

# The Inequality of Climate Change

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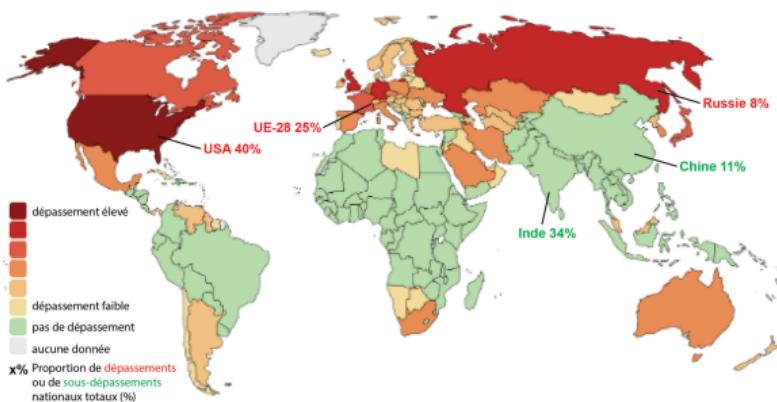
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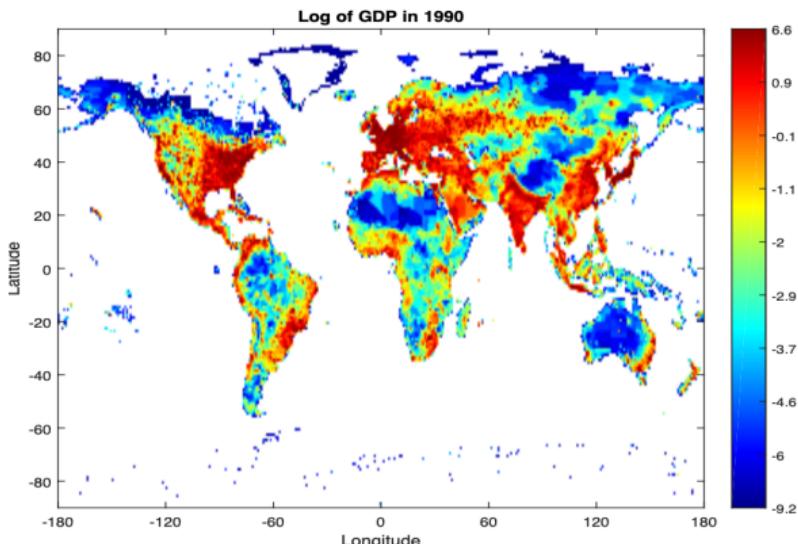
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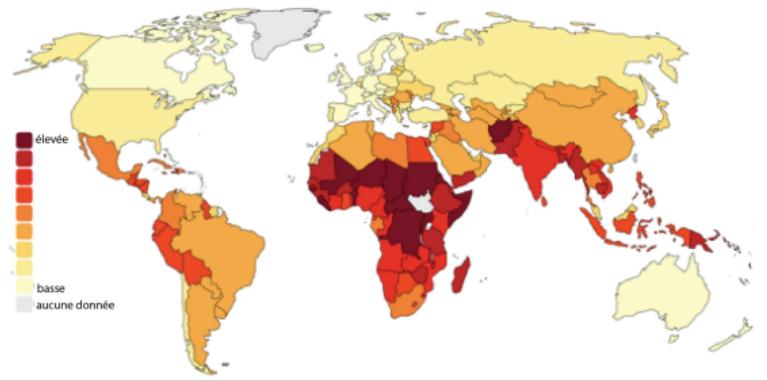


Source : Lancet planetary Health - Quantifying national responsibility for climate breakdown: an equality-based attribution approach for carbon dioxide emissions in excess of the planetary boundary - Jason Hickel 2020

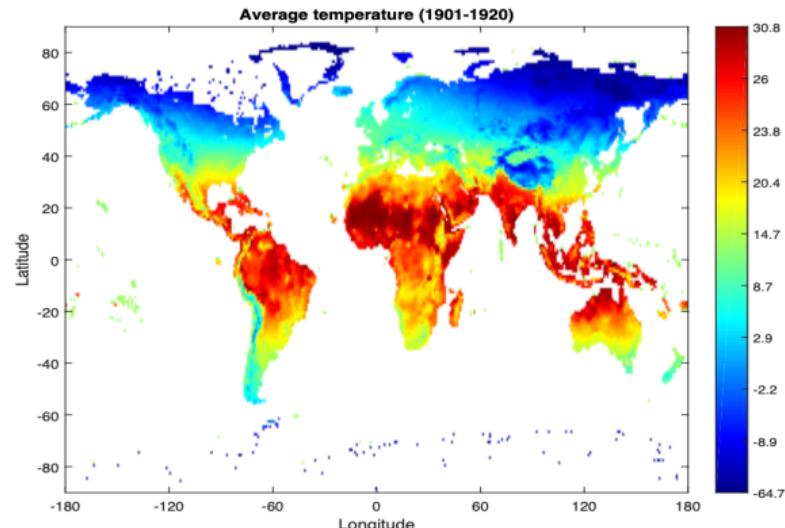


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Source : Notre Dame Global Adaptation Initiative



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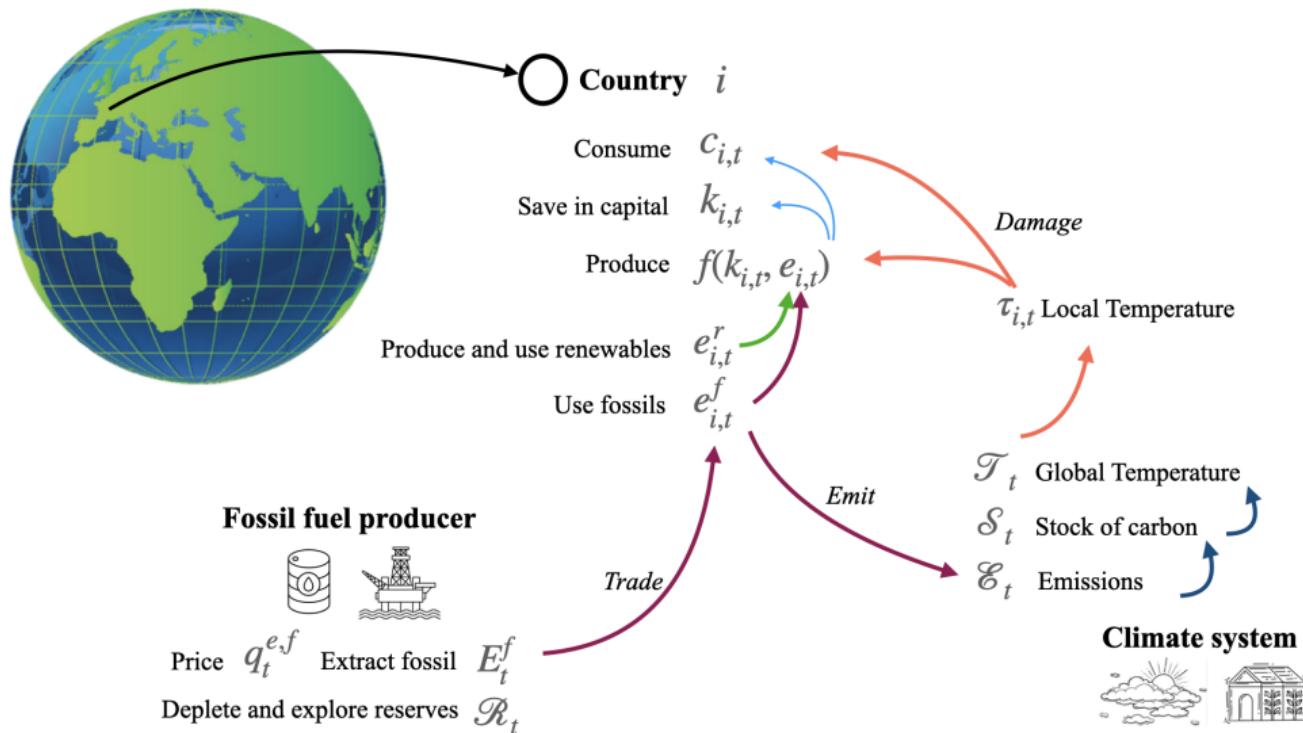
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- Evaluate the heterogeneous welfare costs of global warming
- Provide analytical formulas and a numerical methodology to compute the cost of carbon
  - $CC$  is linear in  $GDP$ /level of development and in temperature gaps
- Solve world optimal carbon policy with heterogeneous regions
  - Does the optimal carbon tax coincide with the social cost of carbon ?

## Introduction – related literature

- ▶ Classic Integrated Assessment models (IAM) :
  - Nordhaus' Multi-regions DICE (2016), Golosov, Hassler, Krusell, Tsyvinski (2014)
- ▶ Models with analytical results :
  - Dietz, van der Ploeg, Rezai, Venmans (2021)
- ▶ Climate model with risk & uncertainty :
  - Cai, Lontzek, Judd (2019), Barnett, Brock and Hansen (2022)
- ▶ Macro (IAM) model with country heterogeneity :
  - Kotlikoff, Kubler, Polbin, Scheidegger (2021), Hassler, Krusell, Olovsson, Smith (2019-2021)
- ▶ Quantitative spatial models :
  - Cruz, Rossi-Hansberg (2021), Bilal, Rossi-Hansberg (2023), Rudik, Lyn, Tan, Ortiz-Bobea (2022)

## Summary of the model



# Model

- ▶ Neoclassical economy, in continuous time
  - countries/regions  $i \in \mathbb{I}$  : ex-ante heterogeneous in dimensions  $\underline{s}$ 
    - Here :  $\underline{s}_i = \{p_i, z_i, \Delta_i\}$ , relative heterogeneity doesn't change over time
    - Productivity grows at rate  $\bar{g}$  and population grow at rate  $n$
  - regions heterogeneous ex-post  $\bar{s}_i$ 
    - Here : capital and temperature  $\bar{s}_i = \{k_i, \tau_i\}$
    - Future : could include  $z$  – endog. technical change – or  $p$  – migrations/demographics
    - Renormalization : all variables are values per unit of efficient labor  $k_{i,t} = \frac{K_{i,t}}{p_{t_0}} e^{-(\bar{g}+n)t}$
  - Aggregate variables : global Temperature, carbon Stocks in atmosphere, fossil energy Reserves  $S = \{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{R}\}$

## Model – Household and firm

- ▶ Household problem in country  $i$  :

$$\max_{\{c_t, e_t^f, e_t^r\}} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} e^{-(\rho-n)t} u_i(c_t, \tau_t) dt$$

- ▶ Dynamics of capital in every country  $i$  :

$$\dot{k}_t = \mathcal{D}(\tau_t)f(k_t, e_t) + \theta_i^R \pi_t^R - (n + \bar{g} + \delta)k_t - q_t^e e_t - c_t + \mathbf{t}_{i,t}$$

- ▶ Choices :

- $c_t$  consumption,  $e_t$  energy, with production fct :

$$f(k, e) = z \left( (1 - \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} k^{\alpha \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} (z^e e)^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$$

- Damage function  $\mathcal{D}_i(\tau_t)$  affect country's production
- Directed technical change  $z_t^e$  & energy mix  $e_t$  with fossil  $e_t^f$  vs. renewable  $e_t^r$

## Model – Energy markets

- ▶ Two sources of energy : fossil  $e_t^f$  and renewable  $e_t^r$  for every  $i$

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  - Extended-Hotelling problem (depleting reserves with stock effects and exploration)

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- ▶ Renewable energy as a substitute technology

$$e_{i,t}^r = z_{i,t}^r k_{i,t}^{r,\alpha} \quad q_{i,t}^{e,r} = r_{i,t} / (z_{i,t}^r \alpha k_{i,t}^{r,\alpha-1})$$

## Fossil energy and externality

- ▶ Fossil energy input  $e_t^f$  causes climate externality
  - Change the world climate – global temperature  $\mathcal{T}_t$  and cumulative GHG in atmosphere  $\mathcal{S}_t$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_t &= \int_{\mathbb{I}} \xi e_{i,t}^f p_i di \\ \dot{\mathcal{S}}_t &= \mathcal{E}_t - \delta_s \mathcal{S}_t \quad \quad \quad \dot{\mathcal{T}}_t = \zeta(\chi \mathcal{S}_t - \mathcal{T}_t)\end{aligned}$$

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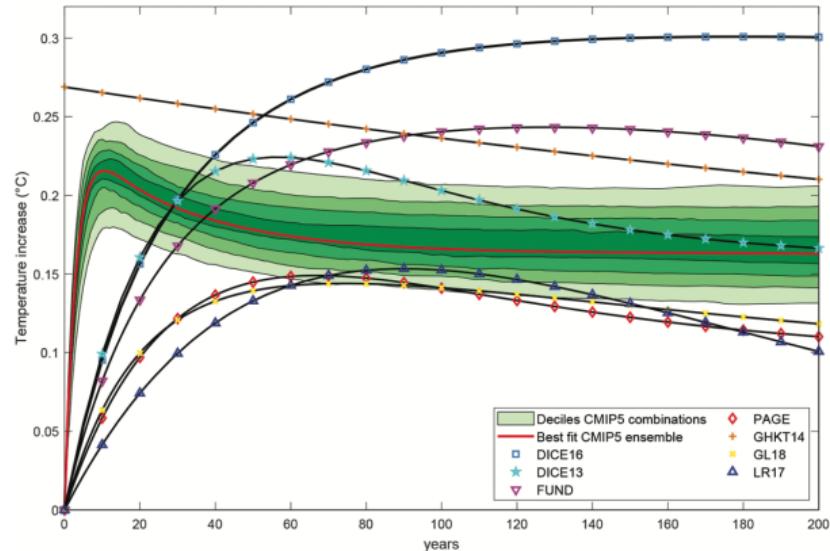
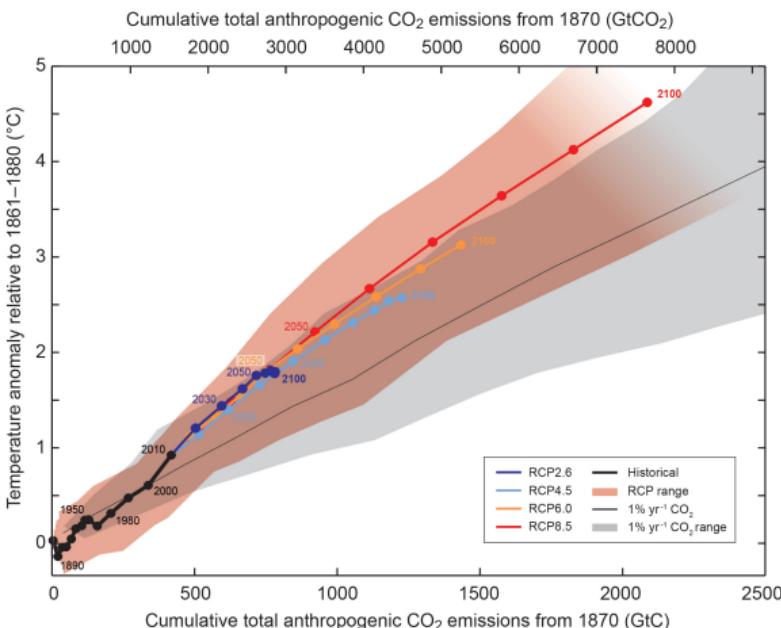
- $\zeta$  is the inverse of persistence, so if  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain a linear model :

$$\mathcal{T}_t = \bar{\mathcal{T}} + \chi \mathcal{S}_t = \bar{\mathcal{T}} + \chi \int_{t_0}^t \int_{\mathbb{I}} \xi e_{i,s} di ds \Big|_{GtC}$$

- The externality depends on policy  $e_{i,t}^f$  as function of states  $\{z, p, k, \tau\}$ 
  - Naturally, countries richer/more productive/with a larger population use more energy !
- Impact of climate on country's local temperature :

$$\dot{\tau}_{i,t} = \Delta_i \dot{\mathcal{T}}_t$$

# Temperature dynamics



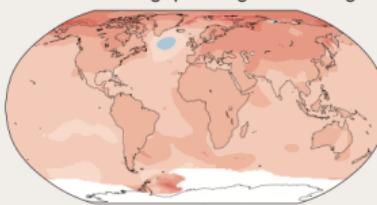
Linear temperature model - IPCC report / Dietz, van der Ploeg, Rezai, Venmans (2021)

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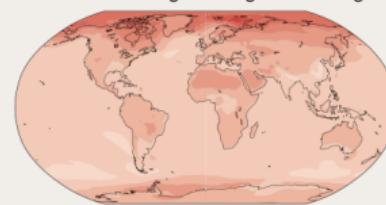
(a) Annual mean temperature change ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) at  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  global warming

Warming at  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  affects all continents and is generally larger over land than over the oceans in both observations and models. Across most regions, observed and simulated patterns are consistent.

Observed change per  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  global warming



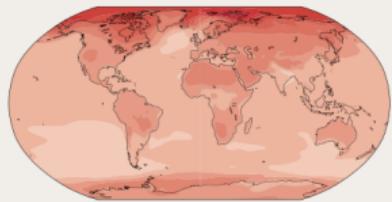
Simulated change at  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  global warming



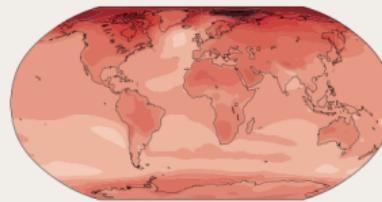
(b) Annual mean temperature change ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) relative to 1850–1900

Across warming levels, land areas warm more than ocean areas, and the Arctic and Antarctica warm more than the tropics.

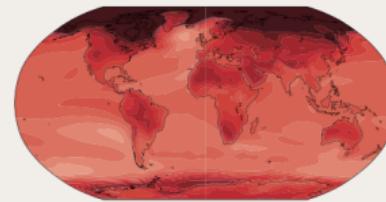
Simulated change at  $1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  global warming



Simulated change at  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  global warming



Simulated change at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  global warming



## Damage functions

- ▶ Climate change has two effects :

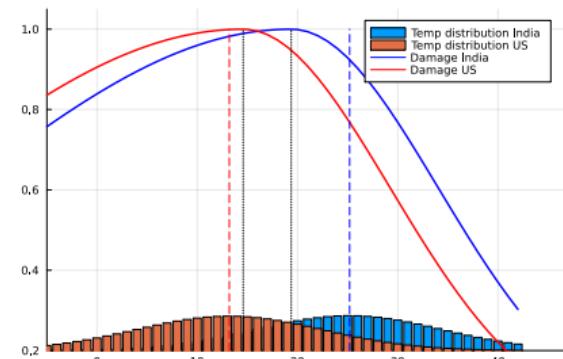
- Affect household utility function  $u(c_t, \tau_t) = \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_t) \frac{c_t^{1-\eta}}{1-\eta}$

$$\mathcal{D}_u(\tau) = \begin{cases} e^{-\phi^\oplus \frac{1}{2}(\tau - \tau_i^*)^2} & \text{if } \tau > \tau_i^* \\ e^{-\phi^\ominus \frac{1}{2}(\tau - \tau_i^*)^2} & \text{if } \tau < \tau_i^* \end{cases}$$

- Affect firm productivity  $\mathcal{D}(\tau_t)z$  as a shifter – as in Nordhaus DICE-2016

$$\mathcal{D}_y(\tau) = \begin{cases} e^{-\gamma^\oplus \frac{1}{2}(\tau - \tau_i^*)^2} & \text{if } \tau > \tau_i^* \\ e^{-\gamma^\ominus \frac{1}{2}(\tau - \tau_i^*)^2} & \text{if } \tau < \tau_i^* \end{cases}$$

- Deviation from "ideal" temperature  
 $\tau_i^* = (1 - \alpha)\tau^* + \alpha\tau_{i,t_0}$ , with  $\tau^* = 15.5^\circ C$
- Damage sensitivity  $\gamma$  and  $\phi$  is asymmetrical and can also be heterogeneous and uncertain



## Marginal values of temperature

- ▶ Using Pontryagin Max. Principle :
  - We obtain a system of coupled ODEs [More details](#)
- ▶ Marginal values of the climate variables :  $\lambda^S$  and  $\lambda^T$

$$\dot{\lambda}_{i,t}^\tau = \lambda_{i,t}^\tau (\tilde{\rho} + \Delta_i \zeta) + \overbrace{\gamma_i(\tau_{i,t} - \tau_i^*) \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{i,t})}^{-\partial_T \mathcal{D}^y} f(k_{i,t}, e_{i,t}) \lambda_{i,t}^k + \overbrace{\phi(\tau_{i,t} - \tau_i^*) \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_{i,t})}^{\partial_T \mathcal{D}^u} u(c_{i,t})$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_{i,t}^S = \lambda_{i,t}^S (\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s) - \Delta_i \zeta \chi \lambda_{i,t}^\tau$$

- ▶ Marg. cost for  $i$  of releasing carbon in atmosphere  $\lambda_{i,t}^S$  increases with :
  - Temperature gap  $\tau_{i,t} - \tau_i^*$
  - Damage sensitivity to temperature for TFP  $\gamma_i$  and utility  $\phi$
  - The development level  $f(k_{i,t}, e_{i,t})$  and  $u(c_{i,t})$

## Social cost of carbon

- The marginal “externality damage” or “cost of carbon” can be expressed naturally :

$$CC_{i,t} := -\frac{\partial U_{i,t}/\partial \mathcal{S}_{i,t}}{\partial U_{i,t}/\partial c_{i,t}} = -\frac{\lambda_{i,t}^S}{\lambda_{i,t}^k}$$

Cost of country  $i$  of emitting one additional ton of  $CO_2$  is

- Ratio of marg. cost of carbon vs. the marg. value of consumption/capital
- Stationary value :  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $\mathcal{E}_t = \delta_s \mathcal{S}_t$  and  $\tau_t \rightarrow \tau_\infty$

$$CC_{i,t} \equiv \frac{\Delta \chi}{\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s} (\tau_{i,\infty} - \tau_i^\star) \left( \gamma_i \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{i,\infty}) y_{i,\infty} + \phi_i \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_{i,\infty}) \frac{c_{i,\infty}}{1-\eta} \right)$$

- Can integrate over time  $t$  & state-space  $i$  :  $SCC_t = - \int_{\mathbb{S}} \frac{\lambda_{i,t}^S}{\lambda_{i,t}^k} di$
- Solution of the adjoint equation : [Proof](#)
- Uncertainty [SCC with uncertainty](#)

## Social cost of carbon & temperature

- ▶ Cost of carbon depends only on final temperatures and path of emissions :

$$\tau_T - \tau_{t_0} = \Delta \chi \xi \omega \int_{t_0}^T e^{(n+\bar{g})t - \delta_s(T-t)} q_t^{f-\sigma_e} \int_{j \in \mathbb{I}} (z_j z_{j,t}^e \mathcal{D}(\tau_{j,t}))^{\sigma-1} y_{j,t} q_{j,t}^{\sigma_e - \sigma} dj dt$$

- Geographical factors determining warming  $\Delta_i$
- Climate sensitivity  $\chi$  & carbon exit from atmosphere  $\delta_s$
- Growth of population  $n$ , aggregate productivity  $\bar{g}$
- Deviation of output from trend  $y_i$  & relative TFP  $z_j$
- Directed technical change  $z_t^e$ , elasticity of energy in output  $\sigma$
- Fossil energy price  $q_t^{e,f}$  and Hotelling rent  $g_t^{q^f} \approx \lambda_t^R / \lambda_t^F = \rho$
- Change in energy mix, renewable share  $\omega$ , price  $q_t^r$  & elasticity of source  $\sigma_e$

- ▶ Approximations at  $T \equiv$  Generalized Kaya (or  $I = PAT$ ) identity More details

$$\frac{\dot{\tau}_T}{\tau_T} \propto n + \bar{g}^y - (1 - \sigma)(g^{z^e} - \tilde{\gamma}) + (\sigma_e - \sigma)(1 - \omega)g^{q^r} - (\sigma_e(1 - \omega) + \sigma\omega)g^{q^f}$$

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- 2. ***Social planner*** : a planner chooses the decisions of all countries  $i \in \mathbb{I}$  :

$$\max_{\left\{ c_{i,t}, e_{i,t}^f, e_{i,t}^r \right\}_{i \in \mathbb{I}, t>0}} \int_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_i U_{i,t_0} p_i di$$

- ▶ Details Details Social Planner

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## 1. *Business as usual :*

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- Guess for carbon taxation ?  $\mathbf{t}_t^S = -\frac{\lambda_t^S}{\lambda_{i,t}^k}$

## Dynamic distortion : Competitive equilibrium vs. Social planner

- ▶ Competitive equilibrium, state : capital  $k$  and costate  $\lambda^k$

$$\frac{\dot{c}_{i,t}}{c_{i,t}} = \frac{1}{\eta} (r_{i,t} - \rho)$$

- ▶ Social planner allocation :

- Impact of  $\mathcal{E}_t = \int_{\mathbb{I}} e_{i,t}^f p_{i,t} di$

$$\frac{\dot{c}_{i,t}}{c_{i,t}} = \frac{1}{\eta} (r_{i,t} - \rho) - \frac{de_{i,t}^f}{dk_{i,t}} \left( \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_t^{ef} + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R - \widehat{\lambda}_t^S}{\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k} \right)$$

- Marginal value of state  $\lambda_t$  decreases with the externality of  $\bar{E}$
- Consume more today because more capital in the future affects the choice of energy  $e(s)$  through  $\partial_s e(\tilde{s})$

$$\frac{de_{i,t}^f}{dk_{i,t}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial e_{i,t}^f}{\partial e_{i,t}} \frac{de_{i,t}}{dk_{i,t}}}_{\text{energy demand effect}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial e_{i,t}^f}{\partial q_{i,t}^r} \frac{dq_{i,t}^r}{dr_{i,t}} \frac{dr_{i,t}}{dk_{i,t}}}_{\text{substitution effect}}$$

- Dynamic distortion : PMP for HA models

## Decentralization - 1

- ▶ With inequality  $\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k \neq \widehat{\lambda}_{j,t}^k$ , it is unclear how to decentralize
- ▶ Allowing lump sum transfer across countries solves world inequality

$$\lambda_{i,t}^k = \lambda_{j,t}^k = \bar{\lambda}_t^k$$

- ▶ Restricting to intra-country redistribution :
  - Allow distortive taxes and lump-sum rebate in  $i$  only
  - ⇒ Planner cares about redistribution :  $\lambda_{i,t}^k$  vs.  $\bar{\lambda}_t^k = \int_j \lambda_{j,t}^k p_j dj$
  - Combination of distortive taxes and lump-sum rebate

## Decentralization - 2

- ▶ Energy taxes :

$$\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k MPe_{i,t} \frac{\partial e_{i,t}}{\partial e_{i,t}^f} = \widehat{\lambda}_t^{ef} + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R + \widehat{\lambda}_t^S \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad MPe_{i,t} \frac{\partial e_{i,t}}{\partial e_{i,t}^f} = \underbrace{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_t^k}{\lambda_{i,t}^k}}_{=\text{redistribution}} \left( \underbrace{q_t^{ef}}_{=\frac{\widehat{\lambda}_t^{ef} + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{t}_t^S}_{=-\frac{\widehat{\lambda}_t^S}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k}} \right)$$

- ▶ Combination :

- Redistributive taxes/subsidy :  $\mathbf{t}_{i,t} = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_t^k}{\lambda_{i,t}^k}$
- The Pigouvian tax :  $\mathbf{t}_S^f$  is flat rate accounting for the climate externality

$$\mathbf{t}_t^S = -\frac{\bar{\lambda}_t^S}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k} = -\int_{\mathbb{I}} \frac{\lambda_{i,t}^S}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k} p_i di \neq CC_{i,t}$$

- Everything is rebated lump sum to the household in each country  $i$

## Carbon taxation

- We saw two notions to prices and tax carbon emissions :

$$CC_{i,t} = -\frac{\lambda_{i,t}^S}{\lambda_{i,t}^k}$$

- The "social cost of carbon" is often expressed as :

$$SCC_t = \int_{\mathbb{I}} CC_{j,t} dj = - \int_{\mathbb{I}} \frac{\lambda_{j,t}^S}{\lambda_{j,t}^k} p_{j,t} di$$

- We noticed that Pigouvian carbon taxes on fossils  $e_{i,t}^f$  for country  $i$  are :

$$\mathbf{t}_{i,t}^S = -\frac{1}{\lambda_{i,t}^k} \int_{\mathbb{I}} \omega_j \lambda_{j,t}^S p_{j,t} dj \neq - \int_{\mathbb{S}} \frac{\lambda_{j,t}^S}{\lambda_{j,t}^k} p_{j,t} di$$

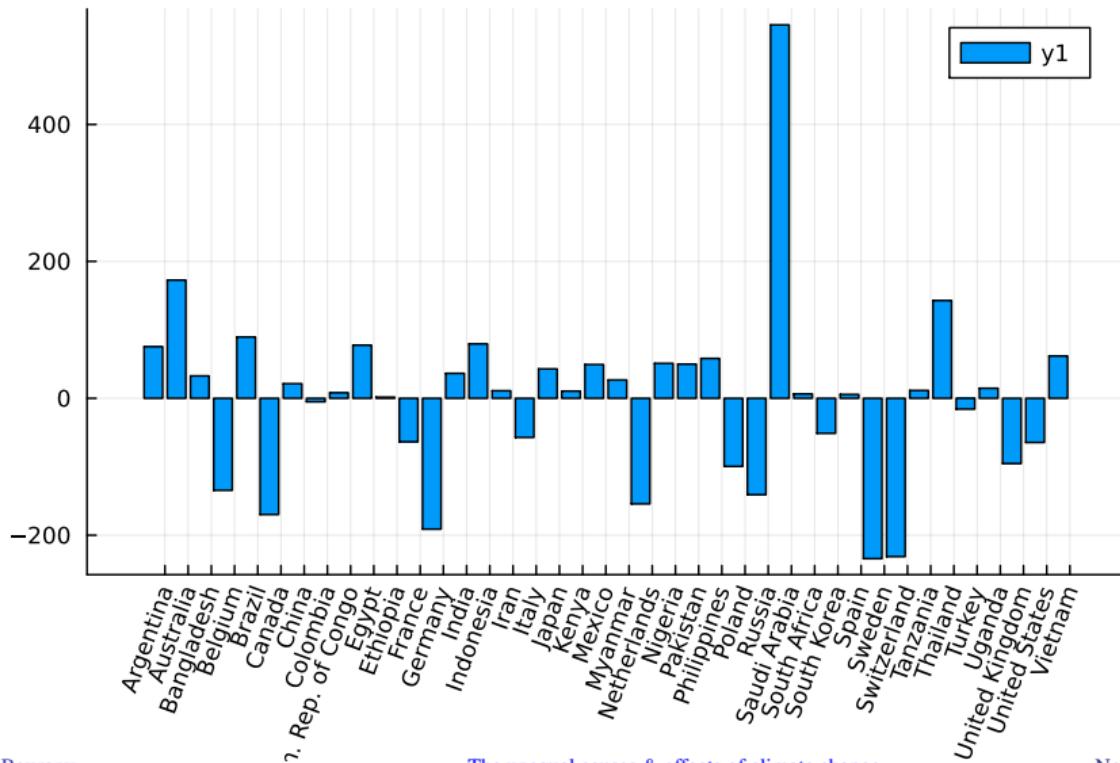
- In particular, rich/developed countries would pay larger taxes (lower  $\lambda_t^{k,i}$ )
- Redistribution motive to correct from unequal marginal costs of emitting

## Application

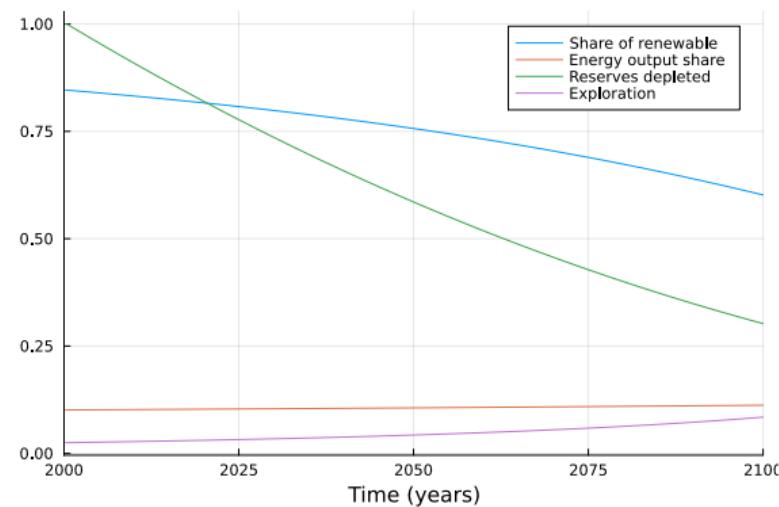
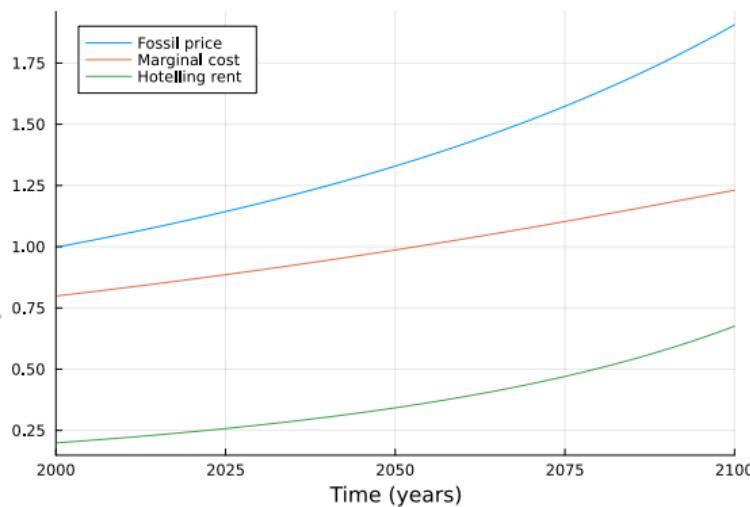
- ▶ Data : 40 countries
- ▶ Temperature (of the largest city), GDP, energy, population
- ▶ Calibrate  $z$  to match the distribution of output per capita at steady state

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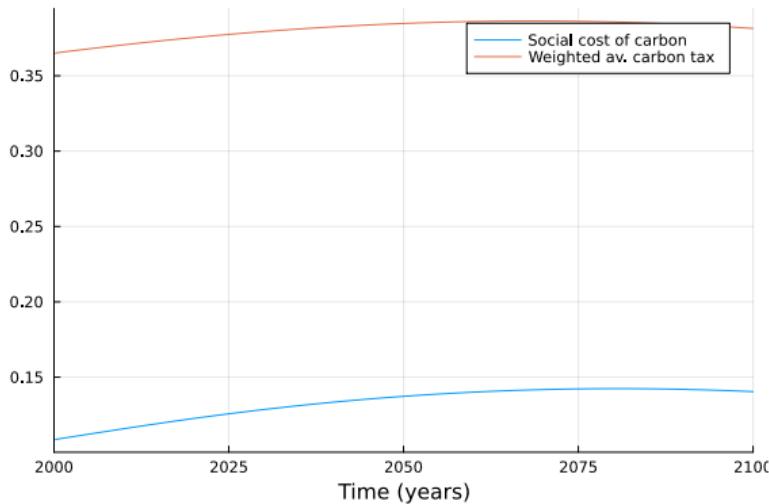
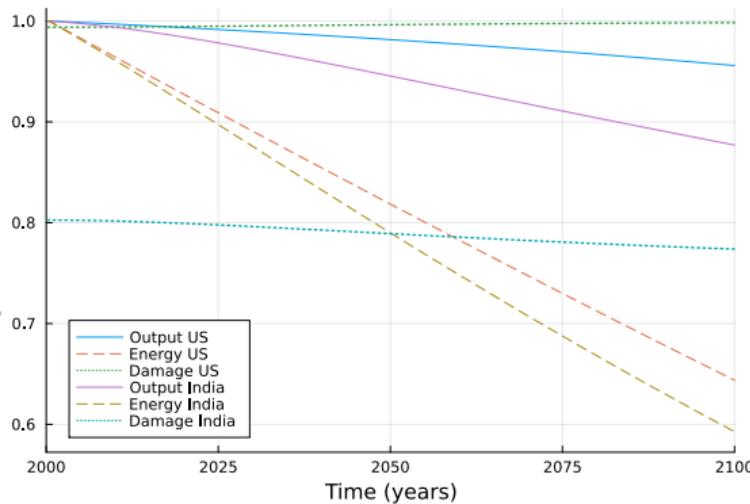
## Distribution of carbon prices :



# Energy



## Output and carbon price



## Extensions - 1 - Endogenous growth

- ▶ As of now, TFP  $z_t$  and directed technical change  $z_t^e$  are exogenous – growing at  $\bar{g}^y$  and  $g^{z^e}$
- ▶ Could easily nest an endogenous growth block in this model

- Household / firm in country  $i$  chooses an amount  $x_{i,t}$  of R&D to be allocated to increase TFP at rate  $\omega_t^z$  or energy technology (efficiency)
- Cost  $c(x_{i,t})$

$$\dot{z}_t = h^y(\omega^z x_t) \quad \dot{z}_t^e = h^e((1 - \omega^z)x_t)$$

- As a result, the marginal value of an investment in R&D is "priced" on the costates :

$$-\dot{\lambda}_t^z + \rho\lambda_t^z = \lambda_t^k \mathcal{D}(\tau_t) f(k_t, e_t) \quad \text{Recall : } y_t = z_t \mathcal{D}(\tau_t) f(k_t, e_t)$$

$$-\dot{\lambda}_t^{z^e} + \rho\lambda_t^{z^e} = \lambda_t^k z_t \mathcal{D}(\tau_t) \partial_{z^e} f(k_t, e_t)$$

- And optimal decisions depend on this shadow value ;

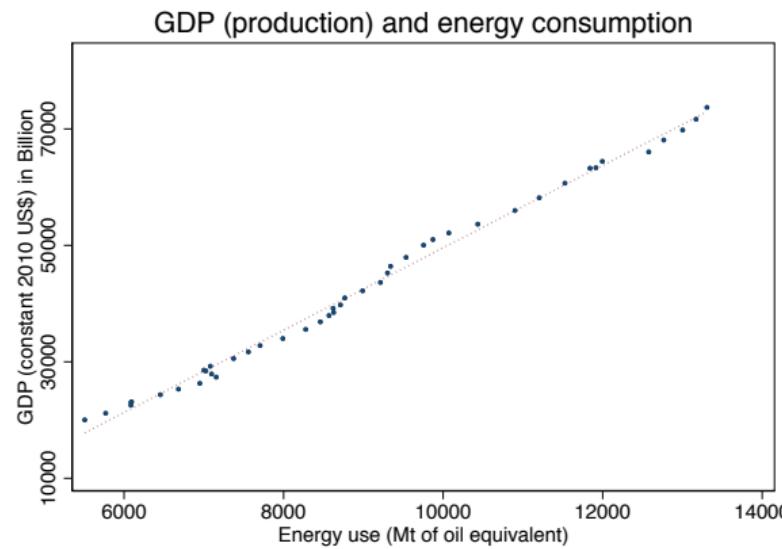
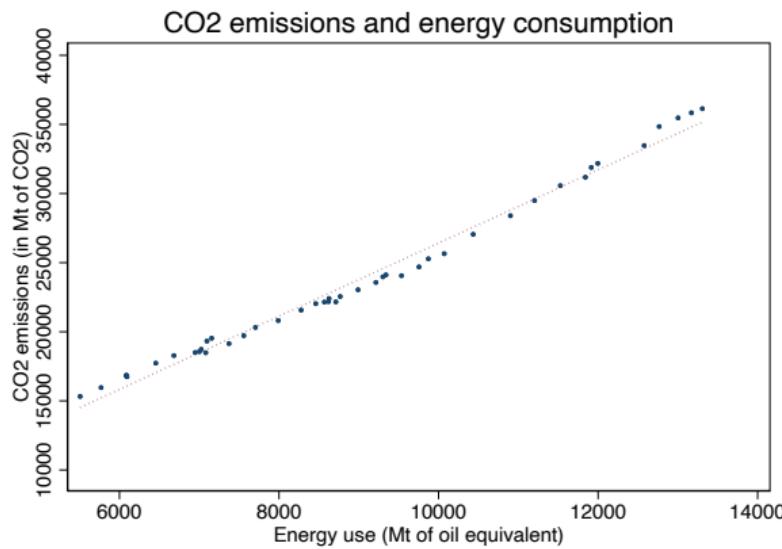
$$\omega^z h'^y(\omega^z x_t) \frac{\lambda_t^z}{\lambda_t^k} = c'(x_{i,t}) \quad (1 - \omega^z) h'^e((1 - \omega^z)x_t) \frac{\lambda_t^z}{\lambda_t^k} = c'(x_{i,t})$$

## Conclusion

- ▶ Climate change is induced by externality
  - Energy/Emission choice doesn't include the impact on other countries
  - Cause strengthened by heterogeneity in wealth (capital/productivity)
  - Effect strengthened by heterogeneity in impact (temperature/damage)
- ▶ Social planner allocation correct for these different dimensions
  - Both Static correction  $\equiv$  modified Pigouvian carbon taxation
  - And dynamic : through the marginal value of states
- ▶ Future plans :
  - Simulation of the three equilibria  $CE/tax/SP$
  - Match the distribution of  $k$  using dynamics over 1960-2020
  - Social cost of carbon including heterogeneity and model uncertainty

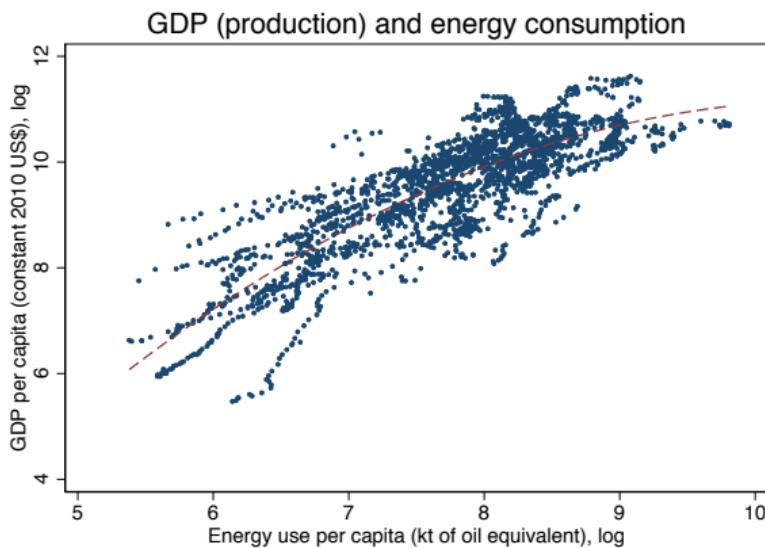
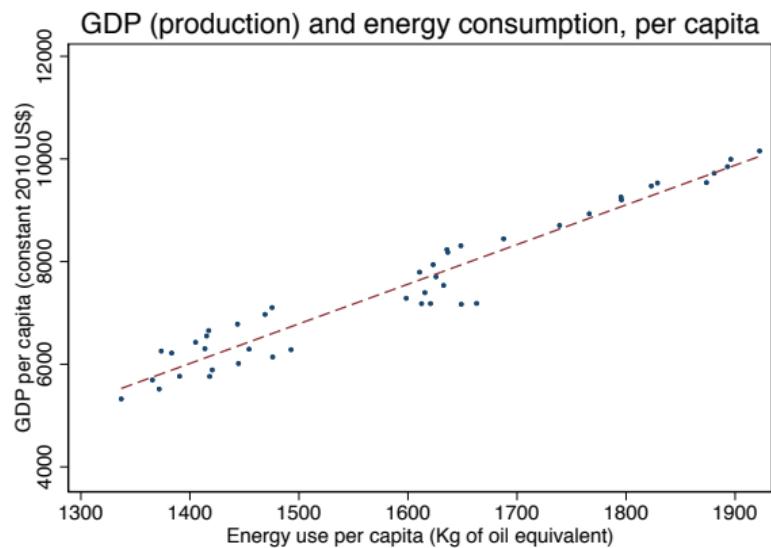
## Motivation

- ▶  $CO_2$  emissions correlate linearly with energy use
- ▶ Energy use (85% from fossils) correlates with output/growth



## Introduction – Motivation

- ▶ Also true per capita and for the trajectory of individual countries



## More details – Energy market

- ▶ Fossil fuel producer : price the Hotelling rent with the maximum principle :
- ▶ Rent  $\lambda_t^R$  grows with interest  $\rho$  and with the marginal gain of increasing reserves

$$\dot{\lambda}_t^R = \rho\lambda_t^R + \frac{\bar{\nu}\nu}{1+\nu} \left( \frac{E_t^*}{R_t} \right)^{1+\nu} + \frac{\bar{\mu}\mu}{1+\mu} \left( \frac{I_t^*}{R_t} \right)^{1+\mu}$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_t^R = \rho\lambda_t^R + \frac{\bar{\nu}^{-1/\nu}\nu}{1+\nu} (q^{e,f} - \lambda_t^R)^{1+1/\nu} + \frac{\bar{\mu}^{-1/\mu}\mu}{1+\mu} (\delta^R \lambda_t^R)^{1+1/\mu}$$

- ▶ Alternative energy price  $q_t^C$

$$\begin{cases} \vartheta_t = 0 & \text{if } q_t^C < q_t^e \\ \vartheta_t = 1 & \text{if } q_t^C > q_t^e \end{cases}$$

## More details – PMP

- ▶ State variables  $s = (p, z, \delta, k, \tau, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{R})$  and three controls  $(c, e, \vartheta)$

$$\dot{k}_t = \mathcal{D}(\tau_t)f(k_t, e_t) - (n + \bar{g} + \delta)k_t - c_t - q_t^e e_t - \Lambda_t(\vartheta_t)e_t$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t = e^{(n+\bar{g})t} \int_{\mathbb{S}} \xi(1 - \vartheta_t(s)) e_t^f(s) p_t(s) ds$$

$$\dot{\tau}_t = \Delta_i \zeta (\chi \mathcal{S}_t - \mathcal{T}_t) \quad \dot{\mathcal{S}}_t = \mathcal{E}_t - \delta^s \mathcal{S}_t$$

$$\dot{R}_t = -E_t + \delta_R \mathcal{I}_t$$

$$s_0 = (z_{0,i}, k_{0,i}, R_0, T_{0,i})$$

- ▶ Pontryagin Maximum Principle

$$\mathcal{H}(s, c, e, \varphi, \{\lambda\}) = u(c, \tau) + \lambda^k \dot{k} + \lambda^S \dot{S} + \lambda^T \dot{T}$$

$$\partial_c \mathcal{H}(\cdot) = 0 \quad \partial_e \mathcal{H}(\cdot) = 0 \quad -\dot{\lambda}_t^x + \tilde{\rho} \lambda_t^x = \partial_x \mathcal{H}(\cdot)$$

- Hamiltonian :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(s, c, \lambda) = & u(c, \tau) + \lambda^k \left( \mathcal{D}(\tau_t)f(k_t, e_t) - (n + \bar{g} + \delta)k_t - c_t - q_t^e e_t \right) \\ & + \lambda_t^S \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}} \xi e_t^f p_t ds - \delta^s \mathcal{S}_t \right) + \lambda_t^T \Delta_i \zeta (\chi \mathcal{S}_t - \mathcal{T}_t) \end{aligned}$$

## Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

- ▶ Solving for the cost of carbon and temperature  $\Leftrightarrow$  solving ODE

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\lambda}_t^T &= \lambda_t^T(\tilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta) + \gamma(T - T^*)\mathcal{D}^y(T)f(k, e)\lambda_t^k + \phi(T - T^*)\mathcal{D}^u(T)u(c) \\ \dot{\lambda}_t^S &= \lambda_t^S(\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s) - \Delta\zeta\chi\lambda_t^T\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Solving for  $\lambda_t^T$  and  $\lambda_t^S$ , in stationary equilibrium  $\dot{\lambda}_t^S = \dot{\lambda}_t^T = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_t^S &= - \int_t^\infty e^{-(\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s)\tau} \Delta\zeta\chi\lambda_\tau^T d\tau \\ \lambda_t^T &= - \int_t^\infty e^{-(\tilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta)\tau} (T_\tau - T^*) \left( \gamma\mathcal{D}^y(T_\tau)y_\tau\lambda_\tau^k + \phi\mathcal{D}^u(T_\tau)u(c_\tau) \right) d\tau \\ \lambda_t^T &= - \frac{1}{\tilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta} (T - T^*) \left( \gamma\mathcal{D}^y(T_\infty)y_\infty\lambda_\infty^k + \phi\mathcal{D}^u(T_\infty)u(c_\infty) \right) \\ \lambda_t^S &= \frac{1}{\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s} \Delta\zeta\chi\lambda_\infty^T \\ &= - \frac{\Delta\chi}{\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s} \frac{\zeta}{\tilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta} (T - T^*) \left( \gamma\mathcal{D}^y(T_\infty)y_\infty\lambda_\infty^k + \phi\mathcal{D}^u(T_\infty)u(c_\infty) \right) \\ \lambda_t^S &\xrightarrow{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} - \frac{\Delta\chi}{\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s} (T - T^*) \left( \gamma\mathcal{D}^y(T_\infty)y_\infty\lambda_\infty^k + \mathcal{D}^u(T_\infty)u(c_\infty) \right)\end{aligned}$$

## Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

► Closed form solution for CC :

- In stationary equilibrium :  $\dot{\lambda}_t^S = \dot{\lambda}_t^T = 0$
- Fast temperature adjustment  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$
- no internalization of externality (business as usual)

$$CC_t(s) \equiv \frac{\Delta\chi}{\tilde{\rho} - \delta^s} (T_\infty - T^*) \left( \gamma \mathcal{D}^y(T_\infty) y_\infty + \phi \mathcal{D}^u(T_\infty) \frac{c_\infty}{1 - \eta} \right)$$

► Heterogeneity + uncertainty about models

## Uncertainty about models :

- ▶ In our model, we rely strongly on model specification :

- Parameters  $\theta$  of models :
  - Climate system and damages :  $(\xi, \chi, \zeta, \delta^s, \gamma, \phi)$
  - Economic model :  $\varepsilon, \nu, \bar{g}, n$  or extended :  $\omega, \sigma, \sigma^e, \nu, \mu$
  - Models with probability weight  $\pi(\theta)$
- Social cost of carbon, weighted for model uncertainty :

$$SCC_t(\theta) = - \int_{\mathbb{S}} \frac{\lambda_t^S(s, \theta)}{\lambda_t^k(s, \theta)} g(s) ds$$

$$S\bar{C}C_t = \int_{\Theta} SCC_t(\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta = \int_{\Theta} \int_{\mathbb{S}} \frac{\lambda_t^S(s, \theta)}{\lambda_t^k(s, \theta)} g(s) ds \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

- Counterfactual computation of  $SCC$ 
  - Representative country / no uncertainty  $\frac{\lambda_t^S}{\lambda_t^k}$
  - With heterogeneous regions / no uncertainty  $SCC_t(\bar{\theta})$
  - No heterogeneity / model uncertainty  $\int_{\Theta} \frac{\lambda_t^S(\bar{s}, \theta)}{\lambda_t^k(\bar{s}, \theta)} \pi(\theta) d\theta$
  - With heterogeneous regions / with model uncertainty  $S\bar{C}C_t$
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## Long term temperature

- ▶ Integrating temperature dynamics :

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{i,T} - \tau_{i,t_0} &= \Delta_i(\mathcal{T}_T - \mathcal{T}_{t_0}) = \Delta_i \chi \int_{t_0}^T e^{-\delta_s(T-t)} \mathcal{E}_t dt \\ &= \Delta_i \chi \xi \int_{t_0}^T e^{(n+\bar{g})t - \delta_s(T-t)} \int_{j \in \mathbb{I}} e_{j,t}^f (1 - \vartheta_{j,t}) dj dt\end{aligned}$$

- Use CES demands :  $e_{j,t}^f = \omega e_{j,t} q_t^{-\sigma_e} q_t^{\sigma_e}$  for energy and  $e_t = (z z_t^e \mathcal{D}(\tau_{j,t})^{\sigma-1} q_t^{-\sigma})$
- Moreover, CES price index  $q_t = (\omega q_t^{f,1-\sigma_e} + (1-\omega)q_t^{r,1-\sigma_e})^{1/(1-\sigma_e)}$ , so first order approximation :  $g^q = \omega g^{q^f} + (1-\omega)g^{q^r}$  with growth for  $q^f$  and  $q^r$  as well as  $z_t^e = e^{g^e t}$
- Gives :

$$e_{j,t}^f = \omega q_t^{-\sigma_e} q_{j,t}^{\sigma_e} (z z_t^e \mathcal{D}(\tau_{j,t})^{\sigma-1} q_{j,t}^{-\sigma})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{i,T} - \tau_{i,t_0} = \Delta_i \chi \xi \omega \int_{t_0}^T & e^{(n+\bar{g})t - \delta_s(T-t)} e^{(-\sigma_e + (\sigma_e - \sigma)\omega) g^f t} e^{(\sigma_e - \sigma)(1-\omega) g^r t} \\ & \times \int_{j \in \mathbb{I}} (z z_t^e \mathcal{D}(\tau_{j,t}))^{\sigma-1} y_{j,t} (1 - \vartheta_{j,t}) dj dt \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ back

## Social Planner allocation

- ▶ Solving the social planner allocation : Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^{sp}(s, \{c\}, \{e^f\}, \{e^r\}, \{\lambda\}) = & \int_{\mathbb{I}} \omega_i u(c_i, \tau_i) p_i di - w L_t^f + \int_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k \left( \mathcal{D}(\tau_t) f(k_t, e_t) - (n + \bar{g} + \delta) k_t - c_t \right) p_i di \\ & + \widehat{\lambda}_t^S \left( \int_{\mathbb{I}} \xi^f e_t^f p_i di - \delta^S \mathcal{S}_t \right) + \int_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^\tau \Delta_i \zeta (\chi \mathcal{S}_t - \mathcal{T}_t) p_i di \\ & + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R \left( -E_t^f + \delta^R \mathcal{I}_t \right) + \widehat{\lambda}_t^{e^f} \left( \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}(L_t^f, \mathcal{R}_t) - E_t^f \right) + \int_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_t^{e^r} \left( z_{i,t}^r k_{i,t}^{r,\alpha} - e_t^r \right) p_i di \end{aligned}$$

with  $E_t^f = \int_{\mathbb{I}} e_{i,t}^f p_i di$  and  $e_t = \left( \omega^{\frac{1}{\sigma^e}} (e_{i,t}^f)^{\frac{\sigma^e-1}{\sigma^e}} + (1-\omega)^{\frac{1}{\sigma^e}} (e_{i,t}^r)^{\frac{\sigma^e-1}{\sigma^e}} \right)^{\frac{\sigma^e}{\sigma^e-1}}$

- ▶ Results :

$$\omega_i u_c(c_i, \tau_i) = \widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k$$

$$\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k MPe_{i,t} \frac{\partial e_{i,t}}{\partial e_{i,t}^f} = \widehat{\lambda}_t^{e^f} + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R + \widehat{\lambda}_t^S$$

$$\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k MPe_{i,t} \frac{\partial e_{i,t}}{\partial e_{i,t}^r} = \widehat{\lambda}_t^{e^r}$$

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## Social Planner allocation

- ▶ Moreover, using Pontryagin principle, accounting for the distribution, we should have an adjustment for the state dynamics :
  - Valuation of the state changes when the planner knows if after the externality

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## Decentralization

- ▶ With inequality  $\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k \neq \widehat{\lambda}_{j,t}^k$ , it's unclear how to decentralize
- ▶ Allowing lump sum transfer across countries solves world inequality  $\lambda_{i,t}^k = \lambda_{j,t}^k = \bar{\lambda}_t^k$ , as a result :

$$\widehat{\lambda}_{i,t}^k MPe_{i,t} \frac{\partial e_{i,t}}{\partial e_{i,t}^f} = \widehat{\lambda}_t^{ef} + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R + \widehat{\lambda}_t^S \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad MPe_{i,t} \frac{\partial e_{i,t}}{\partial e_{i,t}^f} = \left( \underbrace{\mathcal{C}'(E_t^f) + \lambda_t^R}_{=q_t^{e,f} = \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_t^{ef} + \widehat{\lambda}_t^R}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k}} + \underbrace{T_t^f}_{= \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_t^S}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k}} \right)$$

- ▶ The climate  $\mathbf{t}_t^f$  is flat rate accounting for the climate externality

$$\mathbf{t}_t^f = \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_t^S}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k} = \int_{\mathbb{I}} \frac{\lambda_{i,t}^S}{\bar{\lambda}_t^k} p_i di \neq CC_{i,t}$$

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## FBSDE for MFG systems – general formulation

- ▶ State  $X_t \equiv (a_t, z_t) \in \mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  (possibly with state-constraints), and  $X$  diffusion process with control  $\alpha^\star(t, X, P_X, Y) \equiv c_t^\star$

$$dX_t = b(X_t, P_{X_t}, \alpha_t^\star) dt + \sigma dB_t$$

- ▶ Set up the Hamiltonian :

$$\mathcal{H}(t, x, P_X, y) = \max_{\alpha \in \mathbb{A}} (u(\alpha) + b(x, P_X, \alpha) \cdot y)$$

- ▶ Optimal control  $c^\star \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{A}} (u(\alpha) + b(x, P_X, \alpha) \cdot y)$
- ▶ Using the Pontryagin maximum principle :

$$dY_t = -D_x \mathcal{H}(t, X_t, P_{X_t}, Y_t) dt + \tilde{Z}_t dB_t$$

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- A boundary condition of  $Y_T$  or transversality  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\rho t} X_t Y_t = 0$

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- ▶ Suppose now that the social planner controls the dynamic of each agents ... *accounting for its effect on the distribution*
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- ▶ Effect on the distribution :
  - Social planner internalize the externality coming from heterogeneity
    - ▶  $D_\mu H$  is the L-derivative w.r.t the measure  $\mu \equiv \mathbb{P}_{X_t}$
    - ▶ Idea : lifting of the function  $H(x, \mu) = \hat{H}(x, \hat{X})$  where  $\hat{X} \sim \mu$  and hence  $D_\mu H(x, \mu)(\hat{X}) = D_{\hat{x}} \hat{H}(x, \hat{X})$
    - ▶ Intuition : shift the distribution of states  $\hat{X}$  for all agents
    - ▶ Probabilistic approach : easy to compute  $\tilde{\mathbb{E}}[D_\mu H(\tilde{X}_t, \mu)] = \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[D_{\hat{x}} \hat{H}(\tilde{X}_t, \hat{X})]$
  - Here : the effect is homogeneous for all agents : the interaction with the measure is non-local !

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## Sequential approach FBSDE w/ Agg. shocks

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## MFG system : Recursive approach w/ Agg. shocks

- ▶ Here : recursive w.r.t. idiosyncratic shocks, but sequential w.r.t. aggregate shocks.
- ▶ System for  $v$  and  $g$  :

$$\begin{aligned} -\partial_t v + \rho v &= \max_{\alpha} u(\alpha) + \mathcal{A}(v)v + Z_t^0 dB_t^0 \\ \partial_t g &= \mathcal{A}^*(v)g + \partial_x[\sigma g]dB_t^0 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Solve the PDE system :
  - Finite difference, upwinding scheme
  - View that as a non-linear system : use Quasi Newton methods
  - New part : forcing terms  $\partial_x[\sigma g]dB_t^0$  and  $Z_t^0 dB_t^0$
  - Initial and terminal conditions

$$v_T = v^\infty \quad g_0 = g^\infty$$

- ▶ Direct effect of uncertainty on measure
- ▶ Indirect effect through agent expectations : shadow price of aggregate risk  $Z_t^0$