

# The Optimal Design of Climate Agreements

## Inequality, Trade, and Incentives for Carbon Policy

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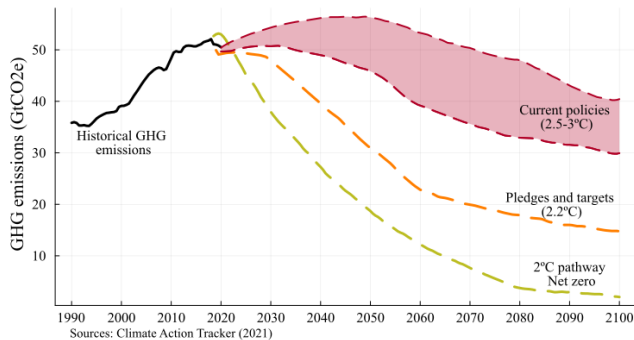
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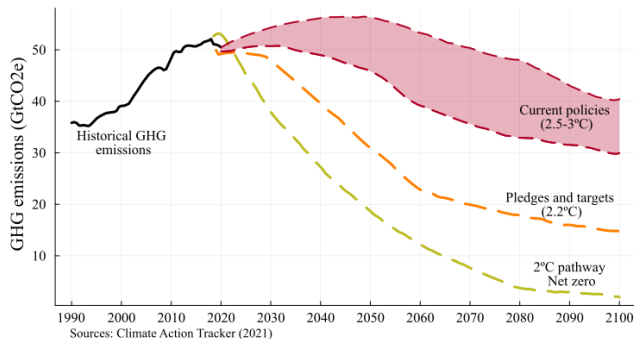
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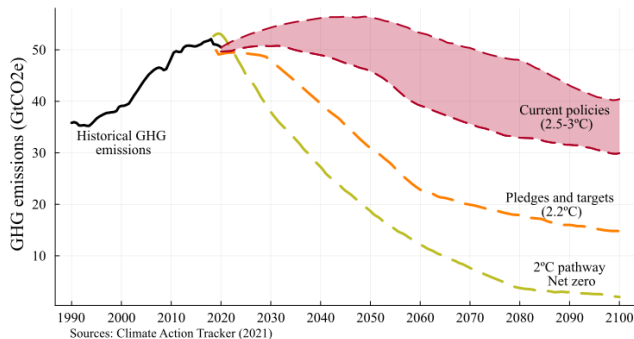
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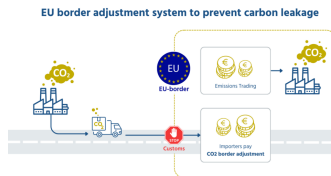
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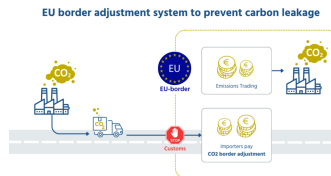
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- Preview of the results:
- Despite complete freedom of policy instruments, **impossible** to achieve the world’s optimal policy with complete participation
  - Beneficial to **leave several fossil fuels producing countries** outside of the climate agreement
  - Welfare improvement with transfers, c.f. UN COP27’s “loss and damage” fund

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- ▶ Nordhaus (2015)
  - Examine "stable climate coalitions" (club imposing carbon tax) in a simple model
  - Abstract from General Equilibrium and distributional effects
  - Results: Penalty tariffs necessary to enforce a climate club
- ▶ Farrokhi, Lashkaripour (2024)
  - Study and characterize the optimal trade policy with climate externality
  - General static trade model. Results: unilateral tariffs not effective
  - Sequential search for one stable climate club if EU or US join.
- ▶ Main contribution:
  - Search for the *optimal* climate agreement
  - GE on good and energy market and redistribution effects are important
  - Cost of climate change is endogenous to policy: damages are non-linear
  - Analyze other distributional policies (transfers/taxes, *loss and damage funds*)
  - General framework for analyzing macrodynamics (c.f. Bourany (2024))

## Model – Household & Firms

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### 2. Competitive final good firm:

$$\max_{\ell_i, e_i^f, e_i^c, e_i^r} p_i \mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{E}) z_i F(\ell_i, e_i^f, e_i^c, e_i^r) - w_i \ell_i - (q^f + t_i^\varepsilon) e_i^f - (q_i^c + t_i^\varepsilon) e_i^c - q_i^r e_i^r$$

- Externality: Damage function  $\mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{E})$ , Income inequality from  $z_i$ , Carbon tax:  $t_i^\varepsilon$
- Trade, à la Armington

## Model – Energy markets & Emissions

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- Climate system: mapping from emission  $\mathcal{E} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_i^f + e_i^c$  to damage  $\mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{E})$

## Model – Equilibrium

- Given policies  $\{t_i^\varepsilon, t_{ij}^b, t_i^{ls}\}_i$ , a **competitive equilibrium** is a set of decisions  $\{c_{ij}, e_i^f, e_i^c, e_i^r, e_i^x\}_{ij}$ , emission  $\{\mathcal{E}\}_i$  changing climate and prices  $\{p_i, w_i, q_i^c, q_i^r\}_i, q^f$  such that:
  - Households choose  $\{c_{ij}\}_{ij}$  to max. utility s.t. budget constraint
  - Firm choose inputs  $\{e_i^f, e_i^c, e_i^r\}_i$  to max. profit
  - Oil-gas firms extract/produce  $\{e_i^x\}_i$  to max. profit. + Elastic renewable, coal supplies  $\{e_i^c, e_i^r\}$
  - Emissions  $\mathcal{E}$  affects climate and damages  $\mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{E})$
  - Government budget clear  $\sum_i t_i^{ls} = \sum_i t_i^\varepsilon (e_i^f + e_i^c) + \sum_{i,j} t_{ij}^b c_{ij} \tau_{ij} p_j$
  - 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

$$y_i := \mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{E}) z_i F(\ell_i, e_i^f, e_i^r, e_i^r) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}} \tau_{ki} c_{ki} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{I}} \tau_{ki} (x_{ki}^f + x_{ki}^c + x_{ki}^r)$$

with  $x_{ki}$  export of good  $i$  as input in energy production in  $k$

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

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

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- Objective: search for the optimal *and stable* climate agreement

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- No country  $i$  and subcoalition  $\hat{\mathbb{J}}$  would be better off than in the current agreement  $\mathbb{J}$

- Current design: (i) choose taxes  $\{t^f, t^b\}$ ,  
(ii) choose the coalition  $\mathbb{J}$  s.t. participation constraints hold
- Solution method (Nash equilibrium):
  - relies on the complementarity of the combinatorial discrete choice problem and use a “squeezing procedure”, c.f. Jia (2008), Arkolakis, Eckert, Shi (2023), to handle the problem

## Quantification – Climate system and damage

### ► Static economic model:

decisions  $e_i^f + e_i^c$  taken “once and for all”,  $\mathcal{E} = \sum_i e_i^f + e_i^c$

- Climate system:

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

$$T_{it} = \bar{T}_{i0} + \Delta_i S_t$$

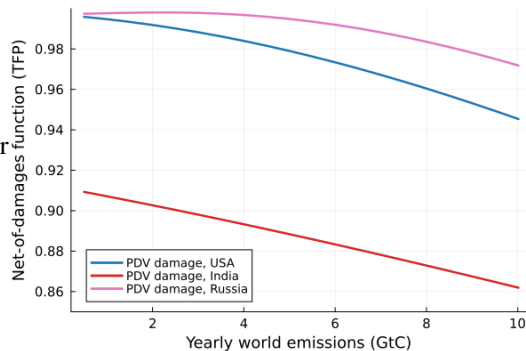
- Path of period damages heterogeneous across countries  
Quadratic (c.f. Nordhaus-DICE)

$$\mathcal{D}(T_{it} - T_i^*) = e^{-\gamma(T_{it} - T_i^*)^2}$$

- Economic feedback in Present discounted value

$$\mathcal{D}_i(\mathcal{E}) = \bar{\rho}_i \int_0^\infty e^{-(\rho - n_i + \eta \bar{g}_i)t} \mathcal{D}(T_{it} - T_i^*) dt$$

- Similarly for  $LCC_i, SCC_i \dots$



## Quantification – Welfare and production, trade, energy

- Pareto weights  $\omega_i$ : Imply no redistribution motive  
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- Energy parameters to match production/reserves,
  - Isoelastic cost function  $C_i(e_i^x) = \bar{\nu}_i (e_i^x / \mathcal{R}_i)^{1+\nu_i} \mathcal{R}_i$
  - 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  $\bar{y} = zf(\ell_i, k_i, e_i^f, e_i^c, e_i^r)$ 
  - 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,  $z_i, z_i^e, z_i^c, z_i^r$ , calibrated to match GDP / energy shares / energy mix data.

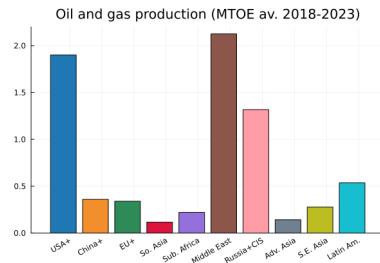
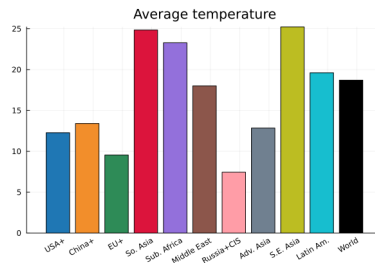
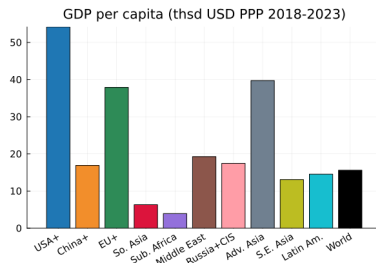


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## Quantitative application – Sample of 10 “regions”

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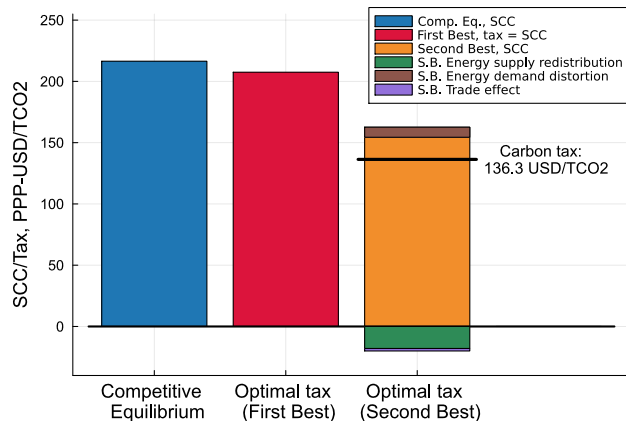
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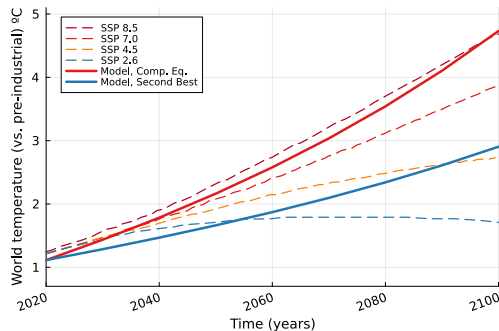
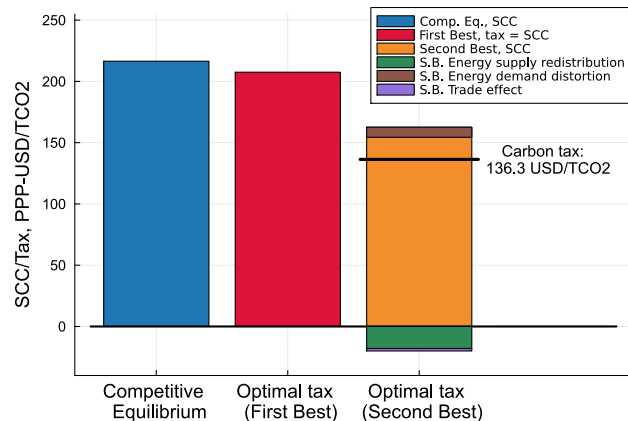
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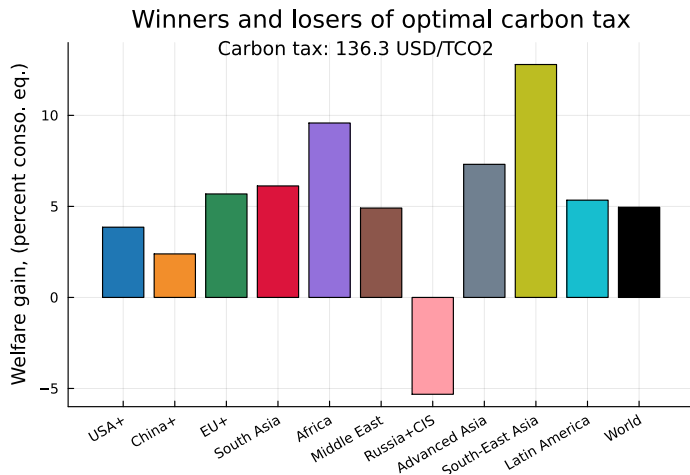
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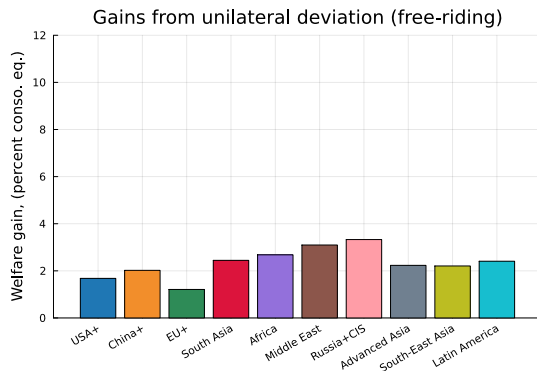
## Gains from cooperation – World Optimal policy

- ▶ Optimal carbon tax  
(Second Best):  $\sim \$136/tCO_2$
- ▶ Reduce fossil fuels /  $CO_2$  emissions by 40% compared to Business as Usual (BAU)
- ▶ Welfare difference btw world optimal policy w/o participation constraints vs BAU (Comp. Eq.)



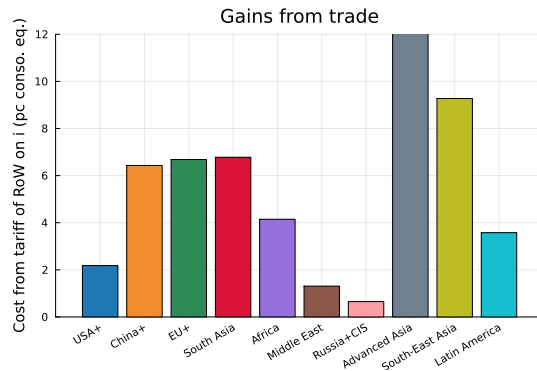
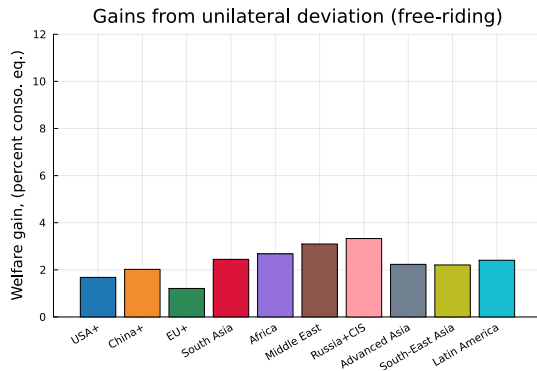
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## Theoretical investigation: decomposing the welfare effects

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- Change in welfare: Linear approximation around that point  $\Rightarrow$  small changes in carbon tax  $dt_j^e, \forall j$  and tariffs  $dt_{j,k}^b, \forall j, k$  for a club  $J_i$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{V}_i}{u'(c_i)} = \eta_i^c d \ln p_i + \left[ -\eta_i^c \bar{\gamma}_i \frac{1}{\bar{\nu}} - \eta_i^c s_i^e s_i^f + \eta_i^\pi (1 + \frac{1}{\bar{\nu}}) \right] d \ln q^f - \left[ \eta_i^c s_i^e (s_i^c + s_i^r) + \eta_i^\pi \frac{1}{\bar{\nu}} + 1 \right] d \ln \mathbb{P}_i$$

- GE effect on energy markets  $d \ln q^f \approx \bar{\nu} d \ln E^f + \dots$ , due to taxation

$$d \ln q^f = - \frac{\bar{\nu}}{1 + \bar{\gamma} + \text{Cov}_i(\tilde{\lambda}_i^f, \bar{\gamma}_i) + \bar{\nu} \bar{\lambda}^{\sigma f}} \sum_i \tilde{\lambda}_i^f J_i dt^e + \sum_i \beta_i d \ln p_i$$

- Climate damage  $\bar{\gamma}_i = \gamma(T_i - T_i^*) T_i s^{E/S}$
- Trade and leakage effect: GE impact of  $t_j^e$  and  $t_j^b$  on  $y_i$  and  $p_i$

◦ Params:  $\sigma$  energy demand elast<sup>y</sup>,  $s^e$  energy cost share,  $\bar{\nu}$  energy supply inverse elas<sup>y</sup>



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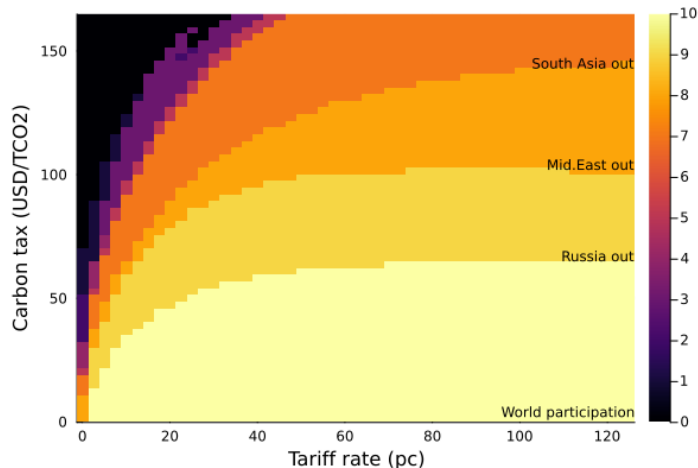
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- Params:  $\mathbf{S}$  Trade share matrix,  $\mathbf{T}$  income flow matrix,  $\theta$ , Armington CES
- General equilibrium (and leakage) effects summarized in a complicated matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ : price affect energy demand, oil-gas extraction, energy trade balance, output, etc.

Details Market Clearing for good

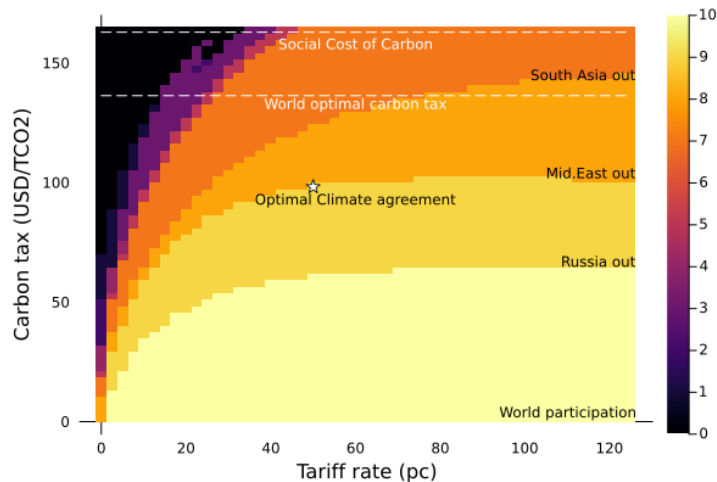
## Climate Agreements: Intensive vs. Extensive Margin

- **Intensive margin:**  
higher tax, emissions ↓, welfare ↑
- **Extensive margin:**  
higher tax, participation ↓,  
free-riding and emissions ↑



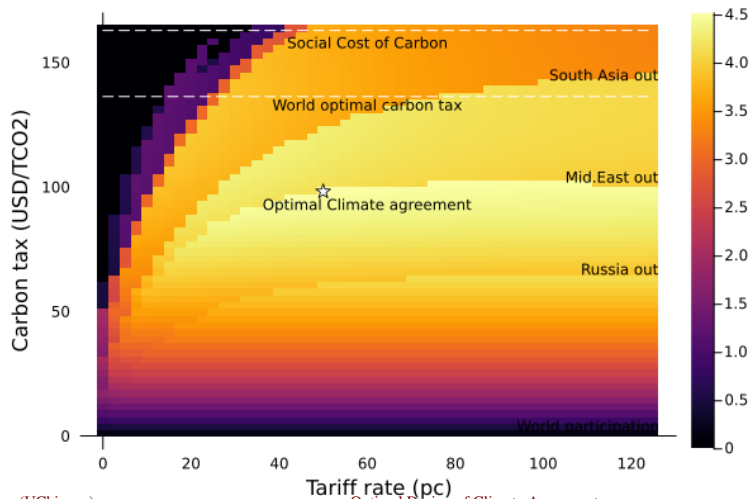
# Optimal Climate Agreement

- ▶ Despite full freedom of instruments ( $t^e, t^b$ )  
 ⇒ can not sustain an agreement with Russia & Middle East  
 ⇒ need to reduce carbon tax from \$136 to \$98
- ▶ Intuition:  
 relatively cold and closed economy, and fossil-fuel producers



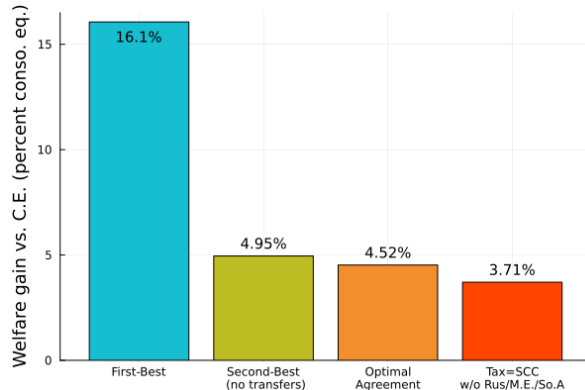
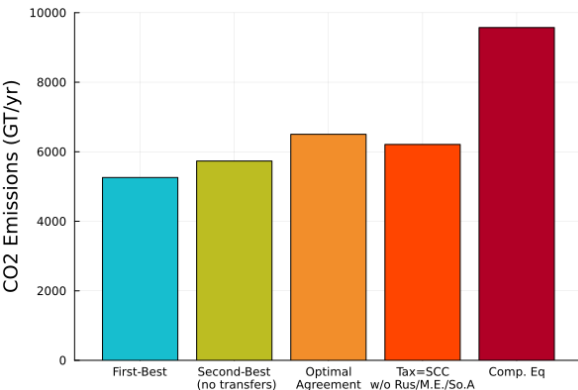
## Climate agreement and welfare

Recover 91% of welfare gains, i.e. 4.5% out of 5% conso equivalent.



## Welfare and emission reduction: Different metrics!

- Agreements with tariffs recover 91% of welfare gains from the Second-Best – optimal carbon tax without transfers – at a cost of increasing emissions by 13%
- First-best allocation relies heavily on transfers to be able to impose a higher carbon tax

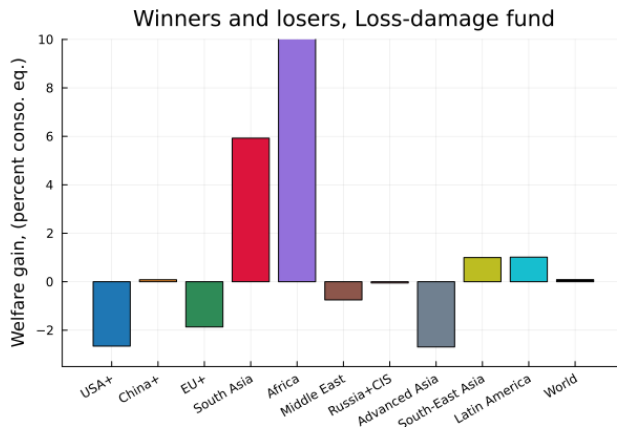


## Transfers – Loss and damage funds

- ▶ COP28 Major policy proposal:  
*Loss and damage funds* for countries vulnerable to the effects of climate change
- ▶ Simple implementation in our context: lump-sum receipts of carbon tax revenues:

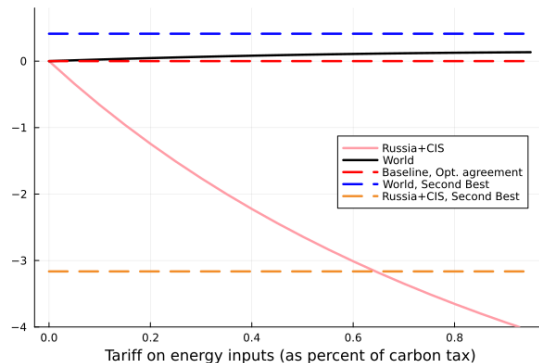
$$t_i^{ls} = (1 - \alpha)t^\varepsilon \varepsilon_i + \alpha \frac{1}{P} \sum_j t^\varepsilon \varepsilon_j$$

- ▶ In practice: transfers from large emitters to low emitters



# Taxation of fossil fuels energy inputs

- ▶ Current climate club:
  - only imposes penalty tariffs on final goods, not on energy imports
  - Empirically relevant, c.f. Shapiro (2021): inputs are more emission-intensives but trade policy is biased against final goods output
- ▶ Alternative: tax energy import from non-participants  $t_{ij}^{bf} = \beta t^b \mathbb{1}\{i \in \mathbb{J}, j \notin \mathbb{J}\}$



## Dynamic coalition formation

- Current “equilibrium”:  $t_i^\varepsilon = 0, t_{ij}^b = 0$
- Optimal club equilibrium  $t_i^\varepsilon = t^{\varepsilon*}, t_{ij}^b = t^{b*} \mathbb{1}\{i \in \mathbb{J}, j \notin \mathbb{J}\}$
- Optimal agreement follows the planner taxes and participation decision:

$$\mathbb{J}^* = \mathbb{J}(t^{\varepsilon*}, t^{b*})$$

### ► What is driving the coordination failure?

- Possible explanation: coalition building and *bargaining* may never reach such equilibrium:

$$\bar{\mathbb{J}}_{t_0}(0, 0) = \mathbb{I} \quad \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow T]{?} \quad \bar{\mathbb{J}}_T(t^{\varepsilon*}, t^{b*}) = \mathbb{J}^*$$

- Can we find a sequence  $\mathbb{J}_t, t_t^f, t_t^b$  such that

$$\{\mathbb{J}_{t_0}, t_{t_0}^f, t_{t_0}^b\} = \{\bar{\mathbb{J}}_{t_0}, 0, 0\} \qquad \{\mathbb{J}_T, t_T^\varepsilon, t_T^b\} = \{\bar{\mathbb{J}}_T, t^{f*}, t^{b*}\}$$

- Instruments used by leader countries (e.g. E.U., U.S. or China?) to reach such agreement?



# Conclusion

- ▶ In this project, I solve for the optimal design of climate agreements
  - Correcting for inequality, redistribution effects through energy markets and trade leakage, as well as free-riding incentives
- ▶ Climate agreement design jointly solves for:
  - The optimal choice of countries participating
  - The carbon tax and tariff levels, accounting for both the climate externality, redistributive effects and the participation constraints
- ▶ Optimal coalition depends on the trade-off between
  - the gain from cooperation and free riding incentives
  - the gain from trade, i.e. the cost of retaliatory tariffs

⇒ Need a large coalition and a carbon at 70% of the world optimum
- ▶ Extensions:
  - Extend this to dynamic settings: coalition building
  - Explore additional policy proposal to improve the optimal agreement

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**Thank you!**

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# Appendices

## Welfare and Pareto weights

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

- Pareto weights  $\omega_i$ :

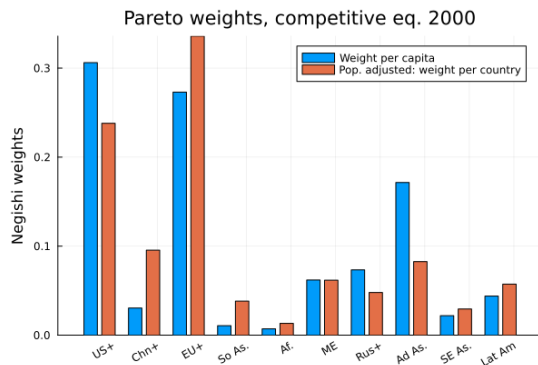
$$\omega_i = \frac{1}{u'(\bar{c}_i)}$$

for  $\bar{c}_i$  consumption in initial equilibrium  
“without climate change“, i.e. year = 2020

- Imply no redistribution motive in  $t = 2020$

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

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



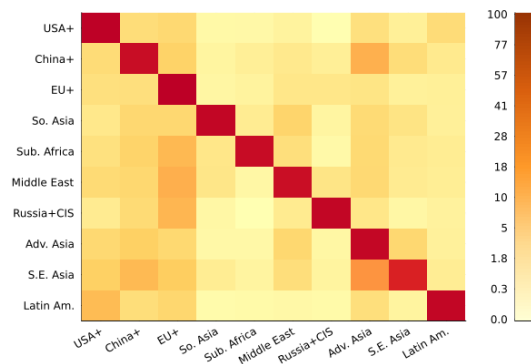
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# Quantification – Trade model

- Armington Trade model:

$$s_{ij} \equiv \frac{c_{ij}p_{ij}}{c_i p_i} = a_{ij} \frac{((1+t_{ij})\tau_{ij}p_j)^{1-\theta}}{\sum_k a_{ik}((1+t_{ik})\tau_{ik}p_k)^{1-\theta}}$$

- CES  $\theta = 5.63$  estimated from a gravity regression
- Iceberg cost  $\tau_{ij}$  as projection of distance  
 $\log \tau_{ij} = \beta \log d_{ij}$
- Preference parameters  $a_{ij}$  identified as remaining variation in the trade share  $s_{ij}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  policy invariant


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## Step 0: Competitive equilibrium & Trade

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

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

- Energy consumption doesn't internalize climate damage:

$$p_i MPe_i = q^e$$

- Inequality, as measured in local welfare units:

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

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

$$LCC_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_i / \partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \mathcal{W}_i / \partial c_i} = \frac{\psi_i^{\mathcal{E}}}{\lambda_i} = \Delta_i \gamma (T_i - T_i^*) p_i y_i \quad (> 0 \text{ for warm countries})$$

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- 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  $e_i^f$ , unrestricted bilateral tariffs  $\mathbf{t}_{ij}^b$
  - Budget constraint:  $\sum_i \mathbf{t}_i^{ls} = \sum_i \mathbf{t}_i^f e_i^f + \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{t}_{ij}^b c_{ij} \tau_{ij} p_j$
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### ► Social planner results:

- Consumption:

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

- Energy use:

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

- Social cost of carbon:

$$SCC = \sum_j \omega_j \Delta_j \gamma (T_i - T_i^*) y_j \mu_j$$

- Decentralization:

large transfers to equalize marg. utility + carbon tax =  $SCC$

$$t^e = SCC \qquad t_i^{lb} = c_i^* \mathbb{P}_i - w_i \ell_i + \pi_i^f \qquad s.t. \quad u'(c_i^*) = \bar{\lambda} \mathbb{P}_i / \omega_i$$



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- Rebate tax lump-sum to HHs  $\mathbf{t}_i^L = \mathbf{t}^e e_i^f + \mathbf{t}^e e_i^c$
- 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  $[v_i]$  & supply  $[\theta_i]$ , etc.
  - Trade-off faced by the planner:
    - (i) Correcting climate externality, (ii) Redistributive effects, (iii) Distort energy demand and supply (iv) Distort good demand

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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,  $\mu_i$ :
- (iii) the **shadow value of bilateral trade  $ij$** , from household FOC,  $\eta_{ij}$ :

w/ free trade  $u'(c_i) = \lambda_i$

vs. w/ Armington trade  $u'(c_i) = \lambda_i \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{I}} a_{ij} (\tau_{ij} p_j)^{1-\theta} \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_j}{\omega_i} \frac{\mu_j}{\lambda_i} - \frac{\eta_{ij}}{\theta \lambda_i} (1 - s_{ij}) \right]^{1-\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$

- Relative welfare weights, representing inequality

$$\hat{\lambda}_i = \frac{\omega_i \lambda_i}{\bar{\lambda}} = \frac{\omega_i u'(c_i)}{\frac{1}{I} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_j u'(c_j)} \leq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{ceteris paribus, poorer countries have higher } \hat{\lambda}_i$$

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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:

$$\Rightarrow \quad \mathfrak{t}^f = \text{SCC}^{sb} + \text{Supply Redistribution}^{sb} + \text{Demand Distortion}^{sb} - \text{Trade effect}^{sb}$$

– Reexpressing demand terms:

$$\mathfrak{t}^e = \left(1 + \text{Cov}_i\left(\widehat{\lambda}_i^w, \frac{\sigma_i e_i}{1-s_i^e}\right)\right)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \text{LCC}_i + \text{Cov}_i(\widehat{\lambda}_i^w, \text{LCC}_i) + C_{EE}^f \text{Cov}_i(\widehat{\lambda}_i^w, e_i^f - e_i^x) - q^f \mathbb{E}_j[\widehat{\mu}_j] \right]$$

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- Participation incentives change our measure of inequality

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

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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 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  $t^f(\mathbb{J})$ :

$$\Rightarrow t^f(\mathbb{J}) = \text{SCC} + \text{SVF}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \tilde{\lambda}_i \text{LCC}_i + \frac{1}{1 - \vartheta_{\mathbb{J}^c}} C_{EE}^f \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \tilde{\lambda}_i (e_i^f - e_i^x) - \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}} \tilde{\lambda}_i \frac{q^f (1-s_i^f)}{\sigma}$$

- 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)

## Welfare decomposition

### ► Armington model of trade with energy:

- Linearized market clearing

$$\left(\frac{dp_i}{dp_i} + \frac{dy_i}{y_i}\right) = \sum_k t_{ik} \left[ \left(\frac{p_k y_k}{v_k}\right) (d \ln p_k + d \ln y_k) + \frac{q^f e_k^x}{v_k} d \ln e_k^x - \frac{q^f e_k^f}{v_k} d \ln e_k^f + \frac{q^f (e_k^x - e_k^f)}{v_k} d \ln q^f \right. \\ \left. + \sum_h (s_{kh} d \ln t_{kh} - (1 + s_{ki}) d \ln t_{ki}) + (\theta - 1) \sum_h (s_{kh} d \ln p_h - d \ln p_i) \right]$$

- Fixed point for price level  $d \ln p_i$

$$\left[ (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{v}^y) [\mathbf{I} - \alpha^{y,p} \odot \mathbf{I}] + \mathbf{T} (v^{e^x} \odot \frac{1}{\nu}) + \mathbf{T} v^{e^f} \frac{\sigma^y}{1 - s^e} - (\theta - 1) (\mathbf{TS} - \mathbf{T}') - \left( (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{v}^y) \alpha^{y,z} - \frac{\sigma^y}{1 - s^e} \right) \odot \bar{\gamma} \mathbf{I} \odot \left( \frac{\lambda}{\nu} \right)' \right] d \ln p \\ \left[ - (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{v}^y) \alpha^{y,qf} + \mathbf{T} (v^{e^x} \odot \frac{1}{\nu} + v^{e^f} \frac{\sigma^y}{1 - s^e} + v^{ne}) - \left( (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{v}^y) \alpha^{y,z} - \frac{\sigma^y}{1 - s^e} \right) \bar{\gamma} \frac{1}{\nu} \right] d \ln q^f \\ + \left[ - (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T} \odot \mathbf{v}^y) \alpha^{y,qf} + \mathbf{T} (v^{e^f} \odot \frac{\sigma^y}{1 - s^e}) \right] \odot \mathbf{J} d \ln t^e + \theta (\mathbf{TS} \odot \mathbf{J} \odot d \ln t^b - \mathbf{T} (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{S}') \odot (\mathbf{J} \odot d \ln t^b)')$$

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

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

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- Calibrate TFP  $z_i$  to match  $y_i = GDP_i$  per capita in 2019-23 (avg. PPP).
- Technology:  $\omega^f = 56\%$ ,  $\omega^c = 27\%$ ,  $\omega^r = 17\%$ ,  $\epsilon = 12\%$  for all  $i$
- Calibrate  $(z_i^e)$  to match Energy/GDP  $q^e e_i / p_i y_i$

- 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  $\gamma_i^{\pm, y} = \bar{\gamma}^{\pm, y}$  &  $T_i^* = \bar{\alpha} T_{it_0} + (1 - \bar{\alpha}) T^*$

## Quantification – Energy markets

- ▶ Fossil production  $e_{it}^x$  and reserve  $\mathcal{R}_{it}$ 
  - Cost  $\mathcal{C}_i(e^x, \mathcal{R}) = \frac{\bar{\nu}_i}{1+\nu_i} \left( \frac{e^x}{\mathcal{R}} \right)^{1+\nu_i} \mathcal{R}$
  - Now:  $\bar{\nu}_i$  to match extraction data  $e_i^x$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{it}$  calibrated to *proven reserves* data from BP.  $\nu_i$  extraction cost curvature to match profit  $\pi_i^f = \frac{\bar{\nu}_i \nu_i}{1+\nu_i} \left( \frac{e_i^x}{\mathcal{R}_i} \right)^{\nu_i} \mathcal{R}_i \mathbb{P}_i$
  - Future: Choose  $(\bar{\nu}_i, \nu_i, \mathcal{R}_i)$  to match marginal cost  $\mathcal{C}_e$  & extraction data  $e_i^x$  (BP, IEA)
- ▶ Coal and Renewable: Production  $\bar{e}_i^r, \bar{e}_i^x$  and price  $q_i^c, q_i^r$ 
  - Calibrate  $q_i^c = z^c \mathbb{P}_i, q_i^r = z^r \mathbb{P}_i$   
Choose  $z_i^c, z_i^r$  to match the energy mix  $(e_i^f, e_i^c, e_i^r)$
- ▶ Population dynamics
  - Match UN forecast for growth rate / fertility

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<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 2022)
$\omega^f$	0.56	Fossil energy share in $e(\cdot)$	Oil-gas/Energy ratio
$\omega^c$	0.27	Coal energy share in $e(\cdot)$	Coal/Energy ratio
$\omega^r$	0.17	Non-carbon energy share in $e(\cdot)$	Non-carbon/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
<i>Preferences &amp; Time horizon</i>			
$\rho$	0.03	HH Discount factor	Long term interest rate & usual calib. in IAMs
$\eta$	1.5	Risk aversion	
$n$	0.01★	Long run population growth	Conservative estimate for growth
$\omega_i$	1	Pareto weights	Uniforms / Utilitarian Social Planner
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$\xi$	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
$\chi$	2.3/1e6	Climate sensitivity	Pulse experiment: 100 <i>GtC</i> $\equiv$ 0.23°C medium-term warming
$\delta_s$	0.0014	Carbon exit from atmosphere	Pulse experiment: 100 <i>GtC</i> $\equiv$ 0.15°C long-term warming
$\gamma^{\oplus}$	0.003406★	Damage sensitivity	Nordhaus' DICE
$\gamma^{\ominus}$	$0.25 \times \gamma^{\oplus}$ ★	Damage sensitivity	Nordhaus' DICE & Rudik et al (2022)
$\alpha^T$	0.5	Weight historical climate for optimal temp.	Marginal damage correlated with initial temp.
$T^{\star}$	14.5	Optimal yearly temperature	Average spring temperature / Developed economies

## Parameters calibrated to match data

$p_i$	Population	Data – World Bank
$z_i$	TFP	To match GDP Data (WDI)
$T_i$	Local Temperature	Match population-weighted temperature
$\mathcal{R}_i$	Local Fossil reserves	Data, Energy Institute Energy review
$\nu_i$	Extraction elasticity of fossil energy	Match Data, energy rent, WDI
$z_i^e$	Directed Technical Change (energy)	Match Data, energy intensity, Energy Institute

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- Existence and Uniqueness, c.f. Mean Field Game theory (Carmona-Delarue)

### ► 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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