

# Cross-Border Financial Flows and Global Warming In a Two-Area Ecological SFC Model

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**Abstract.** We develop an ecological open-economy stock-flow consistent model that enables testing cross-area interactions among productive sectors, financial markets, social groups and the ecosystem. We argue that green financial investments can bring about unwanted ecological implications. Besides, the unequal diffusion of green technologies and assets across areas can lead the governments of less ecologically efficient areas to move further away from low-carbon policies. Mission-oriented green policies can smooth the side effects of traditional fiscal policies. However, their effectiveness depends crucially on the impact of cross-border financial flows (and growth rate differentials) on exchange rates. Lacking a cross-area policy coordination plan, currency fluctuations may well counteract green behaviours and policies.

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## 1. Introduction

Domestic and cross-border financial stability is paramount for promoting low-carbon transition. In order to achieve Paris Agreement's goals, low-carbon or 'green' investments are required worldwide (e.g. UNFCCC 2015). According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), the current level of low-carbon investment is inadequate. Additional 48 trillion USD are required over the period 2020-2035 (IEA 2011). The energy sector needs 3.5 trillion USD investment per year up to 2050 (IEA, 2017). This means that the current level of green investment should be nearly doubled. In addition, appropriate policies to allocate private and public funds are required to boost green investment and trigger synergies between sectors and institutions. Several policies are to be implemented to promote low-carbon assets and share investment risks between private and government institutions. Some programmes have been already undertaken to align the financial system with climate goals (e.g. UNEP 2014). These policies are expected to guide private investors' behaviour in the next decades (e.g. Ameli et al. 2017; Boissinot et al. 2016; EC 2016). However, the volume of scientific studies on the effect of financial flows and low-carbon investment on climate change is still limited (IPCC 2018).

In the attempt to contribute to this debate, we have developed an ecological open-economy stock-flow consistent (SFC) model. The model is calibrated using global data. It enables us to test cross-area interactions among the productive sector, the financial markets, the society and the broader ecosystem. We aim at studying the impact of (both productive and financial) green investments on climate change, and vice versa. We also assess potential implications of fiscal policies that directly promote a low-carbon transition. We show that green financial investments can bring about unwanted ecological implications. Besides, the unequal diffusion of green technologies and assets across areas can make it profitable for the governments of less ecologically-efficient areas to reduce cross-border transactions, while moving further away from low-carbon technologies. In principle, mission-oriented fiscal policies can help counter these tendencies. However, possible side effects, linked with the impact of cross-border financial flows (and growth rate differentials) on the exchange rates, must be carefully considered and addressed. Looking at the theoretical foundations, our contribution builds upon the most recent literature on ecological macroeconomics. While there are several methodological affinities, we depart from the existing literature in that we focus on cross-border (or cross-area) effects and interactions. We do so by using a model in which the world economy is defined as two independent but interacting open systems. We show that the exchange rate is a crucial variable, as it transmits the impulses from the international transaction-flows to the domestic economy and the broad ecosystem.

The rest of the paper is organised as follows. In section 2, we provide a short review of the most recent literature on ecological macroeconomics modelling. In section 3, we present the main theoretical and methodological aspects of our contribution. We discuss the key features of our ecological open-economy model, equation by equation. We then use the model to analyse the impact of several global warming-related shocks and policy changes on key economic, financial, social and ecological variables. Our findings and the related policy implications are presented and discussed in depth in sections 4 and 5. We show that, lacking macroeconomic coordination across areas, international financial flows and exchange rate adjustments can counteract green behaviours and policies.

## 2. Literature review

An increasing number of ecological and climate finance models have been developed in the last decade. These models aim at:

- a) Detecting sustainable growth conditions and questioning the growth imperative (e.g. Jackson and Victor 2015, 2016 and Richters and Siemoneit 2017);
- b) Studying the energy sector (e.g. Naqvic 2015, Berg et al. 2015);
- c) Investigating the trajectories of key environmental, macroeconomic and financial variables (e.g. Dafermos et al. 2017, 2018);
- d) Examining the interaction between climate change and financial stability (e.g. Dafermos et al. 2018);
- e) Assessing the impact of State-led innovation policies on climate change and other ecological variables (e.g. Mazzucato 2015; Mazzucato and Semieniuk 2018; Deleidi et al. 2019);
- f) Analysing the impact of green fiscal policies and green sovereign bonds (Monasterolo and Raberto 2018 and Bovari et al. 2018);
- g) Addressing the questions of how to finance the transition towards a 'greener' economy (e.g. Campiglio 2016; Ameli et al. 2017; Rademaekers et al. 2017) and how to tackle climate risks (e.g. Aglietta and Espagne 2016; Bardoscia et al. 2017; Battiston et al. 2017; Bovari et al. 2018; Dafermos et al. 2018).

More precisely, Jackson and Victor (2015, 2016) raise the question whether growth is necessary for capitalist economies to survive. They check whether a 'growth imperative' exists, which is determined by the need for the borrowers to pay back the interests due on the stock of outstanding debt. For this purpose, they use a SFC dynamic macro-economic model accounting for the credit creation process led by banks. They find no evidence of a growth imperative. Besides, lower growth does not increase inequality. The authors show how an economy can move from a growth to a stationary (or non-growing) path. Finally, they argue

that government countercyclical spending can promote the transition by smoothing and dampening the oscillations associated with it. The growth imperative is questioned also by Richters and Siemoneit (2017), who analyse several post-Keynesian SFC models. They show that a stationary state economy (characterised by zero net saving and investment) is consistent with positive interest rates.

Naqvic (2015) proposes a multi-sectoral SFC model for a closed economy. Production is demand-led and the economy is made up of several institutional sectors (firms, energy, households, government, and financial institutions), which interplay with the environment. The model is calibrated on the European economy and aims at evaluating the effect of five alternative environmental economic policies (i.e. a de-growth scenario, a capital stock damage function, a carbon tax, a higher share of low-emissions renewable energy, and an investment in technical innovation) on three main challenges: (i) boosting output growth; (ii) fostering employment growth with a more equal distribution; or (iii) improving environmental sustainability. The study is motivated by the trilemma that European policy makers are currently facing. Naqvic's findings show that four out of five policies cannot solve the three challenges simultaneously. It is only the investment in innovative technologies that can support output and foster employment (and wage growth), while reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Berg et al. (2015) develop a multisectoral ecological SFC model that integrates the stock-flow analysis with the input–output methodology. This allows to model to detect the interaction among three types of flow variables: (i) monetary flows; (ii) flows of goods and services; and (iii) the flow of physical materials. Berg et al. (2015)'s model is more flexible than standard aggregate SFC models as it considers two industrial sectors that produce energy and goods, respectively. Their main findings can be summarised as follows: (i) a non-growing economy can be associated with positive interest rates; (ii) an increase in energy prices can affect negatively the economic system by lowering real wages and aggregate demand, thus triggering a recession. Besides, the paper provides a useful benchmark for modelling the interaction between heat emissions of economic activities and climate change.

Dafermos et al. (2017) develop a stock-flow-fund ecological macroeconomic model calibrated using global data. The model combines a standard SFC framework with the flow-fund approach developed by Georgescu-Roegen (1971, 1979, 1984). Output is demand-led and finance is non-neutral. The authors focus on the channels through which the monetary system, the real economy and the ecosystem interact. Supply constraints are determined by the exhaustion of natural resources and by environmental damages. Climate change is included in the analysis and affects aggregate demand through the influence of catastrophes, global warming and health issues on the desired level of investment, savings, consumption and potential output. Two types of green finance policy are analysed: (i) a reduction in the interest rate and the relaxing of credit rationing criteria on green loans; (ii) easier green credit

requirements combined with tighter conditions on conventional types of loans. The latter generates better environmental results than the former, as it is associated with a lower economic growth combined with a larger share of green investment, lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and lower atmospheric temperature. In addition, the leverage ratio of firms is lower under the second scenario, despite the lower economic growth rate. This is because damages due to global warming reduce as the share of green loans increases.

More recently, Dafermos et al. (2018) have assessed and investigated the links between climate change and financial instability. The authors argue that an increase in the average temperature can be detrimental for firms' profitability and financial stability, possibly leading to a higher default rate and increasing the risk of systemic bank losses. The authors focus on the physical risks implied by climate change. They maintain that 'climate-induced financial instability reinforces the adverse effects of climate change on economic activity' (Dafermos et al., 2018, p. 220). Global warming affects households' portfolio choices, as it fosters safer and more liquid assets, such as deposits and government bonds. This reduces prices of corporate bonds. To tackle the financial instability triggered by climate change, a green quantitative easing program (regarded as a long-term industrial policy) is proposed and discussed. The authors analyse a hypothetical scenario where central banks decide to buy a quarter of total green bonds worldwide. It is shown that green QE policies help counter financial instability. Investment financing becomes less dependent on bank credit, and hence less subject to credit crunch risks. Moreover, a slower climate change implies lower economic damages. As a result, firms' profitability is restored, liquidity problems are dampened, and the default ratio decreases.

The ecological model developed by Deleidi et al. (2018) is based on four different theoretical approaches: (i) the Sraffian supermultiplier model; (ii) the Neo-Schumpeterian framework that emphasises the entrepreneurial role of the State; (iii) the SFC approach to macro-economic modelling; (iv) and recent developments in ecological economics literature aiming at cross-breeding post-Keynesian theories with ecological topics. The model aims at examining: (i) the impact of innovation on economic growth and the ecosystem; and (ii) the impact of ecological feedbacks on economic growth and government spending effectiveness. The authors find that, in principle, the government can be successful in supporting innovation and growth, while slowing down natural reserves' depletion rates and tackling climate change. However, ecological feedbacks affect government policies. Furthermore, the policy-makers are likely to be facing a conundrum in the next decade: green innovation allows for lower matter-, energy- and CO<sub>2</sub>-intensity coefficients, but the higher investment and production levels may well frustrate these efficiency gains.

Monasterolo and Raberto (2018) propose a mix of fiscal and monetary policies (green sovereign bonds) that aim at tackling climate change. They use the so-called EIRIN model. It

is a SFC model with neo-Schumpeterian insights, where the supply side is defined through a Leontief production function. The economy is made up of 'heterogeneous economic sectors and subsectors characterized by adaptive behaviours and expectations (households, firms), heterogeneous capital goods characterized by different resource intensity, a credit sector characterized by endogenous money creation, and a foreign sector' (Monasterolo and Raberto, 2018, p. 229). Simulations show that green sovereign bonds contribute significantly to green investment and reduce the import of raw materials. However, the implementation of this monetary policy can imply a short-run trade-off between positive effects in terms of green transition and the risk of wealth concentration. Focusing on green fiscal policies (incentives and taxes), climate change mitigation can be associated with an increase in the unemployment rate.

Bovari et al. (2018) combine a SFC approach with a dynamic predator-prey (or Lotka-Volterra) model. They analyse the challenges posed by climate change in combination with private indebtedness. Climate-change mitigation is an expensive process and, given the multiple constraints imposed on public finances, the private sector is expected to carry out most of the burden. However, this can lead to a further explosion of private debt, thus triggering financial instability. The latter is co-caused by global warming and private indebtedness. The proposed policy approach consists in pricing carbon emissions through a carbon tax. This tax would make convenient for firms to reduce emissions. The authors conclude that, despite the +2C target being already out of reach, an adequate carbon tax can be conducive to a reduction in carbon emissions (allowing to meet a +2.5C target). This result can be obtained without affecting economic growth, as long as adequate policies (aiming at increasing the wage share and fostering the employment rate) are also set in motion.

Campiglio (2016) analyses the mechanisms through which banking and macroprudential policies can support low-carbon investments through selective funding. Other authors (e.g. Ameli et al. 2017, and Rademaekers et al. 2017) focus on the role played by different classes of investors, notably, institutional investors, pension funds and insurance companies. The effects of 'transition' and 'physical' risks (due to climate change) on the stability of the financial system are considered, among others, by Aglietta and Espagne (2016), Bardoscia et al. (2017), Battiston et al. (2017), Bovari et al. (2018) and Dafermos et al. (2018). Overall, it is argued that climate change is likely to bring about severe implications for the stability of the financial system in the next decades, by increasing bankruptcy rates, leading to 'flight to safety' behaviours, and worsening credit conditions. The impact of a variety of monetary policies (e.g. green QE programmes and selective credit) is analysed. There is a general agreement that green monetary policies can slow down global warming and smooth climate-induced financial instability.

### 3. Theory and method

#### 3.1 Model features and key assumptions

Our contribution innovates relative to the existing literature in that it focuses on (side) effects of cross-border financial flows. The formal model we have developed belongs to the class of stock-flow consistent (SFC) dynamic macroeconomic models (e.g. Godley and Lavoie 2007; see also Nikiforos and Zezza 2017; Carnevali et al. 2019). While some ecological SFC models have been developed in the last decade, they usually focus on a single-area economy. However, local impacts of climate change and the depletion of natural resources are likely to be unequal across regions and countries. Besides, when a climate change-related shock hits an area, it may well bring about indirect effects for other areas. To shed light on this yet-unexplored aspect, we have developed an ecological open-economy SFC model. Its basic structure is made up of 228 difference equations and 2 redundant equations. Exogenous variables and coefficients are more than one hundred.<sup>1</sup> Coefficient values and data sources are shown by Table 6.

The key features of our model can be summarised as follows:

- a) We divide the world economy in two main areas. For the sake of simplicity, we name them Greenland and Brownland, respectively.
- b) Each domestic household sector is made up of two social groups: the recipients of labour incomes (the workers) and the recipients of entrepreneurial and financial incomes (the capitalists).
- c) While the workers can only hold their savings in form of cash (domestic currency) and bank deposits, capitalists can diversify their portfolios by purchasing domestic and foreign government bills and/or firms' shares (see Fig. 1, charts *g* and *h*).
- d) Initial values of economic and financial stocks, and the related parameter values, are identical across areas (e.g. GDPs, wealth stocks, propensities to consume, interest rates, etc.).
- e) Both economies are demand-led in the short- and long-run. There is no constraint on the supply side, except for the availability of natural reserves and the impact of global warming. All variables are expressed at constant prices.

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<sup>1</sup> Notice that the dynamic equations of the model are 89, of which 28 are the driving stochastic equations (notably, 17, 18, 20, 21, 43, 44, 46, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 89, 93, 123, 124, 144, 145, 171, 173, 174, 175, 177, 178, 179, 194, 195, 208). Consequently, the key coefficients for the model dynamics are *only* 56 (see Table 6). Notice also that the model we simulated is slightly bigger, as it includes some checks and additional calculations. It amounts to 247 endogenous variables and 137 exogenous variables and parameters, overall. The model was coded using EViews. The program file and the dataset are provided upon request.

- f) Productive firms can undertake both conventional investment and low-carbon or green investment. Green capital entails CO<sub>2</sub>-, energy and matter-intensity ratios, relative to conventional capital.
- g) Current accounts are balanced in the baseline scenario, while government deficits are in line with world data (i.e. 4.5% of GDP ca).
- h) There is a floating exchange rate regime. As a result, it is the ebb and flow of the market that determine the relative price of the currencies.
- i) Natural resources' endowments (matter and energy stocks) are identical across areas. Each area can only access its own reserves. However, ecological shocks hitting one area can affect the other area through changes in the average temperature and the related damages.
- j) Unlike economic, financial and social coefficients, the techniques of production are different across areas in terms of ecological efficiency. Given the labour to capital ratio, the ecological efficiency is defined by the capital composition. Besides, given both the labour to capital ratio and the capital composition, Greenland output is marked by lower CO<sub>2</sub>-, energy- and matter-intensity ratios, and a higher share of renewable energy to total energy (see Table 6).

Points (a) to (j) are the main assumptions our model is built upon. For the sake of simplicity, model equations can be grouped and subdivided into seventeen blocks.

I. *Disposable income, wealth and taxes.* Disposable income of both capitalists and workers in Brownland is defined as total income net of taxes:<sup>2</sup>

$$YD_r^B = Y_r^B \cdot (1 - \theta_B) \quad (1)$$

$$YD_w^B = Y_w^B \cdot (1 - \theta_w) \quad (2)$$

where  $\theta_B$  is the average tax rate on non-labour incomes and  $\theta_w$  is the average tax rate on labour incomes. For the sake of simplicity, we assume that capital gains are tax-free. As a result, the so-called Haig-Simons disposable income of capitalists is:

$$YD_{hs,r}^B = YD_r^B + CG_b^B + CG_e^B \quad (3)$$

where:

$$CG_b^B = d(xr_G) \cdot B_{s,-1}^{BG} \quad (4)$$

and

$$CG_e^B = d(xr_G) \cdot E_{s,-1}^{BG} \quad (5)$$

are the revaluation effects on foreign bills ( $B_s^{BG}$ ) and foreign shares ( $E_s^{BG}$ ) held by Brownland capitalists, while  $xr_G$  is the nominal exchange rate (defined as the quantity of foreign currency per one unit of domestic currency). Household saving (that is, the excess of disposable income

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<sup>2</sup> The superscript/superscript 'B' stands for Brownland, while 'G' marks Greenland's variables and parameters. In addition, 'w' refers to working class households, whereas 'r' stands for rentiers or capitalist households.

over consumption) is accumulated over time as a stock of financial assets. Each area's stock of net wealth is therefore:

$$V_r^B = V_{r,-1}^B + YD_{hs,r}^B - C_r^B \quad (6)$$

$$V_w^B = V_{w,-1}^B + YD_w^B - C_w^B \quad (7)$$

We assume that there are no differences in economic, social and financial motives and behaviours in Greenland relative to Brownland. As a result, equations (1) to (17) are replicated for Greenland:

$$YD_r^G = Y_r^G \cdot (1 - \theta_G) \quad (8)$$

$$YD_w^G = Y_w^G \cdot (1 - \theta_G) \quad (9)$$

$$YD_{hs,r}^G = YD_r^G + CG_b^G + CG_e^G \quad (10)$$

$$CG_b^G = d(xr_B) \cdot B_{s,-1}^{GB} \quad (11)$$

$$CG_e^G = d(xr_B) \cdot E_{s,-1}^{GB} \quad (12)$$

$$V_r^G = V_{r,-1}^G + YD_{hs,r}^G - C_r^G \quad (13)$$

$$V_w^G = V_{w,-1}^G + YD_w^G - C_w^G \quad (14)$$

We can now calculate the total tax revenues in Brownland and Greenland, respectively:

$$T_B = (Y_r^B + Y_w^B) \cdot \theta_B \quad (15)$$

$$T_G = (Y_r^G + Y_w^G) \cdot \theta_G \quad (16)$$

Indirect taxation (e.g. VAT) is assumed away, instead.

II. *Consumption and income shares.* Household consumption is driven by disposable income and net wealth:

$$C_r^B = (\alpha_{1r}^B \cdot YD_r^B + \alpha_{2r}^B \cdot V_{r,-1}^B) \cdot (1 - d_{T,-1}^B) \quad (17)$$

$$C_w^B = (\alpha_{1w}^B \cdot YD_w^B + \alpha_{2w}^B \cdot V_{w,-1}^B) \cdot (1 - d_{T,-1}^B) \quad (18)$$

where  $\alpha_{1r}^B$  and  $\alpha_{1w}^B$  are the propensities to consume out of income of capitalists and workers, respectively, while  $\alpha_{2r}^B$  and  $\alpha_{2w}^B$  are their propensities to consume out of wealth. Household consumption plans are also affected by climate change-related damages, captured by the coefficient  $d_T^B$ .<sup>3</sup> Brownland total income (or gross domestic product) is defined by the standard macroeconomic identity:

$$Y_B = C_r^B + C_w^B + GOV_{tot}^B + X_B - IM_B + INV_B \quad (19)$$

where  $GOV_{tot}^B$  is total government spending,  $X_B$  is gross export,  $IM_B$  is gross import and  $INV_B$  is total private investment. Greenland equations mirror Brownland's, that is:

$$C_r^G = (\alpha_{1r}^G \cdot YD_r^G + \alpha_{2r}^G \cdot V_{r,-1}^G) \cdot (1 - d_{T,-1}^G) \quad (20)$$

$$C_w^G = (\alpha_{1w}^G \cdot YD_w^G + \alpha_{2w}^G \cdot V_{w,-1}^G) \cdot (1 - d_{T,-1}^G) \quad (21)$$

$$Y_G = C_r^G + C_w^G + GOV_{tot}^G + X_G - IM_G + INV_G \quad (22)$$

<sup>3</sup> We discuss thoroughly this aspect in the next sections.

Wage bills in the two areas are simply defined as shares of total income:

$$Y_w^B = \omega \cdot Y_B \quad (23)$$

$$Y_w^G = \omega_G \cdot Y_G \quad (24)$$

As a result, the gross profit earned by private production firms in Brownland is defined as:

$$F_f^B = Y_B - Y_w^B - DA_B - r_{l,-1}^B \cdot L_{f,-1}^B \quad (25)$$

This is an accounting identity that can be derived from the second column of the transactions-flow matrix<sup>4</sup>. Retained profits are a percentage of total profits:

$$F_u^B = F_f^B \cdot ret_B \quad (26)$$

Distributed profits (or dividends) are based on the return rate on equity and shares:

$$F_d^B = r_{e,-1}^B \cdot (E_{s,-1}^{BB} + E_{s,-1}^{GB}) \quad (27)$$

The residual component is the compensations of Brownland firms' managers:

$$F_m^B = F_f^B - F_u^B - F_d^B \quad (28)$$

We can now calculate the total income earned by Brownland capitalist households:

$$Y_r^B = F_m^B + F_b^B + r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^{BB} + xr_{G,-1} \cdot r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^{BG} + F_{d,-1}^{BB} + F_{d,-1}^{BG} \quad (29)$$

where:

$$F_d^{BG} = xr_G \cdot r_e^G \cdot E_s^{BG} \quad (30)$$

and

$$F_d^{BB} = r_e^G \cdot E_s^{BB} \quad (31)$$

is the flow of dividends paid by Greenland firms to Brownland shareholders, and by Brownland firms to Brownland shareholders, respectively.

As usual, Greenland equations are in line with Brownland's:

$$F_f^G = Y_G - Y_w^G - DA_G - r_{l,-1}^G \cdot L_{f,-1}^G \quad (32)$$

$$F_u^G = F_f^G \cdot ret_G \quad (33)$$

$$F_d^G = r_{e,-1}^G \cdot (E_{s,-1}^{GG} + E_{s,-1}^{GB}) \quad (34)$$

$$F_m^G = F_f^G - F_u^G - F_d^G \quad (35)$$

$$Y_r^G = F_m^G + F_b^G + r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^{GG} + xr_{B,-1} \cdot r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^{GB} + F_{d,-1}^{GB} + F_{d,-1}^{GG} \quad (36)$$

$$F_d^{GB} = xr_B \cdot r_e^B \cdot E_s^{GB} \quad (37)$$

$$F_d^{GG} = r_e^G \cdot E_s^{GG} \quad (38)$$

III. *Firms' investment plans.* Production firms purchase two different types of capital goods, conventional and green. Capital accumulation in Brownland is defined by the subsystem:

$$K_B = K_{gr}^B + K_{con}^B \quad (39)$$

$$K_{gr}^B = K_{gr,-1}^B + INV_{gr}^B - DA_{gr}^B \quad (40)$$

$$K_{con}^B = K_{con,-1}^B + INV_{con}^B - DA_{con}^B \quad (41)$$

<sup>4</sup> See Table 2, where square brackets define production firms' capital account.

$$DA_B = DA_{gr}^B + DA_{con}^B \quad (42)$$

$$DA_{gr}^B = \delta_B \cdot K_{gr,-1}^B \quad (43)$$

$$DA_{con}^B = \delta_B \cdot K_{con,-1}^B \quad (44)$$

$$AF_B = DA_B \quad (45)$$

$$INV_B = (\gamma_0^B + \gamma_1^B \cdot INV_{B,-1}) \cdot (1 - d_{T,-1}^B) \quad (46)$$

$$INV_{gr}^B = \min[(\chi_1^B \cdot GOV_{gr}^B + \chi_2^B \cdot Y_B + \chi_3^B \cdot d_T^B), INV_B] \quad (47)$$

$$INV_{con}^B = INV_B - INV_{gr}^B \quad (48)$$

Equation (39) defines the total stock of capital in Brownland as the summation of green and conventional capital. Equations (40) and (41) show that the capital stock increases as the gross investment increases and reduces as depreciation allowances increase. The latter are defined by equations (42) to (44), based on the average capital depreciation rate ( $\delta_B$ ). In equation (45), it is assumed that private firms' amortisation funds match capital depreciation. Equation (46) shows that *aggregate* investment is defined as a stochastic AR(1) process. Like consumption, investment is affected by climate change-related damages too. Equation (47) defines green investment as a share of output *plus* two additional components, which depend on government green spending and damages, respectively. In line with Deleidi and Mazzucato (2018, 2019) and Deleidi et al. (2019), we posit that mission-oriented government spending (MOIS) plays a crucial role in shaping private firms' plans. The reason is that green MOIS can foster low-carbon transition by establishing the direction of the technical progress. It creates new technological opportunities for the private sector by reducing the risk to undertake green investments (e.g. Mazzucato 2018).<sup>5</sup> Although MOIS does not necessarily increase productive capacity, we assume that green MOIS contributes to define *the composition of the (private) capital stock*.<sup>6</sup> Green capital accumulation improves the ecological efficiency of the productive system (lower matter-, energy and CO<sub>2</sub>-intensity ratios and higher recycling rate). It is implicitly assumed that, first, the firms choose the amount of desired investment; second, they set the share of it to be devoted to green investment (which cannot exceed total investment); third, they calculate the amount of conventional investment as a residual level. Notice that production firms can fund their investment plans through internal funds (retained profits plus amortisation funds) and equity issues. The change in loans demanded by firms is defined residually:

$$L_f^B = L_{f,-1}^B + INV_B - AF_B - F_u^B - d(E_S^{GB}) - d(E_S^{BB}) \quad (49)$$

Similarly, the capital accumulation equations for Greenland are:

$$K^G = K_{gr}^G + K_{con}^G \quad (50)$$

<sup>5</sup> A well-known example of green MOIS is the *Energiewende Programme* (e.g. EC 2018; Mazzucato 2015, 2018).

<sup>6</sup> As a result, the second component of equation (47) can be regarded as defining the share of green investment that private firms would not be undertaking if they were not supported by the State.

$$K_{gr}^G = K_{gr,-1}^G + INV_{gr}^G - DA_{gr}^G \quad (51)$$

$$K_{con}^G = K_{con,-1}^G + INV_{con}^G - DA_{con}^G \quad (52)$$

$$DA_G = DA_{gr}^G + DA_{con}^G \quad (53)$$

$$DA_{gr}^G = \delta_G \cdot K_{gr,-1}^G \quad (54)$$

$$DA_{con}^G = \delta_G \cdot K_{con,-1}^G \quad (55)$$

$$AF_G = DA_G \quad (56)$$

$$INV_G = (\gamma_0^G + \gamma_1^G \cdot INV_{G,-1}) \cdot (1 - d_{T,-1}^G) \quad (57)$$

$$INV_{gr}^G = \min[(\chi_1^G \cdot GOV_{gr}^G + \chi_2^G \cdot Y_G + \chi_3^G \cdot d_T^G), INV_G] \quad (58)$$

$$INV_{con}^G = INV_G - INV_{gr}^G \quad (59)$$

$$L_f^G = L_{f,-1}^G + INV_G - AF_G - F_u^G - d(E_S^{BG}) - d(E_S^{GG}) \quad (60)$$

IV. *International trade.* Borrowing from the literature on international trade, we define both import and export as nonlinear functions of the exchange rate and the income level in the other area. However, we amend the standard formulation to account for climate change-related damages, which can possibly affect consumption of foreign products in the two areas. The rationale here is that a higher ecological awareness, associated with climate change, can favour Greenland products over Brownland's. Therefore, gross export *from* and *to* Brownland is defined, respectively, as:

$$X_B = \exp[\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_1 \cdot \log(xr_{B,-1}) + \varepsilon_2 \cdot \log(Y_G)] \cdot (1 - ad_X \cdot d_{T,-1}^B) \quad (61)$$

$$IM_B = \exp[\mu_0 + \mu_1 \cdot \log(xr_{B,-1}) + \mu_2 \cdot \log(Y_B)] \cdot (1 + ad_{IM} \cdot d_{T,-1}^G) \quad (62)$$

where  $\varepsilon_1$  captures the elasticity of Brownland export to the exchange rate and  $\varepsilon_2$  captures Brownland elasticity to total income of Greenland, whereas  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  refer to Brownland import. It is assumed that, while global warming affects import/export relationships, there is some degree of adaptation to the new conditions. Coefficients  $ad_X$  and  $ad_{IM}$  are meant to capture this effect. Besides, since we subdivided the world economy in two areas, Greenland export and import must match Brownland import and export, respectively:

$$X_G = IM_B \cdot xr_B \quad (63)$$

$$IM_G = X_B \cdot xr_B \quad (64)$$

V. *Demand for financial assets.* Six types of financial instruments are considered: (domestic) cash, (domestic) bank deposits, domestic government bills, foreign bills, shares issued by domestic firms and foreign shares. For the sake of simplicity, we assume that the workers can only hold cash and deposits, while the capitalists are also allowed to hold domestic and foreign bills and/or shares.<sup>7</sup> Portfolio equations are modelled in line with Tobinesque principles. This

<sup>7</sup> Notice that every household can only hold cash and deposits denominated in domestic currency, but the capitalists can buy foreign bills and shares too.

means that the capitalists hold a share of each asset (to total net wealth) that depends on its return rate relative to the return rates on other assets.

$$\frac{B_d^{BB}}{V_r^B} = \lambda_{10} + \lambda_{11} \cdot r_B - \lambda_{12} \cdot r_G - \lambda_{13} \cdot r_e^B - \lambda_{14} \cdot r_e^G \quad (65)$$

$$\frac{B_d^{BG}}{V_r^B} = \lambda_{20} - \lambda_{21} \cdot r_B + \lambda_{22} \cdot r_G - \lambda_{23} \cdot r_e^B - \lambda_{24} \cdot r_e^G \quad (66)$$

$$\frac{E_d^{BG}}{V_r^B} = \lambda_{70} - \lambda_{71} \cdot r_B - \lambda_{72} \cdot r_G - \lambda_{73} \cdot r_e^B + \lambda_{74} \cdot r_e^G \quad (67)$$

$$\frac{E_d^{BB}}{V_r^B} = \lambda_{90} - \lambda_{91} \cdot r_B - \lambda_{92} \cdot r_G + \lambda_{93} \cdot r_e^B - \lambda_{94} \cdot r_e^G \quad (68)$$

Equations (65) to (68) define the nominal demand for Brownland bills by Brownland capitalists, Greenland bills by Brownland capitalists, Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists, and Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists, respectively.

Bank deposits bear no interests. The amount held by Brownland capitalists is defined as a share of their residual net wealth:

$$M_r^B = (V_r^B - B_s^{BB} - E_s^{BB} - (B_s^{BG} + E_s^{BG}) \cdot xr_G) \cdot v_B \quad (69)$$

The remaining portion of net wealth is held as cash:

$$H_r^B = V_r^B - B_s^{BB} - E_s^{BB} - (B_s^{BG} + E_s^{BG}) \cdot xr_G - M_r^B \quad (70)$$

Turning to workers, they can just choose the share of wealth they wish to hold in form of bank deposits, while the residual share is held as cash:

$$M_w^B = V_w^B \cdot v_B \quad (71)$$

$$H_w^B = V_w^B - M_w^B \quad (72)$$

Total holdings of cash in Brownland are therefore:

$$H_h^B = H_w^B + H_r^B \quad (73)$$

As usual, Greenland equations match Brownland's:

$$\frac{B_d^{GG}}{V_r^G} = \lambda_{40} - \lambda_{41} \cdot r_{B,-1} + \lambda_{42} \cdot r_{G,-1} - \lambda_{43} \cdot r_{e,-1}^B - \lambda_{44} \cdot r_{e,-1}^G \quad (74)$$

$$\frac{B_d^{GB}}{V_r^G} = \lambda_{50} + \lambda_{51} \cdot r_{B,-1} - \lambda_{52} \cdot r_{G,-1} - \lambda_{53} \cdot r_{e,-1}^B - \lambda_{54} \cdot r_{e,-1}^G \quad (75)$$

$$\frac{E_d^{GB}}{V_r^G} = \lambda_{80} - \lambda_{81} \cdot r_{B,-1} - \lambda_{82} \cdot r_{G,-1} + \lambda_{83} \cdot r_{e,-1}^B - \lambda_{84} \cdot r_{e,-1}^G \quad (76)$$

$$\frac{E_d^{GG}}{V_r^G} = \lambda_{100} - \lambda_{101} \cdot r_{B,-1} - \lambda_{102} \cdot r_{G,-1} - \lambda_{103} \cdot r_{e,-1}^B + \lambda_{104} \cdot r_{e,-1}^G \quad (77)$$

$$M_r^G = (V_r^G - B_s^{GG} - E_s^{GG} - (B_s^{GB} + E_s^{GB}) \cdot xr_B) \cdot v_G \quad (78)$$

$$H_r^G = V_r^G - B_s^{GG} - E_s^{GG} - (B_s^{GB} + E_s^{GB}) \cdot xr_B - M_r^G \quad (79)$$

$$M_w^G = V_w^G \cdot v_G \quad (80)$$

$$H_w^G = V_w^G - M_w^G \quad (81)$$

$$H_h^G = H_w^G + H_r^G \quad (82)$$

VI. *Supplies and prices of financial assets.* The market equilibrium conditions for the (nominal) supplies of Brownland bills to Brownland capitalists, Greenland bills to Greenland capitalists, Brownland bills to Greenland capitalists, Greenland bills to Brownland capitalists, Greenland shares to Brownland capitalists, Greenland shares to Greenland capitalists, Brownland shares to Greenland capitalists and Brownland shares to Brownland capitalists, respectively, are:

$$B_s^{BB} = B_d^{BB} \quad (83)$$

$$B_s^{GG} = B_d^{GG} \quad (84)$$

$$B_s^{GB} = B_d^{GB} \cdot xr_G \quad (85)$$

$$B_s^{BG} = B_d^{BG} \cdot xr_B \quad (86)$$

$$E_s^{BG} = E_d^{BG} \cdot xr_B \quad (87)$$

$$E_s^{GG} = E_d^{GG} \quad (88)$$

$$E_s^{GB} = E_d^{GB} \cdot xr_G \quad (89)$$

$$E_s^{BB} = E_d^{BB} \quad (90)$$

Unlike other financial assets (and products), the equity market adjusts through prices ( $p_e^B$ ), rather than quantities. The quantity of shares issued by Brownland firms is:

$$e_s^B = e_{s,-1}^B + \xi_B \cdot \frac{INV_{B,-1}}{p_{e,-1}^B} \quad (91)$$

where  $\xi_B$  is the desired new equity to investment ratio of Brownland firms. As a result, the unit price of shares issued by Brownland firms is:

$$p_e^B = \frac{E_d^{BB} + E_d^{GB}}{e_s^B} \quad (92)$$

We assume that the dividend yield accruing on shares is linked with the average return rate on other financial assets, while the managers are the recipients of (non-retained) extra profits – see equations (25) to (28) and (32) to (35). The dividend yield is calculated as a weighted average of the return rate on bonds and the target or maximum return rate on equity:

$$r_e^B = (1 - \pi_{dy}^B) \cdot r_B + \pi_{dy}^B \cdot r_e^{BT} \quad (93)$$

$$r_e^{BT} = \frac{F_f^B}{e_{s,-1}^B p_{e,-1}^B} \quad (94)$$

Equation (94) shows the return rate that the shareholders would realise if there were no salaries for the managers.

As usual, Greenland equations mirror Brownland's:

$$e_s^G = e_{s,-1}^G + \xi_G \cdot \frac{INV_{G,-1}}{p_{e,-1}^G} \quad (95)$$

$$p_e^G = \frac{E_d^{GG} + E_d^{BG}}{e_s^G} \quad (96)$$

$$r_e^G = (1 - \pi_{dy}^G) \cdot r_G + \pi_{dy}^G \cdot r_e^{GT} \quad (97)$$

$$r_e^{GT} = \frac{F_f^G}{e_{s,-1}^G \cdot p_{e,-1}^G} \quad (98)$$

VII. *The banking sector.* Capitalists and workers hold a share of their liquidity in terms of bank deposits. The supply of deposits in Brownland simply adjusts to demand:

$$M_s^B = M_w^B + M_r^B \quad (99)$$

Loans, and hence deposits, are created by banks *out of thin air*. This occurs every time banks credit firm's accounts to fund production and investment plans. We assume that banks are always willing to lend, so that credit supply adjusts smoothly to demand:

$$L_s^B = L_f^B \quad (100)$$

The notional stock of bills held by Brownland banks equals the difference between deposits and loans:

$$B_{b,not}^B = M_s^B - L_s^B \quad (101)$$

However, Brownland banks do actually buy bills only if they have enough reserves to do so. This condition holds only if the deposits they collect at the end of the period exceed the loans they granted. Therefore:

$$B_b^B = B_{b,not}^B \cdot \zeta_B \quad (103)$$

where:

$$\zeta_B = 1 \text{ iff } B_{b,not}^B > 0; \text{ otherwise } \zeta_B = 0 \quad (102)$$

is the trigger for notional Brownland bills bought by Brownland banks. As a result, the advances demanded by Brownland banks are:

$$A_d^B = -B_{b,not}^B \cdot (1 - \zeta_B) \quad (104)$$

We assume that the central bank acts as the lenders of last resort for the banking sector. Consequently, the supply of advances always adjusts passively to banks' demand:

$$A_s^B = A_d^B \quad (105)$$

Bank profits are calculated as the difference between the interest payments received on banks' financial assets and the interests paid on bank's liabilities. The interest rate accruing on advances, reserves and deposits is negligible. Production costs are also assumed away.

Therefore, the equation for bank profits is:

$$F_b^B = r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{b,-1}^B + r_l^B \cdot L_{s,-1}^B \quad (106)$$

As usual, Greenland equations match Brownland's:

$$M_s^G = M_w^G + M_r^G \quad (107)$$

$$L_s^G = L_f^G \quad (108)$$

$$B_{b,not}^G = M_s^G - L_s^G \quad (109)$$

$$\zeta_G = 1 \text{ iff } B_{b,not}^G > 0; \text{ otherwise } \zeta_G = 0 \quad (110)$$

$$B_b^G = B_{b,not}^G \cdot \zeta_G \quad (111)$$

$$A_d^G = -B_{b,not}^G \cdot (1 - \zeta_G) \quad (112)$$

$$A_s^G = A_d^G \quad (113)$$

$$F_b^G = r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{b,-1}^G + r_l^G \cdot L_{s,-1}^G \quad (114)$$

VIII. *The central bank and the government sector.* Monetary policy is assumed to support fiscal policy. Consequently, the central bank is always available to purchase all the Treasury bills that are not subscribed by private investors:

$$B_{cb}^{BB} = B_s^B - B_s^{BB} - B_s^{GB} - B_b^B \quad (115)$$

Cash is supplied as long as Treasury bills are purchased by the central bank and advances are granted to the banking sector:

$$H_s^B = B_{cb}^{BB} + A_s^B \quad (116)$$

The amount of profits realised by Brownland central bank is therefore:<sup>8</sup>

$$F_{cb}^B = r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{cb,-1}^{BB} \quad (117)$$

Analogously, the following subsystem of equations holds for Greenland:

$$B_{cb}^{GG} = B_s^G - B_s^{GG} - B_s^{BG} - B_b^G \quad (118)$$

$$H_s^G = B_{cb}^{GG} + A_s^G \quad (119)$$

$$F_{cb}^G = r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{cb,-1}^{GG} \quad (120)$$

Turning to the government sector, the policy makers can opt for two types of government spending: conventional (or routine) spending and green MOIS. Total government expenditures in the two countries are:

$$GOV_{tot}^B = GOV_{con}^B + GOV_{gr}^B \quad (121)$$

$$GOV_{tot}^G = GOV_{con}^G + GOV_{gr}^G \quad (122)$$

Like conventional spending, green MOIS does not have a direct effect on ecological efficiency. However, unlike conventional spending, green MOIS specifically promotes private green investment. Its amount is defined exogenously, whereas routine spending is modelled as an AR(1) process:

$$GOV_{con}^B = \gamma_{GOV0}^B + \gamma_{GOV1}^B \cdot GOV_{con,-1}^B \quad (123)$$

$$GOV_{con}^G = \gamma_{GOV0}^G + \gamma_{GOV1}^G \cdot GOV_{con,-1}^G \quad (124)$$

Supplies of bills are derived from government budget constraints:

$$B_s^B = B_{s,-1}^B + GOV_{tot}^B + r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^B - T_B - F_{cb}^B \quad (125)$$

$$B_s^G = B_{s,-1}^G + GOV_{tot}^G + r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^G - T_G - F_{cb}^G \quad (126)$$

IX. *The exchange rates.* A floating exchange rate is used in the baseline scenario. It is determined by demand and supply forces, considering both the real side (the trade balance)

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<sup>8</sup> Central bank profits realised on domestic bills are forwarded to the government (see equations 198 and 199). Under the floating exchange rate setting, international reserves of central banks are not modelled. As a result, there are no profit accruing on foreign bills. See also note 18.

and the financial side (financial incomes in the current account and the financial account). We assume perfect capital mobility, but not perfect capital substitutability. Economic agents make their portfolio choices based on the relative return rates on financial assets. However, differences in return rates are persistent, because financial assets are not perfect substitutes. There is no tendency for their return rates to equalise.

The exchange rate for Greenland is defined as the quantity of Brownland currency in exchange for one unit of Greenland currency:

$$xr_G = \frac{r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{GB} + r_{e,-1}^B \cdot E_{S,-1}^{GB} - d(B_S^{GB}) - d(E_S^{GB}) - X_B + IM_B}{r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{BG} + r_{e,-1}^G \cdot E_{S,-1}^{BG} - d(B_S^{BG}) - d(E_S^{BG})} \quad (127)$$

Clearly, the exchange rate for Brownland is:

$$xr_B = \frac{1}{xr_G} \quad (128)$$

As we show in the next section, the adjustment of the exchange rate is one of the key mechanisms through which the two areas and the ecosystem interact. A thorough discussion of the exchange rate is provided in Appendix A.

X. *The ecosystem: material resources and reserves.* The next four blocks of equations are based on Dafermos et al. (2017, 2018) and Carnevali et al. (2019). We first track the evolution over time of material reserves:

$$y_{mat}^B = \mu_B \cdot Y_B \quad (129)$$

$$y_{mat}^G = \mu_G \cdot Y_G \quad (130)$$

$$mat_B = y_{mat}^B - rec_B \quad (131)$$

$$mat_G = y_{mat}^G - rec_G \quad (132)$$

$$rec_B = \rho_B \cdot dis_B \quad (133)$$

$$rec_G = \rho_G \cdot dis_G \quad (134)$$

$$dis_B = \mu_B \cdot (DA_B + \xi_B \cdot DC_{-1}^B) \quad (135)$$

$$dis_G = \mu_G \cdot (DA_G + \xi_B \cdot DC_{-1}^G) \quad (136)$$

$$DC^B = DC_{-1}^B + C_r^B + C_w^B - TB_{B,-1} - \zeta_B \cdot DC_{-1}^B \quad (137)$$

$$DC^G = DC_{-1}^G + C_r^G + C_w^G - TB_{G,-1} - \zeta_G \cdot DC_{-1}^G \quad (138)$$

$$k_{se}^B = k_{se,-1}^B + y_{mat}^B - dis_B \quad (139)$$

$$k_{se}^G = k_{se,-1}^G + y_{mat}^G - dis_G \quad (140)$$

$$wa_B = mat_B - d(k_{se}^B) \quad (141)$$

$$wa_G = mat_G - d(k_{se}^G) \quad (142)$$

$$k_m^B = k_{m,-1}^B + conv_m^B - mat_B \quad (143)$$

$$k_m^G = k_{m,-1}^G + conv_m^G - mat_G \quad (144)$$

$$k_m = k_m^B + k_m^G \quad (145)$$

$$conv_m^B = \sigma_m^B \cdot res_{m,-1}^B \quad (146)$$

$$conv_m^G = \sigma_m^G \cdot res_{m,-1}^G \quad (147)$$

$$res_m^B = res_{m,-1}^B - conv_m^B \quad (148)$$

$$res_m^G = res_{m,-1}^G - conv_m^G \quad (149)$$

$$res_m = res_m^B + res_m^G \quad (150)$$

$$cen_B = \frac{emis_B}{car} \quad (151)$$

$$cen_G = \frac{emis_G}{car} \quad (152)$$

$$o2_B = emis_B - cen_B \quad (153)$$

$$o2_G = emis_G - cen_G \quad (154)$$

Equations (129)-(130) define the production of material goods in the two areas, based on area-specific matter-intensity coefficients. Equations (131)-(132) define the extraction of matter from the ground as the difference between the matter used in the production process and the recycled socio-economic stock.<sup>9</sup> The latter is calculated by equations (133)-(134). The amount of goods discarded or demolished every year is defined by equations (135)-(136). It includes depleted capital goods and the portion of consumption goods that are thrown away every year (based on the exogenous rates  $\zeta_B$  and  $\zeta_G$ ). Equations (137)-(138) define each area's stock of durable goods, meaning the stock of goods that last more than one year. Notice that imports increase the stock, while exports reduce it. We can now calculate the total socio-economic stocks in the two areas, which are defined by equations (139)-(140). The two stocks increase as additional goods are produced, and reduce as goods are discarded. Equations (141)-(142) calculate the waste generated by production activities. Equations (143) to (145) show that net stocks of material reserves grow as resources are converted into reserves and reduce as matter is extracted from the ground. Equations (146)-(147) show that material resources are converted into reserves based on exogenous rates ( $\sigma_m^G$  and  $\sigma_m^B$ ). Available stocks of material resources are not limitless. Equations (148) to (150) show that resources decrease over time, depending on the pace of conversion. Equations (151)-(152) define the carbon mass of (non-renewable) energy, while equations (153)-(154) define the mass of oxygen used for production purposes in the two areas (see first column of Table 3).

XI. *The ecosystem: energy resources and reserves.* This block resembles the previous one, for it tracks the evolution over time of energy reserves:

$$e_B = \epsilon_B \cdot Y_B \quad (155)$$

$$er_B = \eta_B \cdot e_B \quad (156)$$

$$en_B = e_B - er_B \quad (157)$$

$$ed_B = er_B + en_B \quad (158)$$

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<sup>9</sup> The socio-economic stock of an area can be defined as the stock of material things (measured in Gt) that are necessary or desirable for human life, such as fixed capital, dwellings and other durable goods.

$$e_G = \epsilon_G \cdot Y_G \quad (159)$$

$$er_G = \eta_G \cdot e_G \quad (160)$$

$$en_G = e_G - er_G \quad (161)$$

$$ed_G = er_G + en_G \quad (162)$$

$$k_e^B = k_{e,-1}^B + conv_e^B - en_B \quad (163)$$

$$k_e^G = k_{e,-1}^G + conv_e^G - en_G \quad (164)$$

$$k_e = k_e^B + k_e^G \quad (165)$$

$$conv_e^B = \sigma_e^B \cdot res_e^B \quad (166)$$

$$conv_e^G = \sigma_e^G \cdot res_e^G \quad (167)$$

$$res_e^B = res_{e,-1}^B - conv_e^B \quad (168)$$

$$res_e^G = res_{e,-1}^G - conv_e^G \quad (169)$$

$$res_e = res_e^B + res_e^G \quad (170)$$

Equations (155) to (158) define the total amount of energy required for production, renewable energy, non-renewable energy, and dissipated energy at the end of each period in Brownland. Equations (159) to (162) define the same variables for Greenland. Equations (163) to (165) show that the total stock of energy reserves increases as the conversion of resources increases, and reduces as non-renewable energy sources are used. Equations (166)-(167) show that energy resources are converted into reserves based on exogenous conversion rates. Total stocks of energy worldwide and for the two areas are defined by equations (168) to (170).

XII. *The ecosystem: emissions and climate change.* While the amount of natural reserves is still (relatively) abundant, the use of non-renewable energy in the production process is associated with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions:

$$emis_B = \beta_0^B + \beta_1^B \cdot en_B \quad (171)$$

$$emis_G = \beta_0^G + \beta_1^G \cdot en_G \quad (172)$$

$$emis_l = emis_{l,-1} \cdot (1 - g_l) \quad (173)$$

$$emis = emis_b + emis_g + emis_l \quad (174)$$

$$co2_{AT} = emis + \phi_{11} \cdot co2_{AT,-1} + \phi_{21} \cdot co2_{UP,-1} \quad (175)$$

$$co2_{UP} = \phi_{12} \cdot co2_{AT,-1} + \phi_{22} \cdot co2_{UP,-1} + \phi_{32} \cdot co2_{LO,-1} \quad (176)$$

$$co2_{LO} = \phi_{23} \cdot co2_{UP,-1} + \phi_{33} \cdot co2_{LO,-1} \quad (177)$$

$$F = F_2 \cdot \log_2 \left( \frac{co2_{AT}}{co2_{AT}^{PRE}} \right) + F_{EX} \quad (178)$$

$$F_{EX} = F_{EX,-1} + fex \quad (179)$$

$$T_{AT} = T_{AT,-1} + \tau_1 \cdot \left[ F - \frac{F_2}{s} \cdot T_{AT,-1} - \tau_2 \cdot (T_{AT,-1} - T_{LO,-1}) \right] \quad (180)$$

$$T_{LO} = T_{LO,-1} + \tau_3 \cdot (T_{AT,-1} - T_{LO,-1}) \quad (181)$$

Equations (171)-(172) define industrial emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> as linear functions of non-renewable energy sources used in each area. Land emissions (declining according to an exogenous rate,  $g_l$ ) are also considered, as shown by equation (173). Equation (174) defines global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as the summation of worldwide industrial emissions and land emissions. Equations (175) to (177) define the carbon cycle, calculating the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, the upper ocean/biosphere CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and the lower ocean CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, respectively. Equations (178) and (179) calculate the radiative forcing due to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the pre-industrial levels (W/m<sup>2</sup>) and the radiative forcing due to non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases, respectively. This is necessary to define (the change in) the average atmospheric temperature as a non-linear function of the past temperature and the radiating forcing – equation (180). Equation (181) defines (the change in) the lower ocean temperature as a function of the past temperature levels.

XIII. *The ecosystem: ecological efficiency.* This block of equations defines ecological efficiency endogenously:

$$\mu_B = \mu_{gr}^B \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^B}{k_B} + \mu_{con}^B \cdot \frac{k_{con}^B}{k_B} \quad (182)$$

$$\mu_G = \mu_{gr}^G \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^G}{k_G} + \mu_{con}^G \cdot \frac{k_{con}^G}{k_G} \quad (183)$$

$$\epsilon_B = \epsilon_{gr}^B \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^B}{k_B} + \epsilon_{con}^B \cdot \frac{k_{con}^B}{k_B} \quad (184)$$

$$\epsilon_G = \epsilon_{gr}^G \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^G}{k_G} + \epsilon_{con}^G \cdot \frac{k_{con}^G}{k_G} \quad (185)$$

$$\beta_B = \beta_{gr}^B \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^B}{k_B} + \beta_{con}^B \cdot \frac{k_{con}^B}{k_B} \quad (186)$$

$$\beta_G = \beta_{gr}^G \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^G}{k_G} + \beta_{con}^G \cdot \frac{k_{con}^G}{k_G} \quad (187)$$

$$\eta_B = \eta_{gr}^B \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^B}{k_B} + \eta_{con}^B \cdot \frac{k_{con}^B}{k_B} \quad (188)$$

$$\eta_G = \eta_{gr}^G \cdot \frac{k_{gr}^G}{k_G} + \eta_{con}^G \cdot \frac{k_{con}^G}{k_G} \quad (189)$$

$$dep_m^B = \frac{mat_B}{k_{m,-1}^B} \quad (190)$$

$$dep_m^G = \frac{mat_G}{k_{m,-1}^G} \quad (191)$$

$$dep_e^B = \frac{en_B}{k_{e,-1}^B} \quad (192)$$

$$dep_e^G = \frac{en_G}{k_{e,-1}^G} \quad (193)$$

Equations (182) to (187) show that matter-, energy- and CO<sub>2</sub>-intensity coefficients of each area reduce as the share of green capital to total capital stock increases. Similarly, the share of renewable energy grows as the share of green capital stock grows – equations (188) and (189). Depletion ratios of natural resources are also calculated by equations (190) to (193).

XIV. *The ecosystem: damages and feedbacks.* Climate change-related gross damages are defined as nonlinear functions of the average atmospheric temperature. Extreme weather conditions, catastrophes and uncertainty affect capital depreciation rates. In addition, uncertainty and rising ecological awareness modify consumption patterns, foster hoarding behaviours and depress investment. Damages equations are:

$$d_T^B = 1 - (1 + d_1^B \cdot T_{AT} + d_2^B \cdot T_{AT}^2 + d_3^B \cdot T_{AT}^{x_B})^{-1} \quad (194)$$

$$d_T^G = 1 - (1 + d_1^G \cdot T_{AT} + d_2^G \cdot T_{AT}^2 + d_3^G \cdot T_{AT}^{x_G})^{-1} \quad (195)$$

$$\delta_B = \delta_0^B + (1 - \delta_0^B) \cdot (1 - ad_K^B) \cdot d_{T,-1}^B \quad (196)$$

$$\delta_G = \delta_0^G + (1 - \delta_0^G) \cdot (1 - ad_K^G) \cdot d_{T,-1}^G \quad (197)$$

Equations (194)-(195) define the total percentage of gross damages due to changes in temperature.<sup>10</sup> Equations (196)-(197) define the area-specific effect of climate change on capital depreciation rates, considering also adaptation strategies of the firms (captured by coefficients  $ad_K^B$  and  $ad_K^G$ ). The other channels through which climate change affects the economy are: by dampening household consumption; and by modifying investment plans of the firms. Notice that total investment reduces – recall equations (46) and (57) – but the share of green investment to total investment increases as damages increase – equations (47) and (58).<sup>11</sup>

XV. *Auxiliary equations for domestic and foreign balances.* The standard macroeconomic identities for domestic and foreign balances are defined as follows:

$$DEF_B = GOV_{tot}^B + r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^B - T_B - F_{cb,-1}^B \quad (198)$$

$$DEF_G = GOV_{tot}^G + r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^G - T_G - F_{cb,-1}^G \quad (199)$$

$$NAFA_B = DEF_B + CAB_B \quad (200)$$

$$NAFA_G = DEF_G + CAB_G \quad (201)$$

$$CAB_B = TB_B + xr_{G,-1} \cdot (r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{BG} + r_{e,-1}^G \cdot E_{S,-1}^{BG}) - r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{GB} - r_{e,-1}^B \cdot E_{S,-1}^{GB} \quad (202)$$

$$CAB_G = TB_G + xr_{B,-1} \cdot (r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{GB} + r_{e,-1}^B \cdot E_{S,-1}^{GB}) - r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{BG} - r_{e,-1}^G \cdot E_{S,-1}^{BG} \quad (203)$$

$$KAB_B = -d(B_S^{BG}) \cdot xr_G + d(B_S^{GB}) - d(E_S^{BG}) \cdot xr_G + d(E_S^{GB}) \quad (204)$$

$$KAB_G = -d(B_S^{GB}) \cdot xr_B + d(B_S^{BG}) - d(E_S^{GB}) \cdot xr_B + d(E_S^{BG}) \quad (205)$$

$$TB_B = X_B - IM_B \quad (206)$$

$$TB_G = X_G - IM_G \quad (207)$$

$$BP_B = CAB_B + KAB_B \quad (208)$$

$$BP_G = CAB_G + KAB_G \quad (209)$$

<sup>10</sup> Notice that  $d_i^j$  and  $x_j$  (with  $i = 1,2,3$  and  $j = B, G$ ) are positive coefficients, such that:  $0 < d_T^j < 1$  and  $T_{AT} = 6 \rightarrow \frac{d_T^B + d_T^G}{2} = 0.5$  (see Table 6).

<sup>11</sup> In principle, import-export relationships can be affected too – through equations (61)-(62) – thus favouring *greener* export. However, we turn off this channel in the baseline scenario.

$$GNP_B = Y_B + xr_{G,-1} \cdot (r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{BG} + r_{e,-1}^G \cdot E_{S,-1}^{BG}) - r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{GB} - r_{e,-1}^B \cdot E_{S,-1}^{GB} \quad (210)$$

$$GNP_G = Y_G + xr_{B,-1} \cdot (r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{GB} + r_{e,-1}^B \cdot E_{S,-1}^{GB}) - r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{S,-1}^{BG} - r_{e,-1}^G \cdot E_{S,-1}^{BG} \quad (211)$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_{2,-1} + \gamma_\mu \cdot d(GOV_{gr}^B) \quad (212)$$

Equations (198)-(199) define government deficits in the two areas. Equation (200)-(201) show the net accumulation of financial assets. Equations (202)-(203) define the current account of each area. Equations (204)-(205) display their financial accounts. Equations (206)-(207) calculate the trade balances. Equations (208)-(209) define the related balance of payment identities. Equations (210)-(211) define the gross national products of the two areas. Finally, we link the propensity to import of Brownland (from Greenland) to Brownland government's green spending, as the policy makers can foster low-carbon consumption through green incentives – equation (212).

XVI. *Inequality indices.* We define the inequality indices for the two areas:

$$YD_{tot}^B = YD_w^B + YD_{hs,r}^B \quad (213)$$

$$YD_{tot}^G = YD_w^G + YD_{hs,r}^G \quad (214)$$

$$gini_{YD}^B = \frac{YD_{hs,r}^B}{YD_{tot}^B} \quad (215)$$

$$gini_{YD}^G = \frac{YD_{hs,r}^G}{YD_{tot}^G} \quad (216)$$

$$V_{tot}^B = V_r^B + V_w^B \quad (217)$$

$$V_{tot}^G = V_r^G + V_w^G \quad (218)$$

$$gini_V^B = \frac{V_r^B}{V_{tot}^B} \quad (219)$$

$$gini_V^G = \frac{V_r^G}{V_{tot}^G} \quad (220)$$

Equations (213) to (216) determine the income inequality index for each area as the ratio of capitalists' disposable income (including capital gains) to total disposable income. Equations (217) to (220) define the wealth inequality index for each area as the ratio of capitalists' net wealth to total net wealth.

XVII. *Financial indices.* Leverage ratios, valuation ratios of firms, stock market indices and liquidity ratios of banks are also monitored:

$$q_G = \frac{e_{s,-1}^G \cdot p_{e,-1}^G + L_f^G}{K_G} \quad (221)$$

$$q_B = \frac{e_{s,-1}^B \cdot p_{e,-1}^B + L_f^B}{K_B} \quad (222)$$

$$lev_f^G = \frac{L_f^G}{e_{s,-1}^G \cdot p_{e,-1}^G + L_f^G} \quad (223)$$

$$lev_f^B = \frac{L_f^B}{e_{s,-1}^B \cdot p_{e,-1}^B + L_f^B} \quad (224)$$

$$per_G = \frac{p_e^G}{F_G/e_{s,-1}^G} \quad (225)$$

$$per_B = \frac{p_e^B}{F_B/e_{s,-1}^B} \quad (226)$$

$$liq_b^G = \frac{A_s^G + M_s^G - L_s^G}{M_s^G} \quad (227)$$

$$liq_b^B = \frac{A_s^B + M_s^B - L_s^B}{M_s^B} \quad (228)$$

Equations (221)-(222) define the so-called Tobin's q for the corporate sector. It is the ratio between the market value of firms and its replacement cost (meaning, the value of the capital stock in our model). Equations (223)-(224) define the firms' leverage ratios, that is, their debt to capital ratio. Another interesting financial index is the price-earnings ratio of firms' shares, which is calculated by equations (225) and (226). Finally, we use the commercial banks' balance sheets to calculate their liquidity ratios and monitor their financial soundness – equation (227)-(228).

*Redundant equations.* Since we developed an interacting two-area model, there are two redundant equations, in the sense that they are logically implied by the other equations:

$$H_s^B = H_h^B \quad (116B)$$

$$H_s^G = H_h^G \quad (119B)$$

The two equations above hold that the supply of cash (from central banks) must match the demand for cash (arising from the private sector) in each area, despite the two variables being determined independently – see equations (73), (82), (116) and (119). This is, in fact, the twofold equilibrium condition that we used to check the accounting consistency of the model.

### 3.2 Calibration and experiments

The model is calibrated using global data. More precisely, parameter values for consumption, investment and government spending are estimated using *World Bank* time series. As the purpose of our paper is mainly theoretical, simple equation-by-equation OLS estimations are used to estimate the coefficients.<sup>12</sup> Other economic parameters are calibrated in such a way to obtain a realistic baseline. Temperature levels and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated using data from GISTEMP (2019) and Lenssen et al. (2019), and from Ritchie and Roser (2019), respectively. Additional ecological parameters and initial values of variables are taken from, or based on, Dafermos et al. (2017, 2018) and IPCC (2018).<sup>13</sup> We obtain a gross world output equal to 81 trillion ca of currency units (say, USD) in 2018. The average growth rate in 1960-

<sup>12</sup> We refer to Appendix B for further details.

<sup>13</sup> See Table 6 for the full set of coefficient values, initial values of stocks and lagged endogenous variables. The balance sheet and the transactions-flow matrix for the two areas are displayed by Table 1 and Table 2, respectively. The physical flow and stock-flow matrices are displayed by Table 3 and Table 4. The material and energy balances under the baseline scenario are displayed by Fig. 9.

2018 is 3.40%. Under the baseline, total financial assets (including cash and deposits) held by households are 4.7 times the gross world output (i.e. more than 380 trillion of USD) in 2018. If banks' holdings are also considered, the amount is as high as 6 times world output. Notice that the baseline output of a single block roughly amounts to the combined GDPs of the two biggest economic areas worldwide, namely, the United States (US) and the European Union (EU). Likewise, the other block can be likened to the rest of the world's economy.<sup>14</sup> Turning to ecological variables, annual worldwide industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 40 billion Gt ca in 2018 baseline (from 10 billion GT ca in 1960). Despite producing the same output, Brownland emissions are almost three times as many as Greenland's.<sup>15</sup> Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions decline after 2020, thanks to ecological efficiency gains taking place in both areas. Consequently, global CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere is expected to stabilise at around 3,600 billion Gt ca in 2060. The average atmospheric temperature in 2020 is +1C ca above the pre-industrial level. It is expected to keep growing in the subsequent decade, reaching +2C in 2050. A *business as usual* scenario (no ecological efficiency gains) is also considered, in which the average temperature is expected to grow even faster. Parameter values for matter resources are not estimated from data. However, they are tuned in such a way for resources to match 390,000 Gt ca in 2018, while matter reserves are 6,300 Gt ca in the same year. Energy resources are 550,000 EJ ca, whereas energy reserves are 40,000 EJ ca. The socio-economic stock for the world economy is 1,180 Gt ca in the baseline. Fig. 1 displays baseline values and trends for selected variables. The global flows of matter and energy, under the baseline scenario, are displayed by Fig. 9. Notice that in-sample predictions (up to 2018) have been adjusted by using *add factors*, while out-of-sample predictions have been checked by comparing auto- and cross-correlations of simulated macroeconomic series with those of observed series – see Fig. 10.

Baseline values were obtained by running the model from 1960 to 2060 on an annual basis. We then used the model to test the reaction of selected economic, financial, social and ecological variables to six events or shocks linked with global warming. Experiments are all run starting from 2025. They are defined as follows:

1. *Preference for 'safer' financial assets.* Higher risk aversion and hoarding behaviours can result from the increase in the frequency of natural catastrophes. We test the effect of investors' flight to safety on selected variables.

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<sup>14</sup> However, no conclusion should be drawn for any real-world area. Our labelling is only meant to define different techniques of production.

<sup>15</sup> Incidentally, this is coherent with observed data, as US+EU emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> are currently one third of the rest of the world's emissions. However, the historical patterns of both output and emissions have been quite different in real-world countries compared with our artificial areas.

2. *Preference for 'greener' financial assets.* This can result from a higher ecological awareness of the population. We test the effect of investors reducing their holdings of Brownland's assets, while increasing Greenland's.
3. *Preference for 'greener' products.* A higher ecological awareness can lead consumers to turn to low-impact products. We test the effect of the decision of households to reduce their consumption of goods made in Brownland, while increasing Greenland's.
4. *Brownland's austerity (and autarchy) measures.* Green policies – particularly green incentives – lead Brownland's private sector to import low-carbon goods from Greenland. This affects Brownland's trade balance and therefore the government budget balance. Hence the decision of Brownland's policy-makers to address the twin deficit by cutting green incentives. We test the effect of this policy reaction.
5. *Increase of green government spending.* Another, more direct, way to boost low-carbon investment is to support it through active fiscal policies, aiming at generating a green innovation cascade. We test the effect of these policies in Greenland.
6. *Coordinated government spending.* We test the effect of the policy above when both countries opt for it.

## 4. Results and discussion

### 4.1 Key findings

We used our model to analyse the effects of the above shocks on the economy, the financial sector, the society and the ecosystem. All in all, we show that unintended results occur when cross-border financial flows are considered. The main reason is that they modify the relative price of currencies (i.e. the exchange rate), thereby affecting the economy and the ecosystem. Our findings for selected variables under different scenarios are summarised by Table 5. As mentioned, some unintentional effects and trade-offs linked to green behaviours and policies show up, which we discuss thoroughly in the next paragraphs.

*Preference for safer financial assets* (Fig. 2). The decision of the investors to move from risky to safer financial assets is one of the most frequently reported effects of uncertainty. It is usually associated with the higher frequency of adverse climate conditions. The resulting flight to safety may bring about unintended implications though. For instance, both Greenland's and Brownland's investors (the capitalists, in our model) may want to reduce the portion of shares held in their portfolios. They can replace firms' shares with liquidity and/or government bills. Whatever the specific mix they choose, regional and global outputs benefit from that change *if the portion of idle balances (including both cash and deposits) reduces*, despite the lower amount of equity. By contrast, output is negatively affected *if the overall portion of liquidity increases*. This is the case displayed by Fig. 2a, where investors are assumed to increase

their holdings of bills (crowding shares out) and cash (crowding deposits out). The point is that financial assets are not perfect substitutes. Consequently, nonlinear effects are possible when economic agents redefine their portfolios.<sup>16</sup> If households' behaviour is symmetrical across areas, balance of payments' entries are not affected, neither is the exchange rate – Fig. 2b, 2i and 2l. This is the only circumstance where international financial flows play no role. Looking at the ecosystem, a lower output entails lower industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and thus a lower atmospheric temperature relative to the baseline – Fig. 2c and 2e. As shown by Fig. 2d, this occurs despite a lower ecological efficiency at the global level. The reason is that ecological efficiency ratios improve as the accumulation of green capital proceeds, thus moving procyclically. Financial effects are not univocal. Fig. 2f and Fig. 2g show that firms are better off in the new scenario. Their valuation ratios (as expressed by Tobin's q) improve, and so do the price-earnings ratios of equity. However, firms' leverage ratios increase (Minsky effect) and banks' liquidity ratios are worse off in the new scenario, because bank deposits fall more rapidly than loans – Fig. 2h. In short, a flight to safety can improve ecological indices, but affects both economic growth and private sector's financial condition. The net impact on the government sector depends on the role played by the central bank. If the latter acts as a lender of last resort, the government budget improves (because the fall in interest payments outstrips the fall in tax revenues), otherwise it gets worse. Finally, both areas record an increase in their socio-economic stocks, but it is the capitalists the only group who benefit from it – Fig. 8.

*Preference for greener assets* (Fig. 3). Climate change can induce investors of both areas to reduce their holdings of Brownland's financial assets, while increasing Greenland's – Fig. 3j and 3k. Our experiments show that both Greenland's economy and the environment might not benefit from that. The adjustment in the exchange rate is the key variable. Under a floating regime, the higher flows of capital from Brownland to Greenland result in an appreciation of Greenland's currency – see Fig. 3b and 3i. Greenland's current account (i.e. the opposite of Brownland's current account displayed by Fig. 3b) worsens, because of the fall in net export coupled with the fall in net incomes (dividends and interest payments) – Fig. 3b and 3l. This affects Greenland's GDP – Fig. 3a. The increase in Brownland's output offsets the reduction in Greenland's. Unfortunately, this goes along with higher industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions worldwide. There can be some ecological efficiency gain in Brownland, due to higher green investments. However, this is not enough to compensate for the greater production at the global level and the lower share of Greenland output (rebound effect). This leads to an increase in atmospheric

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<sup>16</sup> Notice that the lower output does not necessarily harm government budget. In fact, it can bring about an improvement of it if central banks act as lenders of last resort – Fig. 2b. The reason is that a higher portion of bills is now held by the central banks, whose profits (i.e. seigniorage incomes, which are transferred to the government sector) offset the fall in tax revenues. In addition, the lower absolute level of asset holdings (including bills) held by households help reducing the interest burden for the government.

temperature (relative to the baseline) in the medium run – Fig. 3c, 3d and 3e. Looking at the domestic financial side, Brownland’s firms increase their leverage ratio, while Greenland’s firms are forced to deleverage – Fig. 3f and 3g. This is reflected in Brownland banks’ liquidity ratio, which falls sharply in the long run. Greenland banks face liquidity problems in the short to medium run too – Fig. 3h. Summing up, under a floating exchange rate regime, a higher preference for green financial assets can harm, rather than safeguard, the ecosystem, while boosting financial imbalances. In addition, socio-economic stocks reduce and inequality worsens in both areas (Fig. 8). It can be shown that this paradoxical effect of greener portfolios is quite insensitive to the chosen set of values for portfolio parameters *under a floating exchange rate regime*.<sup>17</sup> In fact, Greenland GDP would be unaffected or even boosted by capital in-flows under a fixed exchange rate regime. The reason is that its financial account surplus would result in the accumulation of international reserves, not in the appreciation of Greenland currency.<sup>18</sup> Nevertheless, our model warns us that unwanted implications are *possible* under a floating regime.

*Preference for greener products* (Fig. 4). The impact of consumers reducing their demand for *made in Brownland* (and/or increasing their demand for *made in Greenland*) is far more intuitive. Both Greenland’s economy and the ecosystem benefit from greener consumption habits worldwide – Fig. 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d and 4e. The aggregate liquidity ratio of Greenland’s banks worsens in the medium- to long-run, but this is due to their higher lending activity. The leverage ratio of Greenland’s productive sector is also higher, but the increase in firms’ valuation ratio outstrips the former – Fig. 4g and 4h. Looking at their portfolios, households now hold more liquid assets, because of the increase in money demand for transactions and precautionary motives – Fig. 4j and 4k. A higher socio-economic stock is accumulated in Greenland, but it is the capitalist class who benefits from it. The opposite occurs in Brownland (fig. 8). It is worth stressing that Brownland’s economy is expected to recover in the medium to long run, despite the initial negative impact. For the strong depreciation of Brownland currency ends up boosting its net export to Greenland – Fig. 4a, 4b, 4i and 4l.<sup>19</sup> However, Brownland records a twin deficit in the short run when consumers turn to green products.

*Brownland’s austerity (and autarchy) measures* (Fig. 5). A possible way to counter Brownland’s twin deficit is to pursue a contractionary fiscal policy. This intervention is more

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<sup>17</sup> The aim of our work is to show that counterintuitive effects are possible, not necessary. This is the reason we do not include here a sensitivity analysis. However, all the experiments can be easily replicated by using our program file and the related dataset. The robustness of the findings above can be checked by using alternative values for key parameters and exogenous variables.

<sup>18</sup> See Fig. 3bis displaying the same shock under a fixed exchange rate regime, where central banks stabilise exchange rates by accumulating or reducing gold reserves (or the *anchor currency*). All in all, the role of exchange rate adjustments can be appreciated by looking at Fig. 8.

<sup>19</sup> Compare Fig. 4 to Fig. 4bis, displaying the same shock under a fixed exchange rate regime.

effective if Brownland's policy makers target green incentives and/or other types of green spending, as most goods are made in Greenland.<sup>20</sup> Austerity measures in Brownland can be associated with an increase in Brownland output *if* the fall in import outstrips the fall in domestic demand. Both the sign and the strength of this effect depend on the sensitivity of Brownland import to government spending. Fig. 5a shows that Greenland's economy is affected, because of the reduction in export. Both government budget and current account balance of Brownland benefit from government cuts, whereas Greenland balances worsen – Fig. 5b. However, as shown by Fig. 5i and 5l, the appreciation of the currency undermines Brownland products' competitiveness, thus reducing the output growth rate in the medium run.<sup>21</sup> Despite the lower world output, global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the temperature can increase relative to the baseline, due to ecological efficiency losses – Fig. 5c, 5d and 5e. Looking at the financial side, Brownland's firms record both a higher valuation ratio and a higher leverage ratio. Brownland banks can face liquidity issues in the new scenario. Household holdings of financial assets reduce relative to the baseline, but the socio-economic stock is higher – Fig. 5f, 5g, 5h, 5j, 5k and 8. Notice, however, that these results depend on the high sensitivity of import to government spending that we assumed in our experiment ( $\gamma_\mu = 0.50$ , associated with a 20% cut of government green spending). Should import sensitivity be negligible ( $\gamma_\mu < 0.03$  ca in our model), Brownland output would collapse, along with world output. Austerity always cures the disease (the twin deficit) in our model, but it may well kill the patient.

*Increase of green government spending* (Fig. 6). In principle, green MOIS can help Greenland boost ecological efficiency and foster low-carbon transition. Fig. 6a shows that Brownland's economy can also benefit from it. The effect is only temporary though, for it is progressively counterbalanced by the appreciation of Brownland currency. This, in turn, is due to the higher deficit (or lower surplus) recorded by Greenland's current account balance (because of the increase in import) – Fig. 6b, 6i and 6l. In addition, Fig. 6c reminds us that the reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is anything but trivial. Despite the higher green investment, global economic growth may well outstrip any efficiency gain (Fig. 6d). This is the well-known *rebound effect* (e.g. Greening et al. 2000). As a result, the average temperature increases relative to the baseline – Fig. 6e. Looking at the financial side, balance sheets of both banks and firms are quite sound in Greenland. Paradoxically, Brownland households' wealth is gradually reduced by the appreciation of their currency, which affects income (via capital losses on foreign currency-denominated financial assets) and hence saving.<sup>22</sup> Brownland's banks are also slightly affected – see Fig. 6f, 6g, 6h, 6j and 6k. The only way to take full

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<sup>20</sup> The link between Brownland's green government spending and the propensity to import is captured by equation (212) in our model.

<sup>21</sup> Compare Fig. 5 to Fig. 5bis, displaying the same shock under a fixed exchange rate regime.

<sup>22</sup> Compare Fig. 7 to Fig. 7bis, displaying the same shock under a fixed exchange rate regime.

advantage from government green-oriented spending is for the two areas to pursue coordinated green expansionary policies. This is especially appropriate when green policies synergies allow improving ecological efficiency ratios (see Fig. 7, where we assume a 10% ecological efficiency gain). However, inequality indices within areas worsen, while the *absolute* impact on temperature is mostly eroded by the higher growth rate of global output.

#### *4.2 Policy implications and use of the model for planning purposes*

Our experiments show that the effectiveness of green individual behaviours and low-carbon policies depends crucially on cross-border financial flows and their impacts on the exchange rates. Currency fluctuations bring about unintended implications from uncoordinated green actions, thus possibly making the final net effects on the economy, the financial sector, the society, and the broader ecosystem, unpredictable. In principle, a fixed (or a band) exchange rate regime can help counter those implications. However, it does not eliminate the perverse incentives for financially-distressed governments to cut green spending and import. In fact, it is likely to exacerbate them. Therefore, a strong macroeconomic and monetary coordination across countries seems paramount to tackle climate change and inequality, while assuring financial stability. Yet, our two-area economy model is only a simplification of the real world economy, where a fully coordinated fiscal intervention can be hardly implemented, due to political disputes and lack of general consensus. As a result, a second best solution – at the individual country or region level – can be put in place by smoothing the effects of cross-area financial flows through selective capital controls. More precisely, the most volatile components of the international capital flows should be targeted, meaning the speculative and portfolio investments. This would allow the governments to smooth any downward pressure on their currencies, thus limiting losses of foreign reserves<sup>23</sup> and reducing unwanted effects from green policies and behaviours.

The main strength of our model is that it allows the policy-makers to monitor all the phenomena discussed above, by verifying whether the current trends can be sustained (or not) from a variety of angles.<sup>24</sup> Although the aim of this paper is mainly theoretical, the model can be recalibrated to match the available data for any specific region, country or area. Alternative scenarios can then be created to test the effects that each policy option generates on different spheres of interest (production, finance, society, and environment), given the implications for, and the reaction of, other areas (e.g. the rest of the world). In other words,

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<sup>23</sup> Notice that the central bank can always neutralise upward movements by selling financial assets that are denominated in the domestic currency.

<sup>24</sup> The very possibility to model and account for interconnections across different spheres is the main advantage of SFC models relative to other macroeconomic models, like dynamic stochastic general equilibrium models and empirical models (e.g. vector autoregression models).

while our model warns against possible coordination issues affecting green and redistributive policies, it can help the policy-makers to address them by designing and testing new options on an international scale.

## 5. Conclusions

We have developed an ecological open-economy SFC model that enables testing the impact of cross-area financial flows on the economy, the financial sector, the society and the ecosystem. We have shown that, while some well-known empirical facts are replicated by the model (e.g. the rebound effect), additional counter-intuitive effects are found (e.g. green finance worsening, rather than countering, climate change). Our main findings can be listed as follows:

- a) The search for safe financial assets (brought about by climate-related uncertainty) can affect economic growth and financial stability *if the portion of idle balances increases*.
- b) The search for green financial assets can exacerbate climate change *if capitals are free to move and exchange rates are fully floating* (reacting to cross-area transactions and financial flows).
- c) Green consumption affects the current account *and hence the government budget* of less ecologically-efficient areas.
- d) If governments of 'brown' areas react by cutting (green) spending, the net effect on regional output *depends on the sensitivity of imports to government (green) spending*. Global output and financial stability are always affected instead.
- e) Lacking a strong coordination, green innovation-oriented government policies are likely to generate negative *side effects for other areas*. In addition, ecological efficiency gains are likely to be offset by the higher growth rate of the economy (*rebound effect*).

Summing up, the effectiveness of green behaviours and policies depends crucially on the *impact of cross-border financial flows* (and the differential in output growth rates) *on the exchange rates*. On the one hand, currency fluctuations can undermine the beneficial effects of low-carbon transition plans on the ecosystem and the society. On the other hand, a fixed exchange regime requires strong coordination (or a selective capital control mechanism) to cope with external imbalances and financial instability, while tackling climate change and inequality. This is one of the key issues that the policy makers are likely to face in the next few years.

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## Tables and charts

Table 1. Balance-sheet of the two-area economy

	GREENLAND ( $G$ )						BROWNLAND ( $B$ )					$\Sigma$
	Households (capitalists + workers)	Firms	Commercial banks	Government	Central bank		Households (capitalists + workers)	Firms	Commercial banks	Government	Central bank	
Money (cash)	$+H_h^G$				$-H_s^G$		$+H_h^B$			$-H_s^B$	0	
CB advances			$-A_d^G$		$+A_d^G$			$-A_d^B$		$+A_d^B$	0	
Deposits	$+M_h^G$		$-M_s^G$				$+M_h^B$	$-M_s^B$			0	
Loans		$-L_f^G$	$+L_s^G$				$-L_f^B$	$+L_s^B$			0	
G gov. bills	$+B_d^{GG}$		$+B_b^G$	$-B_s^G$	$+B_{cb}^{GG}$	$\cdot xr_G$	$+B_d^{BG} \cdot xr_G$				0	
B gov. bills	$+B_d^{GB} \cdot xr_B$						$+B_d^{BB}$	$+B_b^B$	$-B_s^B$	$+B_{cb}^{BB}$	0	
G firms' shares	$+p_e^G \cdot e_d^{GG}$	$-p_e^G \cdot e_s^{GG}$					$+p_e^G \cdot e_d^{BG} \cdot xr_G$				0	
B firms' shares	$+p_e^B \cdot e_d^{GB} \cdot xr_B$						$+p_e^B \cdot e_d^{BB}$	$-p_e^B \cdot e_s^{BB}$			0	
Conv. capital		$+K_{con}^G$						$+K_{con}^B$			$+K_{con}^G \cdot xr_G + K_{con}^B$	
Green capital		$+K_{gr}^G$						$+K_{gr}^B$			$+K_{gr}^G \cdot xr_G + K_{gr}^B$	
Balance (net worth)	$-V_h^G$	$-NW_f^G$	0	$-NW_g^G$	0		$-V_h^B$	$-NW_f^B$	0	$-NW_g^B$	0	$-(K_{con} + K_{gr})$
$\Sigma$	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: A '+' before a magnitude denotes an asset, whereas '-' denotes a liability (except for Balance's entries, where signs are reversed). Floating exchange rates are assumed. Capitalists and workers are aggregated and consolidated in the household sector.

Table 2. Transactions-flow matrix of the two-area economy

	GREENLAND (G)					BROWNLAND (B)					$\Sigma$
	Households (capitalists + workers)	Firms	Commercial banks	Government	Central bank	Households (capitalists + workers)	Firms	Commercial banks	Government	Central bank	
Consumption	$-C_G$	$+C_G$				$-C_B$	$+C_B$				0
Conv. investment		$+INV_{con}^G [-INV_{con}^G]$					$+INV_{con}^B [-INV_{con}^B]$				0
Green investment		$+INV_{con}^G [-INV_{con}^G]$					$+INV_{con}^B [-INV_{con}^B]$				0
Conv. gov. spend.		$+GOV_{con}^G$		$-GOV_{con}^G$			$+GOV_{con}^B$		$-GOV_{con}^B$		0
Green gov. spend.		$+GOV_{gr}^G$		$-GOV_{gr}^G$			$+GOV_{gr}^B$		$-GOV_{gr}^B$		0
G exports to B		$+X_G$					$+X_B$				0
B exports to G		$-IM_G$					$-IM_B$				0
Wages	$+\omega_G \cdot Y^G$	$-\omega_G \cdot Y^G$				$+\omega_B \cdot Y^B$	$-\omega_G \cdot Y^B$				0
Taxes	$-T_G$			$+T_G$		$-T_B$			$+T_B$		0
Deprec. allowances		$-DA_G [+AF_G]$			$\cdot xr_G$		$-DA_B [+AF_B]$				0
Interests on loans		$-r_{l,-1}^G \cdot L_{f,-1}^G$	$+r_{l,-1}^G \cdot L_{s,-1}^G$				$-r_{l,-1}^B \cdot L_{f,-1}^B$	$+r_{l,-1}^B \cdot L_{s,-1}^B$			0
Interests on G bills	$+r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{d,-1}^{GG}$		$+r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{b,-1}^G$	$-r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^G$	$+r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{cb,-1}^{GG}$	$+r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{d,-1}^{BG} \cdot xr_G$					0
Interests on B bills	$+r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{d,-1}^{GB} \cdot xr_B$					$+r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{d,-1}^{BB}$		$+r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{b,-1}^B$	$-r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^B$	$+r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{cb,-1}^{BB}$	0
G firms' dividends	$+F_d^{GG}$	$-F_f^G$				$+F_d^{BG} \cdot xr_G$					0
B firms' dividends	$+F_d^{GB} \cdot xr_B$					$+F_d^{BB}$	$-F_d^B$				0
Retained profits		$[+F_u^G]$					$[+F_u^B]$				0
Managers' compens.	$+F_m^G$	$-F_m^G$				$+F_m^B$	$-F_m^B$				0
Banks' profit (distrib.)	$+F_b^G$		$-F_b^G$			$+F_b^B$		$-F_b^B$			0
CB profits				$+F_{cb}^G$	$-F_{cb}^G$				$+F_{cb}^B$	$-F_{cb}^B$	0
$\Delta$ in cash	$-\Delta H_h^G$				$+\Delta H_s^G$	$-\Delta H_h^B$				$+\Delta H_s^B$	0
$\Delta$ in CB advances			$+\Delta A_d^G$		$-\Delta A_s^G$			$+\Delta A_d^B$		$-\Delta A_s^B$	0
$\Delta$ in deposits	$-\Delta M_h^G$		$+\Delta M_s^G$			$-\Delta M_h^B$		$+\Delta M_s^B$			0
$\Delta$ in loans		$+\Delta L_f^G$	$-\Delta L_s^G$				$+\Delta L_f^B$	$-\Delta L_s^B$			0

$\Delta$ in G bills	$-\Delta B_d^{GG}$		$-\Delta B_b^G$	$+\Delta B_s^G$	$-\Delta B_{cb}^{GG}$		$-\Delta B_d^{BG} \cdot xr_G$					0
$\Delta$ in B bills	$-\Delta B_d^{GB} \cdot xr_B$						$-\Delta B_d^{BB}$		$-\Delta B_b^B$	$+\Delta B_s^B$	$-\Delta B_{cb}^{BB}$	0
<b><math>\Sigma</math></b>	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Memo: capital gains</i>	$-CG_b^G - CG_e^G$	$+CG_{eG}$		$+CG_{bG}$			$-CG_b^B - CG_e^B$	$+CG_{eB}$		$+CG_{dB}$		

Notes: A '+' before a magnitude denotes a receipt or a source of funds, whereas '-' denotes a payment or a use of funds. Floating exchange rates are assumed. Capitalists and workers are aggregated and consolidated in the household sector. [ · ] = capital account entry. Subscript 'eG' marks capital gains accruing on all shares issued by Greenland firms, regardless of the nationality of investors (similar considerations go for 'bG', 'eB' and 'Bb').

Table 3. Physical flow matrix of the two-area economy (consolidated)

	<b>Worldwide material balance</b>	<b>Worldwide energy balance</b>
<b>Inputs</b>		
Extracted matter	$+mat_G + mat_B$	
Renewable energy		$+er_G + er_B$
Non-renewable energy	$+cen_G + cen_B$	$+en_G + en_B$
Oxygen	$+o2_G + o2_B$	
<b>Outputs</b>		
Industrial CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	$-(emis_G + emis_B)$	
Waste	$-(wa_G + wa_B)$	
Dissipated energy		$-(ed_G + ed_B)$
<b>Change in s.e.s.</b>	$-(\Delta k_{se}^G + \Delta k_{se}^B)$	
<b><math>\Sigma</math></b>	0	0

Notes: Matter is measured in Gt while energy is measure in EJ. A '+' sign denotes additions to the opening stock, whereas '-' denotes reduction. *G* = Greenland; *B* = Brownland.

Table 4. Physical stock-flow matrix of the two-area economy (consolidated)

	Global material reserves	Global non-renewable energy reserves	Global atmospheric CO2 concentration	Global socio-economic stock
<b>Initial stock</b>	$+k_{m,-1}^G + k_{m,-1}^B$	$+k_{e,-1}^G + k_{e,-1}^B$	$+co2_{AT,-1}$	$+k_{se,-1}^G + k_{se,-1}^B$
Resources converted into reserves	$+conv_m^G + conv_m^B$	$+conv_e^G + conv_e^B$		
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (global)			$+emis_G + emis_B + emis_l$	
Production of material goods				$+y_{mat}^G + y_{mat}^B$
Extraction/use of matter/energy	$-(mat_G + mat_B)$	$-(en_G + en_B)$		
Net transfer to oceans/biosphere			$+(\phi_{11} - 1) \cdot co2_{AT,-1} + \phi_{21} \cdot co2_{UP,-1}$	
Destruction of socio-economic stock				$-(dis_G + dis_B)$
<b>Final stock</b>	$+k_m^G + k_m^B$	$+k_e^G + k_e^B$	$+co2_{AT}$	$+k_{se}^G + k_{se}^B$

Notes: Matter is measured in Gt while energy is measure in EJ. A '+' sign denotes inputs in the socio-economic system, whereas '-' denotes outputs. *G* = Greenland; *B* = Brownland.

Table 5. Changes in selected variables in 2050 relative to 2025 (under a floating exchange rate regime)

	Scenario 1.			Scenario 2.			Scenario 3.			Scenario 4.			Scenario 5.			Scenario 6.		
	Safer financial assets			Greener financial assets			Greener consumption			Austerity in Brownland			MOIS in Greenland			Coordinated MOIS		
	B	G	W	B	G	W	B	G	W	B	G	W	B	G	W	B	G	W
<b>Economy</b>																		
Total output*	-1.33003	-1.33003	-2.6601	0.91581	-1.28647	-1.1477	-0.09247	0.08459	-2.3929	-0.54237	-0.40141	10.5787	-0.02563	0.74698	1.056	0.76648	0.76648	1.5329
Exchange rate	0	0	NA	-0.034915	0.036178	NA	-0.106996	0.119815	NA	0.520033	-0.34212	NA	0.015008	-0.014786	NA	0	0	NA
Current account*	0	0	NA	1.289506	-1.238625	NA	-0.121874	0.108898	NA	0.326035	-0.49453	NA	-0.004751	0.004822	NA	0	0	NA
Government budget*	0.578545	0.578545	1.15709	1.119517	-1.090655	0.028862	-0.098938	0.090738	-0.0082	0.452714	-0.406542	0.046172	-0.000281	-0.174481	-0.174762	-0.167543	-0.167543	-0.335086
<b>Society</b>																		
Socio-economic stock (Gt)	-15.1	-11.484	-26.584	80.659	-45.319	35.34	-7.769	5.515	-2.254	12.219	-23.744	-11.525	0.305	8.257	8.562	3.951	3.249	7.2
Waste (Gt)	-0.1652	-0.11204	-0.27724	0.30206	-0.18459	0.11747	-0.01526	0.00987	-0.00539	-0.0286	-0.04559	-0.07419	-0.00048	0.04401	0.04353	-0.15942	-0.10318	-0.2626
Income inequality	-0.012224	-0.012224	NA	0.002012	-0.005532	NA	-0.00005	-0.0000231	NA	-0.002174	-0.000447	NA	-0.0000642	0.001822	NA	0.001748	0.001748	NA
Wealth inequality	-0.009	-0.009	NA	-0.002961	-0.00881	NA	0.001117	-0.001158	NA	-0.006066	0.00394	NA	-0.000216	0.001664	NA	0.001484	0.001484	NA
<b>Finance</b>																		
Tobin's q of firms	0.00144	0.00144	NA	-0.007669	0.010038	NA	-0.009141	0.008189	NA	0.027104	-0.039172	NA	0.001182	-0.002227	NA	-0.000915	-0.000915	NA
Firms' leverage ratio	0.009579	0.009579	NA	0.103119	-0.098122	NA	-0.00233	0.002166	NA	0.008699	-0.008614	NA	-0.001009	-0.001907	NA	-0.002767	-0.002767	NA
Return on equity	-0.0000256	-0.0000256	NA	0.003281	-0.00108	NA	-0.0000007	0.0000018	NA	-0.0000612	0.0000229	NA	-0.0000221	0.0000683	NA	0.0000489	0.0000489	NA
Bank liquidity ratio	-0.101727	-0.101727	NA	-0.033434	0.021117	NA	0.004249	-0.003938	NA	-0.017305	0.017707	NA	-0.000118	0.004965	NA	0.004502	0.004502	NA
<b>Ecosystem</b>																		
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (Gt)	-0.34204	-0.111831	-0.45387	0.20499	-0.102272	0.10272	-0.02131	0.006389	-0.01491	-0.11178	-0.030183	-0.14196	-0.00697	0.047948	0.04099	-1.09073	-0.67633	-1.76705
Atm. temperature (C)	NA	NA	-0.003214	NA	NA	0.012885	NA	NA	-0.000982	NA	NA	0.000503	NA	NA	0.000791	NA	NA	-0.010935
Matter intensity (Kg/USD)	0.000246	0.000246	0.000246	-0.000579	0.000436	-0.0000714	0.0000511	-0.0000391	0.000006	0.000484	0.000192	0.000338	-0.0000004	-0.000619	-0.00031	-0.010395	-0.007632	-0.009014
Energy intensity (Ej/trillion USD)	0.002743	0.002743	0.002743	-0.006449	0.004858	-0.000796	0.000568	-0.000436	0.000066	0.005389	0.002134	0.003761	-0.000005	-0.006893	-0.003449	-0.112214	-0.084587	-0.0984

Notes: B = Brownland; G = Greenland; W = Worldwide. \* Constant prices, trillion USD (Greenland currency). All variables are expressed as differences with baseline values.

Fig. 1. Baseline: selected variables

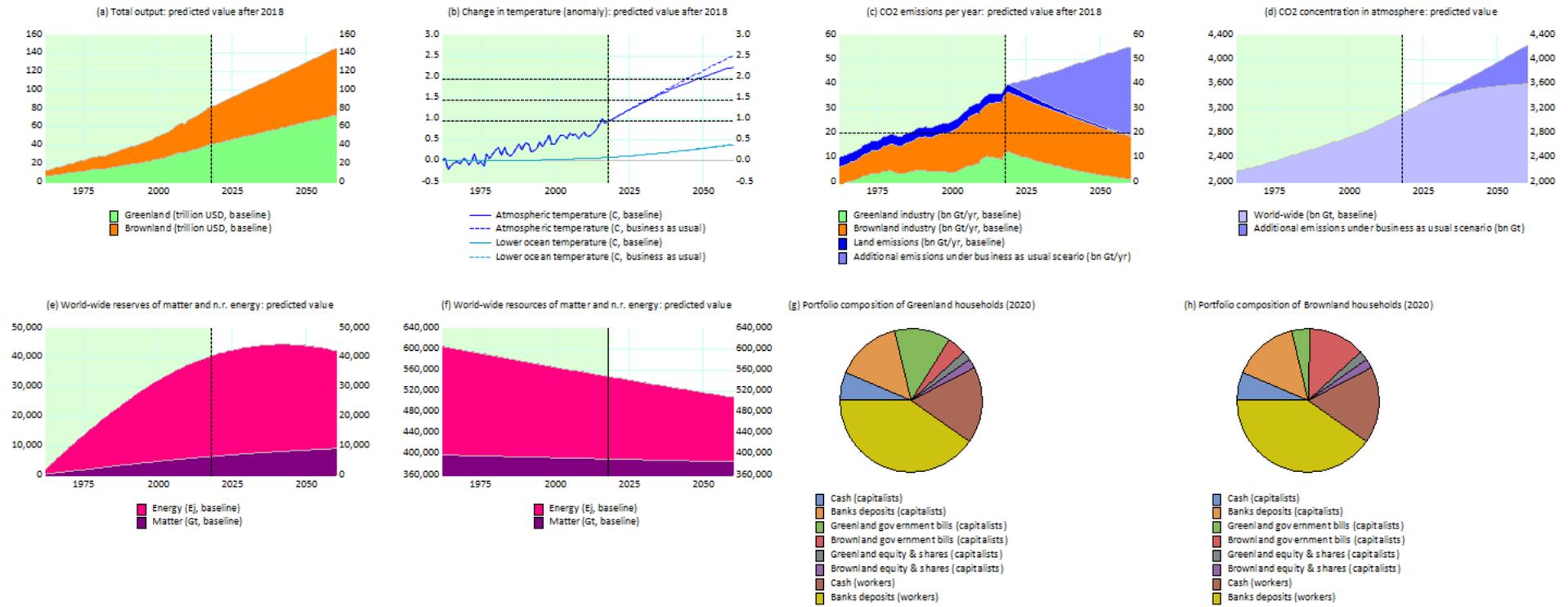


Fig. 2. Increase in risk aversion in both areas

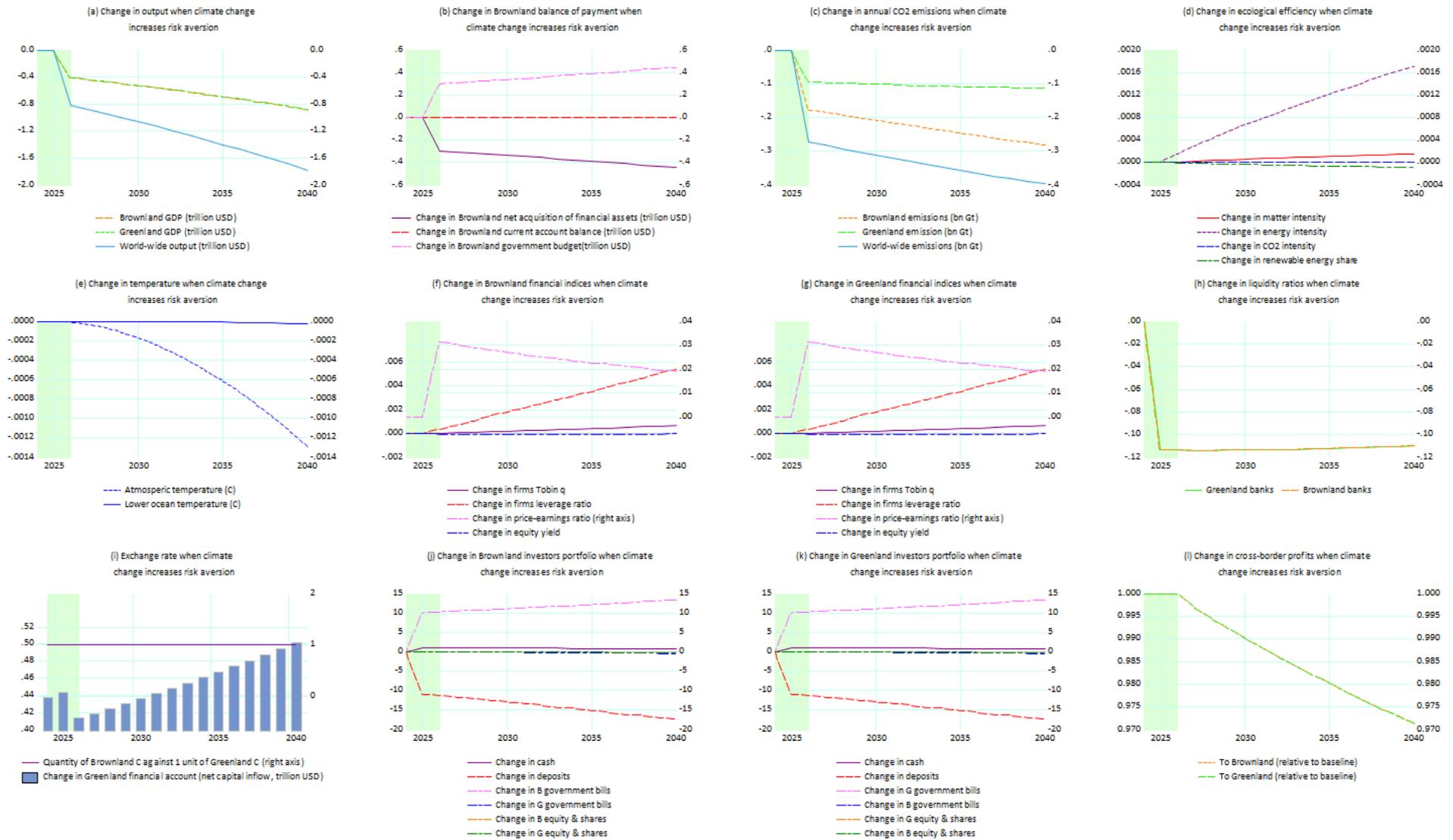


Fig. 3. Preference for greener financial assets

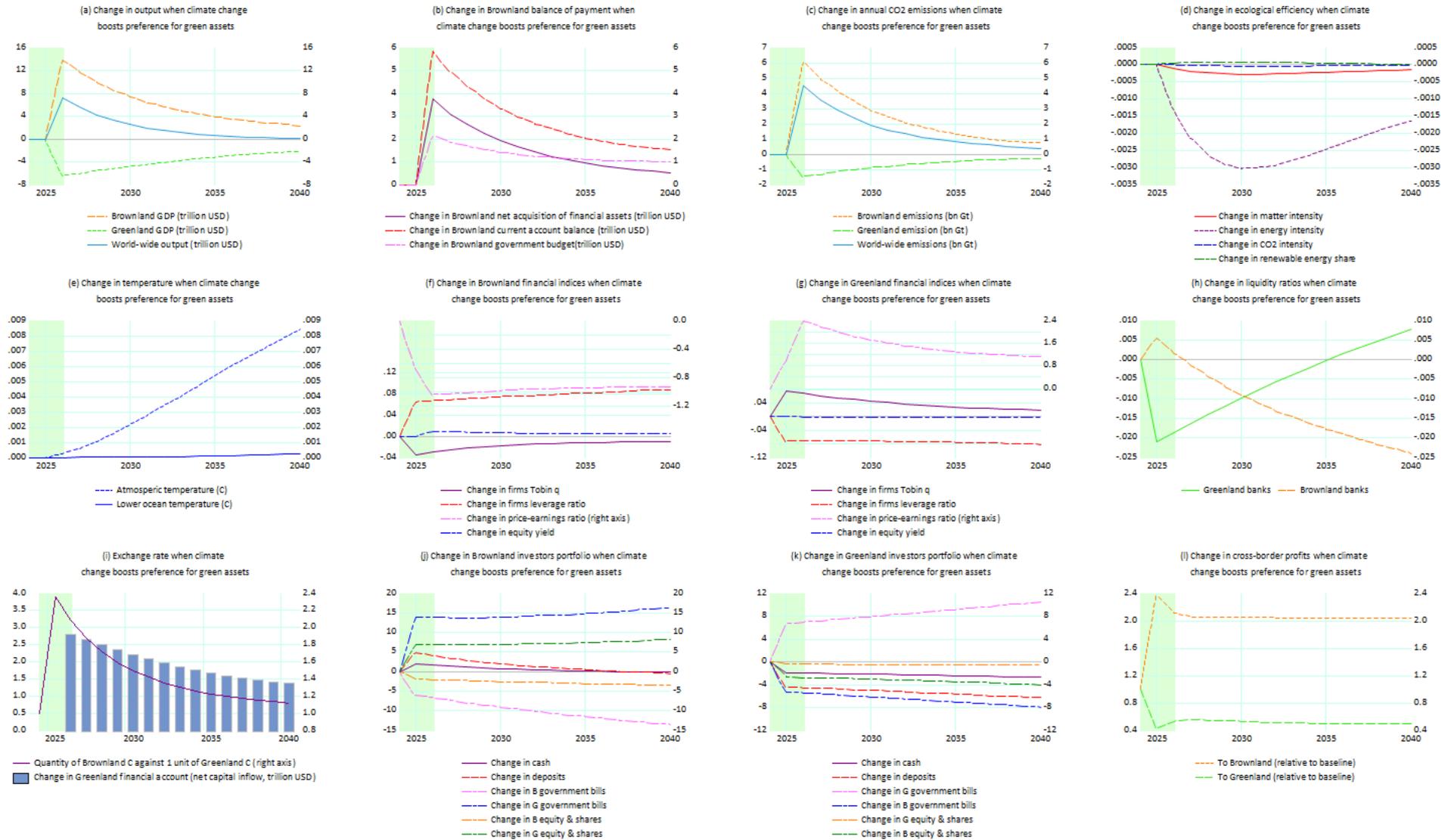


Fig. 4. Preference for greener products

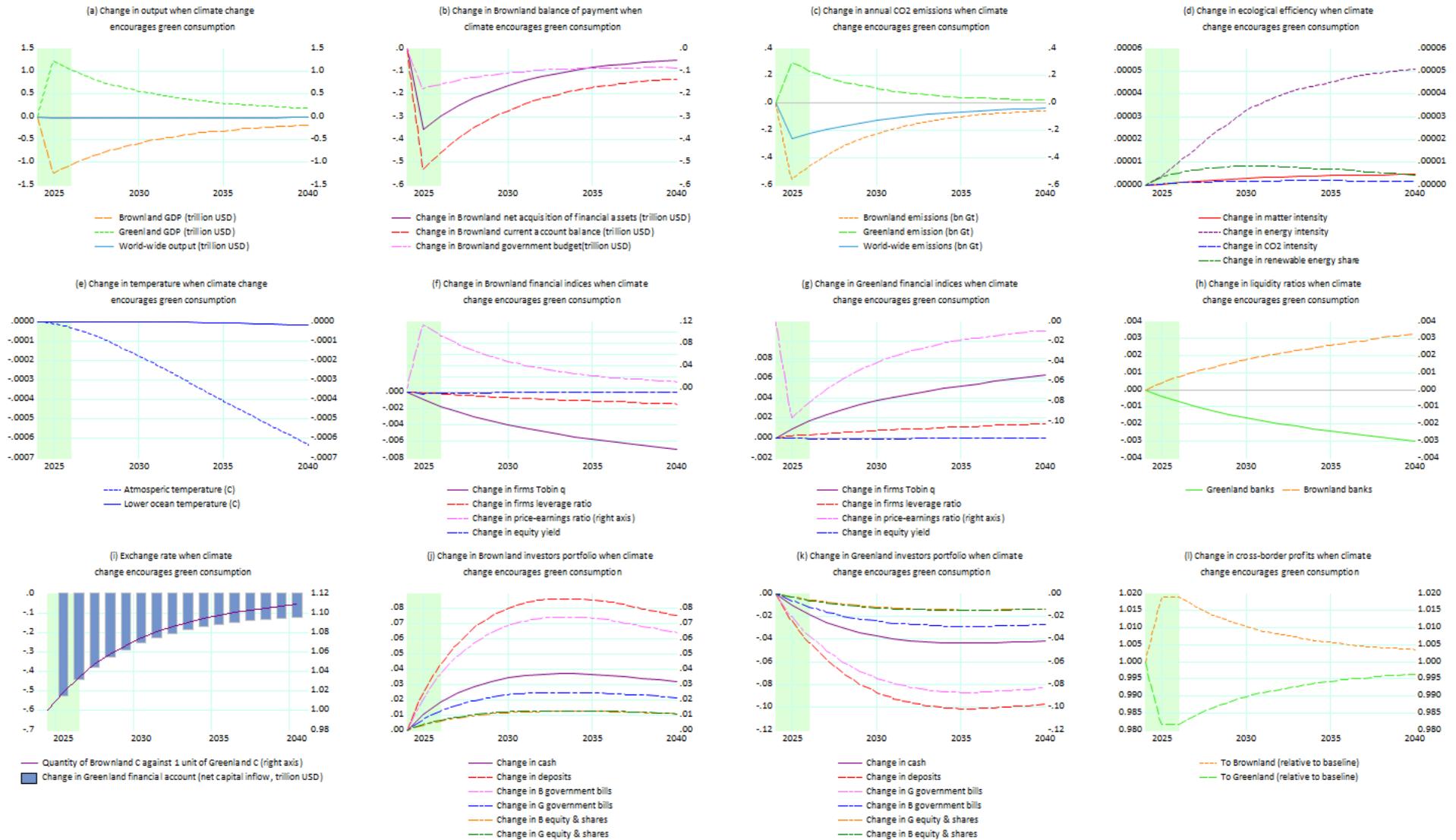


Fig. 5. Brownland government cuts green incentives, affecting import from Greenland

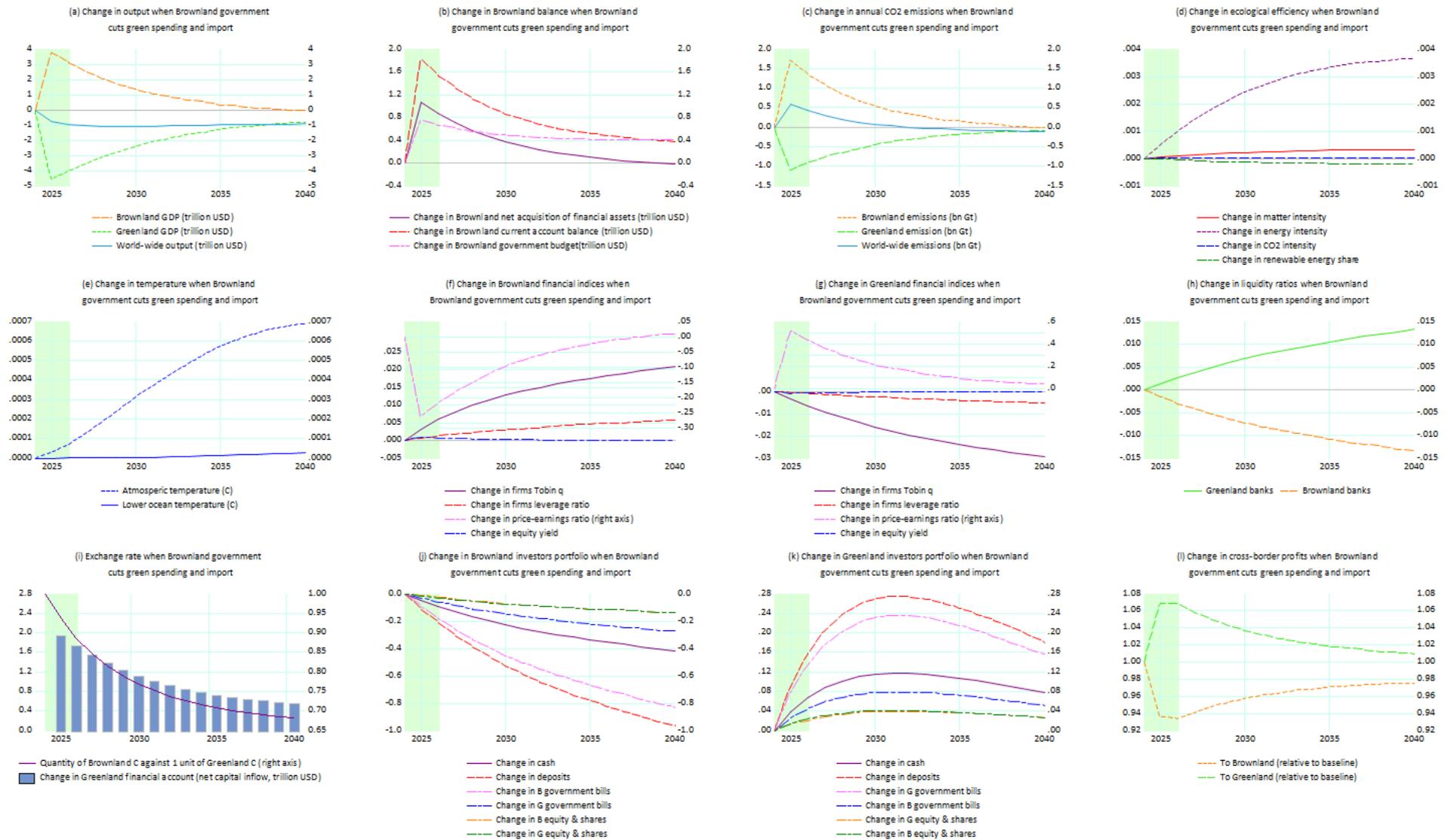


Fig. 6. Greenland government undertakes green MOIS

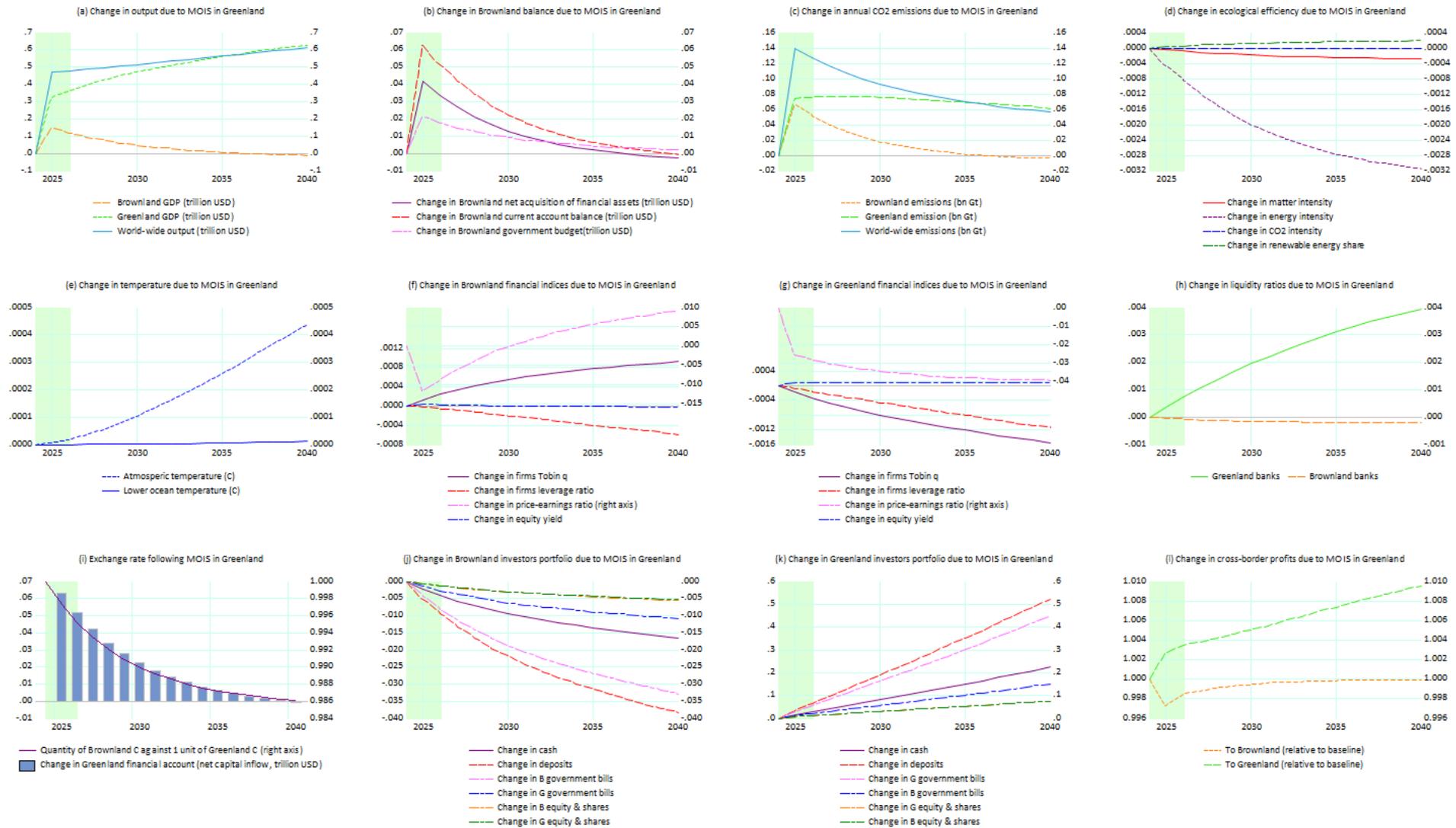


Fig. 3bis. Preference for greener financial assets under a fixed exchange rate regime

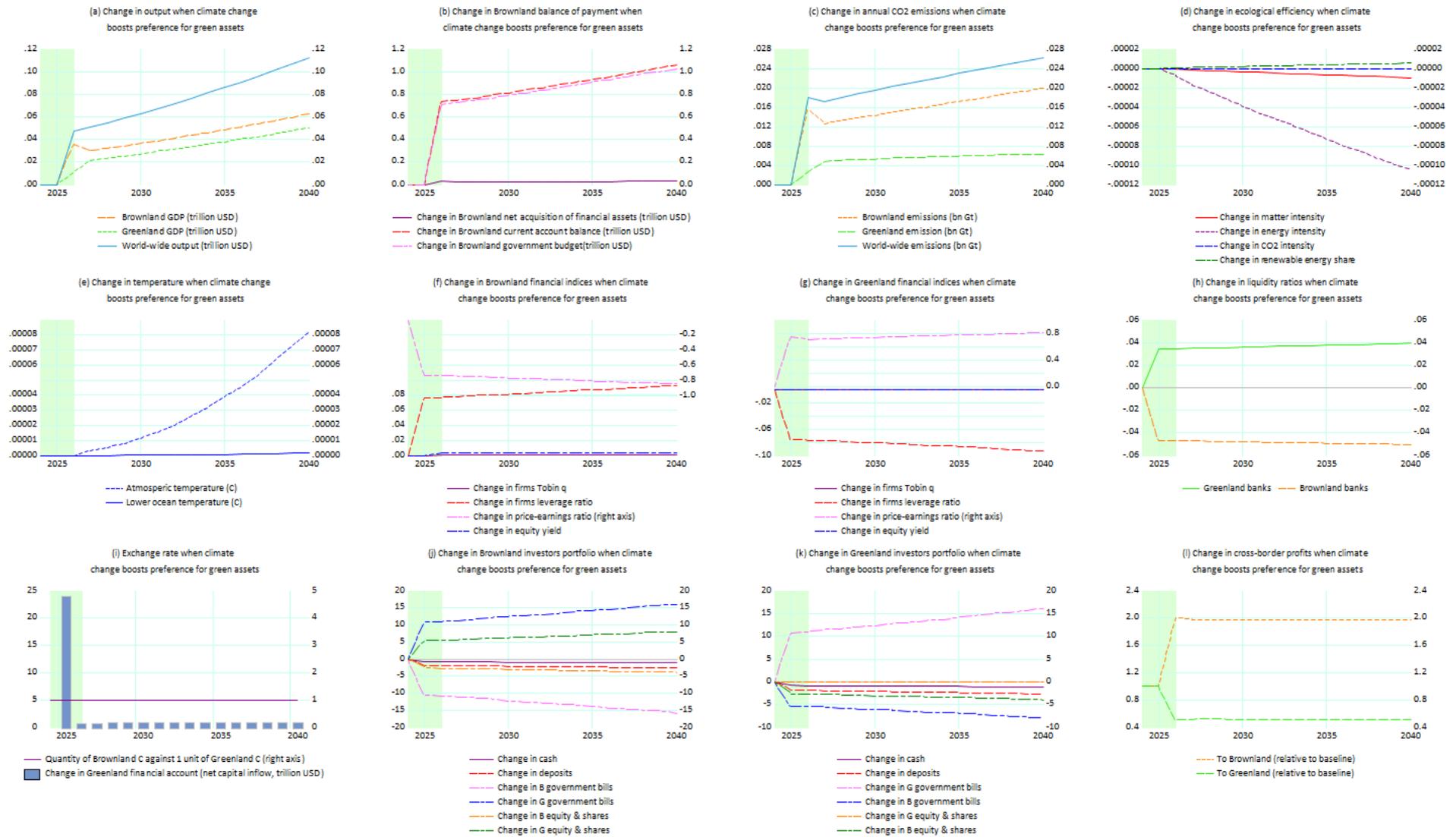


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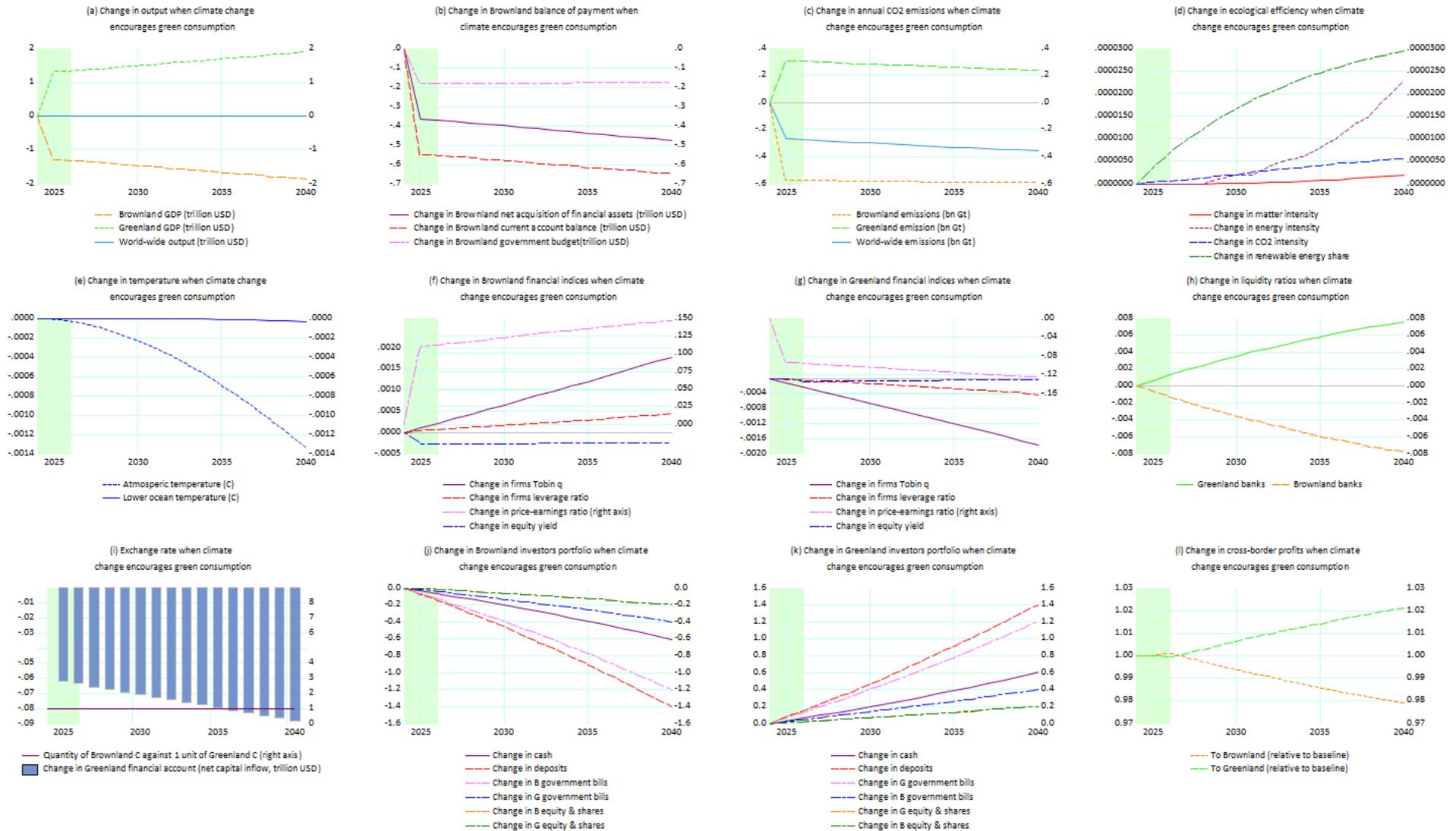


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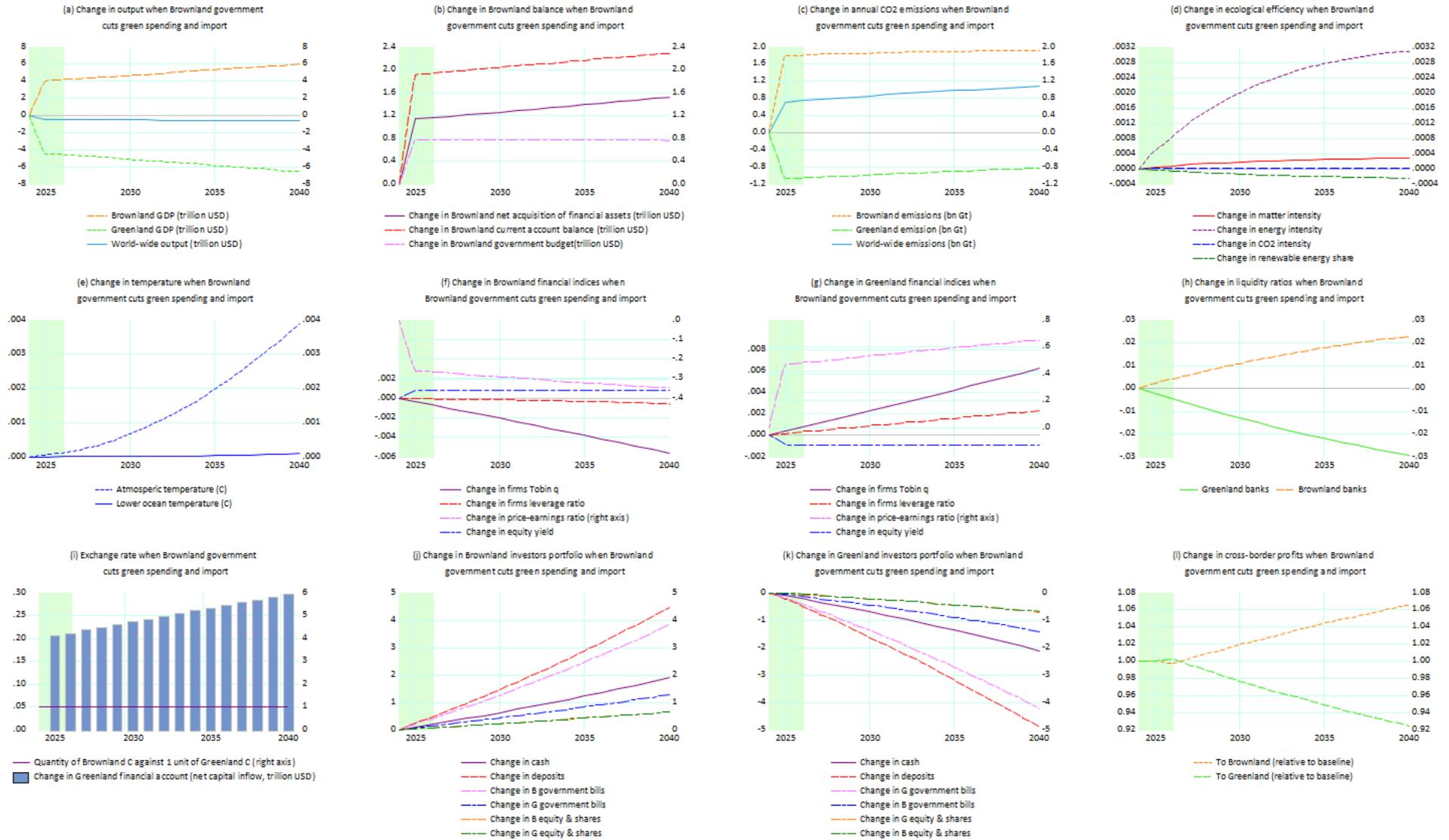


Fig. 6bis. Greenland government undertakes green MOIS under a fixed exchange rate regime

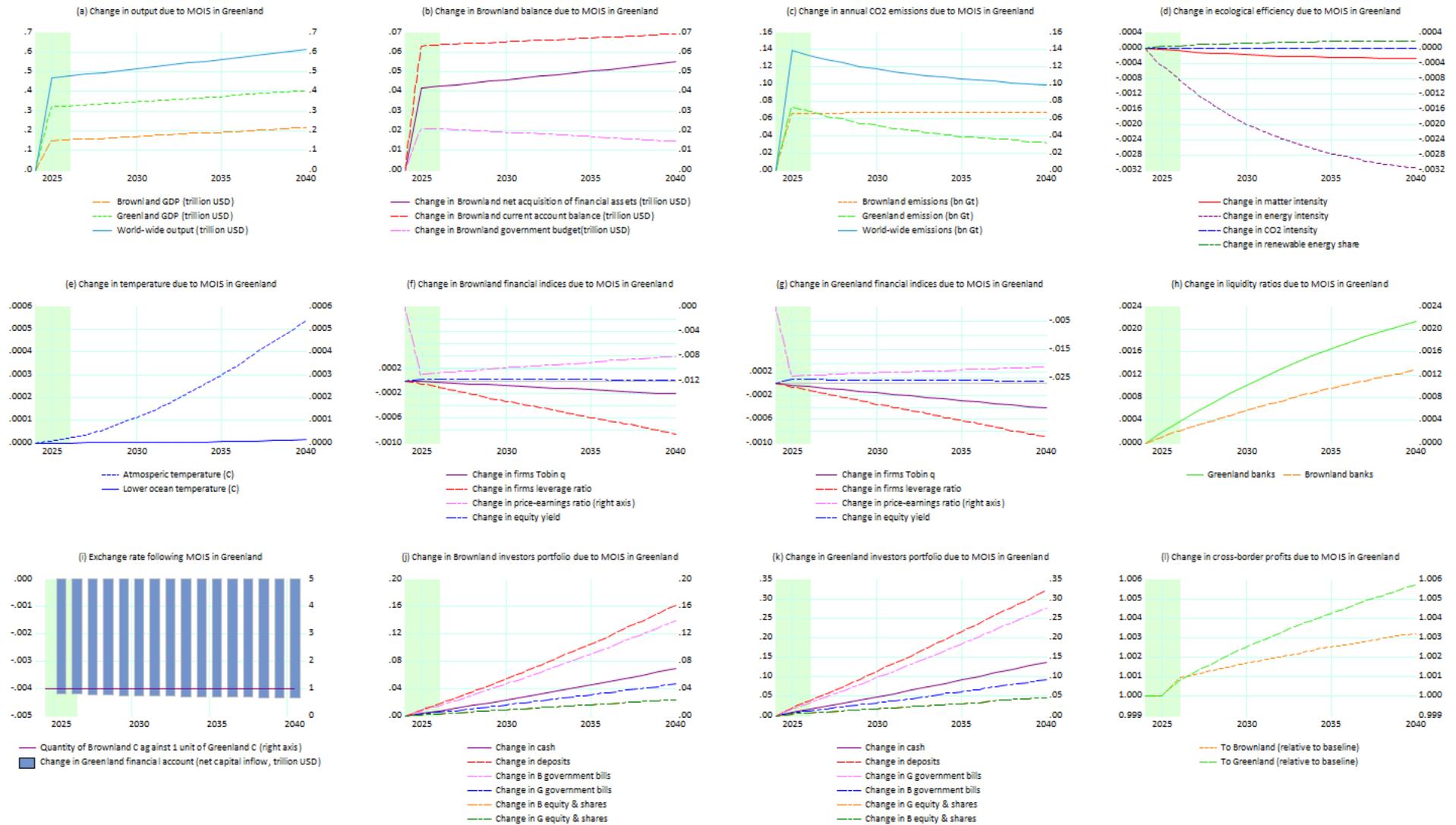


Fig. 7. Coordinated green MOIS, assuming ecological efficiency synergies

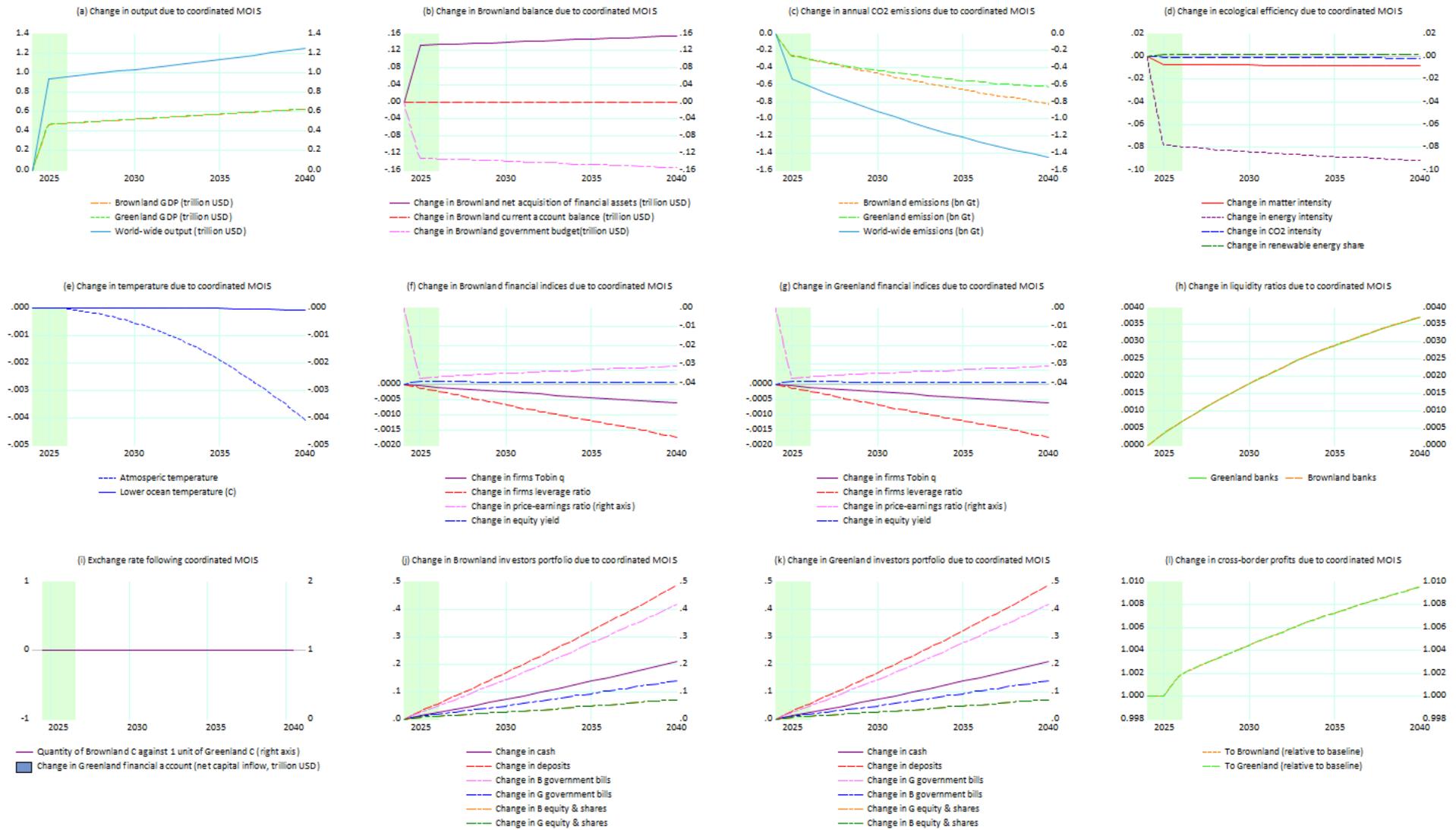


Fig. 8. Additional charts: exchange rates, temperature changes, socio-economic stocks and inequality indices (all scenarios)

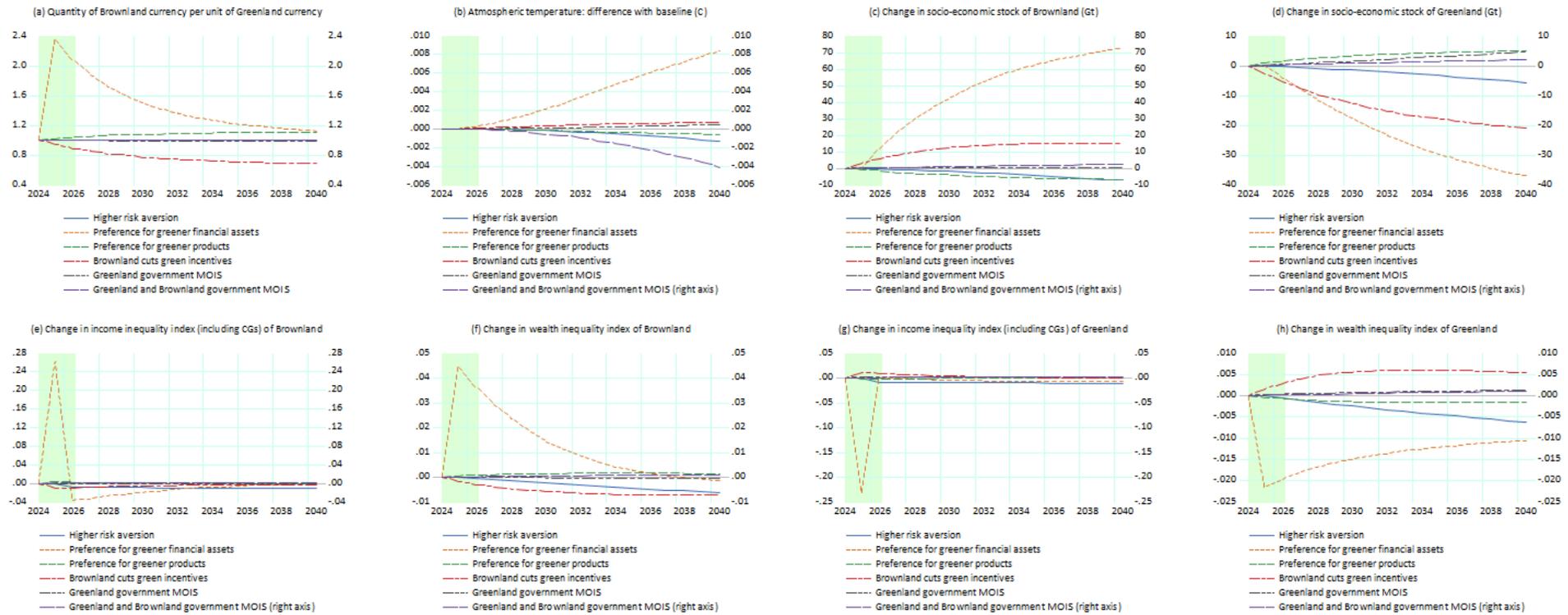
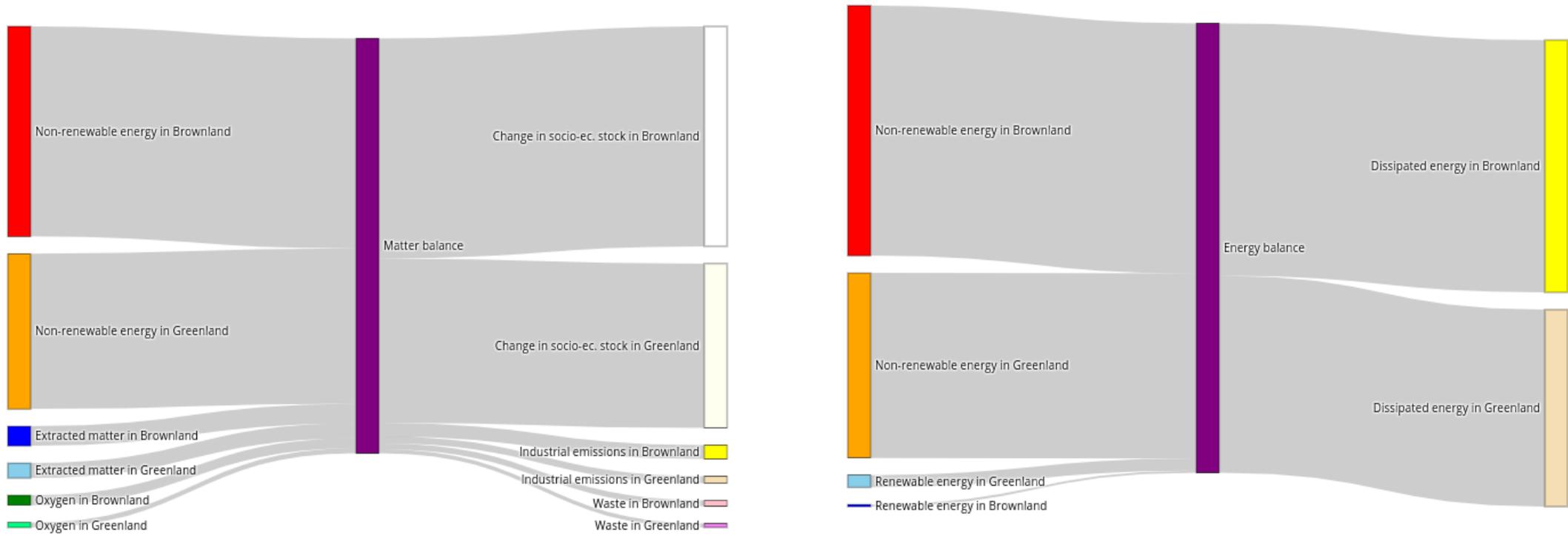
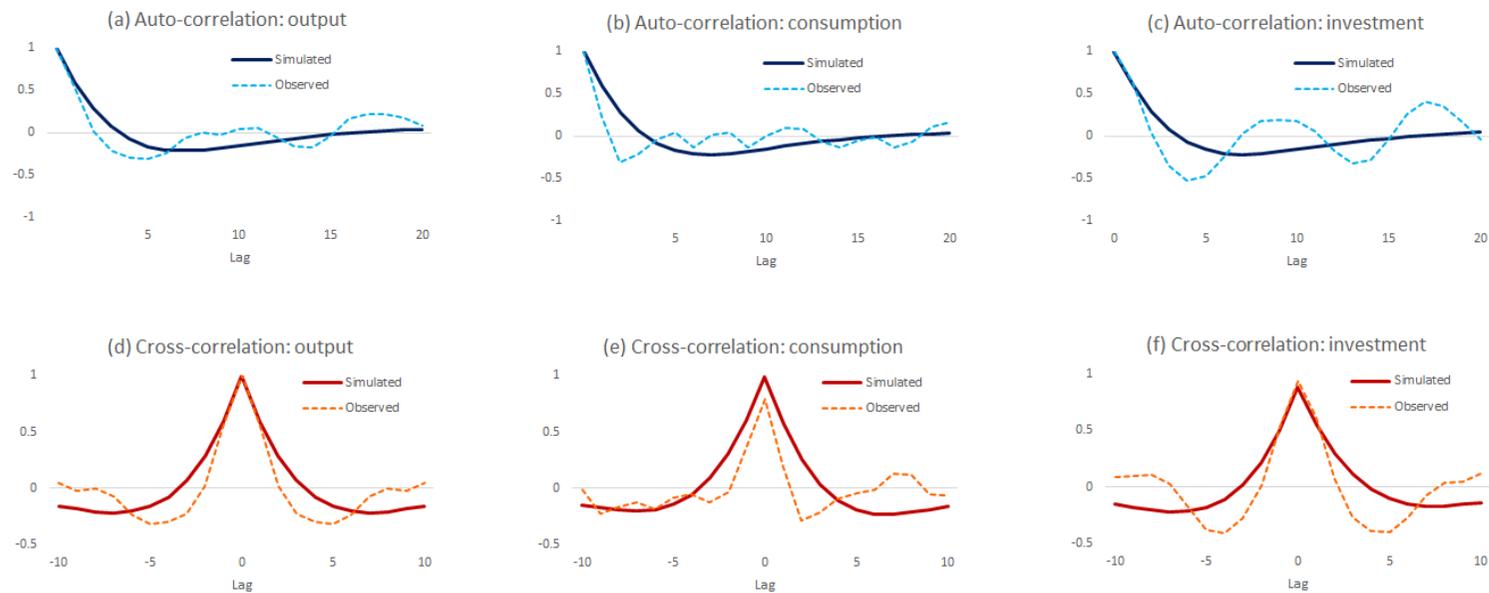


Fig. 9. Global matter and energy balances under the baseline scenario in 2018



Notes: Matter is measured in Gt while energy is measure in EJ.

Fig. 10. Auto- and cross-correlations: simulated vs. observed series



Note: Series are all expressed in logarithms. A Hodrick-Prescott filter was used to separate the cyclical component of each series from its trend. Only the former is considered. Observed data refer to the period 1960-2017. Simulated series refer to the period 2018-2060 (out-of-sample predictions).

Table 6. Initial values of variables and coefficient values for the baseline and the experiments

Starting values of variables and parameters of the two open economies	Symbols and baseline values	Values under alternative scenarios					
		Scenario 1. Safer financial assets	Scenario 2. Greener financial assets	Scenario 3. Greener consumption	Scenario 4. Austerity in Brownland	Scenario 5. MOIS in Greenland	Scenario 6. Coordinated MOIS
Brownland capitalists' propensity to consume out of income*	$\alpha_{1r}^B \approx 0.49$						
Brownland workers' propensity to consume out of income*	$\alpha_{1w}^B \approx 0.79$						
Greenland capitalists' propensity to consume out of income*	$\alpha_{1r}^G \approx 0.49$						
Greenland workers' propensity to consume out of income*	$\alpha_{1w}^G \approx 0.79$						
Brownland capitalists' propensity to consume out of wealth*	$\alpha_{2r}^B \approx 0.02$						
Brownland workers' propensity to consume out of wealth*	$\alpha_{2w}^B \approx 0.02$						
Greenland capitalists' propensity to consume out of wealth*	$\alpha_{2r}^G \approx 0.02$						
Greenland workers' propensity to consume out of wealth*	$\alpha_{2w}^G \approx 0.02$						
Parameter in Brownland export equation	$\varepsilon_0 = -2.1$						
Parameter in Brownland export equation	$\varepsilon_1 = 0.5$						
Parameter in Brownland export equation	$\varepsilon_2 = 1.228$			1.20			
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{10} = 0.3$	0.40	0.20				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{11} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{12} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{13} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{14} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{20} = 0.1$		0.20				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{21} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{22} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{23} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{24} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{40} = 0.3$	0.40	0.40				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{41} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{42} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{43} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{44} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{50} = 0.1$		0.05				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{51} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{52} = 1$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{53} = 0$						
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland bills by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{54} = 0$						

Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{70} = 0.05$	0	0.10		
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{71} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{72} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{73} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{74} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{75} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{80} = 0.05$	0	0.025		
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{81} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{82} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{83} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{84} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{90} = 0.05$	0	0.025		
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{91} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{92} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{93} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{94} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Greenland shares by Greenland capitalists	$\lambda_{100} = 0.05$	0	0.10		
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{101} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{102} = 0$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{103} = 0.01$				
Portfolio parameter of demand for Brownland shares by Brownland capitalists	$\lambda_{104} = 0.01$				
Shares issues to investment ratio in Greenland	$\xi_G = 0.01$				
Shares issues to investment ratio in Brownland	$\xi_B = 0.01$				
Real supply of shares in Brownland	$e_s^B = 1$				
Real supply of shares in Greenland	$e_s^G = 1$				
Unit price of shares in Brownland	$p_e^B = 1$				
Unit price of shares in Greenland	$p_e^G = 1$				
Parameter in Brownland import equation	$\mu_0 = -2.1$				
Parameter in Brownland import equation	$\mu_1 = 0.5$				
Parameter in Brownland import equation	$\mu_2 = 1.228$			1.256	
Parameter in Brownland import equation	$\gamma_\mu = 0$				0.5
Average tax rate on income in Brownland*	$\theta_B \approx 0.144$				
Average tax rate on income in Greenland*	$\theta_G \approx 0.144$				
Initial value of depreciation rate in Brownland*	$\delta_0^B = 0.079$				
Initial value of depreciation rate in Greenland*	$\delta_0^G = 0.079$				
Capital adaptation coefficient in Brownland*	$ad_K^B = 0.75$				

Capital adaptation coefficient in Greenland*	$ad_K^G = 0.75$			
Parameter of investment function in Greenland*	$\gamma_0^G \approx 0.186$			
Parameter of investment function in Greenland*	$\gamma_{10}^G \approx 1$			
Parameter of investment function in Greenland	$\gamma_{11}^G = 0$			
Sensitivity of loan interest rate to green investment share in Greenland	$\gamma_2^G = 0$			
Parameter of investment function in Brownland*	$\gamma_0^B \approx 0.186$			
Parameter of investment function in Brownland*	$\gamma_{10}^B \approx 1$			
Parameter of investment function in Brownland	$\gamma_{11}^B = 0$			
Sensitivity of loan interest rate to green investment share in Brownland	$\gamma_2^B = 0$			
Parameter of Brownland green investment function	$\chi_1^B = 0.2$			
Parameter of Brownland green investment function	$\chi_2^B = 0.02$			
Parameter of Brownland green investment function	$\chi_3^B = 10$			
Parameter of Greenland green investment function	$\chi_1^G = 0.2$			
Parameter of Greenland green investment function	$\chi_2^G = 0.02$			
Parameter of Greenland green investment function	$\chi_3^G = 10$			
Wage share to total income in Brownland	$\omega_B = 0.62$			
Wage share to total income in Greenland	$\omega_G = 0.62$			
Profit retention rate of Brownland firms	$ret_B = 0.02$			
Profit retention rate of Greenland firms	$ret_G = 0.02$			
Percentage of money held in Brownland deposits	$v_B = 0.7$	0.60		
Percentage of money held in Greenland deposits	$v_G = 0.7$	0.60		
Parameter of dividend yield in Greenland	$\pi_{dy}^G \approx 0.005$			
Parameter of dividend yield in Brownland	$\pi_{dy}^B \approx 0.005$			
<b>Starting values of variables and parameter values for the ecosystem</b>				
Material intensity of green capital in Brownland (Kg/USD)	$\mu_{gr}^B = 0.71$			-10%
Material intensity of green capital in Greenland (Kg/USD)	$\mu_{gr}^G = 0.51$			-10%
Material intensity of conventional capital in Brownland (Kg/USD)	$\mu_{con}^B = 0.86$			
Material intensity of conventional capital in Greenland (Kg/USD)	$\mu_{con}^G = 0.66$			
Energy intensity of green capital in Brownland (Ej/USD)	$\epsilon_{gr}^B = 7.65$			-10%
Energy intensity of green capital in Greenland (Ej/USD)	$\epsilon_{gr}^G = 5.65$			-10%
Energy intensity of conventional capital in Brownland (Ej/USD)	$\epsilon_{con}^B = 9.32$			
Energy intensity of conventional capital in Greenland (Ej/USD)	$\epsilon_{con}^G = 7.32$			
CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of green capital in Brownland (Gt/Ej)**	$\beta_{gr}^B \approx 0.038$			
CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of green capital in Greenland (Gt/Ej)**	$\beta_{gr}^G \approx 0.028$			

CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of conventional capital in Brownland (Gt/Ej)**	$\beta_{con}^B \approx 0.058$			
CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of conventional capital in Greenland (Gt/Ej)**	$\beta_{con}^G \approx 0.048$			
Rate of decline of CO <sub>2</sub> intensity in Brownland after 2020	$g_{\beta}^B = 0.02$			+10%
Rate of decline of CO <sub>2</sub> intensity in Greenland after 2020	$g_{\beta}^G = 0.04$			+10%
Coefficient of CO <sub>2</sub> annual emissions in Brownland**	$\beta_0^B \approx 3.45$			
Coefficient of CO <sub>2</sub> annual emissions in Greenland**	$\beta_0^G \approx 3.45$			
Approximate value of cum. CO <sub>2</sub> emissions of Brownland in 1960 (bn CO <sub>2</sub> , Gt)**	$co2_B \approx 306$			
Approximate value of cum. CO <sub>2</sub> emissions of Greenland in 1960 (bn CO <sub>2</sub> , Gt)**	$co2_G \approx 306$			
Temperature at the lower-ocean level	$T_{LO} = 0$			
Speed of adjustment parameter in atmospheric temperature function	$\tau_1 = 0.012$			
Heat loss from the atmosphere to the lower ocean in atmospheric temperature	$\tau_2 = 0.038$			
Heat loss from the atmosphere to the lower ocean in lower ocean temperature	$\tau_3 = 0.005$			
Equilibrium climate sensitivity	$s = 3$			
Pre-industrial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in atmosphere	$co2_{AT}^{PRE} = 1078.21$			
Pre-industrial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in upper ocean/biosphere	$co2_{UP}^{PRE} = 2475.25$			
Pre-industrial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in lower ocean	$co2_{LO}^{PRE} = 18335$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{11} = 0.9817$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{12} = 0.0183$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{21} = 0.0080$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{22} = 0.9915$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{23} = 0.0005$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{32} = 0.0001$			
CO <sub>2</sub> transfer coefficient	$\phi_{33} = 0.9999$			
Land-use CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	$emis_l = 4$			
Rate of decline of land-use CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (after 2020)	$g_l = 0.044$			
Radiative forcing over pre-industrial levels (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$F = 2.3$			
Increase in radiative forcing due to doubling of CO <sub>2</sub> concentration	$F_2 = 3.8$			
Radiative forcing due to non-CO <sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases	$F_{EX} = 0.28$			
Annual increase in radiative forcing due to non-CO <sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases	$fex = 0.005$			
Waste generated by production activities in Brownland (Gt)	$wa_B = 5.5$			
Waste generated by production activities in Greenland (Gt)	$wa_G = 5.5$			
Recycling rate in Brownland	$\rho_B = 0.2$			
Recycling rate in Greenland	$\rho_G = 0.28$			
Conversion rate of material resources into reserves in Brownland	$\sigma_m^B = 0.00034$			
Conversion rate of material resources into reserves in Greenland	$\sigma_m^G = 0.00034$			
Conversion rate of non-ren. energy resources into reserves in Brownland	$\sigma_e^B = 0.00177$			

Conversion rate of non-ren. energy resources into reserves in Greenland	$\sigma_e^G = 0.00177$			
Initial value of matter resources of Brownland (Gt)	$res_m^B \approx 199,290$			
Initial value of matter resources of Greenland (Gt)	$res_m^G \approx 199,290$			
Initial value of non-renewable energy resources of Brownland (Ej)	$res_e^B \approx 303,535$			
Initial value of non-renewable energy resources of Greenland (Ej)	$res_e^G \approx 303,535$			
Initial value of socio-economic stock of Brownland (Gt)	$k_{se}^B = 0$			
Initial value of socio-economic stock of Brownland (Gt)	$k_{se}^G = 0$			
Coefficient converting Gt of carbon into Gt of CO <sub>2</sub>	$car = 3.67$			
Parameter of damage function in Brownland	$d_1^B = 0$			
Parameter of damage function in Brownland	$d_2^B = 0.00284$			
Parameter of damage function in Brownland	$d_3^B = 0.000005$			
Parameter of damage function in Brownland	$x^B = 6.6754$			
Percentage of damages in Brownland	$d_T^B = 0.0028$			
Parameter of damage function in Greenland	$d_1^G = 0$			
Parameter of damage function in Greenland	$d_2^G = 0.00284$			
Parameter of damage function in Greenland	$d_3^G = 0.000005$			
Parameter of damage function in Greenland	$x^G = 6.6754$			
Percentage of damages in Greenland	$d_T^G = 0.0028$			
Brownland export damage activation coefficient	$ad_x = 0$			
Brownland import damage activation coefficient	$ad_{IM} = 0$			
Proportion of durable discarded in Brownland every year	$\zeta_B = 0.015$			
Proportion of durable discarded in Greenland every year	$\zeta_G = 0.015$			
Share of renewable energy to total energy in Brownland, conventional capital	$\eta_{con}^B = 0$			
Share of renewable energy to total energy in Greenland, conventional capital	$\eta_{con}^G = 0.05$			
Share of renewable energy to total energy in Brownland, green capital	$\eta_{gr}^B = 0.075$			+10%
Share of renewable energy to total energy in Greenland, green capital	$\eta_{gr}^G = 0.15$			+10%
<b>Starting values of exogenous variables for the two open economies</b>				
Government green spending in Brownland	$GOV_{gr}^B = 1$	0.80		1.20
Government green spending in Greenland	$GOV_{gr}^G = 1$		1.20	1.20
Government conventional spending in Brownland*	$GOV_{con}^B \approx 0.24$			
Government conventional spending in Greenland*	$GOV_{con}^G \approx 0.24$			
Coefficient of government conventional spending function in Brownland*	$\gamma_{GOV0}^B \approx 0.76$			
Coefficient of government conventional spending function in Brownland*	$\gamma_{GOV1}^B \approx 1$			
Coefficient of government conventional spending function in Greenland*	$\gamma_{GOV0}^G \approx 0.76$			
Coefficient of government conventional spending function in Greenland*	$\gamma_{GOV1}^G \approx 1$			

Return rate on government bonds in Brownland  
 Return rate on government bonds in Greenland  
 Interest rate on loans in Brownland  
 Interest rate on loans in Greenland

$$r_B = 0.03$$

$$r_G = 0.03$$

$$r_l^B = 0.03$$

$$r_l^G = 0.03$$

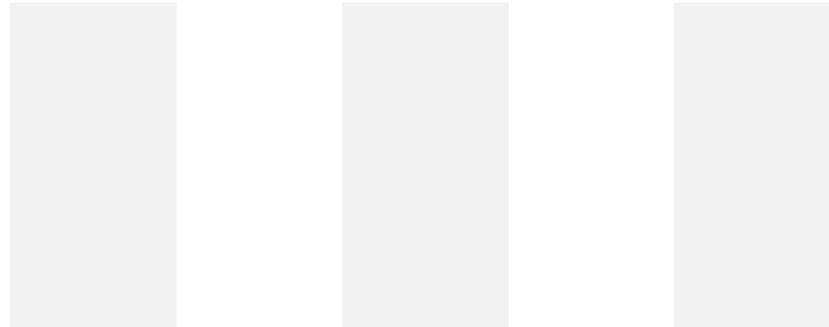
**Starting values for endog. variables with lag for the two open economies**

Exchange rate  
 Return rate on equity & shares in Brownland  
 Return rate on equity & shares in Greenland

$$xr_B = xr_G = 1$$

$$r_e^G = 0.03$$

$$r_e^B = 0.03$$



Notes: \* estimated using World Bank data (accessed: February 2019); \*\* estimated using data on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and atmospheric temperature anomalies provided by Ritchie and Roser (2019) and by GISTEMP (2019) and Lenssen et al. (2019), respectively. Remaining values are calculated in such a way to obtain the baseline scenario presented in Section 3.2. Starting values of financial stocks and all remaining lagged endogenous variables are set to zero. Scenario 6 is based on the assumption that a coordinated green spending plan (undertaken by both governments) is associated with a 10% improvement in ecological efficiency ratios.

## Appendix A. The exchange rate mechanism

Our model is geographically symmetrical. Demands and supplies of financial assets are identical for the two areas. However, the way the exchange rate mechanism is modelled in the SFC literature usually departs from this symmetry (e.g. Godley and Lavoie 2007, chapter 12). The burden of the adjustment is put on one of the two areas. This requires replacing equations (85), (115), (116) and (127) with the following subset:

$$B_s^{GB} = B_s^B - B_s^{BB} - B_{cb}^{BB} - B_b^B \quad (85B)$$

$$B_{cb}^{BB} = H_s^B - A_s^B \quad (115B)$$

$$H_s^B = H_h^B \quad (116B)$$

$$xr_G = B_s^{GB} / B_d^{GB} \quad (127B)$$

While the aggregate portfolio of Brownland investors is always defined by their relative demands for financial assets, the portfolio of Greenland investors is not. Equation (85B) holds that the amount of Brownland bills held by Greenland investors is a residual. Equations (115B) and (116B) show that the amount of domestic bills purchased by Brownland central bank must match the difference between the cash issued on demand and the advances received by the commercial banks. The alternative exchange rate mechanism is defined by equation (127B). It holds that Greenland exchange rate equals the supply/demand ratio of Brownland bills to Greenland investors. This mechanism assures the stock-flow consistency of the model. It is also quite resilient to shocks. However, it brings about an undesirable asymmetry in the way portfolio decisions are made (or modelled) across areas.

This lack of symmetry is the reason we used a different mechanism to define the baseline scenario in our model. Equation (127) allows preserving the symmetry of portfolio behaviours across areas. Besides, it explicitly links the exchange rate with the balances of payments of the two areas. Under a pure flexible exchange rate regime, the exchange rate is the price of a currency. It is determined by the supply and the demand for that currency in the foreign exchange market, where both real and financial forces must be considered. More precisely, the *notional* balance of payment of, say, Brownland is the summation of its current account ( $CAB_B$ ) and its financial account balance ( $KAB_B$ ):

$$CAB_B = TB_B + xr_{G,-1} \cdot (r_{G,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^{BG} + r_{e,-1}^G \cdot E_{s,-1}^{BG}) - r_{B,-1} \cdot B_{s,-1}^{GB} - r_{e,-1}^B \cdot E_{s,-1}^{GB} \quad (202)$$

$$KAB_B = -d(B_s^{BG}) \cdot xr_G + d(B_s^{GB}) - d(E_s^{BG}) \cdot xr_G + d(E_s^{GB}) \quad (204)$$

$$BP_B = CAB_B + KAB_B \quad (208)$$

The current account balance, in turn, is the summation of the trade balance ( $TB_B = X_B - IM_B$ ) and the factor income. The former mirrors the net demand of Brownland currency for the purchase of goods (and services). The latter amounts to the financial flows to Brownland associated with net interest payments and dividends on foreign financial assets. The financial account records the net purchase of Brownland financial assets made by Greenland investors. Notice that the balance of payment shown by equation (208) is only a *notional* variable, as the summation of  $CAB_B$  and  $KAB_B$  is always zero, apart from statistical discrepancies. Should Brownland current account balance turn positive (for instance, because of Brownland export exceeding import), the demand for Brownland currency would exceed its supply. As a result, Brownland currency would appreciate. This would not affect the trade balance in the current period, as the exchange rate enters import-

export equations with a lag in equations (61) and (62). However, the financial account would be affected. Greenland investors would be happy to hold a lower amount of Brownland financial assets (expressed in Brownland currency). By contrast, Brownland investors would increase their holdings of Greenland financial assets (to meet their target level, which is expressed in their own domestic currency). Consequently, Brownland financial account would turn negative, meaning that Brownland would be a net lender to Greenland. The adjustment process, driven by a modification in the exchange rate, would only stop when the equality between the current account balance and the (opposite of the) financial account balance were restored. This is the reason the exchange rate mechanism defined by equation (127) is derived by using equation (203) and (205) in the equilibrium condition ' $CAB_G + KAB_G = 0$ ', and then solving for  $xr_G$ .

Finally, notice that we tested the model by using either (floating) exchange rate mechanism. While model results are unaffected by the specific mechanism chosen, equation (127) allows for a more intuitive and theoretically-sound interpretation. A drawback of (127), relative to (127B), is that the former brings about higher simultaneity in model equations compared to the latter. Therefore, we used equation (127) to define the model baseline scenario (under a floating exchange rate regime) and test model reaction to small shocks, whereas we recurred to equation (127B) for larger shocks.

## Appendix B. Estimation of key coefficients

Output components, including global consumption, were all defined as AR(1) processes up to 2018. This modelling choice allowed us to correct in-sample predictions for world output and other key variables by using *add-factors*, despite some coefficients not being estimated from data. Workers' consumption in each area was calculated as a residual variable (that is, total consumption minus capitalists' consumption) up to 2018 and using behavioural equations afterwards. We used the same method for atmospheric temperature and annual emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Dependent Variable: CONS\_OB

Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)

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Sample (adjusted): 1961 2017

Included observations: 57 after adjustments

Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance

CONS\_OB = P(2)\*YD\_OB + P(3)\*V\_OB(-1)

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(2)	0.490919	0.011711	41.92114	0.0000
P(3)	0.020834	0.001499	13.89964	0.0000
R-squared	0.997043	Mean dependent var		22.05051
Adjusted R-squared	0.996990	S.D. dependent var		12.36291
S.E. of regression	0.678314	Akaike info criterion		2.096046
Sum squared resid	25.30607	Schwarz criterion		2.167732
Log likelihood	-57.73730	Hannan-Quinn criter.		2.123905
Durbin-Watson stat	0.068102			

Notes: Household consumption, net of intermediate consumption. We use  $P(2)+0.30 \approx 0.79$  as the average propensity to consume out of income for workers after 2018. Source: our calculations on World Bank data, 2019

Dependent Variable: CONS\_OB

Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)

Date: 07/05/19 Time: 17:16

Sample (adjusted): 1961 2017

Included observations: 57 after adjustments

Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance

$$\text{CONS\_OB} = P(1) + P(4) * \text{CONS\_OB}(-1)$$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(1)	0.122047	0.058903	2.072008	0.0430
P(4)	1.030060	0.003502	294.1126	0.0000
R-squared	0.999513	Mean dependent var		22.05051
Adjusted R-squared	0.999504	S.D. dependent var		12.36291
S.E. of regression	0.275379	Akaike info criterion		0.293120
Sum squared resid	4.170843	Schwarz criterion		0.364806
Log likelihood	-6.353906	Hannan-Quinn criter.		0.320979
F-statistic	112812.3	Durbin-Watson stat		2.310092
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Wald F-statistic		86502.20
Prob(Wald F-statistic)	0.000000			

Notes: Total consumption *before 2019*, net of intermediate consumption. Source: our calculations on World Bank data, 2019

Dependent Variable: INV\_OB

Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)

Date: 07/05/19 Time: 17:16

Sample (adjusted): 1961 2017

Included observations: 57 after adjustments

Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance

$$\text{INV\_OB} = P(5) + P(6) * \text{INV\_OB}(-1)$$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(5)	0.186544	0.095009	1.963434	0.0547
P(6)	1.008213	0.012756	79.03633	0.0000
R-squared	0.993903	Mean dependent var		10.12786
Adjusted R-squared	0.993792	S.D. dependent var		4.436289
S.E. of regression	0.349537	Akaike info criterion		0.770041
Sum squared resid	6.719676	Schwarz criterion		0.841727
Log likelihood	-19.94618	Hannan-Quinn criter.		0.797901
F-statistic	8965.736	Durbin-Watson stat		1.417622
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Wald F-statistic		6246.741
Prob(Wald F-statistic)	0.000000			

Notes: Total investment. Our calculations on World Bank data, 2019.

Dependent Variable: GOV\_OB

Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)

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Sample (adjusted): 1961 2017

Included observations: 57 after adjustments

Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance

$$\text{GOV\_OB} = P(7) + P(8)*\text{GOV\_OB}(-1)$$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(7)	0.152334	0.020999	7.254350	0.0000
P(8)	1.003373	0.003363	298.3886	0.0000
R-squared	0.999523	Mean dependent var		7.454605
Adjusted R-squared	0.999514	S.D. dependent var		2.898698
S.E. of regression	0.063893	Akaike info criterion		-2.628744
Sum squared resid	0.224530	Schwarz criterion		-2.557058
Log likelihood	76.91921	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-2.600884
F-statistic	115205.9	Durbin-Watson stat		0.968670
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Wald F-statistic		89035.78
Prob(Wald F-statistic)	0.000000			

Notes: Total government spending. Our calculations on Word Bank data, 2019.

Dependent Variable: TEMP\_AT\_OB

Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)

Date: 07/06/19 Time: 16:26

Sample (adjusted): 1961 2017

Included observations: 57 after adjustments

Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance

$$\text{TEMP\_AT\_OB} = P(9) + P(10)*\text{TEMP\_AT\_OB}(-1)$$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(9)	0.035382	0.023225	1.523399	0.1334
P(10)	0.937543	0.051175	18.32024	0.0000
R-squared	0.834077	Mean dependent var		0.321579
Adjusted R-squared	0.831061	S.D. dependent var		0.292470
S.E. of regression	0.120212	Akaike info criterion		-1.364670
Sum squared resid	0.794795	Schwarz criterion		-1.292984
Log likelihood	40.89309	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-1.336810
F-statistic	276.4800	Durbin-Watson stat		2.562590
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Wald F-statistic		335.6314
Prob(Wald F-statistic)	0.000000			

Notes: Average atmospheric temperature *before 2019*. Our calculations on GISTEMP (2019) and Lenssen et al. (2019) data.

Dependent Variable: EMIS\_OB  
Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)  
Date: 07/05/19 Time: 17:16  
Sample: 1960 2017  
Included observations: 58  
Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance  
EMIS\_OB = P(18) + P(19)\*EPS\*(1-ETA)\*Y\_OB

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(18)	6.904820	0.377685	18.28198	0.0000
P(19)	0.048154	0.001017	47.34401	0.0000
R-squared	0.980554	Mean dependent var		22.19575
Adjusted R-squared	0.980207	S.D. dependent var		7.813630
S.E. of regression	1.099288	Akaike info criterion		3.061077
Sum squared resid	67.67234	Schwarz criterion		3.132127
Log likelihood	-86.77124	Hannan-Quinn criter.		3.088752
F-statistic	2823.767	Durbin-Watson stat		0.128175
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Wald F-statistic		2241.455
Prob(Wald F-statistic)	0.000000			

Notes: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions *after* 2019. EPS = 8.32 = average energy intensity coefficient associated with conventional capital ( $\epsilon_{con}$ ); ETA = 0.025 = average share of renewable energy ( $\eta_{con}$ ). Our calculations on Ritchie and Roser (2017) data.

Dependent Variable: EMIS\_OB  
Method: Least Squares (Gauss-Newton / Marquardt steps)  
Date: 07/05/19 Time: 17:16  
Sample (adjusted): 1961 2017  
Included observations: 57 after adjustments  
Huber-White-Hinkley (HC1) heteroskedasticity consistent standard errors and covariance  
EMIS\_OB = P(20) + P(21)\*EMIS\_OB(-1)

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
P(20)	0.398754	0.160851	2.479020	0.0163
P(21)	1.003215	0.007984	125.6545	0.0000
R-squared	0.996387	Mean dependent var		22.41974
Adjusted R-squared	0.996321	S.D. dependent var		7.692925
S.E. of regression	0.466616	Akaike info criterion		1.347837
Sum squared resid	11.97517	Schwarz criterion		1.419523
Log likelihood	-36.41335	Hannan-Quinn criter.		1.375697
F-statistic	15166.30	Durbin-Watson stat		1.246854
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Wald F-statistic		15789.04
Prob(Wald F-statistic)	0.000000			

Notes: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions *before* 2019. Our calculations on Ritchie and Roser (2017) data.