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Abstract

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is one of the most diverse regions. 3.6% of global greenhouse-gas emissions was released in 2013 and is expected to rise substantially due to increasing population and income. Understanding how greenhouse-gas emissions in the region have evolved is an important first step to develop appropriate policies and this paper analyses the historical increase in CO₂ emissions over the period 1971/2013, based on IPAT/Kaya approach combined with Variance analysis technique. Main findings indicate that: (1) population growth and increased income per capita have the largest contribution to emission growth; (2) fossil fuels increasingly become the dominant fuel and reversing this is a challenging task; (3) Energy efficiency gains have been achieved but it is the only factor that reduced emissions; and (4) the effect of changes in carbon intensity of fossil energy was negligible. These results should help Governments frame effective policies.

Keywords: Decomposition Analysis; CO₂ Emission; ASEAN; IPAT.

1. Introduction

Southeast Asia is the region that in recent years has experienced rapid economic and population growth with high energy dependency and also significant rise in energy consumption and pollution emissions. Continuous urban growth has resulted in a changing of people's life-styles and an improvement of their living standards which has stimulated energy consumption dramatically. It can be seen that there are vast differences in the scale and patterns of energy use and energy source endowments in the region [1,2]. Therefore it is very interesting to understand how the economic growth, energy consumption and carbon emission evolved during the last few decades, how these variables link to each other, and how their fuel mix changed, etc. This could be useful and beneficial for the government of the region to form the appropriate energy and environmental schemes/policies (policy planning) in order to maintain the balance of energy demand and supply. This would include enhancing energy security, ensuring affordability and improving energy efficiency under the umbrella of sustainability. The main objective of the study is to understand the observed magnitudes and patterns of the factors influencing regional emissions, which is a necessity for the prediction of future climate changes and for human governance of climate change. We focused on CO₂ emissions from fossil-fuel combustion, the dominant anthropogenic forcing flux. We have conducted the Kaya identity by means of IPAT equation, on annual time-series data on national emissions, population, energy consumption, and gross domestic product (GDP), combining with Variance analysis in order to decompose the driving forces of CO₂ emissions in ASEAN.

Nomenclature

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| I | CO ₂ emission flux in Mt of CO ₂ emissions |
| P | population in million persons |
| GDP | real GDP: defined and measured at constant price in million 2005 USD |
| PES | primary energy supply in ktoe |
| FEC | fossil fuel consumption in ktoe |
| A | GDP per capita or affluence (A = GDP/P) in 2005 USD per capita |
| E | energy intensity (E = PES/GDP) in ktoe per million 2005 USD |
| F | fuel mix (F = FEC/PES) in ktoe of fossil fuel consumption per ktoe of primary energy supply |
| C | CO ₂ per unit of energy (C = I/FEC) in Mt of CO ₂ emissions per ktoe |

2. Materials and Methods

This research aims to analyse the main driver of change in CO₂ emissions in the region for the periods 1971-2013 using IPAT/Decomposition methods. The main variables used in the models consist of energy consumption, Gross domestic product, population, and CO₂ emissions. This study uses the annual data of ASEAN which comprises of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam (Lao is excluded as the data is not available), ranging from 1971 to 2013. The energy and CO₂ data are mainly from [3]. The GDP and population are drawn from [4].

2.1. IPAT Analysis

IPAT identity has been a widely accepted method since 1970s to analyze the environment, population, technology and economy for identifying the forces driving environmental impacts. The pioneer work belongs to [5-8]. Since 2000 there have been a number of literature on index decomposition analysis, on which the IPAT model is based, for environmental emissions, energy and technology. The important work belongs to [9-20]. Most studies confirm that IPAT model is an easily understandable, widely utilized framework for analyzing the driver of environmental change.

In this study, we analyze the impact factors of CO₂ emission in ASEAN. First, to diagnose drivers of trends in CO₂ emissions, we used time series for 1971 – 2013 of the IPAT factors I, P, A, E, F, and C based on Kaya Identity. All quantities are normalized to 1 in the year 1971 to show the relative contributions of changes in IPAT factors to changes in emissions as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_i &= P_i \times (GDP_i/P_i) \times (PES_i/GDP_i) \times (FEC_i/PES_i) \times (I_i/FEC_i) \\
 &= P_i \times A_i \times E_i \times F_i \times C_i
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

2.2. Variance Analysis

To decompose the factors influencing CO₂ emissions, we use variance analysis technique introduced by [15,16]. This model is the IPAT based identity [6], where emission is expressed as the product of its identities driving forces as mentioned above. The IPAT identity based upon index decomposition analyses allows identification of the relationship between the driving factors and environmental impacts as follows.

From Kaya Identity in Eq.1, CO₂ emissions in region/country 'i' at time period 't' can be expressed as Eq.2.

$$I_i(t) = P_i(t) \times A_i(t) \times E_i(t) \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t) \tag{2}$$

At time 't+1', the resulting emission 'Ii' can be expressed as

$$I_i(t+1) = P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times E_i(t+1) \times F_i(t+1) \times C_i(t+1) \tag{3}$$

An analysis of the difference between CO₂ emission in time 't' and 't+1' is called 'variance analysis'. The process decomposes the difference in five components: population variance, affluence variance, energy intensity variance, substitution variance, and emission variance. The following equation expresses the total variance of CO₂ emission between time 't+1' and 't'.

Total emission variance:

$$\Delta I_i(t) = \Delta P_i(t) + \Delta A_i(t) + \Delta E_i(t) + \Delta F_i(t) + \Delta C_i(t) \tag{4}$$

Eq.5 determines the change in emission due to population change, which is called 'population effect' or population variance. If

there is a change in population, with other factors remaining constant, there must be a proportionate change in emission so that the population effect may be held solely responsible for this effect.

Population variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta P_i(t) &= \Delta P_i(t) \times A_i(t) \times E_i(t) \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t) \\ &= [P_i(t+1) - P_i(t)] \times A_i(t) \times E_i(t) \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t)\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

In the same way as population variance, the other variances can be expressed as:

Income variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta A_i(t) &= P_i(t+1) \times \Delta A_i(t) \times E_i(t) \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t) \\ &= P_i(t+1) \times [A_i(t+1) - A_i(t)] \times E_i(t) \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t)\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

Energy intensity variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_i(t) &= P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times \Delta E_i(t) \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t) \\ &= P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times [E_i(t+1) - E_i(t)] \times F_i(t) \times C_i(t)\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

Substitution variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta F_i(t) &= P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times E_i(t+1) \times \Delta F_i(t) \times C_i(t) \\ &= P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times E_i(t+1) \times [F_i(t+1) - F_i(t)] \times C_i(t)\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

Emission intensity variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta C_i(t) &= P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times E_i(t+1) \times F_i(t+1) \times \Delta C_i(t) \\ &= P_i(t+1) \times A_i(t+1) \times E_i(t+1) \times F_i(t+1) \times [C_i(t+1) - C_i(t)]\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

3. Results

3.1. Results from IPAT Analysis

According to the IPAT identity which is expressed as $I = P \times A \times E \times F \times C$ (where P = pop, A = GDP/Pop, E = PES/GDP, F = FEC/PFS, and C = CO₂/FEC), the drivers of trend in ASEAN emissions for 1971-2013 are shown in Fig.1. All quantities are normalized to 1 in the year 1971 to show the relative contributions of changes in Kaya factors to changes in emissions. It can be seen that the increase in the growth rate of the regional emission (I) is a combination of the increase of population (P), per capita GDP (A), Fuel mix (F), and the reductions of energy intensity (E) and emission intensity of energy (C).

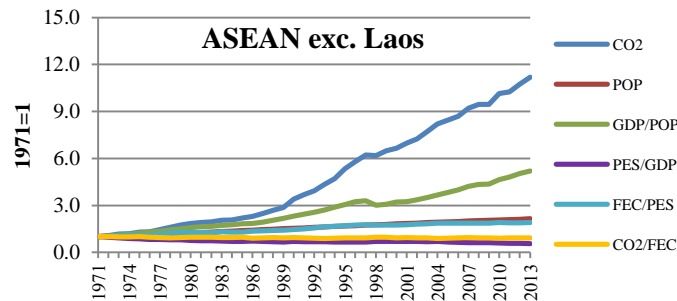


Fig. 1. Factors in IPAT identity in ASEAN

3.2. Results from Variance Analysis

The decomposition results of CO₂ emission in ASEAN is shown in Table 1 and Fig. 2. The results show the increasing of emission between 1971 and 2013, 1,065.12 Mt of CO₂. The positive effects were GDP per capita or affluence, substitution effect, and population effect, while the energy intensity and emission factor effect gave the negative impact, respectively. These results

are similar to [21] that the main driving factors were affluence, fuel-mix, and population respectively, while end-use efficiency and carbon coefficient were the offset factors in CO₂ emissions. The income effect or GDP per capita accounts for 944.34 Mt of CO₂, contributing the most to the change of CO₂ (89% in share), followed by substitution effect: 593.38 Mt of CO₂ (56%), population effect: 12.61 Mt of CO₂ (11%). Whereas the energy intensity effect reduces the CO₂ emission for 510.59 Mt of CO₂ (48%), followed by emission intensity effect: 81.84 Mt of CO₂ (8%).

Table 1. Decomposition results of CO₂ emissions in ASEAN from 1971-2013 (unit in Mt of CO₂)

| | 1971-1980 | 1981-1990 | 1991-2000 | 2001-2013 | 1971-2013 |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Population variance | 25.35 | 42.33 | 61.72 | 117.60 | 119.84 |
| Income variance | 76.41 | 98.29 | 141.67 | 512.66 | 944.34 |
| Energy Intensity variance | -48.10 | -24.04 | 6.00 | -260.91 | -510.59 |
| Substitution variance | 43.04 | 46.73 | 94.84 | 82.90 | 593.38 |
| Emission intensity variance | -7.59 | -6.92 | 4.26 | -12.25 | -81.84 |
| Change in CO₂ emissions (ΔCO₂) | 89.10 | 156.39 | 308.48 | 440.00 | 1,065.12 |

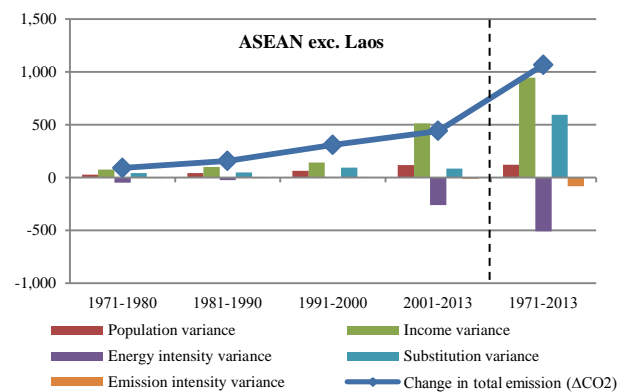


Fig. 2. Decomposition results of CO₂ emissions in ASEAN from 1971-2013 (unit in Mt of CO₂)

It can be concluded that affluence or GDP per capita is the most crucial factor in increasing CO₂ emission of the region where their economy has been growing rapidly. The contribution of substitution effect which is about half indicates that the region still relies on fossil fuels and this effect increases CO₂ emission quite substantially. The results from the study show the interesting point that energy intensity seems to be the most crucial factor to reduce CO₂ emissions in the region. Particularly in the last sub-period, this effect contributes significantly to CO₂ reduction for 260.91 Mt of CO₂ (59% in share). During this sub-period energy intensity declines quite substantially (compared with the previous period) with negative growth. This led to the reduction in emission of 510.59 Mt of CO₂ (48% in share) for the entire period. The contribution of emission factor is rather small. This is due to the fact that the economy of the region still relies on fossil fuels which generate large emissions, therefore an improvement in the quality of fuels used is needed.

4. Conclusion

In this study we have analysed the trends behind the change in CO₂ emission in ASEAN. The decomposition technique was used to explain the change in terms of population, affluence, energy consumption and technology (IPAT). This provides interesting results regarding factors behind changes in CO₂ emissions. Growth in income level and population are the major driving forces of emission with the income effect being the strongest and increasing over time, and the population effect influenced by GDP per capita. Rising population and affluence cause an increase in emissions but higher income does not generate a proportional rise in emissions. Energy mix effect is also a crucial contributing factor in increasing in CO₂, as countries rely on fossil fuel. Offsetting this the energy intensity effect is predominant while the emission intensity is less significant. With unavoidable growth in population and economic growth it is necessary to find ways of arresting emission via technology and policies to reduce energy and emission intensity and the greater use of alternative energy. Although reducing energy intensity is the most effective choice, it is not possible due to the present energy intensive production. Hence it is important to decouple energy use from a higher level of emission. The study shows that fuel substitution and decreasing of emission intensity of each fuel through continuous technological up-upgrades have considerable potential to cut emissions. Proper energy management is likely to be the best way to sustain a higher level of economic growth with the present growth in population.

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