The Optimal design of Climate Agreements Inequality, Trade and Incentives for carbon policy

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- ▶ Preview of the result :
 - Differing incentives to join club through exposure to GE effects on energy & good prices
 - Benefit: change in climate, cost through taxation, energy rent & GE effect on price
 - Trade matters as it creates interdependence across countries
 - o Damages of climate change propagate across countries : SCC become correlated
 - o Leakage effect of carbon taxation : reallocate activity to outside the club
 - Generate policy leverage for making the climate club sustainable

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Literature

- Climate change & optimal carbon taxation
 - RA model: Nordhaus DICE (1996-), Weitzman (2014), Golosov et al (2014)
 - HA model: Krusell Smith (2022), Kotlikoff, Kubler, Polbin, Scheidegger (2021)
 - Spatial models : Cruz, Rossi-Hansberg (2022, 2023)
 - ⇒ Optimal and constrained policy with heterogeneous countries & trade
- ► Unilateral vs. climate club policies :
 - Climate clubs: Nordhaus (2015), Non-cooperative taxation: Chari, Kehoe (1990), Suboptimal policy: Hassler, Krusell, Olovsson (2019)
 - Trade policy: Kortum, Weisbach (2023), Farrokhi, Lashkaripour (2021), Hsiao (2022), Costinot, Donalson, Vogel, Werning (2015), Adao, Costinot (2022), Antras, Fort, Gutierrez, Tintelnot (2022)
 - ⇒ Climate cooperation and optimal design of climate club
- Optimal policy in heterogeneous agents models
 - Policy with limited instruments: Diamond (1973), Davila, Walther (2022)
 - Bhandari et al (2021), Le Grand, Ragot (2022), Davila, Schaab (2022) . . .
 - ⇒ Application to climate and carbon taxation policy

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- Competitive homogeneous good producer in country i

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{e}_{i}^{f}} p_{i} \mathcal{D}(\tau_{i}) z_{i} f(\boldsymbol{e}_{i}^{f}) - w_{i} - (q^{f} + \mathbf{t}_{i}^{e}) \boldsymbol{e}_{i}^{f}$$

- Fossil energy demand e_i^f emitting carbon subject to price q^f and tax/subsidy t^f .
- Climate externality : effect of temperature on damage/TFP, $\mathcal{D}(\tau) \in (0,1)$

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- Climate system
 - Fossil energy e^f releases GHGs in the atmosphere

$$\mathcal{E} = \sum_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{T}} e_i^f$$

Country's local temperature :

$$\tau_i = \bar{\tau}_{i0} + \Delta_i \mathcal{E}$$

- Linear model + Climate sensitivity/pattern scaling factor Δ_i

Model – Equilibrium

► Equilibrium

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

$$y_i := z_i \mathcal{D}(\tau_i) f(e_i^f) = \sum_k d_{ki} c_{ki} + \frac{q^e}{p_i} (e_i^f - e_i^x) + \mathcal{C}(e_i^x, \mathcal{R}_i)$$

Model – Dynamics & extensions

- 1. Energy market
 - Renewable energy firm in each country
 - Price of clean energy trending down
 - Fossil energy extraction/depleting reserves ⇒ Hotelling problem
- 2. Firm
 - Use capital as well to produce
 - Use an energy bundle of renewable and fossil energy
- 3. Households
 - Consumption / saving in bonds / in capital ⇒ Keynes-Ramsey rule
 - International markets to borrow bonds (in zero net supply)
- 4. Climate system with (short) inertia / closer to Integrated assessments models
- 5. Population growth dynamics for each country
- 6. (Exogenous) growth: TFP change and Energy-augmenting Directed TC.

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Model – Solution

- ▶ Step 0 : Competitive equilibrium / Business as usual : No policy $t_i = 0$
- ► Step 1 : Optimal (Ramsey) policy for the world
- ▶ Step 2 : Countries decide whether to join the climate club : participation constraints
- ▶ Step 3 : Optimal design of size \mathbb{J} and countries $j \in \mathbb{J}$ in the climate agreement

Step 0 : Competitive equilibrium

- ► Key objects :
 - Marginal value of wealth $\lambda_i = \frac{u'(c_i)}{\mathbb{P}_i}$ with price index $\mathbb{P}_i = \left(\sum_j a_{ij} (d_{ij} p_j)^{1-\theta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$
 - Marginal value of carbon $\psi_i^{\mathcal{E}}$ for country i
 - "Local social cost of carbon" (LCC) for region *i* :

$$LCC_{i} := \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_{i}/\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \mathcal{V}_{i}/\partial w_{i}} = \frac{\psi_{i}^{\mathcal{E}}}{\lambda_{i}} = -\Delta_{i}\mathcal{D}'(\tau_{i})z_{i}f(e_{i}^{f})p_{i} \qquad (> 0 \text{ if heat causes losses})$$

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- The planner takes into account (i) the marginal value of wealth λ_i as well as (ii) the shadow value of good i, from market clearing, μ_i :

w/ trade :
$$\omega_i u'(c_i) = \Big(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{I}} a_{ij} (d_{ij} \mathbf{p}_j)^{1-\theta} \Big[\omega_i \lambda_i + \omega_j \mu_j + \eta_{ij} (1-s_{ij}) \Big]^{1-\theta} \Big)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$
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Social Cost of Carbon integrates these inequalities :

$$SCC = \sum_{\mathbb{T}} \widehat{\lambda}_i LCC_i = \sum_{\mathbb{T}} LCC_i + \mathbb{C}ov_i(\widehat{\lambda}_i, LCC_i)$$

Step 1 : Optimal policy – Other motives

- ► Taxing fossil energy has additional redistributive effects :
 - 1. Through energy markets: distort supply, lowers eq. fossil price, benefit net importers
 - 2. Distort energy demand, of countries that need more or less energy
- ► New measure : Social Cost of Fossil (SCF)

$$SCF := \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}/\partial E_t^f}{\partial \mathcal{W}_t/\partial w_t} = \mathcal{C}_{EE}^f \mathbb{C}ov_i \left(\widehat{\lambda}_i, \mathbf{e_{it}^f} - \mathbf{e_{it}^x}\right) - \mathbb{C}ov_i \left(\widehat{v}_i, \frac{q^e (1 - s_i^f)}{\sigma e_i^f}\right)$$

- with \mathcal{C}_{EE}^f fossil energy supply elasticity, s_i^f energy cost share and σ energy demand elasticity
- ▶ Proposition 2 : Optimal fossil energy tax :

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $t^f = SCC + SCF$

- Social cost of carbon : $SCC = \sum_{\mathbb{T}} \hat{\lambda}_i LCC_i$

Step 2: Ramsey Problem with participation constraints

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 $[\nu_i]$

Welfare :

$$\mathcal{W} = \max_{\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{q}\}_i} \sum_{\mathbb{J}} \omega_i \ u(c_i) + \sum_{\mathbb{J}^c} \alpha \omega_i \ u(c_i)$$

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- ▶ Proposition 3.1 : Second-Best social valuation with participation constraints
 - Participation incentives change our measure of inequality

w/ trade:
$$\omega_{i}(1+\nu_{i})u'(c_{i}) = \left(\sum_{j\in\mathbb{I}}a_{ij}(d_{ij}\mathbf{p}_{j})^{1-\theta}\left[\omega_{i}\widetilde{\lambda}_{i}+\omega_{j}\widetilde{\mu}_{j}+\widetilde{\eta}_{ij}(1-s_{ij})\right]^{1-\theta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$$

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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 2: 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 $\vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c} \approx \frac{E_{\mathbb{J}^c}}{E_{\mathbb{I}}} \frac{\nu \sigma}{q^e(1-s^f)}$ with ν fossil supply elasticity, σ energy demand elasticity and s^f energy cost share.
 - Optimal fossil energy tax $t^f(\mathbb{J})$:

$$\Rightarrow \quad \mathfrak{t}^f(\mathbb{J}) = SCC + \underbrace{SCF}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}} \widetilde{\lambda}_i LCC_i + \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c}} \mathcal{C}_{EE}^f \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}} \widetilde{\lambda}_i (e_i^f - e_i^x) - \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}} \widetilde{v}_i \frac{q^f (1 - s_i^f)}{\sigma e_i^f}$$

• 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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- Naive approach:
 - Combinatorial problem : $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I})$ with $2^{|\mathbb{I}|}$ choices

$$\max_{\mathbb{J}\in\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I})}\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J})$$

- Choice of countries \mathbb{J} yields optimal taxes $\{t^f(\mathbb{J}), t^{b,r}(\mathbb{J}), t^b(\mathbb{J})\}$
- Search for complementarity

$$\Delta \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}',j) := \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}' \cup j) - \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J}') > \Delta \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{J},j)$$
 when $\mathbb{J}' \supset \mathbb{J}$ for all $j \in \mathbb{I}$

Step 3 : Optimal Design – Alternative approach

- ► Alternative approach : choosing policy first
 - From a level of the tax t^f and t^b imposed on club \mathbb{J} , we can deduce the number of countries $\widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$ with binding participation constraints

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$$
 s.t. $u(c_i) \geq u(\widetilde{c}_i) \quad \forall i \in \widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$

- Search for the couple $\{t^f, t^b\}$ such that $\mathbb{J} = \widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$
- ▶ What determines the choice of a country to join the climate agreement?
 - Benefit : lower temperature path τ_i , reduce in energy price q^e , increase in domestic good price p_i , etc.
 - Costs: carbon tax, tariffs on countries outside the club, decrease in fossil rent

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Step 3: Numerical approach

- ► Algorithm : sequential approach
 - 1. Start from the second-best optimal policy $\{t^f, t^b\}$, on the world $\mathbb{J} = \mathbb{I}$
 - 2. From tax levels imposed on club \mathbb{J} , deduce the number of countries $\widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$ with binding participation constraints

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$$
 s.t. $u(c_i) \geq u(\widetilde{c}_i) \quad \forall i \in \widetilde{\mathbb{J}}$

- Search for t^f that yield $\mathbb{J} = f(\mathbb{J}, t^f, t^b)$
- 3. If $Im(f(\mathbb{J}, \mathfrak{t}^f, \mathfrak{t}^b)) \subseteq \mathbb{J}$, remove countries one-by-one
- 4. Repeat (2-3) until convergence fixed point of $\widetilde{\mathbb{J}} = f(\mathbb{J}, t^{l}, t^{b})$ or unraveling

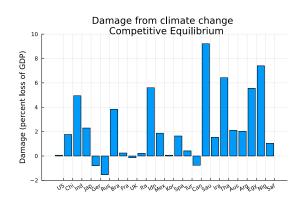
Quantification and numerical method

- Quantification More details
 - Production $\bar{y} = zf(k, e^f, e^r)$ with Nested CES capital/energy $\sigma_y < 0$ and fossil/renewable $\sigma_e > 1$. Calibrate parameters to match GDP / energy shares data.
 - Quadratic damage as in Nordhaus DICE $y = \mathcal{D}_i(\tau)\bar{y}$ with $\mathcal{D}_i(\tau) = e^{-\gamma(\tau \tau_i)^2}$
 - Energy parameters to match production/reserves
- ► Numerical method More details
 - Sequential approach: rely on Pontryagin Maximum Principle
 - Can simulate models with arbitrary numbers of dimensions of heterogeneity

Numerical Application – Competitive equilibrium

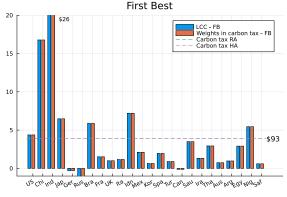
▶ Data : 24 countries, (G20+4 large countries)

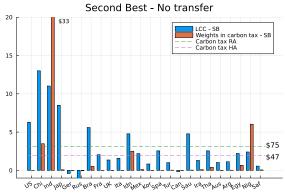




Local Cost of Carbon & Carbon Tax – First and Second Best

▶ Difference $LCC_i = \frac{\psi_i^{\mathcal{E}}}{\lambda_i^{w}}$ vs. $\widehat{\lambda}_i^{w}LCC_i = \frac{\psi_i^{\mathcal{E}}}{\widehat{\lambda}_i^{w}}$ since $SCC = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_i^{w}LCC_i$





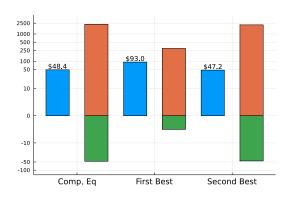
Comparison - Value of wealth vs. Social Cost of Carbon

Social Cost of Carbon can be decomposed :

$$SCC := -\frac{\partial \mathcal{W}/\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \mathcal{W}/\partial c} = \frac{\psi^{\mathcal{E}}}{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{\mathbb{I}} \psi_{i}^{\mathcal{E}}}{\frac{1}{I} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \lambda_{i}}$$

► Here plot that decomposition :

$$\log(SCC) = \log(\psi^{\mathcal{E}}) - \log(\lambda)$$



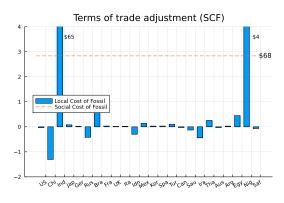
Local Cost of Fossil and Terms of Trade Adjustment

Social Cost of Fossil Energy :

$$\textit{SCF} = \mathcal{C}_\textit{EE} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_i \big(\underline{e_i^f} - \underline{e_i^x} \big) \qquad \mathcal{C}_\textit{EE}^{f-1} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{C}_{i,e^xe^x}^{f-1}$$

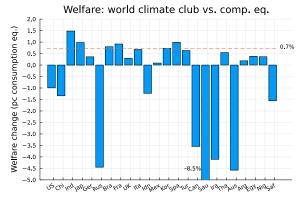
► Here plotting local cost of fossil :

$$LCF_i = \widehat{\lambda}_i(e_i^f - e_i^x)$$



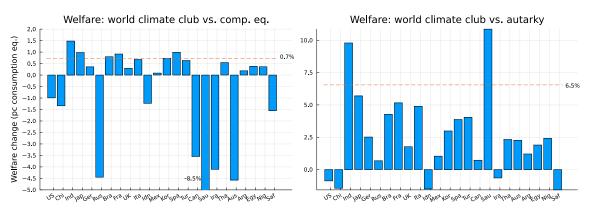
Winner and losers – Second Best vs. Competitive equilibrium

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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 general equilibrium on energy and good markets ⇒ 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
- Differing incentive to join
 - Benefit: change in climate due to participation, cost through taxation, loss in energy rent, GE effect on price
 - Complementarity: the larger the group, the higher the effect on (1) climate, (2) energy price, (3) price of outside countries $i \notin \mathbb{J}$

Appendices

More details – Capital market

In each countries, the agent can save in two assets, capital k_{it} and bonds b_{it} :

$$\begin{cases} \dot{k}_{it} &= \mathcal{D}_{i}^{y}(\tau_{it})z_{i}f(k_{it},e_{it}) - (\delta + n + \bar{g})k_{it} + \iota_{it} \\ \dot{b}_{it} &= r^{\star}b_{it} + \theta_{i}\pi_{t}^{f} + \pi_{it}^{r} - (q_{t}^{f} + t_{it}^{f})e_{it}^{f} - (q_{t}^{r} + t_{it}^{r})e_{it}^{r} - \iota_{it} - c_{it} + t_{it}^{ls} \\ b_{it} &\geq -\vartheta k_{it} \end{cases}$$

► Combining, substituting ι_{it} and defining wealth $w_{it} = k_{it} + b_{it}$, we obtain the main equation

$$\dot{w}_{it} = r^{\star}w_{it} + \mathcal{D}^{y}(au_{it})z_{it}f(k_{it},e_{it}) - (ar{\delta} + r_{t}^{\star})k_{it} + heta_{i}\pi_{t}^{f} + \pi_{it}^{r} - (q_{t}^{f} + \mathbf{t}_{it}^{f})e_{it}^{f} - (q_{t}^{r} + \mathbf{t}_{it}^{r})e_{it}^{r} - c_{it} + \mathbf{t}_{it}^{f}$$
 $k_{it} \leq \frac{1}{1-e^{2}}w_{it}$

- ► Two polar cases :
 - $\vartheta \to 0$, full autarky (no trade), and $w_{it} = k_{it}$
 - $\vartheta \to 1$, full financial integration :

$$k_{it}$$
 s.t. $MPk_{it} - \bar{\delta} = \mathcal{D}_{i}^{y}(\tau_{it})z_{i}\partial_{k}f(k_{it},e_{it}) - (\delta + n + \bar{g}) = r_{t}^{\star}$



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Impact of increase in temperature

► Marginal values of the climate variables : λ_{it}^s and λ_{it}^{τ}

$$\dot{\lambda}_{it}^{\tau} = \lambda_{it}^{\tau}(\rho + \zeta) + \overbrace{\gamma_{i}(\tau_{it} - \tau_{i}^{\star})\mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau_{it})}^{-\partial_{\tau}\mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau_{it})} f(k_{it}, e_{it}) \lambda_{it}^{k} + \overbrace{\phi_{i}(\tau_{it} - \tau_{i}^{\star})\mathcal{D}^{u}(\tau_{it})^{1-\eta} c_{it}^{1-\eta}}^{\partial_{\tau}u(c,\tau)}$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_{it}^{S} = \lambda_{it}^{S}(\rho + \delta^{s}) - \zeta \chi \Delta_{i} \lambda_{it}^{\tau}$$

- Costate λ_{it}^S : marg. cost of 1Mt carbon in atmosphere, for country i. Increases with:
 - Temperature gaps $\tau_{it} \tau_i^*$ & damage sensitivity of TFP γ_i^y and utility γ_i^u
 - Development level $f(k_{it}, e_{it})$ and c_{it}
 - Climate params : χ climate sensitivity, Δ_i "catching up" of τ_i and ζ reaction speed
 - back

Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

► Solving for the cost of carbon and temperature ⇔ solving ODE

$$\dot{\lambda}_{it}^{\tau} = \lambda_{t}^{\tau}(\widetilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta) + \gamma(\tau - \tau^{\star})\mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau)f(k, e)\lambda_{t}^{k} + \phi(\tau - \tau^{\star})\mathcal{D}^{u}(\tau)u(c)
\dot{\lambda}_{t}^{S} = \lambda_{t}^{S}(\widetilde{\rho} + \delta^{s}) - \int_{\mathbb{I}} \Delta_{i}\zeta\chi\lambda_{it}^{\tau}$$

Solving for λ_t^{τ} and $\lambda_t^{\mathcal{S}}$, in stationary equilibrium $\dot{\lambda}_t^{\mathcal{S}} = \dot{\lambda}_t^{\tau} = 0$

$$\begin{split} &\lambda_{it}^{\tau} = -\int_{t}^{\infty} e^{-(\widetilde{\rho} + \zeta)u} (\tau_{u} - \tau^{\star}) \Big(\gamma \mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau_{u}) y_{\tau} \lambda_{u}^{k} + \phi \mathcal{D}^{u}(\tau_{u}) u(c_{u}) \Big) du \\ &\lambda_{it}^{\tau} = -\frac{1}{\widetilde{\rho} + \Delta \zeta} (\tau_{\infty} - \tau^{\star}) \Big(\gamma \mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau_{\infty}) y_{\infty} \lambda_{\infty}^{k} + \phi \mathcal{D}^{u}(\tau_{\infty}) u(c_{\infty}) \Big) \\ &\lambda_{t}^{S} = -\int_{t}^{\infty} e^{-(\widetilde{\rho} + \delta^{S})u} \zeta \chi \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Delta_{j} \lambda_{j,u}^{\tau} dj \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{\widetilde{\rho} + \delta^{S}} \zeta \chi \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Delta_{j} \lambda_{j,\infty}^{\tau} \\ &= -\frac{\chi}{\widetilde{\rho} + \delta^{S}} \frac{\zeta}{\widetilde{\rho} + \zeta} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Delta_{j} (\tau_{j,\infty} - \tau^{\star}) \Big(\gamma \mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau_{j,\infty}) y_{\infty} \lambda_{j,\infty}^{k} + \phi \mathcal{D}^{u}(\tau_{j,\infty}) u(c_{j,\infty}) \Big) dj \\ &\lambda_{t}^{S} \xrightarrow{\zeta \to \infty} -\frac{\chi}{\widetilde{\rho} + \delta^{S}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Delta_{j} (\tau_{j,\infty} - \tau^{\star}) \Big(\gamma \mathcal{D}^{y}(\tau_{j,\infty}) y_{j,\infty} \lambda_{j,\infty}^{k} + \mathcal{D}^{u}(\tau_{j,\infty}) u(c_{j,\infty}) \Big) dj \end{split}$$

Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

► Proposition (Stationary LSCC) :

When $t \to \infty$ and for a BGP with $\mathcal{E}_t = \delta_s \mathcal{E}_t$ and $\tau_t \to \tau_\infty$, the LSCC is *proportional* to climate sensitivity χ , marg. damage γ_i^y , γ_i^u , temperature, and output, consumption.

$$LSCC_{it} \equiv \frac{\Delta_i \chi}{\rho - n + \bar{g}(\eta - 1) + \delta^s} (\tau_{\infty} - \tau^{\star}) \Big(\gamma \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{\infty}) y_{\infty} + \phi \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_{\infty}) c_{\infty} \Big)$$

- Stationary equilibrium : $\dot{\lambda}_t^S = \dot{\lambda}_t^T = 0$
- Fast temperature adjustment $\zeta \to \infty$
- Back

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 Δ_i
- Climate sensitivity χ & carbon exit from atmosphere δ_s
- Growth of population n, aggregate productivity \bar{g}
- Deviation of output from trend y_i & relative TFP z_i
- Directed technical change z_t^e , elasticity of energy in output σ Fossil energy price q^{ef} and Hotelling rent $g^{ef} \approx \lambda_t^R/\lambda_t^R = \rho$
- Change in energy mix, renewable share ω , price q_t^r & elasticity of source σ_e
- Approximations at $T \equiv$ Generalized Kaya (or I = PAT) identity More details

$$rac{\dot{ au}_T}{ au_T} \propto n + ar{g}^{ ext{y}} - (1-\sigma)ig(g^{z^e} - \widetilde{\gamma}ig) + (\sigma_e - \sigma)(1-\omega)g^{q^r} - (\sigma_e(1-\omega) + \sigma\omega)g^{q^f}$$

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Equilibrium – Mean Field Games

Uniqueness : Lasry-Lions monotonicity on the function :

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} [f(t, x, \mu', \alpha) - f(t, x, \mu, \alpha)] d(\mu' - \mu)(x) \ge 0 \qquad \mu, \mu' \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{X})$$

• Work in progress : checking such conditions along the transition

$$\sum_{i\in\mathbb{I}} \left(u(c^{\star}(w,\tau,p')) - u(c^{\star}(w,\tau,p))\right) [p'(w,\tau) - p'(w,\tau)] \ge 0$$

with $p'(w,\tau)$ empirical distribution $p'(w,\tau) = \frac{1}{\mathbb{I}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \delta_{\{x_i = (w,\tau)\}} \equiv \text{population}$ distribution!

- ► Mean Field approximation & Carmona Delarue (2013)
 - Mean-Field is an ε -equilibrium of the N-player game when $N \to \infty$
 - Require symmetry and invariance under permutation
 - Back

Sequential solution method

- ► Summary of the model :
 - ODEs for states $\{x\} = \{w_{it}, \tau_{it}, \mathcal{R}_{it}, \mathcal{S}_t\}_{it}$
 - Backward ODE for the costates $\{\lambda\} = \{\lambda_{it}^w, \lambda_{it}^\tau, \lambda_{it}^s\}_{it}$
 - Non-linear equations (FOCs) for household controls $\{c_1\} = \{c_{it}, b_{it}, k_{it}\}_{it}$ and static demands for energy/capital $\{c_2\} = \{e_{it}^f, e_{it}^r, k_{it}\}_{it}$ and static supplies $\{c_3\} = \{e_{it}^x, \bar{e}_{it}^r\}_{it}$.
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- Global Numerical solution :
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 - Express as a large vector $\mathbf{y} = \{x, \lambda, c, q\}$ 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 Δ_i , Fossil energy cost $\bar{\nu}_i$, Energy mix ϵ_i , ω_i , z_i^r , Local damage γ_i^y , γ_i^u , τ_i^* , Directed Technical Change z_i^e
 - Potentially large dimensions of *ex-post* heterogeneity and aggregate state variables: For now: Wealth w_{it} , temperature τ_{it} , reserves \mathcal{R}_{it} , Carbon \mathcal{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 :
 - \Rightarrow 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



Quantification – Firms

▶ Production function $y_i = \mathcal{D}_i^y(\tau_i)z_if(k, \varepsilon(e^f, e^r))$

$$f_{i}(k,\varepsilon(e^{f},e^{r})) = \left[(1-\epsilon_{i})^{\frac{1}{\sigma_{y}}} k^{\alpha \frac{\sigma_{y}-1}{\sigma_{y}}} + \epsilon_{i}^{\frac{1}{\sigma_{y}}} \left(z_{i}^{e} \varepsilon_{i}(e^{f},e^{r}) \right)^{\frac{\sigma_{y}-1}{\sigma_{y}}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma_{y}}{\sigma_{y}-1}}$$
$$\varepsilon(e^{f},e^{r}) = \left[\omega_{i}^{\frac{1}{\sigma_{e}}} (e^{f})^{\frac{\sigma_{e}-1}{\sigma_{e}}} + (1-\omega_{i})^{\frac{1}{\sigma_{e}}} (e^{r})^{\frac{\sigma_{e}-1}{\sigma_{e}}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma_{e}}{\sigma_{e}-1}}$$

- Calibrate TFP z_i to match $y_i = GDP_i$ per capita in 2011 (PPP).
- Today : $\omega_i = \bar{\omega} = 85\%$ and $\epsilon_i = \bar{\epsilon} = 12\%$ for all i
- 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:

$$\mathcal{D}_i^{y}(\tau) = e^{-\gamma_i^{\pm,y}(\tau - \tau_i^{\star})^2}$$

- Asymmetry in damage to match empirics with $\gamma^y = \gamma^{+,y} \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > \tau, \star\}} + \gamma^{-,y} \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau < \tau, \star\}}$
- Today $\gamma_i^{\pm,y} = \bar{\gamma}^{\pm,y} \& \tau_i^* = \bar{\alpha} \tau_{it_0} + (1 \bar{\alpha}) \tau^*$

Quantification – Energy markets

- ► Fossil production e_{it}^x and reserve \mathcal{R}_{it}
 - Cost $C_i(e^x, \mathcal{R}) = \frac{\bar{\nu}_i}{1+\nu_i} \left(\frac{e^x}{\mathcal{R}}\right)^{1+\nu_i} \mathcal{R}$
 - Now: $\bar{\nu}_i$ to match extraction data e_i^x , \mathcal{R}_{it} calibrated to *proven reserves* data from BP. $\nu_i = \nu = 1$ quadratic extraction cost.
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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 $\tau \sim \mathcal{T}_i(\bar{T}, \sigma^T)$ following Rudik et al. (2022)
 - Use Climate Lab's (Greenstone et al) estimates for damage γ_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 (\star = subject to future changes)

Tecl	hnology &	& Energy markets	
α	0.35	Capital share in $f(\cdot)$	Capital/Output ratio
ϵ	0.12	Energy share in $f(\cdot)$	Energy cost share (8.5%)
σ	0.3	Elasticity capital-labor vs. energy	Complementarity in production (c.f. Bourany 2020)
ω	0.8	Fossil energy share in $e(\cdot)$	Fossil/Energy ratio
σ_e	2.0	Elasticity fossil-renewable	Slight substitutability & Study by Stern
δ	0.06	Depreciation rate	Investment/Output ratio
\bar{g}	0.01^{\star}	Long run TFP growth	Conservative estimate for growth
3e	0.01^{\star}	Long run energy directed technical chang	e Conservative / Acemoglu et al (2012)
g_r	-0.01^{*}	Long run renewable price decrease	Conservative / Match price fall in R.E.
ν	2*	Extraction elasticity of fossil energy	Cubic extraction cost
Prej	ferences d	& Time horizon	
ρ^{-}	0.03	HH Discount factor	Long term interest rate & usual calib. in IAMs
η	2.5	Risk aversion	
n	0.01^{*}	Long run population growth	Conservative estimate for growth
ω_i	1	Pareto weights	Uniforms / Utilitarian Social Planner
T	90	Time horizon	Horizon 2100 years since 2010
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Calibration

Population

Local Temperature

Local Fossil reserves

TFP

 \mathcal{R}_i

TABLE – Baseline calibration (\star = subject to future changes)

Climate parameters						
ξ	0.81	Emission factor	Conversion 1 $MTOE \Rightarrow 1 MT CO_2$			
ζ	0.3	Inverse climate persistence / inertia	Sluggishness of temperature $\sim 11-15$ years			
χ	2.1/1e6	Climate sensitivity	Pulse experiment : $100 GtC \equiv 0.21^{\circ} C$ medium-term warming			
δ_s	0.0014	Carbon exit from atmosphere	Pulse experiment : $100 GtC \equiv 0.16^{\circ} C$ long-term warming			
γ^{\oplus}	0.00234^{\star}	Damage sensitivity	Nordhaus' DICE			
γ^\ominus	$0.2\! imes\!\gamma^\oplus$ *	Damage sensitivity	Nordhaus' DICE & Rudik et al (2022)			
α^{τ}	0.2*	Weight historical climate for optimal temp.	Marginal damage decorrelated with initial temp.			
$ au^\star$	15.5	Optimal yearly temperature	Average spring temperature / Developed economies			
Parameters calibrated to match data						

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Data - World Bank 2011

To match GDP Data - World Bank 2011

To match temperature of largest city

To match data from BP Energy review

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Step 4: the Design of a Climate agreement

Welfare effect: 1st order:

$$\delta(\mathbb{J},j) = \mathcal{W}_{t_0}(\mathbb{J} \cup \{j\}) - \mathcal{W}_{t_0}(\mathbb{J}) = \omega_j u(c_{jt}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}} \Delta \mathcal{W}_i$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{W}_i \approx d\mathcal{W}_i = \lambda_i^w (1 - \theta_i) \left(\underbrace{\epsilon_i^e + (1 - \epsilon_i^e) \alpha \sigma_i^{k/e}}_{\text{production } f(k,e)}\right) \left(\underbrace{-\omega_i^f \sigma_i^f + (1 - \omega_i^f) \sigma_i^{r/f}}_{\text{energy use } \varepsilon(e^f,e^r)}\right) \left(\underbrace{\frac{t^f}{q^f + t^f} \frac{dt^f}{t^f}}_{\text{tax change}} + \underbrace{\frac{q^f}{q^f + t^f} \frac{dq^f}{q^f}}_{\text{GE effect}}\right)$$

$$+ \lambda_i^w \underbrace{\theta_i (1 + \frac{1}{\nu_i})}_{\text{fossil rent/supply}} \underbrace{\underbrace{\frac{q^f}{q^f + t^f} \frac{dq^f}{q^f}}_{\text{r_i damage}} + \underbrace{\frac{\chi}{j \in \mathbb{J}} \varepsilon_i \sigma_j^f}_{\text{climate sensity}}\right] \left(\underbrace{\frac{t^f}{q^f + t^f} \frac{dt^f}{t^f}}_{\text{tax change}} + \underbrace{\frac{q^f}{q^f + t^f} \frac{dq^f}{q^f}}_{\text{GE effect}}\right)$$

- Direct effect on energy use on production and substitutability with renewable cost-share ϵ_e , fossil-share ω_i , elasticity σ_i^f & capital-energy cross elast^{fy}. $\sigma_{k,e}$, fossil-renewable cross elast^{fy}. $\sigma_i^{r/f}$
- Indirect effect through energy market fossil rent θ_i , supply elasticity ν_i
- Indirect climate effect of a reduction in world emissions

GE effect

tax change

Sequential solution method

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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 $\mathbf{y} = \{x, \lambda, c, q\}$ 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 Δ_i , Fossil energy cost $\bar{\nu}_i$, Energy mix ϵ_i , ω_i , z_i^r , Local damage γ_i^y , γ_i^u , τ_i^* , Directed Technical Change z_i^e
 - Potentially large dimensions of *ex-post* heterogeneity and aggregate state variables: For now: Wealth w_{it} , temperature τ_{it} , reserves \mathcal{R}_{it} , Carbon \mathcal{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 :
 - \Rightarrow 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

