

distribution function. From this list, likelihood functions for the 500-yr and 2500-yr losses can be obtained, yielding most likely values of about 300 million dollars and 600 million, respectively, with ranges of uncertainty (10th to 90th percentile) of about 10 and 20 percent. The ordered list of non-zero losses is nearly exponentially distributed. This simple structure permits estimation, through the employment of bootstrapping with variance-reduction techniques, of the average conditional loss around several tens of times more precise than the average of the simulated losses. The model for earthquake magnitude, locations, and occurrence frequency has been taken from the US Geological Survey sources used for national hazard mapping in the central United States.

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A Probabilistic Benefit Cost Analysis of Seismic Retrofitting of Apartment Houses in Turkey

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Three different seismic retrofitting measures for a common and vulnerable type of apartment building in Istanbul are studied in this paper. A probabilistic cost benefit analysis is carried out by means of obtaining the fragility curves of the structure in its retrofitted configurations. These curves are calculated using a Monte Carlo simulation, that is subjecting the three dimensional nonlinear model of the structure to 400 ground motion acceleration time histories compatible with the site specific elastic response spectrum. Considering a time independent probabilistic distribution of the peak ground accelerations for the region and a given discount rate, the expected losses can be estimated in present value terms for the desired time horizon. Even considering only direct losses, mitigation is shown to be cost effective for all but the very short time-horizons provided that the cost of life is far higher than the material costs. The methodology presented here is attractive for application at a regional level incorporating different types of soils and different types of structures and it may be of use to support urgent decisions on retrofitting strategies. A time dependent probability distribution of accelerations can be readily implemented in the methodology.

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CO, NMVOCs, NOx, SO₂, aerosols, and NH₃ also directly or indirectly affect the radiative balance of the atmosphere. Among both sets of gases are precursors of and contributors to pollutants such as tropospheric ozone, itself a strong greenhouse gas, particulate matter, and other pollutants that affect human health. Fossil fuel combustion, production, or transportation is a significant source for many of these substances. Climate policy can thus affect traditional air pollution or air pollution policy can affect climate. Health effects of acute or chronic exposure to air pollution include increased asthma, lung cancer, heart disease and bronchitis among others. These, in turn, redirect resources in the economy toward medical expenditures or result in lost labor or non-labor time with consequent effects on economic activity, itself producing a potential feedback on emissions levels. Study of these effects ultimately requires a fully coupled earth system model. Toward that end we develop an approach for introducing air pollution health impacts into the Emissions Prediction and Policy Analysis (EPPA) model, a component of the MIT Integrated Global Systems Model (IGSM) a coupled economics-chemistry-atmosphere-ocean-terrestrial biosphere model of earth systems including an air pollution model resolving the urban scale. This preliminary examination allows us to consider how climate policy affects air pollution and consequent health effects, and to study the potential impacts of air pollution policy on climate. The novel contribution is the effort to endogenize air pollution impacts within the EPPA model, allowing us to study potential economic effects and feedbacks. We find strong interaction between air pollution and economies, although precise estimates of the effects require further investigation and refined resolution of the urban scale chemistry model.

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Local benefits of greenhouse gas mitigation in Mexico City

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For Mexico City, we estimate public health improvements due to air pollution reductions that could occur simultaneously with greenhouse gas emission mitigation, and we compare the costs and benefits of 5 specific policy measures. Reduced-form air quality models are used to calculate the impacts of changed emissions on exposure. Dose-response methodology is applied to estimate public health improvements, and several valuation metrics are applied to determine the monetized health benefits to society of the control measures. Implementation of these 5 measures in Mexico City could reduce annualized exposure to particulate air pollution by 1% and to maximum daily ozone by 3%, and also reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2% (more than 300,000 tons C equivalent per year). We estimate that over 4400 quality-adjusted life-years (QALYs) per year could be saved, with monetized health benefits on the order of \$200 million USD per year. In contrast, total costs are under \$70 million USD per year. The mean cost per QALY is under \$40,000. Of the measures considered, those that improve transportation efficiency are most promising for the simultaneous reduction of local and global pollution in the region.

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