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**Abstract:** Using a stock-flow-fund ecological macroeconomic model, we analyse (i) the effects of climate change on financial stability and (ii) the financial and global warming implications of a green QE programme. Emphasis is placed on the impact of climate change damages on the price of financial assets and the financial position of firms and banks. The model is estimated and calibrated using global data and simulations are conducted for the period 2015-2115. Four key results arise. First, by destroying the capital of firms and reducing their profitability, climate change is likely to gradually deteriorate the liquidity of firms, leading to a higher rate of default that could harm both the financial and the non-financial corporate sector. Second, climate change damages can lead to a portfolio reallocation that can cause a gradual decline in the price of corporate bonds. Third, financial instability might adversely affect credit expansion and the investment in green capital, with adverse feedback effects on climate change. Fourth, the implementation of a green QE programme can reduce climate-induced financial instability and restrict global warming. The effectiveness of this programme depends positively on the responsiveness of green investment to changes in bond yields.

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## 1. Introduction

Climate change is likely to have severe effects on the stability of the financial system (see, for instance, Aglietta and Espagne, 2016; Batten et al., 2016; Scott et al., 2017). Two broad climate-related financial risks have been identified: (a) the *transition risks* that have to do with the re-pricing of carbon-intensive assets as a result of the transition to a low-carbon economy; (b) the *physical risks* that are linked to the economic damages of climate-related events. So far, most studies have concentrated on the implications of transition risks (see e.g. Carbon Tracker Initiative, 2011; Johnson, 2012; Plantinga and Scholtens, 2016; Battiston et al., 2017). Less attention has been paid to the detailed analysis of the physical risks. The investigation of these risks is particularly important because it would help us understand how the financial system could be impaired if the transition to a low-carbon economy is very slow in the next decades (and, consequently, severe global warming is not ultimately avoided).

In this paper, we develop an ecological macroeconomic model that sheds light on the physical effects of climate change on financial stability. This is called the DEFINE (Dynamic Ecosystem-FINance-Economy) model and is an extension of the stock-flow-fund model of Dafermos et al. (2017). The latter relies on a novel synthesis of the stock-flow consistent approach of Godley and Lavoie (2007) with the flow-fund model of Georgescu-Roegen (1971, ch. 9; 1979; 1984).<sup>1</sup> The model is calibrated and estimated using global data and simulations are presented which illustrate the effects of climate change on the financial system. We pay attention to the following key channels. First, the increase in temperature and the economic catastrophes caused by climate change could reduce the profitability of firms and could deteriorate their financial position. Accordingly, debt defaults could arise which would lead to systemic bank losses. Second, lower firm profitability combined with global warming-related damages can affect the confidence of investors, inducing a rise in liquidity preference and a fire sale of the financial assets issued by the corporate sector.

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<sup>1</sup> See the model's website: [www.define-model.org](http://www.define-model.org).

Dietz et al. (2016) have recently investigated quantitatively the physical impact of climate change on the financial system. They use a standard Integrated Assessment model (IAM) and the climate value at risk (VAR) framework. Assuming that climate change can reduce the dividend payments of firms and, hence, the price of financial assets, they provide various estimates about the climate-induced loss in the value of financial assets. Our study moves beyond their analysis in three different ways. First, by relying on the stock-flow consistent approach, we portray explicitly the balance sheets and the financial flows in the financial sector. This allows us to model the climate-induced fragility that can be caused in the financial structures of firms and banks, a feature which is absent in Dietz et al. (2016). Second, we utilise a multiple financial asset portfolio choice framework which permits an explicit analysis of the climate-induced effects on the demand of financial assets in a world of fundamental uncertainty. This allows us to capture the implications of a fire sale of certain financial assets. These implications are not explicitly considered in the model of Dietz et al. (2016) where climate damages do not have diversified effects on different financial assets. Third, the financial system in our model has a non-neutral impact on economic activity: credit availability and the price of financial assets affect economic growth and employment. Accordingly, the interactions between economic performance and financial (in)stability are explicitly taken into account. This is crucial since the feedback economic effects of bank losses and asset price deflation can exacerbate climate-induced financial instability (see Batten et al., 2016). On the contrary, Dietz et al. (2016) utilise a neoclassical growth framework where long-run growth is independent of the financial structure of firms and banks. This leaves little room for the analysis of the macroeconomic implications of climate-induced financial problems.

Our simulation results illustrate that in a business as usual scenario climate change is likely to have important adverse effects on the default of firms, the leverage of banks and the price of financial assets. Remarkably, this climate-induced financial instability causes problems in the financing of green investment disrupting the transition to a low-carbon and more ecologically efficient economy.

An additional contribution of this paper is that it examines how monetary policy could reduce the risks imposed on the financial system by climate change. Drawing on the recent discussions about the potential use of monetary policy in tackling climate change (see e.g. Murphy and Hines, 2010;

Werner, 2012; Rozenberg et al., 2013; Anderson, 2015; Barkawi and Monnin, 2015; Campiglio, 2016; Matikainen et al., 2017; UN Environment Inquiry, 2017; Monasterolo and Raberto, 2018), we examine the extent to which a global green quantitative easing (QE) programme could ameliorate the financial distress caused by climate change. This programme involves the purchase of green corporate bonds. The simulations presented about the effects of a green QE programme are of growing relevance since in a world of climate change central banks might not be able to safeguard financial stability without using new unconventional tools in a prudential manner.

The paper's outline is as follows. Section 2 presents the structure of the model and the key equations that capture the links between climate change, financial stability and monetary policy. Section 3 describes the calibration, estimation and validation of the model. Section 4 analyses our simulations about the effects of climate change on the financial system. Section 5 focuses on the impact of a green QE programme. Section 6 concludes.

## **2. The model**

The DEFINE 1.0 model (version: 09-2017) consists of two big blocks: (i) the 'ecosystem' block that encapsulates the carbon cycle, the interaction between temperature and carbon, the flows/stocks of energy and matter and the evolution of ecological efficiency indicators; (ii) the 'macroeconomy and financial system' block that includes the financial transactions, the balance sheet structure and the behaviour of households, firms, banks, central banks and the government sector.

Firms produce one type of material good which is used for durable consumption and investment purposes. The matter that is necessary in the production process is either extracted from the ground or comes from recycling the demolished/discarded socio-economic stock.<sup>2</sup> Energy is produced by using both renewable and non-renewable sources. Production results in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and waste. A distinction is made between green and conventional capital. The higher the use of green capital the lower the energy and material intensity and the higher the recycling rate and the use of renewables.

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<sup>2</sup> The socio-economic stock includes capital goods and durable consumption goods.

Firms invest in conventional and green capital by using retained profits, loans and bonds. Banks impose credit rationing on firm loans. This means that they play an active role in the determination of output and the accumulation of green capital. Households receive labour income, buy durable consumption goods and accumulate wealth in the form of deposits, corporate bonds and government securities. There are no household loans. Commercial banks accumulate capital and distribute part of their profits to households. Central banks determine the base interest rate, provide liquidity to the commercial banks and purchase government securities and corporate bonds. Governments collect taxes and conduct fiscal policy. Inflation has been assumed away and, for simplicity, the price of goods is equal to unity. We use US dollar (\$) as a reference currency.

The skeleton of the model is captured by four matrices:

(1) The physical flow matrix (Table 1) which portrays the inflows and the outflows of matter and energy that take place as a result of the production process. The First Law of Thermodynamics implies that energy and matter cannot be created or destroyed. This is reflected in the material and energy balance.

**Table 1:** Physical flow matrix

	Material balance	Energy balance
<b>Inputs</b>		
Extracted matter	$+M$	
Renewable energy		$+ER$
Non-renewable energy	$+CEN$	$+EN$
Oxygen	$+O_2$	
<b>Outputs</b>		
Industrial CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	$-EMIS_{IN}$	
Waste	$-W$	
Dissipated energy		$-ED$
<b>Change in socio-economic stock</b>	$-\Delta SES$	
<b>Total</b>	0	0

*Note: The table refers to annual global flows. Matter is measured in Gt and energy is measured in EJ.*

(2) The physical stock-flow matrix (Table 2) which presents the dynamic change in material and non-renewable energy reserves, the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, the socio-economic stock and the stock of hazardous waste. The first row of the matrix shows the stocks of the previous year. The last row presents the stocks at the end of the current year. Additions to stocks are denoted by a plus sign. Reductions of stocks are denoted by a minus sign.

**Table 2:** Physical stock-flow matrix

	Material reserves	Non-renewable energy reserves	Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> concentration	Socio-economic stock	Hazardous waste
<b>Opening stock</b>	$REV_{M-1}$	$REV_{E-1}$	$CO2_{AT-1}$	$SES_{-1}$	$HWS_{-1}$
<b>Additions to stock</b>					
Resources converted into reserves	$+CONV_M$	$+CONV_E$			
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions			$+EMIS$		
Production of material goods				$+MY$	
Non-recycled hazardous waste					$+hazW$
<b>Reductions of stock</b>					
Extraction	$-M$	$-EN$			
Net transfer to oceans/biosphere			$+(\phi_{11}-1)CO2_{AT-1} + \phi_{21}CO2_{UP-1}$		
Demolished/disposed material goods				$-DEM$	
<b>Closing stock</b>	$REV_M$	$REV_E$	$CO2_{AT}$	$SES$	$HWS$

Note: The table refers to annual global stocks and flows. Matter is measured in Gt and energy is measured in EJ.

(3) The transactions flow matrix (Table 3) which shows the transactions that take place between the various sectors of the economy. Inflows are denoted by a plus sign and outflows are denoted by a minus sign.

(4) The balance sheet matrix (Table 4) which includes the assets and the liabilities of the sectors. We use a plus sign for assets and a minus sign for liabilities.

**Table 3:** Transactions flow matrix

	Households	Firms		Commercial banks		Government sector	Central banks		Total
		Current	Capital	Current	Capital		Current	Capital	
Consumption	-C	+C							0
Government expenditures		+G				-G			0
Conventional investment		+I <sub>C</sub>	-I <sub>C</sub>						0
Green investment		+I <sub>G</sub>	-I <sub>G</sub>						0
Wages	+mN	-mN							0
Taxes	-T <sub>H</sub>	-T <sub>F</sub>				+T			0
Firms' profits	+DP	-TP	+RP						0
Commercial banks' profits	+BP <sub>D</sub>			-BP	+BP <sub>U</sub>				0
Interest on deposits	+int <sub>D</sub> D <sub>-1</sub>			-int <sub>D</sub> D <sub>-1</sub>					0
Capital depreciation		-δK <sub>-1</sub>	+δK <sub>-1</sub>						0
Interest on conventional loans		-int <sub>C</sub> L <sub>C-1</sub>		+int <sub>C</sub> L <sub>C-1</sub>					0
Interest on green loans		-int <sub>G</sub> L <sub>G-1</sub>		+int <sub>G</sub> L <sub>G-1</sub>					0
Interest on conventional bonds	+coupon <sub>C</sub> b <sub>CH-1</sub>	-coupon <sub>C</sub> b <sub>C-1</sub>					+coupon <sub>C</sub> b <sub>CCB-1</sub>		0
Interest on green bonds	+coupon <sub>G</sub> b <sub>GH-1</sub>	-coupon <sub>G</sub> b <sub>G-1</sub>					+coupon <sub>G</sub> b <sub>GCB-1</sub>		0
Interest on government securities	+int <sub>S</sub> SEC <sub>H-1</sub>			+int <sub>S</sub> SEC <sub>B-1</sub>		-int <sub>S</sub> SEC <sub>-1</sub>	+int <sub>S</sub> SEC <sub>CB-1</sub>		0
Interest on advances				-int <sub>A</sub> A <sub>-1</sub>			+int <sub>A</sub> A <sub>-1</sub>		0
Central bank's profits						+CBP	-CBP		0
Bailout of banks				+BAILOUT		-BAILOUT			0
Δdeposits	-ΔD				+ΔD				0
Δconventional loans			+ΔL <sub>C</sub>		-ΔL <sub>C</sub>				0
Δgreen loans			+ΔL <sub>G</sub>		-ΔL <sub>G</sub>				0
Δconventional bonds	p <sub>C</sub> Δb <sub>CH</sub>		+p <sub>C</sub> Δb <sub>C</sub>				p <sub>C</sub> Δb <sub>CCB</sub>		0
Δgreen bonds	p <sub>G</sub> Δb <sub>GH</sub>		+p <sub>G</sub> Δb <sub>G</sub>				p <sub>G</sub> Δb <sub>GCB</sub>		0
Δgovernment securities	-ΔSEC <sub>H</sub>				-ΔSEC <sub>B</sub>	+ΔSEC	-ΔSEC <sub>CB</sub>		0
Δadvances					+ΔA		-ΔA		0
Δhigh-powered money					-ΔHPM		+ΔHPM		0
Defaulted loans			+DL		-DL				0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The table refers to annual global flows in trillion US\$.

**Table 4:** Balance sheet matrix

	Households	Firms	Commercial banks	Government sector	Central banks	Total
Conventional capital		$+K_C$				$+K_C$
Green capital		$+K_G$				$+K_G$
Durable consumption goods	$+DC$					$+DC$
Deposits	$+D$		$-D$			0
Conventional loans		$-L_C$	$+L_C$			0
Green loans		$-L_G$	$+L_G$			0
Conventional bonds	$+p_C b_{CH}$	$-p_C b_C$			$+p_C b_{CCB}$	0
Green bonds	$+p_G b_{GH}$	$-p_G b_G$			$+p_G b_{GCB}$	0
Government securities	$+SEC_H$		$+SEC_B$	$-SEC$	$+SEC_{CB}$	0
High-powered money			$+HPM$		$-HPM$	0
Advances			$-A$		$+A$	0
Total (net worth)	$+V_H$	$+V_F$	$+K_B$	$-SEC$	$+V_{CB}$	$+K_C + K_G + DC$

Note: The table refers to annual global stocks in trillion US\$.

The model extends the model developed by Dafermos et al. (2017) by including a bond market, central banking, the government sector, household portfolio choice and an endogenous rate of default for firms. In what follows we present the equations of the model that are more relevant for the interactions between climate change, financial stability and monetary policy. The full list of equations is reported in Appendix A. Additional details about the foundations of the model and the justification of the equations can be found in Dafermos et al. (2017).

### 2.1. Emissions and climate change

The equations about emissions and climate change draw on Nordhaus (2016). Every year industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ( $EMIS_N$ ) are generated due to the use of non-renewable energy sources ( $EN$ ):

$$EMIS_N = \omega EN \tag{1}$$

where  $\omega$  is the CO<sub>2</sub> intensity, defined as the industrial emissions produced per unit of non-renewable energy use.

Every year land-use CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ( $EMIS_L$ ) are also generated because of changes in the use of land (Eq. 2). These emissions are assumed to decline exogenously at a rate  $lr$ :

$$EMIS_L = EMIS_{L-1}(1-lr) \quad (2)$$

Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ( $EMIS$ ) are given by:

$$EMIS = EMIS_{IN} + EMIS_L \quad (3)$$

The carbon cycle, represented by Eqs. (4)-(6), shows that every year there is exchange of carbon between the atmosphere and the upper ocean/biosphere and between the upper ocean/biosphere and the lower ocean. In particular, we have:

$$CO2_{AT} = EMIS + \phi_1 CO2_{AT-1} + \phi_{21} CO2_{UP-1} \quad (4)$$

$$CO2_{UP} = \phi_2 CO2_{AT-1} + \phi_{22} CO2_{UP-1} + \phi_{32} CO2_{LO-1} \quad (5)$$

$$CO2_{LO} = \phi_{23} CO2_{UP-1} + \phi_{33} CO2_{LO-1} \quad (6)$$

where  $CO2_{AT}$  is the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration,  $CO2_{UP}$  is the upper ocean/biosphere CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and  $CO2_{LO}$  is the lower ocean CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

The accumulation of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases increases radiative forcing ( $F$ ) as follows:

$$F = F_{2 \times CO_2} \log_2 \frac{CO2_{AT}}{CO2_{AT-PRE}} + F_{EX} \quad (7)$$

where  $F_{2 \times CO_2}$  is the increase in radiative forcing (since the pre-industrial period) due to doubling of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration from pre-industrial levels ( $CO2_{AT-PRE}$ ). For simplicity, the radiative forcing due to non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions ( $F_{EX}$ ) is determined exogenously:

$$F_{EX} = F_{EX-1} + fex \quad (8)$$

where  $fex$  is the annual increase in radiative forcing (since the pre-industrial period) due to non-CO<sub>2</sub> agents.

As shown in Eq. (9), the rise in radiative forcing places upward pressures on atmospheric temperature ( $T_{AT}$ ):

$$T_{AT} = T_{AT-1} + t_1 \left( F - \frac{F_{2 \times CO_2}}{S} T_{AT-1} - t_2 (T_{AT-1} - T_{LO-1}) \right) \quad (9)$$

where  $S$  is the equilibrium climate sensitivity, i.e. the increase in equilibrium temperature due to doubling of  $CO_2$  concentration from pre-industrial levels.

The temperature of the lower oceans ( $T_{LO}$ ) is given by:

$$T_{LO} = T_{LO-1} + t_3 (T_{AT-1} - T_{LO-1}) \quad (10)$$

## 2.2. Green capital, energy intensity and renewable energy

Green capital allows firms to produce the same output with less energy. This is captured by the following logistic function:

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{max} - \frac{\varepsilon^{max} - \varepsilon^{min}}{1 + \pi_5 e^{-\pi_6 (K_G/K_C)}} \quad (11)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is energy intensity and  $\varepsilon^{max}$  and  $\varepsilon^{min}$  are, respectively, the maximum and the minimum potential values of energy intensity. As the ratio of green capital ( $K_G$ ) to conventional capital ( $K_C$ ) increases, energy intensity goes down. The use of the logistic function implies that the installation of green capital (relative to conventional capital) initially generates a slow improvement in energy intensity. However, as installation expands further, the improvement reaches a take-off point after which energy intensity improves much more rapidly due to the learning obtained from installation experience and the overall expansion of green capital infrastructure. Finally, as energy intensity approaches its potential minimum, improvement starts to slow.

A similar logistic function is used for the effects of green capital accumulation on the share of renewable energy in total energy produced ( $\theta$ ):

$$\theta = \frac{1}{1 + \pi_7 e^{-\pi_8 (K_G/K_C)}} \quad (12)$$

By definition, the maximum potential value of  $\theta$  is 1. Note that in Dafermos et al. (2017) the formulation of the links between green capital and ecological efficiency indicators is quite different since it does not rely on logistic functions. The use of logistic functions in the present model allows for a more realistic representation that takes into account the processes of learning-by-doing and learning-by-installation which play a key role in the diffusion of new technologies.

### 2.3. Output determination and damages

Eq. (13) shows our Leontief-type production function:

$$Y^* = \min(Y_M^*, Y_E^*, Y_K^*, Y_N^*) \quad (13)$$

where  $Y^*$  is the potential output. The potential output is the minimum of (i) the matter-determined potential output ( $Y_M^*$ ) which depends on material reserves, (ii) the energy-determined potential output ( $Y_E^*$ ) which is a function of non-renewable energy reserves, (iii) the capital-determined potential output ( $Y_K^*$ ) that relies on capital stock and capital productivity, and (iv) the labour-determined potential output ( $Y_N^*$ ) which depends on labour force and labour productivity.

The actual output ( $Y$ ) is demand-determined. Aggregate demand is equal to consumption expenditures ( $C$ ) plus investment expenditures ( $I$ ) plus government expenditures ( $G$ ):

$$Y = C + I + G \quad (14)$$

However, demand is not independent of supply. When  $Y$  approaches  $Y^*$ , demand tends to decline due to supply-side constraints (this is achieved via our investment function described below).

Output determination is affected by climate change as follows: global warming causes damages to capital stock and capital productivity, decreasing  $Y_K^*$ ; it also causes damages to labour force and labour productivity, reducing  $Y_N^*$  (see Dafermos et al., 2017 and the references therein). These damages (a) deteriorate the expectations of households and firms, reducing consumption and

investment, and, hence aggregate demand<sup>3</sup> and (b) increase the scarcity of capital and labour placing downward pressures on aggregate demand via the supply constraints.

Eq. (15) is the damage function, which shows how atmospheric temperature and damages are linked:

$$D_T = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \eta_1 T_{AT} + \eta_2 T_{AT}^2 + \eta_3 T_{AT}^{6.754}} \quad (15)$$

$D_T$  is the proportional damage which lies between 0 (no damage) and 1 (complete catastrophe). Eq. (15) has been proposed by Weitzman (2012). The variable  $D_T$  enters into both (i) the determination of capital and labour and their productivities and (ii) the consumption and investment demand. In our baseline scenario we assume that  $D_T = 0.5$  when  $T = 6^\circ C$ .<sup>4</sup>

#### 2.4. The financing of investment

Firms' investment is formalised as a two-stage process. At a first stage, firms decide their overall desired investment in both green and conventional capital. At a second stage, they allocate their desired investment between the two types of capital. Eq. (16) captures the first stage:

$$I^D = \left( \alpha \left( u_{-1}^+, r_{-1}^+, g_{\varepsilon-1}^-, ur_{-1}^-, ue_{-1}^-, um_{-1}^- \right) K_{-1} + \varepsilon_I K_{-1} + \delta K_{-1} \right) (1 - D_{T-1}) \quad (16)$$

Desired investment ( $I^D$ ), adjusted for the damage effect, is given by net investment plus the depreciated capital;  $\delta$  is the depreciation rate of capital stock. Net investment is affected by a number of factors. First, following the Kaleckian approach (see e.g. Blecker, 2002), it depends positively on the rate of (retained) profits ( $r$ ) and the rate of capacity utilisation ( $u$ ). The impact of these factors is assumed to be non-linear in general line with the tradition that draws on Kaldor (1940). This means that when the profit rate and capacity utilisation are very low or very high their effects on investment become rather small. Second, investment is also a negative function of the growth rate of energy intensity ( $g_\varepsilon$ ). This captures the rebound effect linked to the fact that firms invest more when energy intensity declines, since energy costs go down. This higher

<sup>3</sup> For some empirical evidence about the impact of natural disasters on the saving behaviour of households, see Skidmore (2001).

<sup>4</sup> Our damage function captures the aggregate effects of climate change. For a damage function that considers explicitly the heterogeneity of climate shocks across agents, see Lamperti et al. (2017).

investment increases the use of energy, partially offsetting the positive effects of energy efficiency improvements.<sup>5</sup> Third, following Skott and Zipperer (2012), we assume a non-linear impact of unemployment rate ( $ur$ ) on investment: when unemployment approaches zero, there is a scarcity of labour that discourages entrepreneurs to invest. This means that, by reducing labour productivity and labour force (and, hence, unemployment), climate change can have a negative impact on investment. Fourth, the scarcity of energy and material resources can dampen investment, for example because of a rise in resource prices;  $ue$  and  $um$  capture the utilisation of energy and material resources respectively. This impact, however, is highly non-linear: energy and material scarcity affects investment only when the depletion of the resources has become very severe. Fifth, in order to capture exogenous random factors that might affect desired investment, we have assumed that  $I^D$  also depends on a random component,  $\varepsilon_t$ , that follows a stochastic AR(1) process. Overall, our investment function implies that demand declines (or stops increasing) when it approaches potential output. This allows us to take explicit into account the environmental supply-side effects on aggregate demand mentioned above.

Eqs. (17) and (18) refer to the second stage of firms' investment process:

$$I_G^D = \beta I^D \quad (17)$$

$$I_C^D = I^D - I_G^D \quad (18)$$

where  $\beta$  is the share of green investment ( $I_G^D$ ) in overall desired investment (Eq. 17). Desired conventional investment ( $I_C^D$ ) is determined as a residual (Eq. 18).

Eq. (19) shows that the share of green investment depends on three factors:

$$\beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_2 [sh_{L-1}(int_G - int_C) + (1 - sh_{L-1})(yield_{G-1} - yield_{C-1})] + \beta_3 D_{T-1} \quad (19)$$

where  $int_C$  is the interest rate on conventional loans,  $int_G$  is the interest rate on green loans,  $yield_C$  is the yield on conventional bonds,  $yield_G$  is the yield on green bonds and  $sh_L$  is the share of loans in the total liabilities of firms (loans plus bonds).

The first factor, captured by the term  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ , reflects exogenous institutional or technological developments that affect the investment in green capital. The second factor, captured by the term

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<sup>5</sup> For a description of the rebound effects see Barker et al. (2009).

$\beta_2[sh_{L-1}(int_G - int_C) + (1 - sh_{L-1})(yield_{G-1} - yield_{C-1})]$ , reflects the borrowing cost of investing in green capital relative to conventional capital. As the cost of borrowing of green capital (via bank lending or bonds) declines compared to conventional capital, firms tend to increase green investment. Finally, we posit that climate change damages lead to more green investment since these damages induce firms to increase mitigation and might lead governments to adopt stricter regulation against the investment in conventional capital.

As mentioned above, retained profits are not in general sufficient to cover the desired investment expenditures. This means that firms need external finance, which is obtained via bonds and bank loans. It is assumed that firms first issue bonds and then demand new loans from banks in order to cover the rest amount of their desired expenditures. Only a proportion of the demanded new loans is provided. In other words, the model assumes that there is a quantity rationing of credit. This is in line with recent empirical evidence that shows that the quantity rationing of credit is a more important driver of macroeconomic activity than the price rationing of credit (see Jakab and Kumhof, 2015).

For simplicity, the long-term bonds issued by firms are never redeemed. The proportion of firms' desired investment which is funded via bonds is given by:

$$b_C = b_{C-1} + \frac{x_1 I_C^D}{p_C} \quad (20)$$

$$b_G = b_{G-1} + \frac{x_2 I_G^D}{p_G} \quad (21)$$

where  $b_C$  is the number of conventional bonds,  $b_G$  is the number of green bonds,  $x_1$  is the proportion of firms' conventional desired investment financed via bonds,  $x_2$  is the proportion of firms' green desired investment funded via bonds,  $p_C$  is the price of conventional bonds and  $p_G$  is the price of green bonds.

The proportion of desired investment covered by green or conventional bonds is a negative function of the bond yield. Formally:

$$x_1 = x_{10} - x_{11} yield_{C-1} \quad (22)$$

$$x_2 = x_{20} - x_{21} yield_{G-1} \quad (23)$$

We postulate a price-clearing mechanism in the bond market:

$$p_C = \frac{B_C}{b_C} \quad (24)$$

$$p_G = \frac{B_G}{b_G} \quad (25)$$

where  $B_C$  and  $B_G$  denote the value of conventional and green bonds held by households and central banks. Prices tend to increase whenever households and central banks hold a higher amount of corporate bonds in their portfolio. A rise in the price of bonds produces a decline in the bond yield, which has two effects on firms' investment. First, since firms pay a lower interest rate on bonds, their profitability improves increasing their desired investment. Second, a lower bond yield (which can result from a rise in bond prices) induces firms to increase the proportion of desired investment covered via bonds. This is crucial because firms need to rely less on bank lending in order to finance their investment. The disadvantage of bank lending is that, due to credit rationing, banks provide only a proportion of the loans demanded by firms. Accordingly, the less firms rely on bank loans in order to finance their desired investment the higher their ability to undertake their desired investment.

Based on firms' budget constraint, the new loans are determined as follows:

$$NL_G^D = I_G^D - \beta RP + repL_{G-1} - \delta K_{G-1} - p_G \Delta b_G \quad (26)$$

$$NL_C^D = I_C^D - (1 - \beta)RP + repL_{C-1} - \delta K_{C-1} - p_C \Delta b_C \quad (27)$$

where  $NL_G^D$  denotes the desired new green loans,  $NL_C^D$  denotes the desired new conventional loans,  $L_G$  is the outstanding amount of green loans,  $L_C$  is the outstanding amount of conventional loans and  $RP$  denotes the retained profits of firms.

Firms might default on their loans. When this happens, a part of their accumulated loans is not repaid, deteriorating the financial position of banks. The amount of defaulted loans ( $DL$ ) is equal to:

$$DL = defL_1 \quad (28)$$

where  $L$  denotes the total loans of firms.

The rate of default (*def*) is assumed to increase when firms become less liquid. The illiquidity of firms is captured by an illiquidity ratio, *illiq*, which expresses the cash outflows of firms relative to their cash inflows. Cash outflows include wages, interest, taxes, loan repayments and maintenance capital expenditures (which are equal to depreciation). Cash inflows comprise the revenues from sales and the funds obtained from bank loans and the issuance of bonds. The default rate is a non-linear positive function of *illiq*:

$$def = f\left(illiq_{-1}^+\right) \quad (29)$$

Eq. (29) suggests that, as cash outflows increase compared to cash inflows, the ability of firms to repay their debt declines.

### 2.5. The portfolio choice of households

Households invest their expected financial wealth ( $V_{HF}$ ) in four different assets: government securities ( $SEC_H$ ), conventional corporate bonds ( $B_{CH}$ ), green corporate bonds ( $B_{GH}$ ) and deposits ( $D$ );  $int_S$  is the interest rate on government securities and  $int_D$  is the interest rate on deposits. In the portfolio choice, captured by Eqs. (30)-(33n), Godley's (1999) imperfect asset substitutability framework is adopted.<sup>6</sup>

$$\frac{SEC_H}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{10} + \lambda'_{10} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{11} int_S + \lambda_{12} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{13} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{14} int_D + \lambda_{15} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{B_{CH}}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{20} + \lambda'_{20} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{21} int_S + \lambda_{22} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{23} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{24} int_D + \lambda_{25} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (31)$$

$$\frac{B_{GH}}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{30} + \lambda'_{30} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{31} int_S + \lambda_{32} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{33} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{34} int_D + \lambda_{35} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{D}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{40} + \lambda'_{40} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{41} int_S + \lambda_{42} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{43} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{44} int_D + \lambda_{45} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (33n)$$

$$D = D_{-1} - C - \Delta SEC_H - p_C \Delta b_{CH} - p_G \Delta b_{GH} \quad (33)$$

Households' asset allocation is driven by three factors. The first factor is the global warming damages. We posit that damages affect households' confidence and increase the precautionary

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<sup>6</sup> The parameters in the portfolio choice equations satisfy the horizontal, vertical and symmetry constraints.

demand for more liquid and less risky assets (see also Batten et al., 2016). Since damages destroy capital and the profitability opportunities of firms, we assume that as  $D_T$  increases, households reduce their holding of corporate conventional bonds and increase the proportion of their wealth held in deposits and government securities which are considered safer.<sup>7</sup> Second, asset allocation responds to alterations in the relative rates on return. The holding of each asset relies positively on its own rate of return and negatively on the other asset's rate of return. Third, a rise in the transactions demand for money (as a result of higher expected income) induces households to substitute deposits for other assets.<sup>8</sup>

## 2.6. Credit rationing and bank leverage

As mentioned above, banks impose credit rationing on the loans demanded by firms: they supply only a proportion of demanded loans. Following the empirical evidence presented in Lown and Morgan (2006), the degree of credit rationing both on conventional loans ( $CR_C$ ) and green loans ( $CR_G$ ) relies on the financial health of both firms and banks. In particular, credit rationing increases as the debt service ratio of firms ( $dsr$ ) increases,<sup>9</sup> as the bank leverage ( $lev_B$ ) approaches its maximum acceptable value ( $lev_B^{max}$ ) and as the capital adequacy ratio ( $CAR$ ) approaches its minimum acceptable value ( $CAR^{min}$ ):<sup>10</sup>

$$CR_C = r \left( dsr_{-1}^+, (lev_{B-1}^+ - lev_B^{max}) (CAR_{-1}^- - CAR^{min}) \right) + \varepsilon_{CR} \quad (34)$$

$$CR_G = l \left( dsr_{-1}^+, (lev_{B-1}^+ - lev_B^{max}) (CAR_{-1}^- - CAR^{min}) \right) + \varepsilon_{CR} \quad (35)$$

As in the case of investment, we assume that credit rationing is also dependent on a random component,  $\varepsilon_{CR}$ , that follows a stochastic AR(1) process.

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<sup>7</sup> It could be argued that the demand for green corporate bonds is also affected negatively by the climate change damages that harm firms' financial position. However, climate change damages might at the same time induce households to hold more green bonds in order to contribute to the restriction of global warming. Hence, the overall impact of damages on the demand of green bonds is ambiguous. For this reason, we assume that  $\lambda'_{30} = 0$  in our simulations.

<sup>8</sup> Note that balance sheet restrictions require that Eq. (33n) must be replaced by Eq. (33) in the computer simulations.

<sup>9</sup> The debt service ratio is defined as the ratio of debt payment commitments (interest plus principal repayments) to profits before interest. Its key difference with the illiquidity ratio is that the latter takes into account the new flow of credit.

<sup>10</sup> In our simulations, the maximum bank leverage and the minimum capital adequacy ratio are determined based on the Basel III regulatory framework.

The bank leverage ratio is defined as:

$$lev_B = (L_C + L_G + SEC_B + HPM) / K_B \quad (36)$$

where  $SEC_B$  is the government securities that banks hold,  $HPM$  is high-powered money and  $K_B$  is the capital of banks.

The capital adequacy ratio of banks is equal to:

$$CAR = K_B / [w_L(L_C + L_G) + w_S SEC_B] \quad (37)$$

where  $w_L$  and  $w_S$  are the risk weights on loans and securities respectively.

We assume that when the bank leverage ratio becomes higher than its maximum value and/or the capital adequacy ratio falls below its minimum value, the government steps in and bailouts the banking sector in order to avoid a financial collapse. The bailout takes the form of a capital transfer. This means that it has a negative impact on the fiscal balance and the government acquires no financial assets as a result of its intervention. The bailout funds are equal to the amount that is necessary for the banking sector to restore the capital needed in order to comply with the regulatory requirements.

## 2.7. Central banks and green QE

Central banks determine the base interest rate, provide liquidity to commercial banks (via advances) and buy government securities (acting as residual purchasers). Moreover, in the context of QE programmes, they buy bonds issued by the firm sector. Currently, central banks do not explicitly distinguish between the holdings of conventional and green bonds. However, in order to analyse the implications of a green QE programme, we assume that central banks announce separately the amount of conventional bond and green bond purchases. The value of conventional corporate bonds held by central banks ( $B_{CCB}$ ) is:

$$B_{CCB} = s_C B_{C-1} \quad (38)$$

where  $s_C$  is the share of total outstanding conventional bonds that central banks desire to keep on their balance sheet. Currently, this share is very low since the corporate bond purchases of central banks represent a very small proportion of the total bond market.

The central banks' holdings of corporate green bonds ( $B_{GCB}$ ) are given by:

$$B_{GCB} = s_G B_{G-1} \tag{39}$$

where  $s_G$  is the share of total outstanding green bonds that central banks desire to keep on their balance sheet. We assume that this share is currently equal to zero since central banks do not implement green QE programmes.

### 3. Calibration, estimation and validation of the model

We have calibrated and estimated the DEFINE 1.0 model employing global data. Parameter values (a) have been econometrically estimated using panel data, (b) have been directly calibrated using related data, previous studies or reasonable range of values, or (c) have been indirectly calibrated such that the model matches the initial values obtained from the data or generates the baseline scenario. The details are reported in Appendix B and Appendix C.

The model is simulated for the period 2015-2115. The aim of the simulations is to illuminate the long-run trends in the interactions between the financial system and climate change. Hence, no explicit attention is paid to short-run fluctuations and business cycles. Since the model includes some stochastic processes, we perform 200 Monte Carlo simulations and we report the across-run averages.

In the baseline scenario (see Table 5) we assume that the economy grows on average at a rate slightly lower than 2.7% till 2050; in other words, we postulate an economic expansion a little bit lower than the one observed over the last two decades or so. Drawing on the United Nations (2015) population projections (medium fertility variant), the population is assumed to grow at a declining rate, becoming equal to around 9.77bn people in 2050. The improvement in the ecological efficiency indicators is quite modest: for example, the share of renewable energy is increased to about 18% till 2050 (from about 14% which is the current level), while energy intensity is assumed to become approximately 25% lower in 2050 compared to its 2015 level. The

improvement in ecological efficiency is associated with the accumulation of green capital. The cumulative green investment from 2015 to 2050 equals around US\$47tn. We also assume that in the baseline scenario the price index in the conventional bond market remains relatively stable till 2050, while the green bond price index improves in the next decade or so as a result of an increasing demand for green bonds.

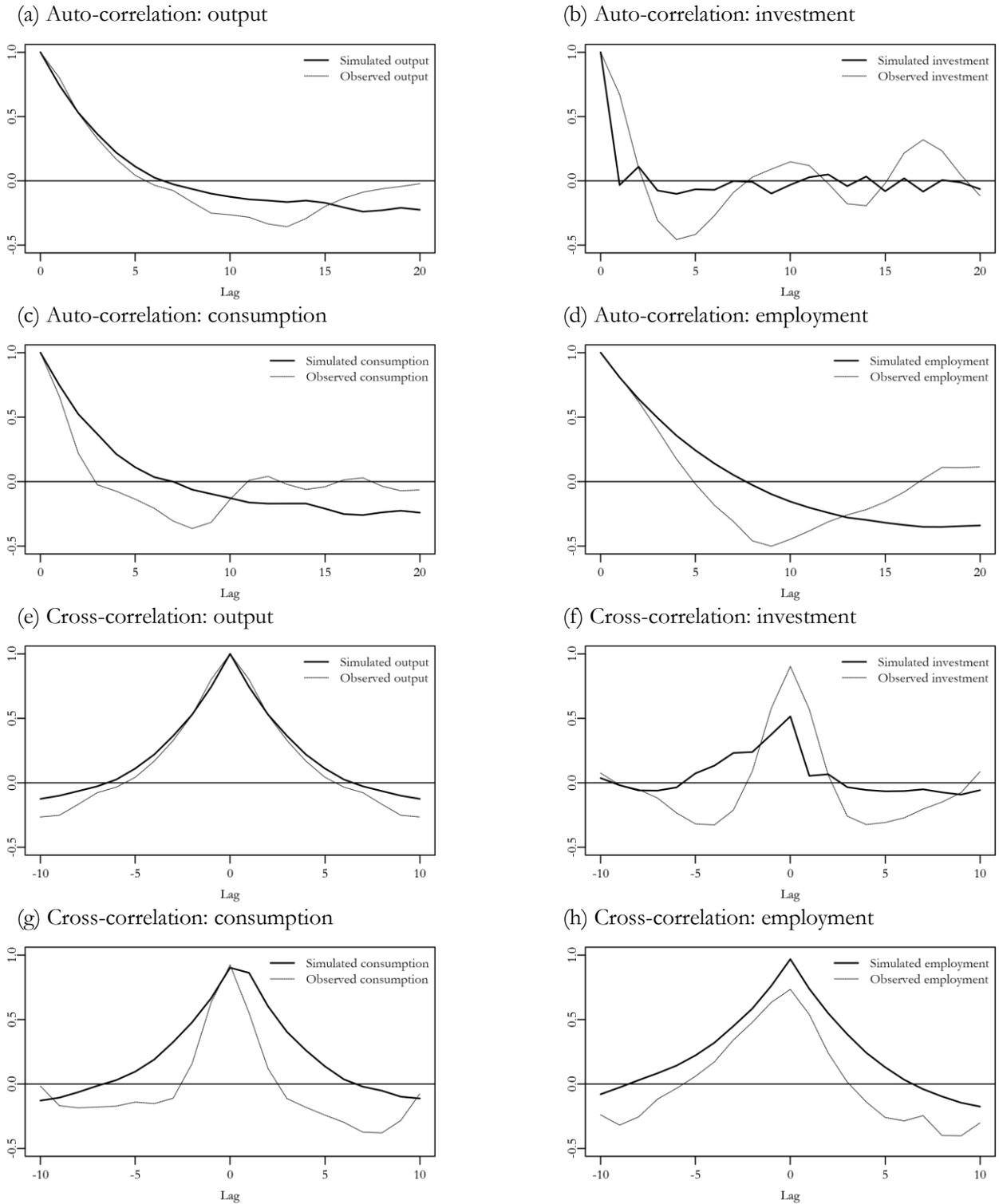
**Table 5: Baseline scenario**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Value/trend</b>
Economic growth till 2050	slightly lower than 2.7% (on average)
Unemployment rate till 2050	around 6% (on average)
Population in 2050	9.77bn
Labour force-to-population ratio in 2050	0.45
Share of renewable energy in total energy in 2050	around 18%
CO <sub>2</sub> intensity in 2050 as a ratio of CO <sub>2</sub> intensity in 2015	around 0.9
Material intensity in 2050 as a ratio of material intensity in 2015	around 0.9
Energy intensity in 2050 as a ratio of energy intensity in 2015	around 0.75
Recycling rate in 2050 as a ratio of recycling rate in 2015	around 1.4
Default rate till 2050	slightly higher than 4% (on average)
Cumulative green investment till 2050	around US\$47tn
Cumulative conventional investment till 2050	around US\$828tn
Price index of conventional bonds	quite stable till around 2050
Price index of green bonds	increases slightly in the next decade or so

We do not expect that the structure of the time series data in the next decades will necessarily be the same with the structure of past times series. However, it is a useful exercise to compare the auto- and cross-correlation structure of our simulated data with the observed one in order to check whether the model produces data with reasonable time-series properties.<sup>11</sup> This is done in Fig. 1. Figs. 1a-1d show the auto-correlation structure of the cyclical component of the simulated and observed time series for output, consumption, investment and employment up to 20 lags. Figs. 1e-1h show the correlation between the cyclical component of output at time  $t$  and of output, investment, consumption and employment at time  $t$ -lag. The series are expressed in logs and the HP filter has been used to isolate the cyclical component. The simulated data refer to the baseline scenario and capture only the period 2015-2050 in order to avoid the significant disturbances to the data structures that are caused by climate change after 2050, when the 2°C threshold is passed.

<sup>11</sup> For similar validation exercises see Assenza et al. (2015) and Caiani et al. (2016).

**Fig. 1:** Auto-correlations and cross-correlations of observed and simulated data



*Note: The series are expressed in logs and the HP filter has been used to isolate the cyclical component. The data for the observed variables have been taken from World Bank. Real output is available for the period 1960-2016, real consumption and real investment are available for the period 1970-2015 and employment is available for the period 1991-2016.*

The auto-correlation structure of our simulated data is similar to the auto-correlation structure of the observed data. This is especially the case for the structure of our simulated output which looks remarkably close to the empirically observed structure. Moreover, simulated investment, consumption and employment appear to be pro-cyclical, in tune with the empirical data, and their peak behaviour resembles the behaviour observed in the real data. These results suggest that our model generates data with empirically reasonable properties.

#### 4. Climate change and financial stability

Fig. 2 summarises the main channels through which climate change and financial stability interact. Fig. 3 plots the simulation results. In the baseline scenario CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increase significantly over the next decades (Fig. 3c). This rise is mainly driven both by the exponential increase in output due to positive economic growth (Fig. 3a) and the very slow improvement in energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy in total energy (Fig 3b). Hence, CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere increases, leading to severe global warming: as Fig. 3d indicates, in 2100 temperature becomes about 4.2°C higher than the pre-industrial levels.<sup>12</sup>

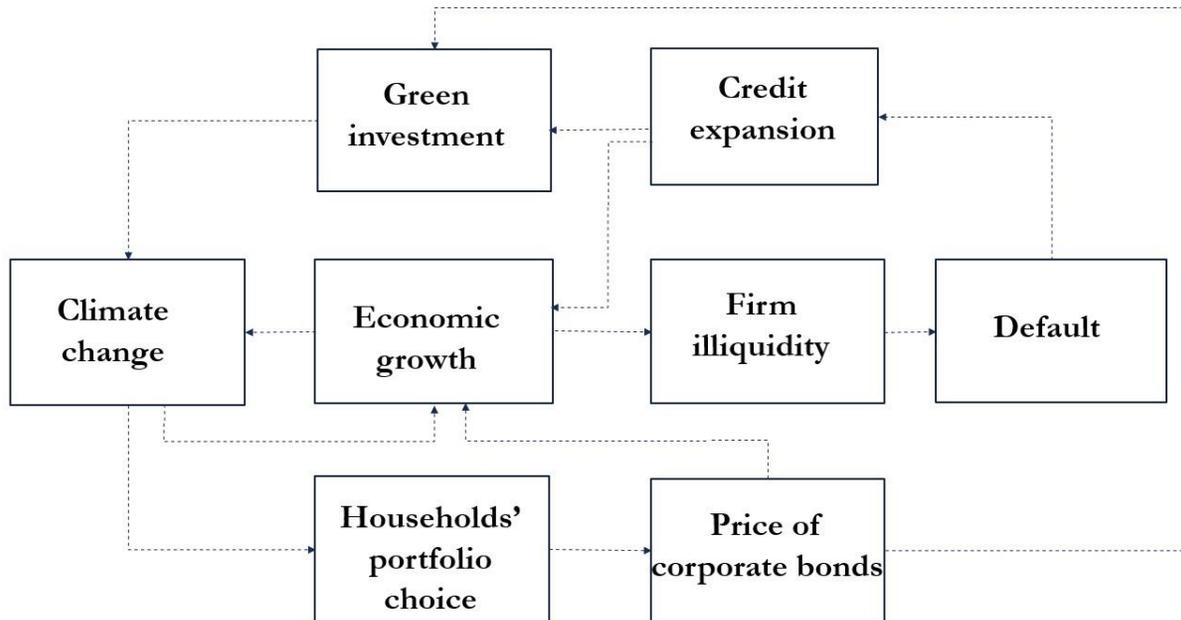
The rise in atmospheric temperature leads to climate change damages. Accordingly, the growth rate of output starts declining (Fig. 3a). This slowdown of economic activity becomes more intense after the mid of the 21st century when temperature passes 2°C. Declining economic growth and the destruction of capital harms the profitability of firms (Fig. 3e) and deteriorates their liquidity, which in turn increases their rate of default (Fig. 3f) and thereby increases the bank leverage (Fig. 3g) and decreases the capital adequacy ratio.<sup>13</sup> The overall result is an increase in credit rationing which feeds back into economic growth (Fig. 3a) and the profitability and liquidity of firms, giving rise to a vicious financial cycle. This also slows down the investment in green capital, disrupting the transition to a low-carbon and more ecologically efficient economy. Crucially, at some point in time the capital of banks becomes insufficient to cover the regulatory requirements. Thus, the government sector steps in and bailouts the banks with adverse effects on the public debt-to-output ratio (Fig. 3h).

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<sup>12</sup> This increase in temperature in our baseline scenario is broadly in line with the results of key integrated assessment models (see Nordhaus, 2016).

<sup>13</sup> The impact of climate damages on bank leverage is in line with the empirical evidence reported in Klomp (2014) which shows that natural disasters deteriorate the financial robustness of banks.

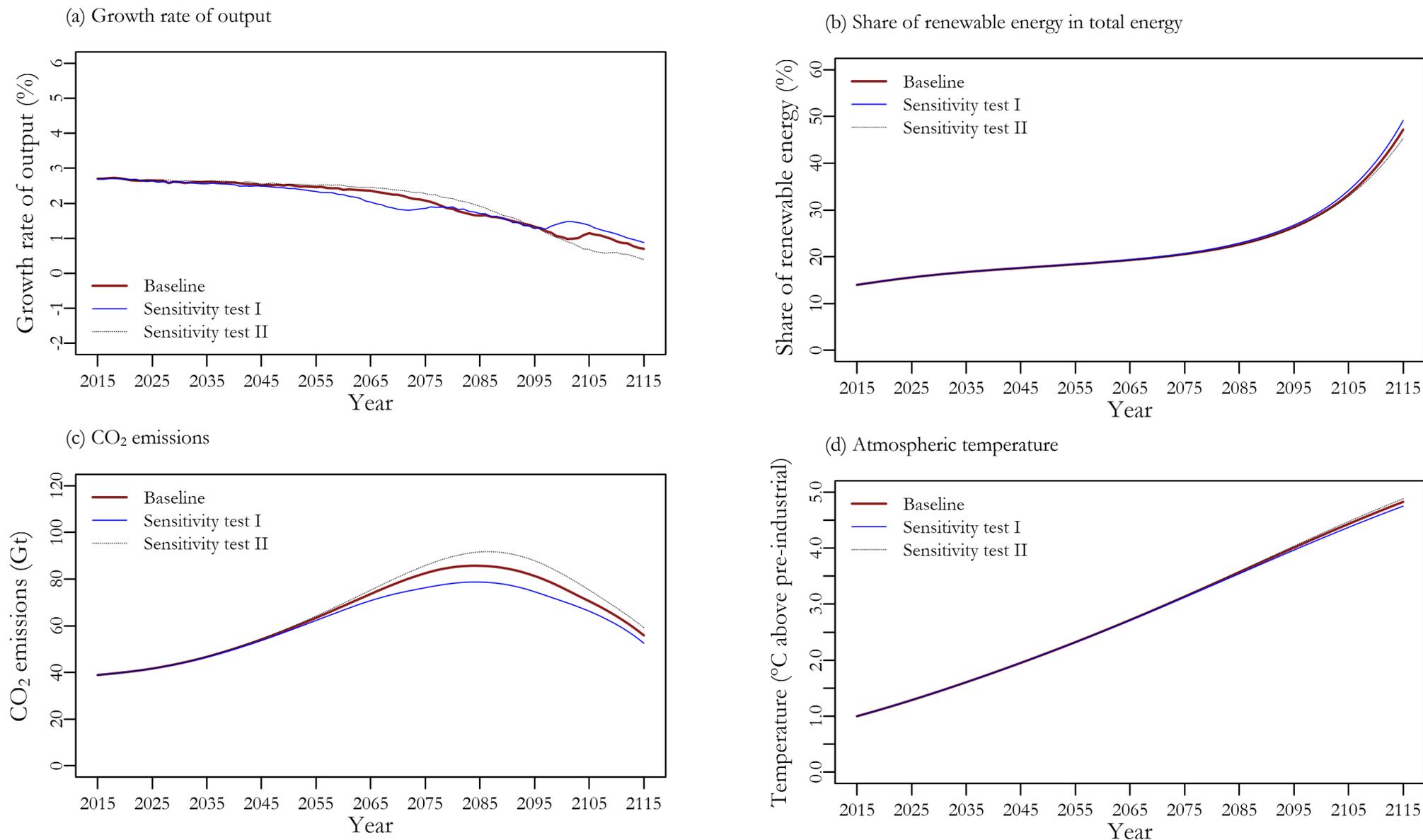
**Fig. 2:** Channels through which climate change and financial stability interact in the model



Climate damages also affect the liquidity preference of households. The destruction of capital and the decline in the profitability of firms induces a reallocation of household financial wealth from corporate bonds towards deposits and government securities, which are deemed much safer. This is shown in Fig. 3i. The result is a decline in the price of corporate conventional bonds in the last decades of our simulation period (Fig. 3j). This is an example of a climate-induced asset price deflation. The price of green corporate bonds also falls in our baseline scenario, after the increase in the first years (Fig. 3k). However, the main reason behind this fall is not the decline in the demand for green bonds from households. This fall is primarily explained by the increase in the supply of green bonds since desired green investment continuously increases in our simulation period (Fig. 3l).

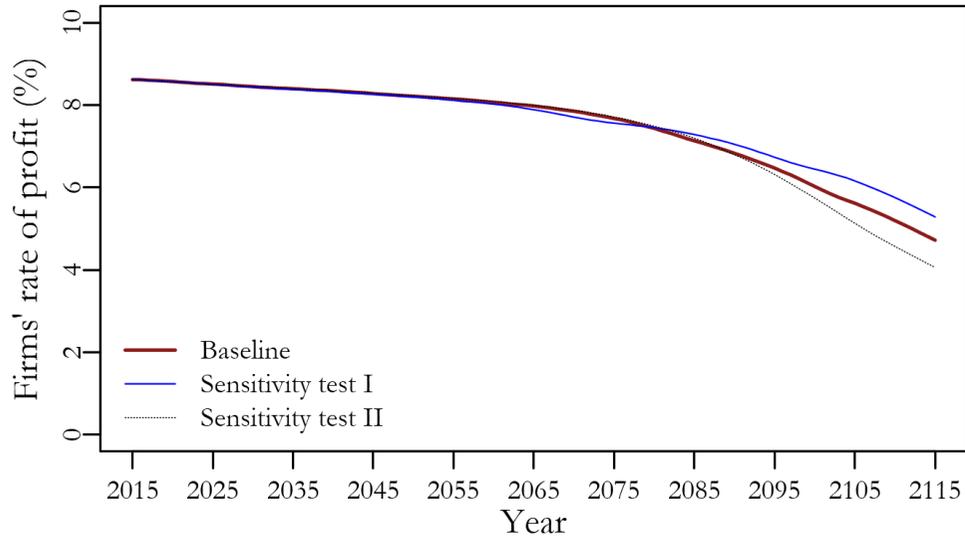
Bond price deflation has negative effects on economic growth because it reduces both the wealth-related consumption and the ability of firms to rely on the bond market in order to fund their desired investment. It also leads to less green investment which affects adversely the improvement in ecological efficiency.

**Fig. 3:** Evolution of environmental, macroeconomic and financial variables, baseline scenario and sensitivity analysis

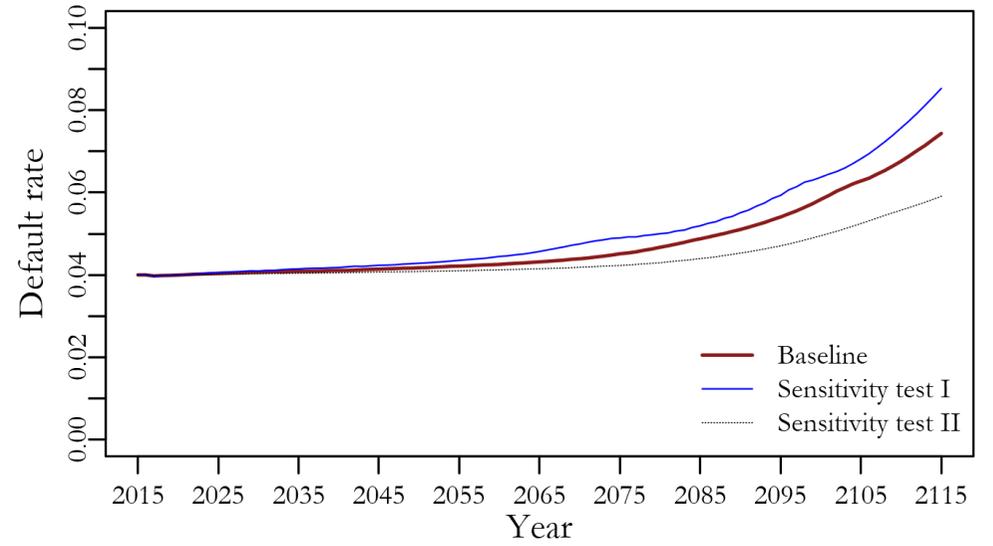


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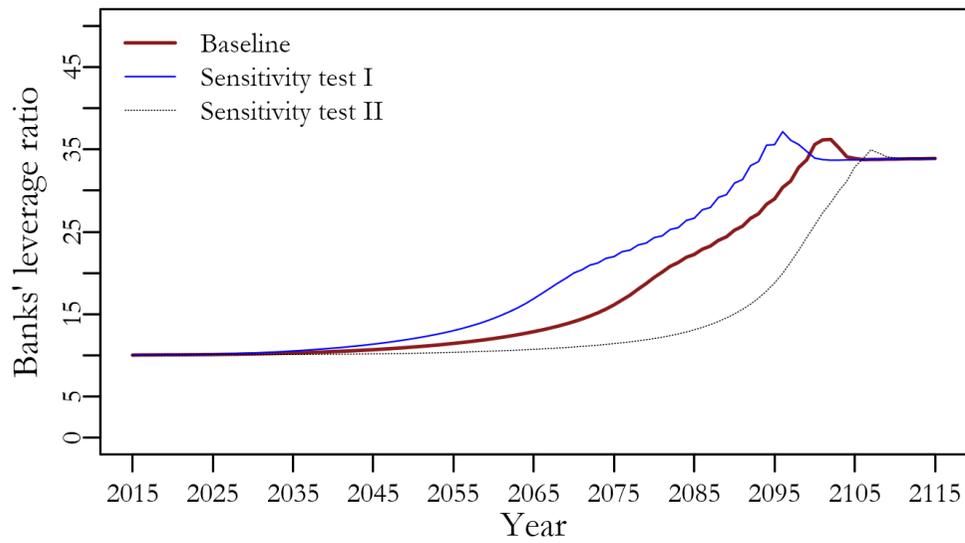
(e) Firms' rate of profit



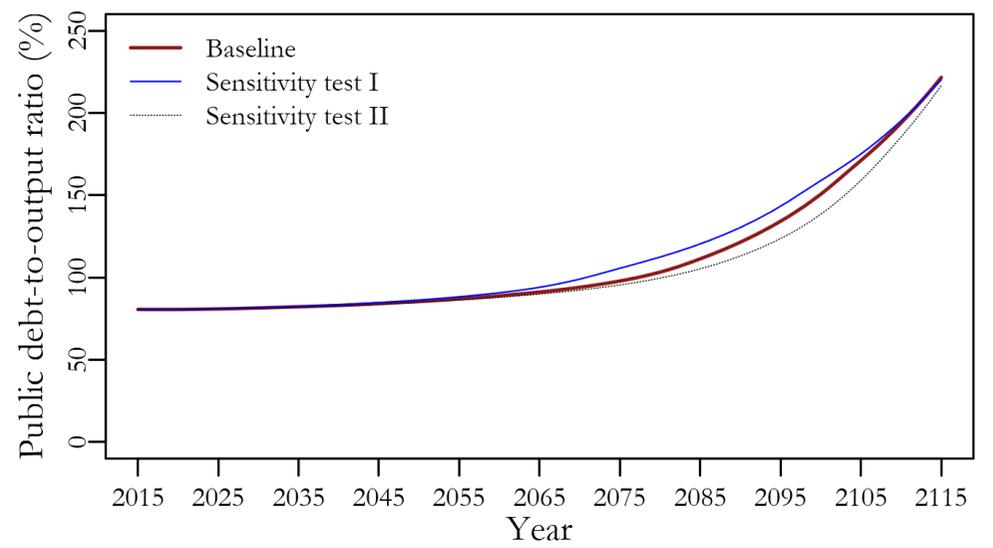
(f) Default rate



(g) Banks' leverage ratio

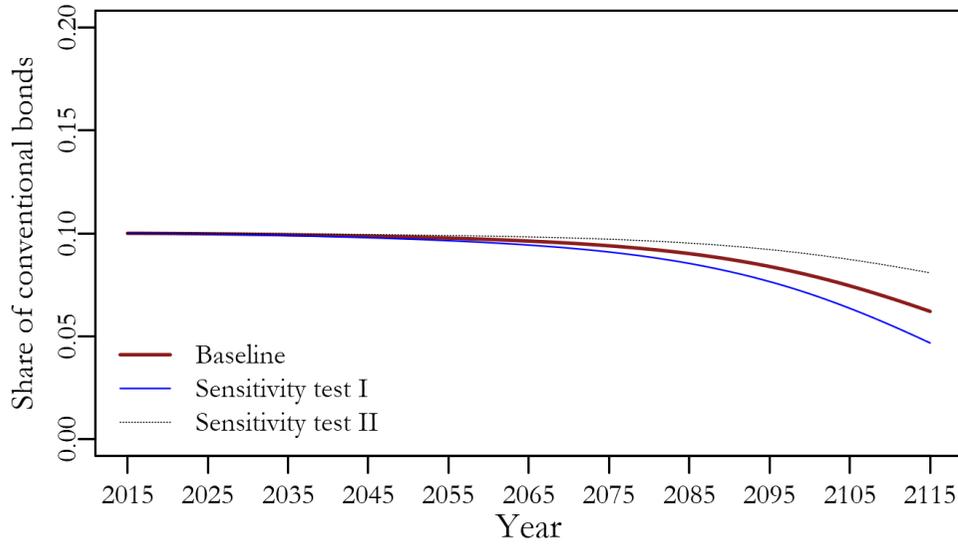


(h) Public debt-to-output ratio

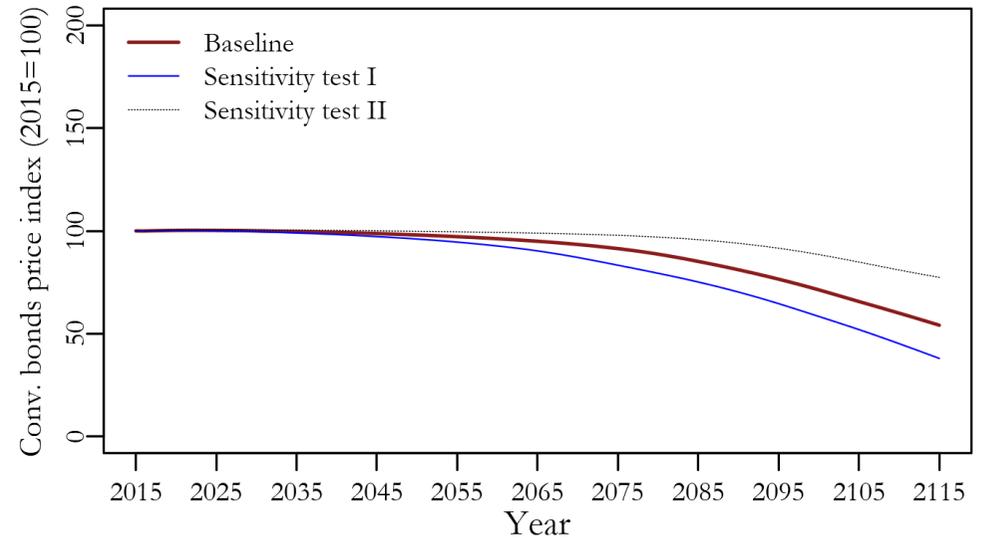


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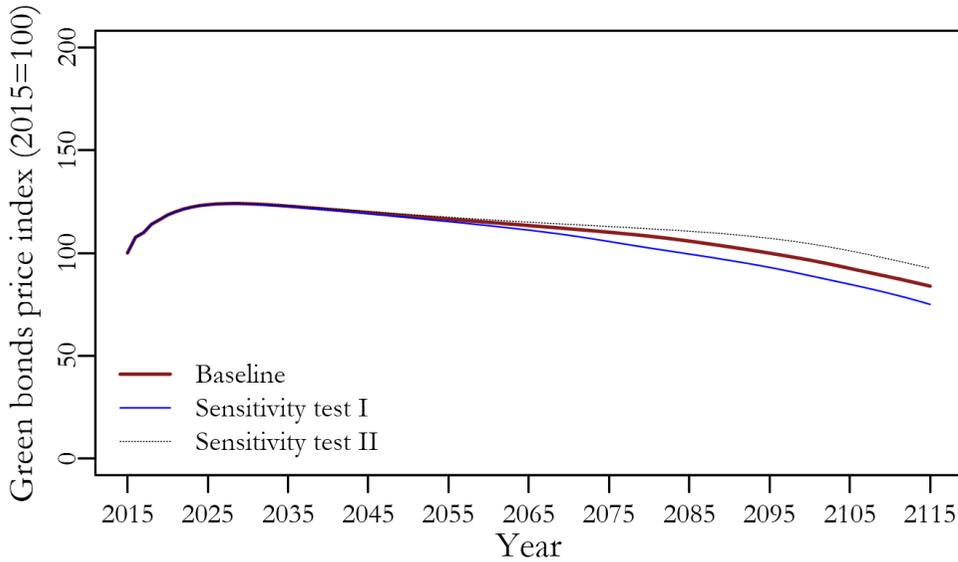
(i) Share of conventional bonds in households' wealth



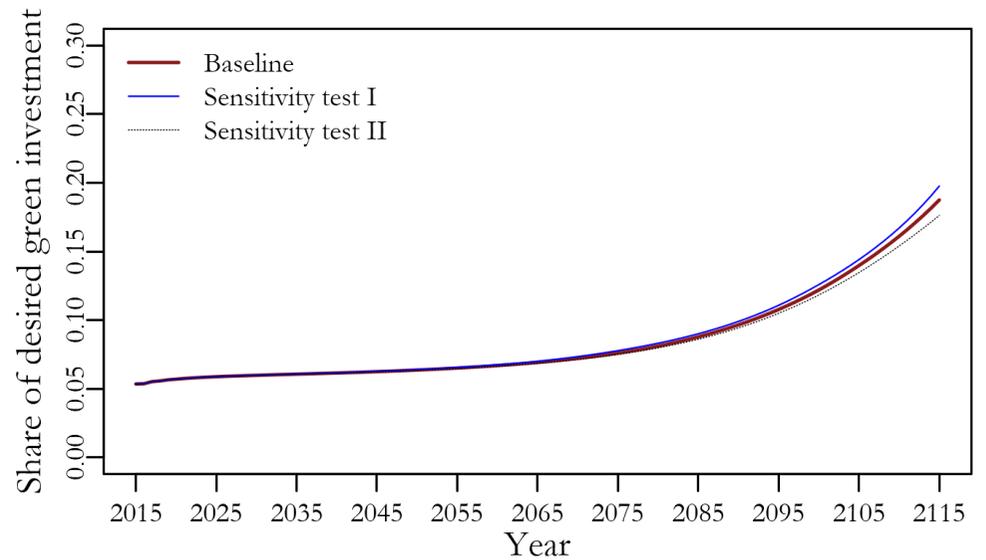
(j) Conventional bonds price index



(k) Green bonds price index



(l) Share of desired green investment in total investment



Note: The figure reports across-run averages from 200 Monte Carlo simulations. The values used in the simulations are reported in Appendix B and Appendix C (baseline scenario). The following parameters are modified in the sensitivity tests:  $\lambda_{10}$ ,  $\lambda_{20}$ ,  $\lambda_{40}$ ,  $def_2$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $l_2$ ,  $r_3$ ,  $l_3$ ,  $r_4$  and  $l_4$ . In Sensitivity Test I the values of these parameters are 50% higher compared to the baseline scenario. In Sensitivity Test II they are 50% lower.

How does the baseline scenario change when key parameters are modified? Space limitations do not allow us to explore this question in detail. However, we conduct a sensitivity analysis that concentrates on the key parameters that are related to the responsiveness of the financial system to climate damages: (i) the sensitivity of the default rate to the illiquidity ratio; (ii) the sensitivity of credit rationing to the debt service ratio of firms, bank leverage and capital adequacy ratio; (iii) the parameters of the portfolio choice that capture the sensitivity of the liquidity preference of households to the global warming damages. In Sensitivity Test I the values of these parameters are 50% higher compared to the baseline scenario. In Sensitivity Test II they are 50% lower.

As expected, the default rate increases (decreases) more quickly when its sensitivity to the illiquidity ratio is higher (lower) compared to the baseline (Fig. 3f). The same holds for the bank leverage ratio (Fig. 3g). Also, the price of green corporate bonds declines more rapidly when the portfolio choice of households is more responsive to climate change damages (Fig 3k). Overall, the effects of climate change on financial stability are qualitatively similar but the parameter values affect the severity and the time horizon of the climate-induced financial instability.

## 5. Effects of a green QE programme

In this section we analyse how our results change when a green QE programme is implemented. We suppose that in 2020 central banks around the globe decide that they will purchase 25% of the outstanding green bonds and they commit themselves that they will keep the same share of the green bond market over the next decades. We also assume that the proportion of conventional corporate bonds held by central banks remains equal to its current level.<sup>14</sup>

Experimentation with various parameter values has shown that the parameter that plays a key role in determining the effectiveness of a green QE programme is the sensitivity of the share of desired green investment to the divergence between the green bond yield and the conventional bond yield ( $\beta_2$ ) – see Eq. (19). The higher the value of  $\beta_2$  the more firms' green investment responds to a monetary policy-induced decline in the yield of green bonds. Consequently, in our

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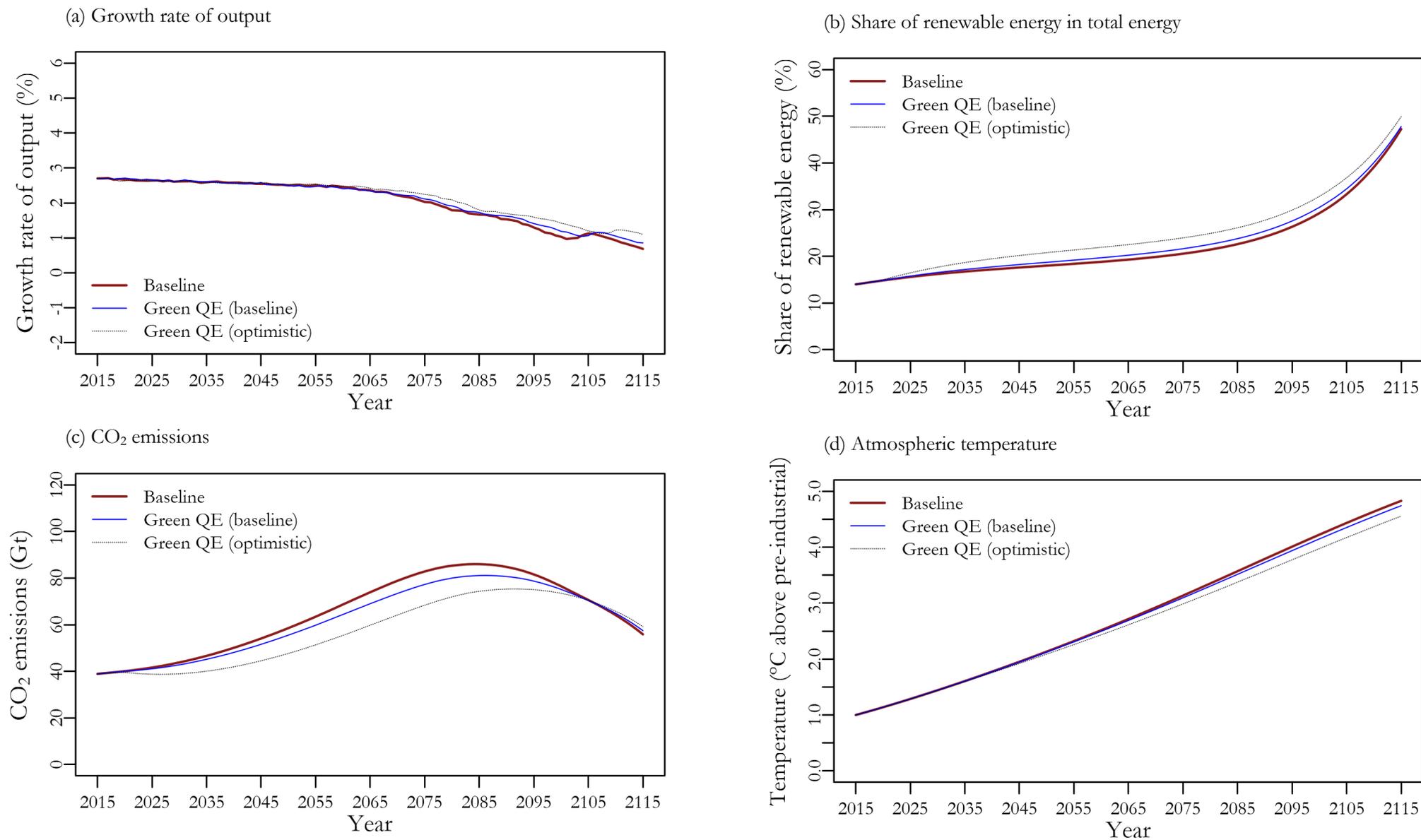
<sup>14</sup> We find that the effects of a green QE programme do not differ significantly if we assume that central banks stop holding conventional corporate bonds.

simulations we consider a green QE scenario whereby  $\beta_2$  is equal to its baseline value and another green QE scenario in which a more optimistic value of  $\beta_2$  is assumed.

The effects of the green QE programme are portrayed in Fig. 4. As Fig. 4k shows, green QE boosts the price of green corporate bonds. This has various positive implications for climate change and financial stability. Regarding climate change, the resulting reduction in the green bond yield leads to a lower cost of borrowing for firms and a lower reliance on bank lending. This increases overall investment, including green investment. More importantly, since the price of green bonds increases relative to the price of conventional bonds (Figs. 4j and 4k), the share of desired green investment in total investment goes up (Fig. 4l). As firms invest more in green capital, the use of renewable energy increases (Fig. 4b). This leads to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and slower global warming from what would otherwise be the case.

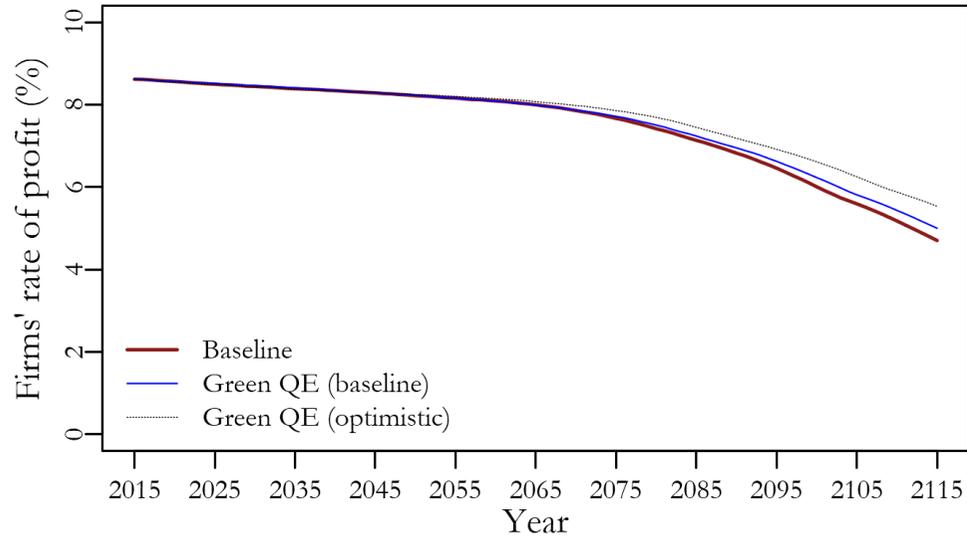
It should, however, be pointed out that in our simulations green QE cannot by itself prevent a substantial rise in atmospheric temperature: even with the optimistic value of  $\beta_2$ , global warming is not significantly lower than 4°C at the end of the century. There are two key reasons for that. First, the interest rate is just one of the factors that affect green investment. Therefore, a decline in the green bond yield is not sufficient to bring about a substantial rise in green investment. Second, a higher  $\beta_2$  is conducive to lower damages, allowing economic activity to expand more rapidly in the optimistic green QE scenario (Fig. 4a). This higher economic activity places upward pressures on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Fig. 4c).

**Fig. 4:** Effects of the implementation of a green QE programme

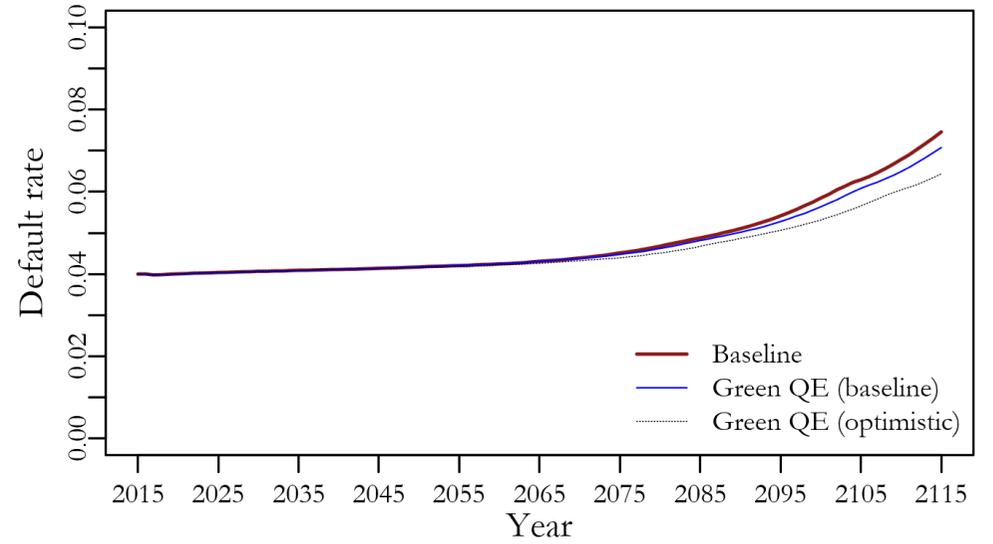


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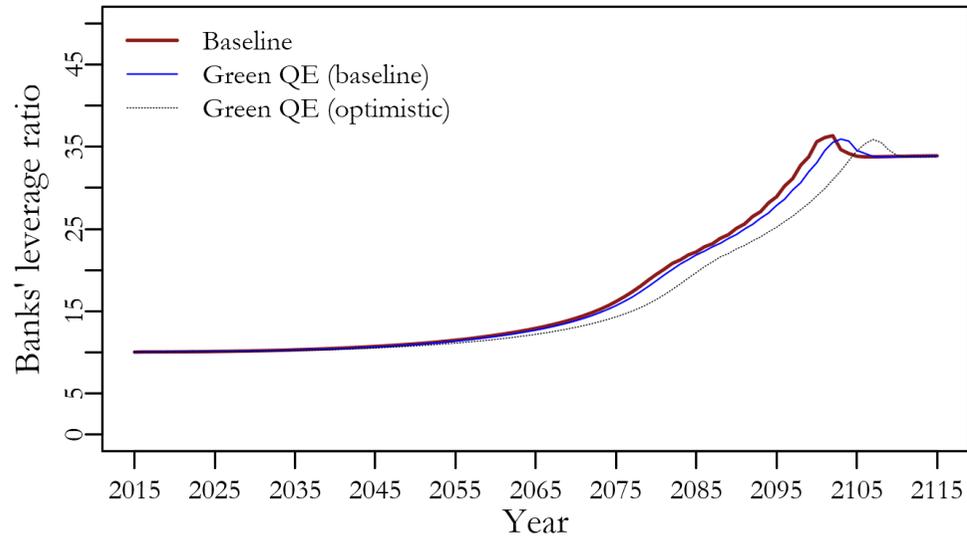
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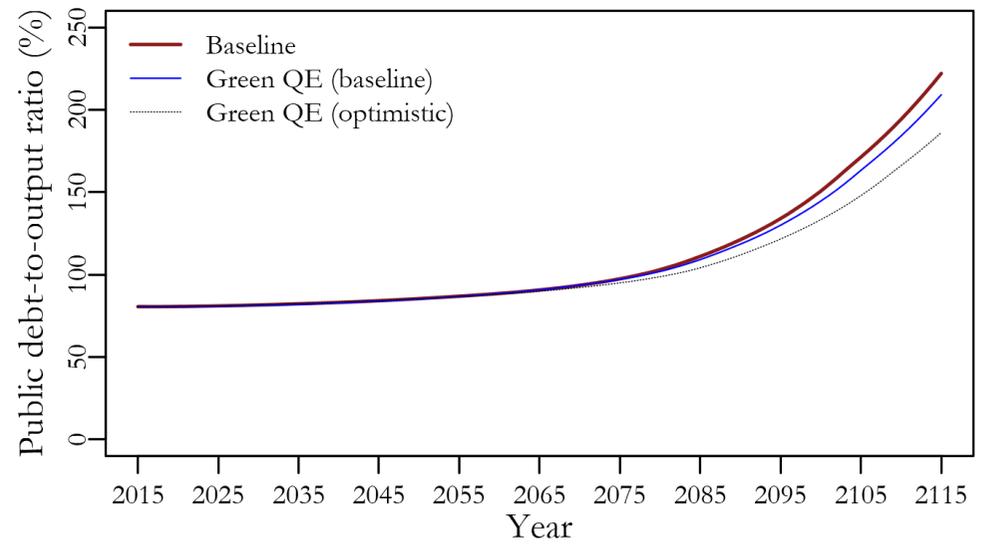
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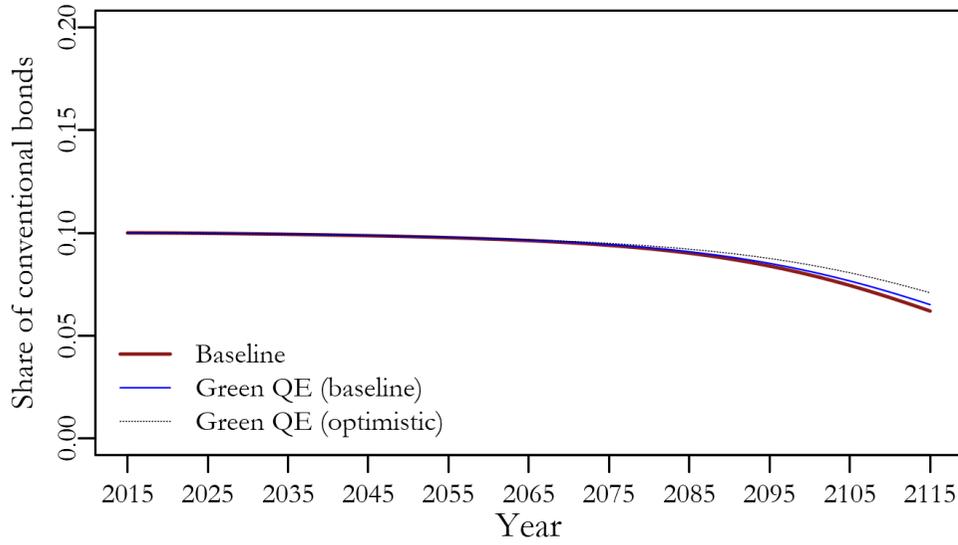


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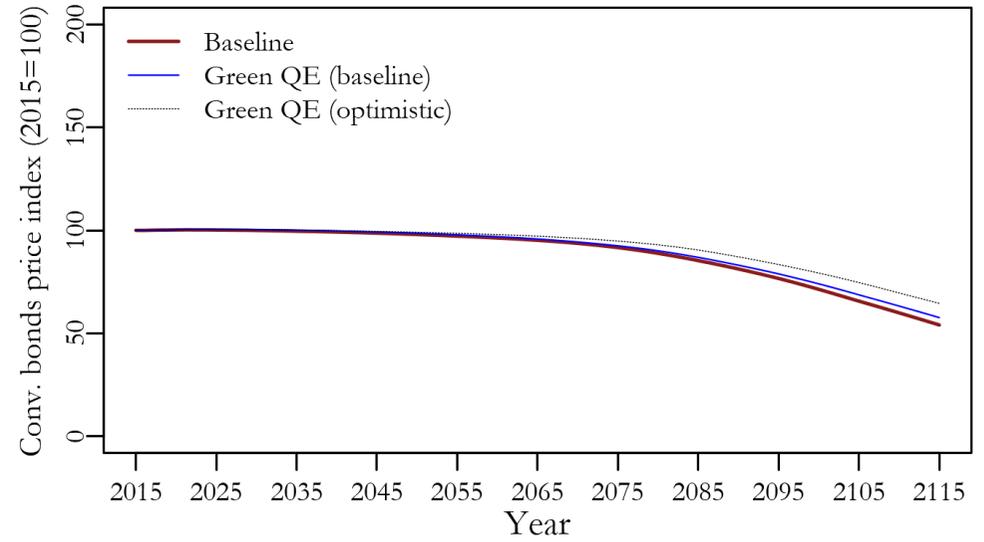


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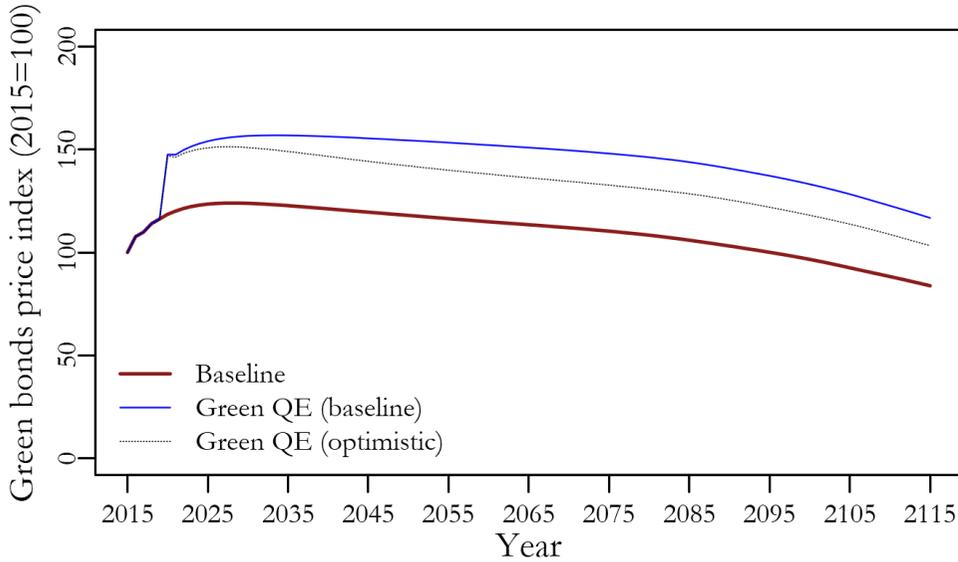
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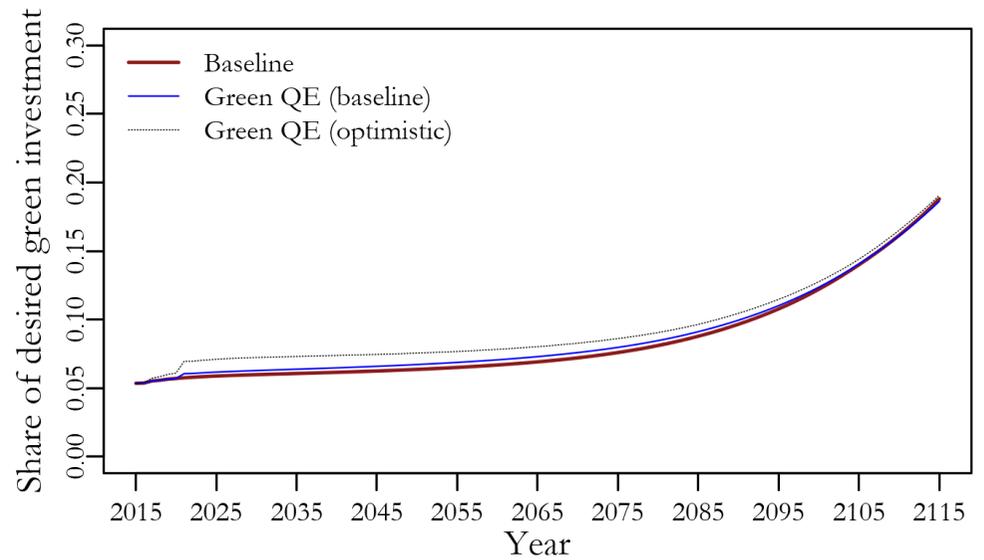
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(l) Share of desired green investment in total investment



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Regarding financial stability, green QE increases firm profitability and reduces the liquidity problems of firms. This makes the default rate and the bank leverage lower compared to the baseline (Figs. 4f and 4g); it also reduces the public debt-to-output ratio (Fig. 4h). These beneficial effects on financial stability stem from (i) the reduction in economic damages as a result of slower global warming and (ii) the lower reliance of firms' green investment on bank lending. A higher value of  $\beta_2$  reinforces generally the financial stability effects of green QE. However, the rise in the price of green bonds is lower compared to the baseline green QE scenario (Fig. 4k). The reason is that firms issue more green bonds in order to fund their higher desired green investment. For a given demand for green bonds, this tends to reduce the bond price.

## 6. Conclusion

The fundamental changes that are expected to take place in the climate system in the next decades are likely to have severe implications for the stability of the financial system. The purpose of this article was to analyse these implications by using a stock-flow-fund ecological macroeconomic model. Emphasis was placed on the effects of climate change damages on the financial position of firms and asset price deflation. The model was estimated and calibrated using global data and simulations were conducted for the period 2015-2115.

Our simulation analysis for the interactions between climate change and financial stability produced three key results. First, by destroying the capital of firms and reducing their profitability and liquidity, climate change is likely to increase rate of default of corporate loans that could harm the stability of the banking system. Second, the damages caused by climate change can lead to a portfolio reallocation that can cause a gradual decline in the price of corporate bonds. Third, financial instability might adversely affect credit expansion and the investment in green capital, with adverse feedback effects on climate change. The sensitivity analysis illustrated that these results do not change qualitatively when key parameter values are modified.

The article also investigated how a green QE programme could reduce the risks imposed on the financial system by climate change. The simulation results showed that, by increasing the price of green corporate bonds, the implementation of a green QE programme can reduce climate-induced financial instability and restrict global warming. However, green QE does not turn out to

be by itself capable of preventing a substantial reduction in atmospheric temperature. Even with an optimistic assumption about the sensitivity of green investment to the divergence between the green bond yield and the conventional bond yield, global warming is still severe. Hence, many other types of environmental policies and strategies need to be implemented in conjunction with a green QE programme in order to keep atmospheric temperature close to 2°C and prevent climate-induced financial instability.

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## Appendix A

### 3.1 Ecosystem

#### 3.1.1 Matter, recycling and waste

$$MY = \mu Y \quad (A1)$$

$$M = MY - REC \quad (A2)$$

$$REC = \rho DEM \quad (A3)$$

$$DEM = \mu(\delta K_{-1} + \xi DC_{-1}) \quad (A4)$$

$$SES = SES_{-1} + MY - DEM \quad (A5)$$

$$W = M + CEN + O2 - EMIS_{IN} - \Delta SES \quad (A6)$$

$$CEN = \frac{EMIS_{IN}}{car} \quad (A7)$$

$$O2 = EMIS_{IN} - CEN \quad (A8)$$

$$HWS = HWS_{-1} + hazW \quad (A9)$$

$$hazrario = \frac{HWS}{POP} \quad (A10)$$

$$REV_M = REV_{M-1} + CON_M - M \quad (A11)$$

$$CON_M = con_M RES_{M-1} \quad (A12)$$

$$RES_M = RES_{M-1} - CON_M \quad (A13)$$

$$dep_M = \frac{M}{REV_{M-1}} \quad (A14)$$

#### 3.1.2 Energy

$$E = \varepsilon Y \quad (A15)$$

$$ER = \theta E \quad (A16)$$

$$EN = E - ER \quad (A17)$$

$$ED = EN + ER \quad (A18)$$

$$REV_E = REV_{E-1} + CON_E - EN \quad (A19)$$

$$CON_E = con_E RES_{E-1} \quad (A20)$$

$$RES_E = RES_{E-1} - CON_E \quad (A21)$$

$$dep_E = \frac{EN}{REV_{E-1}} \quad (A22)$$

#### 3.1.3 Emissions and climate change

$$EMIS_{IN} = \omega EN \quad (A23)$$

$$EMIS_L = EMIS_{L-1}(1 - lr) \quad (A24)$$

$$EMIS = EMIS_{IN} + EMIS_L \quad (A25)$$

$$CO2_{AT} = EMIS + \phi_1 CO2_{AT-1} + \phi_2 CO2_{UP-1} \quad (A26)$$

$$CO2_{UP} = \phi_2 CO2_{AT-1} + \phi_{22} CO2_{UP-1} + \phi_{32} CO2_{LO-1} \quad (A27)$$

$$CO2_{LO} = \phi_{23} CO2_{UP-1} + \phi_{33} CO2_{LO-1} \quad (A28)$$

$$F = F_{2 \times CO2} \log_2 \frac{CO2_{AT}}{CO2_{AT-PRE}} + F_{EX} \quad (A29)$$

$$F_{EX} = F_{EX-1} + f_{ex} \quad (A30)$$

$$T_{AT} = T_{AT-1} + t_1 \left( F - \frac{F_{2 \times CO_2}}{S} T_{AT-1} - t_2 (T_{AT-1} - T_{LO-1}) \right) \quad (A31)$$

$$T_{LO} = T_{LO-1} + t_3 (T_{AT-1} - T_{LO-1}) \quad (A32)$$

### 3.1.4 Ecological efficiency and technology

$$\omega = \omega_{-1} (1 + g_\omega) \quad (A33)$$

$$g_\omega = g_{\omega-1} (1 - \zeta_1) \quad (A34)$$

$$\mu = \mu^{max} - \frac{\mu^{max} - \mu^{min}}{1 + \pi_1 e^{-\pi_2 (K_G/K_C)}} \quad (A35)$$

$$\rho = \frac{\rho^{max}}{1 + \pi_3 e^{-\pi_4 (K_G/K_C)}} \quad (A36)$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{max} - \frac{\varepsilon^{max} - \varepsilon^{min}}{1 + \pi_5 e^{-\pi_6 (K_G/K_C)}} \quad (A37)$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{1 + \pi_7 e^{-\pi_8 (K_G/K_C)}} \quad (A38)$$

## 3.2 Macroeconomy and financial system

### 3.2.1 Output determination and damages

$$Y_M^* = \frac{REV_{M-1} + REC}{\mu} \quad (A39)$$

$$Y_E^* = \frac{REV_{E-1}}{(1 - \theta)\varepsilon} \quad (A40)$$

$$Y_K^* = vK \quad (A41)$$

$$Y_N^* = \lambda h L F \quad (A42)$$

$$Y^* = \min(Y_M^*, Y_E^*, Y_K^*, Y_N^*) \quad (A43)$$

$$Y = C + I + G \quad (A44)$$

$$um = \frac{Y}{Y_M^*} \quad (A45)$$

$$ue = \frac{Y}{Y_E^*} \quad (A46)$$

$$u = \frac{Y}{Y_K^*} \quad (A47)$$

$$re = \frac{Y}{Y_N^*} \quad (A48)$$

$$D_T = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \eta_1 T_{AT} + \eta_2 T_{AT}^2 + \eta_3 T_{AT}^{6.754}} \quad (A49)$$

$$D_{TP} = p D_T \quad (A50)$$

$$D_{TF} = 1 - \frac{1 - D_T}{1 - D_{TP}} \quad (A51)$$

### 3.2.2 Firms

$$TP_G = Y - wN - \text{int}_C L_{C-1} - \text{int}_G L_{G-1} - \delta K_{-1} - \text{coupon}_E b_{C-1} - \text{coupon}_B b_{G-1} \quad (A52)$$

$$TP = TP_G - T_F \quad (A53)$$

$$RP = s_F TP_{-1} \quad (A54)$$

$$DP = TP - RP \quad (A55)$$

$$r = RP/K \quad (A56)$$

$$I^D = \left( \frac{\alpha_{00}}{1 + \exp(\alpha_{01} - \alpha_1 u_{-1} - \alpha_2 r_{-1} + \alpha_3 g_{\varepsilon-1} + \alpha_4 u r_{-1}^{-\alpha_{42}} + \alpha_{51} (0.5 - u e_{-1})^{-\alpha_{52}} + \alpha_{61} (0.5 - u m_{-1})^{-\alpha_{62}})} \right) K_{-1} + \varepsilon_I K_{-1} + \delta K_{-1} \Big) (1 - D_{T-1}) \quad (A57)$$

$$I_G^D = \beta I^D \quad (A58)$$

$$I_C^D = I^D - I_G^D \quad (A59)$$

$$\beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_2 [sh_{L-1}(int_G - int_C) + (1 - sh_{L-1})(yield_{G-1} - yield_{C-1})] + \beta_3 D_{T-1} \quad (A60)$$

$$\beta_0 = \beta_{0-1}(1 + g_{\beta 0}) \quad (A61)$$

$$g_{\beta 0} = g_{\beta 0-1}(1 - \zeta_2) \quad (A62)$$

$$NL_G^D = I_G^D - \beta RP + rep L_{G-1} - \delta K_{G-1} - p_G \Delta b_G \quad (A63)$$

$$NL_C^D = I_C^D - (1 - \beta)RP + rep L_{C-1} - \delta K_{C-1} - p_C \Delta b_C \quad (A64)$$

$$I_G = \beta RP + \Delta L_G + \delta K_{G-1} + p_G \Delta b_G + def L_{G-1} \quad (A65)$$

$$I_C = RP + \Delta L_C + \Delta L_G + \delta K_{-1} - I_G + p_G \Delta b_G + p_C \Delta b_C + DL \quad (A66)$$

$$I = I_C + I_G \quad (A67)$$

$$L = L_C + L_G \quad (A68)$$

$$K_G = K_{G-1} + I_G - \delta K_{G-1} \quad (A69)$$

$$K_C = K_{C-1} + I_C - \delta K_{C-1} \quad (A70)$$

$$K = K_C + K_G \quad (A71)$$

$$\kappa = K_G / K \quad (A72)$$

$$\delta = \delta_0 + (1 - \delta_0)(1 - ad_K)D_{TF-1} \quad (A73)$$

$$v = v_{-1}[1 - (1 - ad_P)D_{TP-1}] \quad (A74)$$

$$g_\lambda = \sigma_0 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 g_{Y-1} \quad (A75)$$

$$\sigma_0 = \sigma_{0-1}(1 - \zeta_3) \quad (A76)$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_{-1}(1 + g_\lambda)[1 - (1 - ad_P)D_{TP-1}] \quad (A77)$$

$$w = s_W \lambda h \quad (A78)$$

$$N = \frac{Y}{h\lambda} \quad (A79)$$

$$ur = 1 - re \quad (A80)$$

$$b_C = b_{C-1} + \frac{x_1 I_C^D}{p_C} \quad (A81)$$

$$b_G = b_{G-1} + \frac{x_2 I_G^D}{p_G} \quad (A82)$$

$$x_1 = x_{10} - x_{11} yield_{C-1} \quad (A83)$$

$$x_2 = x_{20} - x_{21} yield_{G-1} \quad (A84)$$

$$x_{20} = x_{20-1}(1 + g_{x20}) \quad (A85)$$

$$g_{x20} = g_{x20-1}(1 - \zeta_4) \quad (A86)$$

$$yield_C = \frac{coupon_C}{p_C} \quad (A87)$$

$$yield_G = \frac{coupon_G}{p_G} \quad (A88)$$

$$B_C = B_{CH} + B_{CCB} \quad (A89)$$

$$B_G = B_{GH} + B_{GCB} \quad (A90)$$

$$p_C = \frac{B_C}{b_C} \quad (\text{A91})$$

$$p_G = \frac{B_G}{b_G} \quad (\text{A92})$$

$$B = B_C + B_G \quad (\text{A93})$$

$$DL = defL_{-1} \quad (\text{A94})$$

$$def = \frac{def^{max}}{1 + def_0 \exp(def_1 - def_2 illiq_{-1})} \quad (\text{A95})$$

$$illiq = \frac{(int_c + rep)L_{C-1} + (int_G + rep)L_{G-1} + coupon_b c_{-1} + coupon_b g_{-1} + wN + TF + \delta K_{-1}}{Y + (1 - CR_C)NL_C^D + (1 - CR_G)NL_G^D + p_C \Delta b_C + p_G \Delta b_G} \quad (\text{A96})$$

$$dsr = \frac{(int_c + rep)L_{C-1} + (int_G + rep)L_{G-1} + coupon_b c_{-1} + coupon_b g_{-1}}{TP + (int_c + rep)L_{C-1} + (int_G + rep)L_{G-1} + coupon_b c_{-1} + coupon_b g_{-1}} \quad (\text{A97})$$

## 2.2 Households

$$Y_{HG} = wN + DP + BP_D + int_D D_{-1} + int_S SEC_{H-1} + coupon_b c_{H-1} + coupon_b g_{H-1} \quad (\text{A98})$$

$$Y_H = Y_{HG} - T_H \quad (\text{A99})$$

$$C = (c_1 Y_{H-1} + c_2 V_{HF-1})(1 - D_{T-1}) \quad (\text{A100})$$

$$V_{HF} = V_{HF-1} + Y_H - C + b_{CH-1} \Delta p_C + b_{GH-1} \Delta p_G \quad (\text{A101})$$

$$\frac{SEC_H}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{10} + \lambda'_{10} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{11} int_S + \lambda_{12} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{13} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{14} int_D + \lambda_{15} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (\text{A102})$$

$$\frac{B_{CH}}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{20} + \lambda'_{20} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{21} int_S + \lambda_{22} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{23} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{24} int_D + \lambda_{25} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (\text{A103})$$

$$\frac{B_{GH}}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{30} + \lambda'_{30} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{31} int_S + \lambda_{32} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{33} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{34} int_D + \lambda_{35} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (\text{A104})$$

$$\frac{D}{V_{HF-1}} = \lambda_{40} + \lambda'_{40} D_{T-1} + \lambda_{41} int_S + \lambda_{42} yield_{C-1} + \lambda_{43} yield_{G-1} + \lambda_{44} int_D + \lambda_{45} \frac{Y_{H-1}}{V_{HF-1}} \quad (\text{A105n})$$

$$D = D_{-1} + Y_H - C - \Delta SEC_H - p_C \Delta b_{CH} - p_G \Delta b_{GH} \quad (\text{A105})$$

$$\lambda_{30} = \lambda_{30-1}(1 + g_{\lambda_{30}}) \quad (\text{A106})$$

$$g_{\lambda_{30}} = g_{\lambda_{30-1}}(1 - \zeta_4) \quad (\text{A107})$$

$$b_{CH} = \frac{B_{CH}}{p_C} \quad (\text{A108})$$

$$b_{GH} = \frac{B_{GH}}{p_G} \quad (\text{A109})$$

$$DC = DC_{-1} + C - \xi DC_{-1} \quad (\text{A110})$$

$$g_{POP} = g_{POP-1}(1 - \zeta_5) \quad (\text{A111})$$

$$POP = POP_{-1}(1 + g_{POP}) \quad (\text{A112})$$

$$LF = (lf_1 - lf_2 hazratio_{-1})(1 - (1 - ad_{LF})D_{TF-1})POP \quad (\text{A113})$$

$$lf_1 = lf_{1-1}(1 - \zeta_6) \quad (\text{A114})$$

## 2.3 Banks

$$BP = int_C L_{C-1} + int_G L_{G-1} + int_S SEC_{B-1} - int_D D_{-1} - int_A A_{-1} \quad (\text{A115})$$

$$K_B = K_{B-1} + BR_U - DL + BAILOUT \quad (\text{A116})$$

$$BR_U = s_B BP_{-1} \quad (\text{A117})$$

$$BP_D = BP - BR_U \quad (\text{A118})$$

$$HPM = h_1 D \quad (A119)$$

$$SEC_B = h_2 D \quad (A120)$$

$$A = A_{-1} + \Delta HPM + \Delta L_G + \Delta L_C + \Delta SEC_B + DL - \Delta D - BRU - BAILOUT \quad (A121)$$

$$CR_C = \frac{CR^{max}}{1 + r_0 \exp(r_1 - r_2 ds_{r-1} - r_3 (lev_{B-1} - lev_B^{max}) + r_4 (CAR_{-1} - CAR^{min}))} + \varepsilon_{CR} \quad (A122)$$

$$CR_G = \frac{CR^{max}}{1 + l_0 \exp(l_1 - l_2 ds_{r-1} - l_3 (lev_{B-1} - lev_B^{max}) + l_4 (CAR_{-1} - CAR^{min}))} + \varepsilon_{CR} \quad (A123)$$

$$L_C = L_{C-1} + (1 - CR_C)NL_C^D - repL_{C-1} - defL_{C-1} \quad (A124)$$

$$L_G = L_{G-1} + (1 - CR_G)NL_G^D - repL_{G-1} - defL_{G-1} \quad (A125)$$

$$lev_B = (L_C + L_G + SEC_B + HPM) / K_B \quad (A126)$$

$$CAR = K_B / [w_L(L_C + L_G) + w_S SEC_B] \quad (A127)$$

#### 2.4 Government sector

$$SEC = SEC_{-1} + G - T + int_S SEC_{-1} - CBP + BAILOUT \quad (A128)$$

$$G = govY_1 \quad (A129)$$

$$T_H = \tau_H YH_{G-1} \quad (A130)$$

$$T_F = \tau_F TP_{G-1} \quad (A131)$$

$$T = T_H + T_F \quad (A132)$$

#### 2.5 Central banks

$$CBP = coupon_C b_{CCB-1} + coupon_B b_{GCB-1} + int_A A_{-1} + int_S SEC_{CB-1} \quad (A133)$$

$$B_{GCB} = s_G B_{G-1} \quad (A134)$$

$$B_{CCB} = s_C B_{C-1} \quad (A135)$$

$$b_{CCB} = \frac{B_{CCB}}{p_C} \quad (A136)$$

$$b_{GCB} = \frac{B_{GCB}}{p_G} \quad (A137)$$

$$SEC_{CB} = SEC - SEC_H - SEC_B \quad (A138)$$

$$SEC_{CB} = SEC_{CB-1} + \Delta HPM - \Delta A - p_C \Delta b_{CCB} - p_G \Delta b_{GCB} \quad (A139-red)$$

## Appendix B. Initial values for endogenous variables

Symbol	Description	Value	Remarks/sources
A	Advances (trillion US\$)	6.5	Calculated from the identity $K_B = L_C + L_G + HPM + SEC_B - A - D$ using the initial values of $K_B, L_C, L_G, HPM, SEC_B$ and $D$
B	Value of total corporate bonds (trillion US\$)	12.0	Based on OECD (2015, p. 3); we use the figure for the debt securities issued by non-financial corporations
BAILOUT	Bailout funds provided to the banking system from the government sector	0	No bailout is assumed in 2015 since $lev_B < lev_B^{max}$ and $CAR > CAR^{min}$
$B_C$	Value of conventional corporate bonds (trillion US\$)	11.7	Calculated from Eq. (A93) using the initial values of $B$ and $B_G$
$b_C$	Number of conventional bonds (trillions)	0.117	Calculated from Eq. (A91) using the initial values of $p_C$ and $B_C$
$B_{CCB}$	Value of conventional corporate bonds held by central banks (trillion US\$)	0.1	Based on the recent holdings of central banks as part of their corporate sector purchase programmes
$b_{CCB}$	Number of conventional corporate bonds held by central banks (trillions)	0.001	Calculated from Eq. (A136) using the initial values of $p_C$ and $B_{CCB}$
$B_{CH}$	Value of conventional corporate bonds held by households (trillion US\$)	11.6	Calculated from Eq. (A89) using the initial values of $B_{CCB}$ and $B_C$
$b_{CH}$	Number of conventional corporate bonds held by households (trillions)	0.1	Calculated from Eq. (A108) using the initial values of $p_C$ and $B_{CH}$
$B_G$	Value of green corporate bonds (trillion US\$)	0.3	Based on Climate Bonds Initiative (2016); we estimate the value of bonds held by the non-financial corporate sector using the outstanding value of both labelled and unlabelled green/climate-aligned bonds
$b_G$	Number of green corporate bonds (trillions)	0.003	Calculated from Eq. (A92) using the initial values of $p_G$ and $B_G$
$B_{GCB}$	Value of green corporate bonds held by central banks (trillion US\$)	0	There was no green QE programme in 2015
$b_{GCB}$	Number of green corporate bonds held by central banks (trillions)	0	Calculated from Eq. (A137) using the initial values of $p_G$ and $B_{GCB}$
$B_{GH}$	Value of green corporate bonds held by households (trillion US\$)	0.30	Calculated from Eq. (A90) using the initial values of $B_C$ and $B_{CCB}$
$b_{GH}$	Number of green corporate bonds held by households (trillions)	0.0030	Calculated from Eq. (A109) using the initial values of $p_G$ and $B_{GH}$
BP	Profits of banks (trillion US\$)	2.84	Calculated from Eq. (A115) using the initial values of $L_C, L_G, SEC_B, D$ and $A$
$BP_D$	Distributed profits of banks (trillion US\$)	0.48	Calculated from Eq. (A118) using the initial values of $BP$ and $BP_U$
$BP_U$	Retained profits of banks (trillion US\$)	2.37	Calculated from Eq. (A117) using the initial value of $BP$
C	Consumption (trillion US\$)	48.0	Calculated from Eq. (A44) using the initial values of $Y, G$ and $I$
CAR	Capital adequacy ratio	0.1	Calculated from Eq. (A127) using the initial values of $K_B, L_C, L_G$ and $SEC_B$
CBP	Central banks' profits (trillion US\$)	0.2	Calculated from Eq. (A133) using the initial values of $b_{CCB}, b_{GCB}, A$ and $SEC_{CB}$
CEN	Carbon mass of the non-renewable energy sources (Gt)	9.9	Calculated from Eq. (A7) using the initial value of $EMIS_{IN}$
$CO2_{AT}$	Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> concentration (Gt)	3120	Taken from NOAA/ESRL (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration/Earth System Research Laboratory)
$CO2_{LD}$	Lower ocean CO <sub>2</sub> concentration (Gt)	1686.8	Based on the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); Gt of carbon have been transformed into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>
$CO2_{UP}$	Upper ocean/biosphere CO <sub>2</sub> concentration (Gt)	6380.6	Based on the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); Gt of carbon have been transformed into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>
$CON_E$	Amount of non-renewable energy resources converted into non-renewable energy reserves (EJ)	1626.0	Calculated from Eq. (A20) using the initial value of $RES_E$
$CON_M$	Amount of material resources converted into material reserves (Gt)	194	Calculated from Eq. (A12) using the initial value of $RES_M$
$CR_C$	Degree of credit rationing for conventional loans	0.2	Calculated from Eq. (A122) using the initial values of $d_{sr}, lev_B$ and $CAR$
$CR_G$	Degree of credit rationing for green loans	0.3	Calculated from Eq. (A123) using the initial values of $d_{sr}, lev_B$ and $CAR$
D	Deposits (trillion US\$)	66.0	Based on Allianz (2015)
DC	Stock of durable consumption goods (trillion US\$)	1256	Calculated from Eq. (A4) using the initial values of $K, DEM, \delta$ and $\mu$
def	Rate of default	0.040	Based on World Bank
DEM	Demolished/discarded socio-economic stock (Gt)	17.0	Based on Haas et al. (2015)
$d\phi_E$	Energy depletion ratio	0.013	Calculated from Eq. (A22) using the initial values of $EN$ and $REV_E$
$d\phi_M$	Matter depletion ratio	0.008	Selected from a reasonable range of values
DL	Amount of defaulted loans (trillion US\$)	2.2	Calculated from Eq. (A94) using the initial values of $L$ and $def$
DP	Distributed profits of firms (trillion US\$)	17.2	Calculated from Eq. (A55) using the initial values of $TP$ and $RP$
$d_{sr}$	Debt service ratio	0.41	Calculated from Eq. (A97) using the initial values of $L_C, L_G, b_C, b_G, TP, p_C$ and $p_G$
$D_T$	Total proportional damage caused by global warming	0.0028	Calculated from Eq. (A49) using the initial value of $T_{AT}$
$D_{TF}$	Part of damage that affects directly the fund-service resources	0.0026	Calculated from Eq. (A51) using the initial values of $D_T$ and $D_{TP}$
$D_{TP}$	Part of damage that reduces the productivities of fund-service resources	0.0003	Calculated from Eq. (A50) using the initial value of $D_T$
E	Energy used for the production of output (EJ)	580.0	Based on IEA (International Energy Agency); total primary energy supply is used
ED	Dissipated energy (EJ)	580.0	Calculated from Eq. (A18) using the initial values of $EN$ and $ER$
EMIS	Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gt)	38.9	Calculated from Eq. (A25) using the initial values of $EMIS_{IN}$ and $EMIS_L$
$EMIS_{IN}$	Industrial CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gt)	36.3	Taken from CDIAC (Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center)
$EMIS_L$	Land-use CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gt)	2.6	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016)
EN	Energy produced from non-renewable sources (EJ)	498.8	Calculated from Eq. (A17) using the initial values of $E$ and $ER$
ER	Energy produced from renewable sources (EJ)	81.2	Calculated from Eq. (A16) using the initial values of $\theta$ and $E$
F	Radiative forcing over pre-industrial levels (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	2.46	Calculated from Eq. (A29) using the initial values of $CO2_{AT}$ and $F_{EX}$
$F_{EX}$	Radiative forcing, over pre-industrial levels, due to non-CO <sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	0.50	Based on the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016)
G	Government expenditures (trillion US\$)	11.6	Calculated from Eq. (A129) using the initial value of $Y$
$g_{POP}$	Growth rate of population	0.012	Taken from United Nations (medium fertility variant)
$g_{S20}$	Growth rate of the autonomous proportion of desired green investment funded via bonds	0.040	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$g_{g0}$	Growth rate of the autonomous share of green investment in total investment	0.004	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario

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Symbol	Description	Value	Remarks/sources
$g_A$	Growth rate of labour productivity	0.016	Calculated from Eq. (A75) using the initial values of $g_Y$ and $\sigma_0$
$g_{\lambda 30}$	Growth rate of the households' portfolio choice parameter related to the autonomous demand for green bonds	0.040	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$g_\omega$	Growth rate of CO <sub>2</sub> intensity	-0.005	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$hazratio$	Hazardous waste accumulation ratio (tonnes per person)	1.90	Calculated from Eq. (A10) using the initial values of $HW\bar{S}$ and $POP$
$HPM$	High-powered money	13.20	Calculated from Eq. (A119) using the initial value of $D$
$HW\bar{S}$	Stock of hazardous waste (Gt)	14.0	Calculated assuming a constant ratio of hazardous waste to GDP since 1960
$I$	Total investment (trillion US\$)	14.6	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$I_C$	Conventional investment (trillion US\$)	13.9	Calculated from Eq. (A67) using the initial values of $I$ and $I_G$
$I_C^D$	Desired conventional investment (trillion US\$)	16.1	Calculated from the identity $I_C^D = I^D - I_G^D$ ; we use the initial values of $I^D$ and $I_G^D$
$I^D$	Desired total investment (trillion US\$)	17.0	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$I_G$	Green investment (trillion US\$)	0.7	Based on IEA (2016); we use a higher value than the one reported in IEA (2016) since green investment in our model is not confined to investment in energy efficiency and renewables (it also includes investment in recycling and material efficiency)
$I_G^D$	Desired green investment (trillion US\$)	0.9	Calculated such that it is reasonably higher than $I_G$
$illiq$	Illiquidity ratio	0.72	Calculated from Eq. (A96) using the initial values of $L_C, L_G, b_C, b_G, w, N, T_F, \delta, K, Y, CR_C, NL_C^D, CR_G, NL_G^D, p_C$ and $p_G$
$K$	Total capital stock of firms (trillion US\$)	222.6	Calculated from the identity $K = (K/Y) * Y$ using the initial value of $Y$ and assuming that $K/Y = 3$ (based on Penn World Table 9.0)
$K_B$	Capital of banks (trillion US\$)	8.0	Calculated from Eq. (A126) using the initial values of $lev_B, L_C, L_G, SEC_B$ and $HPM$
$K_C$	Conventional capital stock (trillion US\$)	214.2	Calculated from Eq. (A71) using the initial values of $K$ and $K_G$
$K_G$	Green capital stock (trillion US\$)	8.4	Calculated from Eq. (A72) using the initial values of $K$ and $\alpha$
$L$	Total loans of firms (trillion US\$)	55.4	Calculated from the identity $L = (credit - B/Y) * Y$ ; $credit$ is the credit to the non-financial corporations in percent of GDP taken from BIS (Bank for International Settlements); it is assumed that $credit$ includes both loans and bonds
$L_C$	Conventional loans (trillion US\$)	53.3	Calculated from Eq. (A68) using the initial values of $L$ and $L_G$
$L_G$	Green loans (trillion US\$)	2.1	Calculated by assuming that $L_G/L = K_G/K = \alpha$ ; we use the initial values of $\alpha$ and $L$
$lev_B$	Banks' leverage ratio	10.0	Taken from World Bank
$LF$	Labour force (billion people)	3.40	Taken from World Bank
$lf_t$	Autonomous labour force-to-population ratio	0.465	Calculated from Eq. (A113) using the initial values of $LF, POP, hazratio$ and $D_{TF}$
$M$	Extraction of new matter from the ground, excluding the matter included in non-renewable energy sources (Gt)	48.0	Based on the data provided by www.materialflows.net; the figure includes industrial and construction minerals plus ores
$MY$	Output in material terms (Gt)	53.1	Calculated from Eq. (A2) using the initial values of $M$ and $REC$
$N$	Number of employees (billion people)	3.2	Calculated from the definition of the rate of employment ( $re = N/LF$ ) using the initial values of $re$ and $LF$
$NL_C^D$	Desired new amount of conventional loans (trillion US\$)	10.7	Calculated from Eq. (A64) using the initial values of $I_C^D, \beta, RP, L_C, \delta, K_C, p_C$ and $b_C$
$NL_G^D$	Desired new amount of green loans (trillion US\$)	0.7	Calculated from Eq. (A63) using the initial values of $I_G^D, \beta, RP, L_G, \delta, K_G, p_G$ and $b_G$
$O2$	Oxygen used for the combustion of fossil fuels (Gt)	26.4	Calculated from Eq. (A8) using the initial values of $EMIS_{IN}$ and $CEN$
$p_C$	Price of conventional corporate bonds (US\$)	100	The price has been normalised such that it is equal to 100 in 2015
$p_G$	Price of green corporate bonds (US\$)	100	The price has been normalised such that it is equal to 100 in 2015
$POP$	Population (billions)	7.35	Taken from United Nations (medium fertility variant)
$r$	Rate of retained profits	0.009	Calculated from Eq. (A56) using the initial values of $RP$ and $K$
$re$	Rate of employment	0.94	Calculated from Eq. (A80) using the initial value of $w$
$REC$	Recycled socio-economic stock (Gt)	5.1	Calculated from Eq. (A3) using the initial values of $\rho$ and $DEM$
$RES_E$	Non-renewable energy resources (EJ)	542000	Based on BGR (2015, p. 33)
$RES_M$	Material resources (Gt)	388889	Calculated by assuming $RES_M/REV_M = 64.8$ (based on UNEP, 2011)
$REV_E$	Non-renewable energy reserves (EJ)	37000	Based on BGR (2015, p. 33)
$REV_M$	Material reserves (Gt)	6000	Calculated from Eq. (A14) using the initial values of $M$ and $dep_M$
$RP$	Retained profits of firms (trillion US\$)	2.0	Calculated from Eq. (A54) using the initial value of $TP$
$SEC$	Total amount of government securities	59.8	Calculated from the identity $general\ government\ debt-to-GDP = SEC/Y$ using the initial value of $Y$ and the value of the $general\ government\ debt-to-GDP$ ratio (taken from IMF)
$SEC_B$	Government securities held by banks (trillion US\$)	12.0	Calculated by assuming that $SEC_B/SEC = 0.2$ based on Alli Abbas et al. (2014)
$SEC_{CB}$	Government securities held by central banks (trillion US\$)	6.6	Calculated from the identity $SEC_{CB} = HPM + V_{CB} - p_C b_{CCB} - p_G b_{GCB} - A$ using the initial values of $V_{CB}, p_C, b_{CCB}, p_G, b_{GCB}, A$ and $HPM$
$SEC_H$	Government securities held by households (trillion US\$)	41.3	Calculated from Eq. (A138) using the initial values of $SEC, SEC_{CB}$ and $SEC_B$
$SES$	Socio-economic stock (Gt)	1058.5	Calculated from the identity $SES = \mu(K + DC)$ using the initial values of $\mu, K$ and $DC$
$sb_L$	Share of loans in total firm liabilities	0.82	Calculated from the formula $sb_L = L/(L + B)$ using the initial values of $L$ and $B$
$T$	Total taxes (trillion US\$)	10.5	Calculated from Eq. (A132) using the initial values of $T_H$ and $T_F$

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$T_{AT}$	Atmospheric temperature over pre-industrial levels (°C)	1.0	Based on Met Office
$T_F$	Taxes on firms' profits (trillion US\$)	3.3	Calculated from Eq. (A131) using the initial value of $TP_G$
$T_H$	Taxes on households' disposable income	7.2	Calculated from Eq. (A130) using the initial value $Y_H$
$T_{LD}$	Lower ocean temperature over pre-industrial levels (°C)	0.0068	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016)
$TP$	Total profits of firms (trillion US\$)	19.2	Calculated from Eq. (A53) using the initial values of $TP_G$ and $T_F$
$TP_G$	Total gross profits of firms (trillion US\$)	22.5	Calculated from Eq. (A52) using the initial values of $Y, w, N, L_C, L_G, \delta, K, b_C$ and $b_G$
$u$	Rate of capacity utilisation	0.72	Based on World Bank, Enterprise Surveys
$ue$	Rate of energy utilisation	0.01	Calculated from Eq. (A46) using the initial values of $Y$ and $Y_E^*$
$um$	Rate of matter utilisation	0.01	Calculated from Eq. (A45) using the initial values of $Y$ and $Y_M^*$
$ur$	Unemployment rate	0.06	Based on World Bank
$v$	Capital productivity	0.46	Calculated from Eqs. (A41) and (A47) using the initial values of $Y, u$ and $K$
$V_{CB}$	Wealth of central banks (trillion US\$)	0	It is assumed that there are no accumulated capital gains for the central banks
$V_{HF}$	Financial wealth of households (trillion US\$)	119.2	Calculated from the identity $V_{HF}=D+p_C b_{CH}+p_G b_{GH}+SEC_H$ using the initial values of $SEC_H, p_C, b_{CH}, p_G, b_{GH}$ and $D$
$w$	Annual wage rate (trillion US\$/billions of employees)	12.07	Calculated from Eq. (A78) using the initial value of $\lambda$
$W$	Waste (Gt)	11.90	Calculated from the identity $W=DEM-REC$ using the initial values of $DEM$ and $REC$
$\alpha_1$	Proportion of desired conventional investment funded via bonds	0.02	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\alpha_2$	Proportion of desired green investment funded via bonds	0.01	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\alpha_{20}$	Autonomous proportion of desired green investment funded via bonds	0.01	Calculated from Eq. (A84) using the initial values of $yield_C$ and $\alpha_2$
$Y^*$	Output (trillion US\$)	74.2	Taken from IMF, World Economic Outlook (current prices)
$Y^*$	Potential output (trillion US\$)	78.9	Calculated from Eq. (A43) using the initial values of $Y_M^*, Y_E^*, Y_K^*$ and $Y_N^*$
$Y_E^*$	Energy-determined potential output (trillion US\$)	5504.0	Calculated from Eq. (A40) using the initial values of $REV_E, \theta$ and $\varepsilon$
$Y_H$	Disposable income of households (trillion US\$)	51.1	Calculated from Eq. (A99) using the initial values of $Y_{HG}$ and $T_H$
$Y_{HG}$	Gross disposable income of households (trillion US\$)	58.3	Calculated from Eq. (A98) using the initial values of $w, N, DP, BP_D, D, SEC_H, b_{CH}$ and $b_{GH}$
$yield_C$	Yield on conventional corporate bonds	0.05	Based on FTSE Russell (2016)
$yield_G$	Yield on green corporate bonds	0.05	Based on FTSE Russell (2016)
$Y_K^*$	Capital-determined potential output (trillion US\$)	103.1	Calculated from Eq. (A41) using the initial values of $v$ and $K$
$Y_M^*$	Matter-determined potential output (trillion US\$)	8391.3	Calculated from Eq. (A39) using the initial values of $REV_M, REC$ and $\mu$
$Y_N^*$	Labour-determined potential output (trillion US\$)	78.9	Calculated from Eq. (A42) using the initial values of $\lambda$ and $LF$
$\beta$	Share of desired green investment in total investment	0.05	Calculated from Eq. (58) using the initial values of $I_G^D$ and $I^D$
$\beta_0$	Autonomous share of desired green investment in total investment	0.05	Calculated from Eq. (60) using the initial values of $\beta, \beta_1, yield_G, yield_C$ and $D_T$
$\delta$	Depreciation rate of capital stock	0.04	Calculated from Eq. (A73) using the initial value $D_{TF}$
$\varepsilon$	Energy intensity (EJ/trillion US\$)	7.82	Calculated from the definition of energy intensity ( $\varepsilon=E/Y$ ) using the initial values of $E$ and $Y$
$\theta$	Share of renewable energy in total energy	0.14	Based on IEA (International Energy Agency); total primary energy supply is used
$\alpha$	Ratio of green capital to total capital	0.04	Selected such that it is reasonably lower than $I_G/I$
$\lambda$	Hourly labour productivity (trillion US\$/(billions of employees*annual hours worked per employee))	0.01	Calculated from Eq. (A79) using the initial values of $Y$ and $N$
$\lambda_{30}$	Households' portfolio choice parameter related to the autonomous demand for green bonds	0.01	Calculated from Eq. (A104) using the initial values of $B_{GH}, V_{HF}, D_T, yield_C, yield_G$ and $Y_H$
$\mu$	Material intensity (kg/\$)	0.72	Calculated from the definition of material intensity ( $\mu=MY/Y$ ) using the initial values of $MY$ and $Y$
$\rho$	Recycling rate	0.30	Based on Haas et al. (2015)
$\sigma_0$	Autonomous growth rate of labour productivity	-0.02	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\omega$	CO <sub>2</sub> intensity (Gt/E)	0.07	Calculated from Eq. (A23) using the initial values of $EMIS_N$ and $EN$

## Appendix C. Values for parameters and exogenous variables (baseline scenario)

Symbol	Description	Value	Remarks/sources
$ad_K$	Fraction of gross damages to capital stock avoided through adaptation	0.80	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$ad_{LF}$	Fraction of gross damages to labour force avoided through adaptation	0.70	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$ad_P$	Fraction of gross damages to productivity avoided through adaptation	0.90	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$c_1$	Propensity to consume out of disposable income	0.73	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$c_2$	Propensity to consume out of financial wealth	0.10	Empirically estimated using data for a panel of countries (the econometric estimations are available upon request)
$car$	Coefficient for the conversion of Gt of carbon into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>	3.67	Taken from CDIAC (Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center)
$CAR^{min}$	Minimum capital adequacy ratio	0.08	Based on the Basel III regulatory framework
$CO2_{AT-PRE}$	Pre-industrial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in atmosphere (Gt)	2156.2	Taken from DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); Gt of carbon have been transformed into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>
$CO2_{LO-PRE}$	Pre-industrial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in upper ocean/biosphere (Gt)	6307.2	Taken from DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); Gt of carbon have been transformed into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>
$CO2_{UP-PRE}$	Pre-industrial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in lower ocean (Gt)	1320.1	Taken from DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); Gt of carbon have been transformed into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>
$con_E$	Conversion rate of non-renewable energy resources into reserves	0.003	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$con_M$	Conversion rate of material resources into reserves	0.0005	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$coupon_C$	Fixed coupon paid per conventional corporate bond (US\$)	5	Calculated from Eq. (A87) using the initial values of $p_C$ and $yield_C$
$coupon_G$	Fixed coupon paid per green corporate bond (US\$)	5	Calculated from Eq. (A88) using the initial values of $p_G$ and $yield_G$
$CR^{max}$	Maximum degree of credit rationing	0.5	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$def^{max}$	Maximum default rate of loans	0.2	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$def_0$	Parameter of the default rate function	4.00	Calculated from Eq. (A95) using the initial value of $illq$
$def_1$	Parameter of the default rate function	5.65	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$def_2$	Parameter of the default rate function (related to the sensitivity of the default rate to the illiquidity ratio of firms)	7.81	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$F_{2xCO2}$	Increase in radiative forcing (since the pre-industrial period) due to doubling of CO <sub>2</sub> concentration from pre-industrial levels (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	3.7	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016)
$f_{ex}$	Annual increase in radiative forcing (since the pre-industrial period) due to non-CO <sub>2</sub> agents (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	0.006	Based on the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016)
$gov$	Share of government expenditures in output	0.16	Based on World Bank; the figure includes only the consumption government expenditures
$b$	Annual working hours per employee	1800	Based on Penn World Table 9.0
$b_1$	Banks' reserve ratio	0.2	Based on World Bank
$b_2$	Banks' government securities-to-deposits ratio	0.18	Calculated from Eq. (A120) using the initial values of $SEC_B$ and $D$
$baz$	Proportion of hazardous waste in total waste	0.04	EEA (2012, p. 22) reports a figure equal to 3.7% for EU-27
$int_A$	Interest rate on advances	0.02	Based on Global Interest Rate Monitor
$int_C$	Interest rate on conventional loans	0.07	Based on World Bank
$int_D$	Interest rate on deposits	0.015	Based on World Bank
$int_G$	Interest rate on green loans	0.08	Based on World Bank; it is assumed that $int_G - int_C = 0.01$
$int_S$	Interest rate on government securities	0.012	Based on Bank of America Merrill Lynch (2014)
$l_0$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on green loans	0.67	Calculated from Eq. (A123) using the initial values of $d_{sr}$ , $CAR$ and $lev_B$
$l_1$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on green loans	-0.24	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$l_2$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on green loans (related to the sensitivity of credit rationing to the default rate)	2.08	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$l_3$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on green loans (related to the sensitivity of credit rationing to the leverage ratio of banks)	0.04	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$l_4$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on green loans (related to the sensitivity of credit rationing to the capital adequacy ratio of banks)	2.08	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$lev_B^{max}$	Maximum leverage ratio	33.33	Based on the Basel III regulatory framework (the Basel III bank leverage can be proxied by the capital-to-assets ratio and its minimum value is 3%; since in our model the bank leverage is defined as the assets-to-capital ratio, the maximum value used is equal to 1/0.03)
$lf_2$	Sensitivity of the labour force-to-population ratio to hazardous waste	0.001	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$lr$	Rate of decline of land-use CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	0.024	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); has been adjusted to reflect a 1-year time step
$p$	Share of productivity damage in total damage caused by global warming	0.1	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$r_0$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on conventional loans	1.50	Calculated from Eq. (A122) using the initial values of $d_{sr}$ , $CAR$ and $lev_B$
$r_1$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on conventional loans	-0.24	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$r_2$	Parameter of the function of credit rationing on conventional loans (related to the sensitivity of credit rationing to the default rate)	2.08	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$r_3$	Parameter of the the function of credit rationing on conventional loans (related to the sensitivity of credit rationing to the leverage ratio of banks)	0.04	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$r_4$	Parameter of the the function of credit rationing on conventional loans (related to the sensitivity of credit rationing to the capital adequacy ratio of banks)	2.08	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$rep$	Loan repayment ratio	0.1	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$S$	Equilibrium climate sensitivity, i.e. increase in equilibrium temperature due to doubling of CO <sub>2</sub> concentration from pre-industrial levels (°C)	3.1	Taken from then DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016)

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$s_B$	Banks' retention rate	0.86	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$s_C$	Share of conventional corporate bonds held by central banks (trillion US\$)	0.01	Calculated from Eq. (135) using the initial values of $B_{CCB}$ and $B_C$
$s_F$	Firms' retention rate	0.10	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$s_G$	Share of green corporate bonds held by central banks (trillion US\$)	0.00	Calculated from Eq. (134) using the initial values of $B_{CCB}$ and $B_G$
$s_W$	Wage income share	0.52	Based on Penn World Table 9.0
$l_1$	Speed of adjustment parameter in the atmospheric temperature equation	0.020	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); has been adjusted to reflect a 1-year time step
$l_2$	Coefficient of heat loss from the atmosphere to the lower ocean (atmospheric temperature equation)	0.018	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); has been adjusted to reflect a 1-year time step
$l_3$	Coefficient of heat loss from the atmosphere to the lower ocean (lower ocean temperature equation)	0.005	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); has been adjusted to reflect a 1-year time step
$w_L$	Risk weight on loans	1.0	Based on BCBS (2006)
$w_S$	Risk weight on government securities	0.0	Based on BCBS (2006)
$x_{10}$	Autonomous proportion of desired conventional investment funded via bonds	0.02	Calculated from Eq. (A83) using the initial values of $yield_C$ and $x_I$
$x_{11}$	Sensitivity of the proportion of desired conventional investment funded via bonds to the conventional bond yield	0.10	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$x_{21}$	Sensitivity of the proportion of desired green investment funded via bonds to the green bond yield	0.10	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$a_{00}$	Parameter of the desired investment function	0.16	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$a_{01}$	Parameter of the desired investment function	1.35	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$a_1$	Parameter of the desired investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the capacity utilisation)	2.00	Based on econometric estimations for a panel of countries (available upon request)
$a_2$	Parameter of the desired investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the rate of profit)	1.84	Based on econometric estimations for a panel of countries (available upon request)
$a_3$	Parameter of the desired investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the growth rate of energy intensity)	0.08	Based on econometric estimations for a panel of countries (available upon request)
$a_{41}$	Parameter in the investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the unemployment rate)	0.02	Based on econometric estimations for a panel of countries (available upon request)
$a_{42}$	Parameter in the investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the unemployment rate)	0.5	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$a_{51}$	Parameter in the investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the energy utilisation rate)	0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$a_{52}$	Parameter in the investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the energy utilisation rate)	0.99	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$a_{61}$	Parameter in the investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the matter utilisation rate)	0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$a_{62}$	Parameter in the investment function (related to the sensitivity of investment to the matter utilisation rate)	0.99	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\beta_1$	Autonomous share of desired green investment in total investment	0.02	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\beta_2$	Sensitivity of the desired green investment share to the interest rate differential between green loans/bonds and conventional loans/bonds	2	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\beta_3$	Sensitivity of the desired green investment share to global warming damages	0.5	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\delta_0$	Depreciation rate of capital stock when there are no global warming damages	0.04	Based on Penn World Table 9.0
$\varepsilon^{\max}$	Maximum potential value of energy intensity (EJ/trillion US\$)	12	Selected such that it is reasonably higher than initial $\varepsilon$
$\varepsilon^{\min}$	Minimum potential value of energy intensity (EJ/trillion US\$)	3	Selected such that it is reasonably higher than 0
$\zeta_1$	Rate of decline of the (absolute) growth rate of $CO_2$ intensity	0.03	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\zeta_2$	Rate of decline of the growth rate of $\beta_0$	0.10	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\zeta_3$	Rate of decline of the autonomous (absolute) growth rate of labour	0.01	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\zeta_4$	Rate of decline of the growth rates of $x_{20}$ and $\lambda_{30}$	0.20	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\zeta_5$	Rate of decline of the growth rate of population	0.02	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\zeta_6$	Rate of decline of the autonomous labour force-to-population ratio	0.0007	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\eta_1$	Parameter of damage function	0	Based on Weitzmann (2012); $D_T=50\%$ when $T_{AT}=6^\circ C$
$\eta_2$	Parameter of damage function	0.00284	Based on Weitzmann (2012); $D_T=50\%$ when $T_{AT}=6^\circ C$
$\eta_3$	Parameter of damage function	0.000005	Based on Weitzmann (2012); $D_T=50\%$ when $T_{AT}=6^\circ C$
$\lambda_{10}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.36	Calculated from Eq. (A102) using the initial values of $SEC_H$ , $V_{HF}$ , $D_T$ , $yield_C$ , $yield_G$ and $Y_H$
$\lambda_{11}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.10	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{12}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.03	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{11} = -\lambda_{21} - \lambda_{31} - \lambda_{41}$
$\lambda_{13}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{14}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{15}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{20}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.10	Calculated from Eq. (A103) using the initial values of $B_{CH}$ , $V_{HF}$ , $D_T$ , $yield_C$ , $yield_G$ and $Y_H$

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Symbol	Description	Value	Remarks/sources
$\lambda_{20}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.20	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{21}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{21} = \lambda_{12}$
$\lambda_{22}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.03	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{22} = \lambda_{12} - \lambda_{32} - \lambda_{42}$
$\lambda_{23}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{24}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{25}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{30}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.00	Global warming damages are assumed to have no impact on the holdings of green bonds
$\lambda_{31}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{31} = \lambda_{13}$
$\lambda_{32}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{32} = \lambda_{23}$
$\lambda_{33}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.03	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{33} = \lambda_{13} - \lambda_{23} - \lambda_{43}$
$\lambda_{34}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{35}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{40}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.53	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{40} = 1 - \lambda_{10} - \lambda_{20} - \lambda_{30}$
$\lambda_{41}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.10	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\lambda_{42}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{42} = \lambda_{14}$
$\lambda_{43}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	-0.01	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{43} = \lambda_{24}$
$\lambda_{44}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.03	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{44} = \lambda_{14} - \lambda_{24} - \lambda_{34}$
$\lambda_{45}$	Parameter of households' portfolio choice	0.03	Calculated from the constraint $\lambda_{45} = \lambda_{15} - \lambda_{25} - \lambda_{35}$
$\mu^{\max}$	Maximum potential value of material intensity (kg/US\$)	1.5	Selected such that it is reasonably higher than initial $\mu$
$\mu^{\min}$	Minimum potential value of material intensity (kg/US\$)	0.3	Selected such that it is reasonably higher than 0
$\zeta$	Proportion of durable consumption goods discarded every year	0.012	Selected such that the initial growth of $DC$ is equal to the growth rate of output
$\pi_1$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with material intensity	1.01	Calibrated such that initial $\mu$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\mu(2050) = 0.9\mu(2015)$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_2$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with material intensity	16.29	Calibrated such that initial $\mu$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\mu(2050) = 0.9\mu(2015)$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_3$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with recycling rate	6.88	Calibrated such that initial $\varrho$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\varrho(2050) = 1.4\varrho(2015)$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_4$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with recycling rate	36.02	Calibrated such that initial $\varrho$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\varrho(2050) = 1.4\varrho(2015)$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_5$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with energy intensity	9.37	Calibrated such that initial $\varepsilon$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\varepsilon(2050) = 0.75\varepsilon(2015)$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_6$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with energy intensity	53.29	Calibrated such that initial $\varepsilon$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\varepsilon(2050) = 0.75\varepsilon(2015)$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_7$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with the share of renewable energy	12.29	Calibrated such that initial $\theta$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\theta(2050) = 0.18$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\pi_8$	Parameter linking the green capital-conventional capital ratio with the share of renewable energy	17.63	Calibrated such that initial $\theta$ corresponds to initial $\alpha$ and $\theta(2050) = 0.18$ in line with the baseline scenario
$\varrho^{\max}$	Maximum potential value of recycling rate	0.8	Selected such that it is reasonably lower than 1
$\sigma_1$	Autonomous growth rate of labour productivity	0.01	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\sigma_2$	Sensitivity of labour productivity growth to the growth rate of output	0.92	Empirically estimated using data for a panel of countries (the econometric estimations are available upon request)
$\tau_F$	Firms' tax rate	0.15	Selected from a reasonable range of values
$\tau_H$	Households' tax rate	0.13	Calibrated such that the model generates the baseline scenario
$\varphi_{11}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the atmosphere to the atmosphere	0.9760	Calculated from the formula $\varphi_{11} = 1 - \varphi_{12}$ (see the DICE-2016R model, Nordhaus, 2016)
$\varphi_{12}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the atmosphere to the upper ocean/biosphere	0.0240	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); has been adjusted to reflect a 1-year time step
$\varphi_{21}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the upper ocean/biosphere to the atmosphere	0.0392	Calculated from the formula $\varphi_{21} = \varphi_{12} (CO_{2,AT-PRE} / CO_{2,UP-PRE})$ (see the DICE-2016R model, Nordhaus, 2016)
$\varphi_{22}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the upper ocean/biosphere to the upper ocean/biosphere	0.9595	Calculated from the formula $\varphi_{22} = 1 - \varphi_{21} - \varphi_{23}$ (see the DICE-2016R model, Nordhaus, 2016)
$\varphi_{23}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the upper ocean/biosphere to the lower ocean	0.0013	Taken from the DICE-2016R model (Nordhaus, 2016); has been adjusted to reflect a 1-year time step
$\varphi_{32}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the lower ocean to the upper ocean/biosphere	0.0003	Calculated from the formula $\varphi_{32} = \varphi_{23} (CO_{2,UP-PRE} / CO_{2,LO-PRE})$ (see the DICE-2016R model, Nordhaus, 2016)
$\varphi_{33}$	Transfer coefficient for carbon from the lower ocean to the lower ocean	0.9997	Calculated from the formula $\varphi_{33} = 1 - \varphi_{32}$ (see the DICE-2016R model, Nordhaus, 2016)