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A Stock-Flow Consistent, Monetary Macro-dynamics of Global Warming

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Climate change as a milestone for the XXIst century
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The 2008 crisis: a revival of Minsky's theory of financial instability

Figure: Time series of the private debt ratio and employment rate in the United States over the period 1990-2010.
Introduction
Key research highlights

1. Combine two sources of global instabilities (climate and finance) in a minimal and rational framework to provide prospective analysis insight on the climate-economy interactions

2. Identify the instability factors and their transmission channels (in particular the pivotal role of private debt)

3. Provide public policy guidance for the implementation of the emblematic objective of the Paris Agreement to contain global warming below 1.5°C
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Context – The Keen model (1995)\textsuperscript{[9]}

Theoretical elements

- Minimum (bounded) rationality
- Endogenous business cycles as in the Goodwin model (1967)\textsuperscript{[6]}
- Mathematical formalization of Minsky’s moment
  - Lotka-Volterra relationship linking the employment rate to the wage share
  - Dynamics of the private debt of firms
- Phenomenological empirical approach to ground aggregated behavior:
  - Short-term Phillips curve (Mankiw (2010)\textsuperscript{[10]}, Krugman (2014))
  - Investment function
- Dualism of long-term equilibria:
  - A desirable steady-state equilibrium
  - A bad attractor leading to a breakdown
Context – The Keen model (1995)\cite{9}

Convergence to the locally asymptotically stable steady-state equilibrium

Figure: Phase diagram in the Keen model (1995)\cite{9}.
Context – The Keen model (1995)[9]

Viability analysis through the basin of attraction

Figure: Basin of attraction of the desirable steady-state in the Keen model. Source: Grasselli et al. (2012)[7]
### Context – The Keen model (1995)[9]

Stock-Flow consistency “à la” Godley-Lavoie (2012)[5]

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A seminal model of IAMs

Figure: Trajectories from the model Dynamic Integrated Climate Economy (DICE). Source: Nordhaus (2013)\[11\].
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Key modeling highlights

Taking advantage of two prominent models:

- The macrodynamic model of Keen (1995)[9] refined with:
  - Price system under imperfect competition (Grasselli et al. (2014)[8])
  - Sigmoïd pattern of the global workforce (UN population scenarios (2015)[1])
  - Dividends payments of firms to households

- The DICE model of Nordhaus (2013)[11] refined with:
  - More convex damage functions (Weitzman (2011)[13], Dietz et al. (2015)[3])
  - Allocation of environmental damage between:
    1. Output
    2. Capital accumulation (Dietz et al. (2015)[3])
    3. Labor productivity (Burke et al. (2015)[2])
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Structure of the model – The macroeconomic framework

- Closed economy
- Continuous time
- No public sector
- Three agents: households, firms and banks
Structure of the model – The macroeconomic framework

Main variables considered

- Real output: $Y$
- Global workforce: $N$
- Employed workforce: $L$
- Unitary wage: $w$
- Private debt stock: $D$
- Short-term interest rate: $r$
- Price index level: $p$
- Capital stock: $K$
- Dividend payment: $D_i$
- The net result of firms: $\Pi = pY - wL - rD$
Structure of the model – The macroeconomic framework

The reduced variables

- The profit share: \( \pi := \frac{\Pi}{pY} \)

- The employment rate: \( \lambda := \frac{L}{N} \)

- The private debt ratio: \( d := \frac{D}{pY} \)

- The global workforce: \( N \)
Structure of the model – The macroeconomic framework

The main macroeconomic relations

- The production: \( Y := \frac{K}{\nu} \)
- The capital accumulation: \( \dot{K} := I - \delta K \)
- The private debt accumulation: \( \dot{D} := pI + \Delta(\pi)pY - \Pi \)
- Short-term Phillips curve: \( \frac{\dot{w}}{w} := \Phi(\lambda) + \gamma i \)
- Price dynamics: \( i := \frac{\dot{p}}{p} := \eta_p(m\omega - 1) + i_{LT} \)
- The global workforce dynamics: \( \frac{\dot{N}}{N} := q \left(1 - \frac{N}{P}\right) \)
- The labor productivity: \( a := (1 - D)\frac{Y}{L} \)
Structure of the model – The macroeconomic framework

Differential system

A 4-dimensional system of differential equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{\omega} &= \omega \left[ \Phi(\lambda) - (1 - \gamma)i(\omega) - \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right] \\
\dot{\lambda} &= \lambda \left[ \frac{\dot{Y}}{Y} - \frac{\dot{a}}{a} - \frac{\dot{N}}{N} \right] \\
\dot{d} &= d \left[ r - \left( \frac{\dot{Y}}{Y} + i(\omega) \right) \right] + \kappa(\pi) + \Delta(\pi) - (1 - \omega) \\
\dot{N} &= qN \left( 1 - \frac{N}{PN} \right)
\end{align*}
\]

Where intervene the following variables of interest:

\[
\begin{align*}
\pi &= 1 - \omega - r d \\
\frac{\dot{Y}}{Y} &= \frac{\kappa(\pi)}{\nu} - \delta \\
i(\omega) &= \eta_p(m\omega - 1) + c
\end{align*}
\]
Structural Change – The macroeconomic framework

Convergence toward a steady-state without climate change

Figure: Phase diagram in the absence of climate change (calibrated model).
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Physical process overview

Figure: Climate-economy interactions diagram.
Global CO₂ emissions are the sum of two contributions: $E := E_{ind} + E_{land}$

- **Endogenous industrial emissions:**
  
  $$E_{ind} := Y\sigma(1 - n)$$

  - Proportional to real output $Y$
  - Emission intensity of the economy: $\sigma$
  - Emissions reduction rate: $n$

- **Exogenous emissions linked to land-use change** $E_{land}$
Structure of the model – The climate module

$CO_2$ accumulation (1/2)

**Three-Layer Model of $CO_2$ Accumulation**

- **Layer AT**
  - Atmosphere
- **Layer UP**
  - Biosphere
  - *Upper part of the oceans*
- **Layer AT**
  - *Lower part of the oceans*

**CO$_2$ Emissions** → **Radiative Forcing**

**Figure:** $CO_2$ accumulation in a three-layer model.
Structure of the model – The climate module

$CO_2$ accumulation (2/2)

Modeling through the following system:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\dot{CO}_2^{AT} \\
\dot{CO}_2^{UP} \\
\dot{CO}_2^{LO}
\end{pmatrix} :=
\begin{pmatrix}
E \\
0 \\
0
\end{pmatrix} +
\begin{pmatrix}
-\phi_{12} & \phi_{12} \frac{CO_2^{AT}_{init}}{CO_2^{UP}_{init}} & 0 \\
\phi_{12} & -\phi_{12} \frac{CO_2^{AT}_{init}}{CO_2^{UP}_{init}} - \phi_{23} & \phi_{23} \frac{CO_2^{UP}_{init}}{CO_2^{LO}_{init}} \\
0 & \phi_{23} \frac{CO_2^{UP}_{init}}{CO_2^{LO}_{init}} & -\phi_{23}
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Radiative forcing is the sum of two contributions: \( F := F_{\text{ind}} + F_{\text{exo}} \)

- \( \text{CO}_2 \) accumulation in the atmospheric layer:

\[
F_{\text{ind}} := \frac{F_2 \times \text{CO}_2}{\log(2)} \log \left( \frac{\text{CO}_2^{AT}}{\text{CO}_2^{AT_{\text{init}}}} \right)
\]

- Exogenous radiative forcing \( F_{\text{exo}} \) to model residual factors (dynamics calibrated on the IPCCs’ RCPs (2013)\(^{[12]}\))
Structure of the model – The climate module

Temperature change (1/2)

Two-Layer Model of Mean Temperature

Radiative Forcing

Real Output Damage

Upper Layer
- Atmosphere
- Biosphere
- Upper part of the oceans

Lower Layer
- Lower part of the oceans

Figure: Dynamics of temperature.
Structure of the model – The climate module

Temperature change (2/2)

Temperature’s evolution is inspired by Geoffroy et al. (2013)[4]:

- *Energy Balanced*

- A two-layer model:
  - Atmosphere, biosphere, ocean upper level (temperature anomaly):
    \[
    C \dot{T} = F - \rho T - \gamma^* (T - T_0)
    \]
  - Deep ocean (temperature anomaly $T_0$):
    \[
    C_0 \dot{T}_0 = \gamma^* (T - T_0)
    \]
Structure of the model – Climate damages and mitigation

Environmental damages due to global warming

Figure: Comparison of the shape of covered damage functions.
Structure of the model – Climate damages and mitigation

Allocation of environmental damages between output flows and capital stock

Allocation of damages according to:

- Damages on capital stock:
  \[ D^K := f_K D \]

- Damages on output flows:
  \[ D^Y := 1 - \frac{1 - D}{1 - D^K} \]

Introduction of damages in the macroeconomic model:

- Capital accumulation:
  \[ K := I - (\delta + D^K)K \]

- Production function:
  \[ Y := (1 - D^Y) \frac{K}{\nu} \]
Alternate definition of the damage function introduced by Burke et al. (2015)\(^2\) as a quadratic alteration of the labor productivity.

Endogenous labor productivity growth:

\[ \frac{\dot{a}}{a} := \alpha_1 T_a + \alpha_2 T_a^2 \]
Structure of the model – Climate damages and mitigation

**Mitigation effort**

- Impulsed by the emission reduction rate $n$ sets by public authorities, inspired by Nordhaus (2013)[11]:
  - Exogenous trajectories of the carbon price $p_C$
  - Exogenous de-growth trajectories of the backstop technology $p_{NC}$
  - Arbitrage relationship:

$$n := \min \left\{ \left( \frac{p_c}{p_{NC}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2 - 1}}, 1 \right\}$$
Structure of the model – Climate damages and mitigation

Abatement cost of carbon

The implementation of mitigation effort impose a burden on the economy modeled through the abatement cost of carbon: \( G := \theta_1 \sigma p_{BS} n^{\theta_2} \)

This cost is partly born by firms:

- The effective Gross Capital Fixed Formation: \( I^{ef} := (\kappa(\pi) - \mu G) Y \)
- The accumulation of capital:
  \[
  \dot{K} := I^{ef} - \delta K \\
  = \kappa(\pi) Y - (\delta + D^K + \frac{\mu}{\nu} G) K
  \]

- The dynamics of private debt:
  \[
  D := pI + \Delta(\pi)pY - \Pi
  \]
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Stock-flow consistency à la(Godley et Lavoie (2012)[5]

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Properties of the global long-term equilibria

1. The energy shift is performed (no more emissions or abatement cost)

2. The climate and economic modules are decoupled and can be studied separately

3. The climate module admits a unique equilibrium characterized by:
   
   (i) The quantity of CO$_2$ is the sum of the predindustrial one plus total emissions
   (ii) The relative preindustrial quantities of CO$_2$ in each layer are respected
   (iii) The mean atmospheric deviation is constant and strictly positive
   (iv) The radiative forcing is constant and strictly positive

4. The macroeconomic module admits at least 2 equilibria
Impact of climate change – Mathematical analysis

Shape of the steady-state macroeconomic equilibrium

Assuming constant prices, the steady-state equilibrium is defined by:

\[
\begin{align*}
\pi_1 &= \kappa^{-1} \left( \frac{\nu (g_{aeq} + \delta + D_{eq})}{1 - Y_{eq}} \right) \\
\omega_1 &= 1 - \pi_1 - rd_1 \\
&= 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{r}{g_{aeq}} \right) \pi_1 - r \frac{\kappa(\pi_1) + \Delta(\pi_1)}{g_{aeq}} \\
\lambda_1 &= \Phi^{-1}(g_{aeq}) \\
d_1 &= \frac{\kappa(\pi_1) + \Delta(\pi_1) - \pi_1}{g_{aeq}} \\
N_1 &= P \\
g_{aeq} &= \frac{\dot{a}}{a} (T = T_{eq})
\end{align*}
\]

At the desirable steady-state, the income distribution is shifted at the expense of households:

- Converse forces on the profit share reasonably pushed forward
- Increased debt ratio by cutting wages in case of “over-optimism”
- Unfavorable for wage share
Impact of climate change – Mathematical analysis

Stability of the macroeconomic equilibria

- Assuming a constant dividend and considering damages on output:
  - A necessary condition for the stability of the steady state equilibrium is:
    \[ \pi_1 > \frac{\nu(\delta + D^K_{eq})}{1 - D^Y_{eq}} \]
  - A necessary condition for the stability of the breakdown attractor is:
    \[ r > \frac{\kappa_0}{\nu} (1 - D^Y_{eq}) - (\delta + D^K_{eq}) \]

- The local stability conditions are twisted by climate in favor of the breakdown attractor

- Global warming tends to drive the economy out of the desirable steady-state basin of attraction
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Temperature paths of the steady-state (1/3)

Figure: Bifurcation graph of the steady-state – Damage on output.
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Temperature paths of the steady-state (2/3)

Figure: Bifurcation graph of the steady-state – Damage on output and capital.
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Temperature paths of the steady-state (2/3)

Figure: Bifurcation graph of the steady-state – Damage on capital and labor productivity.
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**Basin of attraction of the steady-state (1/3)**

*Figure: Basin of attraction without climate change.*
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Basin of attraction of the steady-state (2/3)

Figure: Basin of attraction with damages on output and capital.
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Basin of attraction of the steady-state (3/3)

Figure: Basin of attraction with damages on capital and labor productivity.
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Climate prospective – Scope of analysis

Simulations calibration

- Identification thanks to the stock-flow consistency property

- Macroeconomic module:
  - Build a database at World level
    World Bank, Penn, Bureau of Economic Analysis, United Nations
  - Estimation and calibration of the phenomenological functions
  - Main economic variables:

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- Climate module: calibrated on DICE (2013)[11]

- Damage function and endogenous labor productivity growth: literature
Climate prospective – Scope of analysis

Design of the prospective scenarios

- Prospective analysis through 5 classes of scenarios:
  - **Baseline**: absent climate change
  - **Nordhaus**: Nordhaus-type damage on output
  - **Stern**: allocation of Weitzman-type damage between output and capital
  - **Burke**: Weitzman-type damage on capital and Burke-type damage on labor productivity
  - **Burke Extreme**: Dietz-type damage on capital and Burke-type damage on labor productivity

- Public policy insight to cope with potential collapse through the appropriate carbon-price instrument:
  1. Run of the scenarios with a low-constraining carbon-price path
  2. Analysis of carbon-price instrument deployment trade-offs compatible with the realization of the +1.5°C limitation of global warming in 2100 of the Paris Agreement
  3. Proposal of minimal carbon-price path for public policy implementation
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An imperious need for public involvement (3/3)

Figure: Phase diagrams in a long term horizon.
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Stability vs Indebtedness trade-offs

Figure: Minimal carbon-price path implementation.
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Realizing the Paris Agreement objective – Initial carbon-price of 10 (1/2)

Figure: Trajectories of the main macroeconomic and climate variables with minimal mitigation constraint.
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Realizing the Paris Agreement objective – Initial carbon-price of 10 (2/2)

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Realizing the $+2^\circ$ C-global warming limitation objective – Initial carbon-price of 10 (1/2)

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Main results

- Development of a climate feedback framework in a stock-flow consistent macroeconomic monetary model producing a wide range of outcomes
- Identification of the influence of climate change as a channel of financial instability
- Key role of the temperature anomaly in the stability of the economy
- Inaction will most likely lead to a global collapse of the financial/socio-economic system
- Trade-off between climate and financial instability in the rhythm of implementation of a carbon price path
- Involvement of firms more than ever necessary to perform this energy shit, as about 70% of the required investment to perform the energy shift shall come from the private sector
Conclusions

Limitations and further research

- Refine economic modeling:
  - Substitution between capital and labor
  - Clarify public policy intervention (including tax incidence)
  - Clarify the energy shift process through investment and technology
  - Make explicit the demand side (consumption, public authorities)

- Add limitations on non-renewable energy and materials

- Build the spacial dimension of the energy shit
Thank you for your attention.
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