

# Underlying Energy Efficiency in the Residential Sector : an Economic Perspective

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## A) Motivation and Goals

- All countries around the world are implementing **energy efficiency policy instruments**
- **Improving energy efficiency** is one of the most cost-effective ways of
  - ↳ reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - ↳ reducing air pollution
  - ↳ increasing security of energy supply

- In the **new EU energy strategy** (Energy 2020) energy-efficiency is listed among the first 5 priorities: 20% energy savings to be achieved by 2020 (EC, 2010)
- The majority of **the US states** are implementing energy efficiency policies although with different approaches.  
**Federal level:** Discussion on the introduction of an Energy efficiency improvement Act (2014)
- Recently **China** revised its energy conservation law and emphasized the relevance of the level of energy efficiency in all sectors of the economy (12th Five Year Plan binding targets for energy efficiency)

# House passes Welch bipartisan energy efficiency legislation

*(passed the House of Representatives, but has not come to a vote in the Senate yet)*

News Release — Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.

March 5, 2014

WASHINGTON, D.C. — By a vote of 375-36, the U.S. House of Representatives this afternoon approved energy efficiency legislation authored by Representative Peter Welch. The Energy Efficiency Improvement Act, H.R. 2126, is the first significant bipartisan energy initiative approved by the House in the 113th Congress.

The Energy Efficiency Improvement Act has four key components:

- Establishes energy efficiency best practices for commercial tenants renting space in commercial buildings and creates a new TENANT STAR certification program. TENANT STAR will be modeled after the existing ENERGY STAR program which certifies commercial buildings as highly energy efficient.

- In order to increase the level of efficiency in the use of energy it is important
  - ↳ **To measure in a precise way the level of efficiency in the use of energy (aggregate/disaggregate)**
  - ↳ to analyze the **impact of energy policy instruments and socioeconomic variables on the level of efficiency in the use of energy**

- **How to measure the level of energy efficiency?** *Patterson (1996)*

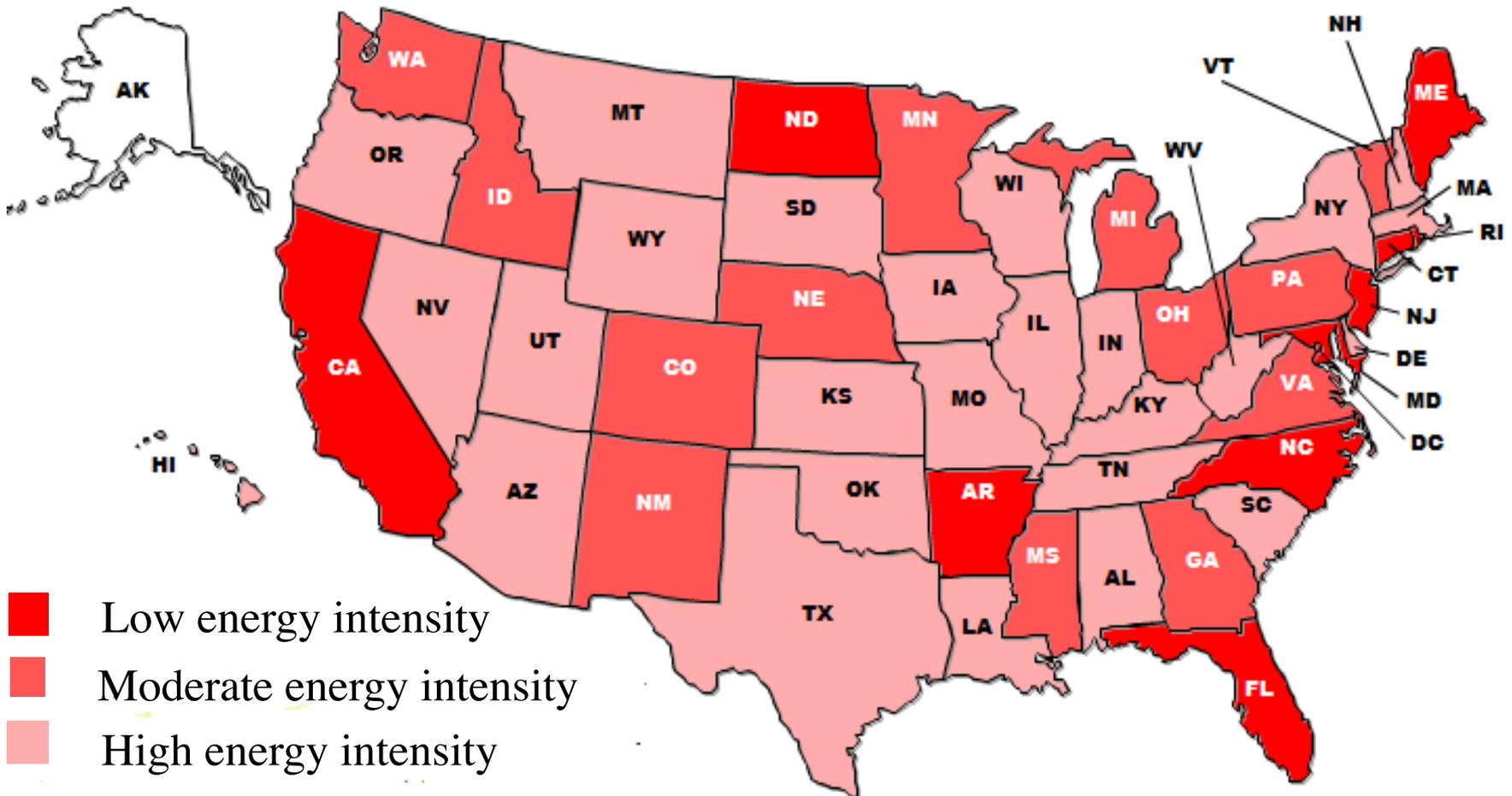
- ↳ *Physical–thermodynamic indicators*: energy input is measured in thermodynamic units and output is measured in physical units

- ↳ *Economic–thermodynamic indicators* of energy efficiency: energy input is measured in thermodynamic units and output is measured in monetary value

- ↳ *Economic indicators*

- Example of a well known economic–thermodynamic indicator of energy efficiency for the whole economy
  - ↳ **Energy intensity (Energy consumption/GDP)**
  - ↳ Energy productivity (inverse of energy intensity)

# Classification of member states based on the energy intensity (whole economy)



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## PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES IN THE G8

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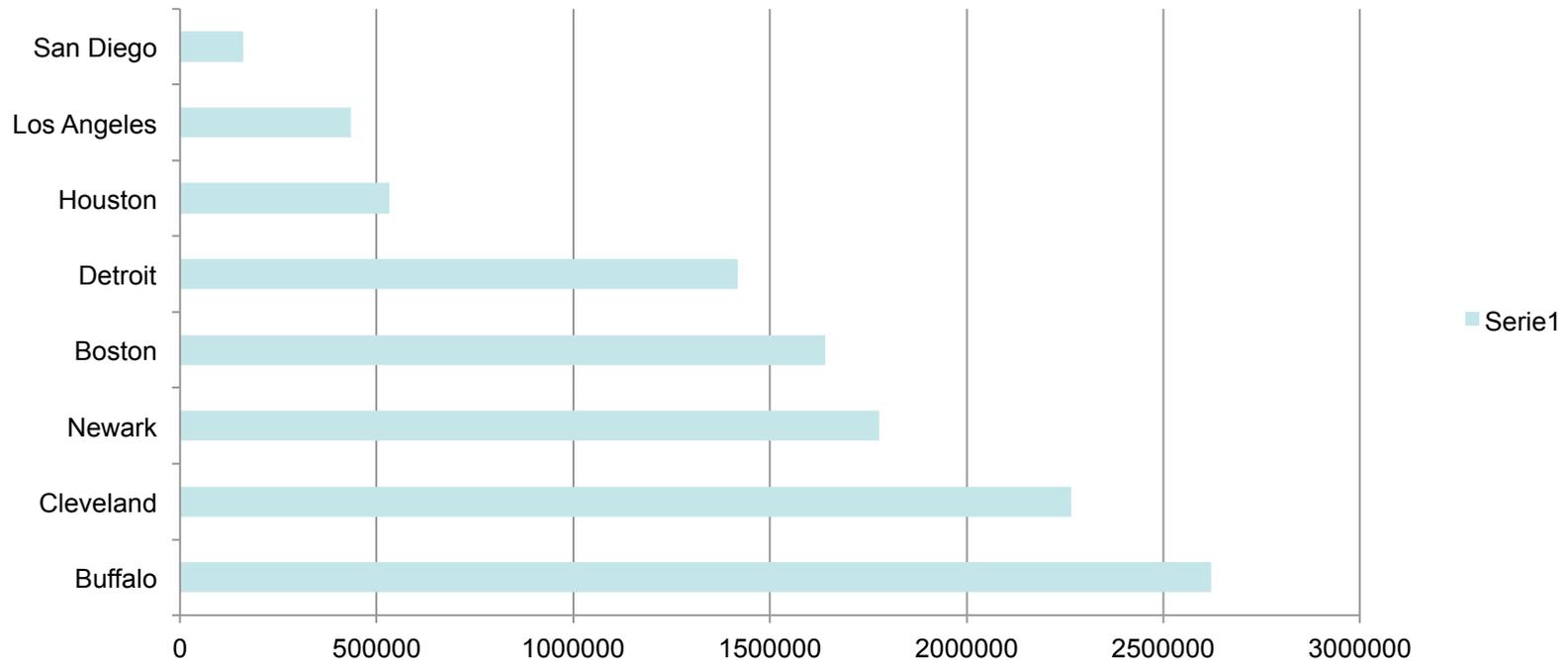


“Energy intensity is commonly calculated as the ratio of energy use to GDP. Energy intensity is often taken as a proxy for energy efficiency, although this **is not entirely accurate** since changes in **energy intensity are a function of changes in several factors** including the structure of the economy, climate,... and energy efficiency”

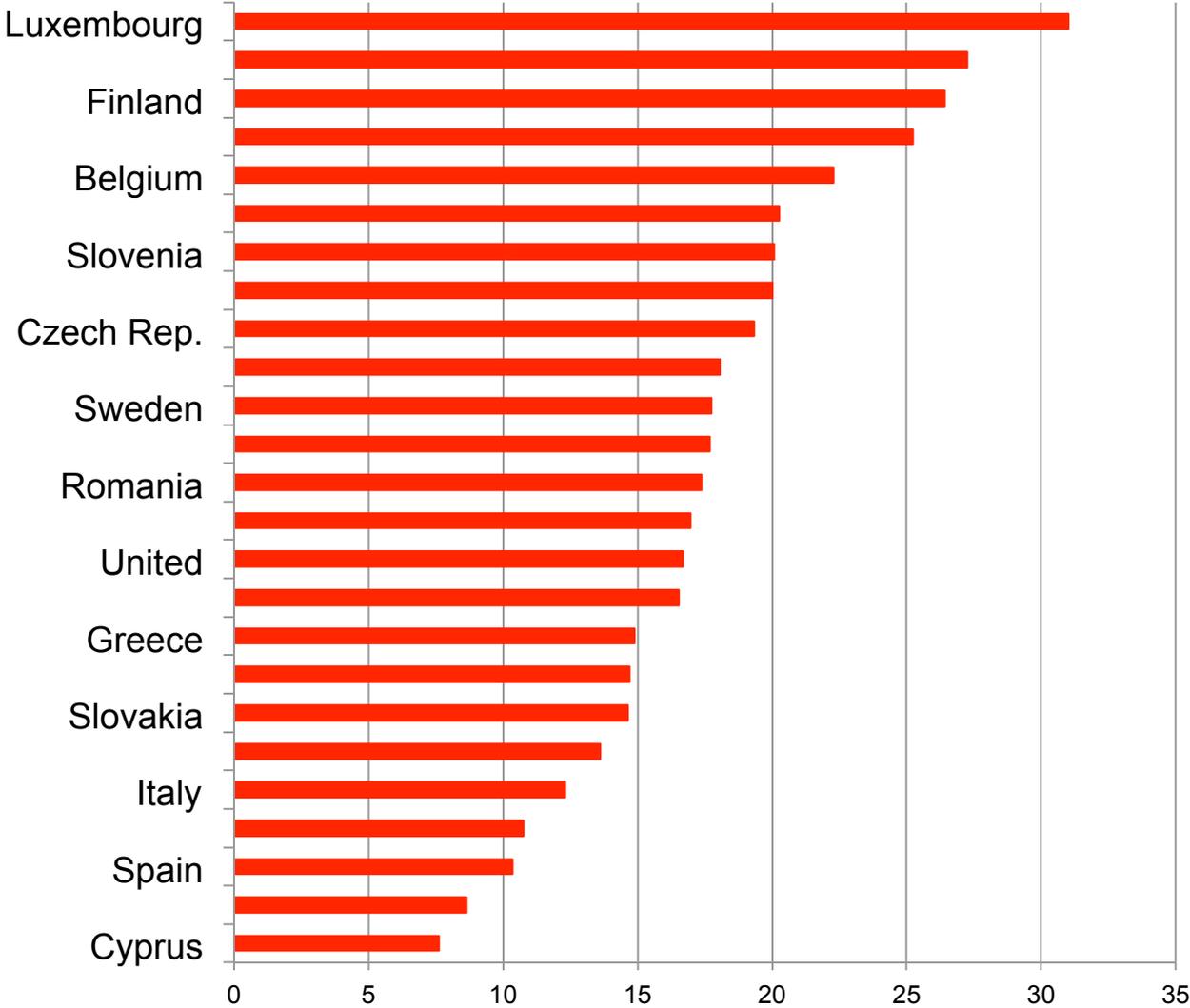
# Measurement of energy efficiency in the residential sector using simple *Physical-thermodynamic indicators*

- ↳ Energy consumption per household
- ↳ Energy consumption per square meter
- ↳ Energy consumption per dwelling
- .....

# Residential energy consumption (BTU) per square foot (2009)

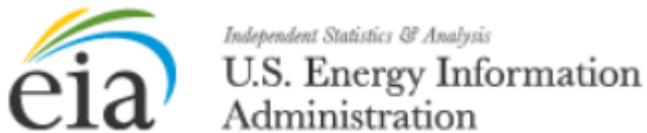


# Residential energy consumption (Kwh) per square meters (2011)



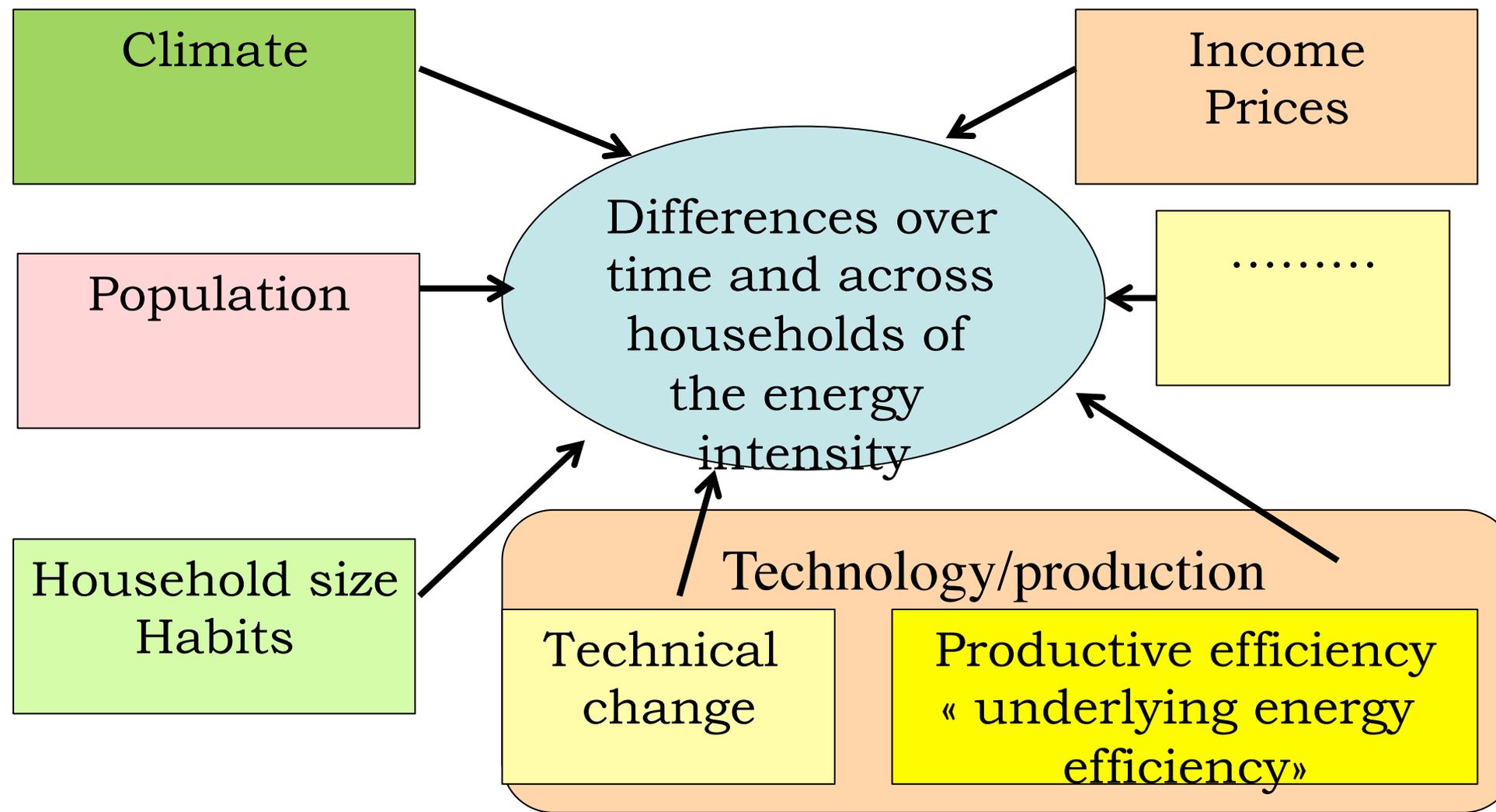
# Limitations of the Energy-Intensity Indicators

- ..”Four energy-intensity indicators were presented in this chapter that may be used as the basis for the measurement of energy efficiency. All four indicators are imperfect....”.....
- Changes in energy intensity are a function of changes in several factors



[http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/efficiency/ee\\_ch3.htm](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/efficiency/ee_ch3.htm)

# Factors that influences the level of energy intensity



# Research area

- **Methodological:**

- ↳ To estimate the level of energy efficiency applying a relatively novel approach based on: **1. the microeconomics of production; 2. the use of econometric methods and stochastic frontier analysis for panel data** (Filippini and Hunt (2011));

- **Policy-oriented:**

- ↳ To analyze the **impact of energy policy instruments** on the level of residential energy efficiency

- ↳ To analyze the **impact of socioeconomic factors** on the level of residential energy efficiency

# **B) Energy-efficiency, microeconomics of production and productive efficiency**

# Energy services

- Households are not consuming directly energy
- Households are consuming energy services:
  - ↳ *Cooking, lighting, washing, heating ,.....*
  - ↳ .....
- Behind any **energy service** we have a **production process** and an associated **production function**.
- Use of capital , energy, labor, knowledge in building design

# Energy services

- The production of energy services implies investment decisions characterized by *medium/long-term* horizon
- Example: renovation of a house or the construction of a new house → choice of a **standard technology** or a **new technology**
- Investment analysis and the decision depends on several factors (relative prices, expected prices, discount rate,...

# Energy services and production function

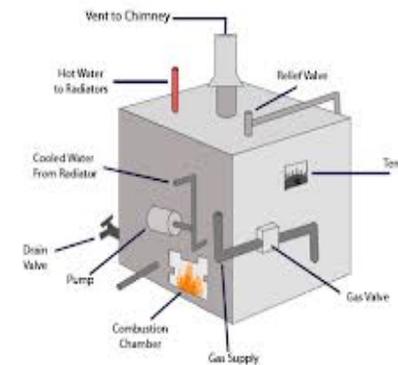
## Standard technology

More capital and less energy

More energy and less capital



Gas Boiler



# Heat loss and insulation (thermal image)

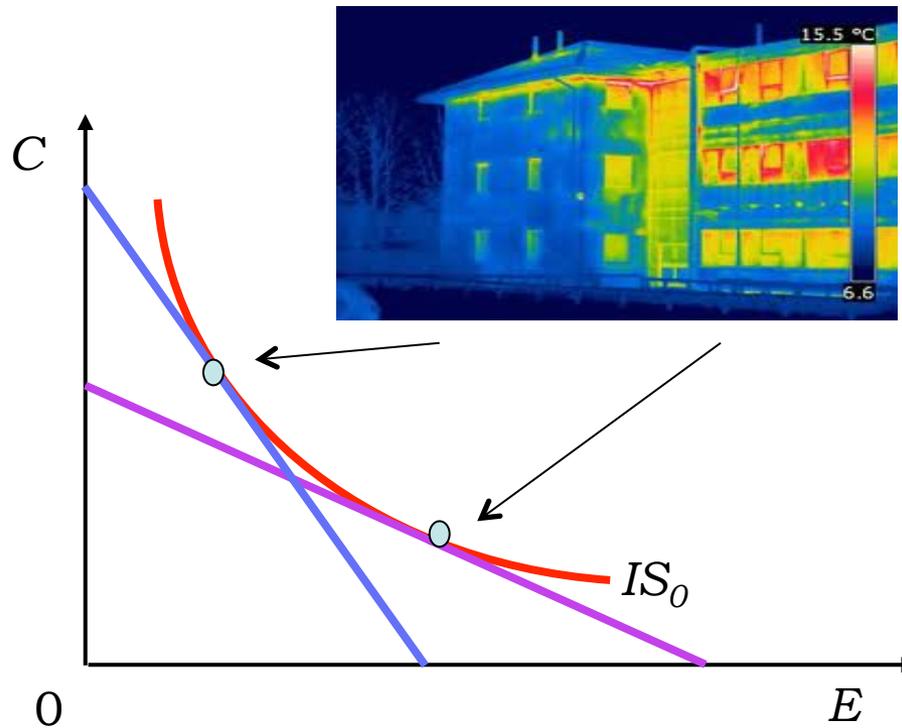
Good  
insulation



Bad  
Insulation: heat loss  
in this part of the  
building

***Choice should  
depend on prices***

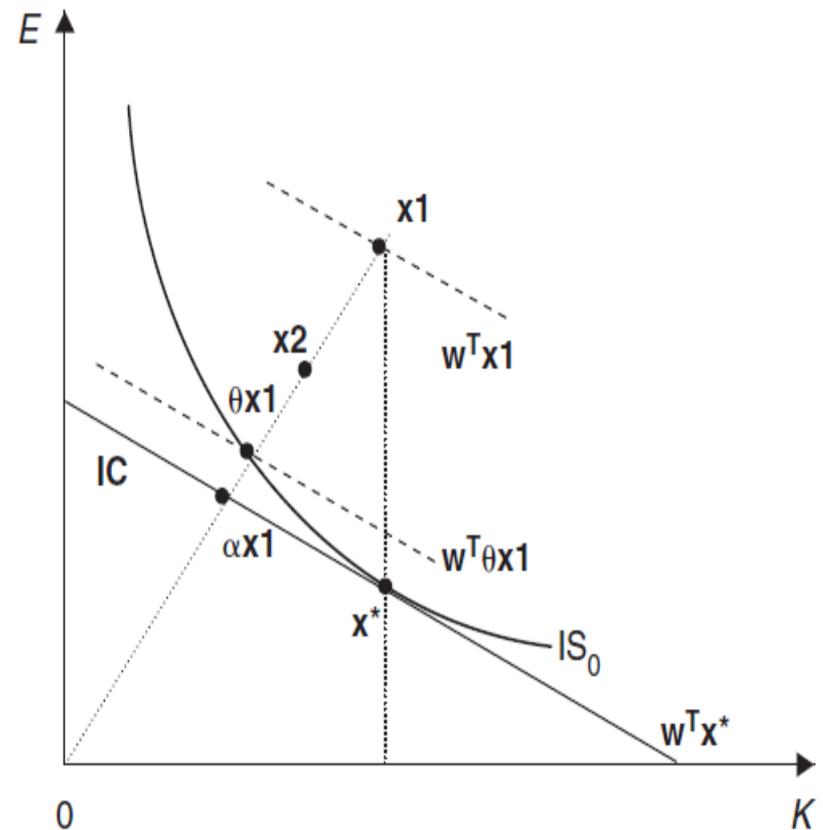
# Microeconomics of production



**Architects  
 economists**  
 and the  
 increase of the  
 thermal  
*insulation  
 standards*

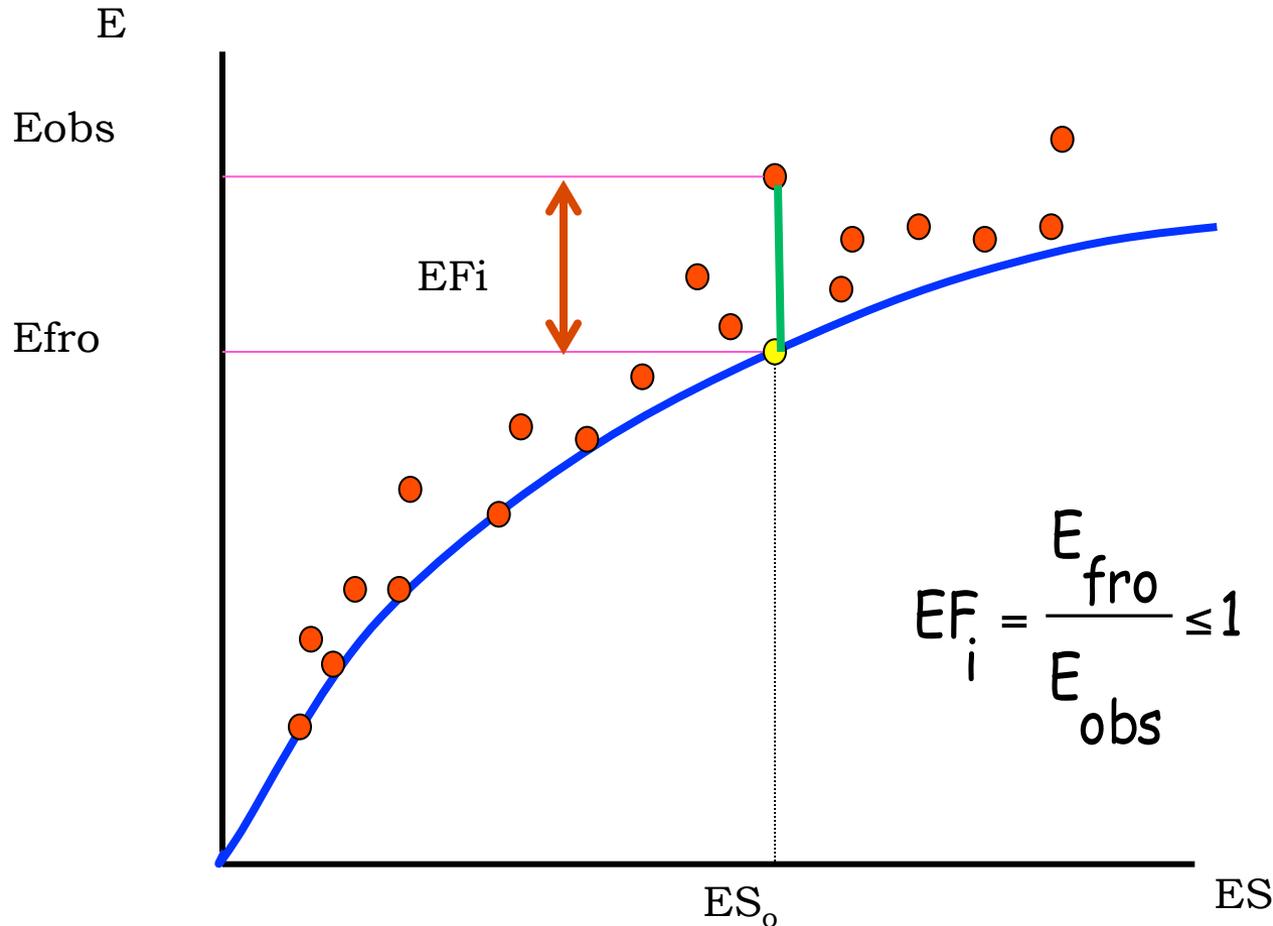
# Productive inefficiency

- In the production of energy services we can observe:
  - └ **Inefficiency in the use of energy and capital**
  - └ From the microeconomics point of view the term energy efficiency is not precise → related to the concept of **productive efficiency** (Farrell 1957)



# An energy demand frontier model

*simplified model  $E=f(\text{energy services})$*



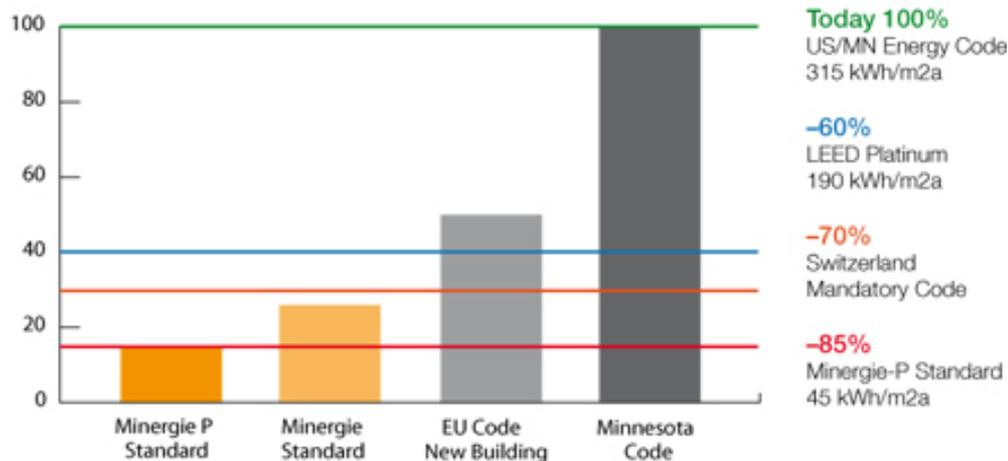
*Energy efficiency*  
measures the ability of  
an household to  
minimize the energy  
consumption, given a  
level of energy services

$$EF_i = \frac{E_{fro}}{E_{obs}} \leq 1$$

**Estimation an  
energy demand  
frontier equation**



Swiss/US Building Energy Efficiency, Performance Comparison



Source: INTEP Example, State of Minnesota, Educational Buildings

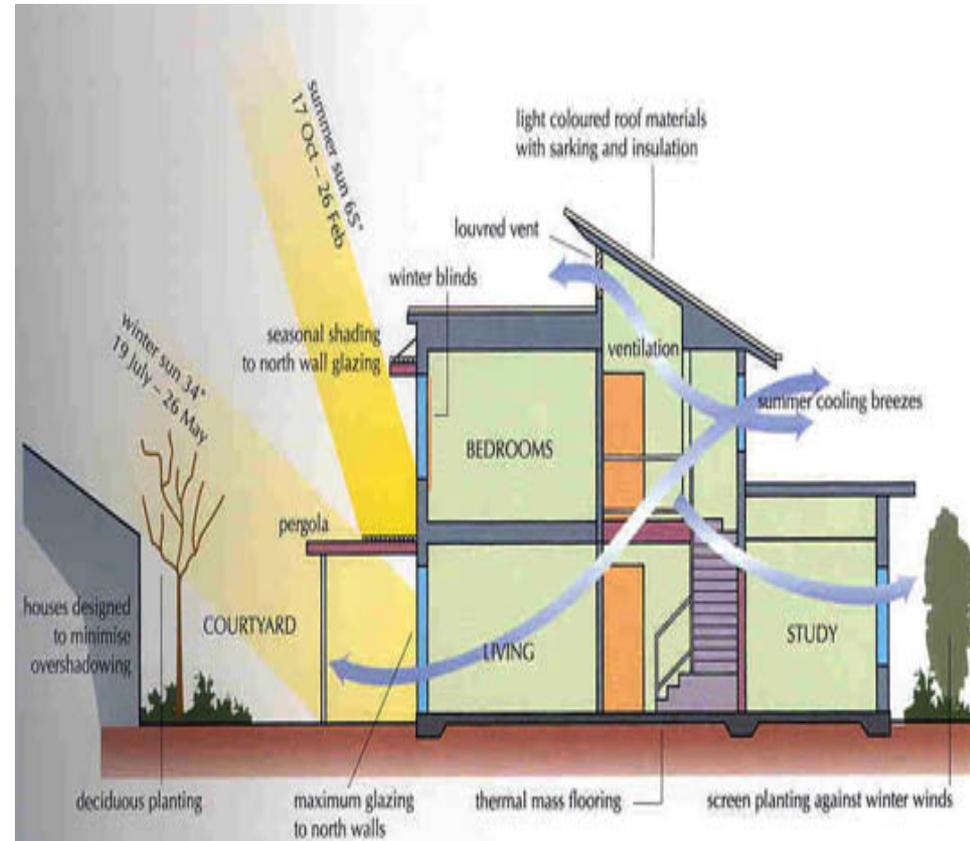
- **New technology: Low-energy-consumption building**

- ↪ High insulation
- ↪ Continuous renewal of air in the building using an energy-efficient ventilation system
- ↪ Partially Renewable energy sources
- ↪ Design

- Swiss Label: **MINERGIE**

# *Building design and energy efficiency*

- shape and orientation of the building
- solar protections, passive solar systems,
- design and orientation of the windows
  
- Natural and mechanical ventilation system
  
- ***Inputs: energy, capital, “knowledge”***



# Technical progress / new technology

When **technological change** allows the economic agent to produce the same level of the energy service  $y$ , with less energy and capital, such technical progress **shifts the isoquant**.

In the production of energy services we can observe:

- ↳ ***Inefficiency in the choice of the technology (energy efficiency gap)***

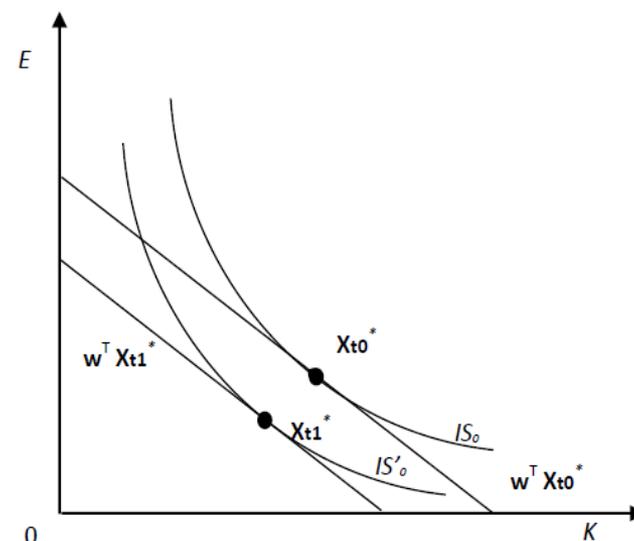


Figure 2: Technical progress

# Improve the efficiency in the use of energy and capital

- **Behavior:** a household could optimise the amount of time that windows are opened during the day; optimises the use of a cooling/heating system (temperature); turn off the lights,...
- **Substitution of energy with capital:** installing a device on a cooling system to improve the function of the system; substitution of the windows; insulation of the building
- **Adoption new technology:** new building technology; “smart buildings”



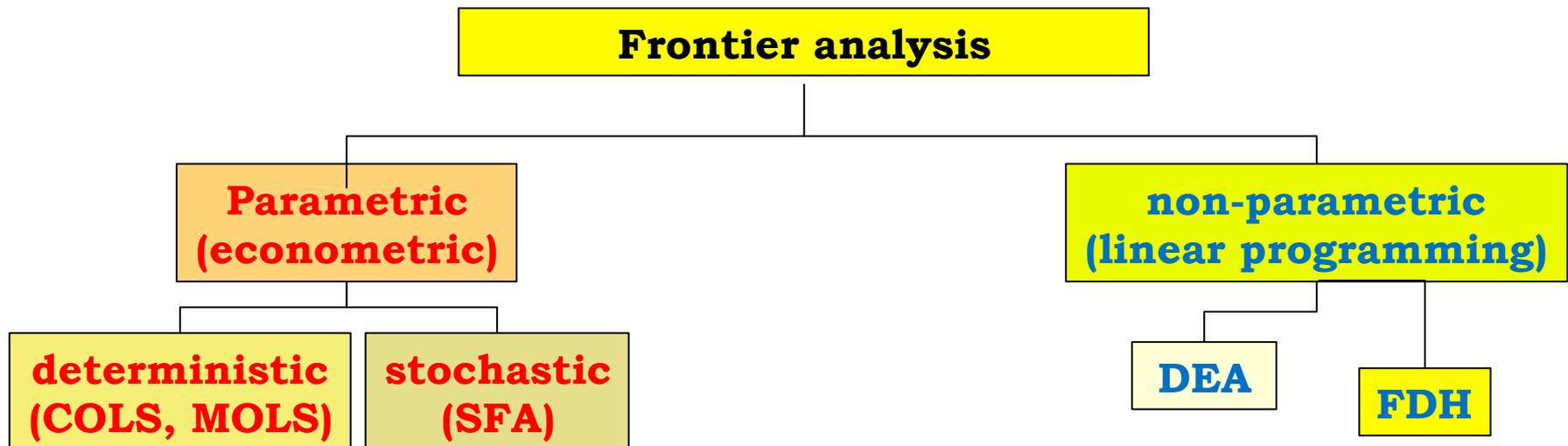
# **C) Econometric approaches to estimate the level of productive efficiency in the production of energy services**



# Two approaches

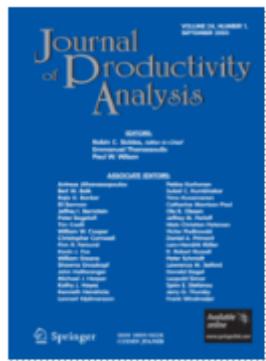
The literature distinguishes two main approaches to estimate a cost frontier → measure efficiency:

- **the econometric (*parametric*) approach and**
- **the linear programming (*non-parametric*) approach.**



# Two approaches

- Both approaches – *econometric and linear programming* – have their own advocates. At least in the scientific community neither one has emerged as dominant.
- I will concentrate on the parametric SFA (Unobserved heterogeneity and panel data)
- Production function, distance function, cost function and/or input demand function (energy demand frontier function)



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# Previous studies on the measurement of EE

## **Econometric approach**

- Filippini and Hunt (2011): estimation of an aggregate total energy demand stochastic frontier model; Panel data for OECD countries
- Filippini and Hunt (2012): estimation of an aggregate residential energy demand stochastic frontier model ; Panel data for US states (Pooled Model, Pitt & Lee model with Mundlak,..)
- Filippini and Hunt (2013): estimation of an aggregate total energy demand stochastic frontier model ; Panel data for US states
- Filippini M., Hunt L. and Zoric J. (2014), Impact of Energy Policy Instruments on the Level of Energy Efficiency in the EU Residential Sector”

## **Linear-programming**

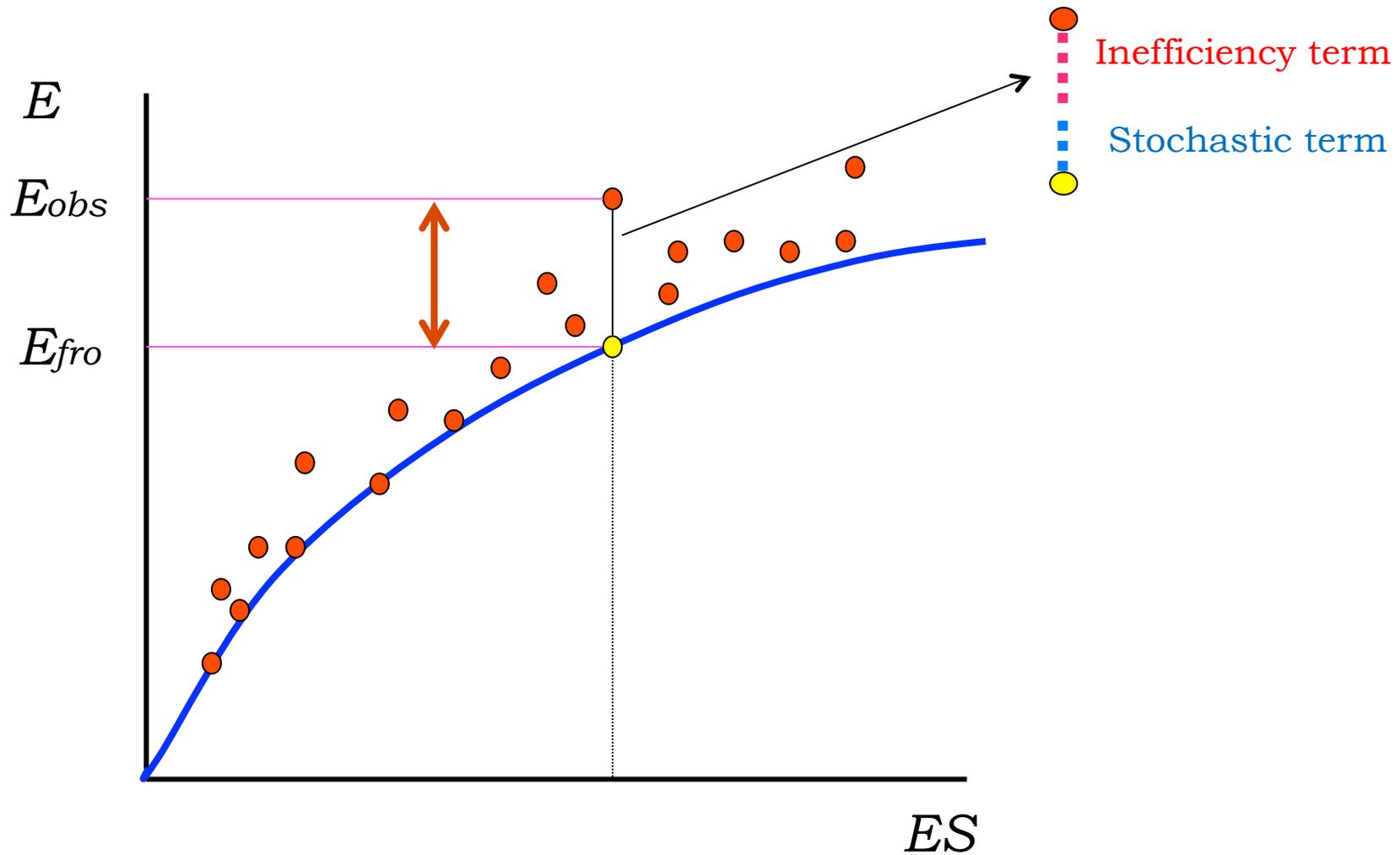
### **approach**

- Zhou and Ang (2008): estimation of the energy efficiency of the OECD countries; DEA model
- Wei et al. (2009): estimate energy efficiency in China by DEA method, panel data for 29 provinces
- Hu and Wang (2006): estimate total-factor energy efficiency by DEA model, panel data for 29 provinces

# Input demand function

- we estimate one input demand frontier function
- **$ED = f(PE, Y, HDD, \dots)$**
- Interpret the distance from the input demand frontier as a proxy for energy inefficiency (Cobb-Douglas: productive inefficiency increases demand for each input by the same %)
- (Lowel and Schmidt (1979))

# Stochastic frontier energy demand model



# Stochastic frontier model

$$\ln E_{it} = \alpha + \alpha_y \ln Y_{it} + \dots + \alpha_T T + v_{it} + u_{it} \quad u_{it} \geq 0$$

Time trend or time  
 dummies  
 capturing the effect of  
 Technical change

a symmetric disturbance  
 capturing the effect of  
 noise and as usual is  
 assumed to be normally  
 distributed

is interpreted as an  
 indicator of  
 energy efficiency and is  
 assumed to be  
 half-normal distributed  
*Time varying inefficiency*

# Stochastic Frontier Models SFA Panel data models

## Pooled model

*Aigner,  
Lovell  
and  
Schmitt  
(1977)  
Pitt and  
Lee  
(1981)*

## FE and RE Models

**Original**  
*Pitt and  
Lee  
(1981)  
Schmidt  
and  
Sickles  
(1984)  
Battese  
and  
Coelli  
(1986)*

## True random and true fixed effects

Transient  
and  
persistent  
part  
*Filippini/  
Greene  
(2014)*

Original  
*Greene (2005)  
With Mundlak  
correction*  
*Farsi, Filippini  
and Kuenzle  
(2005)  
Farsi, Filippini,  
Greene (2005)*

## Latent class models

*Kumbhakar  
, Orea  
(2005)*

# Pooled model

$$\ln E_{it} = \alpha + \beta' \mathbf{x}_i + v_{it} + u_{it}$$

$$v_{it} \sim N[0, \sigma_v^2]$$

$$u_{it} = |U_{it}| \text{ and } U_{it} \sim N^+[0, \sigma_u^2]$$

$v_{it}$  and  $u_{it}$  are distributed independently of each other, and of the regressors

a symmetric disturbance capturing the effect of noise and as usual is assumed to be normally distributed

is interpreted as an indicator of energy efficiency and is assumed to be half-normal distributed  
*Time varying inefficiency*

# RE model (PITT and LEE)

$$\ln E_{it} = \alpha + \beta' \mathbf{x}_i + v_{it} + u_i$$

$$v_{it} \sim N[0, \sigma_v^2]$$

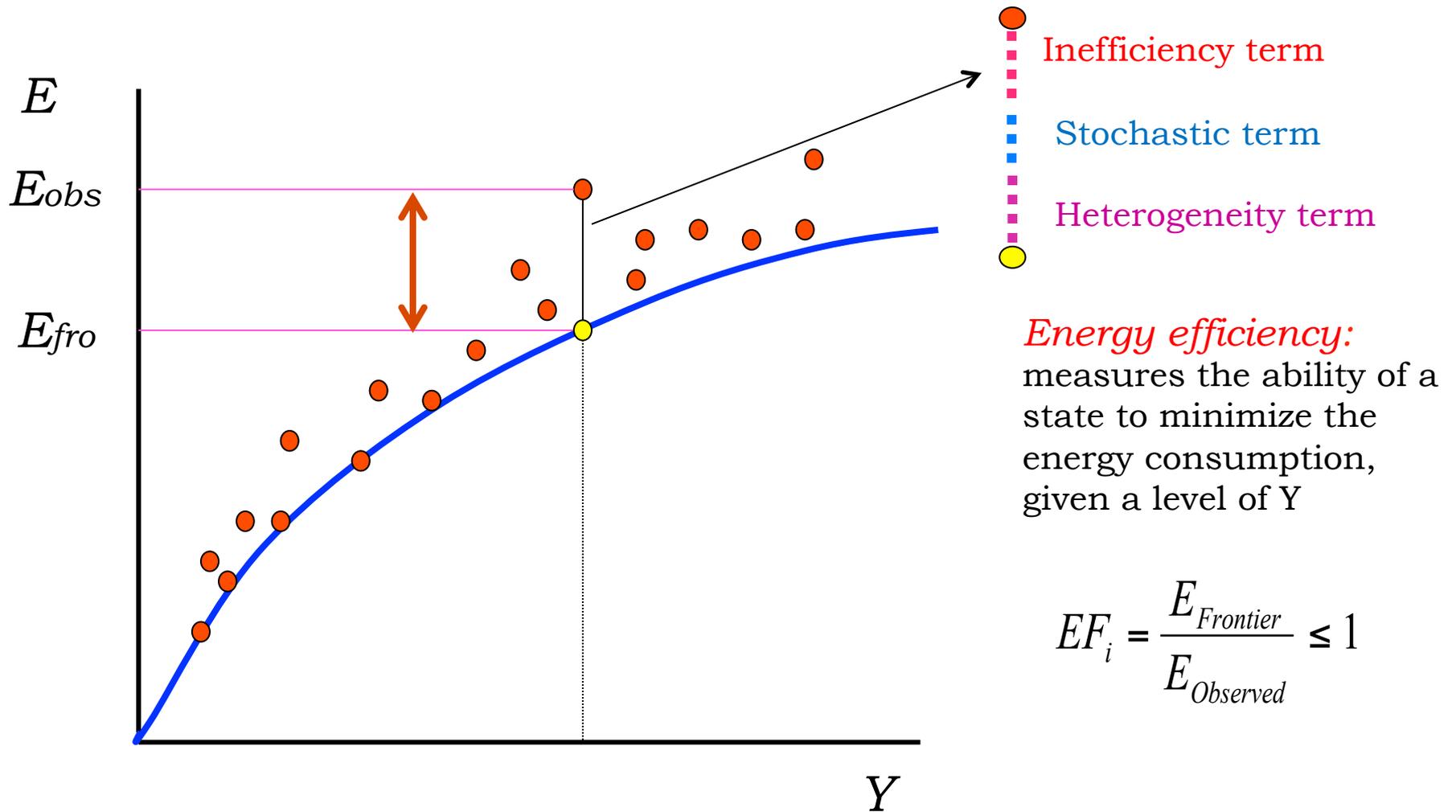
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*Time invariant inefficiency*

# True random effects model (TRE)



## TRE model

$$\ln E_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta' \mathbf{x}_{it} + v_{it} + u_{it}$$

$$v_{it} \sim N[0, \sigma_v^2]$$

$$u_{it} = |U_{it}| \text{ and } U_{it} \sim N^+[0, \sigma_u^2]$$

$\alpha_i$ ,  $v_{it}$  and  $u_{it}$  are distributed independently of each other, and of the regressors

Maximum Simulated Likelihood (RPM)

Unobserved time  
invariant heterogeneity

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*Time varying inefficiency*

# TRE model Mundlak

$$\ln E_{it} = \gamma_i + \beta' \mathbf{x}_{it} + \beta' \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i + v_{it} + u_{it}$$

$$v_{it} \sim N[0, \sigma_v^2]$$

$$u_{it} = |U_{it}| \text{ and } U_{it} \sim N^+[0, \sigma_u^2]$$

$\gamma_i$ ,  $v_{it}$  and  $u_{it}$  are distributed independently of each other, and of the regressors

Mundlak adjustment a  $\alpha_i = \gamma_i + \beta' \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i$

Unobserved time invariant heterogeneity

a symmetric disturbance capturing the effect of noise and as usual is assumed to be normally distributed

is interpreted as an indicator of energy efficiency and is assumed to be half-normal distributed  
*Time varying inefficiency*

# TRE model (persistent/transient)

Unobserved time  
invariant heterogeneity

a symmetric disturbance  
capturing the effect of  
noise and as usual is  
assumed to be normally  
distributed

*Time transient inefficiency*

*Time persistent  
inefficiency*

$$\ln E_{it} = \alpha_i + w_i + \beta' \mathbf{x}_{it} + v_{it} + u_{it}$$

$$v_{it} \sim N[0, \sigma_v^2]$$

$$u_{it} = |U_{it}| \text{ and } U_{it} \sim N^+[0, \sigma_u^2]$$

$$h_i \sim N^+(0, s_h^2)$$

$\alpha_i, h_i, v_{it}$  and  $u_{it}$  are distributed independently  
of each other, and of the regressors

Filippini /Greene (2014)

Maximum Simulated Likelihood (RPM)

# D) Model specification and econometric approaches (**European study**)

Filippini M., Hunt L. and Zoric J. (2014), ***“Impact of Energy Policy Instruments on the Level of Energy Efficiency in the EU Residential Sector”***

## Goals of the paper

- ↳ Measure the level of the «underlying energy efficiency» for the European residential sector
- ↳ to analyze the impact of energy policy instruments on the level of energy efficiency

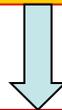
# Empirical analysis

**Estimation of an aggregate energy demand frontier function for the residential sector**

*Three econometric approaches*  
panel data set, 27 EU member states, 1996 to 2010



**Estimation for each country of an indicator of the level of energy efficiency for the residential sector**



**Analysis of the impact of the energy policy measures on the level of energy efficiency**

# Model Specification & Data

$$\ln ED_{it} = a + b_{PE} \ln PE_{it} + b_Y \ln Y_{it} + b_{POP} \ln POP_{it} + b_{DSIZE} \ln DSIZE_{it} + b_{HDD} \ln HDD_{it} + b_{HOT} HOT_i + b_t t + \mathbf{v}_{it} + \mathbf{u}_{it}$$

where:

$ED_{it}$  – final residential energy consumption (in toe)

$Y_{it}$  – GDP in PPP (in constant US\$ prices)

$PE_{it}$  – real energy price (2005 = 100)

$POP_{it}$  – population

$DSIZE_{it}$  – average size of a dwelling (in m<sup>2</sup>)

$HDD_{it}$  – heating degree days

$HOT_i$  – hot climate dummy

$T$  – time trend (technical change)

$\mathbf{v}_{it}$  – random noise

$\mathbf{u}_{it}$  – indicator of the inefficient use of energy

**Table 4: Estimated energy efficiency scores.**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std. Dev.</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Cases</b>
<i>EFBC95</i>	0.8340	0.0989	0.6230	0.9708	349
<i>EFBCM95</i>	0.8961	0.0453	0.8590	0.9882	349
<i>EFTFE</i>	0.9398	0.0437	0.8607	0.9926	349

# Member states and estimated average energy efficiency (~12%)

Energy efficiency score (EFBCM)	Group	Member states
Below 86%	<i>Inefficient states</i>	BE, CY, DE, DK, EE, FI, GR, HU, IT, LV, PT
From 86% to 93%	<i>Moderately efficient states</i>	AT, FR, LU, PL, RO, SE, SI, SK
Above 93%	<i>Efficient states</i>	BG, CZ, ES, IE, LT, NL, UK

The efficiency estimates are found to be very poorly correlated (-0.07) with energy intensity (*EI*),

# Energy Policy instruments

- **Traditional regulation ('command & control')**
  - ↳ *Emission limits, technology standards, energy performance standards...*
- **Economic instruments**
  - ↳ *Energy taxes , targeted subsidies, tax credits ....*
- **Promotion of information**
  - ↳ Labeling, rating and certification...

# Energy-efficiency (EE) policy measures in the EU

	Measure type	Share in %
<b>1</b>	<b>Legislative/Normative</b>	<b>37.3</b>
<b>1.1</b>	Mandatory standards for buildings	15.0
<b>1.2</b>	Regulation for heating and hot water systems	15.6
<b>1.3</b>	Other regulation in the field of buildings	2.3
<b>1.4</b>	Mandatory standards for electrical appliances	4.4
<b>2</b>	<b>Legislative/Informative - labelling</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Information/education</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Financial</b>	<b>31.3</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Financial - grants, subsidies	26.3
<b>4.2</b>	Financial - loans, other	2.3
<b>4.3</b>	Financial - Tax Exemption/Reduction	2.6
<b>6</b>	<b>Others measures</b>	<b>3.1</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# Impact of the energy policy measures on $u_{it}$

$$u_{it} = \eta' \mathbf{z}_{it} + e_{it} \quad (2)$$

$\mathbf{z}_{it}$  – a vector of policy measures, introduced as dummy variables

- **Energy-efficiency policy measures considered:**
  - performance standards of buildings and heating systems ( $BH_{it}$ )
  - performance standards of electrical appliances ( $APP_{it}$ )
  - informative measures ( $INFO_{it}$ )
  - financial incentives and fiscal measures ( $FIN_{it}$ )

# Impact of the energy policy instruments on the level of efficiency

- The results show that
  - ↳ financial incentives seem to have an influence on reducing energy inefficiency of the residential sector (financial dummies *FIN1* and *FIN2* highly significant)
  - ↳ There is also some evidence that performance standards of buildings, heating systems and appliances contribute to improved efficiency (standard dummies significant only at 10%)

# **E) Model specification and econometric approaches (US study, household data)**

Alberini A. and Filippini M. (2014) *“Underlying Energy efficiency” in the US Residential Sector*”

## Goals of the paper

- Measure the level of the «underlying energy efficiency» for the US residential sector
- to analyze the impact of income and vintage of the houses on the level of energy efficiency

- Residential sector (30-40 % of the final energy consumption) is identified as being one of the areas **with the greatest potential for energy savings**
- **McKinsey (2009)** estimated that the United States by 2020 could reduce annual energy consumption by 23 % from a Business-as-usual projection  
*(based on future available technologies)*
- **Electric Power Research Institute (2009)** ~10%  
*(based on today commercial available technologies)*

# Empirical strategy

## Estimation of an energy demand frontier function for the US residential sector

*Three econometric approaches (Pool, PoolM, TRE, TREM)*

**Unbalanced panel data set, 11315 households, 1996 to 2010  $N=40412$**

*American Housing Survey*



**Estimation for each household of an indicator of the level of energy efficiency** *(benchmarking)*



**Analysis of the impact of the level of income on the level of energy efficiency**

# Model Specification

$$\begin{aligned} \ln E_{it} = & \alpha + \alpha^P \ln P_{it} + \alpha^Y Y_{it} + \alpha^{SIZE} \ln SIZE_{it} + \alpha^{ROOMS} \ln ROOMS_{it} + \alpha^{PERS} \ln PERS_{it} \\ & + \alpha^{HDD} \ln HDDCDD_{it} + \alpha^{AGEH} \ln AGEH_{it} + \alpha^{DGAS} GAS - HEAT_{it} + \alpha^{DGAS} GAS - HEW_{it} + \alpha^{DGAS} GAS - DRY_{it} \\ & + \alpha^{DAC} AC - ROOM_{it} + \alpha^{DAC} AC - CENTRAL_{it} + \alpha^{DFLOOR} DFL1_{it} + \alpha^{DFLOOR} DFL2_{it} + \alpha^{DFLOOR} DFL3_{it} \\ & + \alpha^{CITY} DCITY_{it} + \alpha^t D_t + v_{it} + u_{it} \end{aligned}$$

where

- ***E*** is energy consumption in thousand BTU
- ***Y*** is real income,
- ***P*** is the real energy price per thousand BTU,
- ***SIZE, ROOMS, PERS,***
- ***GAS-HEAT, GAS-HEW, GAS-DRY*** dummy variables for a gas
- ***DAC*** dummy variables for AC Central and rooms
- ***DFLOOR1 , DFLOOR2 , DFLOOR3***
- ***HDDCDDD*** heating and cooling degree days
- ***DCITYj*** is a city-specific effect,
- ***D<sub>t</sub>*** is a series of time dummy variables

# Level of efficiency

Variable	Mean	Std.Dev.	Minimum	Maximum	Cases	Missing
EPOOLY	.830370	.060381	.203679	.942147	40412	0
EPOOLMY	.817129	.062088	.254637	.940887	40412	0
ETREY	.795648	.078383	.343236	.954782	40412	0
ETREMY	.797299	.078122	.316898	.955822	40412	0

A	1	2	3	4
1	1.00000	.981774	.783977	.782735
2	.981774	1.00000	.853775	.869246
3	.783977	.853775	1.00000	.986196
4	.782735	.869246	.986196	1.00000

## Impact of factors on $u_{it}$

$$u_{it} = \eta' \mathbf{z}_{it} + e_{it} \quad (2)$$

$\mathbf{z}_{it}$  – a vector of variables (income, vintage period)

- The results show that
  - ↳ Income has a positive impact on the level of energy efficiency
  - ↳ Vintage has a negative impact on the level of energy efficiency

## E) Conclusions

- Potential energy saving
  - ↳ In Europe 10-15%
  - ↳ In the US 20/25%
  - ↳ Less evidence of an impact of the effect of informative measures such as labelling and educational campaigns
  
- Improved energy efficiency can be linked to
  - ↳ the introduced financial incentives and energy performance standards
  - ↳ Less evidence of an impact of the effect of informative measures such as labelling and educational campaigns

## E) Conclusions

- Residential sector holds a relatively high potential for energy savings
- Energy intensity indicator cannot be considered as a good proxy for energy efficiency and should be combined with other indicators
- The estimates for the *underlying energy efficiency* using an approach based on microeconomics and frontier analysis seems appealing
- Promising research area that can be extended to the estimation of distance functions, production functions, ... to the use of disaggregated data
- Studies that can help policy makers

Thank you for your  
attention

# Market failures related to energy inefficiency

- **Energy use negative externalities**

- ↳ *Energy tax*

- **Investment inefficiencies** (consumers' lack of economic information, principal-agent problems, liquidity constraints, myopic behavior, bounded rationality, positive externalities in the adoption of new technologies )

- ↳ *Information*

- ↳ *Subsides*

- ↳ *Standard*

# Energy efficiency gap

- ***Energy efficiency paradox:*** Some energy efficient technologies that would pay off for adopters are nevertheless not adopted
- ***Energy efficiency gap:*** Some energy efficient technologies that would be socially efficient are not adopted

# Energy Efficiency and productive efficiency

- Estimation of a production frontier/ distance function
- ↳ estimate the **input specific technical inefficiency** (Reinhard et. al (1999); Kumbahakar (1989), Karagiannis et. Al. (2003) , Ang and Zhou (2008)
- «Ad hoc approach» : estimate an **input demand frontier equations** → **an energy demand frontier**

# Input demand function

- Schmidt and Lovell (1979) using a Cobb\_Douglas **production frontier** derive a system of log-log stochastic cost-minimizing **input demand frontier equations** → where the error term contains both allocative as well technical inefficiency
- In this study we estimate one of this input demand frontier
- Interpret the distance from the input demand frontier as a proxy for energy inefficiency (Cobb-Douglas: productive inefficiency increases demand for each input by the same %)

- Filippini M., Hunt L. and Zoric J., “***Impact of Energy Policy Instruments on the Level of Energy Efficiency in the EU Residential Sector***” (forthcoming in Energy policy)
- Alberini A. and Filippini M. “***Underlying Energy efficiency in the US Residential Sector and Potential CO2 Savings***”

# Results (1)

Table 3: Estimation results of energy demand model

Parameter	BC95 model	BC95M model	TFE model
<b>Parameters of the demand function</b>			
<i>Constant</i>	5.4989***	0.3779	-8.3131***
<i>LPE</i>	0.0449	<b>-0.2561***</b>	<b>-0.1857***</b>
<i>LY</i>	0.6962***	<b>0.3318***</b>	<b>0.4199***</b>
<i>LPOP</i>	0.3014***	0.7252***	1.2598***
<i>LDS</i>	-0.3193***	0.3428	-0.4327**
<i>LHDD</i>	0.3348***	0.3473***	0.3708***
<i>t</i>	-0.0146***	0.0006	-0.0028
<i>HOT</i>	-0.4225***	-0.5839***	/
<i>MLPE</i>	/	1.1016***	/
<i>MLY</i>	/	0.3165***	/
<i>MLPOP</i>	/	-0.3746**	/
<i>MLDS</i>	/	-0.0189	/
<i>MLHDD</i>	/	-0.4596	/

Note: \*\*\*, \*\*, \* - significant at 1%, 5% and 10% level, respectively

# EU Energy policy

- Until 1996 → large autonomy of the EU Member states in the definition of the energy policy
  - ↳ *Directive on the internal energy markets (1996)*
  - ↳ *Directive on the promotion of electricity from renewable energy sources*
  - ↳ *Directive on the energy performance of buildings (2002)*
  - ↳ *Directive on the Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services (2006)*

**Table 1:** Adopted energy-efficiency policy measures in the EU countries

Member state (MS)	Number of adopted policy measures by measure type					Total
	Legislative/ Normative	Legislative/ Informative - Labelling	Information/ Education	Financial/ Fiscal	Other	
Austria	7	2	6	7	1	23
Belgium	9	6	6	16	0	37
Finland	8	6	10	7	1	32
France	15	8	5	24	1	53
Germany	18	12	4	7	4	45
Greece	11	6	3	13	2	35
Italy	17	10	2	5	0	34
Spain	42	9	6	25	3	85
Sweden	4	7	4	6	2	23
United Kingdom	25	3	10	15	2	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>809</b>

Source: MURE II database.