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EPSRC EUED project 'Energy saving innovations and economy-wide rebound effects'

Rebound effect? Economic responses to increased energy efficiency reduce *actual energy savings* relative to *potential* from a engineering perspective

Economy-wide rebound? Consider AES impacts across all sectors

Project partners: EUED CIED centre at Sussex and Fraser of Allander Institute; external collaborators on different WP







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WP1 – Applying the existing model to estimate energy savings and rebound effects in UK road transport



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Key result – decoupling economy-wide rebound and economic expansion

- Household consumption function with public vs. private transport decision
- Increase energy efficiency in Road and Rail public (and freight) transport sector
- The more households respond to change in relative price/attractiveness of public over private options that may result from energy cost savings
- Economy-wide rebound reduced while retaining macroeconomic benefits
- Key *composition* of household transport activity
- Dematerialisation agenda focus on efficiency of delivery (and use) of energy (using) *service* options to deliver low carbon expansion
- Breakthrough area in rebound research joint paper forthcoming with Lisa Ryan (University College Dublin, IEA Multiple Benefits project)



WP2 – Developing the model database and extending to international supply chains



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Rebound re-stated as energy/carbon savings multiplier

- WIOD input-output database
- Focus on quantity adjustments in energy supply chains underlying negative rebound effects
- Use of multiplier analysis to consider UK and international energy use
 and carbon impacts of different spending allocations
- WIOD permits *full 'carbon footprint'* analysis with impacts broken down by industries within countries
- Policy brief focus on *restating rebound* in terms of initial energy/carbon savings multiplier that is then eroded (but not wiped out) by positive rebound effects
- Initial Scottish work focus only on Scottish GHG emissions



WP3 – Exploring the implications of improving the specification of the energy sector in the model



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Energy supply response to increased efficiency in use

- Key results from previous research capacity decisions in energy supply not limited to quantity adjustments above
- 'Disinvestment' effect dampens rebound over time
- Response to changing revenue and return on capital
- But now examining more closely previous assumptions of price taking and smooth adjustment of capacity
- Ultimately, possible interaction with **TIMES model**
- CGE informs TIMES about changes in demand following an efficiency improvement
- TIMES informs CGE about nature of energy supply curve
- CGE informs TIMES about resulting impacting on demand across economy.....and so on



WP4 – Modelling energy savings and rebound effects following energy efficiency improvements by households



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Energy efficiency in <u>service</u> delivery, household income and fuel poverty impacts

- How do energy efficiency improvements happen?
- Focus initially on private transport
- Increase in efficiency resulting from (investment in) and use of fuel in a more energy efficient car
- Impacts of energy efficiency improvements in different household income groups?
- More energy intensive households bigger income effects, bigger rebound
- Different households use different types of fuels with different intensities – electricity/gas vs. refined fuel use
- Importance of energy supply response



WP5 – Modelling energy savings and rebound effects following energy efficiency improvements by producers



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Energy efficiency on production side of economy

- Previous work for UK (DEFRA, EPSRC and ESRC projects) and Scotland (Scottish Government 2007)
- Nature of expansion and rebound from energy efficiency improvements in different types of production sectors
- Importance of supply conditions in general (including energy supply)
- International focus and collaborations
 - German industry/global rebound work published in *Energy Economics* (Koesler)
 - Current Italian case study work (Giovanni Mandras, Sassari)
- Focus on introducing econometric specification of structure and parameters of production functions
- And lessons on energy supply from WP3





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Knowledge exchange and impact of the research

- Talking to people about focus and design of current research
- How can we have real impact with outcomes of research at Scottish, UK, EU and wider international levels
- Impact in terms of informing policy analysis and decision making
- And also future research and knowledge exchange activity
- Not just in our area of modelling throwing up issues and questions that will involve other types of modelling, research methods, multidisciplinary activity
- Current project has UK-focus where do we want to take it, and how, for Scotland?



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EPSRC project web-site (including Policy and Research Briefing downloads): <u>http://cied.ac.uk/research/impacts/energysavinginnovations</u>

CEP web-site: <u>http://www.strath.ac.uk/ippi/aboutus/centreforenergypolicy/</u>

IPPI policy papers: <u>http://www.strath.ac.uk/ippi/ourpolicypapers/</u>