

The Inequality of Climate Change and Optimal Energy Policy

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- ▶ As a result, different countries are affected differently by carbon taxation,
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 - Optimal taxation design depends crucially on redistribution instruments i.e. lump-sum transfers across countries

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- ▶ Preview of the results:
 - Social Cost of Carbon need to be adjusted for inequality level
 - Taxation of energy also accounts for supply and demand elasticity
 - Country-specific taxes: poorer countries will pay relatively lower taxes

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) among others
 - Climate policy w/ inequality (within country):
[Belfiori, Hur, Carroll \(2024\)](#), Le Grand, Oswald, Ragot, Saussay (2024), etc.

⇒ *Optimal and constrained policy with heterogeneous countries & trade*
- ▶ 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*
- ▶ 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 (2024), Hsiao (2022), Costinot, Donalson, Vogel, Werning (2015), and many others

⇒ *Climate cooperation and socially optimal climate policy*

Roadmap

- ▶ Toy model
- ▶ Optimal taxation of carbon
 - First-best: all instruments available
 - Constrained efficient: Without lump-sum transfers
- ▶ Quantitative model

Toy Model – Household & Firms

- ▶ Static deterministic Neoclassical economy
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- ▶ Competitive final good producer in country i

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

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

Model – Energy markets & Emissions

► Competitive fossil fuels energy producer:

- Supply fossil energy e_i^x by extraction at cost C_i^f

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► Climate system

- Fossil energy e^f releases GHGs in the atmosphere

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

- Country's local temperature:

$$T_i = \bar{T}_{i0} + \Delta_i \mathcal{E}$$

- Linear model + Climate sensitivity/pattern scaling factor Δ_i

Model – Equilibrium

► Equilibrium

- Given policies $\{t_i^f, t_i^{ls}\}_i$, a **competitive equilibrium** is a set of decisions $\{c_i, e_i^f, e_i^r, e_i^x\}_i$, states $\{T_i\}_i$ and prices $\{q^f, q_i^r, w_i\}_i$ such that:
 - Households choose $\{c_i\}_i$ to max. utility s.t. budget constraint
 - Firms choose policies $\{e_i^f\}_i$ and $\{e_i^r\}_i$ to max. profit
 - Fossil firms extract/produce $\{e_i^x\}_i$ to max. profit.
 - Emissions \mathcal{E}_t affects climate $\{T_i\}_i$.
 - Government budget clear $\sum_i t_i^{ls} = \sum_i t_i^f e_i^f$
 - Prices q^f adjust to clear the markets for energy $\sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_i^x = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} e_i^f$
Renewable price q_i^r clear the local market e_i^r
The good market clearing holds by Walras law.

Optimal world policy – Summary of results

- ▶ **Competitive equilibrium** Details eq 0
 - Passive policies $t^f = 0$, and large cost of climate change

- ▶ **First-Best, with unlimited instruments** Details eq 1
 - Welfare: $\mathcal{W} = \max_{\{t,c,e\}_i} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \omega_i u(c_i) = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{W}_i$
 - Social Planner redistribute across countries with lump-sum transfers t_i^{ls}
 - Set the optimal Pigouvian carbon tax to $t^f = SCC$

- ▶ **Second-best Ramsey policy, with limited instruments** Details eq 2
 - Optimal carbon tax accounts for (i) inequality and local climate damage, (ii) energy supply elasticities, (iv) energy demand distortions

- ▶ **Endogenous Participation? If countries can exit climate agreements** Details eq 3
 - All formulas corrected for participation constraints (multipliers affect distribution weights)
 - Optimal design of climate agreements / climate clubs \Rightarrow JMP

Quantification

► Quantification and calibration More details

- Quadratic damage as in Nordhaus DICE

$$y_i = \mathcal{D}_i(T)\bar{y} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{D}_i(T) = e^{-\gamma_i(T-T_0)^2}$$

- Energy parameters to match production/reserves, Isoelastic cost function

$$C_i(e_i^x) = \bar{v}_i(e_i^x/\mathcal{R}_i)^{1+\nu}\mathcal{R}_i$$

- Cost \bar{v}_i and Reserves \mathcal{R}_i to match data for production and reserve
- Production $\bar{y} = z^f(\ell_i, k_i, e_i^f, e_i^r)$, labor, capital, fossil, renewable
 - Nested CES energy vs. labor-capital Cobb-Douglas bundle (elasticity $\sigma_y < 1$), and fossil/renewable $\sigma_e > 1$.
 - TFP, and DTC, z_i, z_i^e , calibrated to match GDP / energy shares data.
- Population, from WDI data

Competitive equilibrium

► Key objects:

- Marginal value of wealth $\lambda_i^w = u'(c_i)$
- Marginal value of carbon ψ_i^S for country i
- “Local social cost of carbon” (LCC) for region i :

$$LCC_i := -\frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_i / \partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial \mathcal{V}_i / \partial c_i} = \frac{\psi_i^S}{\lambda_i^w} = \Delta_i \gamma_i (T_i - T_{i0}^*) y_i > 0$$

- Stationary equilibrium closed-form formula, analogous to GHKT (2014) [Closed Form Solution Here](#)

First-Best, Optimal policy with transfers

- ▶ First-Best, Maximizing welfare of the Social Planner:

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

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First-Best, Optimal policy with transfers

- ▶ Proposition 1: Optimal carbon tax:

$$t^f = SCC^{fb}$$

- Result as in Representative Agent economy, c.f. Nordhaus DICE (1996), GHKT (2014)

$$SCC^{fb} = \frac{\psi^S}{\lambda^w} = - \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \frac{\psi_i^S}{\lambda_i^w} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} LCC_i$$

- ▶ Lump-sum transfers redistribute across countries, s.t.

$$\omega_i u'(c_i) = \lambda_i^w = \bar{\lambda}^w = \lambda_j^w = \omega_j u'(c_j) \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{I}$$

- Imply cross-countries lump-sum transfers $\exists i$ s.t. $t_i^{ls} \geq 0$ or $\exists j$ s.t. $t_j^{ls} \leq 0$

Ramsey policy with limited transfers

- ▶ Second best without access to lump-sum transfers: choice of a carbon tax $\{t^f, t^r\}$

- Tax receipts redistributed lump-sum: $t_i^{ls} = t^f e_i^f$
- Inequality across regions:

$$\widehat{\lambda}_i^w = \frac{\omega_i \lambda_i^w}{\bar{\lambda}^w} = \frac{\omega_i u'(c_i)}{\frac{1}{I} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \omega_j u'(c_j)} \leq 1$$

⇒ ceteris paribus, poorer countries have higher $\widehat{\lambda}_i^w$

- Social Cost of Carbon integrates these inequalities:

$$SCC^{sb} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_i^w LCC_i$$

$$SCC^{sb} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} LCC_i + \text{Cov}_i(\widehat{\lambda}_i^w, LCC_i)$$

Ramsey Problem – Optimal Carbon and Energy Policy

► 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

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► Proposition 2: Optimal fossil energy tax:

$$\Rightarrow \quad t^f = \text{SCC}^{sb} + \text{Supply Distortion}^{sb} + \text{Demand Distortion}^{sb}$$

– Social cost of carbon: $\text{SCC}^{sb} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_i^w \text{LCC}_i$

Step 2: Ramsey Problem – Country-specific energy tax

- ▶ Suppose the planner has access to a *distribution* of carbon price.
- ▶ Proposition 3: Optimal country-specific fossil energy tax:

$$\Rightarrow \quad t^f = \frac{1}{\widehat{\lambda}_i^w} [SCC^{sb} + \text{Supply Redistribution}^{sb}]$$

– Social cost of carbon: $SCC^{sb} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_i^w LCC_i$

⇒ Reduce the tax burden for poorer/more “valuable” countries

Ramsey Problem – Theoretical extensions (in the paper)

- ▶ Trade: redistributive effect through leakage effect
 - Trade model à la Armington [Details trade](#)
 - Additional trade-off: account for distortions on goods central in trade networks
- ▶ Uncertainty:
 - Stochastic climate impact, e.g. climate sensitivity Δ_i or damage curvature γ_i , [Details uncertainty](#)
 - Interaction in SCC between uncertainty and inequalities: covariance between cost of climate change and social welfare weights
- ▶ Dynamic considerations
 - Valuation of reserves / Hotelling rent: carbon tax serves as an instrument for intertemporal substitution of fossil production. c.f. Heal, Schlenker (2019), Cruz, Rossi-Hansberg (2022)
 - Curb capital demand + distort consumption/saving decision, c.f. H.A. model, BEGS/LG-R
- ▶ Methodological contribution:
 - solving IAM with arbitrary heterogeneity \Leftrightarrow solving forward-backward ODEs

Model – Dynamics & extensions

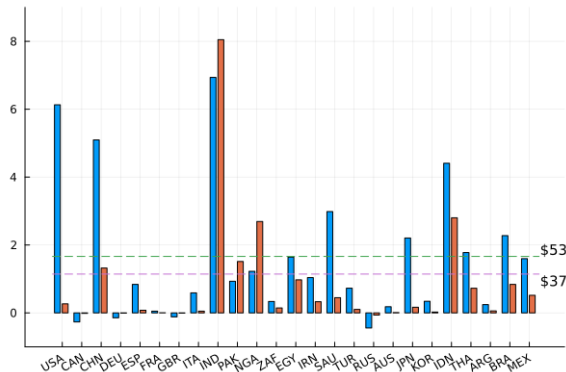
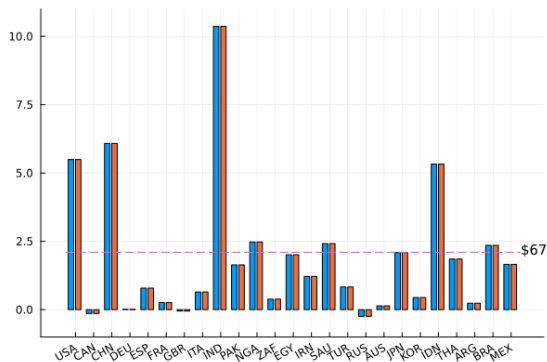
1. Climate system with inertia / closer to standard IAMs
2. Firms
 - Include capital to produce $f(\ell, k, e^f, e^c, e^r)$
 - Separate coal energy e^c from oil and gas: no energy rent π^f , higher emissions \mathcal{E}
 - Match the energy mix of each country (WIP)
3. Households
 - Consumption / saving in bonds / in capital \Rightarrow Keynes-Ramsey rule
 - International markets to borrow bonds (in zero net supply)
4. Energy markets
 - Fossil energy extraction/depleting reserves \Rightarrow Hotelling problem (WIP)
 - Price of clean energy trending down
5. Population \mathcal{P}_i and growth dynamics (for each country (WIP))
6. (Exogenous) growth: TFP change and Energy-augmenting Directed TC (WIP)

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

► Recall: $SCC = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{\lambda}_i^w LCC_i$

► Difference: $LCC_i = \frac{\psi_i^S}{\lambda_i^w}$ vs.

$$\hat{\lambda}_i^w LCC_i = \frac{\psi_i^S}{\lambda^w}$$



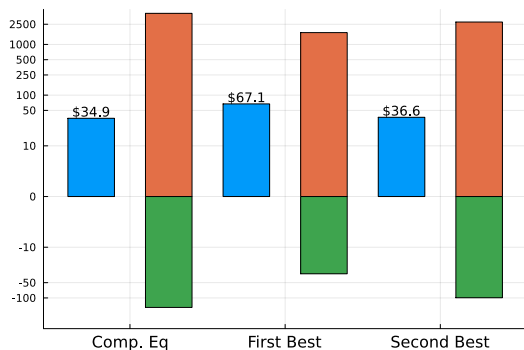
Comparison - Value of wealth vs. Social Cost of Carbon

- Social Cost of Carbon can be decomposed:

$$SCC := -\frac{\partial \mathcal{W} / \partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial \mathcal{W} / \partial c} = \frac{\psi^S}{\bar{\lambda}^w} = \frac{\sum_{\mathbb{I}} \psi_i^S}{\frac{1}{I} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \lambda_i^w}$$

- Here plot that decomposition:

$$\log(SCC) = \log(\psi^S) - \log(\lambda^w)$$



The Carbon Tax is not (only) the Social Cost of Carbon!

- ▶ Optimal carbon tax with heterogeneity:

$$t^f = \text{SCC} + \text{Supply Redistrib.} + \text{Demand Distort}^{\circ}$$

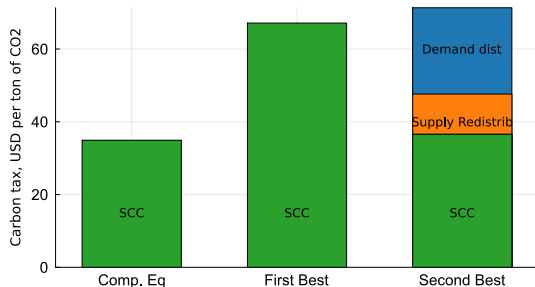
- ▶ Additional redistributive terms

$$\text{Supply Redistribution} = q^f \frac{\bar{v}}{E} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{\lambda}_i (e_i^f - e_i^x)$$

$$\text{Demand Distortion} = -q^f \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{v}_i \left(\frac{1-s_i^e}{e_{it}^f} \right)$$

- ▶ The optimal energy tax is higher than the SCC (here for utilitarian planner)
- ▶ With Negishi weights, opposite result

Details



Conclusion

- ▶ In this project, I solve for the optimal climate policy
 - Accounting for inequality as it depends on the availability of transfer mechanisms
 - Redistributing through GE effects on energy and good markets \Rightarrow terms-of-trade effects
 - Additional trade-related and dynamic motives co-funded in energy taxation

 - ▶ Incentives and implementability
 - What if some countries deviate from apply the appropriate energy tax?
 - Game theoretical consideration due to participation constraints
 - Implementation of a “climate club”:
Penalty tariffs or Carbon-Adjustment Mechanisms for non-participants crucial for enforcing carbon policy
- \Rightarrow Job Market Paper: “The Optimal Design of Climate Agreements”

Appendices

Step 0: Competitive equilibrium & Trade

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

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

- 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

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

Step 1: World First-best policy

- ▶ Maximizing welfare of the world Social Planner:

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

- Full array of instruments: cross-countries lump-sum transfers t_i^{ls} , individual carbon taxes t_i^f on energy e_i^f , bilateral tariffs t_{ij}^b
 - Budget constraint: $\sum_i t_i^{ls} = \sum_i t_i^f e_i^f + \sum_{i,j} t_{ij}^b c_{ij} d_{ij} p_j$
- ▶ Maximize welfare subject to
 - Market clearing for good $[\mu_i]$, market clearing for energy μ^e

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Step 1: World First-best policy

► Social planner results:

- Consumption:

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

- Energy use:

$$\omega_i \mu_i M P e_i = \mu^e + SCC$$

- Social cost of carbon:

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

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Step 2: World optimal Ramsey policy

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

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Step 2: World optimal Ramsey policy

- ▶ The planner takes into account

- (i) the marginal value of wealth λ_i
- (ii) the shadow value of good i , from market clearing, μ_i :

$$\text{w/o trade} \quad \omega_i u'(c_i) = \omega_i \lambda_i$$

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

- ▶ Relative welfare weights, representing inequality

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

$$\text{vs. w/ trade:} \quad \hat{\lambda}_i = \frac{\omega_i (\lambda_i + \mu_i)}{\frac{1}{I} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \omega_i (\lambda_i + \mu_i)} \leq 1$$

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- Social Cost of Carbon for the planner:

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- Social Cost of Carbon integrates these inequalities:

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

Step 2: Optimal policy – Other motives

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$$\Rightarrow \quad t^f = SCC + SVF$$

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► Proposition 2: Optimal fossil energy tax: [back](#)

$$\Rightarrow \quad t^f = \text{SCC} + \text{Supply Redistrib.} + \text{Demand Distortion}$$

– Social cost of carbon: $\text{SCC} = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{\lambda}_i \text{LCC}_i$

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

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

- Participation incentives change our measure of inequality

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

$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\tilde{\lambda}}_i = \frac{\omega_i(\tilde{\lambda}_i + \tilde{\mu}_i)}{\frac{1}{j} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \omega_j(\tilde{\lambda}_i + \tilde{\mu}_i)} \neq \hat{\lambda}_i$$

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- Result: $\omega_i(1+\nu_i)$ are the “endogenous Pareto weights”

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 ν fossil supply elasticity, σ energy demand elasticity and s^f energy cost share.
- Optimal fossil energy tax $t^f(\mathbb{J})$:

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

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

Climate uncertainty and the Cost of Carbon:

- ▶ Stochastics: for any shock ϵ with distribution $\epsilon \sim \varphi(\epsilon)$
- ▶ New measure for inequalities:

$$\widehat{\lambda}_{it}^w(\epsilon) = \frac{\lambda_{it}^k(\epsilon)}{\mathbb{E}_{i,\epsilon}[\lambda_{it}^w(\epsilon)]} = \frac{\omega_i u'(c_{it}(\epsilon))}{\int_{\epsilon} \int_j \omega_j u'(c_{j,t}(\epsilon)) dj d\varphi(\epsilon)}$$

- ▶ Uncertainty-adjusted SCC writes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon}[SCC] &= \int_{\mathcal{E}} \int_{\mathbb{I}} \widehat{\lambda}_{it}^w(\epsilon) LCC_{it}(\epsilon) d\varphi(\epsilon) \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_j \left[\text{Cov}_{\epsilon} \left(\widehat{\lambda}_{it}^w(\epsilon), LCC_{jt}(\epsilon) \right) \right]}_{=\text{effect of aggregate risk } \epsilon} + \underbrace{\text{Cov}_j \left[\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left(\widehat{\lambda}_{it}^w(\epsilon) \right), \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left(LCC_{jt}(\epsilon) \right) \right]}_{=\text{effect of heterogeneity across } j} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{j,\epsilon} [LCC_{jt}(\epsilon)]}_{=\text{average exp. damage}} \\ &> \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} [\overline{SCC}(\epsilon)] \quad \& \quad > SCC_t \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Climate uncertainty reinforces the unequal costs of climate change! [back](#)

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 $\mathbf{y} = \{\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{q}\}$ 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.

Impact of increase in temperature

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

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

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

- 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
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Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

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

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

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

- ▶ Solving for λ_{it}^{τ} and λ_{it}^S , in stationary equilibrium $\dot{\lambda}_{it}^S = \dot{\lambda}_{it}^{\tau} = 0$

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

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

Cost of carbon / Marginal value of temperature

► **Proposition (Stationary LCC):**

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

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

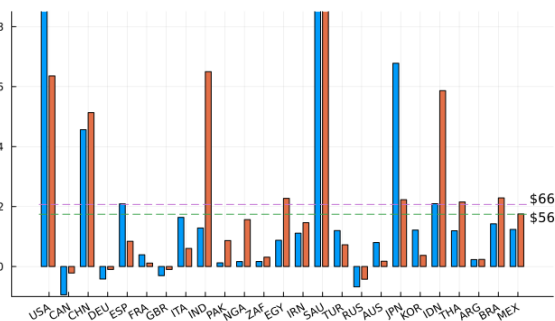
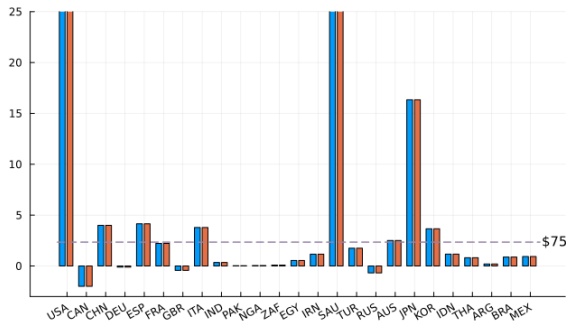
- Stationary equilibrium: $\dot{\lambda}_t^S = \dot{\lambda}_t^T = 0$
- Fast temperature adjustment $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$
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Local Cost of Carbon & Carbon Tax – First and Second Best

▶ Recall: $SCC = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \hat{\lambda}_i^w LCC_i$

▶ Difference: $LCC_i = \frac{\psi_i^S}{\lambda_i^w}$ vs.

$$\hat{\lambda}_i^w LCC_i = \frac{\psi_i^S}{\lambda^w}$$



Carbon tax and SCC differ!

▶ $SCC = \frac{\psi^S}{\lambda^w} + \text{Decomposition}$

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▶ $t^f = SCC + \text{Supply Redistrib.} + \text{Demand Distort}^\circ$

