Introduction on Models in GHG Mitigation Research

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3E model in Tsinghua University

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Three approaches of the models used to analyzing the GHG mitigation cost:

- Bottom-up models
- ➤Top-down models
- >Hybrid models

Bottom-up models (Engineering models)

MARKAL Model (IEA) ESOM(France) AIM (NIES, Japan. 1991)

Common Features of Bottom-Up Models

- usually use optimizing methods to design the energy strategies with the least cost under some GHG mitigation restriction
- exogenous energy demand
- detailed technical description of energy supply, energy conversion and end-use technologies, and in the result, a detailed technology options can be taken out
- little consideration on economic system can not tell policy maker what to do

- ➤Top-down models
- a) macro-economy models
- b) I/O model Research on environmental policy (Miller and Blair, 1980's)
 CO2 reduction from structure adjustments in Germany and The UK (Proops et al, 1993)

c) CGE Models

- The microeconomic foundation of CGE models provides a consistent framework for studying price-dependent interactions between the energy system and the rest of the economy. So the effects of some environmental policy can be analyzed.
- the energy system analysis lacking of detailed technological information on the energy system. So that can not tell policy maker why do so

➢ Hybrid models

given the relative strengths and weaknesses of Bottom-up model and Top-down model, integrating them into a model can serve to complement each other.

Prior models

- MARKAL-MACRO
- MENSA-MERG (Australia)
- HERMES-MIDAS (Europe)

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➤ What's it?

An integrating assessing model to study CO2 mitigation cost, cover the economy system and energy system

Structure of the Model (the yellow part is underdesigning)



> MEM (Macro Economy Model) a macro-econometric model EDFM (Energy Demand Forecast Model) link the MEM and ESOM input the Macro-economic parameters, and output the Energy Demand to ESOM. ESOM (Energy Supply Optimized Model) Optimizing the technology choices at the least CO2 mitigation cost.

- MEM (Macro Economy Model)
- the core equation :
- GDP=Consumption+ capital formulation+ stock
 - six modules included:
 - final demand; government income and resident income; population and labor;
- capital formulation; production.

≻ ESOM

Based on the energy flow network, multi-period linear program model.

the object function:

the energy system operating cost is at least.

the subject includes:

flow equilibrium; demand; capacity; activity;

Pollution emission; end-use equipment investment/ energy resource /foreign exchange

- Technologies collected into the model:
- Total 208 technologies, in which
 - 123 end-use technologies; 69 energy transition technologies; 9 energy import technologies; 7 energy exploiting technologies

The results of models

- a) MAC and CO2 mitigation cost in diverse sectors in economy system
- b) energy system investment, energy system cost

What's the imperfectness of present 3E models?

the main problem: Lack of the feedback from the energy system to economy system

Thanks for your listening! Any questions?