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This paper presents an extension to the traditional input-output framework in which accumulation is incorporated explicitly using a dynamic (transient) analysis method. Implications for input-output-based methods for net energy analysis are also considered. The new approach should assist in developing better explanatory models of the structure of economies and the physical factors, particularly energy and materials flows, that are required for economic growth. This improved understanding of "economic metabolism" should then promote superior prescriptive formulations as we enter a new regime of adjusting to a world of finite resources. Additionally, new insight is given into macro-economics, including an alternative metric for social development.

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> 2. Provides a concrete linkage between energy input-output modeling and BEA national accounting.

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