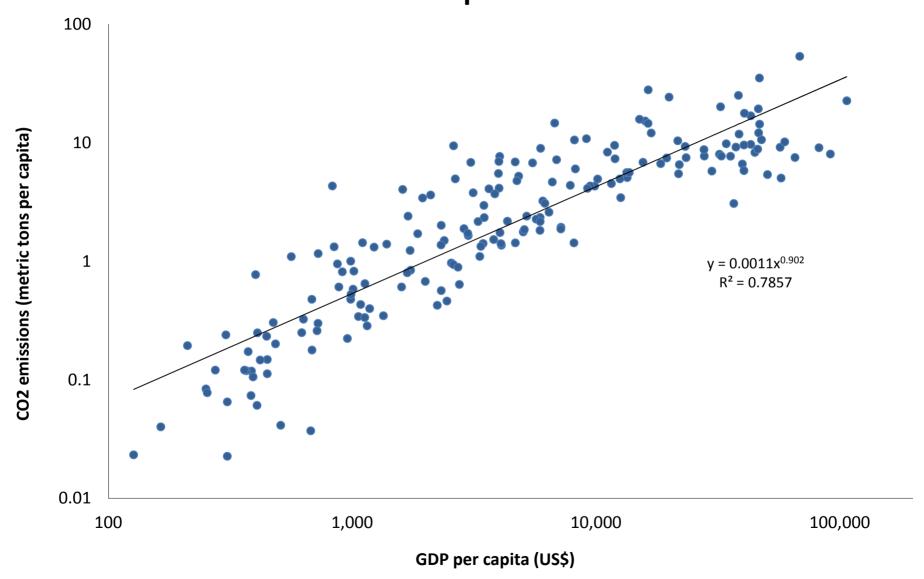
Is there a path to inclusive and low carbon growth?

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The challenges to achieve *The future we want*

- "Poverty eradication is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. In this regard, we are committed to freeing humanity from poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency."
- "We reaffirm that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time, and we express profound alarm that emissions of greenhouse gases continue to rise globally." (General Assembly resolution 66/288 The future we want, 11 September 2012)

Higher income is associated with higher CO2 emissions per capita



Source: Author based on data from World Bank, 2011b (accessed November 2011).

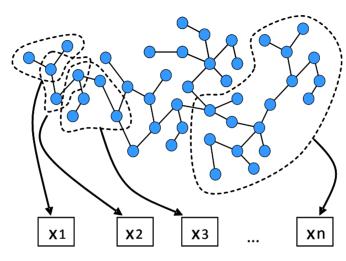
Conceptual framework

- Technological and organisational innovations are the engine of economic growth (Schumpeter)
- Rapid catching up associated with radical structural transformation of the economy towards activities with higher productivity and higher levels of technological sophistication (Kuznets, 1979; Amsden, 2001; Rodrik)
- Carbon emissions as a function of the technology used in the production (life cycle analysis)

Conceptual framework

(Based on evolutionary growth models - Pasinetti, 1987, 1993; Silverberg and Vespagen, 2005; Metcalfe et al., 2006)

Technologies



economic activities

employment
$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_n = L$$

productivity
$$q_1 < q_2 < q_3 \dots < q_n$$

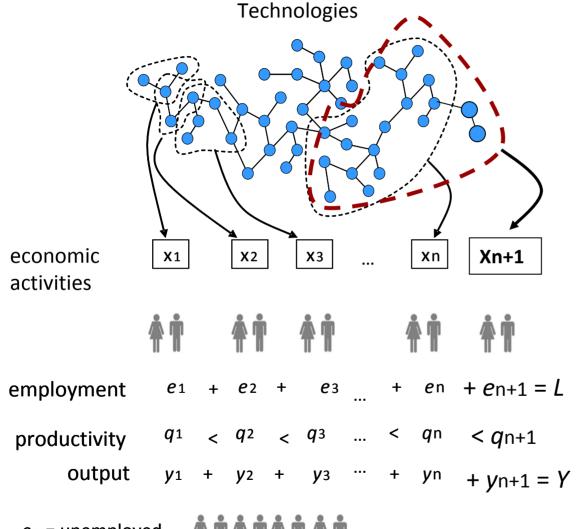
output $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \dots + y_n =$

$$e_0$$
 = unemployed



Inclusive growth

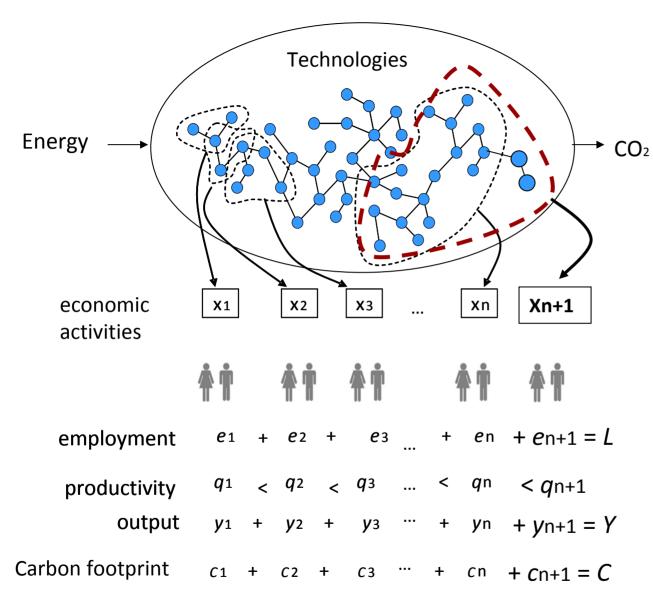
Economic growth with shift share of employment from low to more productive economic activities (productive employment)



(Diversification) **Creation of new** and more productive economic activities, which would increase the opportunity for more productive jobs

 e_0 = unemployed





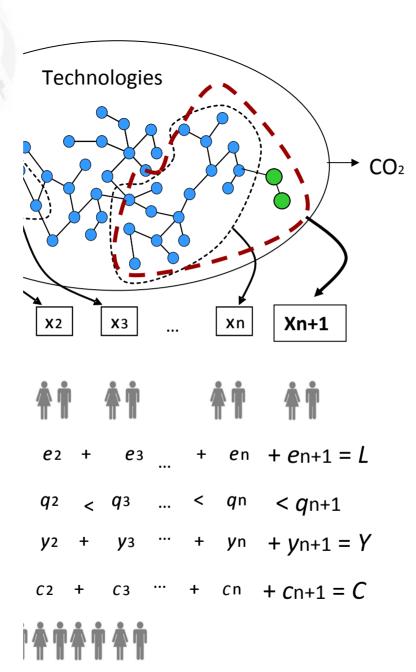
CO₂ emissions
as a function
of the
structure of
the network of
technologies
and the
sources of
energy

Carbon footprint $cj = (CO_{2j}/ej)$

 e_0 = unemployed







Two ways that an economy can evolve through a greener path

- 1. Foster new economic activities that, in addition of being more productive, emit less carbon
- 2. Increase share of renewable energy sources, which require new technologies and therefore new products