

# The Optimal Design of Climate Agreements

## Inequality, Trade, and Incentives for Carbon Policy

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- Climate agreement boils down to a carbon price, a tariff rate and a choice of countries
  - Build a Climate-Macro model with heterogeneous countries & trade and study the strategic implications of climate agreements and the optimal club design
- ▶ Preview of the result:
- With enough policy instruments, the “coalitional Nash” climate agreement reproduces the world optimal policy: high carbon tax, high tariffs, participation of the entire world
- ▶ Literature:
- Nordhaus (2015), Iverson (2024), Old theoretical literature on Climate Agreements
  - Trade Policy: Farrokhi, Lashkaripour (2021), Kortum, Weisbach (2022), Böhringer et al.
  - Public finance / Heterogeneous agents macro / spatial

## Model – Household & Firms

### ► Static and deterministic Neoclassical economy

- countries  $i \in \mathbb{I}$ , heterogeneous in productivity  $z_i$ , temperature  $T_i$ , energy extraction cost  $C_i$
- In each country, four agents:

1. Representative household problem  $\mathcal{V}_i = \max_{c_{ij}} u(c_i)$

$$c_i = \left( \sum_j a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{\theta}} c_{ij}^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}} \right)^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}} \quad \sum_j c_{ij} \underbrace{(1+t_{ij}^b)}_{\text{tariff}} \underbrace{\tau_{ij}}_{\text{iceberg cost}} p_j = \underbrace{w_i \ell_i}_{\text{labor income}} + \underbrace{\pi_i^f}_{\text{fossil firm profit}} + t_i^{ls}$$

2. Competitive final good firm:

$$\max_{\ell_i, e_i^f, e_i^r} p_i \mathcal{D}(T_i) z_i f(\ell_i, e_i^f, e_i^r) - w_i \ell_i - (q^f + t_i^f) e_i^f - q_i^r e_i^r$$

- Externality: Damage function  $\mathcal{D}(T_i)$ , Inequality from  $z_i$ , Fossil energy tax:  $t_i^f$

3. Renewable energy firm: elastic supply  $e_i^r$  at price  $q_i^r = z^r \mathbb{P}_i$

## Model – Energy markets & Emissions

4. Competitive fossil fuels energy producer, extracting  $e_i^x$

$$\pi_i^f = \max_{e_i^x} q^f e_i^x - C_i^f(e_i^x) \mathbb{P}_i$$

- Energy traded in international markets, at price  $q^f$

$$E = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_i^f = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_i^x$$

- Climate system: effect on local temperature in  $i$

$$T_i = \bar{T}_{i0} + \underbrace{\Delta_i}_{\text{pattern scaling}} \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_i^f}_{\text{GHG emission}}$$

- Market clearing for goods: (in expenditure)

$$\underbrace{p_i y_i}_{\text{output}} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}} \frac{s_{ki}}{1 + t_{ki}^b} (p_k y_k + q^f (e_k^x - e_k^f) + t_k^{ls})$$

$$= \mathcal{D}(T_i) z_i f(\cdot)$$

## Model – Equilibrium

- Given policies  $\{t_i^f, t_{ij}^b, t_i^{ls}\}_i$ , a **competitive equilibrium** is a set of decisions  $\{c_{ij}, e_i^f, e_i^x\}_{ij}$ , states  $\{T_i\}_i$  and prices  $\{p_i, w_i\}_i, q^f$  such that:
  - Households choose  $\{c_{ij}\}_{ij}$  to max. utility s.t. budget constraint
  - Firm choose inputs  $\{e_i^f, e_i^x\}_i$  to max. profit
  - Fossil firms extract/produce  $\{e_i^x\}_i$  to max. profit. + Elastic renewable supply  $\{e_i^f\}$
  - Emissions  $\mathcal{E}$  affects climate  $\{T_i\}_i$ .
  - Government budget clear  $\sum_i t_i^{ls} = \sum_i t_i^f e_i^f + \sum_{i,j} t_{ij}^b c_{ij} \tau_{ij} p_j$
  - Prices  $\{p_i, w_i, q^f\}$  adjust to clear the markets for energy  $\sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_{it}^x = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_{it}^f$  and for each good

$$y_i := \mathcal{D}(T_i) z_i f(e_i^f) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}} \tau_{ki} c_{ki} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}} g_{ki}$$

with  $g_{ki}$  net export of good  $i$  to pay for costs of energy in  $k$

In expenditure, with import shares  $s_{ij} = \frac{c_{ij} \tau_{ij} p_j}{c_i \mathbb{P}_i}$ , it yields

$$p_i y_i = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}} \frac{s_{ki}}{1 + t_{ki}^b} (p_k y_k + q^f (e_k^x - e_k^f) + \tilde{t}_k^{ls})$$



## Benchmarks

### ► Two different benchmarks:

- World's planner maximizing world's welfare without participation constraints
  - Single carbon and absence of cross country transfers  $\mathbb{J} = \mathbb{I}$
  - Optimal carbon tax  $\mathbf{t}^f$  accounts for:
    - (i) Redistribution motive, G.E. effects on (ii) energy markets and (iii) through trade + optimal tariffs for terms-of-trade manipulations
- Local planner in country  $i$  unilaterally choosing  $\mathbf{t}_i^f$  and  $\mathbf{t}_{ij}^b$ 
  - Optimal unilateral carbon tax (subsidy!) and tariffs for terms-of-trade manipulations
  - Nash equilibrium of  $I$  agents choosing individually unilateral policies
- Climate club  $\mathbb{J} \subsetneq \mathbb{I}$

## Benchmark: Optimal world policy – Summary of results

► Consider a social planner maximizing the world's welfare:

- Choose a single carbon tax  $\tau^f$  for the world  $\mathbb{J} = \mathbb{I}$

$$\mathcal{W} = \max_{\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{e}\}_i} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_i u(c_i) = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{W}_i$$

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- Otherwise, the optimal carbon tax should account for the distribution of (i) Local Damage  $LCC_i$ , (ii) energy supply terms-of-trade effects, (iii) energy demand distortions, (iv) all of them weighted by an index  $\phi_i \propto \omega_i u'(c_i)$

$$\tau^f = \underbrace{\sum_i \phi_i LCC_i}_{=SCC} + \sum_i \phi_i \text{Supply Distortion}_i + \sum_i \phi_i \text{Demand Distortion}_i$$

► Details:

**Competitive equilibrium** [Details eq 0](#), **First-Best**, with unlimited instruments [Details eq 1](#),  
**Second-best**, Ramsey policy with limited instruments [Details eq 2](#)

## Ramsey Problem with participation constraints

- ▶ Consider that countries can “exit” climate agreement.
- ▶ **Definition** A climate agreement is a set  $\{\mathbb{J}, \mathfrak{t}^f, \mathfrak{t}^b\}$ , with  $\mathbb{J} \subseteq \mathbb{I}$  countries and a C.E.  $\{c, e, q\}$  such that:
  - Countries  $i \in \mathbb{J}$  are subject to a carbon tax  $\mathfrak{t}^f$  on fossil energy
  - Countries can leave:  
 If  $j$  exits the agreement, club members  $i \in \mathbb{J}$  pay uniform tariffs  $\mathfrak{t}_{ij}^b = \mathfrak{t}^b$  on goods from  $j$ .  
 They still trade with club members in energy at price  $q^f$ . Extension 1: The club  $\mathbb{J}$  can also impose a tax  $\mathfrak{t}^{bf}$  on energy.
  - Exit decision:  
 Subcoalition exit: only  $\hat{\mathbb{J}}$  stay in the agreement, “Coalitional-Nash” / “Core”
- ▶ Participation constraints, indirect utility  $U_i(\mathbb{J}, \mathfrak{t}^f, \mathfrak{t}^b) \equiv u(c_i(\mathbb{J}, \mathfrak{t}^f, \mathfrak{t}^b))$

$$U_i(\mathbb{J}, \mathfrak{t}^f, \mathfrak{t}^b) \geq U_i(\hat{\mathbb{J}}, \mathfrak{t}^f, \mathfrak{t}^b) \quad \forall \hat{\mathbb{J}} \subseteq \mathbb{J} \setminus \{i\} \quad [\text{Coalition-Nash equilibrium}]$$

## Design climate agreements 1 – Tax schedule + stability

- ▶ Consider a climate agreement  $\{\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b\}$ 
  - Coalitional Nash eq. (or “core”)  $\mathbb{C}(t^f, t^b)$ : robust to deviation of sub-coalitions:
    - No country  $i$  would be better off than in the current agreement  $\mathbb{J}$
    - note: the “core”  $\mathbb{C}(t^f, t^b)$  can be empty
- ▶ Objective: search for the optimal climate agreement

$$\max_{\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b} \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) = \max_{t^f, t^b} \max_{\mathbb{J}} \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b)$$

$$s.t. \quad \mathbb{J} \in \mathbb{C}(t^f, t^b) = \left\{ \mathcal{J} \mid U_i(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) \geq U_i(\hat{\mathbb{J}}, t^f, t^b) \ \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \ \& \ \forall \hat{\mathbb{J}} \subseteq \mathcal{J} \setminus \{i\} \right\}$$

- Welfare, for coalition  $\mathbb{J}$ , weighting all countries  $i \in \mathbb{I}$

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_i U_i(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b)$$

- Current design: (i) choose taxes  $\{t^f, t^b\}$ ,  
(ii) choose the coalition  $\mathbb{J}$  s.t. participation constraints hold

## Design climate agreements 2 – Coalition-dependent taxes

- Search for an optimal climate agreement  $\{\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b\}$

$$\max_{\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b} \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) = \max_{\mathbb{J}} \max_{t^f(\mathbb{J}), t^b(\mathbb{J})} \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, t^f(\mathbb{J}), t^b(\mathbb{J}))$$

$$s.t. \quad t^f(\mathbb{J}), t^b(\mathbb{J}) \in \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{J}) = \{t^f, t^b \mid U_i(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) \geq U_i(\mathbb{J} \setminus \{i\}, t^f(\mathbb{J} \setminus \{i\}), t^b(\mathbb{J} \setminus \{i\})) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{I}\}$$

- Unilateral Nash eq.  $\mathbb{C}$ : robust to unilateral deviation
- Welfare, for coalition  $\mathbb{J}$ , weighting all countries  $i \in \mathbb{I}$

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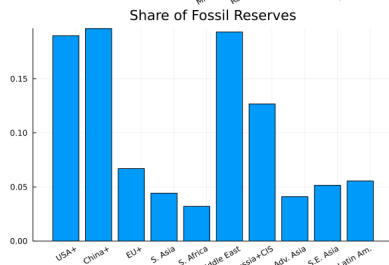
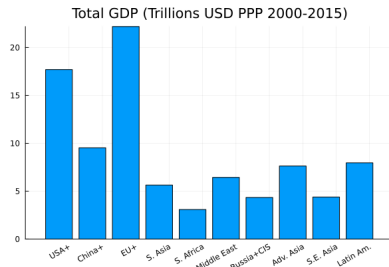
- Potential design: (i) choose the coalition  $\mathbb{J}$   
 (ii) choose the policies  $\{t^f(\mathbb{J}), t^b(\mathbb{J})\}$  s.t. participation constraints hold
- Differences:
  - Approach 1: current implementation (brute force), allow to study the coalition-Nash, computationally intensive
  - Approach 2: more flexible, but have to restrict to unilateral Nash

## Quantification

- ▶ Quadratic damage as in Nordhaus DICE  $y = \mathcal{D}_i(T)\bar{y}$  with  $\mathcal{D}_i(T) = e^{-\gamma(T_i - T_{i0})^2}$
- ▶ Energy parameters to match production/reserves,
  - Isoelastic cost function  $\mathcal{C}_i(e_i^x) = \bar{\nu}_i (e_i^x / \mathcal{R}_i)^{1+\nu_i} \mathcal{R}_i$
  - Use  $\bar{\nu}_i, \nu_i$  to match  $e_i^x$  and  $\pi_i^f$
- ▶ Armington model,
  - Iceberg cost  $\tau_{ij}$  projected on distance and preferences  $a_{ij}$  to match import shares  $s_{ij} = \frac{c_{ij}\tau_{ij}p_j}{c_i\mathbb{P}_i}$
- ▶ Production  $\bar{y} = zf(\ell_i, k_i, e_i^f, e_i^r)$ 
  - Nested CES energy vs. labor-capital Cobb-Douglas bundle  $k_i^\alpha \ell_i^{1-\alpha}$  (elasticity  $\sigma_y < 1$ ), and fossil/renewable  $\sigma_e > 1$ ,  $CES(e_i^f, e_i^r)$
  - TFP, and DTC,  $z_i, z_i^e$ , calibrated to match GDP / energy shares data.
- ▶ Pareto weights  $\omega_i$ :
  - Imply no redistribution motive,  $\bar{c}_i$  consumption in initial equilibrium  $t = 2000$

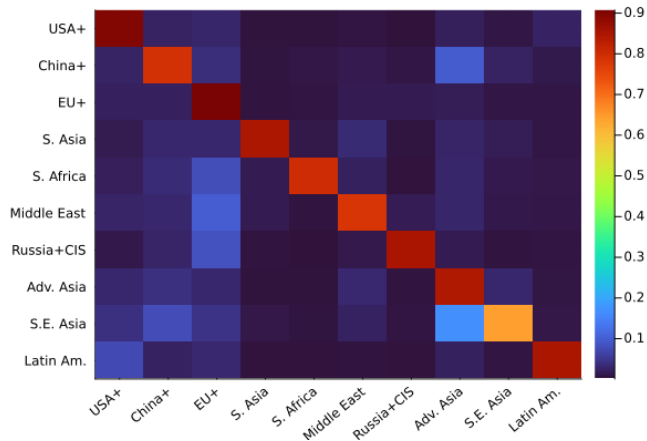
$$\omega_i = \frac{1}{u'(\bar{c}_i)}$$

# Numerical Application - Sample of “10 regions”



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► Data on trade shares  $s_{ij} = \frac{c_{ij}T_{ij}p_j}{c_i p_i}$ , 10 regions, 2015



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## Theoretical investigation: decomposing the welfare effects

### ► Experiment:

- Start from the equilibrium where carbon tax  $\tau_j^f = 0$ ,  $\tau_{jk}^b = 0, \forall j$ ,
- Change in welfare: Linear approximation around that point  $\Rightarrow$  small changes in carbon tax  $d\tau_j^f, \forall j$  and tariffs  $d\tau_{j,k}^b, \forall j, k$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{V}_i}{u'(c_i)} = \eta_i^c \frac{dp_i}{p_i} + \left[ \eta_i^c \gamma_i \frac{1}{\bar{\nu}} - \eta_i^c s_i^e + \eta_i^\pi \left(1 + \frac{1}{\bar{\nu}}\right) \right] \frac{dq^f}{q^f} + \dots$$

- Difference in the GE effect on energy markets  $\frac{dq^f}{q^f} \approx \bar{\nu} \frac{dE^f}{E^f} + \dots$ , due to taxation

$$\frac{dq^f}{q^f} = -\sum_j \nu_j^f \frac{d\tau_j^f}{\tau_j^f} + \sum_i \nu_j^{p,R} \frac{dp_i}{p_i} + \sum_{j,k} \nu_j^{R,f,z,qR} s_{j,k} \frac{d\tau_{jk}^b}{\tau_{jk}^b}$$

- Trade and leakage effect: GE impact of  $\tau_j^f$  and  $\tau_{jk}^b$  on  $y_i$  and  $p_i$
- Simplifying assumption: no renewable
- Params:  $\sigma$  energy demand elast<sup>y</sup>,  $s^e$  energy cost share,  $\bar{\nu}$  energy supply inverse elas<sup>y</sup>, Climate damage  $\gamma_i$

## Decomposing the welfare effects: gains from trade

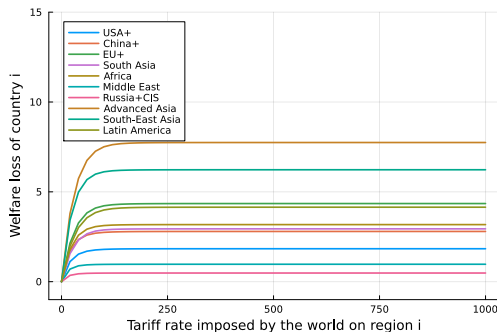
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$$\frac{dp}{p} = \left[ \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T} - (\theta - 1) [\mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{S} - (\mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{I})'] \right]^{-1} \left( (\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{I}) \frac{dy}{y} + (\mathbf{T} [(\theta - 1) \mathbf{I} - \theta \mathbf{S}] \odot \frac{dt^b}{t^b}) \mathbf{1} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy_i}{y_i} = \alpha_i^{p,qr} \frac{dp_i}{p_i} - \alpha_i^{qf} \frac{dt_i^f}{t_i^f} + \dots$$

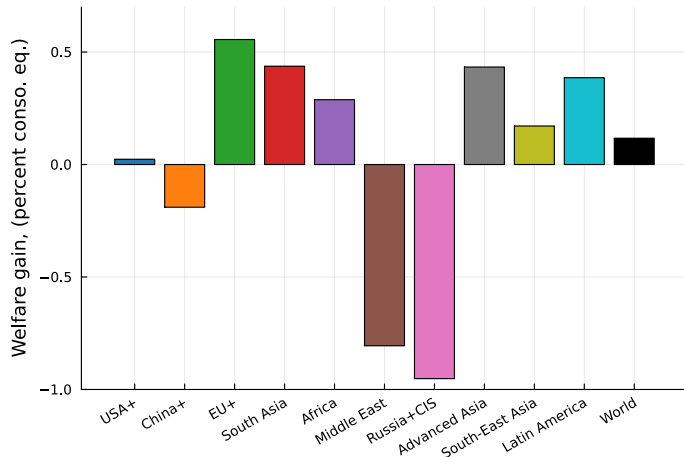
◦ Params:  $\mathbf{S}$  Trade share matrix,  $\mathbf{T}$  income flow matrix,  $\theta$ , Armington CES

– Loss from trade from large tariffs / autarky:



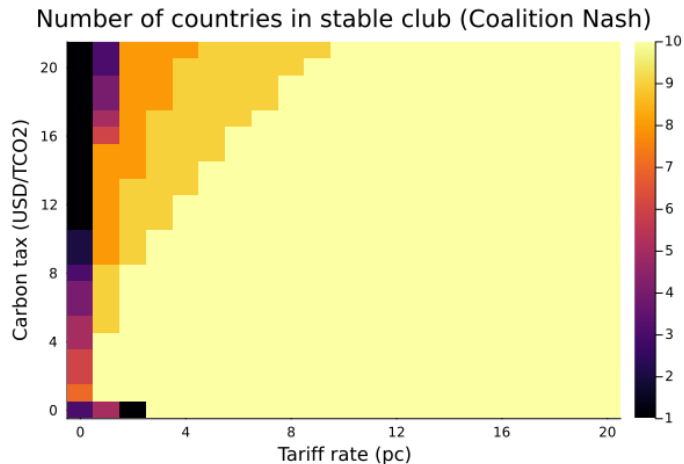
## Gains from cooperation – Second Best

- ▶ Optimal carbon tax, Second Best:  
~ \$19/ $tCO_2$  (~ \$64/ $tC$ )
- ▶ Reduce fossil fuels /  $CO_2$  emissions by 6% compared to Business as Usual (BAU)
- ▶ Welfare difference between World Second-Best Policy and BAU (Comp. Eq.)

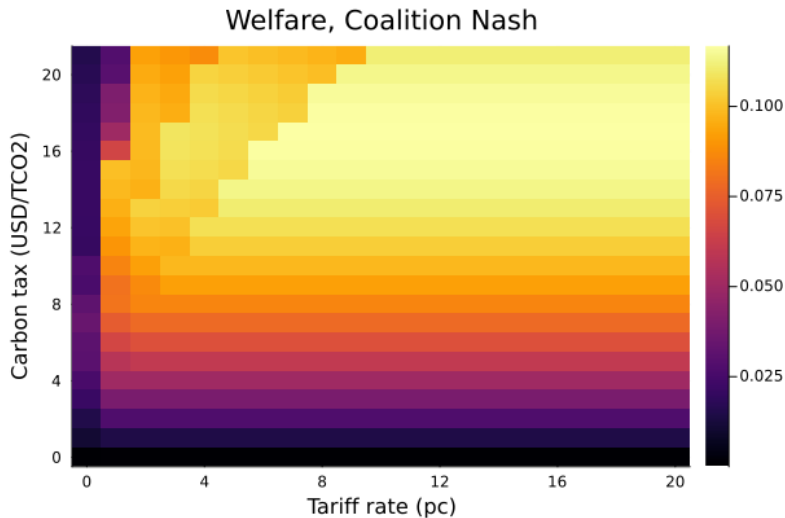


## Optimal coalition

- ▶ With this set of  $(t^f, t^b) \Rightarrow$  can sustain any coalition
- ▶ Result sensitive to Pareto weights



# Taxes combination can recover any climate coalition



## Two extensions: climate agreements, retaliation and lack of commitment

### ► Consider a climate agreement $\{\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b\}$

- Coalitional Nash eq. (or “core”)  $\mathbb{C}(t^f, t^b)$ : robust to deviation of sub-coalitions

#### 1. Countries outside the club decide on a retaliation trade policy $t^r$

- General approach: search for optimal agreement in  $\mathbb{I} - \mathbb{J} + 1$  players continuous Nash games

$$\max_{\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b} \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b, t^r) \quad s.t. \quad \mathbb{J} \in \mathbb{C}(t^f, t^b, t^r)$$

$$\max_{t^r} \mathcal{V}_i(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b, t^r) \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{I} \setminus \mathbb{J}$$

- Simple experiment: tit-for-tat:  $t^r = t^b$  equal retaliation

#### 2. Countries within the club deviate from applying a retaliation trade policy $t^b$

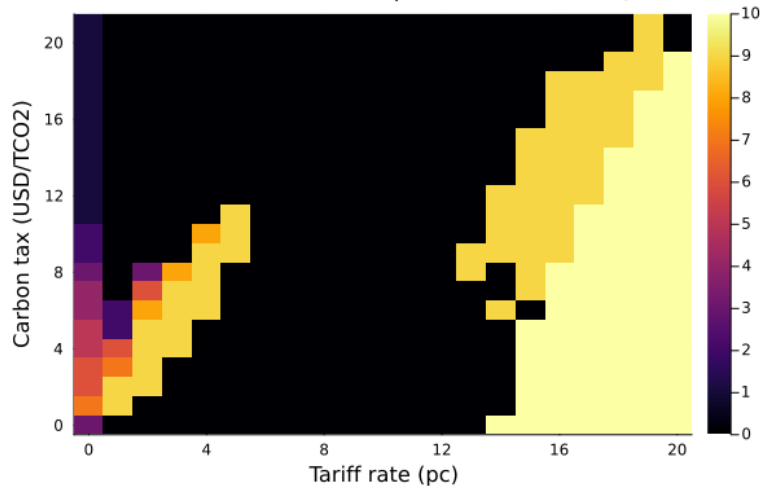
- Individual / unilateral policy  $\tilde{t}_i, \tilde{t}_{ij}^b$

$$\max_{\tilde{t}_i, \tilde{t}_{ij}^b} \mathcal{V}_i(\tilde{t}_i, \tilde{t}_{ij}^b, \mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{J}$$

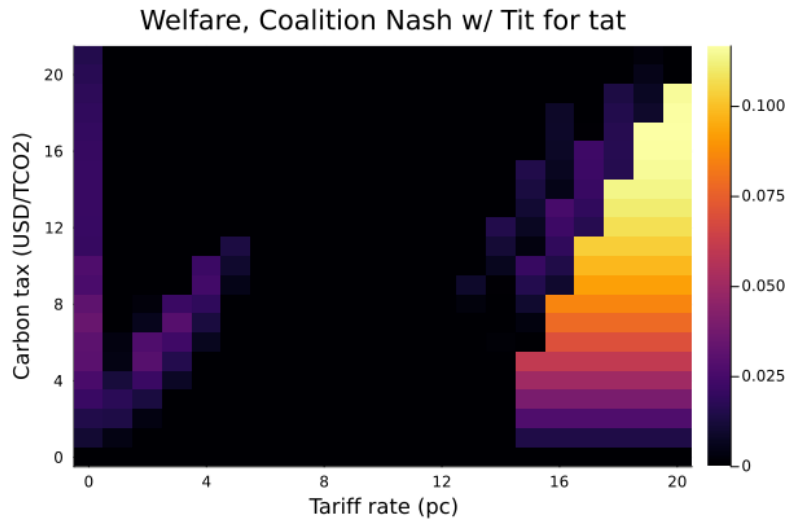
- Additional participation constraint for the climate agreement:  $U_i(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b) \geq \mathcal{V}_i(\tilde{t}_i, \tilde{t}_{ij}^b, \mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b)$

## Retaliation break climate coalition

b of countries in stable club (Coalition Nash w/ Tit for tat)



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## Conclusion

- ▶ In this project, I solve for the optimal climate policy
  - Accounting for inequality as it depends on the availability of transfer mechanisms
  - Redistributing through GE effects on energy and good markets  $\Rightarrow$  terms-of-trade effects
- ▶ Climate agreement design jointly solves for:
  - The optimal choice of countries participating
  - The carbon tax level, both for correcting externality & respecting participation constraints
- ▶ Optimal coalition: strong result, with enough freedom of instruments, can replicate any coalition
  - Positive G.E effect on energy market and large(r) welfare cost of tariffs compared to cost of carbon taxation
- ▶ Extensions:
  - More intricate game-theoretical considerations
  - Extend this to dynamic settings: intertemporal tradeoffs

# Appendices

## Welfare and Pareto weights

- Welfare:

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_i u(c_i)$$

- Pareto weights  $\omega_i$ :

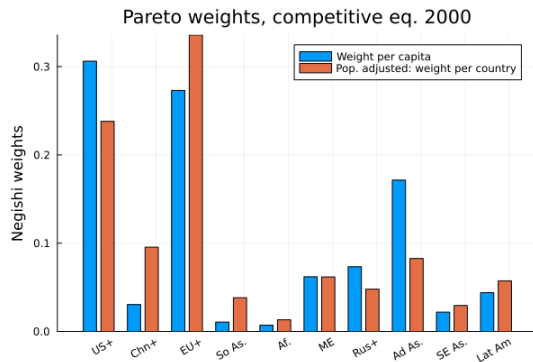
$$\omega_i = \frac{1}{u'(\bar{c}_i)}$$

for  $\bar{c}_i$  consumption in initial equilibrium  
“without climate change“, i.e. year = 2000

- Imply no redistribution motive in  $t = 2000$

$$\omega_i u'(\bar{c}_i) = \omega_j u'(\bar{c}_j) \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{I}$$

- Climate change, taxation, and climate agreement (tax + tariffs) have redistributive effects  $\Rightarrow$  change distribution of  $c_i$ .



## Step 0: Competitive equilibrium & Trade

- ▶ Each household in country  $i$  maximize utility and firms maximize profit
- ▶ Standard trade model results:
  - Consumption and trade:

$$s_{ij} = \frac{c_{ij}p_{ij}}{c_i \mathbb{P}_i} = a_{ij} \frac{(\tau_{ij}(1+t_{ij}^b)p_j)^{1-\theta}}{\sum_k a_{ik}(\tau_{ik}(1+t_{ik}^b)p_k)^{1-\theta}} \quad \& \quad \mathbb{P}_i = \left( \sum_j a_{ij}(\tau_{ij}p_j)^{1-\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

- Energy consumption doesn't internalize climate damage:

$$p_i M P e_i = q^e$$

- Inequality, as measured in local welfare units:

$$\lambda_i = u'(c_i)$$

- “Local Social Cost of Carbon”, for region  $i$

$$LCC_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_i / \partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \mathcal{W}_i / \partial w_i} = \frac{\psi_i^{\mathcal{E}}}{\lambda_i} = -\Delta_i \mathcal{D}'(T_i) z_{if}(e_i^f) \frac{p_i}{\mathbb{P}_i} \quad (> 0 \text{ if heat causes losses})$$

## Step 1: World First-best policy

- Maximizing welfare of the world Social Planner:

$$\mathcal{W} = \max_{\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{q}\}_i} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_i u(c_i) = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{W}_i$$

- Full array of instruments: cross-countries lump-sum transfers  $\mathbf{t}_i^{ls}$ , individual carbon taxes  $\mathbf{t}_i^f$  on energy  $\mathbf{e}_i^f$ , bilateral tariffs  $\mathbf{t}_{ij}^b$
  - Budget constraint:  $\sum_i \mathbf{t}_i^{ls} = \sum_i \mathbf{t}_i^f \mathbf{e}_i^f + \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{t}_{ij}^b c_{ij} \tau_{ij} \mathbf{p}_j$
- Maximize welfare subject to
- Market clearing for good  $[\mu_i]$ , market clearing for energy  $\mu^e$

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## Step 1: World First-best policy

► Social planner results:

- Consumption:

$$\omega_i u'(c_i) = \left[ \sum_j a_{ij} (\tau_{ij} \omega_j \mu_j)^{1-\theta} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

- Energy use:

$$\omega_i \mu_i MPe_i = \mu^e + SCC$$

- Social cost of carbon:

$$SCC = - \frac{\sum_j \Delta_j \omega_j \mu_j \mathcal{D}'_j(T_j) \bar{y}_j}{\frac{1}{I} \sum_j \omega_j \mu_j}$$

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## Step 2: World optimal Ramsey policy

- Maximizing welfare of the world Social Planner:

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- One single instrument: uniform carbon tax  $\mathfrak{t}^f$  on energy  $e_i^f$
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- Ramsey policy: Primal approach, maximize welfare subject to
- Budget constraint  $[\lambda_i]$ , Market clearing for good  $[\mu_i]$ , market clearing for energy
  - Optimality (FOC) conditions for good demands  $[\eta_{ij}]$ , energy demand & supply, etc.
  - Trade-off faced by the planner:
    - (i) Correcting externality, (ii) Redistributive effect, (iii) Distort energy demand and supply

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## Step 2: World optimal Ramsey policy

- The planner takes into account

- (i) the marginal value of wealth  $\lambda_i$
- (ii) the shadow value of good  $i$ , from market clearing,  $\mu_i$ :

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- Social Cost of Carbon for the planner:

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- Social Cost of Carbon integrates these inequalities:

$$SCC = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{\lambda}_i LCC_i = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} LCC_i + \mathbb{Cov}_i(\hat{\lambda}_i, LCC_i)$$

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- ▶ Proposition 2: Optimal fossil energy tax:

$$\Rightarrow \quad \mathfrak{t}^f = \textcolor{green}{SCC} + \textcolor{red}{SVF}$$

- Social cost of carbon:  $\textcolor{green}{SCC} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{\lambda}_i \textcolor{green}{LCC}_i$

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### ► Proposition 3.1: Second-Best social valuation with participation constraints

- Participation incentives change our measure of inequality

$$\text{w/ trade:} \quad \omega_i(1+\nu_i)u'(c_i) = \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{I}} a_{ij}(\tau_{ij}p_j)^{1-\theta} \left[ \omega_i \tilde{\lambda}_i + \omega_j \tilde{\mu}_j + \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(1-s_{ij}) \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

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- Similarly, the “effective Pareto weights” are  $\alpha\omega_i$  for countries outside the club  $i \notin \mathbb{J}$  and  $\omega_i(\alpha - \nu_i)$  for retaliation policy on  $i \in \mathbb{J}$



## Step 3: Participation constraints & Optimal policy

### ► Proposition 3.2: Second-Best taxes:

- Taxation with imperfect instruments:
  - Climate change & general equilibrium effects on fossil market affects all countries  $i \in \mathbb{I}$
  - Need to adjust for the "outside" countries  $i \notin \mathbb{J}$  not subject to the tax, which weight on the energy market as  $\vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c} \approx \frac{E_{\mathbb{J}^c}}{E_{\mathbb{I}}} \frac{\nu \sigma}{q^f (1-s^f)}$   
with  $\nu$  fossil supply elasticity,  $\sigma$  energy demand elasticity and  $s^f$  energy cost share.
- Optimal fossil energy tax  $t^f(\mathbb{J})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad t^f(\mathbb{J}) &= \text{SCC} + \text{SVF} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \tilde{\lambda}_i \text{LCC}_i + \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c}} C_{EE}^f \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \tilde{\lambda}_i (e_i^f - e_i^x) - \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}} \tilde{\lambda}_i \frac{q^f (1-s_i^f)}{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

- Optimal tariffs/export taxes  $t^{b,r}(\mathbb{J})$  and  $t^b(\mathbb{J})$ : In search for a closed-form expression  
As of now, only opaque system of equations (fixed point w/ demand/multipliers)

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## Complementarity in coalition formation – Model w/o trade in goods

- Is marginal gain  $\Delta\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, j) := \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J} \cup j) - \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J})$  “growing” in  $\mathbb{J}$  ?
- Linear approximation for small  $\{t^f, t^b\}$

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- Free-riding problem:  $\Delta\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, j)$  could be negative
- If  $\Delta\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}, j) > 0$ , what effects does  $\mathbb{J}$  have on marginal gain?
  - Marginal climate benefit decreases in  $\mathbb{J}$ , since temperature  $T_i$  declines!
  - G.E. effect on energy price:  $E_{\mathbb{I}}$ ,  $q$  and  $\pi^f$  decreases with  $\mathbb{J}$ , effect on demand ambiguous
  - Similar formula for the case with trade tariffs: Work in progress.



## Quantification – Firms

- Production function  $y_i = \mathcal{D}_i^y(T_i) z_i f(k, \varepsilon(e^f, e^r))$

$$f_i(k, \ell, \varepsilon(e^f, e^r)) = \left[ (1 - \epsilon_i)^{\frac{1}{\sigma_y}} (k^\alpha \ell^{1-\alpha})^{\frac{\sigma_y-1}{\sigma_y}} + \epsilon_i^{\frac{1}{\sigma_y}} (z_i^e \varepsilon_i(e^f, e^r))^{\frac{\sigma_y-1}{\sigma_y}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_y-1}}$$

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- Future:  $(z_i^e, \omega_i, \epsilon_i)$  to match Energy/GDP  $(e_i^f + e_i^r)/y_i$  and energy mix  $(e_i^f, e_i^r)$

- Damage functions in production function  $y$ :

$$\mathcal{D}_i^y(T) = e^{-\gamma_i^{\pm,y}(T-T_i^*)^2}$$

- Asymmetry in damage to match empirics with  $\gamma^y = \gamma^{+,y} \mathbb{1}_{\{T > T_i^*\}} + \gamma^{-,y} \mathbb{1}_{\{T < T_i^*\}}$
- Today  $\gamma_i^{\pm,y} = \bar{\gamma}^{\pm,y}$  &  $T_i^* = \bar{\alpha} T_{it0} + (1 - \bar{\alpha}) T^*$

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### ► Renewable: Production $\bar{e}_{it}^r$ and price $q_{it}^r$

- Now:  $q_{it}^r = z^r e^{-g_r t}$ , with  $g_r$  growth rate in renewable energy price decreases.
- Future: Choose  $z_i^r$  to match the energy mix  $(e_i^f, e_i^r)$

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## Quantification – Future Extensions:

### ► Damage parameters:

- $\gamma_i^{\pm,y}$  depends on daily temperature distribution  $T \sim \mathcal{T}_i(\bar{T}, \sigma^T)$  following Rudik et al. (2022)
- Use Climate Lab's (Greenstone et al) estimates for damage  $\gamma_i$  ?

### ► Fossil Energy markets:

- Divide fossils  $e_{it}^f / e_{it}^x$  into oil/gas/coal
- Match the production/cost/reserves data across countries
- Use a dynamic model: extraction/exploration a la Hotelling

### ► Renewables Energy markets:

- Make the problem dynamic with investment in capacity  $C_{it}^r$

### ► Population dynamics

- Match UN forecast for growth rate / fertility

# Calibration

**Table:** Baseline calibration (★ = subject to future changes)

<i>Technology &amp; Energy markets</i>			
$\alpha$	0.35	Capital share in $f(\cdot)$	Capital/Output ratio
$\epsilon$	0.12	Energy share in $f(\cdot)$	Energy cost share (8.5%)
$\sigma$	0.3	Elasticity capital-labor vs. energy	Complementarity in production (c.f. Bourany 2020)
$\omega$	0.8	Fossil energy share in $e(\cdot)$	Fossil/Energy ratio
$\sigma_e$	2.0	Elasticity fossil-renewable	Slight substitutability & Study by Stern
$\delta$	0.06	Depreciation rate	Investment/Output ratio
$\bar{g}$	0.01★	Long run TFP growth	Conservative estimate for growth
$g_e$	0.01★	Long run energy directed technical change	Conservative / Acemoglu et al (2012)
$g_r$	-0.01★	Long run renewable price decrease	Conservative / Match price fall in R.E.
$\nu$	2★	Extraction elasticity of fossil energy	Cubic extraction cost
<i>Preferences &amp; Time horizon</i>			
$\rho$	0.03	HH Discount factor	Long term interest rate & usual calib. in IAMs
$\eta$	2.5	Risk aversion	
$n$	0.01★	Long run population growth	Conservative estimate for growth
$\omega_i$	1	Pareto weights	Uniforms / Utilitarian Social Planner
$T$	90	Time horizon	Horizon 2100 years since 2010

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<i>Climate parameters</i>			
$\xi$	0.81	Emission factor	Conversion 1 <i>MTOE</i> $\Rightarrow$ 1 <i>MT CO<sub>2</sub></i>
$\zeta$	0.3	Inverse climate persistence / inertia	Sluggishness of temperature $\sim$ 11–15 years
$\chi$	2.1/1e6	Climate sensitivity	Pulse experiment: 100 <i>GtC</i> $\equiv$ 0.21°C medium-term warming
$\delta_s$	0.0014	Carbon exit from atmosphere	Pulse experiment: 100 <i>GtC</i> $\equiv$ 0.16°C long-term warming
$\gamma^{\oplus}$	0.00234★	Damage sensitivity	Nordhaus' DICE
$\gamma^{\ominus}$	$0.2 \times \gamma^{\oplus}$ ★	Damage sensitivity	Nordhaus' DICE & Rudik et al (2022)
$\alpha^T$	0.2★	Weight historical climate for optimal temp.	Marginal damage decorrelated with initial temp.
$T^{\star}$	15.5	Optimal yearly temperature	Average spring temperature / Developed economies
<i>Parameters calibrated to match data</i>			
$p_i$		Population	Data – World Bank 2011
$z_i$		TFP	To match GDP Data – World Bank 2011
$T_i$		Local Temperature	To match temperature of largest city
$\mathcal{R}_i$		Local Fossil reserves	To match data from BP Energy review

## Sequential solution method

► Summary of the model:

- ODEs for states  $\{\mathbf{x}\} = \{w_{it}, T_{it}, \mathcal{R}_{it}, \mathcal{S}_t\}_{it}$
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### ► Global Numerical solution:

- Discretize agents (countries) space  $i \in \mathbb{I}$  with  $M$  and time-space  $t \in [t_0, t_T]$  with  $T$  periods
- Express as a large vector  $\mathbf{y} = \{\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{q}\}$  in a large non-linear function

$$F(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- Solve for the large system with  $N = (N_{ind,vars} \times M + N_{agg,vars}) \times T$  unknowns and  $N$  equations with gradient-descent – Newton-Raphson methods.



## Sequential method: Pros and Cons

### ► Why use a sequential approach?

- *Global approach: Only need to follow the trajectories for  $i$  agents:*
  - Arbitrary (!) number of dimension of *ex-ante* heterogeneity:  
*Productivity  $z_i$  Population  $p_i$ , Temperature scaling  $\Delta_i$ , Fossil energy cost  $\bar{\nu}_i$ , Energy mix  $\epsilon_i, \omega_i, z_i^r$ ,  
 Local damage  $\gamma_i^y, \gamma_i^u, T_i^*$ , Directed Technical Change  $z_i^e$*
  - Potentially large dimensions of *ex-post* heterogeneity and aggregate state variables:  
*For now: Wealth  $w_{it}$ , temperature  $T_{it}$ , reserves  $\mathcal{R}_{it}$ , Carbon  $S_t$*   
*Extension with a large climate system as a proof of concept (e.g. Cai, Lontzek, Judd, 2013)*
  - Newton method & Non-linear solvers very efficient

### ► Why not:

- Numerical constraint to solve a large system of ODEs and non-linear equations:  
 ⇒ Constraint on  $N = (N_{ind,vars} \times M + N_{agg,vars}) \times T$ , so either  $M$  or  $T$  can't be too large
- Relying on numerical solvers/structure of the problem can be opaque

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