

The Inequality of Climate Change & Optimal Energy policy

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- Evaluate the heterogeneous welfare costs of global warming
 - Damages of climate & temperature varies across countries
 - ⇒ Inequality increases the welfare cost of carbon
- Solve world optimal carbon policy with heterogeneous regions
 - Does the optimal carbon tax coincide with the social cost of carbon ?
 - ⇒ Depends on transfer policy : need to adjust the tax for inequality level

Toy model

- ▶ Consider two countries $i = N, S$, (North/South)
 - Household consumes good c_i , produced by a rep. firm with energy e_i and productivity z_i
 - Energy producers extract energy e_i^x selling it at price q^e
- ▶ Country- i planner problem :

$$\mathcal{V}_i = \max_{c_i, e_i, e_i^x} U(c_i)$$

$$c_i = \mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{S}) z_i F(e_i) - q^e e_i + e_i^x q^e - c_i(e_i^x)$$

$$e_N + e_S = \underbrace{e_N^x + e_S^x}_{=\text{GHG emissions}}$$

- ▶ Climate damage $\mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{S})$ with $\mathcal{S} = \xi(e_N + e_S)$

- ▶ Competitive equilibrium Result :

- Energy decision :

$$MP_{e_i} = q^e = c'_i(e_i^x) \quad \text{with} \quad MP_{e_i} := \mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{S}) z_i F'(e_i)$$

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- Proposition 1 : First-Best and decentralization :

- Redistribution with *lump-sum transfers* / tax $T_S \geq 0$ & $T_N \leq 0$

$$\omega_S U'(c_S) = \omega_N U'(c_N)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = \mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{G}) z_i F(e_i) - (q^e + \mathbf{t}^e) e_i + e_i^x q^e - c_i(e_i^x) + T_i$$

- Common energy tax : $\mathbf{t}_i^e \equiv \mathbf{t}^e = \xi \overline{SCC}$

$$MP e_i = c'(e_i^x) + \underbrace{\xi \overline{SCC}}_{=\mathbf{t}^e} \quad \text{with} \quad \overline{SCC} := - \sum_{i=N,S} \mathcal{D}'_i(\mathcal{G}) z_i F(e_i)$$

Toy model – Optimal energy policy without transfers

- ▶ Assume now that *lump-sum transfers across countries* are prohibited
 - Ramsey policy, allowing country-specific carbon tax \mathbf{t}_i^e and lump-sum rebate $T_i = \mathbf{t}_i^e e_i$
- ▶ Proposition 2 : Second-Best without transfers :
 - Inequality because of lack of redistribution

$$\omega_S U'(c_S) \neq \omega_N U'(c_N)$$

- Energy tax integrate redistributive concerns : $\mathbf{t}_i^e \neq \mathbf{t}^e := \xi \text{ SCC}$

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- Social cost of energy (SCE) accounts for redistribution btw importer and exporter

$$\text{SCE} = \text{Cov}_j \left(\frac{\omega_j U'(c_j)}{\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \omega_j U'(c_j)}, e_j - e_j^x \right) \lesssim 0 \quad c''(\bar{E}) := \left(\sum_i \frac{1}{c_i''(e_i^x)} \right)^{-1} \geq 0$$

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- ▶ Proposition 3 : Second-Best without transfers & participation constraints

- Participation incentive change our measure of inequality

$$\tilde{\omega}_N U'(c_N) \leq \tilde{\omega}_S U'(c_S) \quad \tilde{\omega}_N = \omega_N + \nu_N \geq \omega_N$$

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Model – Representative Household

- ▶ Deterministic Neoclassical economy, in continuous time
 - heterogeneous countries $i \in \mathbb{I}$
 - In each country, 4 agents : (i) representative household, (ii) homogeneous good firm, (iii) fossil and (iv) renewable energy producers.
- ▶ Representative household problem in each country i :

$$\mathcal{V}_{it_0} = \max_{\{c_{it}, k_{it}, b_{it}\}} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} e^{-\rho t} u_i(c_{it}, \tau_{it}) dt$$

- ▶ Dynamics of wealth of country i , $w_{it} = b_{it} + k_{it}$ [More details](#)

$$\dot{w}_{it} := \dot{k}_{it} + \dot{b}_{it} = y_{it} + \pi_{it}^f + \pi_{it}^r + r_t^* b_{it} + (r_t^* - \bar{\delta}) k_{it} - c_{it} + \mathbf{t}_{it}^{ls}$$

- Labor income y_{it} from homogeneous good firm.
- All the lower-case variables are expressed per unit of efficient labor $y_{it} = Y_{it}/(L_{it}A_{it})$

Model – Representative Firm

- Competitive homogeneous good producer in country i

$$\max_{k_{it}, e_{it}^f, e_{it}^r} \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{it}) z_i f(k_{it}, e_{it}^f, e_{it}^r) - r_t^* k_{it} - (q_t^f + \mathbf{t}_{it}^f) e_{it}^f - (q_t^r + \mathbf{t}_{it}^r) e_{it}^r - y_{it}$$

- Energy mix with fossil e_{it}^f – emitting carbon – subject to price q_t^f and tax/subsidy \mathbf{t}_{it}^f . Similarly “clean” renewable e_{it}^r , at price q_t^r and tax \mathbf{t}_{it}^r .
- No international trade in goods and Labor is immobile

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► Competitive fossil fuels energy producer :

- Static problem (for now) extract energy e_{it}^x depleting reserves \mathcal{R}_{it}

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$$\dot{\mathcal{R}}_{it} = -e_{it}^x \quad \mathcal{R}_{it_0} = \mathcal{R}_{i0} \quad \mathcal{R}_{it} \geq 0$$

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► Renewable energy as a substitute technology in each country i (Static problem for now)

$$\pi_{it}^r = \max_{\{\bar{e}_{it}^r\}} q_{it}^r \bar{e}_{it}^r - C_i^r(\bar{e}_{it}^r) \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_{it}^r = C_e^r(\bar{e}_{it}^r) = z_{it}^r$$

Climate system

- ▶ Fossil energy input e_t^f causes climate externality

$$\mathcal{E}_t = \xi \int_{\mathbb{I}} e_{it}^f p_i di$$

- ▶ Cumulative GHG in atmosphere \mathcal{S}_t increases temperature

$$\dot{\mathcal{S}}_t = \mathcal{E}_t - \delta_s \mathcal{S}_t$$

- ▶ Country's local temperature :

$$\dot{\tau}_{it} = \zeta \left(\Delta_i \chi \mathcal{S}_t - (\tau_{it} - \bar{\tau}_{it_0}) \right)$$

- Linear model : Climate sensitivity to carbon χ , Climate reaction/inertia ζ , Carbon content of fossils ξ , Country i linear pattern scaling factor Δ_i , Carbon exit from atmosphere δ_s

Model – Equilibrium

► Equilibrium

- Given, initial conditions $\{w_0, \tau_0\}$ and country-specific policies $\{\mathbf{t}_{it}^f, \mathbf{t}_{it}^r, \mathbf{t}_{it}^{ls}\}$, a competitive equilibrium is a continuum of sequences of states $\{w_{it}, \tau_{it}\}_{it}$ and $\{\mathcal{S}_t, \mathcal{T}_t, \mathcal{R}_t\}_t$ and policies $\{c_{it}, b_{it}, k_{it}, e_{it}^f, e_{it}^r, e_{it}^x\}_{it}$ and price sequences $\{r_t^*, q_t^f, q_t^r\}$ such that :
 - Households choose policies $\{c_{it}, b_{it}\}_{it}$ to max utility s.t. budget constraint, giving \dot{w}_{it}
 - Firm choose policies $\{k_{it}, e_{it}^f, e_{it}^r\}_{it}$ to max profit
 - Fossil and renewables firms extract/produce $\{e_{it}^x, \bar{e}_{it}^r\}_{it}$ to max static profit, yielding $\dot{\mathcal{R}}_t$
 - Emissions \mathcal{E}_t affects climate $\{\mathcal{S}_t, \mathcal{T}_t\}_t$, & $\{\tau_{it}\}_{it}$.
 - Prices $\{r_t^*, q_t^f, q_t^r\}$ adjust to clear the markets : $\int_{\mathbb{I}} e_{it}^x di = \int_{\mathbb{I}} e_{it}^f di$ and $e_{it}^r = \bar{e}_{it}^r$, and $\int_{i \in \mathbb{I}} b_{it} di = 0$, with bonds $b_{it} = w_{it} - k_{it}$

Calibration – Household

- ▶ Household utility $u_i(c, \tau) = U(\mathcal{D}_i^u(\tau)c)$ with CRRA $U(\tilde{c}) = \frac{\tilde{c}^{1-\eta}}{1-\eta}$
- ▶ Damage functions in utility u or production function y :

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

and similarly for $\mathcal{D}_i^u(\tau)$, with $\gamma_i^{\pm,y} = \gamma_i^{\oplus,y} \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > \tau_i^*\}} + \gamma_i^{\ominus,y} \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau < \tau_i^*\}}$

- Today $\gamma_i^{\pm,y} = \bar{\gamma}^{\pm,y}$ & $\tau_i^* = \bar{\alpha}\tau_{it_0} + (1 - \bar{\alpha})\tau^*$.
- Future : $\gamma_i^{\pm,y}$ depends on daily temperature distribution $\tau \sim \mathcal{T}_i(\bar{T}, \sigma^T)$ following Rudik et al. (2022)

Calibration – Firms

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

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

$$\varepsilon(e^f, e^r) = \left[\omega \frac{1}{\sigma_e} (e^f)^{\frac{\sigma_e - 1}{\sigma_e}} + (1 - \omega) \frac{1}{\sigma_e} (e^r)^{\frac{\sigma_e - 1}{\sigma_e}} \right] \frac{\sigma_e}{\sigma_e - 1}$$

- Calibrate TFP z_i to match $y_i = GDP_i$ per capita in 2011 (PPP).
- Now : $\omega_i = \bar{\omega} = 85\%$ 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)

Calibration – Energy markets

- ▶ Fossil production e_{it}^x and reserve \mathcal{R}_{it}
 - Cost $\mathcal{C}_i(e^x, \mathcal{R}) = \frac{\bar{\nu}_i}{1+\nu_i} \left(\frac{e^x}{\mathcal{R}}\right)^{1+\nu_i} \mathcal{R}$
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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)
 - Extension : make the problem dynamic with capacity C_{it}^r

Model Solution

► Household consumption/saving problem

- Using Pontryagin Max. Principle : states $\{x\} = \{w_{it}, \tau_{it}\}$, controls $\{c\} = \{c_{it}, b_{it}, k_{it}\}$ and costates $\{\lambda\} = \{\lambda_{it}^w, \lambda_{it}^\tau, \lambda_{it}^s\} \Rightarrow$ system of coupled ODEs.

$$\mathcal{H}^{hh}(\{x\}, \{c\}, \{\lambda\}) = u(c_i, \tau_i) + \lambda_{it}^w \dot{w}_{it} + \lambda_{it}^\tau \dot{\tau}_{it} + \lambda_{it}^s \dot{S}_t$$

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- ODE for the costate for wealth $\lambda_{it}^w = u_c(c_{it}, \tau_{it}) \Rightarrow$ Euler equation
- The “local social cost of carbon” (SCC) for region i :

$$LSCC_{it} := -\frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_{it} / \partial \mathcal{S}_t}{\partial \mathcal{V}_{it} / \partial c_{it}} = -\frac{\lambda_{it}^s}{\lambda_{it}^w}$$

- ODEs for Costates : temperature λ_{it}^τ and carbon λ_{it}^s , [More details](#)
- Stationary equilibrium closed-form formula, analogous to GHKT (2014) [Here](#)

Sequential solution method

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- ODEs for states $\{\mathbf{x}\} = \{w_{it}, \tau_{it}, \mathcal{R}_{it}, \mathcal{S}_t\}_{it}$
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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 Δ_i , Fossil energy cost \bar{v}_i , Energy mix $\epsilon_i, \omega_i, z_i^r$,
 Local damage $\gamma_i^y, \gamma_i^u, \tau_i^*$, 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 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

Competitive equilibrium

- ▶ Simulation for $M = \text{countries}$ and $T = 20$.
- ▶ Result of CE to show here

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► Second best without access to lump-sum transfers

- Only region- i -specific distortive energy taxes : $\{\mathbf{t}_{it}^f, \mathbf{t}_{it}^r\}$. Tax receipts redistributed lump-sum : $\mathbf{t}_{it}^{ls} = \mathbf{t}_{it}^f e_{it}^f + \mathbf{t}_{it}^r e_{it}^r$
- Welfare of the Ramsey planner :

$$\mathcal{W}_{t_0} = \max_{\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{q}\}_{it}} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{I}} e^{-\bar{\rho}t} \omega_i u(c_{it}, \tau_{it}) p_i di dt$$

The Ramsey Problem – Optimal Energy Policy

- Optimal Pigouvian tax for fossil energy :

$$\Rightarrow \quad \widehat{\psi}_{it}^w \mathbf{t}_{it}^f = p_i \xi \textcolor{green}{SCC}_t + \textcolor{red}{SCF}_t \mathcal{C}_{EE}^f \quad \& \quad \mathbf{t}_{it}^r = 0$$

- Integrate several redistribution motives :

$$\widehat{\psi}_{it}^w = \frac{\psi_{it}^w}{\overline{\psi}_t^w} = \frac{\omega_i u_c(c_{it}, \tau_{it}) p_i}{\int_{j \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_j u_c(c_{jt}, \tau_{jt}) p_j dj} \leq 1$$

⇒ lower tax on poorer/high $\widehat{\psi}_{it}^w$ countries

- Level depends on SCC_t & fossil price SCF_t

$$\textcolor{green}{SCC}_t = \text{Cov}_j \left(\widehat{\psi}_{it}^w, \textcolor{green}{LSCC}_{jt} \right) + \mathbb{E}_j [\textcolor{green}{LSCC}_{jt}]$$

$$\textcolor{red}{SCF}_t = \text{Cov}_j \left(\widehat{\psi}_{it}^w, \textcolor{red}{e}_{jt}^f - \textcolor{red}{e}_{jt}^x \right) \quad \mathcal{C}_{EE}^f = \left(\int_{j \in \mathbb{I}} \frac{1}{c_{j,e^x}^f} dj \right)^{-1}$$

Optimal Energy tax

- ▶ Numerical results for $M =$ countries and $T = 20$.
- ▶ Result of Optimal Policy to show here

Conclusion & Future plans



Appendices

More details – Capital market

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

$$\begin{cases} \dot{k}_{it} &= \mathcal{D}_i^y(\tau_{it})z_{if}(k_{it}, e_{it}) - (\delta + n + \bar{g})k_{it} + \iota_{it} \\ \dot{b}_{it} &= r^*b_{it} + \theta_i\pi_t^f + \pi_{it}^r - (q_t^f + \mathbf{t}_{it}^f)e_{it}^f - (q_t^r + \mathbf{t}_{it}^r)e_{it}^r - \iota_{it} - c_{it} + \mathbf{t}_{it}^{ls} \\ b_{it} &\geq -\vartheta k_{it} \end{cases}$$

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

$$\dot{w}_{it} = r^*w_{it} + \mathcal{D}_i^y(\tau_{it})z_{if}(k_{it}, e_{it}) - (\bar{\delta} + r_t^*)k_{it} + \theta_i\pi_t^f + \pi_{it}^r - (q_t^f + \mathbf{t}_{it}^f)e_{it}^f - (q_t^r + \mathbf{t}_{it}^r)e_{it}^r - c_{it} + \mathbf{t}_{it}^{ls}$$

$$k_{it} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta} w_{it}$$

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

$$k_{it} \quad s.t. \quad MPk_{it} - \bar{\delta} = \mathcal{D}_i^y(\tau_{it})z_i\partial_k f(k_{it}, e_{it}) - (\delta + n + \bar{g}) = r_t^*$$

Impact of increase in temperature

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

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

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

- 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
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Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

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

$$\dot{\lambda}_{it}^{\tau} = \lambda_t^{\tau}(\tilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta) + \gamma(\tau - \tau^*)\mathcal{D}^y(\tau)f(k, e)\lambda_t^k + \phi(\tau - \tau^*)\mathcal{D}^u(\tau)u(c)$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_t^S = \lambda_t^S(\tilde{\rho} + \delta^S) - \int_{\mathbb{I}} \Delta_i \zeta \chi \lambda_{it}^{\tau}$$

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

$$\lambda_{it}^{\tau} = - \int_t^{\infty} e^{-(\tilde{\rho} + \zeta)u} (\tau_u - \tau^*) \left(\gamma \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_u) y_{\tau} \lambda_u^k + \phi \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_u) u(c_u) \right) du$$

$$\lambda_{it}^{\tau} = - \frac{1}{\tilde{\rho} + \Delta\zeta} (\tau_{\infty} - \tau^*) \left(\gamma \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{\infty}) y_{\infty} \lambda_{\infty}^k + \phi \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_{\infty}) u(c_{\infty}) \right)$$

$$\lambda_t^S = - \int_t^{\infty} e^{-(\tilde{\rho} + \delta^S)u} \zeta \chi \int_{\mathbb{I}} \Delta_j \lambda_{j,u}^{\tau} dj du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tilde{\rho} + \delta^S} \zeta \chi \int_{\mathbb{I}} \Delta_j \lambda_{j,\infty}^{\tau}$$

$$= - \frac{\chi}{\tilde{\rho} + \delta^S} \frac{\zeta}{\tilde{\rho} + \zeta} \int_{\mathbb{I}} \Delta_j (\tau_{j,\infty} - \tau^*) \left(\gamma \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{j,\infty}) y_{\infty} \lambda_{j,\infty}^k + \phi \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_{j,\infty}) u(c_{j,\infty}) \right) dj$$

$$\lambda_t^S \xrightarrow{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} - \frac{\chi}{\tilde{\rho} + \delta^S} \int_{\mathbb{I}} \Delta_j (\tau_{j,\infty} - \tau^*) \left(\gamma \mathcal{D}^y(\tau_{j,\infty}) y_{j,\infty} \lambda_{j,\infty}^k + \mathcal{D}^u(\tau_{j,\infty}) u(c_{j,\infty}) \right) dj$$

Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

► *Proposition (Stationary LSCC) :*

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

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

- Stationary equilibrium : $\dot{\lambda}_t^S = \dot{\lambda}_t^T = 0$
- Fast temperature adjustment $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$
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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_j
- Directed technical change z_t^e , elasticity of energy in output σ
- Fossil energy price q^{ef} and Hotelling rent $g^{qf} \approx \dot{\lambda}_t^R / \lambda_t^R = \rho$
- 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](#)

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