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The central planner view on the optimization of a completely known market

The central planner perceives the use of a emission trading system as a minimization of the social cost function

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N c^{Pn}(x^{Pn}), \quad x = (x^{P1}, \dots, x^{PN}) \quad (s1)$$

where $c^{Pn}(x^{Pn})$ is the abatement cost function of the n -th party to reduce the emission to a level of x^{Pn} , and subject to

$$\sum_{n=1}^N x^{Pn} = K_0$$

where K_0 is the total allowable emission of the market participants⁴. The costs typically grow with a raising of reduced quotas, so it can be assumed that $\frac{dc^{Pn}(x)}{dx} < 0$. Using the Lagrange method, an optimal solution satisfies the necessary conditions

$$\lambda = -\frac{dc^{Pn}(x^{Pn})}{dx}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N; \quad \sum_{n=1}^N x^{Pn} = K_0. \quad (s3)$$

The solution is optimal globally, if the functions c^{Pn} are convex. Thus, at the optimal emissions the marginal costs of each party are equal to λ , which is the optimal price. In this

⁴ In actual fact, the total emission is bounded from above, i.e. it holds that $\sum_{n=1}^N x^{Pn} \leq K_0$, but it is easy to notice that it is not optimal to keep the emissions below the boundary.

manner the market can be optimized centrally, but only if the functions $c^{Pn}(x)$ are known to the central planner.

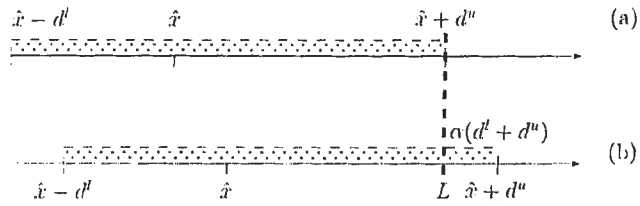


Figure S1. An illustration of full compliance and compliance with the risk α .

Proof of assertion (21)

To prove property (21)⁵, let us first consider a party which only sells its emission permits.

From (19), after the t -th transaction we have

$$\hat{x}_t^S = \hat{x}_0^S + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^t E_{eff,i}^S}{1 - u^S(\alpha)}$$

Consequently, from (11) we get

$$\hat{x}_t^S = \hat{x}_0^S + \sum_{i=1}^t \hat{E}_i^S.$$

As a result, it is simply the sum of the initial emission and any permits that have been sold.

All bear an association with the actual seller's uncertainty. Thus, the compliance with a risk α condition, see (9), is

$$\hat{x}_t^S [1 + u^S(\alpha)] \leq K^S.$$

By using definition (10) we now get (21). This way (21) is true for the seller.

Let us now consider a party which only buys the permits. Similarly, as above, we have

⁵ All numbers in parentheses pertain to the equations in the main paper.

$$\hat{x}_t^B = \hat{x}_0^B - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^t E_{eff,i}^B}{1 + u^B(\alpha)} = \frac{[1 + u^B(\alpha)]\hat{x}_0^B - \sum_{i=1}^t [1 - u^{S_i}(\alpha)]\hat{E}_i^{S_i}}{1 + u^B(\alpha)}$$

a situation where S_i are the parties that have sold permits to the buyer B . Now, proceeding in an iterative way, analogously to the left hand side of (12), we can see that the numerator on the upper right hand side is the value used in checking the compliance with the risk α . Thus

$$\hat{x}_t^B \leq \frac{K^B}{1 + u^B(\alpha)} = \bar{K}^B.$$

So, (21) is also true for the buyer.

In general, we can order the selling transactions as the first $j \leq t$ transactions, without losing any generality. Then, when considering only the first j transactions we realise that (21) is true. Were we to treat the estimated emissions and uncertainty spreads after the first j transactions as a new starting point, and to then consider the buying transactions, it may be concluded with reference to the first proven stage that (21) is true. This completes the proof of the assertion (21).

Table S1. Data for the case study: parameters of cost reduction function and spreads of emission uncertainties.

Party	BAU emission $\hat{x}_0^{P_n}$ [MtC/y]	Cost function parameter a^{P_n} [MUSD/(MtC/y) ²]	Kyoto limit K^{P_n} [MtC/y]	$d^l = d^u$
USA	1820.3	0.2755	1251	0.13
EU	1038.0	0.9065	860	0.10
Japan	350.0	2.4665	258	0.15
CANZ	312.7	1.1080	215	0.20
EEFSU	898.6	0.7845	1314	0.30

Table S2. Final results for several values of α . Prices in USD/MtC/y, costs in USD.

Party	Marginal price	Last transaction price	Volume of traded permits	Final emission	Emission reduction cost	Total cost of traded permits
Sealed bid reverse auctions						
$\alpha=0.5$						
USA	143.3	143.5	309.3	1560.3	18 623.80	54 831.46
EU	141.4	141.1	100.0	960.0	5 515.15	16 216.40
Japan	144.0	141.1	62.8	320.8	2 103.04	11 307.24
CANZ	144.0	146.2	32.7	247.7	4 681.30	2 275.47
EEFSU	140.3	139.6	-504.8	809.2	6 270.01	-84 630.57
$\alpha=0.3$						
USA	245.3	246.2	124.0	1375.0	60 755.86	41 027.40
EU	241.8	241.6	44.6	904.6	14 894.66	15 735.65
Japan	244.1	246.2	42.5	300.5	5 353.36	12 456.14
CANZ	240.9	242.9	-11.0	204.0	11 197.25	1 280.45
EEFSU	238.5	241.6	-567.4	746.6	23 316.02	-70 499.64
$\alpha=0.1$						
USA	319.9	318.6	-11.4	1239.6	115 585.61	29 660.62
EU	318.7	323.4	2.2	862.2	33 038.58	15 596.07
Japan	315.9	321.6	28.0	286.0	8 025.75	15 365.88
CANZ	315.3	321.6	-44.6	170.4	31 670.74	-2 274.78
EEFSU	308.2	310.8	-611.8	702.2	52 389.28	-58 347.79
Bilateral transactions						
$\alpha=0.5$						
USA	142.6	142.6	310.5	1561.5	18 452.61	66 364.93
EU	142.6	142.6	99.3	959.3	5 608.05	17 667.54
Japan	142.6	142.6	63.1	321.1	2 061.10	12 581.13
CANZ	142.6	142.6	33.3	248.3	4 588.17	-2 400.45
EEFSU	142.6	142.6	-506.3	807.7	6 480.17	-94 213.16
$\alpha=0.3$						
USA	250.8	250.8	114.2	1365.2	63 502.10	51 723.90
EU	250.8	250.8	39.7	899.7	18 819.85	19 925.29
Japan	250.8	250.8	41.2	299.2	7 214.22	20 466.53
CANZ	250.8	250.8	-15.5	199.5	16 765.29	1 697.77
EEFSU	250.8	250.8	-575.2	738.8	25 880.23	-93 813.48
$\alpha=0.1$						
USA	336.4	336.4	-41.2	1209.8	127 907.68	29 874.72
EU	336.4	336.4	-7.5	852.5	36 872.98	21 193.41
Japan	336.4	336.4	23.8	281.8	14 811.72	29 369.90
CANZ	336.4	336.4	-54.1	160.9	36 187.08	2 209.59
EEFSU	336.4	336.4	-629.8	684.2	62 435.51	-82 647.62

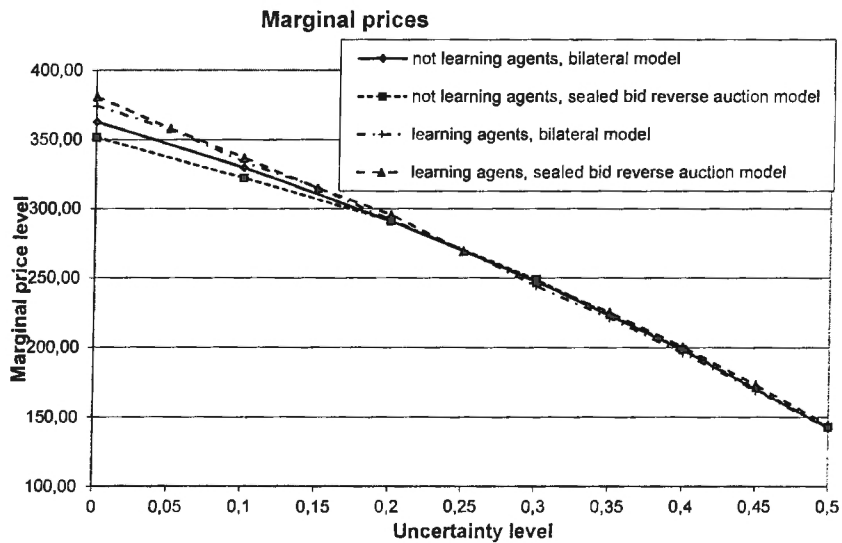


Figure S2. Dependence of marginal price, in USD/MtC/y, on the uncertainty level.

the 1990s, the number of people with a disability in the United States has increased by 25% (U.S. Census Bureau 1997).

As a result of the increase in the number of people with disabilities, the need for accessible information has become more acute. The National Center for Accessible Information (NCAI) has estimated that 10% of the population has a disability that affects their ability to access information (NCAI 1998).

The purpose of this study was to investigate the information needs of people with disabilities and to determine the barriers to accessing information.

The study was conducted in two phases. The first phase was a survey of people with disabilities to determine their information needs and the barriers to accessing information.

The second phase was a focus group discussion with people with disabilities to explore the barriers to accessing information in more detail.

The results of the survey and focus group discussion are presented in this paper.

The paper is organized as follows. The first section describes the survey and focus group discussion. The second section presents the results of the survey and focus group discussion. The third section discusses the implications of the results for accessible information.

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