

# Environmental Responsibility and Policy in a Two-country Dynamic Input–Output Model

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**ABSTRACT** *Increased spatial dependency of economic activities, as well as spatial differentiation of production and consumption, has implications for environmental policy. One of the issues that has gained importance is the responsibility for the emissions from products that cross national boundaries during the environmental policy's lifetime. This paper discusses the different ethical views of environmental responsibility. Furthermore, the policy measures that are associated with the different viewpoints are analyzed in a novel dynamic two-country two-sector dynamic input–output model. A numerical example is modeled to assess taxing schemes that are based on these ethical viewpoints. The results show that a tax on the 'embodied' environmental pressure, which is generally viewed as ethically preferable, is less effective than the current policy of taxing consumers of products. Our discussion however shows that these results are very dependent on the model structure and initial parameters that are used. Nevertheless, the model illustrates that policies that are based on ethically superior standpoints may have detrimental distortionary effects in the dynamic setting.*

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## Introduction

Increased globalization of economic activities has expanded the spatial differentiation of production and consumption. This has important implications for environmental policy because environmentally damaging emissions may be generated during the extraction, production, transportation and consumption of products. Since each of these stages of

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48 the lifecycle of a product may occur in different countries, environmental policies that are  
49 based on national boundaries may have distortionary effects. As a result, environmental  
50 emissions may simply be shifted from one country to the other, which sometimes can  
51 lead to worse environmental conditions on the global scale.

52 An example is the Kyoto protocol on greenhouse gases. The protocol binds certain  
53 countries to reducing the emissions of carbon dioxide within their national boundaries.  
54 Although limited trade of CO<sub>2</sub> emission rights is allowed, the emission targets are  
55 restricted to national boundaries. However, policies to reduce national emissions, such  
56 as carbon taxes, can lead to higher imports and lower domestic production of energy intensive  
57 products. These asymmetric policy targets, which are set unilaterally by western  
58 countries, lead to relocation of production. National emissions targets may be met, but  
59 global reductions could potentially increase because of inferior technologies and energy  
60 efficiency.

61 When targets are set in environmental agreements they are based on a variety of factors.  
62 As a starting point, an ethical viewpoint on the environmental responsibility of countries is  
63 agreed. As we have already discussed, the Kyoto protocol is based on the responsibility for  
64 the emissions within the geographical area of a country. However, the resulting targets are  
65 also based on other issues such as economic, historical and political factors. In the case of  
66 the Kyoto protocol, targets were only set for the rich countries since these emitted most  
67 greenhouse gases in the past and are economically the strongest.

68 This paper investigates three ethical viewpoints (described in detail in the following  
69 section) on environmental responsibility in a dynamic setting. The following question is  
70 investigated. What are the environmental and economic effects of policies based on different  
71 ethical viewpoints of environmental responsibility on global and country levels? The  
72 three viewpoints are analyzed in a numerical example of a dynamic two-sector  
73 two-country input–output model that includes technological progress, technology  
74 spillovers, economic growth, trade and environmental emissions. The input–output  
75 framework is well-suited for these types of studies, since it can accommodate monetary  
76 as well as physical or other units simultaneously, which is essential for any environmental  
77 analysis. Most dynamic input–output models focus on the national scale or have assumed  
78 exogenous trade flows. In this paper, endogenous trade flows are used.

79 The structure of this paper is as follows. The next section reviews the different ethical  
80 positions of environmental responsibility. The section after provides an overview of the  
81 theoretical background of economic growth, technology, trade and their influence on  
82 environmental emissions. The fourth section covers the assumptions and equations that  
83 are used in the model. The results of the baseline and policy scenarios are presented in  
84 the fifth section and the sixth section concludes.

## 85 86 **Environmental Responsibility**

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88 During the lifecycle of a product there are a number of distinct phases that may be distin-  
89 guished. First, there is the production phase, which includes extraction, production and  
90 transportation of the product. This process requires raw materials, energy, intermediate  
91 inputs, labor and capital inputs. The production process generates unwanted outputs as  
92 well, in the form of waste emissions. The second phase, the final consumption phase,  
93 also leads to environmentally detrimental emissions because the goods are discarded  
94 after use or require polluting inputs such as fossil fuel during their use.

95 When the stages in a product lifecycle occur in different geographic areas, as is the case  
 96 for many products in the world today, the wastes that are generated in these stages also  
 97 occur in different places. Assuming that in the global setting, the nation-state is the  
 98 entity that bears responsibility in these matters, the question arises of which of these  
 99 waste flows each country is responsible for. This issue is not new. In fact the assessment  
 100 of the environmental relationship between countries has a long history. The following  
 101 paragraphs will discuss the literature in this field.

102 IO modeling has led to many papers that assess the 'embodied' environmental load in  
 103 imports and exports. In the case of embodied studies that are based on IO models the direct  
 104 and indirect emissions of trade are evaluated (Bullard and Herendeen, 1975; Miller and  
 105 Blair, 1985). Related to these studies are calculations of the 'environmental balance of  
 106 trade' in which the net effect of trade on embodied environmental flows is calculated.<sup>1</sup>

107 Many studies examine data for one year. Most studies find that the exports of first  
 108 world countries are more pollution and energy intensive than the imports, making  
 109 them net exporters of environmental problems (Antweiler, 1996; Lenzen, 1998; Murata  
 110 *et al.*, 1998; de Haan 2002). Wyckoff and Roop (1994) and Subak (1995) show that  
 111 the carbon and methane contents of imports of western countries are sizeable compared  
 112 with domestic emissions. However, Machado *et al.* (2001) show that third world  
 113 countries, such as Brazil, can also have exports that are more carbon and energy intensive  
 114 than their imports. Statistics Sweden (2002) and Suh *et al.* (2002) show that Sweden and  
 115 the United States are net importers for some environmental pressures and net exporters  
 116 for others.

117 Other studies calculate the 'embodied' or 'balance of trade' for several years. These  
 118 studies provide insight in the 'pollution haven hypothesis', which implies that reductions  
 119 in environmental emissions in western countries have been compensated by increases in  
 120 the emissions by the other countries. In other words emissions have simply shifted from  
 121 rich to poor countries. The evidence is mixed. The results in Schaeffer and Leal de Sá  
 122 (1996) and Kondo *et al.* (2000) suggest that this shift is taking place for Brazil and **Q1**  
 123 Japan respectively. However, Jacobsen (2000) and Munksgaard and Pedersen (2001)  
 124 show that the embodied energy and carbon of Danish net exports is increasing. Atkinson  
 125 and Hamilton (2002) also find that the net consumption of global resources by the OECD  
 126 decreased from 1980 to 1985 and then stabilized. Muradian *et al.* (2002) show mixed  
 127 results with respect to the shift from rich to poor countries. They show that for Western  
 128 Europe and Japan the balance of embodied emissions in trade exhibits an inverted U  
 129 curve, i.e. from 1976 to 1990 the ratio of emissions in imports and exports increased  
 130 while after that it decreased (thereby raising doubt over a shift in pollution towards the  
 131 third world). The US however shows an N shaped curve where the balance deteriorates  
 132 towards the end of the 1990s.

133 Some studies try to model the shifts of the environmental burdens under certain model  
 134 conditions. Gale (1995) for example shows the effect of the tariff elimination on pollution  
 135 if Mexico joined the NAFTA. Lee and Roland-Holst (1997) use a general equilibrium  
 136 model to test the economic and environmental effects on the Indonesian and Japanese  
 137 economies under different tax and trade abatement strategies. Gielen and Moriguchi  
 138 (2002) find that carbon taxing regimes implemented for the iron and steel sector in  
 139 Japan and Europe could lead to significant carbon leakage, i.e. domestic carbon intensive  
 140 production would be replaced by imports. Felder and Rutherford (1993) use a dynamic  
 141 general equilibrium model to assess the effects of unilateral cuts in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

142 An influential trend of the literature is the ‘ecological footprint’, which was introduced  
143 by Wackernagel and Rees (1996). In this method, the quantity of land that is required to  
144 compensate for environmental pressures is evaluated. Despite the drawbacks associated  
145 with this method (van den Bergh and Verbruggen, 1999), the footprint does include  
146 environmental pressures irrespective of the location that the pressures arise. See also  
147 Bicknell *et al.* (1998); Proops *et al.* (1999); and Hubacek and Giljum (2003).

148 Finally, there are a number of the studies that explicitly discuss environmental  
149 responsibility. Eder and Narodoslowsky (1999) identify six types of responsibility  
150 that are territorial, production/consumption and direct/indirect factors. Bastianoni  
151 *et al.* (2004) discuss six different ways of assigning greenhouse gas emissions. Bazin  
152 *et al.* (2004) discuss the link between taxation and environmental responsibility.  
153 Lenzen *et al.* (2004) perform an input–output study of embodied CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
154 using a five-region input output model of Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden and  
155 the rest of the world. They show that that the insights for Denmark on the trade of  
156 embodied CO<sub>2</sub> are very different when embodied CO<sub>2</sub> from trade partners is included.  
157 Lenzen *et al.* (2004) argue that the level of aggregation is an important issue in  
158 determining responsibility for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

159 Overall, this incomplete literature review shows that the trade and responsibility effects  
160 have enjoyed considerable attention. This is not surprising since shifting environmental  
161 burdens could lead to improvements in national environmental performances while  
162 global sustainability is harmed. It is these shifting mechanisms that are under investigation  
163 in this paper.

164 In this article, other notions of environmental responsibility are explored, despite prac-  
165 tical and political problems that could arise if policies were based on them. The three  
166 notions of environmental responsibility that we consider are the following. First, the  
167 ‘use’ notion, where a country is held responsible for the waste emissions within its  
168 borders. As described earlier, this seems to be the consensus view for international  
169 agreements such as the Kyoto protocol. All wastes and emissions from the extraction,  
170 production, transportation and consumption phase are assigned to the country in which  
171 these activities take place. A corresponding policy tool would be to tax all emissions  
172 within the borders of the country.

173 Second, the ‘make’ notion, where a country is responsible for the products that it  
174 produces. This implies that the producers of products are responsible for all wastes  
175 generated during the lifecycle of a product (including it being discarded). Important in  
176 this viewpoint is that this responsibility remains, irrespective of the country in which  
177 the emission occurs. An appropriate policy would be to tax the use of raw materials  
178 since all primary materials used in the production process must at some stage in the  
179 product lifecycle be discarded. Although this viewpoint satisfies the idea of producer  
180 responsibility, its political implications are extreme. For example, the OPEC countries  
181 would be held responsible for all fossil fuels that it produced, and would be required  
182 to tax their primary asset.

183 Third, the ‘embodied’ material notion, where a country is deemed responsible for the  
184 direct and indirect waste streams generated during the lifecycle of the final consumption  
185 package. In other words, all the waste streams that were associated with producing, trans-  
186 porting and discarding the good. This type of analysis has already been discussed in this  
187 section. A tax could be imposed on the direct and indirect material content of each good  
188 and service that is consumed.

## Theoretical Background

In environmental economics, the impact of human society on the environment is encapsulated by the IPAT equation (Ehrlich and Holdren, 1971). This simple model relates the environmental impacts (I) to the population (P), affluence (A) and technology (T) used in society. The implication is that reductions in one or more of the three driving forces will have to contribute to reductions in environmental emissions. However, this model is a simplified descriptive view that includes only the rudimentary assumptions about technology and trade. Global emissions of environmentally damaging substances can be represented by the following equations (assuming no stock changes). The total emissions equal the emissions from the production process plus the emissions from final consumption. That is,

$$m = \sum_i x \times s_i \times e_i^{\text{prod}} + \sum_i y_i \times e_i^{\text{cons}} \quad (1)$$

with

$$s_i = \frac{x_i}{x} = \frac{z_i + y_i}{x}, e_i^{\text{prod}} = \frac{m_i^{\text{prod}}}{x_i}, \text{ and } e_i^{\text{cons}} = \frac{m_i^{\text{cons}}}{y_i}$$

where  $M$  = total emissions in the economy;  $x$  = total output of the economy;  $x_i$  = output of sector  $i$ ;  $y_i$  = final demand for the product from sector  $i$ ;  $m_i^{\text{prod}}$  = emissions of production sector  $i$ ;  $m_i^{\text{cons}}$  = emissions from the final consumption of the product from sector  $i$ ;  $z_i$  = share of sector  $i$  in the total economy;  $e_i^{\text{prod}}$  = emissions of production sector  $i$  per unit of its output;  $e_i^{\text{cons}}$  = emissions from the final consumption of one unit of the product from sector  $i$ ; and  $z_i$  = output of sector  $i$  for intermediate use.

Assume that amongst  $i$  products there are polluting and non-polluting products. The equation suggests that there are six possible ways of reducing emissions. (1) Reduce the size of the economy ( $x$ ); (2) decrease the sector share ( $s_i$ ) of products by reducing the intermediate use of polluting products ( $z_i$ ); (3) Decrease the sector share ( $s_i$ ) of products by reducing the final demand for polluting products ( $y_i$ ); (4) Decrease the emissions per unit output of the producing sectors ( $e_i^{\text{prod}}$ ); (5) Decrease the final demand for polluting products ( $y_i$ ); and (6) Decrease the emissions per unit final demand ( $e_i^{\text{cons}}$ ).

However, if national boundaries are introduced into this model, policymakers that negotiate on the basis of these borders have more options than in the one-world case. There are two policy variables in the above list that have international dimensions. Both components of the sector share of an economy, the production of intermediates and final products, may be satisfied through import substitution. Rather than producing intermediate goods that are highly polluting, these products could simply be imported. Similarly, products that are polluting in the production phase, could also be acquired from elsewhere. Note that in terms of emissions from consumption this substitution possibility is not present.

The potential effectiveness of trying to change each of these six driving forces is an open question. First, the absolute values that are involved are important. For example, a producing sector may be highly polluting, but if it is a marginal sector in the economy, reducing the emission coefficients will do very little to improve the environmental conditions. Secondly, many of the variables in equation (1) are interrelated. This means that if a policy is introduced that affects one of the variables, then other variables may

change because of these relationships. For example, if the final demand for some product increases it also affects the intermediate demand and total output of the economy. These distortionary effects become even more important in a multicountry setting in which policy measures are implemented on the basis of national boundaries. In the next section, a model is presented that tries to clarify some of these distortionary pressures in a two-country setting. However, some of the theoretical relationships between the variables are discussed briefly in the following subsections.

### *Economic Growth*

The first policy option is to alleviate the environmental pressure of the economy by reducing the size of the economy ( $x$ ). Since governmental policies invariably strive towards increasing economic output, such a policy is not likely to become politically feasible. Policy measures are therefore more likely to be focused on the other variables than the economic volume. An unresolved issue is whether it is possible to reduce emissions adequately without reducing economic output.

Some authors assert the contrary: economic growth *leads* to environmental improvements. This claim is based on the empirical trends known as the ‘Environmental Kuznets Curve’ (EKC), which depicts an inverted U-shaped relationship between emissions and income per capita for selected emission types and countries (see for example Grossman and Krueger, 1995). The curve takes a black-box view of an economy, and there is no reason to assume that this pattern will repeat itself automatically for the developing world. They also note that the diminishing emissions in the developed world could be illustrating a trend in the developed world to substitute environmentally unfriendly domestic products for imports. Furthermore, there are also indications that the U-shaped relationship may not be robust over time for the western world. De Bruijn (2000) points to evidence for relinking of economic prosperity and emissions suggests a disconcerting N-shaped relationship.

### *Technology*

Technology plays an important role in both economic growth and the environmental repercussions of economic activity. There is consensus amongst economic growth theories that technological development is the most important source of long-term economic growth (see for example Romer, 1996). From the environmental point of view, the use of inputs ( $z_i$ ) and the emissions ( $e_i^{\text{prod}}$ ) from the production process are also dictated by the technologies in place. Similarly, the emissions from the consumption phase ( $e_i^{\text{cons}}$  and  $y_i$ ) are also dictated by their technological characteristics. However, there is no guarantee that technological developments that drive economic growth will be beneficial to the environment, or vice versa that technological developments that lead to greater environmental performance will benefit economic growth. A case in point is the industrial revolution, which brought economic prosperity, but also increased western societies’ dependence on environmentally detrimental materials.

Technology, however, is a difficult concept to define. A company’s ‘technology’ is the result of the chemical, mechanical, organizational characteristics of its production process, which manifests itself in the inputs required and the products and emission outputs. Technological change is often modeled by using expenditures on R&D as an indicator of the

283 technological advances of a company. However, expenditures such as restructuring costs,  
284 which make the company more efficient, affect the technology as well.

285 An important aspect of technology is its characterization as a public good. Technologi-  
286 cal knowledge is non-rival (i.e. the use of technology by one producer does not preclude its  
287 use elsewhere). However, it is partially excludable, i.e. patent laws or secrecy allow a  
288 producer to use a technology exclusively for a period of time (Romer, 1990; Aghion  
289 and Howitt, 1992). This explains the incentives for firms to invest in R&D because it  
290 gives them the opportunity to reap monopolistic profits for a period of time.

291 Technology also has a positive externality in that it spreads in the economy. These spil-  
292 lers can be domestic (to similar companies or companies with similar technologies) or  
293 international. The input–output literature has been used extensively to investigate pro-  
294 ductivity gains from R&D in different sectors. See, for example, the special issues of  
295 this journal (*Economic Systems Research*, 1997a, b) that dealt specifically with intersec-  
296 toral R&D spillovers.

### 297 298 *Sector Structure and Trade*

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300 The possibility of intercountry trade allows for import substitution. Traditional trade the-  
301 ories predict that countries will automatically specialize in the products for which it has a  
302 comparative advantage. In the case of environmental policy, the possibility of import sub-  
303 stitution may actually have a detrimental effect. Simultaneously, intercountry trade is  
304 viewed as contributing to economic growth (Frankel and Romer, 1999). Recently, the  
305 influence of free trade on the environment has also been evaluated (Antweiler *et al.*,  
306 2001). The international material-product chain (IMPC) is proposed in van Beukering  
307 *et al.* (2000). The IMPC indicates the extraction, use and production of materials and pro-  
308 ducts in an international setting. The model presented here is an example of a simple IMPC  
309 model.

### 310 311 **A Two-country Two-sector Input–Output Model**

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313 To illustrate the distortionary effects that unilateral policy measures may have in a multi-  
314 country setting, a model is presented in this section. Variables that correspond to volumes  
315 (such as mass, service units and number of discoveries) will be indicated by symbols with  
316 an overbar, while symbols for monetary variables, coefficients and prices do not carry an  
317 overbar. The model is called SIMBIOSES referring to Spatial Industrial Metabolism and  
318 Behavior of Input/Output Structures in an Economic System. An input–output framework  
319 model has been adopted because of the following advantages. First, it is an ideal frame-  
320 work in which technology, sector structure and trade can be integrated. The second advan-  
321 tage is that the input–output framework can accommodate monetary as well as physical  
322 units in a coherent manner. Since the distortionary pressures are complicated, the model  
323 is kept very simple: a two-sector two-country input–output model. With this model we  
324 can analyze the dynamic effects, distortions, in different countries and sectors, for  
325 various policies.

326 The traditional input–output model with constant technical coefficients is unsuitable for  
327 the aims of this paper. A dynamic input–output model is required in which the technical  
328 coefficients change as a result of technological improvements. The most successful models  
329 that use input–output information are computable general equilibrium (CGE) models.

330 However, CGE models generally evaluate static equilibria under a certain policy scenario.  
331 In this paper, a dynamic model is required. Furthermore, CGE models calculate optimum  
332 solutions by maximization or minimization. The model required here includes sub-optimal  
333 solutions because of the lack of information about future technological change.

334 The Leontief–Duchin–Szyld dynamic input–output models (Duchin and Szyld, 1985)  
335 view technological change as a result of new capital goods being introduced. The model  
336 suffers from stability and sensitivity problems (Fleissner, 1990). Databases about the  
337 input requirements of different capital goods are also required. Recently, the endogenous  
338 growth theory has been transferred to the input–output setting (Los, 2001). The article  
339 models labor productivity, which results in economic growth. The technical intermediate  
340 input requirements are, however, kept unchanged. The model presented in this paper does  
341 not include growth through the growth of capital like the Leontief–Duchin–Szyld  
342 dynamic input–output models. It is more in line with the endogenous growth model  
343 by Los (2001), but focuses on changes in intermediate inputs rather than on labor  
344 productivity.

345 The growth mechanism and change in technology are modeled in a novel way in the  
346 ensuing model. Nevertheless, a number of standard modeling practices from the growth  
347 literature are adopted. First, economic growth is generated by technological improve-  
348 ments. Second, as was discussed earlier, technology is modeled as a non-rival partially  
349 excludable good. This implies that for a period of time a firm can reap the benefits of a  
350 technology before the knowledge ‘spills over’ to other companies. In this model, this is  
351 implemented by assuming that companies keep their technology secret for one period.  
352 This implies that for one period a company can ask customers to pay the price of the  
353 previous period, while the actual cost price is lower, due to lower input requirements.  
354 These monopolistic profits are pocketed by the firm (this idea is based on the non-rival  
355 partly excludable characteristics as described in Romer, 1990, and Aghion and Howitt, 1992).

356 Technology is driven by R&D expenditures. Industries are assumed to invest in R&D  
357 and are rewarded by efficiency improvements in the inputs requirements. The potential  
358 for input efficiency improvements is determined by an exogenous technology function.  
359 R&D requires material, service and labor inputs, but this production mix does not  
360 benefit from technological improvements.

361 In this analysis the two countries, *A* and *B*, both have a material (*M*) and service sector  
362 (*S*) that produces a physical good and an intangible service respectively. The goods and  
363 services are identical, irrespective of the country that produces them. The materials  
364 sector converts raw materials into material goods with 100% efficiency, i.e. no waste  
365 emerges from this conversion process. Material and service products may be used as  
366 intermediate or final goods. Intermediate goods are used either in the production  
367 process (indicated as sub-sector *P*) or for R&D activities (indicated by *R*). Once a material  
368 good is consumed, either as an intermediate by a company or as a final good by consumers,  
369 it is discarded and becomes a waste emission. The model is asymmetrical with respect to  
370 the countries: country *A* is assumed to be a technology leader while country *B* is a laggard.  
371 The monetary framework of the model is shown in Table 1.

372 The monetary input–output table simply depicts the balance of payments for each  
373 sector of the economy, where the columns represent the costs and the rows represent  
374 the payments received by the sector. The material (*M*) and service (*S*) sectors output  
375 are capable of being exported or imported for final consumption but not as intermediate  
376 inputs, because it would complicate the model even further. Labor (*L*) and raw materials

**Table 1.** Monetary input–output table

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Country A	M	$z_{MM}^A$	$f_{MM}^A$	$z_{MS}^A$	$f_{MS}^A$	$y_M^{AA}$					$y_M^{AB}$	$x_M^A$
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	L	$z_{LM}^A$	$f_{LM}^A$	$z_{LS}^A$	$f_{LS}^A$							
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Country B	M					$y_M^{BA}$	$z_{MM}^B$	$f_{MM}^B$	$z_{MS}^B$	$f_{MS}^B$	$y_M^{BB}$	$x_M^B$
	S					$y_S^{BA}$	$z_{SM}^B$	$f_{SM}^B$	$z_{SS}^B$	$f_{SS}^B$	$y_S^{BB}$	$x_S^B$
	L						$z_{LM}^B$	$f_{LM}^B$	$z_{LS}^B$	$f_{LS}^B$		
	G											
Profit		$m_M^A$		$m_S^A$			$m_M^B$		$m_S^B$			
Gross output		$x_M^A$		$x_S^A$			$x_M^B$		$x_S^B$			

Notes:  $z_{ij}^U$  = inputs in monetary terms from sector  $i$  ( $= M, S, L$ ) in country  $U$  ( $= A, B$ ) to sector  $j$ ;  $f_{ij}^U$  = inputs in monetary terms from sector  $i$  ( $= M, S, L$ ) in country  $U$  for R&D in sector  $j$ ;  $y_i^{UV}$  = final demand in monetary terms for products from sector  $i$  ( $= M, S$ ) in country  $U$  by consumers in country  $V$ ;  $x_i^U$  = output in monetary terms of sector  $i$  in country  $U$ ;  $m_i^U$  = profits in monetary terms of sector  $i$  in country  $U$ .

(G) are assumed to be immobile. The monetary balance equations are obtained from the equality between the row totals and the column sums in Table 1.

As Table 2 shows, underlying the value table are volume and price components.<sup>2</sup> This table registers output flows of sector  $M$  in mass units while sector  $S$  is measured in service units. The volume measures are represented by variable names with a bar. Since the model is dealing with homogeneous products and no price discrimination is assumed, the base price of the goods and services is the same for all users. However, the price can differ for each user because of the possibility of taxation. The price  $p$  is therefore the net price composed of the base price plus tax. Note that the mass of material products is balanced by the use of raw materials from nature and intermediate products. It is assumed that the entire mass of raw materials is converted to products (i.e. no waste is generated during the production process).

Now that the model framework is clear, the equations used in the model are discussed. The model has a sequentially dynamic structure. The basic model structure is: (1) wages and profits (monopoly rents) are earned by the laborer-owners of industries in period  $t - 1$ ; (2) a portion of the wages is invested in R&D while the rest is used for consumption; (3) the R&D leads to discoveries; (4) discoveries improve the efficiency at which inputs are used, the improvement is certain but the magnitude is unknown; (5) the demand for goods and services (from R&D, intermediate goods and final consumption) are provided at the prices of period  $t$  but at a production price that is lower because of input efficiency improvements; (6) wages (from R&D and production) and monopoly rents are earned.

The model starts by assuming that a certain income  $w$  (consisting of the wages for production workers and R&D workers as well as monopoly profits) was earned in period  $t - 1$ . This income is spent in period  $t$ . A portion ( $\theta$ ) of the wage income is reserved for R&D purposes while the rest  $(1 - \theta)$  is used to purchase goods

Table 2. Input–output table in volume and price components

		Country A						Country B						
		M			S			M			S			
		P	R	Y	P	R	Y	P	R	Y	P	R	Y	X
Country A	M	$\bar{z}_{MM}^A \cdot p_M^A$	$\bar{f}_{MM}^A \cdot p_M^A$	$\bar{y}_M^A \cdot p_M^A$	$\bar{z}_{MS}^A \cdot p_M^A$	$\bar{f}_{MS}^A \cdot p_M^A$	$\bar{y}_M^A \cdot p_M^A$						$\bar{y}_M^{AB} \cdot p_M^A$	$\bar{x}_M^A \cdot p_M^A$
	S	$\bar{z}_{SM}^A \cdot p_S^A$	$\bar{f}_{SM}^A \cdot p_S^A$	$\bar{y}_S^A \cdot p_S^A$	$\bar{z}_{SS}^A \cdot p_S^A$	$\bar{f}_{SS}^A \cdot p_S^A$	$\bar{y}_S^A \cdot p_S^A$						$\bar{y}_S^{AB} \cdot p_S^A$	$\bar{x}_S^A \cdot p_S^A$
	L	$\bar{z}_{LM}^A \cdot p_L^A$	$\bar{f}_{LM}^A \cdot p_L^A$		$\bar{z}_{LS}^A \cdot p_L^A$	$\bar{f}_{LS}^A \cdot p_L^A$								
	G	$\bar{z}_{GM}^A$												
Country B	M		$\bar{f}_{MM}^B \cdot p_M^B$	$\bar{y}_M^B \cdot p_M^B$	$\bar{z}_{MM}^B \cdot p_M^B$	$\bar{f}_{MM}^B \cdot p_M^B$	$\bar{y}_M^B \cdot p_M^B$						$\bar{y}_M^{BB} \cdot p_M^B$	$\bar{x}_M^B \cdot p_M^B$
	S		$\bar{f}_{SM}^B \cdot p_S^B$	$\bar{y}_S^B \cdot p_S^B$	$\bar{z}_{SM}^B \cdot p_S^B$	$\bar{f}_{SM}^B \cdot p_S^B$	$\bar{y}_S^B \cdot p_S^B$						$\bar{y}_S^{BB} \cdot p_S^B$	$\bar{x}_S^B \cdot p_S^B$
	L		$\bar{f}_{LM}^B \cdot p_L^B$		$\bar{z}_{LM}^B \cdot p_L^B$	$\bar{f}_{LM}^B \cdot p_L^B$						$\bar{f}_{LS}^B \cdot p_L^B$		
	G		$\bar{z}_{GM}^B$											

Note: a bar is used to indicate the inputs, final demands and outputs in volume terms;  $p_i^U$  gives the base price of materials, services, labor ( $i = M, S, L$ ) for sector  $i$  in country  $U$ . Note that raw materials ( $G$ ) have a value in this table but they do not appear in the monetary Table 1. This is because these are natural resources that only obtain value once they are extracted. The column therefore includes different units and cannot be added up. If one deleted all the prices and the non-mass values one would obtain a physical input–output table.

471 and services. Equations (2) and (3) show the demand for goods in country A. For  
 472  $i = M, S$

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$$y_i^{AA}(t) = \begin{cases} \rho_i \cdot \sum_{j=M,S} [1 - \theta_j^A(t)] w_j^A(t-1) \cdot & \text{if } p_i^{AA}(t) > p_i^{BA}(t) \\ \exp[-[\mu_i [p_i^{AA}(t) - p_i^{BA}(t)]]^\phi] & \\ \rho_i \cdot \sum_{j=M,S} [1 - \theta_j^A(t)] w_j^A(t-1) & \text{if } p_i^{AA}(t) \leq p_i^{BA}(t) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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$$y_i^{BA}(t) = \begin{cases} \rho_i \cdot \sum_{j=M,S} [1 - \theta_j^A(t)] w_j^A(t-1) \cdot & \text{if } p_i^{AA}(t) > p_i^{BA}(t) \\ \exp[-[\mu_i [p_i^{AA}(t) - p_i^{BA}(t)]]^\phi] & \\ 0 & \text{if } p_i^{AA}(t) \leq p_i^{BA}(t) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

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 484 where  $\sum_{i=M,S} \rho_i = 1$ ; and  $y_i^{UV}$  denoting the final demand (in monetary terms) for the  
 485 product of sector  $i$  in country  $U (= A, B)$  by consumers in country  $V$ ;  $w_j^U$  the income  
 486 in sector  $j$  in country  $U$ ;  $p_i^{UV}$  the price of the final product from sector  $i$  in country  
 487  $U$  as paid by consumers in country  $V$ ;  $\rho_i$  the share of disposable income spent on  
 488 good  $i$ ;  $\theta_j^A$  the fixed proportion of wages in sector  $j$  in country  $A$  that is used for  
 489 R&D; and parameters  $\mu_i$  and  $\phi$ , which reflect the sensitivity of the consumers to  
 490 price differences between imported and domestic final products. The equivalent  
 491 equations for  $y_i^{BB}$  and  $y_i^{AB}$  are obtained by replacing  $A$  with  $B$  and  $B$  with  $A$  in  
 492 equations (2) and (3).

493 The equations have three separate parts. The parameter  $\rho_i$  identifies the portion of the  
 494 income that is reserved for consumption of material goods or services. The second part  
 495 calculates the total amount of income that is spent on consumption rather than R&D.  
 496 The parameter  $1 - \theta$  (i.e. the fraction reserved for consumption) is multiplied by the  
 497 total income. The last part of this equation shows what portion of the material goods or  
 498 services come from each country. Since the products from both countries are identical,  
 499 this is purely a question of price competition.

500 The price competition is best explained graphically (see Figure 1). The exponential  
 501 function  $\exp[-(p^B - p^A)^2]$ , for example, simply implies that a larger difference in  
 502 prices between countries, leads to a larger trade flow. The function therefore dictates  
 503 that if the price difference is very small the amount of domestic goods consumed is  
 504 very high and the amount imported small. This type of relationship is consistent with  
 505 the idea that the import share increases exponentially as the price difference increases  
 506 but that there is a point of inflection where the increases in import share start to slow

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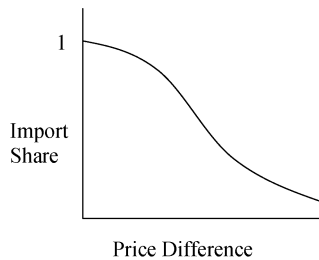


Figure 1. Function  $\exp[-(p^B - p^A)^2]$

518 down due to structural reasons (for a similar rule for imports, see Los and Verspagen,  
519 2000).

520 Country *A* is richer than country *B* and invests a larger and constant share of the wages  
521 in R&D. Country *B* is assumed to adjust its fraction according to its relative wealth at that  
522 moment. It is assumed that as the wages of country *B* converge to the level of country *A*,  
523 also the percentage spent on R&D converges. That is, for  $j = M, S$

$$525 \theta_j^B(t) = \frac{w_j^B(t-1)}{w_j^A(t-1)} \cdot \theta_j^A \quad (4)$$

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528 Investments in R&D in country *A* are assumed to be a fixed constant of the income. This  
529 follows Los (2001) and insights from the innovation literature. Freeman and Soete (1997)  
530 point out that producers use simple rules of thumb when it comes to making investment  
531 decisions. The money reserved for R&D is spent on generating ‘discoveries’ in the area  
532 of material, service or labor productivity.

533 A second source of R&D euros is from government subsidies. The total amount of these  
534 subsidies is equal to the taxes raised in period  $t - 1$ . The total amount of money that is  
535 reserved for R&D is used to fund the production of discoveries. The R&D process requires  
536 materials, services and labor inputs to produce discoveries and innovations (say patents) as  
537 output. The number of discoveries from R&D by producers and by the government is  
538 therefore:  
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$$540 \bar{d}_{ij}^{U(PROD)}(t) = \frac{r_{ij}^{U(PROD)}(t)}{\sum_{i=M,S,L} c_i^U(t) \cdot p_i^U(t)} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{d}_{ij}^{U(GOV)}(t) = \frac{r_{ij}^{U(GOV)}(t)}{\sum_{i=M,S,L} c_i^U(t) \cdot p_i^U(t)} \quad (5)$$

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543 for  $i = M, S, L$ ;  $j = M, S$ ; and  $U = A, B$ ; with  $\bar{d}_{ij}^{U(GOV)}$  discoveries financed by govern-  
544 ment R&D assistance of sector  $i$  in country  $U$  towards improving the efficiency of the  
545 use of input  $j$  and, similarly,  $\bar{d}_{ij}^{U(PROD)}$  for discoveries from R&D financed by sector  $i$ ;  
546  $r_{ij}^{U(GOV)}$  R&D assistance by the government to sector  $i$  in country  $U$  towards improving  
547 the efficiency of the use of input  $j$  and, similarly,  $r_{ij}^{U(PROD)}$  the R&D expenditure by  
548 producers in sector  $i$  in country  $U$  for that purpose;  $c_i^U$  the input requirements for a  
549 discovery; and  $p_i^U$  the base price of materials, services and labor ( $i = M, S, L$ ) for  
550 sector  $i$  in country  $U$ .  
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552 However, the producers and governments have decisions to make about the allocation  
553 of R&D funds. In this decision both the producers and government exhibit optimizing  
554 behavior but have no foresight. All R&D decisions are therefore based on present  
555 information.

556 The producer minimizes the expected input costs for the next period. This is done on  
557 the basis of information about the present period. A producer knows the last efficiency  
558 gain per unit R&D for each input ( $\Delta k_{ij}^U / \Delta \bar{d}_{ij}^U$ ), where  $k_{ij}^U$  is the hybrid-unit technical  
559 coefficient, i.e. the physical amount of input  $i$  required per unit physical output of  
560 sector  $j$  in country  $U$ . The producer also knows the average price that was paid for  
561 these inputs and the share of the intermediate costs that this inputs required, that is  
562  $p_i^U(t) \cdot r_{ij}^{U(PROD)}(t) / \sum_{l=M,S,L} c_l^U(t) \cdot p_l^U(t)$ . Based on this information and the fixed R&D  
563 budget, the producer will optimize the amount of R&D that is used for research into  
564 material, service and labor efficiency. The producer minimizes the expected cost

565 reductions by selecting where to make discoveries. For  $j = M, S$  and  $U = A, B$ ,  
 566 we have

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$$\text{Min}_{r_{ij}^{U(PROD)}} \left\{ \sum_{i=M,S,L} \frac{\Delta k_{ij}^U}{\Delta \bar{d}_{ij}^U} \cdot \frac{r_{ij}^{U(PROD)}(t)}{\sum_{l=M,S,L} c_l^U(t) \cdot p_l^U(t)} \cdot p_i^U(t) \right\} \quad (6)$$

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$$\sum_{i=M,S,L} r_{ij}^{U(PROD)}(t) = \theta_j^U(t) \cdot w_j^U(t-1)$$

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 578 The government has a different objective function. Since material products are the  
 579 only goods that are directly detrimental to the environment, it is only interested in  
 580 improving the material input efficiency of these sectors. It therefore looks for the  
 581 optimal spread of its R&D resources (which is equal to the tax revenue) amongst  
 582 the two sectors. The way the taxes are raised will be discussed in the next section  
 583 when the scenarios are introduced. The objective function of the government is to mini-  
 584 mize the expected material use. That is

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$$\text{Min}_{r_{Mj}^{U(GOV)}} \left\{ \sum_{j=M,S} \frac{\Delta k_{Mj}^U}{\Delta \bar{d}_{Mj}^U} \cdot \frac{r_{Mj}^{U(GOV)}(t)}{\sum_{l=M,S,L} c_l^U(t) \cdot p_l^U(t)} \cdot \bar{x}_j^U(t-1) \right\} \quad (7)$$

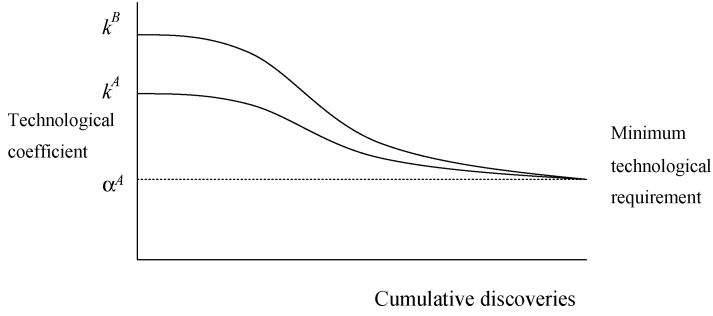
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$$\sum_{j=M,S} r_{Mj}^{U(GOV)}(t) = TR^U(t-1)$$

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 596 with  $TR^U(t)$  the tax revenue in country  $U$ , and  $\bar{x}_i^U$  the physical output of sector  $i$  in  
 597 country  $U$  (in tons). Note that it is assumed that no strategic shifting of R&D euros  
 598 occur by the producer in anticipation of government subsidies. The overall effect of  
 599 R&D budgets and the discoveries that these entail, is that it reduces the technical coef-  
 600 ficients  $k$  of both countries, i.e. the material, service and labor requirements per unit  
 601 output reduces. This technological progress follows a ‘learning by doing’ path. The  
 602 technical coefficients converge to a minimum potential coefficient  $\alpha$ . The rate at  
 603 which the value  $k$  converges to this value is dependent on the cumulative amount of  
 604 discoveries.

605 In graphical terms, these developments are depicted by Figure 2. The figure depicts the  
 606 stylized stages of technological progress presented in Grübler *et al.* (1999). This shows  
 607 that the rate of technological progress may be split into different parts, each with differing  
 608 rates of developments.

609 This technology cycle needs some clarification. Each input has potential for being used  
 610 more efficiently, contingent on R&D being carried out to develop more discoveries. The  
 611 marginal effect of each new discovery differs (although the model could easily be run with



**Figure 2.** Technology cycles and spillovers from country A to B

other functional forms). The shape of the curves is not known to the producers or the government (no foresight) but they do know the efficiency improvement of the last euro of R&D, i.e. the gradient of the curve.

Figure 2 is represented by equations (8) and (9). Country A converges towards the minimum level  $\alpha$  while country B, the technology laggard, catches up with the input coefficients of country A. The figure represents the classic maturation cycle of a technology, after which it will be replaced by other technologies. For  $i = M, S, L$ , and  $j = M, S$

$$k_{ij}^A(t) = \alpha_{ij}^A + [k_{ij}^A(0) - \alpha_{ij}^A] \cdot \exp\left(-\left[\beta \cdot \sum_{v=0}^t [\bar{d}_{ij}^{A(PROD)}(v) + \bar{d}_{ij}^{A(GOV)}(v)]\right]^2\right) \quad (8)$$

$$k_{ij}^B(t) = k_{ij}^A(t-1) + [k_{ij}^B(t-1) - k_{ij}^A(t-1)] \cdot \exp\left(-\left[\gamma \cdot \sum_{v=0}^t [\bar{d}_{ij}^{B(PROD)}(v) + \bar{d}_{ij}^{B(GOV)}(v)]\right]^2\right) \quad (9)$$

with  $\alpha_{ij}^A$  the coefficient that sets the limit of minimum possible technical coefficient of an input,  $\beta$  the coefficient that sets the effectiveness of the R&D, and  $\gamma$  the coefficient that sets the speed at which country B converges with the technical coefficients of country A. Now that the technological and demand components are known for period  $t$ , the physical output  $\bar{x}_i^U$  in period  $t$  can now be calculated through the static hybrid-unit input-output model. That is, for  $i, j = M, S$ , and  $U = A, B$

$$\bar{x}_i^U(t) = \sum_{j=M,S} h_{ij}^{UV}(t) \cdot \left( \sum_{l=M,S} \bar{f}_{jl}^U(t) + \sum_{V=A,B} \bar{y}_j^{UV}(t) \right) \quad (10)$$

where  $h_{ij}^{UV}(t)$  are coefficients of the interregional hybrid Leontief inverse. This inverse is obtained as  $\mathbf{H}(t) = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}(t)]^{-1}$ , with  $\mathbf{H}(t)$  the matrix with elements  $h_{ij}^{UV}(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{K}(t)$  the

659 matrix with elements  $k_{ij}^{UV}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{I}$  the identity matrix. Further note that for  $i, j = M, S$ ,  
 660 and  $U = A, B$

$$662 \quad \bar{f}_{ij}^U(t) = c_i(t) \cdot \sum_{i=M, S, L} \left[ \bar{d}_{ij}^{U(PROD)}(t) + \bar{d}_{ij}^{U(GOV)}(t) \right] \quad (11)$$

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 665 In equation (10), the input–output hybrid-unit model is used to find the physical  
 666 outputs that are to be expected in period  $t$ . It is called the hybrid-unit model  
 667 because it can facilitate different units (in this case mass and service units). The  
 668 hybrid-unit model is superior to the standard input–output model since volumes are  
 669 better descriptors of the technological requirements. Furthermore, these coefficients  
 670 are not dependent on price changes (Miller and Blair, 1985).

671 The monopolistic profits are calculated by subtracting the input costs and R&D costs  
 672 from the total output. The reason that these monopolies exist is because technology is  
 673 partially excludable. That is, through patent or secrecy, transfers may be blocked or dimin-  
 674 ished (as described in Romer, 1990). It is assumed that the period for which these profits  
 675 are earned is one period in the model. For  $i = M, S$ , and  $U = A, B$  the monopolistic profits  
 676  $m_i^U(t)$  are obtained as

$$678 \quad m_i^U(t) = x_i^U(t) - \sum_{j=M, S, L} z_{ji}^U(t) - \sum_{j=M, S, L} f_{ji}^U(t) \quad (12)$$

681 The sum of the producer’s wages, R&D wages and monopolistic profits signify the income  
 682  $w_i^U(t)$  of the sector. For  $i = M, S$ , and  $U = A, B$ , it is determined by

$$684 \quad w_i^U(t) = z_{Li}^U(t) + f_{Li}^U(t) + m_i^U(t) \quad (13)$$

686 Finally, the prices of the model are calculated using the price input–output model. The  
 687 price of labor is dependent on the tension on the labor market, i.e. if the labor requirements  
 688 were high in the previous period the price of labor would grow accordingly. For  $U = A, B$ ,  
 689 we have

$$692 \quad p_L^U(t+1) = \omega^U \cdot \sum_{j=M, S} \left[ \bar{z}_{Lj}^U(t) + \bar{f}_{Lj}^U(t) \right] \quad (14)$$

695 where  $\omega^U$  is a coefficient for labor price which converts the quantity of labor into a  
 696 monetary value. The price input–output model calculates the prices of material goods  
 697 and services. That is, for  $i = M, S$ , and  $U = A, B$

$$699 \quad p_i^U(t+1) = \sum_{v=A, B} \sum_{j=M, S} h_{ji}^{vU}(t) \cdot k_{Li}^U(t) \cdot p_L^U(t+1) \quad (15)$$

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 702 In our scenarios, the base price  $p$  may be increased by inclusion of a certain tax. The  
 703 taxation schemes are based on the different viewpoints of environmental responsibility  
 704 that were described in the second section. The tax and subsidy schemes are different for  
 705 each of the scenarios and are summarized in Table 3. As noted earlier, it is assumed

**Table 3.** Scenario specific taxing and subsidy equations

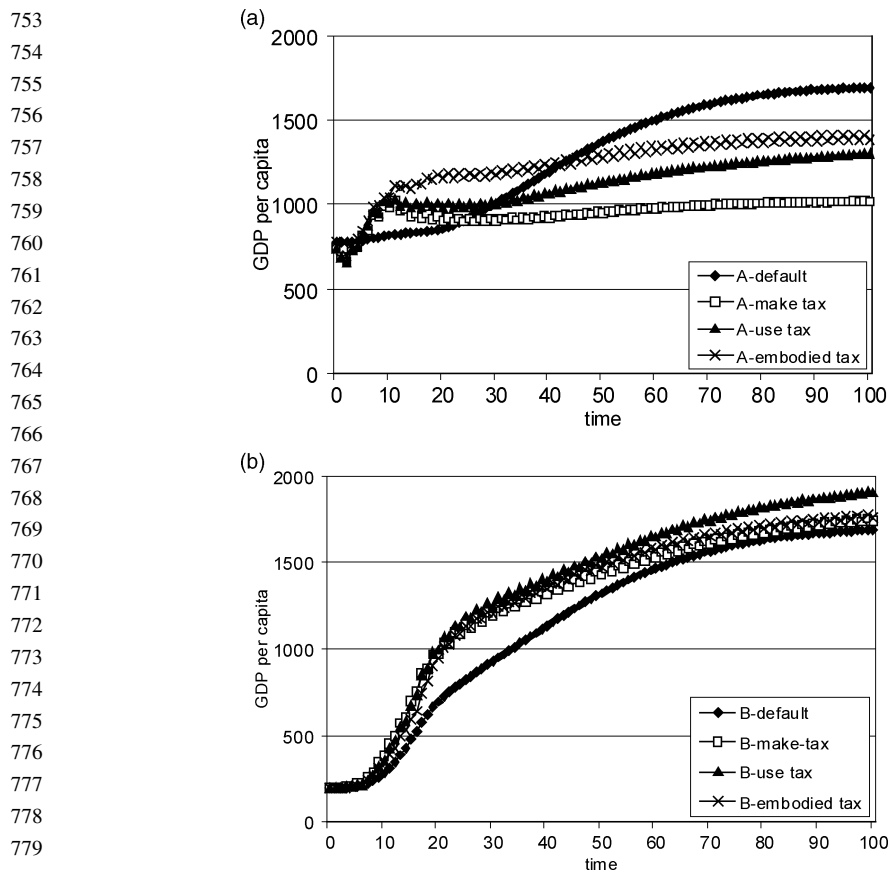
Scenario (Environmental viewpoint)	Tax	Tax revenue (= subsidy)
No taxing (Default)	$p_M^A = p_M^{AA} = p_M^{AB}$	No taxes
1 Tax on material products (make)	$p_M^{AA} = p_M^{AB} = p_M^A + \tau$	$\tau \cdot \left( \sum_{U=A,B} \sum_{i=M,S} \bar{z}_{Mi}^{AU} + \sum_{U=A,B} \bar{y}_M^{AU} \right)$
2 Tax on consumption of material products (use)	$p_M^{AA} = p_M^{AB} = p_M^A + \tau$	$\tau \cdot \left( \sum_{U=A,B} \sum_{i=M,S} \bar{z}_{Mi}^{UA} + \sum_{U=A,B} \bar{y}_M^{UA} \right)$
3 Tax on direct and indirect final material consumption (embodied)	$p_M^{AA} = p_M^A + \left( \sum_{U=A,B} h_{Mi}^{UA} \right) \tau$	$\tau \cdot \left( \sum_{U=A,B} \sum_{V=A,B} \sum_{i=M,S} \left( h_{Mi}^{VU} \cdot \bar{f}_i^{UA} \right) \right)$
	$p_M^{BA} = p_M^B + \left( \sum_{U=A,B} h_{Mi}^{UB} \right) \tau$	

that only the leader country *A* initiates a tax scheme and redistributes the taxes as material efficiency subsidies in either sector in country *A*. The base price is always given a single superscript letter, while the actual price (i.e. base price plus tax) is given a two-letter superscript because it may vary across countries.

## Results

We performed an exploratory analysis with SIMBIOSES for the analysis of the conditions as presented in Table 3. The model is implemented for two hypothetical countries since real-world data would be distorted by interactions among more than two countries. We aim to provide a purely theoretical exercise to illustrate the dynamics of the SIMBIOSES model, and to show possible effects of shifting the environmental responsibility by different tax regimes. The parameter values and initial variable values are given in the appendix. The tax policy is assumed to be at a fixed level during the whole period. This seems to be quite unrealistic but it enables us to derive a clear signal of a certain tax policy. Since prices decrease due to technological progress, the relative tax as a fraction of the gross price increases in time.

Figures 3(a) and 3(b) show the development of GDP in both countries. Clearly, the unilateral implementation of policies in country *A* results in increasing wealth in country *B*. Although the results for country *B* are fairly similar the implementation of the use tax leads to the highest level of economic growth, while the default scenario is the least beneficial for country *B*. The results for country *A* show that all tax regimes lead to lower growth than the default scenario. The embodied tax, however, leads to the highest GDP per capita, while the make tax scenario is significantly lower. Notice that the tax regime leads to a temporary reduction of economic output in the first years of the simulation. This is because, initially, the investment in R&D leads to minor improvements in the efficiency as depicted by Figure 2. However, as the cumulated amount of R&D spent on technological innovations increases, the marginal technological change increases. This leads to the acceleration of economic growth after the initial drop in wealth.



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**Figure 3.** (a) GDP per capita in country A; (b) GDP per capita in country B

783 If the results are looked at from a global perspective, as is shown in Figure 4, the make  
784 tax scenario leads to the least attractive final GDP level. Nevertheless, the default scenario  
785 actually performs worse initially, but recovers through a similar level to the other three  
786 scenarios. But as Figure 3 shows, tax policies lead to a shift in the distribution of  
787 wealth due to increased catching up of country *B*.

788 The environmental consequences of these economic growth scenarios are shown in  
789 Figure 5. The results suggest that economic growth and environmental pollution are  
790 highly correlated in this model. There is definitely no question of decoupling of economic  
791 and environmental indicators. The make tax seems to lead to the largest reduction of  
792 emissions, but this is mainly due to the decreased economic output.

793 A more appropriate way would be to balance the consequences for economic develop-  
794 ment and environmental impact. Therefore, we map the discounted GDP (2%) to the  
795 overall pollution over the hundred time periods. Figure 6 shows the global results,  
796 while Figure 7 shows the results for countries *A* and *B*.

797 From a global perspective the embodied tax and use tax lead to the best results in terms  
798 of economic growth. It is interesting that the default scenario performs worse in economic  
799 terms as well as environmental performance. The make tax does the best environmentally,

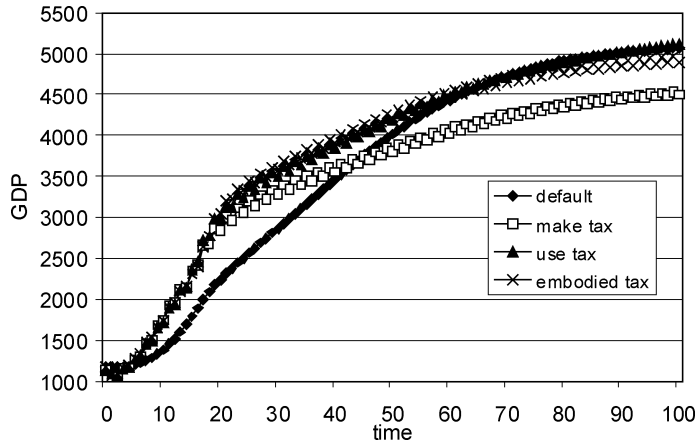


Figure 4. Global GDP

but at great expense to economic prosperity. The reason for the worse performance of the default scenario is that the investment decisions are sub-optimal. Figure 6 shows that the investments in R&D in the default scenario are smaller than the other scenarios which leads to lower economic growth than all other options. The taxing system has therefore improved the economic system as well as environmental system. However, the fact that the taxing policy has improved the optimality of the R&D decisions should be considered a fluke of the model. Governments cannot implement R&D policies that second-guess the R&D decisions made by producers. Nevertheless, it remains an intriguing result: shifting and increasing of R&D expenditures through taxing *could* potentially increase economic growth. The basic reasoning is as follows: the scenario that leads to quick R&D expenditures will lead to quicker economic growth and more efficient use of materials faster.

The individual results for country A show that economic performance is fairly similar for all four scenarios, while the environmental performance differs profoundly. The default scenario is highly polluting while the make tax is the least detrimental to the

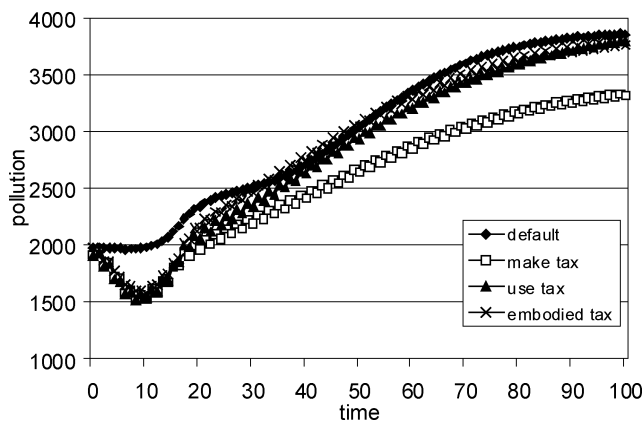


Figure 5. Global pollution

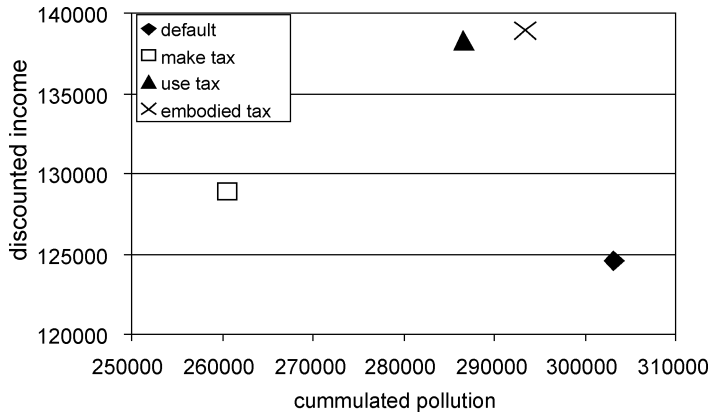


Figure 6. Global discounted GDP versus pollution

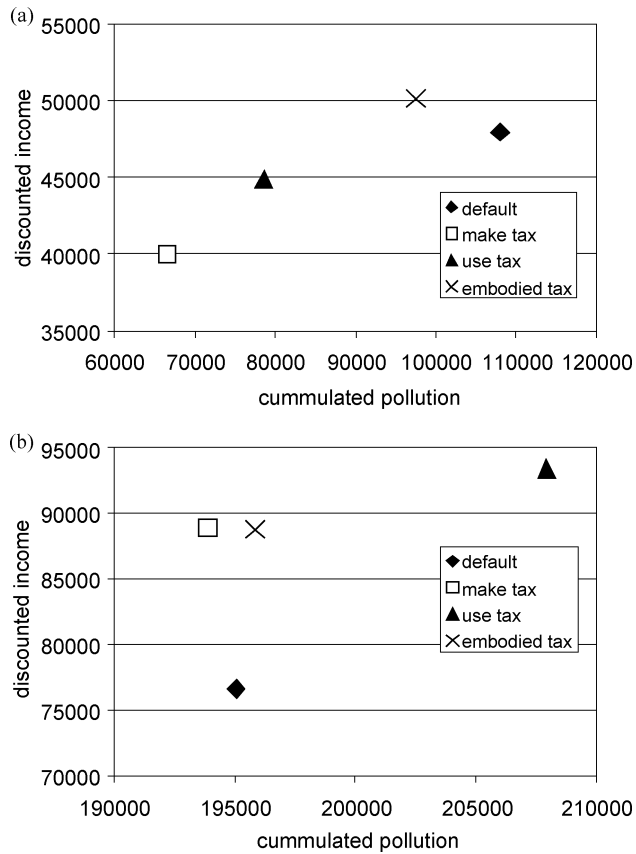


Figure 7. (a) Discounted GDP versus pollution in country A; (b) Discounted GDP versus pollution in country B

894 environment. The results for country *B* are more interesting. The default scenario leads to  
895 low environmental pressure, but also to a low economic growth. Any tax regime that is  
896 implemented in country *A* is beneficial to the economic wealth of country *B*. However,  
897 the results show that adopting the use tax would have significant detrimental effects on  
898 the environment, although it also leads to higher prosperity. This illustrates the notion  
899 of ‘carbon leakage’ whereby production of an environmentally unfriendly product shifts  
900 to another country.

901 The implications of the results are that country *A* should implement the make tax if its  
902 only objective is to reduce environmental pressure in country *A*. Figure 6 shows that this  
903 automatically also diminishes the global environmental pressures. However, if it believes  
904 that the economic sacrifices of this scenario are too large, it could adopt the use tax.  
905 However, Figure 7(b) illustrates that this leads to a massive shift towards pollution in  
906 the country *B*.

907 The more complex embodied tax regime might include some notion of fairness since it  
908 takes into account when and where products are processed in the international product  
909 cycle, in order to determine an environment tax. However, it is not effective from an  
910 environmental perspective as can be interpreted from Figures 6 and 7. Due to the political  
911 difficulty to implement a make tax, the only alternative in this numerical example seems to  
912 be the current compromise, a use tax.

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## 915 **Discussion and Conclusions**

916 This paper aimed at two goals. First, to discuss the ethical positions of environmental  
917 responsibility. The resulting policy measures, based on these viewpoints are derived.  
918 Second, to contribute to the development of dynamic input–output modeling, by proposing  
919 a new two-country model. The model should be able to analyze technological development,  
920 economic growth, trade and environmental emissions in a two-country model.

921 With regard to environmental responsibility, the model shows the policy scenarios  
922 derived from the ethical positions. The results for the numerical example that has been  
923 chosen should simply be considered an illustration of the growth mechanism. Neverthe-  
924 less, some interesting conclusions may be drawn. First, a lack of foresight implies that  
925 R&D expenditures by producers may be sub-optimal. Accepting this reasoning leaves  
926 open the possibility that taxing could actually enhance economic growth, as the numerical  
927 example shows. Second, the ‘ethically’ preferred taxing regime does not necessarily lead  
928 to the best environmental results in a dynamic setting.

929 With regard to the development of the sequential dynamic input–output model of two  
930 countries, the model has included bounded rationality foresight restrictions. Furthermore,  
931 the instability problems of capital goods dynamic input–output models have been  
932 avoided. The addition of trade in a dynamic input–output model has lead to new instabil-  
933 ities. Nevertheless, based on the preliminary results of the numerical example, the devel-  
934 opment of dynamic multi-region models is a necessity for analyzing environmental  
935 policies. This paper provides a (first) step in this direction.

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## 945 Notes

947 <sup>1</sup>Interesting methodological issues in this field have been raised. For example, Battjes *et al.* (1998) criticize  
 948 the assumption that imports use the same production technology as domestic products; Jacobsen (2000) dis-  
 949 cusses aggregation in embodied emission calculations; and Kainuma *et al.* (2000) focus on embodied CO<sub>2</sub>  
 950 calculations using a CGE and an IO model.

951 <sup>2</sup>A special case of this volume input–output table is the so-called physical input–output table (PIOT) which  
 952 has been constructed for, amongst others, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Italy (Konijn *et al.*,  
 953 1995, 1997; Stahmer *et al.*, 1997; Pedersen, 1999; Nebbia, 1999). See Hoekstra (2005) or Hoekstra and  
 954 van den Bergh (2005) for an overview. PIOTs deal with transactions in the economy that have a mass  
 955 component. Clearly this development is important for environmental analysis because the mass balance  
 956 principles dictate that all raw material extraction and emissions by the producers are recorded.

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**Appendix: Initial Values Used in the Model**

		Country A					Country B						
		M		S		Y	M		S		Y	X	Units
		P	R	P	R		P	R	P	R			
Value Table													
Country A	M	450	0	150	0	400					0	1000	Euros
	S	150	0	450	0	400					0	1000	Euros
	L	400	0	400	0							800	Euros
Country B	M					0	600	0	200	0	200	1000	Euros
	S					0	200	0	600	0	200	1000	Euros
	L						200	0	200	0		400	Euros
Profit	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0			0	Euros
Gross	1000	0	1000	0	800	1000	0	1000	0	400	5200		
Output													
Table in Hybrid Units													
Country A	M	450	0	150	0	400					0	1000	tons
	S	15	0	45	0	40					0	100	service units
	G	1000	0	0	0	0						1000	tons
Country B	M					0	600	0	200	0	200	1000	tons
	S					0	20	0	60	0	20	100	service units
	G						1000	0	0	0	0	1000	tons
		Price					Units						
M		1		Euro/ton									
S		10		Euro/service unit									

Parameters						
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1085	$\rho_i$	0.5	$i = M, S$	$\alpha_{MM}^V$	0.2	$V = A, B$
1086	$\mu_M$	1.5		$\alpha_{MS}^V$	0.6	$V = A, B$
1087	$\mu_S$	0.0625		$\alpha_{SM}^V$	0.01	$V = A, B$
1088	$\phi$	1.5		$\alpha_{SS}^V$	0.4	$V = A, B$
1089	$\theta_j^A$	0.03	$j = M, S$	$\alpha_{LM}^V$	0.1	$V = A, B$
1090	$c_M^V$	0.1	$V = A, B$	$\alpha_{LS}^V$	1	$V = A, B$
1091	$c_S^V$	0.01	$V = A, B$	$\omega^A$	0.005	
1092	$c_L^V$	0.1	$V = A, B$	$\omega^B$	0.0025	
1093	$\beta$	0.0025		$\tau$	0.05	
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