Appendix 4.A Sensitivity Analysis

In CGE analysis, simulation results often depend on assumptions of key parameters. To examine the robustness of the results, sensitivity tests are conducted with respect to (1) the depreciation rate *dep*; (2) the rate of return of capital *ror*; (3) the population growth rate *pop*; (4) the elasticity parameter for investment allocation ζ ; (5) the elasticity of substitution among energy sources σ^e ; and (6) Armington's (1969) elasticity of substitution/transformation σ_i/ψ_i .

We shift these parameter values from those used in the main text (Table 4.2.2). The results generally show that the findings are qualitatively robust. Quantitatively, smaller fiscal and social costs would be generated by assuming a larger *dep* and ζ , which makes investment and capital adjustment more flexible, and with a larger *pop*, which makes capital less important. On the other hand, the impact of shifting *ror*, σ_i , ψ_i , and σ^e are found to be small.



Figure 4.A.1: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with δ =0.05 (unit: billion TWD)

Note: The total fiscal costs and social costs measured by the Hicksian equivalent variations in Periods 1–10 are discounted at a rate of 4%.



Figure 4.A.2: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with *ror*=0.06 (unit: billion TWD)



Figure 4.A.3: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with *pop*=0.02 (unit: billion TWD)



Figure 4.A.4: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with $\zeta = 2$ (unit: billion TWD)



Figure 4.A.5: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with $\sigma^e = 2$ (unit: billion TWD)



Figure 4.A.6: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with 30% smaller σ_i/ψ_i (unit: billion TWD)



Figure 4.A. 7: Fiscal (Left Panel) and Social Costs (Right Panel) of Recovery Programs for Semiconductor Sector with 30% larger σ_i/ψ_i (unit: billion TWD)

CHAPTER 5

Conclusions and Policy Implications

5.1 Summary of Simulation Results

The study used a computable general equilibrium (CGE) model with estimated losses generated by the Taiwan Earthquake Loss Estimation System (TELES) to create a compound disaster scenario for impact assessment and recovery policy simulations. Using a static model, Chapter 3 conducted a disaster sectoral impact assessment. A dynamic model was used in Chapter 4 to examine the effectiveness of the recovery policy and the length of the policy duration. The simulation results provided quantitative implications for both short-run and long-run disaster impacts with the sensitivity tests on each assumed parameter for robustness.

5.1.1 Disaster Impact Assessment

In Chapter 3, a static single-country CGE model was applied to simulate a compound disaster of an earthquake and a power crisis occurring in Taiwan's capital city. The study used the building collapse rates estimated by TELES to assume capital losses and nationwide labor unavailability. The power crisis would result in an 18.4% gap of nuclear power supply to be substituted by other power generation methods with other energy sources. Four scenarios were created for specifying the disaster impact from different shocks.

The simulation results showed that sectors with high factor intensity would be damaged most severely. In the compound disaster scenario, Taiwan's key sectors, semiconductors and chemicals, would suffer the most. In terms of price changes of sectoral output, the most notable finding is a 27% rise of output prices in the electricity sector, as well as a 1–2% rise of prices in all sectors. Moreover, the massive increase of imports by five energy sectors in the power crisis scenario indicated greater fuel demand for power generation. In addition, Taiwan's key sectors, such as semiconductors, electronic equipment, and machinery, generated slight increases in exports, implying their strength in global markets. The compound disaster would yield approximately 17% additional damage compared with the earthquake disaster case and each household would bear 75,590 TWD in the compound disaster scenario.

5.1.2 Investigating Fiscal and Social Costs of Recovery Policy

In Chapter 4, we used a dynamic CGE model to simulate recovery policy on the compound disaster scenario assumed in Chapter 3. We conducted dynamic simulations and examined production and capital-use subsidy policies on the semiconductor, electronic equipment, chemical, and electric power sectors in a compound disaster scenario while setting the program duration for 3, 5, and 7 years. The simulation results show that the semiconductor and electronic equipment sectors could recover with the recovery program while the chemical and electric power sectors could not. By comparing fiscal and social costs, the capital-use subsidy policy and longer policy duration were found to be less costly than the production subsidy policy. On the other hand, for the semiconductor sector, the annual cost of the recovery program was equivalent to about 30% of Taiwanese government expenditure while creating an additional 7% of social costs. The chemical sector could not achieve a recovery, partially owing to its heavy dependence on petroleum inputs, which are used intensively for power generation because of the shutdown of nuclear power plants. The electric power sector could not achieve a recovery, not even with massive subsidies. Moreover, other industries would be sacrificed in the implementation of the recovery policy program. The 7% social losses when pursuing the recovery of the semiconductor sector is as high as 37,411 TWD per household or 3.4% of its income. The study could provide policymakers with advice to develop recovery policies and plans for disaster risk management.

5.2 Policy Implications

The economic impact of a compound disaster has been discussed rarely owing to its complexity and lack of a practical empirical framework for Taiwan. After the 921 Earthquake in Taiwan and the GEJE in Japan, the importance of the indispensability of understanding compound disasters has increased. The macroeconomic framework developed in this dissertation has enabled us to combine the findings and estimates of the direct physical impact of a disaster from an engineering viewpoint with an economic model, which describes how disaster shocks are propagated in an economy and how much indirect losses are generated. Several policy implications are derived in the following subsections.

5.2.1 Disaster Preparedness and Policy Design

By applying the macroeconomic framework, we visualized the consequences of a disaster event. For example, we could quantitatively show the economic impact of loss estimates from many aspects, such as production, energy use, external trade, and social welfare. While mainstream disaster studies focus on the resilience of building losses and infrastructure, this dissertation developed and used a general equilibrium approach to analyze the macroeconomic impact of disaster and construct a disaster risk management framework for both impact assessment and recovery policy planning. Insights obtained by this framework will enable not only the Taiwanese government to improve its preparedness against disasters and capacity for disaster risk management, but also the governments of other countries.

In addition, we could use this framework to design types of policies other than the ones we analyzed. While we examined the effects of government interventions with subsidies from the expenditure side, we could also examine them from the revenue side, following Okiyama, Tokunaga, and Akune (2014). As it takes many years for an economy to recover, we need to find sustainable and politically-feasible revenue sources. The lump-sum direct tax that we assumed could be replaced with more sophisticated taxes so that we could take account of well-balanced tax burden allocations among households with different attributes, such as those by income, region, employment, and demography. By using this framework, the government could manage disaster risk better by preparing policy packages that are targeted at vulnerable sectors.

5.2.2 Up-to-date Disaster Database and Survey

While this dissertation demonstrated the economic impact resulting from one particular compound disaster of an earthquake and power crisis, the scope of this framework could be applied to other types of disasters, for example, mudflows, gas line explosions, and air crashes. Once the framework is developed, we could apply it quickly with new input data of direct disaster shocks to examine new disaster cases, as demonstrated in this dissertation. The government should systematically and regularly undertake the development of a framework for disaster risk analysis. In addition, the disaster data and model framework should be kept up-to-date.

Finally, while the framework in this dissertation adopts a macroeconomic approach,

policy analysis and planning would need greater details *within* the macroeconomy. A micro level survey would be useful and complement the macro scope. Detailed information about product transactions in major industries would contribute to the study of supply chains; surveys on foreign direct investment would assist to investigate their interdependence. This effort would bring more accurate and richer information that would enable the government to achieve more efficient and effective resource allocation to those most needed.

5.3 Research Limitations

The current model has limitations in understanding the interdependence of global supply chains and the economic impact of a compound disaster in northern Taiwan from a wider international scope. However, this problem could be resolved by using the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) world trade model in the scope of multicountry or multi-region determined by the level of trade volume with Taiwan, such as Japan, China, the US, and ASEAN nations. In addition, the concept of foreign direct investment could be applied to illustrate the implications for global investment flows.

With such a wider scope, global supply chain risks could be identified. The ex ante risk countermeasure for production allocation could be made more comprehensively. By contrast, for such a global modeling extension, the model could be elaborated through the use of SCGE models so that disaster impact could be scrutinized at a subnational level.

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Annex: Details of the Model

The model system and formula used in the dissertation are stated in the following section. For the dynamic model, the time suffix t is not shown for simplicity unless needed.

Type of goods and factors, etc., in suffix	Symbol	Abbreviations
Sectors	<i>i</i> , <i>j</i>	AGR, PAG, MIN, COA, FOD, TXA, WPP, PET, CHM, CHM, POT, STL, MET, SEC, EEQ, MCH, TEQ, MAN, ELY, TWG, CON, TRS, SRV
Energy goods	ei, ej	PAG, PET, COA, ELY, TWG
Nonenergy goods for the industries	ni, nj	$\{i\} \setminus \{ei\}$
Energy goods for households	ei2, ej2	PAG, PET, ELY, TWG
Nonenergy goods for the household	ni2, nj2	$\{i\}\setminus\{ei2\}$
Nonelectricity goods	ne	$\{i\} \in ELY$
Factor	h, k	CAP, LAB
Mobile factor	h_mob	LAB
Time period	t	0, 1, 2,, 30

Endogenous variables

Y_j	Composite factor used by the j-th sector
F _{h,j}	The h-th factor input by the j-th sector
$X_{i,j}$	Intermediate input of the i-th good by the j-th sector
Z_j	Output of the j-th good
X_i^p	Household consumption of the i-th good
X_i^g	Government consumption
X_i^v	Input for composite investment good production
X_i^e	Energy composite used by the i-th sector
X ^{pe}	Energy composite used by the household
E_i	Exports of the i-th good
M_i	Imports of the i-th good
Q_i	Armington's composite good
D _i	Domestic good
$p_{h,j}^f$	Price of $F_{h,j}$
p_j^y	Price of Y_j
p_i^e	Export price (in local currency)
p_i^m	Import price (in local currency)
p_i^d	Price of D_i
p_{ne}^{xe}	Price of X_{ne}^e
p ^{xpe}	Price of <i>X</i> ^{pe}
p_i^q	Price of Q_i
p_j^y	Price of Y_j
p_j^z	Price of Z_j
p_i^k	Price of the composite investment good, III
3	Exchange rate
T^d	Direct tax revenue

 T_j^z Production tax revenue from the j-th sector

- T_i^m Import tariff revenue from the i-th good imports
- $T^f_{h,j}$ Factor tax revenue from the uses of the h-th factor by the j-th sector
- UU Utility
- ep Scale utility
- II_i Sectoral investment in the i-th sector
- *III* Composite investment good
- S^p Private saving
- KK_i Capital stock in the i-th sector
- *CC* Composite consumption or felicity

Exogenous variables

$ au_i^z$	Production tax rate
$ au_i^m$	Import tariff rate
$\tau^f_{h,j}$	Factor tax rate for the h-th factor use by the j-th sector
FF _{h,j}	Factor endowment of the h-th factor in the j-th sector
S^f	Foreign saving (in US dollars)
p_i^{We}	World export price (in US dollars)
p_i^{Wm}	World import price (in US dollars)

Parameters

- σ_i Armington's elasticity of substitution between imports and domestic goods
- σ^e Elasticity of substitution among energy sources
- ψ_i Elasticity of transformation between exports and domestic goods
- η_i Substitution elasticity parameter (= $(\sigma_i 1)/\sigma_i$)
- ϕ_i Transformation elasticity parameter (= $(\psi_i + 1)/\psi_i$)
- χ Substitution elasticity of energy goods (=($\sigma^e 1$)/ σ^e)
- *pop* Population growth rate
- *ror* Rate of return of capital
- dep Depreciation rate
- ς Elasticity parameter for sectoral investment allocation

[Domestic production]

Composite factor production function (Cobb-Douglas)

$$Y_j = b_j \prod_h F_{h,j}{}^{\beta_{h,j}} \quad \forall j$$

Factor demand function (Cobb-Douglas)

$$F_{h,j} = \frac{\beta_{h,j} p_j^{\gamma}}{\left(1 + \tau_{h,j}^f\right) p_{h,j}^f} Y_j \quad \forall h, j$$

Intermediate good demand function for nonelectricity sectors

$$X_{ni,ne} = a x_{ni,ne} Z_{ne} \quad \forall ni, ne$$

The energy composite good demand function for nonelectricity sectors $X^e_{ne} = a x^e_{ne} Z_{ne} \quad \forall ne$

Intermediate good demand function for the electricity sector (ELY)

$$X_{i,ELY} = a x_{i,ELY} Z_{ELY} \quad \forall i$$

The unit cost function for nonelectricity sectors

$$p_{ne}^{z} = ay_{ne}p_{ne}^{y} + \sum_{ni} ax_{ni,ne}p_{ne}^{q} + ax_{ne}^{e}p_{ne}^{xe} \quad \forall ne$$

The unit cost function for the electricity sector (ELY)

$$p_{ELY}^{z} = a y_{ELY} p_{ELY}^{y} + \sum_{i} a x_{i, ELY} p_{i}^{q}$$

[Household consumption]

Household demand for nonenergy goods

$$X_{ni2}^p = \frac{\alpha_{ni2}}{p_{ni2}^q} \left(\sum_{h,j} p_{h,j}^f FF_{h,j} - S^p - T^d \right) \quad \forall ni2$$

Household demand for the energy composite good

$$X^{pe} = \alpha^{e} \left(\sum_{h,j} p_{h,j}^{f} FF_{h,j} - S - T^{d} \right) / p^{xpe}$$

[Felicity/Composite consumption good production function]

$$CC = a\left(\prod_{i} X_{i}^{p\,\alpha_{i}}\right)\left(X^{pe\,\alpha^{e}}\right)$$

[Energy Composite Aggregation]

The energy composite aggregation function for nonelectricity sectors

$$X_{ne}^{e} = o_{ne} \left(\sum_{ei} \kappa_{ei,ne} X_{ei,ne} \chi \right)^{1/\chi} \quad \forall ne$$

The energy good demand function for nonelectricity sectors

$$X_{ei,ne} = \left(\frac{o_{ne}{}^{\chi}\kappa_{ei,ne}p_{ne}^{\chi e}}{p_{ei}^{g}}\right)^{1/(1-\chi)} X_{ne}^{e} \quad \forall ei, ne$$

The energy composite aggregation function for the household

$$X^{pe} = o^p \left(\sum_{ei2} \kappa^p_{ei2} X^{p\chi}_{ei2} \right)^{1/\chi}$$

The energy goods demand for the household

$$X_{ei2}^{p} = \left(\frac{o^{p^{\chi}}\kappa_{ei2}^{p}p^{xpe}}{p_{ei2}^{q}}\right)^{1/(1-\chi)} X^{pe} \quad \forall ei2$$

[Government behavior]

Factor tax revenue

$$T_{h,j}^f = \tau_{h,j}^f p_{h,j}^f F_{h,j} \quad \forall h, j$$

Lump-sum direct tax revenue

$$T^{d} = \sum_{i} p_{i}^{q} X_{i}^{g} + S^{g} - \left(\sum_{i} T_{i}^{m} + \sum_{i} T_{i}^{z} + \sum_{h,j} T_{h,j}^{f}\right)$$

Import tariff revenue

$$T_i^m = \tau_i^m p_i^m M_i \quad \forall i$$

Indirect tax revenue

$$T_j^z = \tau_j^z p_j^z Z_j \quad \forall j$$

[International Trade]

Export and import prices and the exchange rate

$$p_i^e = \varepsilon p_i^{We} \quad \forall i$$
$$p_i^m = \varepsilon p_i^{Wm} \quad \forall i$$

Balance-of-payments constraint

$$\sum_{i} p_i^{We} E_i + S^f = \sum_{i} p_i^{Wm} M$$

Armington composite good production function

$$Q_i = \gamma_i (\delta m_i M_i^{\eta_i} + \delta d_i D_i^{\eta_i})^{1/\eta_i} \quad \forall i$$

Import demand function

$$M_i = \left(\frac{\gamma_i^{\eta_i} \delta m_i p_i^q}{(1 + \tau_i^m) p_i^m}\right)^{1/(1 - \eta_i)} Q_i \quad \forall i$$

Domestic good demand function

$$D_i = \left(\frac{\gamma_i^{\eta_i} \delta d_i p_i^q}{p_i^d}\right)^{1/(1-\eta_i)} Q_i \quad \forall i$$

Gross domestic output transformation function

$$Z_i = \theta_i \left(\xi e_i E_i^{\phi_i} + \xi d_i D_i^{\phi_i}\right)^{1/\phi_i} \quad \forall i$$

Export supply function

$$E_i = \left(\frac{\theta_i^{\phi_i} \xi e_i (1 + \tau_i^z) p_i^z}{p_i^e}\right)^{1/(1 - \phi_i)} Z_i \quad \forall i$$

Domestic good supply function

$$D_i = \left(\frac{\theta_i^{\phi_i} \xi d_i (1 + \tau_i^z) p_i^z}{p_i^d}\right)^{1/(1 - \phi_i)} Z_i \quad \forall i$$

[Dynamic Equations]

Composite investment good production function

$$III = \iota \prod_{i} X_{i}^{\nu \lambda_{i}}$$

Sectoral investment allocation for the $j\mbox{-}th$ sector

$$p^{k}II_{j} = \frac{p_{CAP,j}^{f} \zeta F_{CAP,j}}{\sum_{i} p_{CAP,i}^{f} \zeta F_{CAP,i}} (S^{p} + \varepsilon S^{f}) \quad \forall j$$

Capital accumulation

$$KK_{j,t+1} = (1 - dep)KK_{j,t} + II_{j,t} \quad \forall j, t$$

[Market-clearing condition]

Armington's composite good market-clearing condition

$$Q_i = X_i^p + X_i^g + X_i^v + \sum_j X_{i,j} \quad \forall i$$

Capital service market-clearing condition

$$F_{CAP,j} = ror KK_j \quad \forall j$$

Labor market-clearing condition

$$\sum_{j} F_{h_mob,j} = \sum_{j} FF_{h_mob,j} \quad \forall h_mob,j$$
$$p_{h_mob,j}^{f} = p_{h_mob,i}^{f} \quad \forall i,j$$

Investment good market-clearing condition

$$\sum_{j} II_{j} = III$$

Utility function (static model)

$$UU = \left(\prod_{i} X_{i}^{p\alpha_{i}}\right) \left(x^{pe\alpha^{e}}\right)$$

Felicity/composite consumption good production function (dynamic model)

$$CC = a\left(\prod_{i} X_{i}^{p\alpha_{i}}\right) * \left(X^{pe^{\alpha^{e}}}\right)$$