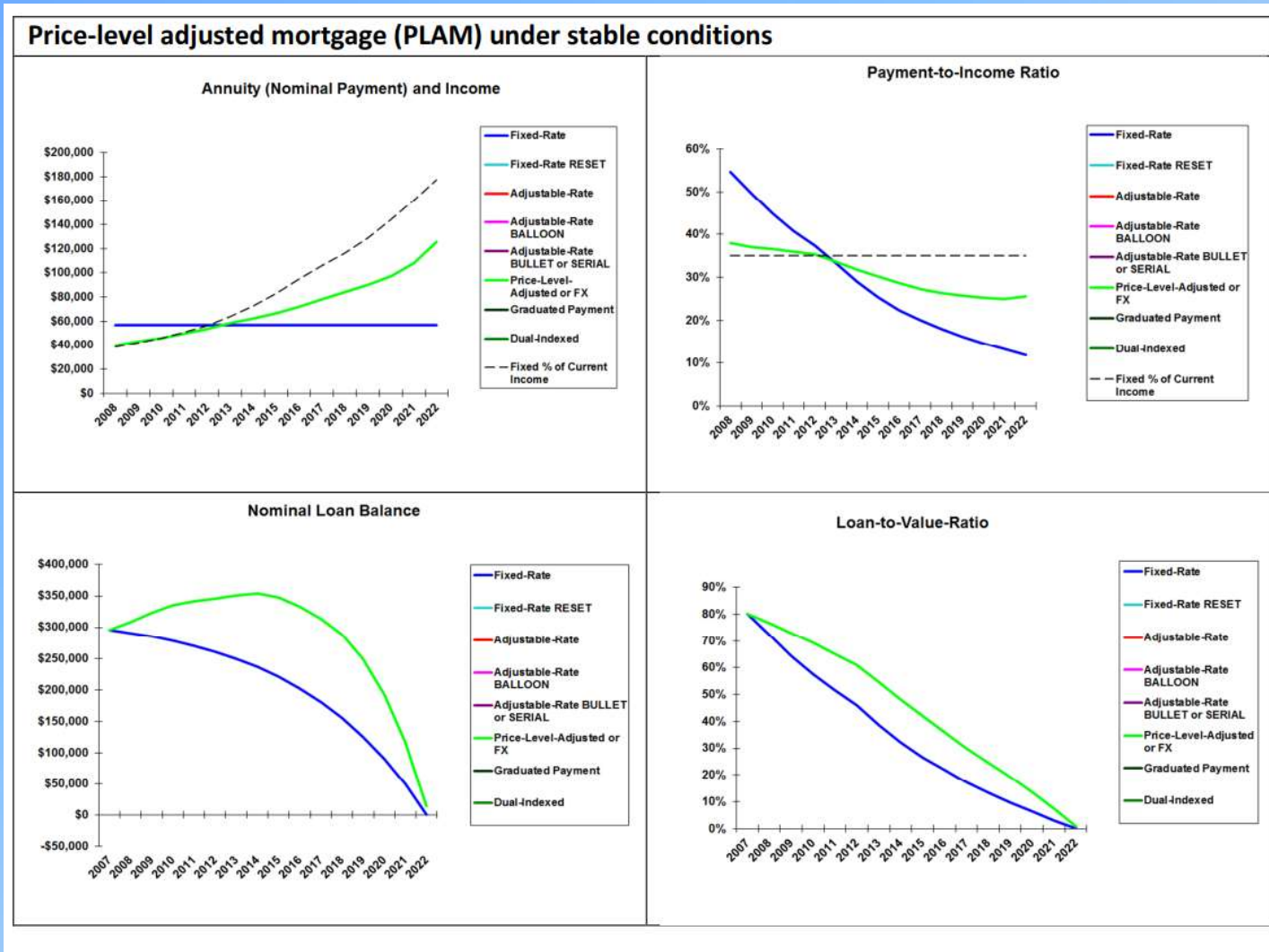
Capitalize inflation component of the nominal interest rate into principal



For a **12%, 15 year loan** the initial payment under the PLAM in the example is **13.7%**

PLAM avoids the recast risks of the GPM (16.2%) while it is initially more affordable than the annuity mortgage (14.7%)

# PLAM Under Stable Conditions

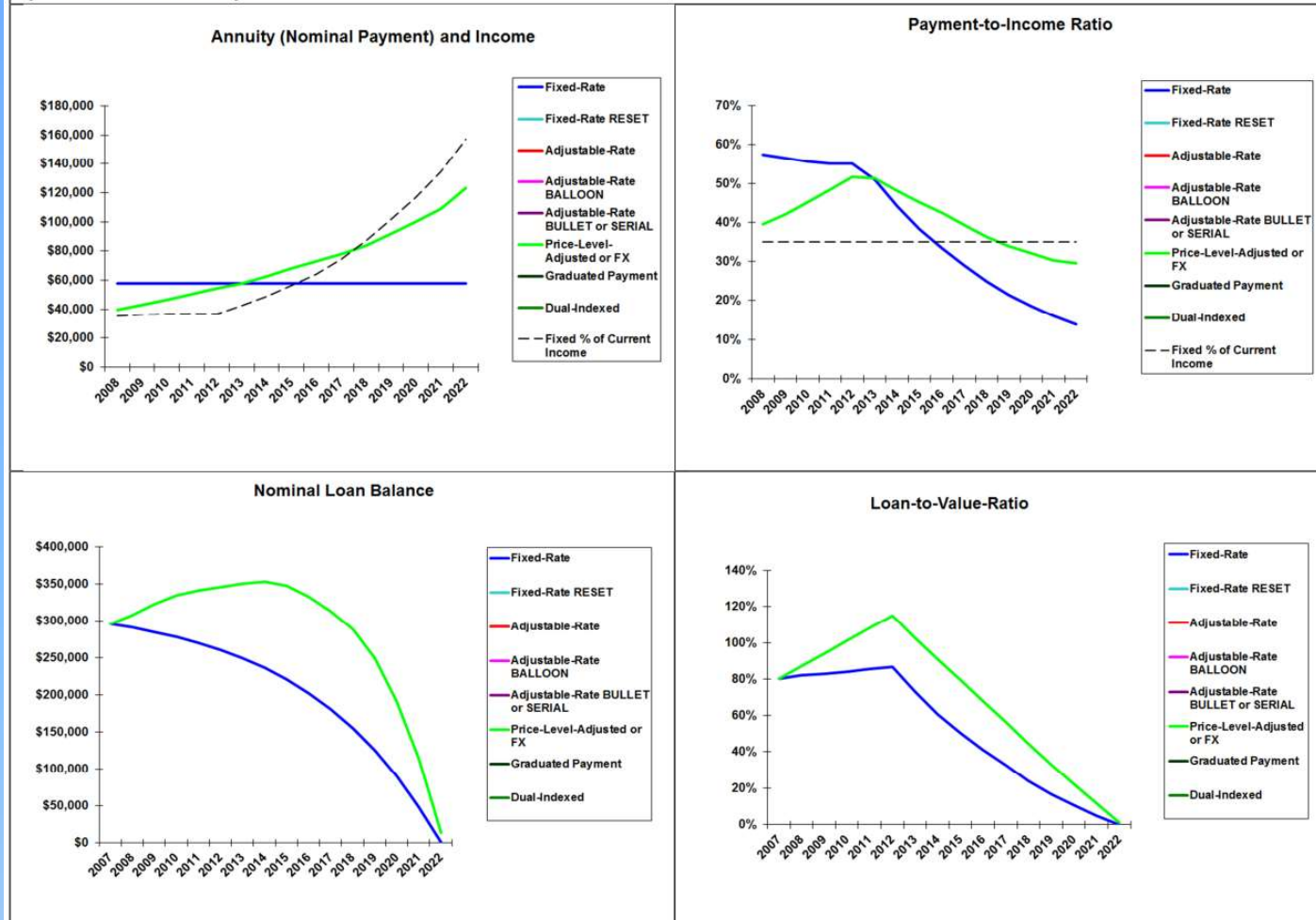


Stable conditions: inflation, house prices and wages grow with similar rates  
 Note: different numerical example



# PLAM Under Unstable Conditions

**Price-level adjusted mortgage - income and house price stress may increase credit risk (PTI and LTV risk)**



Unstable conditions: in the first 5 years of the example, house prices and wages grow lower than the inflation rate. Still usually not as extreme as in the case of FX lending.

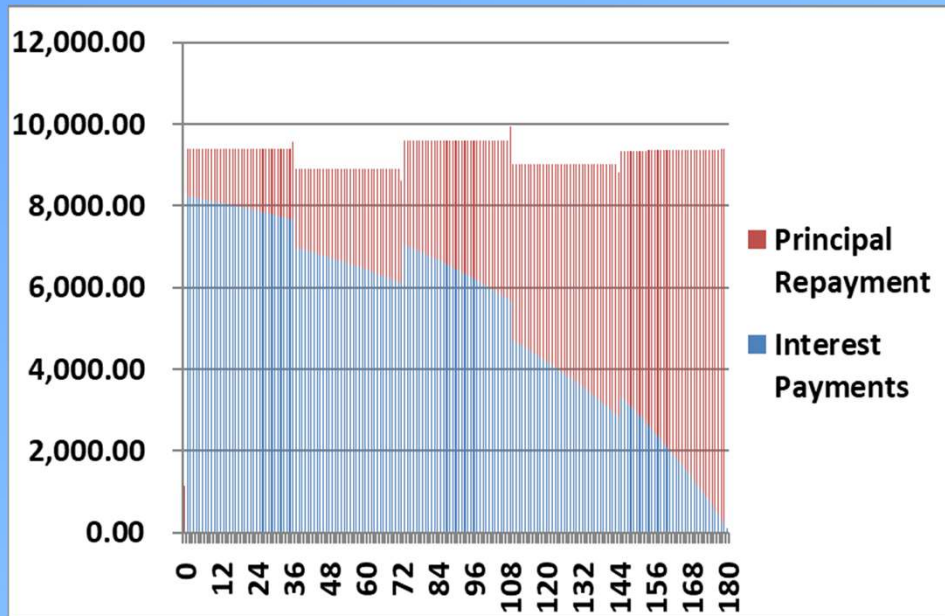


# Reset Fixed-Rate Mortgages (rFRM)

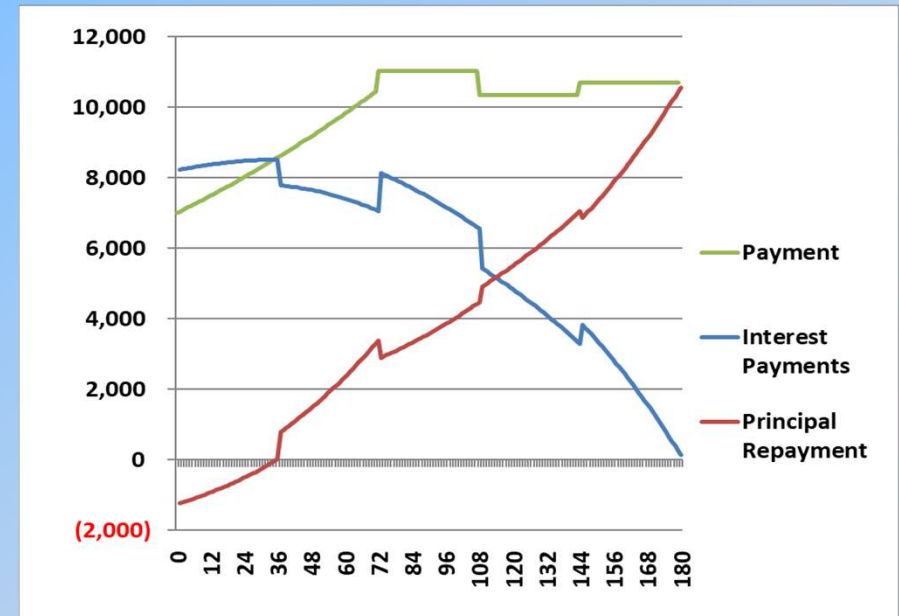
- Idea: take advantage of inflation decline, while providing sufficient protection against inflation increase
- Mechanics:
  - Define benchmark for 3 or 5 year fixed rates.
  - Allow banks to compete on spreads over this benchmark, fixed over the life of the loan.
  - Increasing amortization, as in fixed rate mortgage. Loan to be recast depending on interest rate level after reset date.
- Advantages:
  - Borrowers pay lower and more affordable rates, lender is less mismatched.
- Disadvantages
  - BIG problem: Tilt effect is not addressed, so works best in combination with GPM / initial teaser rates.

# Reset FRM Payment Profiles

## Standard, 3 yr Rate Reset



## Combined with GPM

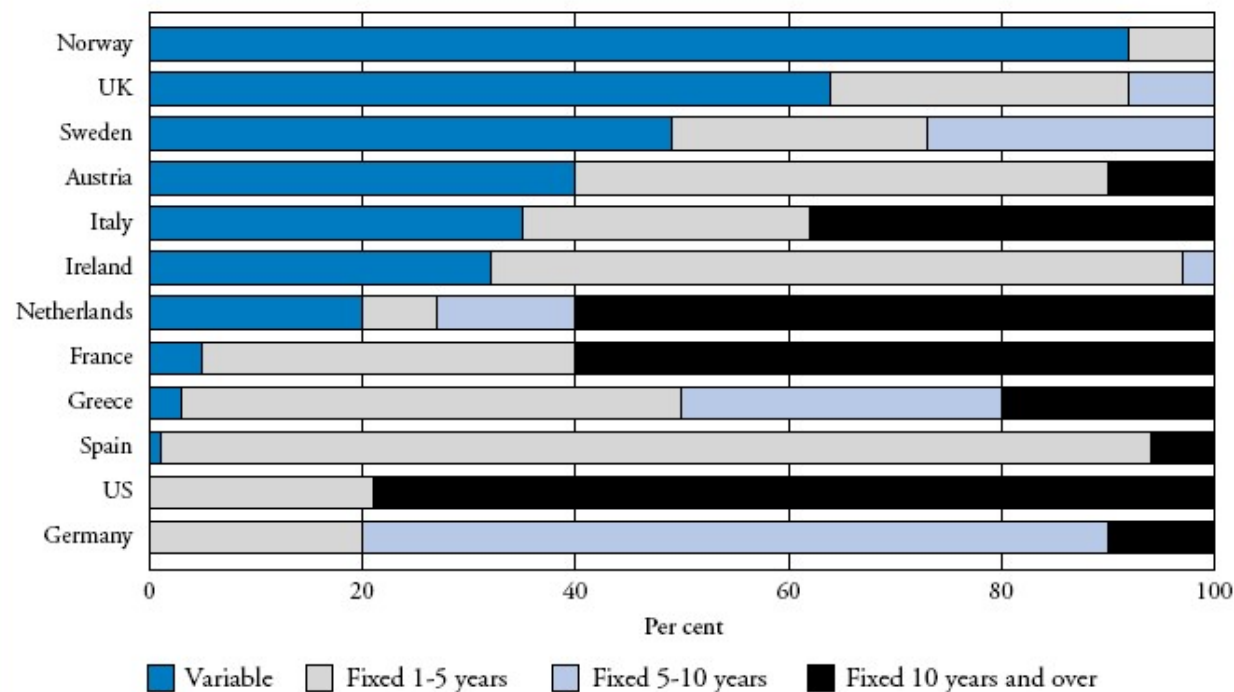


Rate shocks can be cushioned through caps, cheaper than fixed rate since risk is shared between lenders and borrowers.

Combination with GPM may lead to payment spike, hence as a precaution choose higher graduation rates.

# Most Housing Finance Systems use Variable or Reset FRMs

Chart 1.4: Interest rate applicable on new mortgages, 1999



Source: European Mortgage Federation, Federal Reserve (US)